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SPORTS

Ski champs: Clarkston's girls ski team captured the SEMSL championships Thursday at Mt. Holly. For details, please see C1.

AROUND



THE MILL POND

Pocket change

Mary Blaze of Independence Township had her moment in the spotlight Monday and won \$200 to boot.

Blaze, who organizes the salad bar at the Farmer Jack on Sashabaw Road, won the money from radio station WCSX, Classic Rock 94.7. The station has what's called the WCSX workforce. Listeners send in their information and the station calls people at work at random who listen while on the job. Blaze got the call about 10 a.m. Monday and called back within the nine minutes and 47 seconds allotted.

She won \$100 for the first hour "on the job" and another \$100 when the next person called didn't call back.

"We just bought a house in the Clarkston area, and the money will probably go straight into the house," Blaze said.

Her husband, Ed Blaze, heard her on the radio, she said, along with the rest of his co-workers.

"It was so exciting, and I was so nervous," she said.

Among the experts

Kudos to Janet R. Thomas, Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education member and president of Oakland Schools Board of Education. She was one of the speakers at a presentation about the future of public education in Oakland County. She and other members of the Oakland County Superintendents Association and Oakland Schools made the presentation to 120 Oakland County community leaders last week at Meadow Brook Hall, Rochester Hills.

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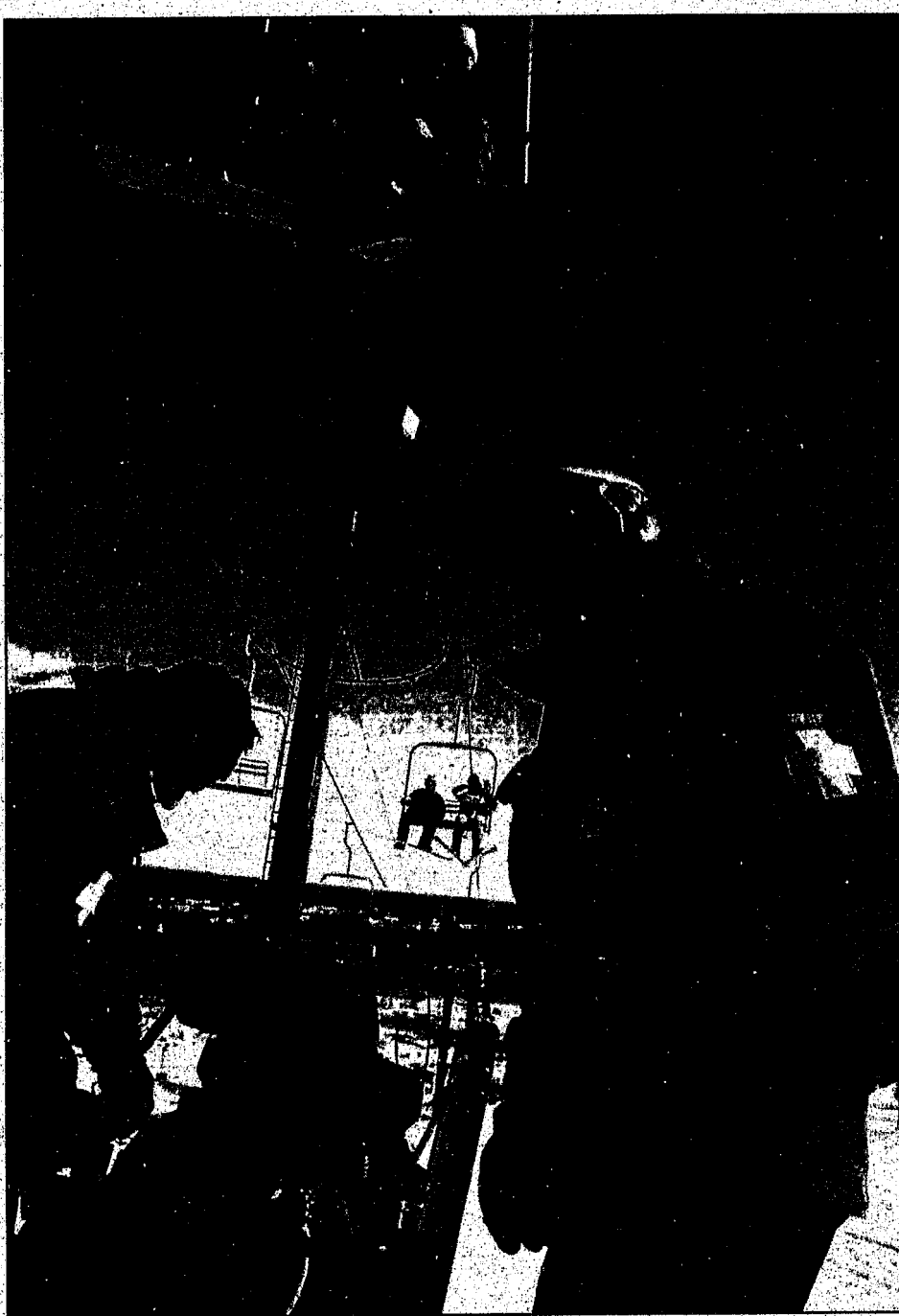
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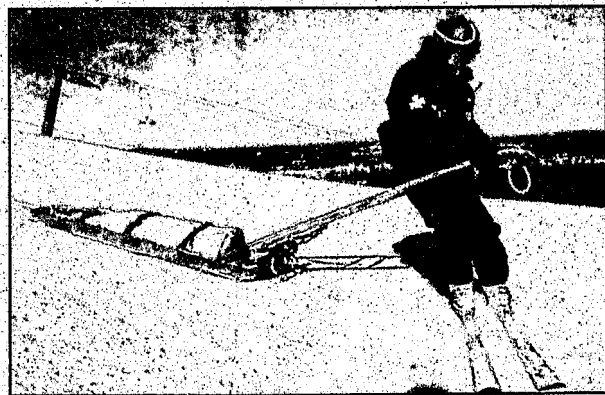
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Ready to rescue: Ty Damon (right), a 20-year ski patrol member, and Kevin Kartje, ski patrol director, attend to some rescue gear as snowboarders pass overhead.

Mogul medics

Ski patrol aids in injuries on slope



Assistance on skis: Ty Damon pulls along a medical assistance stretcher on a hill.

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More than 50,000 people enjoy outdoor sports at Pine Knob Ski Resort from about Thanksgiving Day to St. Patrick's Day year after year.

The idyllic setting is perfect for beginners to the more advanced enthusiasts as they don skis, snowboards and the newer ski blades.

But about 300 times a year, that perfection is marred. Someone gets hurt going down the slopes. The injuries range from small scratches to broken bones.

That's when the training and expertise of the 123 volunteers on

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School day to be extended at CHS



Students taking extra classes voluntarily before or after school? That's the choice Clarkston High School students will have next fall.

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Clarkston High School students can take extra classes along with their required classload if they want to next school year.

The school is trying out a pilot program that will allow students in grades 10 through 12 to take a class during an early-morning zero hour and an after-school seventh hour and maybe even an eighth hour, depending on student interest.

"What we're doing is offering our students the opportunity for an extended school day," said CHS Principal John Dilegghio. "We found that some of our students felt that six hours of classes with the required classes they have to take doesn't give them enough time to take courses they want to take."

John Dilegghio
CHS principal

ence, math and social studies.

"Those classes take up four of the six hours," Dilegghio explained. "If a student is in band or college-bound, they may not have the opportunity to take other classes just because they're interested in them."

Whether the extra high school hours become a regular thing depends on the interest students show. They sign up this month for fall classes.

Their extra choices during the first hour are SWEAT I and SWEAT II (gym classes) and weight training. Seventh hour selections include Science, Language Arts, Civics, Economics, Basic Engineering, CAD, Introduction to Engineering Science and Engineering Science, Construction Technology, Computer Applications and Computer Science.

"We want students to remember that we are not requiring them to take these extra classes," Dilegghio said. "We just want them to know that now they have the opportunity."

He said the extra hours will also help students who have to make up a class they failed.

"I'm hearing some feedback already about the classes," the principal added. "Some kids are saying no way, I don't want to do that. Others are pleased they have the opportunity to take classes they otherwise wouldn't have been able to fit into their schedule."

The extra hours mean only students enrolled in the zero hour and seventh and/or eighth hour classes will start school earlier and leave later. CHS will maintain its traditional start and end time for students not in any of the earlier classes and after-school classes.

"We're not sure yet about busing," Dilegghio said. "Our day ends at 2:20 p.m. The buses are tied up after us with elementary school runs."

Some teachers may end up changing their schedules, too. They may choose to work periods 2-7 or 0-5, for example, instead of the traditional 1-6 if they are teaching an extra hour class.

High school romance leads to parking lot proposal

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Tina Rodriguez and Jason Shields have known each other for five years. They have a story of love to tell.

They met in 1994 when she enrolled at Renaissance High School in the Clarkston Community Schools District. He was already a student there.

They started talking and soon became friends. That friendship grew as they spent time together at school and afterwards.

"One day," she recalled, after an event at school, they were in the building's parking lot. He was in his car; she was kneeling to talk to him.

That led to their first kiss and the start of a romance.

They've been dating ever since. They've

had a few break-ups but, he said, something kept pulling them back together.

Even though she thought she knew her boyfriend well, she discovered a sentimental, romantic side of him on the night he proposed.

Rodriguez wasn't expecting an engagement ring until last Christmas.

But it was Dec. 23, 1999. They were going out to dinner that night. Shields told her first he needed to meet a friend.

"We were driving in completely the wrong direction from where we were going to eat and I was complaining about it," Rodriguez said. "He said he was going to meet a friend and I mentioned this is the way we used to drive to school together."

Rodriguez recalled how he got a big grin on his face.

High school sweethearts:

Tina Rodriguez and Jason Shields are planning on a May wedding. They met while attending Renaissance High School.



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Ski patrol from page A1

the Pine Knob Ski Patrol comes in handy.

They use their medical knowledge to help people who walk into the infirmary with simple injuries and those who require a careful ride in from the slopes on a toboggan, towed in with the help of a snowmobile or a patrol member on skis.

A few weeks ago, just minutes after the resort opened, for example, they had to handle one of the most serious injuries this season. A person suffered an injury that may leave him paralyzed from the waist down.

Luckily the trained volunteers were on hand for assistance until emergency help arrived.

Pine Knob Ski Resort in Independence Township is open from 10 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. during the week and from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. on weekends. People are on ski patrol from the moment it opens until it closes at night.

Lake Orion resident Kevin Kartje is the patrol director of these invaluable ski patrol members. With the help of four assistants, he makes sure there are enough ski patrol personnel working during the three, five-hour shifts seven days a week.

Although it sounds glamorous to be able to rescue people on skis, it's a lot more demanding and difficult than one may think.

Ski patrol members are required to work two shifts per week. In addition, they're expected to take CPR and first-aid refresher courses yearly. And new members take training classes for 14 weeks in addition to working their shifts. They're also required to pay for any equipment they need and for their classes and books.

All of this for no pay.

But big rewards. They get to ski—or snowboard—whenever they aren't on a shift. They get ski passes for family members. And it's fun, said many ski patrol volunteers working one night last week.

Meredith Collins of Davison is a six-year patrol member. She's following in the footsteps of her father, a 27-year member. She teaches kindergarten at Everest Academy in Independence Township.

Jerry Burge of Springfield Township is in his 25th year on the Pine Knob Ski Patrol. His racing buddy, Robert Winkelman of Oxford, has been on the patrol for 35 years.

But no one has surpassed the ski patrol record of more than 50 years held by Robert Heth of Orionville.

Kartje is a 10-year patrol veteran at Pine Knob, as is John Eder of St. Clair Shores.

Kartje explained the patrol follows guidelines from the National Ski Patrol.

In order to join the patrol, a skier has to be at least 18 and be able to ski with confidence and control. They receive additional skiing and toboggan training.

And they hope they don't have to use their skills.

"If people use common sense, skiing is a fairly safe sport," he said. "We see more and more people wearing helmets."

Kartje is an engineer for DaimlerChrysler. He enjoys watching his 2-year-old grandson, Ethan, go down the smaller slopes. His sons, Shawn and Dan, also are skiers.

The ski patrol members cover the 15 runs at Pine Knob. They use radios to stay in touch with each other and the first aid lodge, located next to the main lodge.

The ski patrol doesn't receive funding from the ski resort, although Pine Knob built its lodge and first aid room. The Pine Knob Ski Equipment Swap held annually in the fall helps the patrol raise money for equipment, including the snowmobiles.

"The ski patrol helps out in so many situations," said Pine Knob Ski Resort office manager Mary Dawson. "They're trained to get a skier into a toboggan, and then bring them in for medical assistance. They also help out in any emergency situation and if anyone needs other help, such as on the tow rope, on the different lines. They make sure people are skiing in designated areas."

"They do a terrific job," she added.

Pat Deibel of Waterford helps out in his own way. He runs the Learn to Ski Inc. school at Pine Knob and Holly ski resorts. With skiers learning to ski correctly, with better and safer ski equipment and with the ski patrol on the watch, skiers can be confident they'll leave the ski resort in the same physical condition as when they arrived.

READER REFERENCE

Clarkston school events
Feb. 14: IND and CE Skate Night, SMS PTA. CHS varsity hockey.

Feb. 15: Adult enrichment classes begin. NS PTO. PK Skate Night. CHS freshman and varsity basketball.

Feb. 16: SP first grade performance. SP Market Day. CHS PTSA. CHS wrestling.

Feb. 17: CHS varsity volleyball, skiing.

Feb. 18: No School. CHS freshman and JV basketball.

Feb. 19: Middle Schools Vocal District Solo/Ensemble. CHS hockey, wrestling.

AE = Andersonville Elementary, BL = Bailey Lake Elementary, CE = Clarkston Elementary, CHS = Clarkston High School, CMS = Clarkston Middle School, IND = Independence Elementary, NS = North Sashabaw Elementary, OTC = Oakland Technical Center Northwest, PK = Pine Knob Elementary, SMS = Sashabaw Middle School, SP = Springfield Plains Elementary.

Clarkston Community Schools Elementary Lunch Menu

Feb. 14: Cheeseburger on a bun, hot dog on a bun, homemade roll, whipped potatoes, cinnamon applesauce.

Feb. 15: Create your own salad with roll, pizza square, assorted veggies, meat and cheese, fresh banana.

Feb. 16: Hearty beef chili with mini corn dogs and saltine crackers, pizza square, mixed vegetables, orange shape-up.

Feb. 17: Footlong hot dog on bun, pizza square, tator tots, fruit choice.

Clarkston Middle School Main Course Lunch Menu:

Feb. 14: Little Charlie's pizza, grilled cheese with tomato soup, tator tots, peaches.

Feb. 15: Tacos, chicken patty, roast beef sandwich, tossed salad, orange sherbet.

Feb. 16: Chicken strips, tuna sandwich, mashed potatoes, applesauce.

Feb. 17: Little Caesar's pizza, egg salad sandwich, carrot sticks, fruit cup.

Sashabaw Middle School Main Course Lunch Menu:

Feb. 14: Little Caesar's pizza, submarine sandwich, chicken salad in roll-up.

Feb. 15: Chicken nuggets with roll, ham and cheese on bagel, bologna and cheese sandwich.

Feb. 16: Little Charlie's pizza, bacon cheeseburger, tuna in a

roll-up.
Feb. 17: Nachos with breadsticks, taco boat with churro, turkey on a bun.

Independence Township Library

Feb. 16: Storytime—10 a.m., 11 a.m. Topic is the Chinese New Year celebration. Navigating the Worldwide Web class—3 p.m.
Feb. 19: Super Surprise Saturday—11 a.m.

Independence Township Recreation

Brochures are available for youth baseball and softball. Detailed information about the summer youth leagues is available at the parks and recreation office. Call 625-8223. Registration begins Feb. 28.

Tickets are on sale for the Marshmallow Drop that takes place at 11 a.m. April 15 in Clintonwood Park. Children 12 years old and younger may participate. Tickets are \$4 per child for residents and \$6 for non-residents.

A Holiday Extravaganza is planned for 10:30 a.m. until noon April 18. The party is for 2- to 5-year-olds and is a celebration of the season. Tickets are \$4 for residents and \$6 for non-residents.

Basketball/volleyball open gym is 8-10 p.m. Mondays at Clarkston Middle School. Participants must be 18 to participate. Fee is \$2 for residents and \$3 for non-residents.

Sign up now until March 1 for soccer for boys and girls ages 4-14.

Independence Township Senior Center Lunch Menu

Monday: Vegetable lasagna
Tuesday: Cube steak with mushrooms

Wednesday: Crispy baked chicken
Thursday: Sloppy joes

Friday: Healthy Choice pepper steak

To reserve a meal, call Joan at 625-8231 by 10 a.m. the day before the lunch you want.

Lunch with Van Gogh is planned for 11 a.m. Thursday. Cost is \$4. Mary Vogt of the Waterford Cultural Council will talk about artist Vincent Van Gogh's life and work. Lunch is included. The deadline to register is Tuesday.

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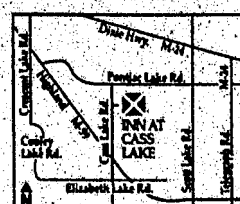
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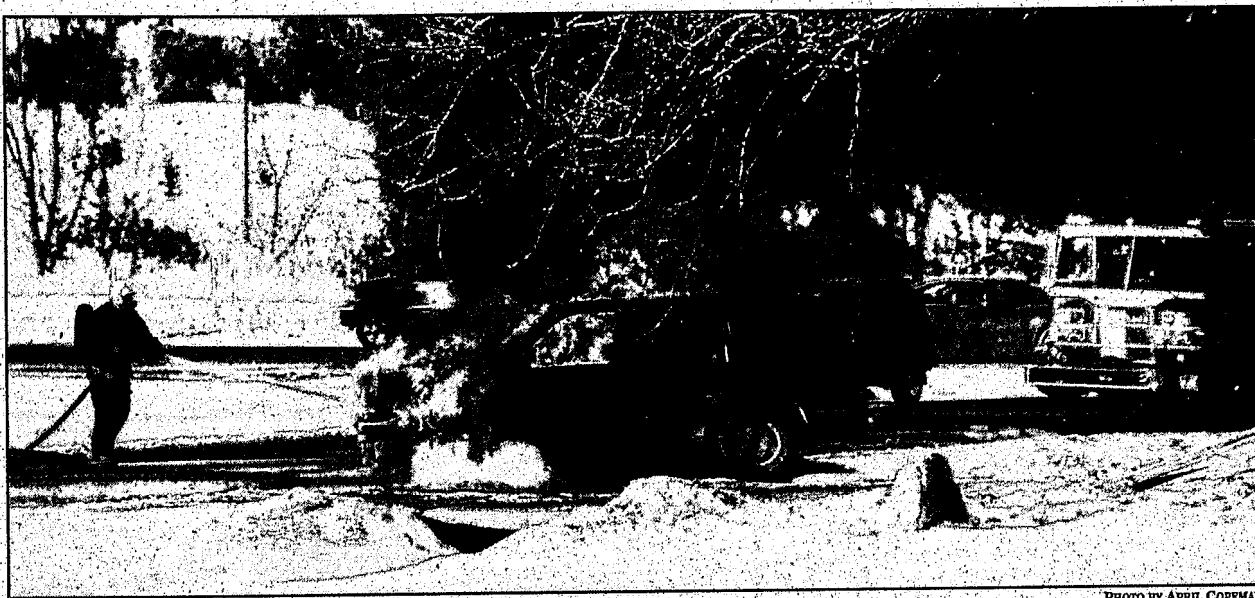
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Smokey encounter: A firefighter works to extinguish a vehicle fire on Williamson Street at Maybee Road in Independence Township. The vehicle was destroyed.

PHOTO BY APRIL COPEMAN

Fire destroys SUV; driver unharmed

Brett Bankston's quick thinking couldn't save his 1993 Ford Explorer, but it did prevent him from getting injured when his vehicle caught fire.

The SUV is destroyed. According to a report filed with Oakland County Sheriff's Department, Independence

Township substation, Bankston was driving east on Maybee Road about 4 p.m. Tuesday when he noticed smoke coming from the rear exhaust pipe, then from the right front tire of his Explorer.

"There was smoke coming from the engine, then flames

from the right side of the car," said the Waterford Township resident.

The car stalled, but he was able to guide it off Maybee Road onto Williamson Street. "I baled out when flames began shooting through the dashboard," he said.

Bankston called 911 from his

cell phone. "But I knew it was already too late to save the car," he added.

Independence Township Fire Department responded to the call. The sheriff's department assisted.

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

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On Feb. 9, a 26-year-old Clarkston man received citations for operating a vehicle while under the influence of liquor and for unlawful bodily alcohol level, for speeding and for improper lane use. An officer observed the man

exit Pine Knob Ski Resort and head southbound on Sashabaw Road. He was observed speeding and crossing lane markings. The officer stopped the vehicle due to traffic violations and noticed a strong smell of intoxicants coming from him. A preliminary breathalyzer test revealed the man had a blood alcohol level of .188. The legal limit for driving is .10. Police confiscated and destroyed the man's license and issued him a temporary permit.

Attempted B&E

On Feb. 8, someone used phys-

ical force to rip out telephone lines going into the Citgo gasoline station at 7650 Ortonville Road. The police believe the intent was to break into the building. They observed no other damage and nothing was taken.

Springfield Township

Home invasion

On Feb. 8, someone pried or forced open a door to a garage in the 8200 block of Tindall Road. Several items were removed, including a 2,500-watt Honda generator, a McCullough chain

saw and several power tools.

Clarkston Police

No reports given.

Independence Fire

Fire calls

Independence Township Fire Department responded to 11 calls between Feb. 7-9. These included six medical calls, two carbon monoxide investigation calls, one personal-injury call, one vehicle fire call and one lock-out call.

Consultant hired by Independence to study golf course

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Independence Township will soon have a better idea of how viable Clarkston Creek Golf Course is.

The township board hired Sylvan Lake-based Don Childs Associates to evaluate the golf course. The firm was paid \$2,100, Supervisor Dale Stuart said.

"We've hired a consultant to review the golf course and determine if it can be viable with the reduction in yardage," Stuart said.

Don Childs will look at all aspects of the enterprise, including the banquet facilities. The consultant will go out to look at the course "any day," Stuart said and they should have conclusions shortly after that.

The township is deciding whether to enter further negotiations with Independence Township developer Joe Locricchio. He has proposed buying Clarkston Creek from its current owners as well as 14 acres of township property on Sashabaw Road and 19 additional acres with Sashabaw frontage from a local resident.

Locricchio wants to take 20 acres, equivalent to two holes, of the golf course and build 121 townhomes. Those two holes could be relocated to what is now the driving range area. The other property would be used for office and commercial developments, including a restaurant, with wetlands being left intact, Locricchio has said.

Locricchio proposes to sell the remaining part of the golf course

■ 'We're jeopardizing the entire deal if we don't decide what we're going to do.'

Dale Stuart

Independence Township Supervisor

to the township and operate it for the municipality. Revenues would go to the township, which could use the money to pay off the golf course.

The township board has had several meetings on the subject and more recently has been meeting in closed session to decide how to proceed. Stuart said some board members thought a feasibility study of the golf course was needed before the board decides whether to endorse Locricchio's concept.

Although Stuart didn't think the study is necessary, he says it will be helpful. He didn't want to spend any more money on the project and was ready to go forward with more intense negotiations with Locricchio in December. The township has already spent \$14,342 on engineering, legal and other consulting services related to the Clarkston Creek proposal.

"We're jeopardizing the entire deal if we don't decide what we're going to do," he said.

Trustee Neil Wallace was one of the board members who felt he needed more information before he could do anything else. He said he is happy they have retained the consultant.

Stuart said the Clarkston Creek matter should be back before the public on a board agenda in early March.

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Hearing to begin on condemnation of land for Springfield town hall

Springfield Township Supervisor Collin Walls said little has changed in the township's pursuit of 78 acres of land near Long Lake on the Shiawassee River Basin.

Walls said the Dolza family, which owns the property, has not contacted the township since the township initiated condemnation proceedings. A condemnation hearing is still scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Oakland County Circuit Court before Judge Nanci Grant.

The township plans to build a new civic center on 7.5 acres of land on Davisburg Road near Ormond Road. The land was purchased with funds from the state and dedicated for recreation. To use it for another purpose, the township must dedicate an equal amount of land

■ The township and the family have been talking for months, but all seven family members involved in the transaction could not agree on some of the elements of the purchase agreement.

somewhere else in the township toward recreation. That is why it wants the Dolza land.

The township and the family have been talking for months, but all seven family members involved in the transaction could not agree on some of the elements of the purchase agreement, including the \$287,000

price, Walls said.

When a signed purchase agreement was not received by the township by the announced Dec. 31, 1999, deadline, the township board filed a complaint with the Circuit Court asking for condemnation.

Walls added he isn't sure what to expect at Wednesday's hearing since he has never had this experience before.

One thing everyone agreed on is that the land should be named the John and Letha Dolza Nature Preserve. It is the descendants of John and Letha Dolza who are the current property owners.

— By Sally Slaughter, staff writer

Beaus use creativity in popping the big question

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"Will you marry me?"

Valentine's Day is a popular time for men to pop the question. About 12 percent of proposals happen on Feb. 14, according to the non-profit Diamond Information Center in New York.

Some people like to make that moment a little extra special. A popular place for men to put themselves on the line is a restaurant. And while a poll of several Clarkston-area restaurants didn't produce scores of stories of romance, waitresses at two had tales to tell of romantic Romeos who put some thought into their proposals.

A couple of years ago, a man enlisted the help of a Clarkston Cafe waitress to make the evening one his betrothed wouldn't soon forget. Manager and former waitress Cindy Pinner said many men call for reservations and ask for a special

■ Couples like a romantic setting to become engaged and it isn't an uncommon occurrence at the Clarkston Cafe.

cial table, such as by the fireplace. This person was no different, she said.

He also ordered a dozen roses. "When he got here he met with the waitress on the side and put the diamond ring inside" one of the flowers, Pinner said.

He went back to his table, "and he says, 'It's funny, but I know I ordered a dozen and there's only 11 here.'" Pinner said.

That was the waitress' cue to bring the rose with the ring. When the woman sniffed it she discovered the diamond inside.

Pinner said couples like a romantic setting to become engaged and it isn't an uncommon

occurrence at the Clarkston Cafe. It's also fun for the staff.

"All the waitresses want to go over and see the ring," she said.

Michelle LeClare, a waitress at the Airport Inn in Waterford Township, has never helped anyone pull off a proposal coup, but she did share a more personal story that involves her aunt and uncle, Rita and John LeClare of Clarkston.

One of Rita LeClare's favorite things is Crackerjacks so imagine her delight six years ago when she was presented with a box that contained not a flower tattoo for a prize, but a diamond engagement ring.

"He had a special box made, and the prize inside was her ring," Michelle LeClare said.

The people at Crackerjack made a box that he was able to put the ring in as a surprise. He gave her the dessert like he would any other time, but it was a prize that would last a lifetime.

Engagement from page A1

"He pulled into the same parking spot where we shared our first kiss. This time he was outside the car, kneeling on one knee in the dirt...and he proposed," she said. "It was very romantic."

Now the Waterford Township couple's life resembles a whirlwind.

They are planning a wedding in Jamaica in May. Many family members from both his and her sides hope to be there. His family includes parents Rose and Ken Shields and sister, Jennifer Shields, of Davisburg. Rodriguez's family members include mother Sandra and step-father Joa Hermez, her father Benjamin Rodriguez, sisters Tanya Ebarra, Stephanie and Lisa Rodriguez

and her brother, Don Rodriguez.

The engaged couple is planning a reception when they return.

In the meantime, Rodriguez is busy getting ready, all while working full-time at Triad Mechanical in Waterford Township and attending Oakland Community College. She's majoring in psychology and criminal justice.

At least she already has her wedding dress selected.

Shields is a professional commercial and residential painter for TP Collins and Son Painting.

"We've come a long way since 'STRIVE,'" Rodriguez said. That's the former name of Renaissance High School.

Even though she graduated from the high school in 1996, she continues to stop by and visit the staff and teachers, especially English teacher Pat Unsworth.

"Mrs. Unsworth was always there for me and Jay," Rodriguez said. "She's the one teacher who knew Jay and I would get married one day."

Unsworth said she has remained close to Rodriguez since the young woman graduated high school.

"They were really very nice, polite and respectful students," she said. "I'm not surprised they are going to get married. I think they are going to be very happy together."



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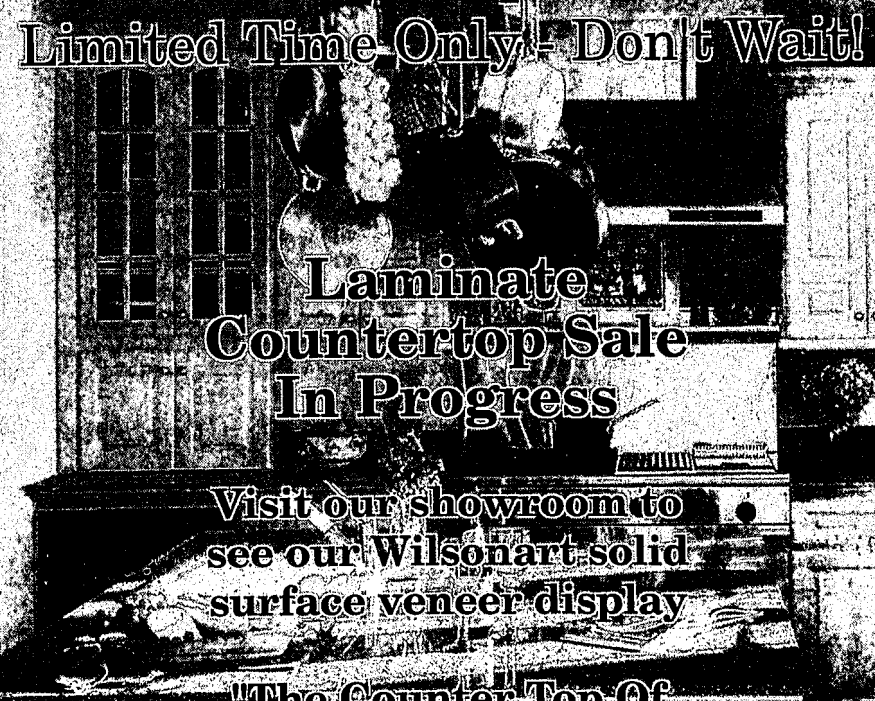
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Residents to ask PSC for 'understandable' utility bills

BY PAT MURPHY
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The battle against complex utility bills will shift to Lansing when a group of Oakland County residents complains to the Michigan Public Service Commission (PSC).

"We taking our complaints to the Feb. 22 meeting of the PSC," said Robert Kachadourian, a retired history teacher from the Waterford School District who hopes to convince state regu-

lators and utility officials that monthly statements need simplifying.

Kachadourian said simplifying statements would enable customers like him understand bills and, when appropriate, correct errors.

He organized the group after trying to decipher his mother's telephone bill and finding it almost incomprehensible. "I have a doctorate degree, and I had difficulty," said the Bloomfield Township resident. "It shouldn't be that difficult to understand utility bills."

Kachadourian said he is concerned the problem will get worse as more utilities are deregulated.

Over the last week or so, Kachadourian said he has been contacted by a number of area residents who have also complained about utility bills they considered too complicated.

A spokesman for the PSC said Kachadourian's organization — like any other citizens group — will be welcome. "The PSC wants people to be smart customers," said Mary Jo Kunkle.

When informed of Kachadourian's complaint, representatives of two utilities — Ameritech and Consumers Energy — each said their respective companies are concerned about making monthly statements understandable.

David A. Pacholczyk of Ameritech's Chicago office said his company revamped its monthly statements within the last year to make them more user friendly. Complicated billing statements are a common problem, he said.

Dan Bishop, director of public information for Consumers Energy said "bill presentation" is an industry wide problem. "Our billing format is constantly reviewed," he said.

Kachadourian said he accepts the contention that utility companies are concerned about complicated statements, and they try to simplify them. "But they have a long way to go," he said.

Kachadourian can be contacted at (248) 335-0901.

Columnist helps remove terror from fears of breast cancer diagnosis

BY JUDITH DONER BERNE
SPECIAL WRITER

There's a reason Jane E. Brody's a columnist for *The New York Times*. She has well-researched, well-framed, well-put opinions. And she didn't hesitate to let the 300-plus crowd at the Feb. 5 Life After Breast Cancer Symposium at The Community House in Birmingham know what they are.

Brody, the newspaper's personal health columnist who also covers science and medicine, led off the day-long session. It was sponsored by Sharing and Caring, a volunteer breast cancer support and educational organization affiliated with William Beaumont Hospital.

Dr. Lynn Hartmann, a medical oncologist from the Mayo Clinic, and Dr. David Spiegel, chairman of the psychiatry department at Stanford University, are other nationally-known experts who spoke later in the program.

Brody, it turns out, has more than a writer's take on breast cancer. She, like the women who came to hear her, has been diagnosed with and treated for the disease. Her reaction when she learned she had a small, relatively non-aggressive tumor was: "Well, at least I don't have a fatal disease." And she returned to her office and a day's work.

"I knew that breast cancer, especially the early stage cancer I believed I had, was highly curable and unlikely to kill me any time soon," she told the group. "I knew I could tolerate what my doctors said I needed to do to assure my survival." She also knew she could continue to pur-

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Chris Malone
— Waterford Township

sue all the activities she loves — writing, a variety of sports, going to museums and concerts, travel.

Terror, she said, keeps some women from having regular mammograms and clinical exams, even though prevention is the key to survival.

To shatter that terror for her audience, Brody took aim at this heavily-used statistic: one in eight women in this country will get breast cancer sometime during her lifetime — if she lives to 85 or beyond.

"But what does that statistic really mean?" she asked. "When you're 60 years old and you haven't yet had breast cancer, your odds of getting it during your remaining years are no longer one in eight; they're much lower because you've already escaped several at-risk decades."

Once breast cancer is diagnosed, she told these patients and survivors, "terror gets in the way of clear thinking — about

therapeutic options, about ways to minimize side effects, about how to get back to a normal life. Terror can lead to depression and stress, and these in turn can interfere with self-healing."

Maggie Griner, board president and a founder of Sharing and Caring, enjoyed Brody's directness.

"I liked her statement that a breast is 'not a functional unit — at least not since I stopped nursing my twin sons 30 years ago. It is not a leg or an arm or a part of my face that I might lose. Nor is it a vital internal organ like a kidney or lung...'"

However, the Bloomfield Township woman added, "I think it's hard for women who are actually going through it right now to hear that. It takes time to gain perspective," she said.

"It is not nearly the killer most women seem to think it is." Lung cancer, Brody reminded, kills 57 percent more women than breast cancer — 68,000 a year. And heart disease kills 11 times more women — half a million a year.

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Michael Carmichael of Bloomfield Township, who attended with his wife Pam, was among a handful of men in the audience. Asked why he had come, Carmichael said: "We've been through the whole breast cancer episode. It's sort of a joint project. That's what marriage is about."

"We're very much in favor of Sharing & Caring," he added. "You need a lot of support and good information — not just for the woman but for her husband and family members."

Chris Malone of Waterford was there because "My wife will be receiving a mastectomy in a week. I want to be as much of a

support as I can be and to share the experience with my wife. It's a learning experience for both of us. I feel like a sponge."

A videotape of the symposium is expected to be available in the Bloomfield Township Library. For more information on Sharing & Caring meetings, call (248) 423-2505.

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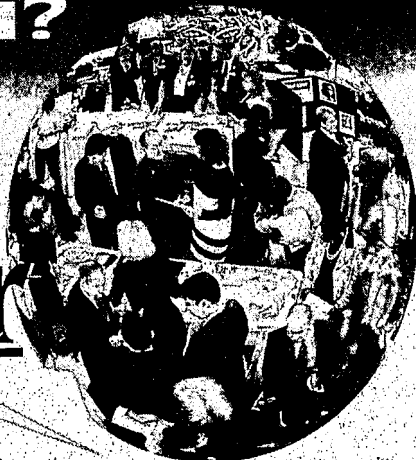
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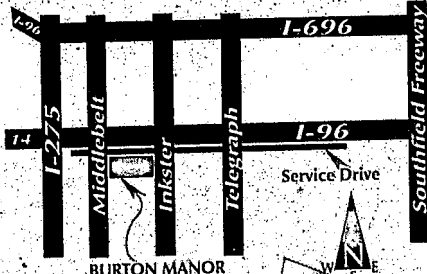
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Bring spring inside and beat the winter blues

REAL DEAL



CARI WALDMAN

While you can't hurry along spring's warm sunshine and dewy rains, you can rid yourself of the winter doldrums with a few decorative touches inside your home.

There are an abundance of simple and affordable ways to add zip to the familiar gray spaces in your home.

So, instead of burying your head under the covers and waiting for the birds to chirp, enhance your surroundings and lift your spirits!

Pay Attention To the Light

"Washing away the winter blues can be as simple as changing shades on a chandelier or lamp," says Gail Crawmer, interior designer at La Belle Provence in downtown Birmingham. "For \$28, you can instantly add warmth to a room and change the light in your life," says Crawmer, referring to La Belle Provence's eclectic collection of decor elements.

And, how about a dose of bright light in addition to a few decorative pieces to recharge your spirits? Try placing a few natural spectrum light bulbs in strategic places in your home. Like sunshine inside glass, they'll do the trick at \$12.99 at Linens 'N Things.

Let Your Bedroom Bloom

Give your bedroom a summer-cottage feeling with the new Shabby Chic home furnishings and accessories line at Mervyn's California stores. The retailer's tea-stained, floral cotton sheets were among my favorites in the collection, which was designed for easy mixing and matching throughout the home.

For a romantic bed-and-breakfast look, try twisting burgundy or spring rose garlands around your bed frame. The lively garlands can be found at Bed, Bath & Beyond for \$5.99.

For another unexpected change, experiment with them on the mantel in your living room or around the shower rod in your bathroom.

Look underfoot

It's often the last place you look, but sometimes what's beneath you needs more help than any other area of your home.

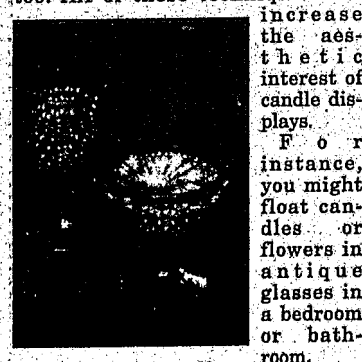
Oriental rugs are in abundance right now at Marshall's stores. They're a classic choice and will bring color and warmth to any room.

I also found great style and affordable prices in rugs at TJ Maxx, Pier One and Home Depot. Look for plush cabbage rose designs, garden vegetable motifs and asymmetrical patterns in luscious pinks or warm caramel tones.

Candlelight Magic

Candles not only bring light, a warm glow and uplifting scents into the home but also act as interesting decorative details for the eye.

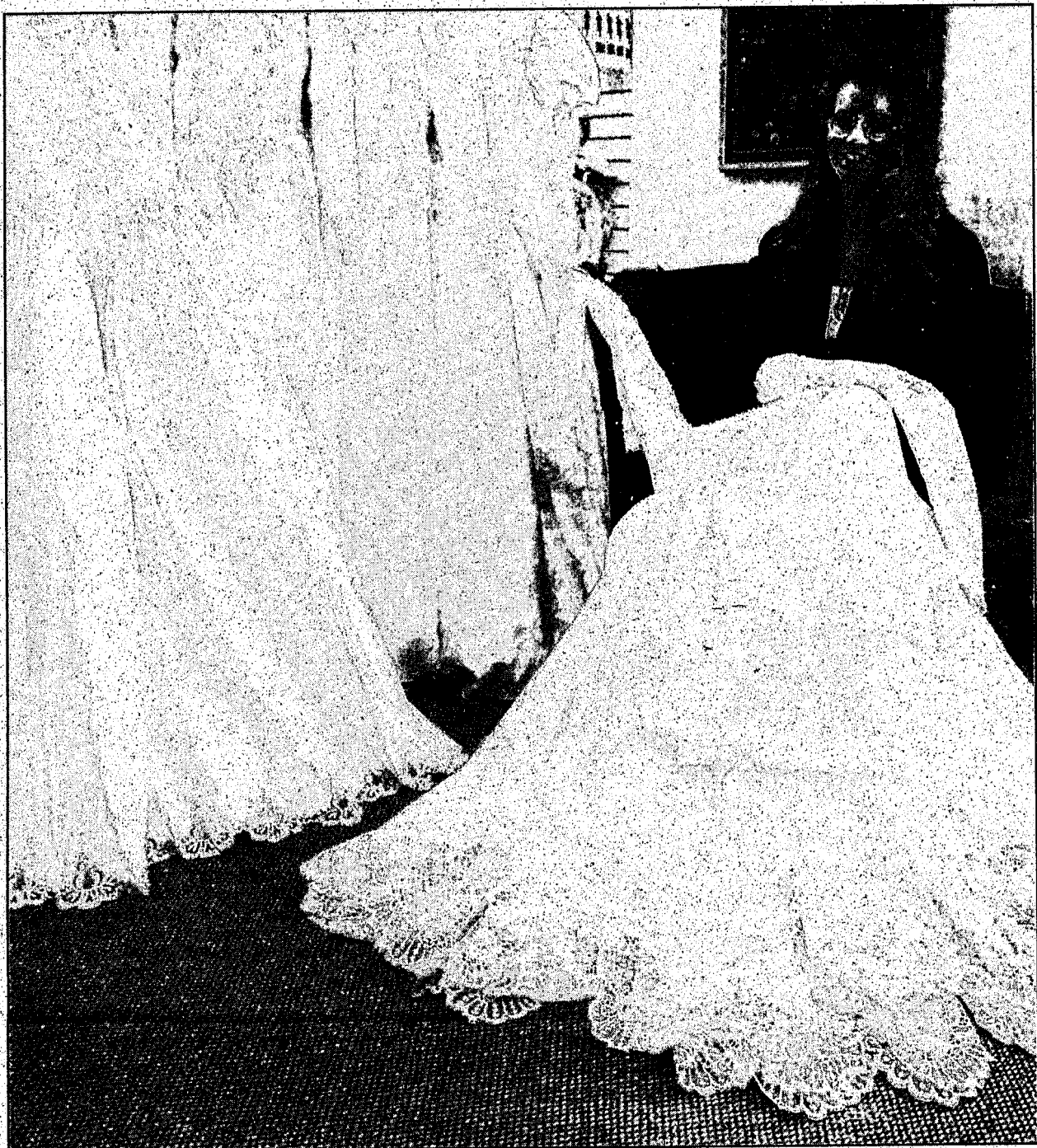
When setting out your candles, mix and match shapes, colors and heights. Consider using unusual containers, too. All of these techniques will increase the aesthetic interest of candle displays.



Say spring: Candles and flowers in Hudson's Hob Nob Vintage glass reminds us of spring beauty.

and stress-relieving properties will do you good. Besides, they're cheaper than a vacation!

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Something old and a dream

Dress donation program helps cancer victims

BY KEN VAN STEENKISTE
STAFF WRITER

For Connie Koss, manager of the Women's Health Boutique in Lathrup Village, the idea of improving the lives of breast cancer victims has special significance.

Like many of us, Koss saw both a friend and a family member struggle with the disease.

Thanks to a special project known as the Dream Fulfillment Fund, Koss, along with many women from the metropolitan Detroit area, will get a chance to help victims of breast cancer lead a better quality of life while they are here.

Much like the popular Make-A-Wish Foundation for children with terminal illness, the Dream Fulfillment Fund lets women with breast cancer, a particularly deadly form of the disease, embark on adventures and satisfy life-long dreams.

All this month, the foundation is sponsoring a special event to raise money for the program. The foundation is asking women to donate their wedding gowns — dresses that may just be gathering dust in attics and closets — for resale throughout the country later this year. Sales of the dresses will benefit the Dream Fulfillment Fund.

Koss and the Women's Health Boutique, which sells prosthetics and other products for women who have undergone mastectomy surgery to treat breast cancer, is coordinating local efforts and putting out a call for support.

The store, located at 26612 Southfield Road, is a local drop-off point for the gowns. Employees at the store will collect the gowns, as well as, veils throughout February before wrapping them and shipping them off to Portland.

At the Women's Health Boutique more than 30 gowns have already been donated.

However, Koss and other employees at the store are eager to bring in more. "This is a way to make one final happy memory" for breast cancer victims, said

Koss.

The project is run by the Portland, Oregon-based non-profit group Making Memories Breast Cancer Foundation. It was founded in 1998. The organization's first wish fulfillment project came last summer when it organized a family reunion for a Georgia woman. So far the group, which is staffed entirely by volunteers, has fulfilled 11 wishes.

The gowns that Koss takes in should fetch between \$150 and \$300 on the resale market after being cleaned and repaired as necessary. Sales will be held in major cities throughout the United States in late spring, although one in the Detroit area has not been scheduled, Koss said.

Making Memories founder Fran Hansen said she first got the idea for the Dream Fulfillment Fund after a bout with breast cancer three years ago.

In trying to find other breast cancer victims for support, Hansen became aware of the disease's devastating effects on the lives of its victims and their families.

"I found that most of the women were financially needy because the cancer had drained all their resources and their ability to work. It just broke my heart, I thought 'there's got to be a way to help these ladies,'" said Hansen, who owned a chain of bridal boutiques at the time.

The answer came to her in a late-night revelation.

"It just came to me in the middle of the night, I thought it was a good idea because it also helps women who can't afford a new gown," she said, adding the organization is still looking for more sponsors, particularly corporations who will underwrite the Dream Fulfillment Fund.

For more information on Making Memories and the Dream Fulfillment Fund, call (503) 252-3955. To contact the Women's Health Boutique, call (248) 552-0606. Gowns may be dropped off at the store 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Extended hours can be arranged by contacting the store ahead of time.

Retail, style and special store events are listed in this calendar. Please send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax: (248) 644-1314. Information must be received by 5 p.m. Monday for publication the following Sunday.
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13

VALENTINE JEWELRY SHOW

Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, hosts a special showing of jewelry by David Yurman in celebration of Valentine's Day through Feb. 14, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Designer Jewelry, first floor. For more information, call (248) 643-3300.

PUPPET SHOW

Wonderland Mall in Livonia presents Father Millennium's Zero Show, produced by the Heiken Puppets, Food Court. Shows start at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. For more information, call (734) 522-4100.

DINOSAUR SHOW

Livonia Mall, at Seven Mile and Middlebelt roads, presents "Mystery of the Lost Dinosaur" for children and their families, throughout the mall. For additional information, call (248) 476-1160.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

KAREN NEWMAN APPEARANCE

Local talent and celebrity Karen Newman visits Hudson's Lakeside location in Sterling Heights to sign autographs and talk with shoppers, 2:30 p.m., Men's Department.

WARM AND FUZZY STORIES

Borders Books & Music, 30995 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills, hosts a special story-telling session for kids, age 4 through 8, 2 p.m. For more information, call (248) 737-0004.

DOLL FASHION SHOW

The "We Love Barbie" doll fashion show returns to the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Road in Plymouth. The show features vintage, collectible and custom-designed Barbies and accessories, 11 p.m.-4 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for kids age 4 through 12. For information call, (734) 455-2110.

MEN'S AND HOME FASHION SHOW

Hudson's will show off its new Men's and Home store at Lakeside Mall in Sterling Heights with a fashion show. See the latest looks, from blazers to bedding. The event will be hosted by Karen Newman, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17

ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW

Westland Shopping Center, 3500 W. Warren, is offering a wide variety of arts and crafts with the theme "made in America." The show will run during regular mall hours and feature professional artisans' wares, including paintings, stained glass, wood crafts, jewelry and needlepoint, through Feb. 20. For information, call (734) 425-5001.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18

PRETZEL-ROLLING CONTEST

Auntie Anne's pretzel shop at Great Lakes Crossing mall in Auburn Hills holds a pretzel-rolling contest for kids. Participants will receive prizes and favors, 4:30-6:15 p.m. For more information, call the mall at (248) 454-5010.

WHERE CAN I FIND?

This interactive feature is dedicated to helping readers locate merchandise that's difficult to find through reader feedback. If you've seen or are looking for an item, call (248) 901-2555 and leave a message with your name and phone number. We publish readers' requests for merchandise twice. If you don't hear from us or see information about the item within a few weeks, we were unable to locate it. When we find an item owned by another reader, rather than for sale at a store, we will call you. But, please, be patient; we handle an overwhelming number of requests each week.

WHAT WE FOUND:

— Christopher Ranch chopped garlic can be purchased at Farmer Jack stores or through Garlic World, (800) 537-6122. Also, Tom Moceri and Sons, a food distributor, will be able to tell you which area stores carry the product, (313) 568-0555.

— A "You Are Special" plate can be purchased at Lawler's Hallmark on E. Long Lake in Troy.

— Aquamarine body lotion can be purchased at the F&M store in Ferndale and other F&M stores.

— Kodak Camcorder batteries are available to purchase at Complete Battery Source, 24731 West 8 Mile Road, (313) 532-3462.

— Ahava lotion can be purchased at the Woodward & Maple Store on W. Maple in Birmingham.

— Kitchen Aid mixing bowls and accessories can be purchased at Kitchen Glamour stores and Kohl's stores and through Kitchen-Aid of Michigan, (800) 422-1230.

— Baby bibs that may be embroidered can be purchased at Hancock Fabrics, Joanne Fabrics and Wal-Mart stores or

through the Herrschner's catalog, 2800 Hoover Road, Stevens Point, Wis. 54492-0001.

— For needlepoint classes, try calling the Livonia Recreation Department. They might which schools in the area offer needlepoint classes. Also, Hancock Fabrics and Joanne Fabrics stores might give classes.

— Coty L'Amont perfume can be purchased through Fragrances Unlimited in Ann Arbor, (734) 434-0692.

— Sander's candy can be purchased at: Farmer Jack stores; the Hard Edge Cream Shop, 10930 Farmington Road in Livonia, (734) 421-3523; and Holiday Market at Cherry Hills and Lilly roads in Canton, (734) 844-2200.

— Lagerfeld's "Photo" cologne can be purchased at Meijer and Wal-Mart stores.

— The Doll Hospital on 12 Mile Road in Berkeley may repair a Bozo, the Clown voice box.

— Mrs. Beasley dolls and other toys are available through The Chatty Cathy Haven, 19528 Ventura Boulevard #495, Tarzana, Calif. 91356, (818) 881-3878.

— Beverly Jenkins, author of the book "Indigo" lives in Belleville. You might try contacting the Fred. C. Fisher Library in Belleville, (734) 699-3291, about obtaining a copy. Hey, they might be able to put you in touch with the author!

FIND & SEARCH NOTES

— We found the following items: the pattern for making a skeleton from milk cartons and Red Wing memorabilia.

— Tabs from canned soda pop can be donated to the following organizations: Ronald McDonald's House on Beaubien in Detroit, (313) 745-5909; Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor, (734) 936-4000; St. Aidan Catholic Church on Farmington

Road in Livonia, (734) 425-5950; Elk's Lodge on University in Rochester, (248) 651-4840; American Legion on Newburgh, south of Ann Arbor Trail, (313) 427-5630; and the VFW Post on Schoolcraft, (313) 538-6294.

— We need the address and telephone number of the Bryant Center in Livonia for readers who are seeking to donate used Christmas cards.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

— A shop or individual who can replace a frame with a handle of an old needlepoint purse for Gail.

— A 1987 Boyd Santa Bear for Brenda.

— A store that sells 16-inch round seat cushions for Sherry.

— A store where an ear alarm (for use while driving a car) can be purchased for Michael of Troy.

— A small, inexpensive starter piano for a 6-year-old child for Dale.

— The Millennium Princess Barbie doll for Carina, who lives in Livonia.

— The August 8, 1955 issue of Life magazine for Bill, a resident of Clarkston.

— A manual for a Thomas organ (Jester 132) for Diane, a Livonia resident.

— A store where Jessica Roberts women's clothing can be purchased for Lee of Lake Orion.

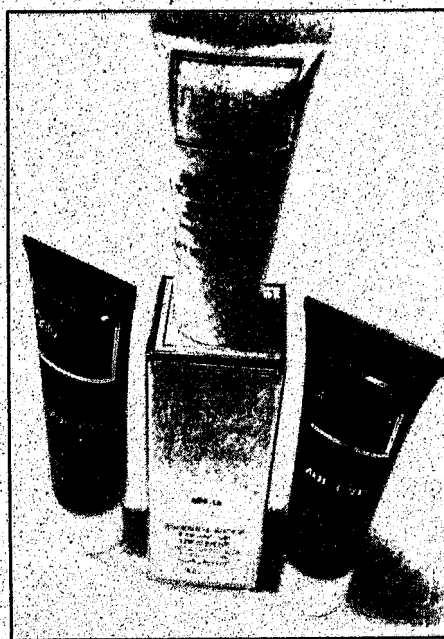
— A store that sells Allergene hypo-allergenic facial makeup for Mary, who lives in Redford.

— Hudson's second "12 Days of Christmas" ornament (doves) for Dave of Lake Orion.

— Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

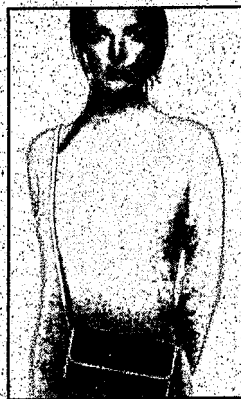
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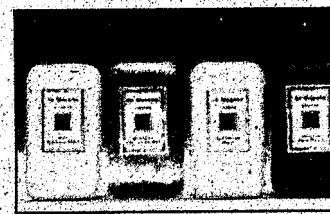


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Oakland officials fret over cost of Detroit sewer ruling

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Two Oakland County officials insist the appointment of Mayor Dennis Archer as a special administrator of the Detroit Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) will mean higher sewer rates for suburban customers — and is further evidence the water and sewerage system should be regionalized.

"It shows there are ongoing problems (at the Detroit Waste Water Treatment Plant) that haven't been addressed in more than 20 years," said State Sen. Bill Bullard (R-Milford), who last year introduced a bill to regionalize the Detroit-controlled water and sewerage system.

"We have complained about mismanagement and bad business practices for years," said Oakland Drain Commissioner George W. Kuhn, a vocal critic of the water and sewerage system. "Now maybe something will be done."

Bullard and Kuhn were reacting to an order issued in U.S. District Court Monday granting the mayor of Detroit sweeping powers and authority to control, manage and operate the WWTP.

Bullard and Kuhn had both seen the orders issued by Judge John Feikens — based on a 366-page report. That report details specific problem areas of the aging and beleaguered water treatment system.

The Detroit water and sewerage system services about 4 million customers in Detroit and 124 other communities. The system has an annual budget of more than \$450 million and employs more than 1,300.

A spokesman for Archer Wednesday said upgrading the WWTP won't necessarily mean higher rates. "Capital improvements are merely part of the factors that determine rates," said Gregory J. Bowens, the mayor's press secretary.

Bullard and Kuhn, however, said significantly higher rates are inevitable because of the



Ongoing battle: Drain commissioner George Kuhn said he respects Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer, whose picture adorns his office. But Kuhn insists the best way to deal with problems facing the Detroit water and sewerage system is to regionalize it, giving suburban communities more voice in operations.

changes Archer will be required to make.

Noting that Bullard and Kuhn have been critics of Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, Bowens suggested they were seeking media exposure.

"They can use this case to get publicity they couldn't buy," said the press secretary.

Monday's ruling came out of a case filed in 1977 in which the federal government — with Oakland County as co-plaintiff — sued the water and sewerage department for violations of the Clean Water Act.

In 1979, the courts appointed then Detroit Mayor Coleman A. Young as special administrator to the WWTP because of violations of the Clean Water Act. Four years later, when discharges from the plant were deemed to be compliant with the act, control of the WWTP reverted to the water board.

Based on his knowledge of the case, Kuhn said the best way to remedy problems highlighted in the court case is to regionalize the water board to give subur-

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nities more voice in operating it.

Policy for operating the water and sewerage system is normally set by the Detroit Board of Water Commissioners, which is composed of seven people appointed by the Mayor of Detroit. Four live in Detroit, and three represent the suburbs.

Oakland County's representative, Marilyn E. Gosling of Bloomfield Hills — who was nominated for the water board by Kuhn — Tuesday said she agrees with the judge that problems at the water treatment plant justified a special administrator. "There's no doubt the system has problems," she said.

But, said Gosling, the problems can likely be rectified by Archer — or any chief operations officer he appoints.

"I understand how suburban communities want more representation," Gosling said. "But I don't agree with the bill that was introduced (by Bullard)."

Bullard introduced his bill last year. "We've had some hearings," he said, "but it's still basically in committee."

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Americans are having a love affair with food

America has been having a love affair with food for the last century. Meals were simple in the late 1800s, and 90 percent of Americans never traveled more than five to 10 miles from their homes. With the dawn of the 20th century, new technology emerged that made travel and food storage possible and affordable.

In the early 1900s people began traveling like never before, and experienced new things and foods. Lavish 12- to 18-course dinner parties were thrown. Hershey's milk chocolate was introduced, and hamburgers and ice cream cones made their debut at the St. Louis World's Fair. Mr. Kellogg came along and changed our whole idea of morning food.

During the Roaring '20s, speakeasies and cocktail parties were the rage, along with soft drinks and ice cream. Betty Crocker was born, the first Coney Island was served in New York, Stouffer's and White Castle restaurants opened. The 1920s also brought the most immigrants in our history, and we became a melting pot of food histories.

In 1929, Mr. Birdseye developed a technique to flash freeze vegetables. Refrigerators with freezer compartments were introduced, and refrigerator sales jumped from about 10,000 in 1920 to 800,000 by 1929. Self-serve grocery stores created competition for food sales.

One-pot meals were popular

Americans experienced hard times in the 1930s, but still found ways to love food, even when it was plentiful.

One-pot meals were served, and casseroles — which still survive as "comfort food" today — evolved to nourish our families. Hostess Twinkies debuted along with Spam and Skippy peanut butter. During the 1930s standardization of recipes and food measurements became a science.

The 1940s started with short ration cards but ended with people eating a lot of meat. Mom couldn't buy enough frozen and canned foodstuffs. Foreign food was the chic food to serve when entertaining or eating out. Bouillabaisse, crepes and Lobster Thermidor were also hot.

In the 1950s we loved "I Love Lucy" and the TV dinner was born. Food "revolutions" occurred in the 1960s. Vegetarianism was en vogue, and there was a rebirth of "natural" foods and whole grains.

Food was 'cool'

Food was cool in the 1970s. Chefs became celebrities, gourmet foods grew in popularity along with salad bars. Real men didn't eat quiche, but everyone else did.

Baby boomers became yuppies in the 1980s. Everyone had microwave ovens. Southwest cuisine and restaurants were popular.

The 1990s would prove to be the decade of health. We counted calories and fat grams, strayed from beef, ate soluble fiber and worried about antibiotics in milk, pesticides, nitrates and E. coli. We adored Mediterranean and Pacific Rim cooking, but didn't quite understand Fusion cooking.

As we enter the 21st century we are informed consumers who demand more from the food industry. We want foods that taste good but are also good for us. Thinking about new food dishes for this century, I believe food, like fashion, comes in and out of style. I always smirk when I hear someone say "so and so invented this great dish. I don't know if we chefs are really inventors of food, I think we are more like managers of it. So many dishes you see today aren't really new, but are dishes from the past, revisited and dressed up a bit.

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LOOKING AHEAD

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Are you a snack animal?

STORIES BY PEGGY MARTINELLI-EVERTS • SPECIAL WRITER

What kind of animal do your eating habits mimic?

Do you like to "graze" all day long like horses and cows or eat like a lion, enjoy a large meal and then a nice, long nap? Perhaps you're like my neighbor's dog, which is given a bowl of food each morning and eats only when he is hungry.

Mice are always in a feeding frenzy, and no human can top the shrew, which eats three times its body weight each day.

Even if your eating habits mimic these creatures, you still can learn how to be a smart snacker.

The time-honored tradition of "three square meals" a day is slowly giving way to a new trend — scattered mini-meals.

Snacking may contribute significantly to your daily calorie and nutrient intake. Potato chips, cookies and crackers are high in fat and calories. If you don't adjust the size of your regular meals to account for snacks, you could be eating more calories than you

need. If you substitute poor quality snacks for meals, you may miss out on some vital nutrients.

Smart snacks

Choose snacks that are high in vitamins, minerals and fiber such as fruits, vegetables and whole grains. Stock your refrigerator or pantry with plain popcorn, whole-grain crackers, fruit juice, low-fat yogurt, low-fat cheese, low-fat granola bars, dried fruits, bread sticks, baby carrots, vegetables, fruits and other healthy snacks. Researchers believe that eating smaller meals more frequently may help regulate blood sugar, cholesterol and body weight.

Since little tummies hold only small amounts of food, children need snacks to help them meet daily calorie and nutrient quotas — as long as the snacks are healthy. Teenagers also need afternoon snacks to meet their needs. If you don't plan, foraging kids may

Please see SNACKS, B2

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SNACK ANIMAL: RABBIT

Do you eat like a horse, a lion or a mouse?

Are you curious about how others snack? We asked a few people to reveal their favorite snack, and the animal they most identify with:

LISA ASQUINI OF LIVONIA

- **Snack animal:** "I'm a lion. I don't snack much, love to eat meat and boy, a nap sounds good right now."
- **Favorite snack:** Leftovers — meat, cheese, lunch meats. "I don't crave doughnuts or popcorn. Give me protein."

SUE ANN SCHELLIG OF BLOOMFIELD HILLS

- **Snack animal:** "I'm an owl. I snack at night, when I'm reading."
- **Favorite snack:** "Lay's Wavy Potato Chips in the red bag, with the dip I make from cream cheese and horseradish. But my secret passion (which all my students know at Upton Elementary School in Royal Oak) is chocolate covered raisins."

FLORINE MARK OF FARMINGTON HILLS
(President and CEO of the WW Group, Inc., or Weight Watchers International)

- **Snack animal:** "I eat like the horse. Horses graze on grasses and hay during the day and then get most of their protein at meal time when they eat their oats. Like a horse, I love to graze on veggies and then enjoy my meals too."
- **Favorite snack:** Vegetables — carrots, green peppers, asparagus, broccoli. "I wash them and throw them in a bag. Normally I start to get hungry at around 4 p.m. and that's when I pull out my veggies."

GENE TAYLOR OF LATHRUP VILLAGE
(Writer/executive producer of the Dick Puritan Show on Oldies 104.3 WOLC FM)

- **Snack animal:** "I'm like the rabbit. I like to eat my vegetarian meals."
- **Favorite snack:** "I like baby carrots with hummus."
- **JOE SARAFIA OF BLOOMFIELD HILLS**
(President of the Associated Food Dealers of Michigan)
- **Snack animal:** "I'm definitely the dog."
- **Favorite snack:** "Potato chips, although I don't eat them often. I usually reach for the popcorn or pretzels instead."

RED ASHTON OF BEVERLY HILLS
(Owner of the Golden Mushroom Restaurant in Southfield)

- **Snack animal:** "I guess I'm most like the dog, although because I don't snack much, perhaps the lion is more my eating style."
- **Favorite snack:** "My favorite snack is Beluga caviar, although I don't eat it as often as I would like. If I do snack, it's a pastry and a glass of milk."

MICKEY MACWILLIAMS OF CLARKSTON
(Executive director of the Michigan Ski Industries Association)

- **Snack animal:** "Oh, definitely the mouse. I'm always looking for food."
- **Favorite snack:** "I love cheese and fresh baby spinach together. I'll take a piece of cheese and wrap spinach leaves around it. Right now, in the winter, Habanero cheese tastes great."

The highs and lows

You can judge snacks by their "nutrient-to-calorie" ratio. The following are some high and low nutrient-to-calorie foods.

HIGH

- Whole grain bread, bagels, muffins, crackers, cereal
- Nuts, seeds, peanut butter, hummus
- Fresh, dried, canned fruits
- Fruit and vegetable juices
- Fresh, canned, frozen vegetables
- Meat, fish, poultry, eggs
- Legumes
- Low-fat milk, yogurt, cheese
- Low-fat pudding, ice milk, sherbet
- Bread sticks
- Salsa, chutney
- Homemade quick breads such as banana or zucchini

LOW

- Soda pop
- Alcoholic beverages
- Donuts, sweet rolls, high-fat baked goods
- Pie, cake, most cookies
- Commercially prepared baked goods
- Candy
- Chips, puffed snack food
- Unenriched crackers
- Fruit roll-ups, fruit wrinkles
- Ice cream
- Chip dip

Snack trivia to munch on

It's too early for last year's annual sales figures, but if all goes as expected, convenience stores will have pushed more than \$1.9 billion in salty snacks out the door in 1999.

The average American consumes 11.7 pounds of chocolate in various forms each year. That amounts to over 3.1 billion pounds consumed nationwide.

Here are the top eight snacks, according to Food Distributor magazine:

- Desserts/baked sweets
- Salty snacks
- Candy
- Fruit
- Ice cream
- Crackers/bread sticks
- Muffins/breakfast sweets
- Vegetables

Potato chips remain America's favorite savory snack with \$4.59 billion sold in 1998. Not too far behind was tortilla chips at \$3.57 billion.

Speaking of potato chips, do you know how they were invented? In the summer of 1853, a guest at the Moon Lake Lodge in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., ordered french fries and complained that they were too thick. The chef sliced up another batch of potatoes, somewhat thinner, and served them. The guest rejected those, too.

The patron's actions upset the chef, who then decided to slice the potatoes paper thin. The guest was delighted. The crispy potatoes, first called Saratoga Chips, became a hit and a trademark of the restaurant.

Onion Smothered Steak warm dish for cold days

MAIN DISH
MIRACLE

MURIEL WAGNER

When the TV weatherman issues a "cuddle alert," I begin thinking of foods, that according to my mother, "warm the cockles of your heart." Of course, they must be heart healthy as well.

One such recipe is my Onion Smothered Steak, which is an "Eating Younger" makeover of Swiss Steak. It satisfies my meat-loving taste buds, yet it can be a smart eating choice if the meat portion is small (3 ounces or less), and the cut and cooking method are lean.

Rump, flank and round are all lean cuts of beef, but they need to be slow cooked with liquid to be tender.

You'll find this dish full of flavor, particularly when you serve it with the Almost Instant Mashed Potatoes. If you serve the potatoes liberally doused with the steak recipe gravy, your family may think that you've found a 1950s cookbook that will become a recipe resource for a lot of flavorful eating. They'll never realize that they're "eating younger."

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ONION SMOTHERED STEAK

- 1 1/2 pounds round steak (3/4-inch thick)
- 1/4 cup flour
- 4 medium onions, thinly sliced
- 1/2 pound fresh mushrooms, sliced
- 1 tablespoon canola or olive oil
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1 bay leaf
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1 cup fat-free, sodium-reduced beef bouillon

Trim any fat from meat and cut into 6 servings. Combine flour with fresh ground pepper in a plastic bag. Shake steak pieces in bag until well coated. Heat oil in nonstick skillet. Brown beef over low heat. Top with onion and mushroom slices. Stir in beef bouillon, bay leaf and thyme. Bring to a boil, and then reduce heat.

Simmer, covered 30 minutes or until meat is tender. Season with salt substitute if needed. Serve steak topped with gravy, mushrooms and onions. Serves 6.

Nutritional information, per serving:

- Calories: 178
- Total fat: 8.6 grams
- Saturated fat: 2.2 grams
- Cholesterol: 67 mg
- Sodium: 58 mg
- Food exchanges: 3 lean meat, 1/2 vegetables

EATING YOUNGER GARLIC MASHED POTATOES

- 2 1/2 cups fat-free, reduced-sodium chicken broth
- 2 teaspoons light margarine (squeeze bottle)
- 2 cups instant mashed potato flakes with skins
- 1 teaspoon minced fresh garlic
- Dash freshly ground pepper

Heat broth to boiling. Remove from heat. Pour into deep-sided serving bowl. Add remaining ingredients. Stir gently with fork to blend. Add seasoning if necessary. Let stand for 30 seconds. Fluff with fork before serving. Serves 6.

Nutritional information, per serving:

- Calories: 87
- Total fat: 2 g
- Saturated fat: 0 g
- Cholesterol: 0 mg
- Sodium: 302 mg
- Food exchanges: 1 starch

Look for Main Dish Miracle on the second Sunday of the month in Taste. Muriel G. Wagner is a registered dietitian and nutrition therapist with an office in Southfield. She publishes "Eating Younger," a quarterly newsletter with recipes and nutrition tips. To subscribe, send a check for \$13.50 to "Eating Younger," P.O. Box 69021, Pleasant Ridge, MI 48069.

Flavors never grow old in these timely favorites

See related story on Taste front. Recipes compliments of Kelli Lewton

DESIGNER PIZZA (1980s)

- 1 (approximately 12 ounces) fully baked pizza crust
- 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
- 2 garlic cloves, roasted and ground into paste
- 3/4 grated mozzarella cheese
- 1/4 cup crumbled feta cheese
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 cup sliced artichoke hearts
- 1/2 cup diced tomatoes
- 1 cup thinly sliced cooked duck or chicken breast
- 1 onion, diced and sauteed until caramelized in color
- 1/4 cup reconstituted sun dried tomatoes, sliced thin
- 1/8 cup finely chopped herbs-basil, parsley, and oregano
- 1/8 cup Parmesan cheese

Preheat oven 450° F. Mix olive oil, roasted garlic and 1/2 of herbs, mix with pinch of salt and fresh pepper. Spread over baked pizza crust. Mix the mozzarella, feta and Parmesan cheeses. Sprinkle 3/4 of cheese mixture. Arrange artichoke hearts, tomatoes, duck or chicken, onion and sun-dried tomato toppings. Sprinkle remaining herbs on top. Sprinkle remaining cheese and additional Parmesan cheese.

Bake pizza approximately 15 minutes until edges brown and cheese is golden in color. Slice into desired slices. Yields 10-14 slices.

REALLY GOOD MEATLOAF (1930s)

- 4 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/4 cup small diced celery
- 1 large onion, diced
- 1 green pepper, diced
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 3 tablespoons fresh chopped parsley
- 1 pound lean ground beef

- 1 pound lean ground pork
- 1 (14-ounce) can crushed tomatoes
- 3 large eggs
- 1-cup fresh bread crumbs
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1 teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 cup chili sauce

Preheat oven at 350° F. Heat olive oil in saute pan. Saute onion, celery and green pepper for 2 minutes, add brown sugar and heat for an additional minute.

Mix remaining ingredients, fold in onion-and-celery mixture, mold into 10- by 5-inch loaf pan and bake for 35 to 40 minutes.

OAT BRAN MUFFINS (1980s)

- 1 1/2 cups oat-bran cereal
- 1 cup wheat-bran cereal
- 1/2 cup whole wheat flour
- 1/2 cup unbleached flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 2 egg whites
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup buttermilk
- 1/2 cup vanilla yogurt
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- Pinch of nutmeg

Preheat oven to 400° F. In mixing bowl, combine cereals, flour, baking powder and soda. In separate bowl, beat together brown sugar, egg, egg whites, oil and buttermilk.

Lightly stir buttermilk mixture into dry ingredients just until moistened. (Do not over mix.) Spoon batter into lightly greased or paper-lined muffin cups, filling cups full. Bake for 15-20 minutes.

Makes 12 large muffins, each with more than 4 grams of dietary fiber.

Go ahead: Wolf down these snacks

See related story on Taste front.

These snacks are a nice healthy alternative to potato chips or other salty snacks you or your children may consume during the day.

The Cereal Puffs recipe was created with kids in mind, and it received rave reviews from four who tried it. It's sweet, like a Rice Crispy Treat, but also has some extra vitamins and nutrients, and no fat.

CEREAL PUFFS

- 2 cups mini marshmallows
- 1/3 cup chocolate-flavored Carnation Instant Breakfast
- 4 cups unsweetened Rice Puffs cereal (Wheat Puffs are good, too)

Put marshmallows and Instant Breakfast into a large, microwaveable bowl. Microwave on high for about 1 minute. The marshmallows will puff up. Add cereal and mix until cereal and marshmallow/instant breakfast mixture all sticks together. Form into balls, about the size of a golf ball. Makes approximately 28 puffs.

Nutritional information per serving: 24 calories; protein, less than 1 gram; fat, less than 1 gram; carb., 5.5 grams; sod., 5 mg.; calories from fat, 1.52 percent.

PARMESAN WALNUTS

- 1 1/2 cups walnut halves
- 1 tablespoon butter or margarine, melted
- 1/4 teaspoon seasoned salt
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese

Heat oven to 350 F. Spread walnuts in shallow baking pan; toast in oven for 10 minutes. Stir together butter and salt; toss lightly with walnuts. Sprinkle cheese over top; stir. Return to oven and heat three to four minutes or until cheese is melted. Makes 1 1/2 cups for six 1/4-cup servings.

Nutritional information per serving: 240 calories; protein, 8.7 grams; fat, 22 grams; sod., 211 mg.; carb.,

5 grams; 83.4 calories from fat.

HOT, HOMEMADE PRETZELS

- 1/8 cup hot water
- 1 package dry yeast
- 1 1/3 cup warm water
- 1/3 cup brown sugar
- 5 cups flour
- Extra flour
- Kosher salt
- Baking soda

Mix hot water and yeast in large bowl. Stir in warm water and brown sugar. Slowly add 5 cups flour, stirring constantly until smooth and doesn't stick to sides of bowl. Put dough on a lightly floured board. Dip your hands in extra flour. Knead the dough until it is stretchy and smooth. Push it down and away from you with the palms of your hands. Turn the dough as you work.

Grease two cookie sheets very well. Sprinkle each with coarse kosher salt. Set sheets aside. Pinch off a piece of pretzel dough about the size of a golf ball. Roll it out long and thin and then shape into a pretzel. Repeat with all dough.

Preheat oven to 475 F. Fill a frying pan with water. For each cup of water in the pan, add one tablespoon of baking soda. Bring water to a gentle boil.

Use a spatula to lower each pretzel into the frying pan. Let pretzels boil for 30 seconds before lifting them out to greased and salted cookie sheet.

Repeat until all pretzels have been boiled. Sprinkle more salt on top of pretzels and bake about 8 minutes, until golden. (Be sure to watch the pretzels carefully, so they don't burn.)

Best eaten when warm! Makes 24 pretzels.

Nutritional information per serving: (This analysis excludes the salt that you sprinkle on the pretzels.) 390 calories, protein, 11 grams; fat, 1 gram; sod., 4 mg., carb., 83 grams, percentage calories from fat, 2.5 percent.

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choose the quickest and easiest snack they find, which often can be of poor nutritional quality.

Plan snacks

Plan for after-school snacks when you do your weekly shopping. Place portions in a serving dish and post daily selections on your kitchen message board.

Consider the following:

■ Keep snacks small. You don't want to end up eating gigantic portions of food plus your "regular" meals.

■ Serve snacks on a dish to control the amount you con-

sume. It is hard to know how many crackers you've eaten when you just keep digging them out of the box.

■ Consider saving food from your meal to eat as a snack later on.

■ Snack only when you are truly hungry, not when you're bored, angry or stressed.

■ Keep high-fat, low-nutrient foods out of the house, or buy them in tiny quantities, and measure portions.

So, snack animals - whether you like to graze all day like a horse or munch a little here, a

little there - snacking can be a nutritious and healthy way to eat!

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See recipes inside.

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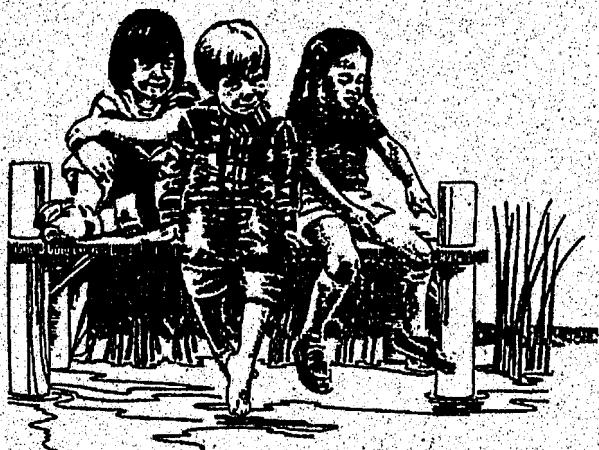
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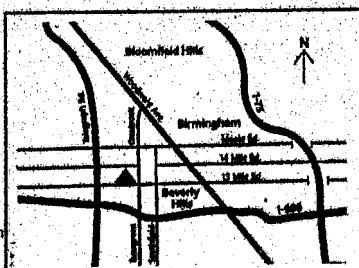
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Americans consume 2 billion pounds of chocolate annually

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the U.S. total consumption of chocolate at two billion pounds annually.

Not only does chocolate fuel an addiction-like desire, people talk about it endlessly and even dream about it.

Neuropharmacologists have found in studies marijuana-like properties in chocolate along with two related chemicals that have been linked to treating many ailments, including depression. And, dark chocolate contains two to three times as much of these substances per ounce as milk chocolate. Eating high-fat, chocolate foods can trigger the brain's production of natural opiates.

Adam Drewnowski, director of the University of Michigan's Human Nutrition Program, discovered that when binge eaters used a drug that blocked the brain's opiate receptors, their cravings for sweet, fatty foods diminished.

On the down side, chocolate can cause migraines, acne, obesity, dental cavities, and heartburn. Two chemicals in chocolate, theobromine and caffeine, are implicated in fibrocystic breast disease.

On the up side, stearic acid, one of the fatty acids in chocolate, can actually lower cholesterol. Chocolate also contains powerful antioxidants, similar to those found in fruits and vegeta-

bles. Chocolate also contains magnesium. It is thought that if you crave chocolate, your diet may be deficient in magnesium!

Chocolate contains a small amount of caffeine — about 15 milligrams per ounce, as compared with 137 milligrams found in a cup of coffee — but it doesn't take a lot of caffeine to cause an addiction.

Actually, one of the reasons people become hooked on chocolate is because it contains phenylethylamine, a chemical produced naturally by the brain, which makes you feel good. Your body in large amounts also produces phenylethylamine when you fall in love or have a "mad" crush on someone cute at the office. Well, guess what? Chocolate can help you reproduce that feeling so you don't have to do anything too irrational.

True chocoholics know that when they deeply crave chocolate, the inexpensive, low-quality stuff just won't do the trick. These connoisseurs want the finest in chocolate.

Lisa Smith of Farmington Hills feels that her need for chocolate is physical. "I can eat 100 other things, and nothing will satisfy me until I eat my chocolate." What is Lisa's favorite kind of chocolate? Suchard Rocher, a chocolate that she purchased last summer while visiting Paris.

Judy McGuire, owner of Sydney Bogg, divulged that Valentine's Day is her single busiest day of the year, with Turtles as her best-selling year-round item. "Chocolate is everyone's 'feel good' food," she says. And Sydney Bogg chocolate tastes so good because only the purest ingredients are used in the making. Pure ingredients make it taste finer.

Coming from a true chocoholic, tricks to satisfying your chocolate affection can include

chocolate syrup, which has 36 calories and 0.2 grams of fat per tablespoon as compared with chocolate fudge at 73 calories and 2.8 g fat per tablespoon.

Try a chocolate phosphate (or soda) at your favorite deli or if you are real adventurous, White Wave has Chocolate Silk, which is a chocolate soymilk. Prepare treats such as chocolate brownies and cookies with cocoa powder (10 calories and 0.5 grams of fat per tablespoon of powder) and Wonderslim Fat and Egg Substitute. (Wonderslim is actually pureed plums and prunes, which is a healthy, fat-free alternative to butter or shortening.)

Enjoy mocha at Caribou (90 calories and 1.5 grams of fat per shot) or at Starbucks (70 calories and 2 grams of fat per shot). Both of these popular coffeehouses even have soy milk to boot. For those of you who like that creamy comfort feeling, try chocolate pudding made with Mori nu tofu and Mori nu Mates. You'll never believe you are eating tofu once this mixture is combined, and the fiber keeps you full for quite awhile.

There is nothing wrong with enjoying a small amount of chocolate occasionally. Just save it for when you really want it — like on Valentine's Day!

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Look for her column on the first Sunday of each month in Taste.

Here are some lowfat chocolate recipes:

CINNAMATI CHILI

- 1 quart water
- 1 pounds ground meat substitute, such as Morningstar Farms Harvest Burger, broken into smaller pieces
- 2 medium onions, finely grated
- 2 cans (8 ounces each) tomato sauce
- 5 whole allspice
- 1/2 teaspoon red pepper
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 4 tablespoon chili powder
- 1/2 ounce unsweetened chocolate
- 4 cloves garlic
- 2 tablespoons vinegar
- 1 large bay leaf
- 5 whole cloves
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon

Add meat substitute to 4-quart pot containing one quart of water, stir. Boil slowly for 30 minutes. Add onion, tomato sauce, allspice, red pepper, cumin, chili powder, chocolate, garlic, vinegar, bay leaf, cloves, Worcestershire sauce, salt and cinnamon. Stir to blend, bringing to a boil; reduce heat simmer uncovered for about three hours. During last hour, the pot may be covered after desired consistency is reached. Makes 8 servings.

CREPES WITH HOT FUDGE SAUCE

- 1/2 cup whole wheat flour
- 1 cup soymilk or orange juice
- 5 eggs or equivalent egg substitute
- Non-stick cooking spray

In blender or food processor, combine all ingredients until smooth. Let rest for at least 15 minutes up to overnight. Coat a small non-stick coated skillet with non-stick cooking spray and heat over medium heat. Spoon batter into skillet. If the dough is too thick, add more liquid. If it is too thin, add more flour. Cook until the top is not shiny. Serve folded

over with jam or fresh fruit and hot fudge sauce.

HOT FUDGE SAUCE

- 5 tablespoon warm water
- 3 tablespoons cocoa powder
- 4 tablespoons brown rice syrup
- 1 tablespoon arrowroot powder mixed with 2 tablespoons water

Combine water, cocoa and syrup in a small saucepan over medium heat until dissolved. Remove and add rest of ingredients. Whisk until smooth.

CHOCOLATE SILK PIE

- Crust
- 7 ounce chocolate wafer cookies or graham crackers
- 2 tablespoons canola oil

- Filling
- 8 ounces unsweetened chocolate
- 2, 10 ounce package silken tofu
- 10 ounce jar blackberry preserves
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup brown rice syrup

Crust: Preheat oven 350 degrees in blender or food processor, combine crackers and oil and pulse to make fine crumbs. Press into bottom of spring form pan or pie plate. Bake 10 minutes. Cool.

Filling: Melt chocolate in double boiler or over very low heat. Put remaining ingredients in bowl of food processor or blender and add melted chocolate. Process until very smooth, stopping occasionally to scrape down sides.

Pour filling into crust, smooth tops and refrigerate until firm, at least four hours or overnight. Serves 12. Garnish with fresh strawberries or raspberries.

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CONVERSATIONS



FRANK PROVENZANO

Center must look beyond politics

At the opening of the Southfield Centre for the Arts, then-manager Marlowe Belanger and members of the city's Federation for the Arts smiled proudly for a group photo.

Perhaps including a ladder in the shot was more than a metaphor for the work that still had to be done.

That was June of 1997. Two-and-a-half years later, the ladder is still in the picture. And indeed, there's plenty of work to be done before the center becomes a regional cultural resource, and a place where arts groups call home.

Last August, Belanger retired, and with her, the feisty opposition to those in Southfield who thought the city never should have bought and renovated the former synagogue on Southfield Road, just north of the Lodge.

Shed a light

On Monday, the Southfield City Council received findings from an independent survey of residents and local businesses intended to shed light on the future of the center.

After the center incurred a nearly \$900,000 deficit last year, it's only to be expected that the city would rethink how the center operates.

Unfortunately, the survey appears to be more of a smokescreen.

Oddly, less than three years after the center was established, the Southfield City Council is wondering about the feasibility of providing a facility where arts can be taught and appreciated.

They may have overlooked that the reason the center was founded was to serve the needs of the more than 80 arts groups in the region. Many of these groups are nomadic and in need of a place to meet, exhibit their art, rehearse and perform.

A few miscalculations

The problem from the start was the center didn't have the equipment or the type of seating to attract big-name performers. Nor did they have the in-house facilities to develop their business as a rental facility.

And for some reason, the projected revenue was profoundly miscalculated.

That's not meant to impugn the motives of those who support the center.

What the center has in earnestness, it lacks in a marketing strategy. Simply put: The Southfield Centre for the Arts has been a well-kept secret, not a place bustling with activity. If it is indeed a regional resource, then why is it that many people outside of Southfield really haven't been given a compelling reason to visit or attend an event?

The answer isn't to turn the art center into primarily a rental facility for businesses, as some detractors would like.

What's needed is a deeper commitment to the primary role of the arts. For members of the city council, this is their moment to show some creativity and guts.

Ladder of hope?

Before the findings of a survey are considered, the Southfield City Council should ask itself if it has done everything to upgrade the facilities, market the programs and events, and transform the image of the center as a multicultural town hall.

And in fairness to those who currently run the center, the council should realize most public art centers need more than three years before they break even, let alone become financially self-sufficient.

In a city that is arguably the most ethnically diverse in the region, the Southfield Centre for the Arts can provide opportunities for cross-cultural understanding. A place where people from different backgrounds can come together for the love of the arts.

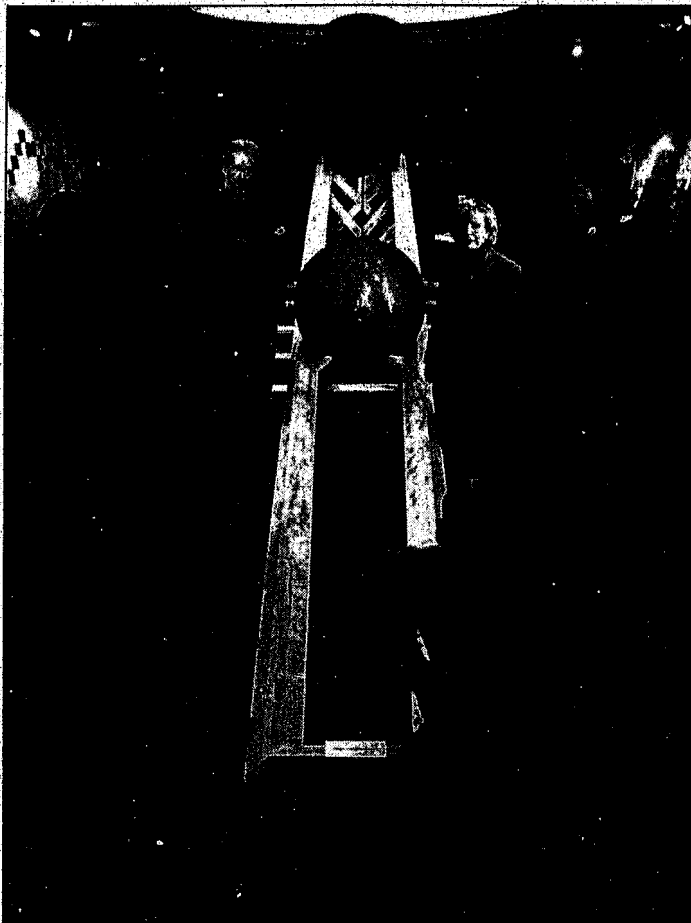
Perhaps, to some, that sounds like idealistic hogwash.

But frankly, it's too easy to think of the center as a financial burden, and the arts as a frivolous amenity.

In many ways, how the future of the Southfield Centre for the Arts is decided will determine if the ladder in the picture is one of hope or despair.

What: "A Really Big Show," large-scale works by Michigan artists
When: Through March 18
Where: Janice Charach Epstein Museum Gallery, Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield
Hours: 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Wednesday; 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Thursday; 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday. Call (248) 661-7641

Artists: Eileen Aboulafia, Susan Belner, Ricky Berlin, Bertha Cohen, Terry Lee Dill, Deborah Friedman, Harriet Gelfond, Joyce Gottlieb, Renee Gruskin, Gail Kaplan, Richard Kozlow, Jay Lefkowitz, Sandra Levin, Stan Megdall, Beverly Neumann, Robert Schefman, Linda Soberman, Dale Sparage, Deanna Sperka, Elaine Treisman, Stephanie Zack



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Defying physics: Terry Lee Dill kneels in front of his sculpture, "David & Goliath." Other artists in the show include Sandra Levin (left), Sylvia Nelson (director of the Janice Charach Epstein Gallery), Richard Kozlow, Eileen Aboulafia, Dale Sparage, and Joyce Gottlieb.

THINKING BIG

Exhibit of large-scale works makes heavy impression

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Timing isn't anything new to Richard Kozlow, one of the region's most acclaimed painters whose work over the last 50 years has run the gamut from impressionistic landscapes to haunting black-and-white tempera silhouettes inspired by the Holocaust to lyrically sensual frolics on canvas.

Asked why he chose to create a seven-foot by 18-foot painting, he paused. Perhaps a moment of dramatic reflection to set the stage. "I think it's a matter of ego," said Kozlow, running his fingers through his long gray beard. "I had a large canvas in my studio, and I just wanted to see if I could fill it up."

His broad smile and gleam in his eye can't hide the obvious irony. Large-scale takes a monumental effort.

Modesty aside, Kozlow's painting, "Adam and Eve," more than fills up space. It blends a sense of rhythm in a brilliant composition that demonstrates Kozlow's mastery of form and negative space.

Kozlow's celebration of color and movement appears as a vivacious background for the group exhibit, "A Really Big Show," at the Janice Charach Epstein Museum Gallery, located inside the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield.

The exhibit of painting, drawing, sculpture, mixed-media and photography features 20 other artists. In addition to Kozlow, other notable artists in the show include Robert Schefman, Terry Lee Dill, Deanna Sperka, Deborah Fried-

man and Beverly Neumann.

While the explicit mission of the gallery is to present work either by Jewish artists or about Jewish themes, "A Really Big Show" can't be reduced to either ideology or religious subject-matter.

Except for a few pieces, the show strives for a refreshingly independent — albeit large-scale — point of view.

Grand homage

Installed in the spacious Janice Charach Epstein Museum Gallery, the exhibit not only attracted the

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Lyrical: Richard Kozlow stands before his painting of vibrant shapes and colors.

CONCERT

Varani and friends share stage at OU concert

By SUSAN B. TAUBER
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"Brazilian with European traditions." That's one way international concert pianist Flavio Varani explained the writing style of the Villa-Lobos piece, "Bachianas Brasileiras No. 4 for Piano."

He will perform the piece on Saturday during the concert "A New Era—Back to the Future" at Oakland University's Varner Recital Hall. The annual concert is presented by Lettie Alston & Friends, and directed by OU associate professor and composer Lettie Beckon Alston.

"The piece is inspired by Bach but its rhythms are indigenous of Brazil," said Varani.

Without realizing it, he was describing himself in the same breath.

Born in Brazil, Varani, who speaks with a melodic accent, moved away from home at the age of 13 to study piano in France on a scholarship. He lived with other musicians in a boarding house.



STAFF PHOTO BY JOHN STORMZANO

Preparation: Flavio Varani rehearses for his upcoming concert.

"I hate to say I was a prodigy," he said.

He stayed in France until he began studying piano at the prestigious Juillard School of Music in New York City.

An offer from David DiChiera, former head of the Oakland University

music department and currently the general director of the Michigan Opera Theater, brought Varani to OU in 1973 as a teacher.

Currently the Professor of Music in the Department of Music, Theater and Dance, Varani Varani still has his youthful passion for music, performing and teaching.

He is known as much for his ability to impart his love and insight of music, its history and its composers to his students, as he is for his interpretive skills, charm and compassion at the keyboard.

An internationally-known pianist, he performs and teaches regularly around the world, including Japan. He was recently invited to become a member of the prestigious Gaulia Trio along with

Orchestre National de France. Concertmaster Luc Hery and Principal Cellist Carlos Dourthe.

Varani is generous in sharing his music with the local community as well.

Saturday's audience at OU will have a chance to hear two world premiers. Varani will perform "Five Fancies in Six Minutes," written for the concert by

OU Professor Emeritus Stanley Hollingsworth. Alston will perform an original composition, "Sonata of the Day," she wrote as the dedication piece for this concert in honor of Hollingsworth's 75th birthday.

What: "A New Era—Back to the Future," an annual concert is presented by Lettie Alston & Friends, and directed by OU associate professor and composer Lettie Beckon Alston.
When: 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19
Where: Varner Recital Hall, Oakland University campus, Rochester Hills
Tickets: \$12/general admission; \$10/seniors; \$6 students. Call (248) 370-3013

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Graham dancers to perform at Music Hall Center

By NICOLE STAFFORD
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Choreographer and dancer Martha Graham may not have the name recognition of, say, Martha Stewart, but she probably should.

Graham's dance technique, based on body contraction and release, transformed modern dance. More importantly, her artistic approach and sensibility helped shape 20th century expression; in the larger realm of modern art, Graham, who died in 1991, sits beside the likes of

Picasso, Stravinsky, Frank Lloyd Wright and other artistic forces of the time.

"Her work is almost a self-contained history of modern art," says Christine Dakin, associate artistic director and principal dancer with the Martha Graham Dance Company.

Not only did Graham create 181 ballets in her lifetime, she also collaborated with a wide range of artists, including musical composers Aaron Copeland and Samuel Barber, sculptor Isamu Noguchi and actor and director John Houseman.

That's one of the reasons why anyone with an interest in modern art ought to experience Graham's choreography firsthand, says Music Hall President Peggy Tallet. "If you enjoy newer music, if you enjoy modern art — what Graham really does is like mobile sculpture — you'll definitely enjoy this."

True to form, the company's Detroit performances will showcase mostly Graham pieces. Among them, her well-known *Appalachian Spring*, which is set to a Pulitzer Prize-winning score by Copeland, and *Errand Into the Maze*, which takes the Greek myth of Ariadne and the Minotaur as its story.

The company also will perform *But Not For Me*, a Broadway-style dance set to music by George Gershwin.

While Graham is considered one of the founders of modern dance, her effect on physical movement in performance is more pervasive.

She helped set the groundwork for Broadway-style dance and, in time, impacted movement in popular culture.

Not only do actors study Graham technique, but well-known entertainers like pop icon Madonna embrace her movements in performance.

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"She revolutionized not just dance but theatrical movement," says Tallet. "She introduced movements that you see everywhere, even in exercise — yoga or Pilates — for example."

Beyond Graham's impact on 20th century art and present-day culture is her ability to stimulate the senses and provoke the imagination.

Graham's dancers aren't alone on the stage; they're part of a larger composition that uses costuming, set design, lighting, music and movement to create vital drama.

"A smorgasbord for the senses" is how Tallet describes Graham's choreography. "It's very athletic. It is very theatrical. And, really, it is very dramatic. Many people are put off by classical dance, but this is not formal. It's much more open. It becomes something for you to understand and to interpret."

Upholding tradition:
Christine Dakin, principal dancer with the Martha Graham Dance Company, grew up in Ann Arbor. The company performs Feb. 17-20 at the Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts in Detroit.



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Other soloists include operatic soprano Glenda Kirkland from Eastern Michigan University and organist Norah Duncan IV from Wayne State University. Other OU performers are pianist Erika Schroth, Alayne Rever on alto saxophone and Sue Barna on flute. OU Associate Professor of Music John Doyaras will serve as the commentator.

Varani talked about the Villas-

Lobos' piece, written a la Bach with movements named Prelude, Choral, Aria and Dance.

"It's extravagant," he said. He recently recorded his interpretations of Villa-Lobos piano compositions on the compact disc, "Letters for Posterity." MTV frequently shows the video on the making of this CD.

Varani, a Steinway artist, will also perform a benefit recital at

8 p.m., Saturday, March 25 to raise money for a new Steinway concert grand piano for Varner Recital Hall. Steinway is a sponsor of the concert.

Tickets for the benefit are available by calling (248) 370-3013. Prices range from \$75 for Gold Circle tickets, including a dinner, to \$25 for reserved tickets. Student ticket prices are \$6.

AUDITIONS & CALL FOR ARTISTS

ART IN THE PARK

Common Ground Sanctuary is accepting artist applications for the 26th annual Art in the Park art fair. Applications must be postmarked by March 6, and the application fee is \$20. Artists can call Common Ground Sanctuary at (248) 456-8158, ext. 203 for an application. The fair is Sept. 23-24 in Shain Park.

BOHEMIANS MUSIC COMPETITION

Deadline for the third annual Solo Concerto Competition for orchestral instruments is April 1. Prizes are \$500-\$1500 and Wayne State University will match each prize with a scholarship should winners decide

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CoufLinks@aol.com.

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Paint Creek Center for the Arts seeks applications from artists interested in exhibiting fine arts or fine crafts at the Juried Art & Apples Festival in Rochester Municipal Park. Applications must be received by March 1. Entry fee is \$25. Booth space is \$325 if accepted. To obtain an application form, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Art & Apples Festival, PCCA, 407 Pine, Rochester, (248) 651-4110.

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Churchill High School PTSA is accepting applications for the spring craft show on Saturday, March 11. For an application, call (734) 523-0022. Churchill is on 8900 Newburgh, Livonia.

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largest-ever crowd to its opening, it actually diminishes the vastness of the space. Not an easy task.

By far, the most imposing work is Dill's grand homage that defies physics, entitled "David & Goliath." The massive site-specific sculpture features two large spheres placed on an incline, held together by a single metal rod. The implied sense of movement along with a gritty masculinity are signature features of Dill's work.

Appropriately, Dill's massive wood-steel-fiberglass sculpture is the centerpiece of "A Really Big Show." Its energy reverberates and offers a complementary contrast to nearly every other piece in the show. Considering that Dill underwent heart surgery a few months ago, the sculpture is an inspiring symbol of his audacity and inner strength.

Another reminder of the "big impact" of art is Robert Schefman's painting "Antigone."

The work was commissioned by the Friends of Art Committee at Detroit Country Day. After some parents protested over what they perceived as Schefman's depiction of a violent school incident, the painting was taken down from where it hung in the entrance way of the new Seligman Performing Arts Center on the school's campus.

The work demonstrates Schef-

man's unparalleled skill as a realist painter fully in command of his narrative landscape of human gestures. From the details in the stones cast upon a stage to the subtle variations in skin tones to the implied mystery of grieving students, Schefman's "Antigone" is a timely and utterly compelling metaphor.

The work is a reminder that for many of today's young students, the line between reality and escapist delusions has become blurred.

Another major work with a resonating moral message is Deanna Sperka's "I & U," an installation inspired by her father, who was born in Palestine, died in the U.S., and was reburied in Israel.

In a series of portals made of wood, mesh wiring and photographs, Sperka makes starkly real the spiritual longing for home. At her best, Sperka strips away moral, religious and political pretensions. Her work resonates as an intimate portrait of passing through an inevitable stage of life.

Deeply personal

While the work in "A Really Big Show" is distinguished by a diversity of styles, there is a common trait.

"They are all deeply personal," said Sylvia Nelson, gallery director. "This is a huge gallery. I

wanted to show the diversity of talent. I don't think there's a lot of galleries showing installations or slide shows. We want to expose people to a lot of different art."

Nelson was referring to Linda Soberman and Stephanie Zack's "A Site/Sight of Memory." The collaborative work documents the changing urban landscape through the perspective of various Jewish places of worship.

Other interesting pieces include:

■ Deborah Friedman's abstract expressionistic painting and sculpture;

■ Beverly Neumann's allegorical oil paintings on refrigerator doors that satirize myths of creation, Women's Rights and "family values";

■ Dale Sparage's exploration of the lines and shapes of the human form;

■ Eileen Aboulafia's mixed-media painting that serves as a metaphor for memory.

Perhaps what's really big in "A Really Big Show" is how the work of particularly Kozlow, Dill, Schefman and Sperka illuminate the depth of talent in the regional arts community.

Who knows? Maybe curators at the Detroit Institute of Arts, for instance, could look in their back yard to find work that belongs in a museum.

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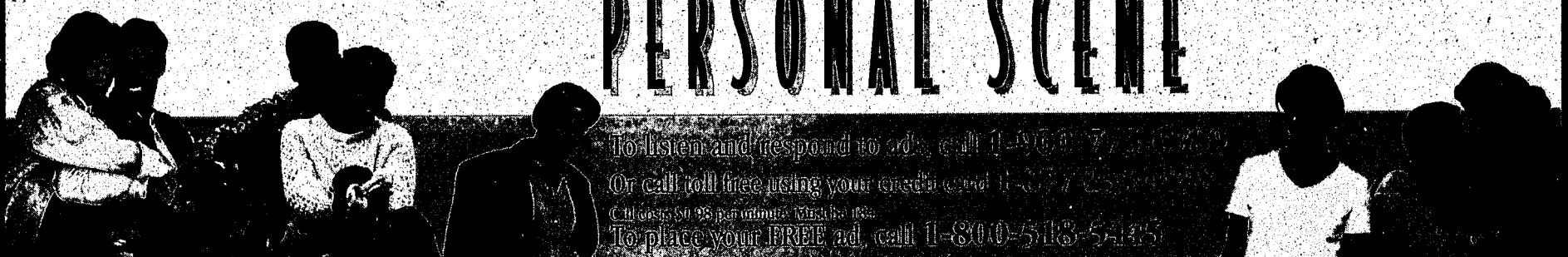
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GET TOGETHER

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THIS IS ME

SWF, 51, blonde, long blonde/blue, has children, loves bowling, crafts, movies, dining, boating. Seeking SM with similar interests, for LTR. #1504

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Widowed SWF, 56, 5'2", light brown/bazel, HW proportionate, likes doing, doing anything, music, books, dining, movies, theater, sports. Seeking SM for companionship. #1487

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THIS IS ME

SWF, 51, blonde, long blonde/blue, has children, loves bowling, crafts, movies, dining, boating. Seeking SM with similar interests, for LTR. #1504

GOD, YOU HANDLE IT

Spunky, sexy W/41, active senior, widow, 5'2", 125lbs, blonde/blue, seeks a humorous, active SWM, 62+, ND, ND/vege. #1518

CALL ME

Sincere, easygoing, financially/emotionally secure SWF, 42, 5'8", 155lb, blonde/hazel enjoys all music. Seeking a tall, athletic SWDM, 35-44, 5'11", N/S, friends first, possible LTR. #1189

ANIMALS!

Pretty, animal-loving blonde, bubbly SWF, 43, 5'4", blonde/blue, N/S, needs SWM, age open, veterinarian or true animal lover, for permanent fix. HW proportionate not necessary. #1083

PLAYING YOURS

Vivacious, romantic DWF, 46, blonde/blue, professional musician, seeks SWDM, 40-50, N/S, with passion for life, interested in possible LTR. #1385

LOOKING FOR FUN

Truthfully, I find these ego ads scary. I'm a tall, thin SWPF, 60s, N/S, who is just looking for fun, who doesn't need to be taken care of. #1178

SINCERE AND CURVY

DWPF, 51, blonde, two grown children, seeks romantic, witty gentleman, 49-60, fairly sophisticated, financially/emotionally secure, interested in fun times and sports. #1112

STARTING OVER WITH YOU

Smart, sensual, attractive SWPF, 37, slightly overweight, enjoys fine dining, theaters, concerts, sports, gourmet cooking. Seeking attractive, sincere man. Race unimportant. #1429

LOOKING FOR COMPANIONSHIP

Very kind-hearted, honest, easy-going, good-humored, very affectionate, down-to-earth DWF, 48, lives single life in life. Seeking DW gentleman, 48-60, for friendship and fun times. #1448

LIFE IS SUBLIME

Pretty SWF, 57, 130lbs, spiritual, non-religious, degreed, energetic, very youthful 40ish, child-like delight. Seeking similar LTR to share pleasures of emotional intimacy, joy, hiking, meditation, yoga, open and honest communication, mutual trust. #1213

IRRESISTIBLE

Intelligent, pretty, passionate, fun-loving, DWF, 47, mid-40s, seeks attractive, smart, honest SWM, 38+, N/S, for a lifetime romantic relationship. #1392

FRIENDSHIP FIRST

SACF, 43, 5'5", enjoys simple and fine things in life. Seeking honest, open-minded SW/DF, 43-50, financially/emotionally secure, with good morals. #1388

A RARE FIND

Pretty, curvy SWF, 53, 5'4", entrepreneur, lots of fun, enjoys movies, plays, concerts, traveling, dining, and much more. Seeking SWM, 45-75. Float your boat, make your day, answer my ad, today. #1378

DO U EXIST?

Attractive AF, 38, 5'8", down-to-earth and easygoing, is looking for a kind, attractive, intelligent, open-minded SW/DF, 35-45, with old-fashioned values, good ethics, for dating, possible LTR. #1392

ONE GOOD SWF

SBF, 49, 5'3", enjoys movies, long walks, casinos, seeking fun-loving, honest, caring SM, 35-50, with similar interests, for possible LTR. #1323

SEXY REDHEAD

Easygoing, fun-loving DWF, 49, 5'6", 145lbs, great legs, no kids, blonde/blue, homeowner, animal lover, fun, intelligent, seeks SWM, 35-50, for fun, friendship, possible LTR. #1497

CREATIVE

Creative, distinctive, industrious, ambitious, confident SWF, 41, N/S, vegetarian, enjoys reading, home, gardening, rock, dancing, art, motorcycles. Seeking SWM, #1059

IN SEARCH OF

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. #1283

HOPELESS ROMANTIC

Enigmatic, beautiful SBPF, 55, 145lbs, honey brown complexion, enjoys exercising, traveling, dining, and much more. Seeking Christian gentleman with similar interests, N/S, HW proportionate for friendship. Southfield area. #1272

A RARE FIND

Attractive lady seeks companion-ship of professional gentleman, 60+, who likes to travel, museums, exhibits, excursions. #1257

WHERE LOVE IS

Appreciative, caring, open SWPF, 48, 5'9", 110lbs, Auburn/blue, enjoys exercising, traveling, dining, and much more. Seeking SWPM, N/S, for LTR. #1267

COULD IT BE YOU?

SWPF, 45, 5'6", blonde/blue, enjoys dining, quiet dinners at home or on the town, and has a fair for spontaneity. Could it be you? #1709

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MAKE ME

Hard-working, fun-loving SWF, 45, 5'6", blonde/blue, enjoys dining, quiet dinners at home or on the town, and has a fair for spontaneity. Could it be you? #1709

BREATHE HARD!

Smart, sensual, intelligent SBPF, 37, slight overweight, enjoys fishing, dining, theater, concerts, sports, and gourmet cooking. Seeking attractive, sincere SM. Race unimportant. #1448

STARTING OVER WITH YOU

Smart, sensual, intelligent SBPF, 37, slight overweight, enjoys fishing, dining, theater, concerts, sports, and gourmet cooking. Seeking attractive, sincere SM. Race unimportant. #1448

Men seeking Women

GRADUATE ON THE CURVE
Attractive, intelligent SBM, 32, 235lbs, college student, good sense of humor, seeks shapely W/24, for committed relationship. #1703

LET'S

GET TOGETHER
SWM, 34, 6'2", 200lbs, black, brown, successful, enjoys working out, skiing, riding my Harley. Seeking SWF with similar interests for LTR. #1427

FOR COMMITMENT

SM, 34, 6'1", 200lbs, Auburn/green, in good shape, carpenter, with one son, enjoys hunting, fishing, going out North, movies, dining out. Seeking communicative SW for committed relationship. #1701

FIDELITY

SSPM, 35, tallish, in search of kind, honest SW/DF, preferably employed, also faithful. #1731

REAL CHARMER

Attractive, free-spirited, young SM, 21, 5'10", 160lbs, blonde/blue, goes to school, basketball, swimming, just about everything. Seeking attractive, sensitive, young woman with self-respect for committed LTR. #1685

CHRISTMAS GIFT

Loving, caring, honest, sincere SACM, 28, 5'7", 170lbs, brown/blue, seeks open-minded, caring SW who loves kids/pets, for loving LTR. #1553

BE MY

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Loving, caring, honest, sincere SACM, 28, 5'7", 170lbs, brown/blue, seeks open-minded, caring SW who loves kids/pets, for loving LTR. #1553

LET'S SHARE HOLIDAYS

Professionally-employed, college-educated W/48, 5'11", blonde, brown/blue, no dependents, occasional social drinker, N/S, enjoys outdoors, fitness. Seeking similar in W/40-52, N/S, with similar interests, for a possible LTR. #1463

STILL SEARCHING

SWM, 44, 6'2", 225lbs, N/S, ND, never been married, no dependents, likes traveling, plays, concerts, reading, dining, and much more. Seeking SWF for friendship, possible LTR. #1665

HAPPY-GO-LUCKY

Handsome, witty, sweet SHM, 47, seeks SW/DF, 40-50, N/S, for dating, dining, dancing, friendship, possible LTR. #1364

EARTH, WIND & FIRE

Earthy, honest, widowed W/49, 6'2", 205lbs, N/S, seeks SWF, 40-50, who is fun, caring, and open to life, for possible LTR. #1364

HOMEOWNER

Adventurous, honest, slim, romantic DWM, 46, N/S, light drinker, Catholic, enjoys boating, amateur theater, bowling, travel, outdoors, dancing, etc. Seeking lady for friendship leading to LTR. #1364

LOOKING FOR

Attractive, honest, easygoing, hard-working DWM, 45, 5'6", 160lbs, brown/blue, ND/vege, enjoys dining, quiet dinners at home, for LTR. #1469

THE FINER THINGS

SWF, 45, average height/weight, enjoys long walks, theater, fine dining, etc. Seeking attractive, slender SWF, 35-45, to share the finer things in life with. #1242

ROMANTIC MAN

Very romantic SWM, 49, enjoys bowling, travel, dining, seeking romantic woman for friendship, dating, possibly more. Race/age unimportant. All calls welcome. #1242

ATTENTION GIVER

SWM, 50s, 6'1", 160lbs, giving, active, enjoys all sports, and more, and glow on your face. No preferences, just warm and cuddly. Any calls welcome. #1242

SOFT AND

Senior DWM, 57, medium build, secure, N/S, warm, kind, trustworthy, enjoys all sports, and more, and glow on your face. No preferences, just warm and cuddly. Any calls welcome. #1242

TRY THIS QUALITY GUY

Sincere DWM, 53, 5'10", seeks honest SW/DF, with sense of humor, to share dining out, flowers, concerts, dancing, cuddling by the fire, outdoors, and weekend adventures, for LTR. #1092

DON'T BE LONELY!

Handsome, attentive SWM, 40s, seeks affectionate, responsive SWF who's been alone too long and needs to be loved and sweet-talked by an appreciative gentleman. #1520

ALL DRESSED UP?

No where to go? I enjoy casinos, comedy clubs, champagne, limos, etc. Handsome, successful SWM, 45, who can sing and dance, seeks stylish, friendly lady, to join the fun. #1519

THE BEEF

Rugged, athletic, tall, muscular SWM, 40, 6'3", 235lbs, brown/blue, clean-cut, degreed, enjoys Las Vegas, road trips, outdoors, good sense of humor. Seeking friendly SW for companionship. Age/Area open. #4018

LET'S SUMMER

DWM, looking for a warm, sunny, carefree, fun-loving lady, who's ready for the warmer days and some fun loving times, if you think you are the one, let's get together. #1691

SEEKING

SOMEONE SPECIAL
SWM, 33, tall, dark hair, honest, sincere, caring, likes dining out, movies, and evening walks. Seeking SWF, 25-40, for dating and romance. #1698

FRIEND/LOVER/

WIFE & A WOMAN
DWM, 37, 5'9", 170lbs, friend of "Bill W.", considerate handsome, seeks open-minded, slim, attractive woman, 21-35, for LTR leading to marriage. #1427

SECRET AGENT

Intelligent, creative, college-educated, athletic, adventurous, open-minded, attractive SBM, 32, 5'7", enjoys getaway weekends, summer feezes, dancing, turn-of-mind, jazz, martial arts. Seeking W/24-31, for friendship first, possibly more. #6309

TRUE ROMANCE

Employed SWM, 28, brown, brown, college student, enjoys, cuddling, amusement parks, older mills, vacations, music. Seeking SF, 22-31, for friendship first, possibly more. #6309

BELLEVEILLE AREA

Attractive, fit SWM, 38, 6'2", brown/blue, enjoys fishing, camping, dining, movies, more. Seeking slender, attractive SWF, 34-42, for committed LTR. Kids ok. #1175

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The cat's meow

There's a place for murder mystery on shelf, not in litter

The Cat Who Robbed a Bank,
by Lilian Jackson Braun
Putnam, \$23.95

I don't particularly like cats because cats don't seem to particularly like me. Furthermore, "The Cat Who Robbed a Bank" has got to be one of the silliest things I've ever encountered in print. And yet, like so many of "The Cat Who..."

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mysteries it's a (guilty?) pleasure to read.

In it, the citizens of picturesque Moose County ("400 miles north of everywhere") are preparing for one of their most memorable Septembers. The newly restored hotel in Pickax, City is hosting a grand opening that has everybody abuzz. In addition, a Mark Twain Festival is in the works.

Also, most of the female residents are looking forward to the arrival of a slightly mysterious, "distinguished personage." And then there's the Scottish Gathering and Highland Games, set for the community fairgrounds, and promising skirling bagpipes, "strong men in kilts tossing the caber, and pretty young women dancing the Highland Fling."

What nobody expects, though, is the murder that takes place in the midst of all the hoopla. Not that the murder really throws much of a kink into the hoopla, you understand. To most citizens of Pickax, the event seems more like a juicy morsel of gossip than a death. And gossip, you see, is what keeps this insular community going. Daily, the men meet at the coffee shop to dispense the stuff, while the women enjoy their separate-but-equal "afternoon circle." (And yes, this story is set in the '90s.)

Times are changing — even in Pickax," intones main character

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Jim Quilleran, community philanthropist and newspaper columnist. But you'd hardly notice. This is a plate where women wear hats to church and to certain high social functions, where people spout phrases like "Ye gods!" "Bosh!" and "gussy up," and where locals picket the library and threaten to burn their library cards when it hitches up to the Internet.

"The Cat Who Robbed a Bank" suffers from other problems besides its overly quaint cast of characters.

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For starters, there's librarian Polly Duncan (Quilleran's erstwhile companion); store owners Larry and Carol Lanspeak; jewelry dealer Mr. Delacamp; farm boy Culvert McBee; art center manager Thornton Haggis; interior designer and mayoral hopeful Amanda Goodwinter; Quilleran's ex-neighbor Celia Robinson O'Dell; sexy Fran Brodie; artist Paul Skumble; hotel manager Barry Morghan; attorney G. Allen Barter; Mildred Riker, food editor of the Moose County Something; her husband, Arch, publisher of the paper; Whannell MacWhannell, tax consultant; hotel desk clerk

Lenny Inchpot; Highland Games champ Boze Campbell; meteorologist Wetherby Goode.

You get the idea.

The cast is so enormous keeping up with them feels something like keeping track of the players in a Russian novel. Oddly, nobody appears to be as set on solving the crime as they should be. The players seem more engaged in the surrounding festivities, or what they're going to be wearing when they attend, or what they're going to eat when they get there, or who else will be in attendance.

Quilleran's feline companions, Koko and Yum Yum, make their usual engaging appearances. (For those few of you unfamiliar with Braun's series, Koko and Yum Yum are Siamese cats who live with Quilleran in his big barn of a house in Moose County, and who seem able to see things that are invisible and hear things that are inaudible, and who are forever trying to get the point across to their less-gifted human companions.) Entrancing as they are, however, they don't save this work of fiction.

What does save it? Maybe Braun's ability to take us to this spot, to show us its vistas, to reveal to us its architectural and historical points of interest inside and out. (As most of you may know already, the author has spent most of her life in and around Bad Axe.) She also has a real knack for moving her story ever forward. You won't find anything like a slow spot in this whodunit. And you'll also learn a lot as you read. (As you aren't already familiar with cabers, sporrans, torsades, fumed oak, spalted wood, and Emlyn Williams, you'll at least be on speaking terms with all of these by the time this cat's tale ends.)

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BOOK HAPPENINGS

Book Happenings features events at suburban bookstores, libraries and literary gatherings. Send news leads to Joe Bauman, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, AL 35209, or fax them to (248) 902-2660 or e-mail to jbauman@oecc.com.

BORDERS BOOKS EVENTS

Borders Books, Music, Video and Cafe in Rochester Hills, 1122 S. Rochester Rd., has several upcoming events planned:

■ Lisa Hunter's EcoCampfire, a special toddler time event featuring 20 to 30 minutes of sing-alongs, dance, interactive stories and hands-on props, will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 25.

■ The Euphorians, a mix of folk, rock and blues, plays from 8 to 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25.

■ Science Discovery's most popular children's program, "Back to Bones," a discussion for children about animals with backbones, will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26. Live examples of fish, amphibians, birds, mammals and reptiles are used to discuss general characteristics that make each group unique. Certified teachers created Science Discovery, Inc. in 1989.

■ A Roth IRA Workshop with Mike Norris from Edward Jones, will answer questions and offer tips on retirement. Sign up for the one-hour workshop at the Main Information Desk or call (248) 852-0558.

■ A romance reading group, discussing "Drive By Wedding" and led by local romance authors Marie Allen and Jeanne Savery, will be held 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 28.

■ Borders Roundtable, a fiction reading group, will discuss "Black Blue" by Anna Quindlen at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 29.

■ Call (248) 652-0558 for more information on any events.

SEAKER AVAILABLE

Mary J. Stevens, autobiographer of "It's All In Your Head," a book relaying her experiences as an identical twin, nun, teacher, wife and mother, her health and recovery. To schedule speaking engagements or to purchase her book, email Stevens at stevni@aol.com

LITERARY GROUPS

■ Xphiles Forum — Discussion Group for the X-Files 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, Borders Books & Music, 30995 Orchard Lake, Farmington Hills. (248) 737-0110.

■ A book discussion group meets at noon on the third Wednesday of the month at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main St., Plymouth. On Wednesday, Feb. 23 the group will meet and discuss "Snow Falling on Cedars," by David Guterson.

KIDS STUFF

■ Join Miss Molly for stories, songs and wiggly activities 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 21, at Borders Books and Music in the Novi Town Center. The program is meant for preschoolers. Call (248) 347-0780 for information.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

■ Southfield Public Library welcomes Johnathon Abbott of Abbott's Coinex, who will give an insider's view of the history of coin collecting, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16.

■ The Flint African American Quilters' Guild will display a selection of legacy-inspired quilting styles and patterns at the Southfield Public Library during February, Black History Month. The quilts can be viewed any time the library is open, from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. (248) 948-0470 or visit the website at www.sfidlib.org.

AUTHOR SIGNING

Virginia Haroutunian will sign her book, "Orphan in the Sands," at 7

p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19 at Borders Books, Music, Video and a Cafe on 3924 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills, near the Great Lakes Crossing Mall. Armenian pastries will be served and Armenian violin music will be played by Harry Hovagimian. Call (248) 335-5013.

VISITING AUTHORS

■ Rabbi Laib Wolf, author of "Practical Kabbalah," will be visiting metro Detroit bookstores on Monday, Feb. 14. He will sign his book at Borders on Woodward Avenue in Birmingham 4-5 p.m., and 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble on Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield. He will also appear at the Community House in Birmingham for a lecture beginning at 7:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$10 per person or \$18 per couple.

Writing Workshop

Poet, storyteller and fiddler Ken Waldman will conduct a writers' workshop 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16 in room LA 420 of the Liberal Arts Building at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. If you have a manuscript, make 25 copies and bring it, or just come to discuss or listen. Waldman, who is visiting from Alaska, will read and perform at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 16 in room MC110 of the McDowell Center on campus, 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile Road just west of I-275. There is no charge for either of these events.

WRITERS AT WORK WORKSHOPS

The Sixth annual Writers' Conference "OCC Writers at Work" is Friday-Saturday, March 17-18 at the Hilton Suites of Auburn Hills. Conference registration fee is \$85, or \$55 for currently enrolled OCC students, and includes Friday night keynote speaker, Jim Daniels, Saturday workshops, lunch and more. Call (248) 360-3186 for more information.



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Showcase Pontiac 1-5

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Showcase Pontiac 6-12

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TRAVEL

Germany's landscape offers contrasts

BY JANET TORNO
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My first trip to Germany — which included visits to Cologne, Bonn, Düsseldorf and Berlin — ended about two months ago and I am still digesting what I saw and learned.

The main focus was to view the newest art and architecture. The difficulty came in choosing which of the new museums, buildings and exhibitions to visit.

The combination of the cultural polyglot which the planet has become and the 10-year anniversary of the crumbling of the wall between East and West Berlin led to a Germany filled with layers of history and new layers of art and architecture.

Even limiting the trip to eight days and seven nights I was able to gain a glimpse of the "real" Germany.

It allowed me to connect to the pulse of current artists and exhibitions in galleries and museums.

German art and architecture is much decided by the country's history and the rippling effects of the extreme changes in government in the last 50 years.

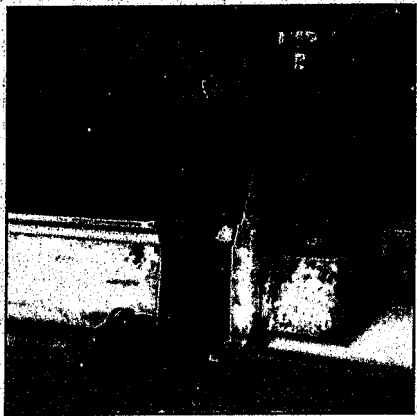
Overshadowing these changes is the move of government from Bonn to Berlin and the boom in building — countless cranes operate throughout the city in a jerkily choreographed dance that leaves one's head spinning.

Centrally located

Cologne's fabulous Hotel Excelsior served as my headquarters. Its central location, between the cathedral and the train station, and a five-minute walk to the Rhine River, made it ideal.

Crossing a bridge over the Rhine brings you to Art Cologne — Internationaler Kunstmarkt, a highly-acclaimed international art exposition which occurs each fall in Cologne — or to the Chocolate Museum.

In front of the Dom, the Cologne Cathedral — the annual Christmas fair, a familiar and



Good deal: Janet Torno, executive director of the Birmingham-Bloomfield Art Center, enjoyed Germany's architecture and shopping district.

renowned annual experience in many German towns — was being constructed to create a festive atmosphere.

Carnival began on my last day in Cologne. In a similar fashion to Italy (where most of my prior European travel has occurred), one celebration ends and a new one begins.

On my last evening in Cologne, the revelers overflowed from the restaurants and, in costumes of various descriptions, danced, drank and sang in the streets.

The energy was contagious!

In Berlin I stayed at the Hotel Savoy, near a main train station, a few blocks off the famous Kurfürstendamm.

A city tour during my first hours gave a perfect overview of the city, its vast and changing history, as well as the famous sites which we would see the next few days.

Berlin, a major cosmopolitan city, is a huge contrast from Cologne. However, I would definitely recommend the progression from smaller town to large city, particularly to those not familiar with the language.

Highlights of my trip included a visit to the new Jewish Museum designed by Daniel Libeskind, with a private tour given by the assistant deputy director,

sharing her intimate knowledge of this important building and its future.

Also memorable were visits to the former Reichstag in Bonn, where an important international peace meeting was taking place; an impromptu tour by Dr. Dieter Ronte, the director of the KunstMuseum Bonn's exhibition; and a visit to the renowned Museum Abteiberg in Monchengladbach.

To my delight, while visiting an exhibition in the Düsseldorf at the Kunsthalle, I discovered the machete of a recently-completed building by Frank Gehry, architect of the Guggenheim, Bilbao and Spain.

With assistance and persistence, I tracked its location to the developing waterfront — an unexpected surprise. An evening tour of the Pritzker prize-winning WDR radio building in Cologne was another treat of architectural delight.

History lessons

Contrasts make a trip come alive for me. Walking early in the morning along the Rhine, greeting the Cologne residents in their daily lives, engendered the sense of Germany in my mind as much as walking up the newly-built glass dome of the Reichstag, designed by Sir Norman Foster.

Learning the history of this

important seat of government parallels in my memory with wandering through the KaDeWe, an immense department store in Berlin where the two entire floors of international gourmet offerings allow one a culinary trip to many different European countries.

Seeing shows such as "The 20th Century: A Century of Art in Germany" in the contemporary museums showed me the breath and depth of Germany's influence on the art of the world.

Meeting a dozen of the artists working at the Kunstfabrik am Flutgraben, a former factory converted to artist's studios on the River Spree in the former East Germany where pieces of the wall were strewn in the stairways — these are the experiences that shape the trip.

Each artist works independently in their own studio, but they are also working together, creating a gallery space to show cutting-edge German artists in their new Y2K Gallery.

Germany's past and future — the theme of the trip.

Speaking with Rita and Rolfe Hoffman in their apartment after a tour of their private collection of contemporary art (featured in the new publication "Little-known Museums In And Around Berlin" by Rachael Kaplan), I learned of their attempts to begin a private museum in Munich, which is almost unheard of in Germany.

Their collection was impressive and diverse, reflecting years of discerning collecting. However, trying to choose the one work I would most enjoy owning, I realized my fascination with the aromatic spice sculptures of Brazilian artist Ernesto Neto.

A few days after my return, I attended the opening of The Cranbrook Academy of Art's exhibition "Skin," showcasing the work of five contemporary artists, one of whom was Neto.

If I returned to Michigan with a single fact ingrained in my mind, it was that we are living in a truly interconnected, international world.

Even amidst the plethora of building in Potsdamer Platz, commercial and residential structures screaming against each other for prominence, I was aware of how artists and architects have been a major link in

bringing diverse cultures together. I was pleased to observe these and hope to continue my "art quests" in the 21st century.

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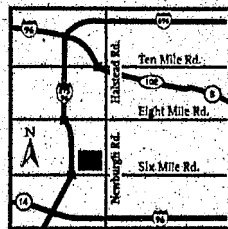
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Pitch and catch



BRAD MONASTIERE

Sometimes tournament pairings make little sense

Don't look now, but winter post-season action is just around the corner, and hockey was the first sport to hold its regional draw.

Fifth-ranked Clarkston got the toughest possible draw, opening up with Port Huron Northern, a team regarded as one of the better public-school programs in the state. Clarkston and Northern are clearly the two best teams in this regional, which also includes Grand Blanc, Waterford Mott, Port Huron and Flint Central.

Should the Wolves win their first game (and it says here they will 3-1) a trip to the state semifinals is very likely. No one else in this region can compete with Clarkston's speed and goaltending. The quarterfinal matchup will see this regional champion take on the regional champs from Royal Oak Unified, likely to be either Birmingham Unified or Royal Oak. Although those two teams handed Clarkston their only league losses, both occurred early in the season, and the Wolves avenged both losses with decisive wins the rematches.

Waiting for the winner in the semis: Redford Catholic Central, the defending state champs and top-ranked team this season. It should be a fun ride for this Clarkston team.

■ **Geography 101:** One aspect of the state playoffs I always find amusing is the way the state divides up which teams compete in certain districts. For example, in hockey, Livonia Stevenson and Livonia Churchill High Schools sit a few miles apart, yet they reside in different regions. But whether either team will get a chance to even compete is another story.

Last year in boys basketball, Oxford hosted a district that included teams from three different counties, among them Clarkston, Romeo and the two Lapeer schools, Lapeer East and Lapeer West. But Lake Orion, which sits just five miles south of Oxford, travels all the way to Pontiac Central and gets stuck in a district with powerhouse Pontiac Northern.

And what is it with Port Huron's utter fascination with hosting Clarkston teams in playoffs anyway? The hockey team travels up there in a couple weeks, but that is far from unusual.

In 1998, the Clarkston baseball and softball teams had to make the 80-minute trek up to the shores of Lake Huron to play in the regional round, where the baseball team lost to the defending state champs (Rochester) and the softball team lost to the eventual state champs (Waterford Kettering).

And all Clarkston sports fans remember where the memorable 1999 football season ended; yep, at the Port Huron Memorial Stadium in a 14-9 loss to Utica Eisenhower. Here's hoping the hockey team gets better karma heading north this time around.

■ **Don't Leave Early:** Since I arrived in this position, I have written four Lake Orion basketball stories. And the game attached to every story has been a dandy.

Those four games — two wins and two losses for the Dragons — have been decided by a total of 14 points. The most lopsided of those games was a 47-39 upset win over Bloomfield Hills Lahser.

Lake Orion suffered a one-point loss to Birmingham Seaholm and lost an overtime thriller to West Bloomfield after erasing a 19-point second-quarter deficit.

It's tough for teams to win all of its close games in any sport, but give coach Jim Manzo and his players credit. They never give up, and play with intensity regardless of what the scoreboard says. The scrappiness and determination the team shows is a credit to everyone involved, and bodes especially well for next year, when the Dragons return four starters.

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Clarkston, Adams win SEMSL titles



Clarkston's girls team was one of the favorites heading into Thursday's SEMSL Championships. And With several individuals finishing inside the Top 20 in the Slalom and Giant Slalom, the Wolves came out on top.

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Although the Southeastern Michigan Ski League celebrated the 25th running of its conference championship Thursday, there were few surprises at the party despite the numerous state-ranked teams and all-state-caliber participants.

Billed as favorites, Rochester Adams

raced to the boys team title in convincing fashion, while Clarkston turned in a similar showing in claiming the girls title Thursday at Mount Holly.

The Highlanders' boys squad totaled 102 points to edge out runner-up Lakeland with 125 points. Saginaw Heritage came in third (158), while Clarkston (169) and Walled Lake Central (181) rounded out the top five in the 12-team meet, which featured the top three schools from each of the league's

four divisions.

Adams coach Joe Kosik didn't look at the result sheets before the awards presentation, but the second-year coach was able to breathe a sigh of relief when Lakeland was announced as runner-up in the boys meet.

"Lakeland is pretty tough. I don't think they lost anyone from last year," Kosik said. "We didn't have our best day, and I wasn't sure if we had enough to beat them. But this shows how much depth is on this team. We have a couple guys who can race like superstars, but when they're not at the top, the rest of guys can step it up."

Over on the boys course, Milford's Kerry Kramer was medalist on the

slalom with a 51.63 clocking, while Lakeland's Brad Smith won the GS in a time of 44.34.

Bloomfield Hills Lahser senior Mike Goldman was the area's top performer by taking fifth on slalom (53.11) and fifth on the GS (44.81).

Clarkston freshman Brandon Rosengren was seventh on the slalom and 10th on the GS, Walled Lake Central's Devin Jaroslawski was second on the GS and ninth on the slalom, and Adams senior Scott Bell came in seventh on the GS and 10th on the slalom.

Country Day's Sean Lowery was sixth on the slalom and Birmingham Brother Rice's Erik Barazzu came in the third on the GS to complete the

Clarkston fourth at OAA wrestling finale

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With a 5-0 dual meet record, Troy had the Oakland Activities Association wrestling title virtually locked up. However, the Colts managed to keep suspense at a maximum Friday in league meet action at Clarkston.

With Rochester Adams trailing by only three points heading into the finals, the Colts battled to the very end to capture the league crown with 205.5 points — 2.5 points ahead of the runner-up Highlanders.

Lake Orion came in a distant third with 179.5 points, while Clarkston (154), Rochester (80) and Troy Athens (22) rounded out the order of finish.

"Anytime you come into this league, and even come close to winning, it means a lot," said Troy coach Gary Harlan, who saw his team secure its first overall league title since 1994-95. "You got Adams, Clarkston and Lake Orion, and they have all won state titles in the last 10 years, and that says a lot about this league. This is big to win this meet. And it's a good way to go into team districts."

Clarkston, Adams and Lake Orion all had 3-2 records going into the com-

petition, but Adams was awarded the runner-up spot following its showing.

"We gave them a good run," Adams coach Pat Milkovich said.

Lake Orion coach Doug Kline, however, had mixed feelings about his team's third-place showing.

"We had some surprises, but all were positive," said Kline, who had six finalists and two champions. "We had some guys do really well with six guys in the finals, but we had some guys that didn't do as well as we had hoped. But when you have a young team, that's to be expected."

Troy gained the overall championship on the strength of three individual champions — Christ Best at 103, Jimmy Mason at 125 and Patrick Lemay at 145 — but the Colts' depth was also crucial.

"We had a lot of guys make the finals and guys that won their consolation matches," Harlan said. "They stepped up and wrestled hard."

In one of the more exciting matches



PHOTO BY BOB KNOSKA

In a knot: Clarkston senior heavyweight Aaron Karns has Troy senior Mark Ottney in a headlock during a semifinal match Friday during the OAA Division I championships. Karns pinned Ottney in 3:12, and then pinned Lake Orion's Brian Patrick in the finals in 1:37.

on the evening, Orion senior Matt Champine edged Troy's Jay Elliott in overtime, 21-19. Champine seemingly had the match won in regulation, but

after some scoring glitches, meet officials decided to stage an overtime ses-

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Cranbrook skates past Clarkston, 5-1

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Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook's boys hockey program is known for its excellent teams throughout the years. And Wednesday night against Clarkston, the Cranes stood head and shoulders above the Wolves.

Senior center Jared Allison exploded for all five of his team's goals in leading the Division III fourth-ranked Cranes to a 5-1 win over Clarkston, ranked fifth in the state in Division I, at Wallace Ice Arena in Bloomfield Hills.

Allison scored three goals within a 3:12 span in the third period that busted open a tightly played 2-1 game. Two of his goals came from identical spots on the ice, near the right faceoff dot, and came within 37 seconds of each other.

"Jared had a career day," said Cranbrook coach Andy Weidenbach. "His linemates did a great job finding him, and all of our guys played very well. Even the backup goaltender did a good job of swinging the door for us."

The loss was the second for Clarkston (16-5-0) in the past month, the other being to defending Division I state champions Redford Catholic Central.

"We can't afford to give up breaks like we did," Clarkston coach Bryan Krygier said. "Cranbrook is a team that goes 110 percent on every single shift. If you let up, they will take advantage."

Krygier was Cranbrook's 'B' team coach for a season before coming to Clarkston at the start of the 1998-99 school year. The loss was Clarkston's third in three all-time meetings against the Cranes.

Cranbrook (14-5-0) took control of the game early, but could not score in the first period, thanks mainly to the outstanding play of Clarkston senior goaltender Steve Badger. He made several stack-the-pads saves that kept the

Cranes off the scoreboard.

Badger started the second period with an unbelievable save on a 2-on-0 rush by Cranbrook. Less than a minute after that save, however, the Jared Allison Show began.

He scored his first goal of the night with 11:40 left in the second period when he flipped in a shot off his own rebound. Junior Johnny Kim and senior Mike Kopinski each registered their first of three assists on the night on that tally.

Around two minutes later, Clarkston bounced back with a rebound goal of its own. Sophomore forward Nick

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Look out: Rochester Adams senior guard Paris Bernard comes down with this rebound over Clarkston senior guard Kevin Stalker. Bernard scored 21 points in leading Adams to a thrilling 67-59 OAA Division I overtime triumph over the Wolves.

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JOHN STORMZAND

Wolves cagers fall to Adams in overtime

BY DAVID SAUNDERS
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Overtime was only fitting Friday night in Rochester.

With the evenly matched Wolves from Clarkston and Highlanders of Rochester Adams doing battle in Oakland Activities Association Division I play, an extra five-minute session was needed to provide a winner.

The host Highlanders took advantage of the overtime and escaped with a 67-59 victory over the feisty Wolves. With the win, the Highlanders improved to 6-3 in league play and 12-3 overall. Clarkston, which forced overtime on a 3-pointer from Ryan Marino, fell to 5-4 in Division I and 10-6 overall.

"Both teams had a little bit of foul trouble and some of their better players sitting out for parts of the game, but the other kids really stepped up for both teams," Adams coach John Hall said. "In the fourth quarter and overtime when it's money time, that's when your best players are supposed to take the game over."

For Adams, that means keeping the ball in the hands of Ben Walker and Paris Bernard.

Bernard, who led all scorers with 21 points, hit the bucket that gave the Highlanders a 40-39 lead, their first lead since the opening two points

of the game. Walker, selected the star of the game by Hall and Clarkston coach Dan Fife, scored six of his 20 points, to go along with 10 rebounds and eight assists, in the fourth quarter and added five more in the decisive overtime. Senior Dan Hauser scored five of his seven points in the second half and senior Craig Frankland played a good all-around game and scored four of his six points in the fourth period.

"Paris plays the total game and gets pressured a lot because he scores the points," Hall said. "But Ben is the glue. He controls everything on the floor. He always has a say in the game."

Both teams seemed to be fighting for their lives throughout the game, as both coaches shuffled fresh legs in and out of the lineup. The teams combined to shoot 66 free throws, 41 by Clarkston.

With Marino on the bench with five fouls and the score tied at 57, the Highlanders (24-for-56 from the field) scored the first six points of overtime to gain control. The Wolves helped out by firing blanks, going 0-9 from the field and coming up short at the free throw line where they excelled through four quarters.

"We couldn't make a basket, in fact

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Springfield turns back Rochester Hills

Thanks to a decisive 38-17 edge on the boards, Clarkston Springfield Christian rolled past visiting Rochester Hills Christian 56-43 Friday in the semifinals of the Fundamental Baptist Athletic Conference post-season tournament.

Rochester Hills (9-6) had closed the gap down to four points midway through the third quarter before Springfield pulled away with a 22-13 surge over the final eight minutes.

Sophomore forward Ben Munce scored 19 points, including 9-for-9 shooting from the free-throw line, along with 11 rebounds to lead Springfield (19-3), who faced Troy Bethany

Christian Saturday in the finals. Senior guard Greg Irish added 13 points, nine coming in the fourth quarter, senior forward Jon Vanaman had nine points and nine rebounds, and 6-4 sophomore center Knoa Knapper scored six with 12 rebounds for the Eagles, which shot 14-14 from the charity stripe.

Senior guard Jason Hover scored 13 for Rochester Hills, while sophomore guard Daniel Hodge tossed in 11 points and junior center Dan Mikel scored 10.

Springfield led 15-5 after the first quarter and went into the locker room with a 25-13 advantage.

The Eagles shot only 7-26 from the field in the first half and 13-29 after halftime.

"We looked tired," said Springfield coach Dennis Hopkins. "But we had enough to pull this one out. The one big positive was our foul shooting, going 14-14 is the best we've done all season."

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top-10 finishers from the area.

On the girls side, Clarkston's margin of victory was larger as the Wolves totaled 76 points to place in front of Bloomfield Hills Kingswood's 152. Brighton finished third with 192 and was followed by Grand Blanc (228) and Flushing (237).

"We had a lot of girls who had some pretty good runs, especially in the giant slalom," Clarkston coach Bruce Rosengren said. "With three in the top 10 or so, that was a big factor."

"This was one of our goals, doing well at this meet," he added. "And this is only the fifth time that Clarkston has won this meet in the 25 years, so it's a big accomplishment winning this meet. With regionals coming up, we're starting to peak at the right time."

Kingswood senior Jeni Runco was the top overall performer on

Clarkston sweeps dipping Falcons

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The up-and-down season the Clarkston volleyball team has had reached a high point Thursday night.

The Wolves played loose, but played well in dispatching host Rochester 15-9, 15-13 in an Oakland Activities Association Division II matchup.

The Wolves put together two solid games in sweeping the Falcons. Clarkston played well defensively, especially in the first game, committing just two attack reception errors and just one serve reception error.

Clarkston coach Gordie Richardson said he was happy to see the team having fun, and felt that was a key aspect to the win.

"We certainly had more fun and played with more confidence," he said. "When we made mistakes, we kind of laughed and giggled, and didn't let them bother us. There was just a better feeling, even when we were behind."

The Wolves stayed in control in the first game, maintaining a lead throughout. Game two saw Clarkston again take an early lead, but Rochester rallied.

The Falcons closed to within 13-12, but Clarkston was able to make some tough side outs to get the serve back and win the game.

"It was a nice win for us," Richardson said. "Andrea Gower and Shannon Sedowski are getting better, and I thought Angela Humphreys did a nice job on serve receptions. If we can just cut down on some mistakes and keep the ball in play, we'll keep getting better."

Junior Tricia Brewer and senior Britani Brewer tied for the team lead in digs with seven each. Brewer chipped in with four kills and was the team's leading server, going 10-for-10. Humphreys was 10-for-10 on serve receptions, while senior Jennie Winn had eight assists.

The Wolves are off until Thursday when they host Ferndale before traveling to Bloomfield Hills Lahser for the league finale. Richardson said the two games are an opportunity for his team to play spoiler in the league race.

"We took Lahser to three games the last time we played them, and they will be playing for a league championship after having 10 days off," he said.

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we only made 14 baskets (out of 43 attempts) and Marino got six of them," Fife said. "We just couldn't knock down shots when we had to. I'm terribly disappointed in our loss, but after the last two games, I'm very happy because we haven't played with that kind of intensity or enthusiasm."

"It was a physical game, but both teams kept their cool," Fife added. "We had a lot of kids that haven't played a lot and a lot of good things to take from this game."

Clarkston, which played without 6-5 Adam Schapman who is out with a stress fracture in the foot, travels to Flint Northern Tuesday. Adams entertains Troy Athens Friday.

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Turner backhanded in a rebound off a shot by junior Jon Bemis, knotting the game 1-1.

For the next several minutes, the Wolves carried the play, generating more scoring chances and frustrating Cranbrook's puck control ability.

"After we scored, the momentum shifted a little in our favor," Krygier said. "But then we got caught up in making the same mistakes we made in the first period, and it cost us."

Allison scored his second goal of the game with 4:06 left in the

second, when he wristed a perfect shot into the upper-right hand corner of the net right off a faceoff.

"We had a lot of jump tonight," Weidenbach said. "There are some nights we have it, and some we don't. I couldn't find a guy who played bad."

On Wednesday, the Cranes host Birmingham Brother Rice at 7 p.m. The Wolves are off until Friday when they face off against Bloomfield Hills Unified in an Oakland Activities Association crossover contest.

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sion to settle any arguments. Champine proved up to the task. "The true champion won," Kline said. "The overtime should have never happened. Matt has really improved over his career and to win today was something special."

Clarkston and Adams each had four individual champions. Aaron Karns (275), Brian Chism (140), Clint DeGain (152)

and Chris Jaronesky (215) each took home titles for the Wolves, while Tom Barkham (112), Omar Youssef (119), Jon Barkham (135) and Drew Michelotti (160) received gold medals for Adams.


Lake Orion's Ricky Kallis (130) and Rochester's Jesse Navarre (189) rounded out the individual winners.

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BOYS SKIING

SEMSL CHAMPIONSHIPS
(2-10 at Mt. Holly)

TEAM SCORES — 1.

Rochester Adams, 102; 2. White Lake Lakeland, 125; 3. Saginaw Heritage, 158; 4. Clarkston, 169; 5. Walled Lake Central, 181; 6. Lake Orion, 182; 7. Redford Catholic Central, 186; 8. West Bloomfield, 222; 9. Grand Blanc, 245; 10. Flint Powers Catholic, 313; 11. Brighton, 316; 12. Okemos, 335.

SLALOM — 1. Kerry Kramer (Milford) 51.63; 2. Brad Smith (Lakeland) 51.97; 3. Mat Gable (Catholic Central) 52.02; 4. Mike Goldman (Birmingham-Detroit Country Day) 52.36; 5. Chris Cumberland (Bloomfield Hills Lahser) 53.11; 6. Sean Lowry (Country Day) 53.22; 7. Brandon Rosengren (Clarkston) 53.36; 8. Scott Zaleski (Catholic Central) 53.62; 9. Devon Jaroslawski (WL Central) 53.36; 10. Scott Bell (Adams) 53.76; 11. Joe Minock (Howell) 54.23; 12. Erik Barazsu (Birmingham-Brother Rice) 54.27; 13. Grant Hilger (Heritage) 54.72; 14. Ryan Thulin (Lake Orion) 54.73; 15. Craig Marchand (Lake Orion) 54.82; 16. Nathaniel Harris (Lakeland) 55.36; 17. Kenny Rynerson (Powers) 55.00; 18. Brian Popelier (Lake Orion) 55.11; 19. Tom Hanson (Fenton) 55.34; 20. Kris Jansen (Lakeland) 55.36.

GIANT SLALOM — 1. Brad Smith (Lakeland) 44.34; 2. Devin Jaroslawski (WL Central) 44.37; 3. Erik Barazsu (Brother

Rice) 44.66; 4. Mat Gable (Catholic Central) 44.89; 5. Chris Cumberland (Lahser) 44.81; 6. Joe Minock (Howell) 44.95; 7. Scott Bell (Adams) 45.06; 8. Nathaniel Harris (Lakeland) 45.17; 10. Brandon Rosengren (Clarkston) 45.50; 11. Kenny Rynerson (Powers) 45.72; 12. Mike Rutkowski (Adams) 45.82; 13. Chris McCloskey (Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook) 45.84; 14. Matt Evans (Clarkston) 46.00; 15. Andy Luea (Brand Blanc) 46.10; 16. Grant Hilger (Heritage) 46.19; 17. Sean Lowry (Country Day) 46.22; 18. Justin Day (WL Central) 46.45; 19. Andrew Silk (Heritage) 46.55; 20. Kriss Jansen (Lakeland) 46.58.

GIRLS SKIING

SEMSL CHAMPIONSHIPS
(2-10 at Mt. Holly)

TEAM SCORES — 1. Clarkston, 76; 2. Bloomfield Hills Kingswood, 152; 3. Brighton, 192; 4. Grand Blanc, 228; 5. Flushing, 237; 6. Birmingham Marian, 247; 7. (tie) Saginaw Heritage, Rochester Adams, Walled Lake Central 253; 10. Milford, 312; 11. Okemos, 328; 12. Farmington Hills Mercy, 329.

SLALOM — 1. Jeni Runco (Kingswood) 56.67; 2. Nikki Smith (Okemos) 56.95; 3. Kim Schneek (Flint Carmen-Ainsworth) 58.78; 4. Allison Higginbotham (Birmingham-Detroit Country Day) 58.95; 5. Ashley Barazau (Marian) 59.81.

6. Devon Harrison (Brighton) 60.01; 7. Carly Edwards (Flint Powers Catholic) 60.27; 8. Alex Frisch (Country Day) 60.40; 9. Michelle Renaud (Adams) 60.45; 10. Lynn Dersely (Grand Blanc) 60.60; 11. Kelli Morton (Clarkston) 60.99; 12. Jessica Cumberland (Bloomfield Hills Lahser) 61.05; 13. Jackie Richter (Heritage) 61.38; 14. Erin Harris (Powers) 61.38; 15. Nichole Villiere (Clarkston) 61.65; 16. Jill Eldridge (WL Central) 61.85; 17. Katie Kennedy (Clarkston) 62.52; 18. Stephanie Etkin (Kingswood) and Melissa Moren (Adams) 63.56; 20. Sarah Brown (Lake Orion) 64.06.

GIANT SLALOM — 1. Jeni Runco (Kingswood) 46.71; 2. Devon Harrison (Brighton) 47.12; 3. Kelli Morton (Clarkston) 47.78; 4. Lynn Dersely (Grand Blanc) 47.80; 5. Ashley Barazsu (Marian) 48.17; 6. Nichole Villiere (Clarkston) 48.42; 7. Nikki Anderson (Mercy) 48.84; 8. Becky Schermerhorn (Clarkston) 48.94; 9. Michelle Renaud (Adams) 49.02; 10. Amy Schultz (Adams) 49.07; 11. Kristen Ostby (Grand Blanc) 49.17; 12. Carly Edwards (Powers) 49.27; 13. Allison Higginbotham (Country Day) 49.46; 14. Jessica Cumberland (Lahser) 49.63; 15. Erin Harris (Powers) 49.74; 16. Nikki Smith (Okemos) 49.84; 17. Jessica Vance (Fenton) 50.31; 18. Rachel Hagenstein (Grand Blanc) 50.34; 19. Shannon McGee (Grand Blanc) 50.50; 20. Nikki Baier (Flushing) 50.66.

PREP SKIING REGIONAL PAIRINGS

Below are the 2000 MHSAA Ski Regionals that included Observer & Eccentric Area Schools. All races begin at 9 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 17.

CLASS A No. 2 at Pine Knob (Hosted by Lake Orion) — Clarkston, East Lansing, Flint-Carmen-Ainsworth/Clio Unified, Flushing, Grand Blanc, Lake Orion, Okemos, Rochester, Rochester Adams, Saginaw-Heritage, Saginaw Nouvel Catholic Central/Essexville-Garber Unified, Waterford Kettering, Waterford

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CLASS A No. 3 at Alpine Valley (Hosted by Walled Lake Consolidated Schools) — Birmingham Brother Rice (Boys), Birmingham Groves, Birmingham Marian (Girls), Birmingham Seaholm, Bloomfield Hills Lahser, Brighton, Detroit U Of D Jesuit (Boys), Farmington Hills-Mercy (Girls), Hartland, Howell, Milford, Orchard Lake-St Mary (Boys), Pinckney, Redford Catholic Central (Boys), Walled Lake Central,

Walled Lake Western, West Bloomfield, White Lake Lakeland.

CLASS B-C-D No. 6 at Mt. Holly (Hosted by Ortonville-Brandon) — Birmingham-Detroit Country Day, Bloomfield Hills Andover, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood, Caledonia, East Grand Rapids, Fenton, Flint Powers Catholic, Grand Rapids Catholic Central, Grand Rapids West Catholic, Kalamazoo Hackett Catholic Central, Ortonville-Brandon, Paw Paw,

WRESTLING DISTRICT PAIRINGS

Below are the 2000 MHSAA Team Wrestling District Pairings.

Division I

(All matches played on Wednesday, Feb. 16)

TEAM DISTRICT No. 119 (Hosted by

Clarkston) — Clarkston, Flint Southwestern Academy, Grand Blanc (Drawing not available; district begins at 6 p.m.)

TEAM DISTRICT No. 125 (Hosted by Lake Orion) — Lake Orion vs. Rochester (6 p.m.); Rochester-Lake Orion winner vs.

Rochester Adams (7:30 p.m.)

Division II

(All matches played on Thurs., Feb. 17)

TEAM DISTRICT No. 163 (Hosted by Hartland) — Holly vs. Oxford (5:30 p.m.); Holly/Oxford winner vs. Hartland (7 p.m.)

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OAA DIVISION I
WRESTLING FINALS
(2-11 at Clarkston)

TEAM SCORES — Troy, 202.5; 2. Rochester Adams, 200; 3. Lake Orion, 179.5; 4. Clarkston, 154; 5. Rochester, 80; 6. Troy Athens, 22.

HEAVYWEIGHT — 1. Aaron Karns (Clarkston) p. Brian Patrick (Lake Orion) 1:37; 3. Mark Ottney (Troy) p. Matt Sirabionin (Rochester) 5:37.

103 — 1. Nick Best (Troy) p. John Cantlon (Athens) 1:01; 3. Josh Bullock (Lake Orion) d. Luke Roeser (Adams) 15-2.

112 — 1. Tom Barkham (Adams) p. Randy Ribay (Rochester) 5:05; 3. Danny Mason (Troy) p. Beau Dzialo (Athens) 2:26.

119 — 1. Omar Youssef (Adams d. Mike Quigley (Lake Orion) 18-6; 3. Andrew Dixon

(Troy) d. Joe Delia (Rochester) 7-3.

125 — 1. Jimmy Mason (Troy) p. Mike Chamberlin (Adams) 4:48; 3. Jesse Smith (Lake Orion) d. Nate Clay (Clarkston) 9-6.

130 — 1. Ricky Kallis (Lake Orion) d. Mike Holtz (Adams) 9-1; 3. Nat Parker (Clarkston) p. Joe Miller (Rochester) 4:14.

135 — 1. Jon Barkham (Adams) d. Dave Endrezi (Clarkston) 13-4; 3. Will Thomas (Lake Orion) tech. fall Aaron Huffer (Troy) 15-0.

140 — 1. Brian Chism (Clarkston) p. Ruben Baraiac (Troy) 1:40; 3. Andy Kus (Lake Orion) p. Craig Fraser (Adams) 2:41.

145 — 1. Patrick Lemay (Troy) maj. dec. Dave DeSteiger (Adams) 10-0; 3. Jake Miller (Rochester) p. Matt Hoffman (Lake Orion) 2:01.

152 — 1. Clint DeGain (Clarkston) p. Steve Walfer (Lake Orion) 2:39; 160 — Dan Saint (Troy) d. Nick Burton (Adams) 3-0.

160 — 1. Drew Michelotti (Adams) p. James Turner (Lake Orion) 1:47; 3. Derek Sheets (Clarkston) p. Brian Schwartz (Troy) 2:22.

171 — 1. Matt Champine (Lake Orion) d. John Elliott (Troy) 5:49; 3. David Boyd (Adams) maj. dec. Mike Phillips (Rochester) 8-0.

189 — 1. Jesse Navarre (Rochester) p. Scott Ferstle (Troy) 21-19 (OT); 3. Travis Simmons (Lake Orion) p. Arin Aragona (Adams) 3:21.

215 — 1. Chris Jaronesky (Clarkston) p. Jamie Mitchell (Troy) 1:30; 3. Joel Miner (Adams) p. Chris Milliron (Athens) 2:12.

MACS TOURNAMENT PAIRINGS

MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION
OF CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS
WINTER STATE TOURNAMENTSBOYS BASKETBALL
Division I

REGION 1: Friday, Feb. 18 — Bridgeport Baptist at Midland Calvary Baptist (TBA);

REGION 2: Tuesday, Feb. 15 — Ypsilanti Calvary Christian at Rochester Hills Christian (6 p.m.); Fri. Feb. 18 — Calvary/Rochester Hills winner at Davison Faith Baptist (TBA);

REGION 3: Tues. Feb. 15 — Holt Capitol City Baptist at Vassar Juniata Christian (TBA); Fri. Feb. 18 — Capitol City/Juniata winner at Troy Bethany Christian (TBA);

REGION 4: Fri. Feb. 18 — Sterling Heights Christian at Clarkston Springfield Christian (TBA).

SEMIFINALS: Tuesday Feb. 22 — Region 3 winner vs. Region 4 winner at Clarkston Springfield Christian (5 p.m.); Region 1 winner vs. Region 2 winner at Springfield Christian (7 p.m.).

FINALS: Sat. Feb. 26 — At Perry High School (5 p.m.).

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GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Division I

(All pools begin at 9 a.m.)

POOL A: Sat. Feb. 19 — At Bridgeport Baptist

(Bridgeport Baptist vs. Holt Capitol City Baptist, Midland Calvary Baptist, Troy Bethany Christian)

POOL B: Sat. Feb. 19 — At Davison Faith Baptist (Davison Faith Baptist, Clarkston Springfield Christian, Rochester Hills Christian, Ypsilanti Calvary Christian, Pittsford Freedom Farm Christian)

SEMIFINALS: Sat. Feb. 26 — At Perry High School (Pool A winner vs. Pool B runner-up (9 a.m.); Pool B winner vs. Pool A runner-up (9 a.m.).

FINALS: Sat. Feb. 26 — At Perry Middle School (12:30 p.m.).

THE WEEK AHEAD

Below are the varsity sports schedules for high schools in the Clarkston, Lake Orion and Oxford areas. All times are subject to change, so please call the respective school before attending.

Sunday, Feb. 13

(No events scheduled)

Monday, Feb. 14

BOYS BASKETBALL — Lansing Baptist vs. Lake Orion Shalom Baptist at Pontiac Howard O'Dell Center (6 p.m.).

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL — Oxford at Lapeer East (7 p.m.).

BOYS/GIRLS SKIING — Oakland Activities Association Division I and II League Meets at Pine Knob (4 p.m.).

Tuesday, Feb. 15

BOYS BASKETBALL — Clarkston at Flint

Northern (7:30 p.m.); Lapeer East at Oxford (7:30 p.m.); Oxford Christian in MACS Division II State Tournament (TBA).

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL — Burton Valley Christian at Clarkston Springfield Christian (5 p.m.).

Wednesday, Feb. 16

WRESTLING — MHSAA Division I & III Team Districts (6 p.m.).

Thursday, Feb. 17

BOYS BASKETBALL — Oxford at Linden (8 p.m.).

WRESTLING — MHSAA Division II & IV Team Districts (TBA).

BOYS/GIRLS SKIING — Clarkston, Lake Orion at MHSAA Class A Regional at Pine Knob (9 a.m.).

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL — Ferndale at

Clarkston (6 p.m.).

Friday, Feb. 18

BOYS BASKETBALL — Clarkston Springfield Christian at MACS Division I Regionals (TBA).

Saturday, Feb. 19

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL — Oxford at North Branch Invitational (TBA); Oxford Christian at MACS Division II Regionals (TBA); Clarkston Springfield Christian at MACS Division I Regionals (TBA).

WRESTLING — MHSAA Individual Districts (all divisions, 10:30 a.m.).

BOYS ICE HOCKEY — Clarkston at Bloomfield Hills Unified (7:30 p.m.).

GIRLS COMPETITIVE CHEER — Lake Orion, Oxford at DeWitt Invitational (TBA).

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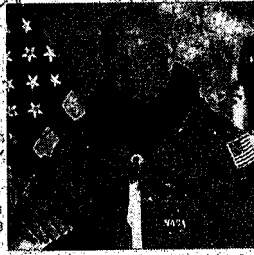
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THE WORLD IS AT THEIR FINGERTIPS

Advent of new technology brings the net to Ford workers

BY KEN VAN STEENKISTE
STAFF WRITER

Ford's decision to give its employees personal computers, announced earlier this month, thrilled workers and led the way for other companies, such as Delta Airlines, to follow suit.

But could this silver lining hide a cloud? While Ford has stressed that its primary goal is to increase workers' computer proficiency, there have been a few quiet rumblings from critics. They wonder if this move means employees will be expected to take more work home with them, and complete tasks in short periods of time.

Certainly, the advent of new technologies has increased the workload for many other people at automotive companies.

"Most people at the executive and upper management levels already lead very saturated lives as far their work intruding on personal time. Most of this technology, computers, cell phones, pagers, is used to do more work from more locations rather than to get work done faster and have more recreational time," said Daniel Atkins, a professor in University of Michigan's School of Information and Computer Science.

Atkins has a good idea of how employees of

car companies use computers — he created a computer engineering network for the University of Michigan in conjunction with Ford and General Motors.

"Ford is taking a leap of faith here that it believes will have unknown benefits over time. They probably don't really have an idea of the pay off," Atkins said.

The company hasn't said how much giving the computers away may cost, but those unforeseen benefits obviously what is surely a very costly decision.

"We don't know yet" how much this will cost, said Ford spokesperson Nick Sharkey.

"Ford's goals for the year are to step up e-commerce and get closer to our customers. We think that we can achieve both of these goals by having (employees) use their own computers at home, they will be better employees when they return to work," Sharkey said.

Whether rank-and-file workers feel pressured to increase their workload as technology "saturates" their lives remains to be seen.



But one thing is for certain, any increases in Ford employee workloads will have to a the nod of approval from the United Auto Workers.

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"There are rumors, people have speculated" about increased workloads, said Mike Rawson, a UAW ergonomics specialist from Westland. Rawson has worked at Ford's Wayne Assembly Plant for 26 years. It's his duty to ensure that employees aren't injured by working in positions or with equipment that stress the body.

Although he already has a computer at home, Rawson still plans on taking advantage of Ford's offer. With two young boys

at home, a new computer is a welcome addition.

"I have an older model, this one a little faster, my boys will like it," he said.

That more people than just Ford workers — namely their children — will appreciate the computer is perhaps an intentional effect.

"Certainly the whole household will benefit, there will be a positive spill over into the quality of life," Atkins explained.

Rawson said many other

workers have eagerly anticipated getting the machines home since the announcement.

"There's been more buzz going on around here about the computers than about the profit sharing checks" that are due within weeks, Rawson said.

As for take home work, "I don't think the UAW would stand for it," he said.

According to Rawson, the biggest downside so far has been deciding who will get the computers first.

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SPECIAL WRITER

An estimated 20 million U.S. workers regularly telecommute. The research firm Gartner Group, Inc. predicts that figure could grow to more than 30 million telecommuters by the end of 2000 and 137 million remote workers by 2003.

In July of last year, Ford rolled out its official telecommuting program, after completing a comprehensive pilot. Headquartered in Dearborn, Ford currently has only 232 U.S. employees participating in the program (many in the Detroit-metro area). A Ford spokesperson said, "Management definitely wants to look at the program on a continuing basis and for the future there is some evidence that telecommuting improves productivity."

According to October 1999 research conducted by the International Telework Association & Council: "Employees who telework can save their employers \$10,000 each in reduced absenteeism and job retention costs."

Ford's program is voluntary and usually initiated by the employee who must work out the details and the program's application with their supervisor. Ford's policy allows for one day, or up to four days a week at a home-based location. Ed Miller, manager of Corporate News, explained that Ford's newly implemented program "purposefully set goals to reach a wide spectrum of employees - engineers, finance personnel, and those in human resources, computer programming, as well as sales."

Most companies' programs are



individually based. Peter Jeff, a spokesperson for Steelcase, the Grand Rapids-based office furniture company said, "We have a policy in place for those employees who choose to work from home."

"We negotiate a contract with the employee on an individual basis, including business needs, what's expected of them, and personal needs," said Jeff. Many of Steelcase's sales executives, like Jeff Keener and his Southfield sales team, work from remote locations including their homes.

"The bulk of our people who participate (in telecommuting) are our salespeople," said Dick Randazzo, Sr. VP of Human Resources at

Southfield's Federal Mogul. "We have between 300-400 people nationwide working from home office workplaces," he added.

Sweeping advantages

Telecommuting's obvious advantages are sweeping for both employee and employer. Many telecommuters consider their arrangement a "company benefit."

The flexibility can allow new parents to work at home or on a part-time basis. "In some cases," said Federal Mogul's Randazzo, "after maternity leave, some women will choose to stay at home with their child for a period of time and work from a home office." Decreasing

the daily commute can mean reduced stress and fatigue for the worker, not to mention addressing the growing problems of our already over-crowded highways and increasing pollution. Environmental Protection Agency administrator Carol Browner said, "If 10 percent of the nation's workforce telecommuted one day a week, we would avoid the frustration of driving 24.4 million miles, we'd breathe air with 12,963 tons less air pollution and we'd conserve more than 1.2 million gallons of fuel each week."

Consider an average drive time of one hour a day to and from work. That translates into almost six workweeks a year spent commuting.

Companies offering this flexibility can use it as a recruitment tool and draw from a larger pool. "It is important to have home-based office options as a tool in your 'tool box,'" said Federal Mogul's Randazzo. "You need to arrange work so you don't cut out a lot of valuable talent," he added.

OSHA steps in

Earlier this year, business was outraged by the implications of a Nov. 15, 1999, letter from the Labor Department's Occupational Safety and Health Administration outlining guidelines for setting up employee home work programs.

"The letter stated: 'Ensuring safe and healthful working conditions for the employee should be a precondition for any home-based work assignment.' And continued: 'One obvious and effective means of ensuring employee safety would be

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periodic safety checks of employee working spaces." A hostile uproar from business resulted in Labor Secretary Alexis Herman's retraction of that letter on Jan. 5. Herman clarified that it was only an "advisory letter" answering a specific Texas-based company's inquiry.

Speaking on behalf of Federal Mogul, Randazzo said, "We were excited to see that the Labor Secretary saw the light." As with many companies, "It would have been a huge problem for us," he said. "We would have to hire additional environmental health specialists to conduct home inspections," explained Randazzo.

These and myriad other associated factors could mean "astronomical costs" for many companies.

Randazzo added, "I don't think that employees would be very pleased about this intrusion of privacy. The pressure on the government was huge and their persistence in the matter now or in the future would not doubt cause a small riot."

Miller responded, "Even prior to the report

becoming public, we (at Ford) were aware that something might happen. As a part of our program, we had designed features to make employees aware that they should have a safe workplace, including computer-related issues." He added, "As a part of our telecommuting program, Ford reserves the right to inspect, if we feel that would be an issue."

"We're thrilled that they (the Labor Department) decided to take another look at it (regulating home offices)," said Steelcase's Peter Jeff. He added that "people have a right to their privacy in their homes."

"It appears that it was not too well thought out," Jeff pointed out that "if the government had pursued this avenue, it may well have caused many companies to rescind the option for employees to work at home."

As would be expected by virtue of their business, Steelcase has a strong, 'ergonomic' stand that governs all of its work environments — at the office

and at home.

Jeff said, "We (Steelcase) have high expectations of home offices for our home-based workers. Our 'cultural mindset' is that we want our employees to work in quality work environments because when people are in quality work environments they do quality work." He added that "quality home offices are an investment in your people." If "quality" includes health and safety, even OSHA would undoubtedly agree.

Face-to-face

While there is a current "buzz" about home offices, Randazzo cautioned that there is "still a lot of work that needs to be done face-to-face." He said that most of their home-based office sales people say they "still desire a place in the office to come for the socialization aspects."

Even telecommuting advocates will admit some disadvantages like reduced "face-to-face" contact, isolation, and a greater potential for home distractions

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Established successful builder seeking experienced individual for FULL TIME position for new construction in N.W. suburbs. Salary commensurate with experience. Health Insurance and 401(K). Send RESUME and SALARY REQUIREMENTS to:

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\$55-\$70,000

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For consideration, forward resume to: MediaOne, Attn: Call Center Manager/HH-CCPC, PO Box 80093, Plymouth Twp., MI 48170 or fax to: (734) 254-1812 EOE

DELIVERY DRIVER

Full time. Driving experience and general local area knowledge a plus. Please call 1-800-876-4033 or apply at:

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DEMONSTRATORS

For supermarkets/dropstores. Excellent pay. Call Toll Free:

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CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE

START IMMEDIATELY!! 2 Convenient Locations Plymouth & Sterling Heights

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Part & full time positions (24 hrs) available

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Michigan Dairy in Livonia has immediate openings for maintenance mechanics on dairy farm. Candidates must have a general knowledge of industrial and electrical troubleshooting, hydraulics, general maintenance, and/or mechanical repair. Competitive wages and benefits. If you are qualified, please send resume to: (Must include salary requirements) 29601 Industrial Rd., Livonia, MI 48150. EOE

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Oakland County Property Management firm seeks experienced apartment manager. Position involves advanced carpentry, plumbing, and HVAC skills. Multi-site position. Hard workers with good driving record contact Joe weekdays at (248) 642-8888. EOE.

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PROPERTY MANAGER
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Send cover letter, resume, credentials and/or copies of unofficial transcripts to: Wayne RESA, Employee Services Department, 3350 Van Born Road, Wayne, MI 48184. Deadline to apply 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 29, 2000 or until filled.

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Insulate your home



JERRY GOETZ

The proper insulation and weatherization products will make your home more comfortable.

Insulation usually comes in batts, rolls, loose-fill or rigid foam boards. Each fits a different application in the home. If you're installing the insulation, follow the manufacturer's recommendations for proper installation.

Batts, rolls and blankets are normally used to insulate between the studs in walls or between the joists of the ceiling and floor.

Loose-fill insulation, made of fiberglass or cellulose, can be blown into ceilings, walls or floors. In my experience, cellulose, which is made from recycled newsprint chemically treated to be fire-retardant, is the most effective insulation, and it reduces air infiltration.

Rigid foam boards are light and useful in confined spaces where a lot of insulation is required. They're good where you need moisture resistance. Uses include basements, foundation and crawl space walls, concrete slabs and cathedral ceilings.

In my experience, adding insulation in the attic is the most cost-effective way to improve home energy efficiency. Measure the thickness of the insulation - if there is less than seven inches of fiberglass or six inches of cellulose, add three to six inches of blown cellulose insulation to the attic.

Beginning March 21 Detroit Edison will host a series of seminars offering energy-saving tips for the owners of new and existing homes. For more information about the seminars and a location near you, call Detroit Edison at (800) 833-2786.

If you have a question or comment regarding this article, give me a call at my toll-free number: (877) 349-4130.

Jerry Goetz of Detroit Edison's residential & small business marketing group has been with the utility for more than 40 years and is an expert adviser in home energy efficiency.

Looking for luxury? Try Franklin

Stonegate, says residential builder Gerald Brody, offers a luxury, custom experience.

Brody of Brody Homes said he involves himself, his sales director, Diane L. D'Agostino, architects and interior designers throughout the process to help potential buyers build exactly what they want.

"My goal is to create enduring value for customers," Brody said. "After 20 years ... I want it to be fun for the customers and fun for me."

Stonegate is a planned community of 18 lots off Franklin Road between 13 Mile and Northwestern in Franklin. About half are still available.

Houses there will start at about \$700,000 (including lot) and range upwards to more than \$1 million.

Floor plans presented by Brody to buyers are just starting points for major customization, he said.

"I get away from the idea of picking one item from column A and one from column B," D'Agostino said of leading buyers through a list of available options. "We're here to listen to the client about what they're looking for in a home."

"My goal in here is to continue with three or four houses in a year where the customer receives the service they're entitled to and quality and value," Brody said.

There's a lot to recommend Stonegate, starting with its location and lot sizes that generally range from 1/2 to one acre.

"It's a country setting," D'Agostino said. "Obviously, with close proximity to expressways, you kind of have the best of both worlds. It's so nice and central to Telegraph Road, Northwestern, 696. You're a stone's throw from anywhere, yet secluded."

"Every site has something like this to offer - a private, treed, natural setting," D'Agostino said with a wave. "Most on average fall into the area of two-thirds of an acre. The street is curved so all the houses sit on an angle here. None of them sit on top of each other."

"Everything in terms of schools, public and private, are very nearby," she said. "Birmingham schools - they have a good reputation, definitely. We're also in close proximity to private schools in the area."

Houses in Stonegate must be at least 3,200 square feet. Vinyl and aluminum siding aren't permitted.

"We're looking for basically an under-



Luxury living: Custom-designed homes built by Gerry Brody at Stonegate are expansive and loaded with amenities.

stated elegance in design, elevations that aren't too busy," Brody said. "When you talk traditional, you could be talking French provincial, Georgian colonial, American fieldstone. You're going to find brick, stone, cedar, stucco."

Brody includes as standard features two 90-percent efficiency furnaces with humidifiers and digital setback thermostats, air conditioning, 75-gallon water heater and all water softening equipment.

"I give cabinet/ countertop allowances sufficient to do high-end cabinetry and granite tops," Brody said. "Same with lighting."

Wood flooring is placed in the foyer, hallway, kitchen/ nook and half-bath, ceramic in the laundry.

Other standard features: separate jet tub and shower in the master suite, double-oven, cooktop, microwave and dishwasher in the kitchen, three-car garage, basement and an alarm system. Dimensional shingles also are included.

Brody says he tries to include lots of amenities so buyers don't feel like they're being nickled and dimed by adding upgrades.

One spec house is nearly finished. Another is about halfway done and a third just starting.

The one furthest along is a story-and-

a-half of 4,546 square feet. The main floor features a great room/ dining room 36 by 18 feet with sloped ceiling, den/ office, family room/ media room, two half baths, laundry and the master with cathedral ceiling, two walk-in closets, a pair of vanities and a compartmentalized commode on the main floor.

Two staircases lead upstairs, one off the foyer, the other off the kitchen/ nook.

A loft, two bedrooms serviced by a jack-and-jill bath and a third bedroom with shower are upstairs.

Brody includes lots of closet/storage space in that spec, walk-in closets in all the bedrooms and art niches at either end of the hallway on the main floor.

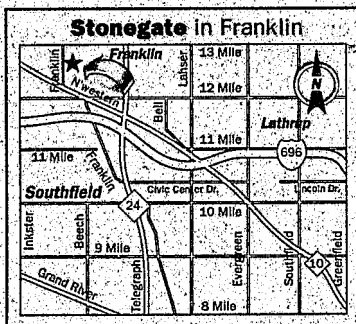
Base price, including the lot, is \$895,900.

Brody built a home for Wayne and Marsha Wheeler and their children, Michael and Darla.

"I wanted Bingham Farms or Franklin because I work downtown," Wayne Wheeler said. "I'm at work in 20 minutes when traffic is decent."

"The best part came after the decision was made where to buy," Wheeler said. "I started looking at houses Gerry had built. Gerry builds a luxury new home. These guys have been there for me."

Stonegate is served by individual water wells and a pressurized, county-



operated sewer system. There are no sidewalks.

Lot prices range from \$209,900 to \$299,900.

The property tax rate is about \$36.67 per \$1,000 of taxable value, half of sales price for new construction. That means the owners of an \$800,000 home there would pay about \$14,700 the first year. Add another \$450 or so annually for sewer services.

The annual association fee is \$400.

Prospective buyers in Stonegate should call D'Agostino at (248) 594-8700 Ext. 106 for an appointment to visit the spec home.

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and family room. Gracious living & dining rooms, & a comfortable library all make this home perfect for entertaining and family living.

The master suite has two walk-in closets, a dressing area with vanity counter, separate shower and whirlpool tub, and a tray ceiling. Completing the upstairs are three more bedrooms, one with its own bath and the other two with their own vanity and dressing areas and a shared bath.

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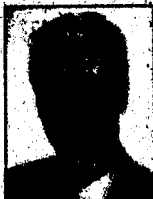
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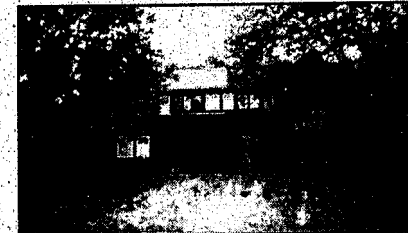
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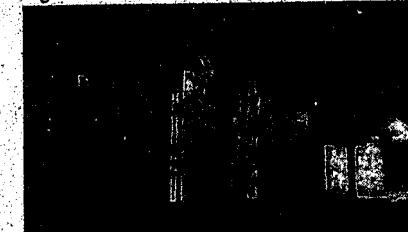
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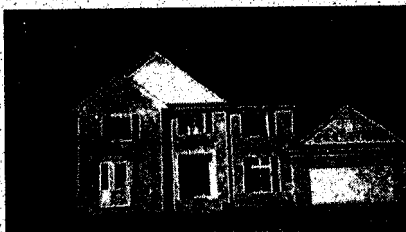
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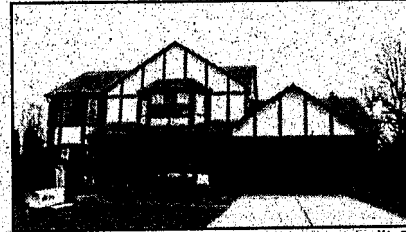
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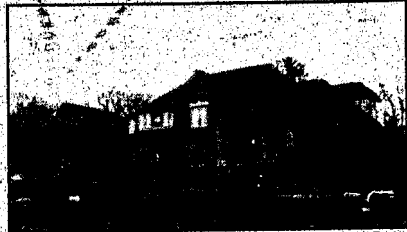
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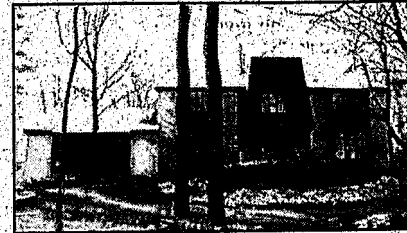
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Innovative basement: John Hughes won a Pacesetter Award for his Steel and Foam Engineered basement system.

Steel basement wins award

John Hughes has built a better mouse-trap, figuratively speaking, but the residential construction industry hasn't exactly beaten a path to his door yet.

Recognition, however, is coming his way. Hughes, 50, president of the Hughes Group in Farmington Hills, won a 1999 Pacesetter Award from the National Association of Home Builders for a steel frame/insulated basement system he's designed and patented.

He won in the innovation category for a system called Steel and Foam Engineered (SAFE).

Most builders pour concrete basements. Hughes developed a process that, from the inside out, consists of steel frame studs, light-gauge steel sheeting, foam insulation, nylon sandwiched between two layers of geotextile fabric and brick.

The panels are fabricated at a factory then screwed together on site.

"I've done about 60, and not one has leaked," said Hughes, who gives a 25-year warranty on the work. "It's a much faster system to install, too."

Julian Evola of Juliano Construction in Clarkston said he's put in about a half dozen steel basements.

"It eliminates a lot of dampness," he said. "Everyone who has it, loves it. Everyone who sees it, wants it."

So why don't more builders do it? "When you introduce anything new, you fight inertia," Hughes said. "It's catching on. It's consumer driven."

Evola speculated that builders and subcontractors probably don't feel comfortable with some of the non-traditional construction steps needed to install steel basements.

As for price, Evola said he saves a few thousand dollars with steel on a walk-out basement, but probably spends a couple

thousand dollars more on a regular basement.

Still, when you consider a 25-year warranty as opposed to a year or 18 months offered by most builders, it's something to think about, he said.

"I've been instrumental helping John fine tune the system after getting feedback from masons, carpenters and contractors," Evola said.

Hughes developed the process in 1994, a year after starting to use steel framing above ground. Ironically, a conversation with a concrete subcontractor about leaky basements prompted Hughes to tinker.

"My background is design and engineering," he said. "It's what I do. It's a matter of problem solving."

Hughes has specialized in building apartments in recent years — and contracting SAFE basements for residential builders.

Combustors may improve wood stove efficiency

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New, longer-lasting retrofit catalytic combustors can improve wood stove efficiency by 10 percent to 25 percent.

Besides substantially reducing the amount of wood needed during a heating season (if you rely heavily on a wood stove), these catalytic combustors can also cut back on creosote formation and air pollution by as much as 80 percent.

Like the catalytic converter in your car's exhaust system, the combustor works by burning fuel elements in the smoke, thereby lessening the potential for acid rain and chimney fires.

Priced under \$150, the typical retrofit stove catalyst pays for itself in two years if you count the savings on wood and the fee for one chimney cleaning per year.

Improvements in manufacture and design have corrected problems that caused cracking, catalyst flake-off and early burnout in previous models. Service life expectancy of the new catalytic combustors is now realistically set at three to six years.

A stove combustor consists of a cast iron or sheet metal housing and a damper mechanism that contains the catalytic element. Surfaces of the porous element substrate are coated with

tiny amounts of the noble metal catalyst — either platinum or palladium.

Some models have a viewing port so you can see the combustor glow as it operates and a thermometer to measure flue gas temperature.

Catalytic combustors work best on airtight stoves that tend to produce a lot of creosote and are most efficient at low-to-medium burn rates typical of overnight operation in fall and spring.

Not every wood stove owner should rush out and buy a catalytic combustor. Franklin-type stoves, fireplace inserts with screen fronts and other hot-burning stoves produce little creosote and won't benefit significantly from the installation.

Retrofit combustors installed on stoves that are only used occasionally take longer to pay back their cost.

Although combustors can be added to most stoves now in service, they won't perform equally in all cases. Nor will one work as well as a combustor designed and built into the stove as original equipment. Combustor design, location and smoke/air mixture influence efficiency.

In some cases, installing a combustor voids a stove's UL listing. Check with your local building inspector or fire marshal before modifying your stove.

Furnace inspectors check for this

(NUI) - A heating system that breaks down in the middle of a cold winter night can be a chilling experience.

That's why experts at the Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors (PHCC) National Association recommend that you have your system inspected and serviced by a qualified heating contractor prior to the beginning of each heating season.

If you missed during the fall, this may be a good time to make an appointment.

While every inspection will vary somewhat, here's a list of some of the procedures PHCC contractors perform to help ensure the safe and efficient operation of your heating system all season long:

- Check the thermostat. An improperly functioning thermostat will call for more or less heat than desired. The former will cost you money; both will cost you comfort.

- Check the filter. A dirty filter in a hot air heating system can reduce efficiency, increase energy usage and affect equipment reliability.

Following the inspection, homeowners should clean or replace the filter monthly.

- Check the motor and blower. A clean, lubricated, properly adjusted blower and motor are necessary to provide the airflow that ensures proper heating and efficiency.

- Check the burners. To ensure proper ignition and fuel

combustion, burners are cleaned and observed for proper burning characteristics.

- Check the heat exchangers. This ensures that the blower goes on and off at predetermined temperatures in order to deliver the proper temperature of air to the house.

- Check the safety valves and controls. This is a furnace's principal means of preventing overheating and damage to the unit.

- Check the venting system. All flue connections and elbows should be firmly fitted. There should be no cracks or openings where the flue enters the chimney or sidewall. There should be no

obstructions in the flue or the chimney to prevent the exit of combustion byproducts.

Many contractors offer preventive maintenance agreements that cover periodic inspections and, if needed, repairs. According to PHCC, the cost of such a service is usually well worth the investment.

For a free brochure on how to choose a professional heating contractor, write to PHCC at P.O. Box 6808, Falls Church, VA 22040; call at (800)-533-7694; or visit www.naphcc.org

Mortgage rates stay flat

Mortgage rates were flat in the Detroit area last week, according to a survey of local lenders by Freddie Mac and www.MortgageDetroit.com.

- 30-year fixed-rate mortgages averaged 8.30 percent with 0.8 fees and points last week, up from 8.26 percent with 0.9 fees and points the previous week.

- 15-year fixed-rate mortgages averaged 7.85 percent with 0.8 fees and points last week, almost the same as 7.85 percent with 0.9 fees and points the previous week.

- One-year adjustable-rate mortgages averaged 6.53 percent with 1.0 fees and points last week, down from 6.58 percent

with 1.0 fees and points the previous week.

One Year Ago The average 30-year fixed-rate was at 6.75 and 1.0 points and fees, 15-year fixed-rate 6.38 and 0.9 points and fees and one-year ARM 5.63 and 1.1 points and fees.

Mortgage rates are expected to remain between 8 percent and 8.50 percent for the foreseeable future.

And although home sales and starts will slow from last year's record level, 2000 will continue to be a good year for housing, says Robert Van Order, chief economist for Freddie Mac.

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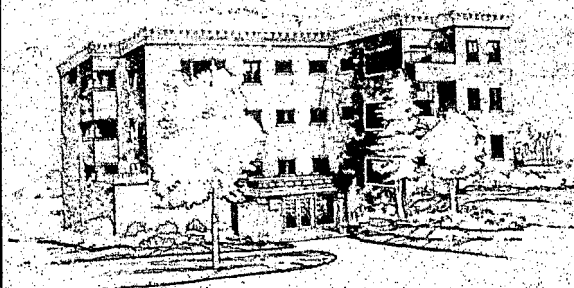
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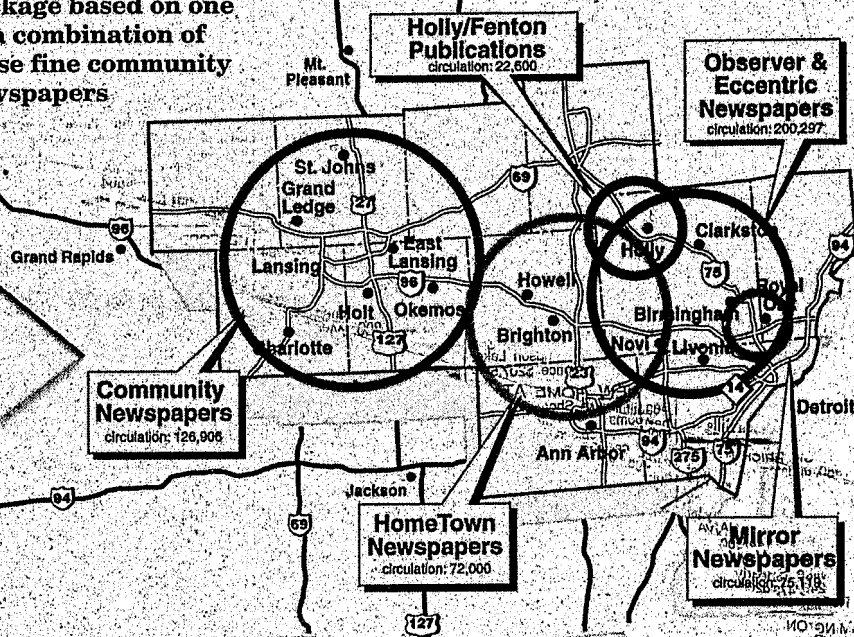


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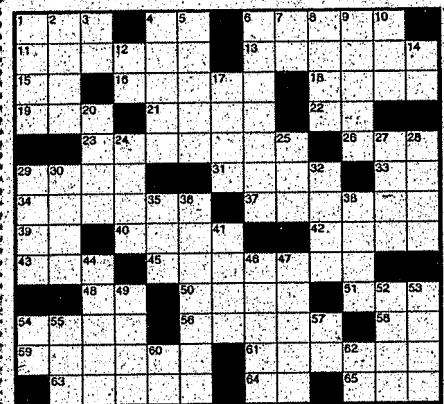
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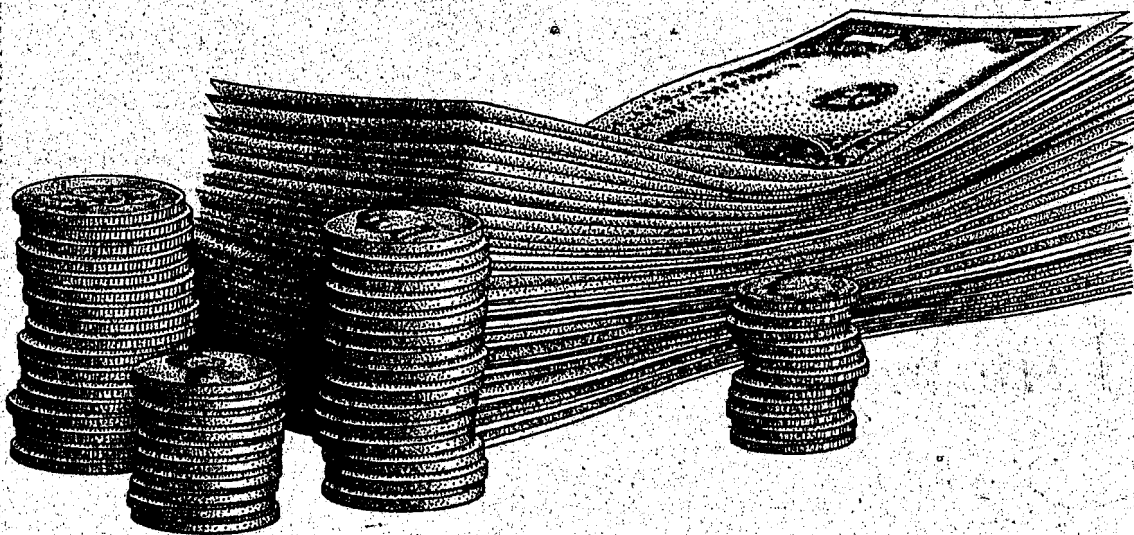
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BE MY VALENTINE
Cute DW, 41, full-figured, smoker, financially secure, seeks BW/M, 43-53, who likes beach, Vegas, traveling, for LTR. Serious only. **#1711**

LOOKING FOR LOVE
Plus-sized woman, 5'11", brown hair, enjoys movies, lots of walks. Seeking kind, friendly, good-hearted man to share laughs and life with. **#1721**

OLDER GENTLEMAN
SWF, 31, 5'7", blonde/blue, intelligent, humorous, enjoys reading, politics, black and white films, antiques, computers. Seeking SW/M, 40-50, 5'4", clean-cut, humorous, gentleman. **#1449**

FUN ANYONE?
DW/FF, 25, NS, most of one, seek attractive, fun, outgoing SW/M, 25-32, for dating, fun, whatever else may happen. Must have sense of humor. **#1812**

HORSEMAN WANTED
SWF, 35, 5'1", blonde/green, intelligent, 13 years equestrian, enjoys horseback riding, shows, must be family time, seeks "horse" SW/M, 40-50, for dating/relationship. **#1421**

INTELLIGENT & EASYGOING
Sincere, caring, independent SWF, 32, enjoys dancing, traveling, cooking. Seeking financially successful, secure SW/M, 35-45, for LTR. **#1455**

HELLO MY MAN
Attractive, affectionate, full-figured, 32, enjoys dancing, traveling, independent, down-to-earth, sense of humor. Seeking serious, positive, monogamous SW/M for LTR. **#1456**

LOOKING FOR A GOOD MAN
SWF, 33, 5'1", blonde, brown hair, likes romantic movies, outgoing, friends, fun, fun. Seeking SW/M who knows how to treat a lady who likes going out and staying in for a good time. **#1457**

MISUSED AND ABUSED
Full-figured, health-conscious SWF, 37, loves comedy, reading, long walks, animals. Seeking SW/M, 40-50, who is communicative SW/M, to help mend this broken heart. **#1406**

THAT SPECIAL YOU
SWF, 36, seeks WM, 32-39, 5'6", who's tired of the bar scene, likes sports, for special committed relationship. **#1458**

STILL SEARCHING
Full-figured, honest, caring SWF, 25, mother of one, enjoys long walks, quiet nights at home, and fun. Seeking someone, 25-35, similar interests for possible LTR. **#1407**

TAKE THE RISK
DW/FF, 22-23, FW proportionate, medical professional, mother of 2, seeks motivated SW/M, NS, for fun, friendship, possible LTR. **#1412**

ACT NOW
Attractive SWF, 5'6", blonde/blue, enjoys laughing, sharing, dancing. Seeking secure, outgoing SW/M, 35-50, with a warm smile and a big heart, who is commitment-minded. **#1391**

GET TOGETHER
Attractive, energetic, friendly, honest SWF, 40, 5'3", 110lbs, blonde/blue, enjoys walking, nature, sports. Seeking open, communicative, caring SW/M with similar interests, for friendship. **#1222**

THIS IS ME
SE, 5'1", 110lbs, long blonde/blue, has children, loves bowling, concerts, movies, dining, boating. Seeking SW/M with similar interests, for LTR. **#1504**

GOD, YOU HANDLE IT
Spunky, sensitive, attractive, single widow, 5'8", 125lbs, blonde/blue, seeks a humorous, active SW/M, 62+, ND, ND/FF. **#1518**

CALL ME
Sincere, easygoing, financially/emotionally secure SWF, 42, 5'8", 155lbs, blonde/hazel, enjoys all music. Seeking a tall, athletic SW/M, 35-44, 5'11", NS, friends first, possible LTR. **#1189**

ANIMALS
Pretty, smart, playfully plump, bubbly SWF, 43, 5'4", blonde/blue, NS, needs SW/M, age open, veterinarian or true animal lover, for permanent fix. FW proportionate not necessary. **#1093**

PLAYING YOUR SONG
Vivacious, fun, DW, 46, blonde/blue, professional musician, seeks SW/M, 40-50, NS, with passion for life, interested in possible LTR. **#1363**

NEWLY SINGLE
DW/FF, 38, 5'1", brownish-blond/blue, enjoys working out, dancing, music, movies, and much more. Seeking SW/M, 35-45, for companionship. **#1258**

LIMITED TIME OFFER
Act now! Versatile, physically fit, degreed SW, 49, 5'8", 130lbs, dark blonde/blue, enjoys exercising, outdoors, travel, hiking, gardening, and learning new things. Seeking very attractive, articulate, educated physical fit man, 45-52, 5'10", 170lbs. **#1278**

COMPANION & BEST FRIEND
SWF, 54, 128lbs, blonde, NS, seeks SW/M, 45-58, who's young, looking and energetic like myself. A little bit country, a little bit rock-n-roll; can be humorous as well as serious. **#1635**

1 LIFE TO LIVE
Hard-working, fun-loving SW/FF, 23, 5'6", blonde/green, mom of 1, enjoys quiet evenings, long walks, movies, living life. Seeking caring, understanding SW/M to share this life with. **#1381**

ATTRACTIVE WIDOW
Intelligent, slender, tall WF, 53, ladylike, warm-hearted, smoker, seeks tall gentleman, 55-65, with traditional values, who is intelligent and interested in sharing romantic dinners, conversation, and laughter with me. **#1602**

GROWN-UP BOY
Clean-cut, friendly, degreed, paragon SW/FF, seeks intelligent, financially secure SW/M, 48-54, brown hair, who likes to travel. **#1339**

SENSITIVE & TOUGH
SJE, med-50s, 5'6", green eyes, from Kentucky, financially secure, SW/M, 40-50, who is interested in a monogamous LTR. **#1813**

LOST ON THE RIVER
Vivacious, friendly, single, dynamic, outgoing, focused, normal, impulsive SW/FF, 36, seeks passionate, honest, fun, for friendship, maybe more. **#1502**

LET'S MAKE MUSIC
SW/FF, young 49, slim, works out, has children 50% of the time, NS, enjoys singing, music, piano, outdoors. Seeking a SW/M, for sharing similar interests and companionship. **#1459**

KIND TO GO TO BE TRUE
Sincere, sexy, attractive SW/FF, 45, petite, dark/hazel, seeks attractive, fun-loving, adventurous, sincere SW/M, 40-50, who is interested in a monogamous LTR. **#1813**

REDHEAD
Creative, distinctive, industrious, beautiful, confident SWF, 31, NS, vegetarian, enjoys nature, horses, gardening, field, dancing, art, motorcycles. Seeking SW/M, 30-50. **#1052**

IN SEARCH OF
Petite SWF, 23, brown/blue, seeks caring, reliable SW/M, 21-25, to have fun and share life with. Must be willing to make time for relationship. **#1322**

HOPELESS ROMANTIC
Energetic, beautiful SW/FF, 5'5", 145lbs, honey brown complexion, enjoys exercising, traveling, entertaining, movies. Seeking prosperous Christian gentleman with similar interests, NS, FW proportionate, for friendship. Southfield area. **#1279**

A RARE FIND
Attractive lady seeks companionship of professional gentleman, 50+, who enjoys theater, concerts, museums, exhibits, excursions. **#1242**

WHERE LOVE IS
Appreciative, caring, open SW/FF, 48, 5'8", 110lbs, blonde/blue, enjoys nature, walks, animals, swimming, boating, traveling, etc. Seeking honest, trustworthy SW/M, NS, for LTR. **#1237**

ATTRACTIVE & PASSIONATE
Beautiful, doctor, brunette, 30s, with a great smile and zest for life, seeks intelligent and successful SW/M, for LTR. **#1699**

COULD IT BE YOU?
SW/FF, seeks Mr. Right, 45-55, who likes going to movies, dancing, quiet dinners at home or on the town, and has a flair for spontaneity. Could it be you? **#1700**

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MAKE ME BREATHE HARD!
Hard-working, fit, playful female enjoys indoor activities except cards, outdoor activities except golf. Seeking active college graduate, NS, 40-45. **#1473**

STARTING OVER WITH YOU
Smart, sensual, attractive SW/FF, 37, slightly overweight, enjoys fishing, dining, theater, concerts, sports, and gourmet cooking. Seeking attractive, sincere SW/M. Race unimportant. **#1448**

LOOKING FOR FUN
Truthfully, I find these ego ads scary. I'm a tall, thin SW/FF, 60s, NS, who is just looking for fun, who doesn't need to be taken care of. **#1173**

SINCERE AND CURVY
DW/FF, 5'6", blonde, two grown children, seeks romantic white gentleman, 40-50, fairly sophisticated, financially/emotionally secure, interested in fun times and sports. **#1212**

STARTING OVER WITH YOU
Smart, sensual, attractive SW/FF, 37, slightly overweight, enjoys fine dining, theater, concerts, sports, gourmet cooking. Seeking attractive, sincere man. Race unimportant. **#1429**

COMPANIONSHIP
Very kind-hearted, honest, easygoing, good-humored, very affectionate, down-to-earth DW, 45, likes simple things in life. Seeking DW gentleman, 48-60, for friendship and fun times. **#1446**

LIFE SUBLINE
Pretty SW/FF, 5'7", 130lbs, spiritual, non-religious, degreed, energetic, very young, 40s, blonde/blue, like a doll. Seeking similar LTR, to share pleasures of emotional intimacy, joy, hiking, mountain climbing, just about everything. Seeking attractive, sensitive, young woman with self-respect for committed LTR. **#1665**

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GRADING ON THE CURVE
Attractive, intelligent SW/M, 6'2", 235lbs, college student, good sense of humor, seeks shapey WF, 29, for committed relationship. **#1703**

LET'S GET TOGETHER
SW/M, 34, 6'2", 200lbs, black/brown, serious, enjoys working out, skiing, riding my Harley. Seeking SW/FF with similar interests for LTR. **#1732**

FOR COMMITMENT
SM, 34, 6'11", 200lbs, suburban green, in good shape, carpenter, with one son, enjoys hunting, fishing, going to North movies, etc. Seeking communicative SW/FF for committed relationship. **#1701**

IDEALITY
SW/M, 33, faithful, in search of kind, honest SW/FF, preferably employed, also faithful. **#1731**

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LET'S LOOK TO THE SUMMER
DW/M, looking for widowed/SW/FF, 28+, NS, ready for the warmer days and some fun loving times, if you think you are the one, let's get together. **#1691**

SOMEONE SPECIAL
SW/M, 33, tall, dark hair, honest, sincere, caring, likes dining out, movies, and evening walks. Seeking SW/FF, 25-40, for dating and romance. **#1698**

FRIEND/LOVER
DW/M, 37, 5'9", 170lbs, friend of "B" W., considered handsome, seeks open-minded, slim, attractive woman, 21-35, for LTR leading to marriage. **#1427**

SECRET AGENT
Intelligent, creative, college-educated, athletic, adventurous, open-minded, attractive SW/M, 32, 5'7", enjoys getaway weekends, summer breezes, dancing, romantic jazz, martial arts. Seeking fit, witty SW/FF, 20-40, for possible relationship. **#1264**

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Attractive, hard-working, honest, kind-hearted, affectionate SW/M, 37, 6'1", 160lbs, thinner brown/blue, smoker, social drinker, home owner, no dependents, enjoys camping, fishing. Seeking SW/FF, 25-35, FW proportionate. Kids ok. No games. **#1424**

BLACK
SW/M, 5'7", 140lbs, enjoys motor-cycles, movies, bonfires and the lake. Seeking slim SW/FF, 25-35, for committed LTR. **#1425**

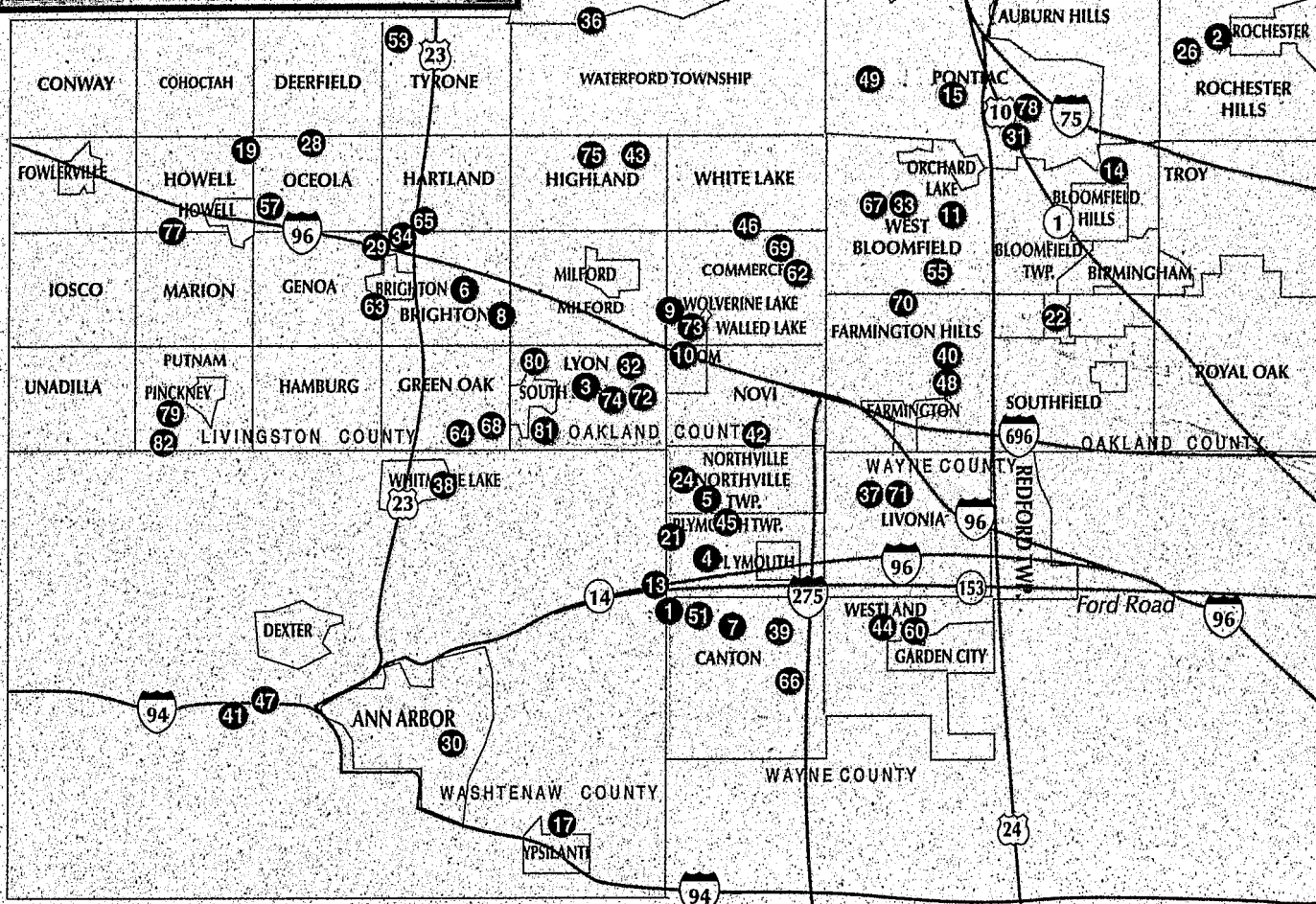
LATIN FEVER
SW/M, 35, 6'2", brown/blue, loves live music, traveling, sports, movies. Seeking attractive Latin/Cuban/Puerto Rican SW/FF for LTR. **#1348**

TRUE ROMANCE
Employed SW/M, 28, brown/brown, college student, enjoys cuddling, amusement parks, older mls, vacations, music. Seeking SW/FF, 22-31, for friendship first, possible more. **#1436**

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Attractive, fit SW/M, 38, 6'2", brown/blue, enjoys fishing, camping, dining, movies, more. Seeking SW/FF, 32-40, for committed LTR. Kids ok. **#1175**

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