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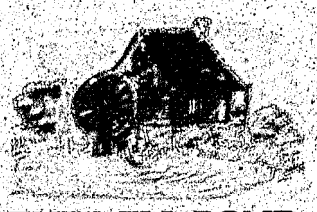

Skunk stink out

Independence Township Hall had an unwelcome visitor sometime Sunday night or early Monday morning.

A dead skunk — and its accompanying smell — was found on top of the old root cellar doors at the rear of the annex building. Unfortunately, that is where the township hall's ventilation system is so employees in the whole building and annex were greeted Monday morning with the stench of skunk spray.

The odor and the open doors to the annex and township hall were a giveaway that something was afoot. Second- floor employees had the smell under control fairly well with the help of air freshener spray and scented candles.

TV commercial in Clarkston

Former Clarkston High School student Dawnaree Demrose is so taken with the new high school building that she's using it as a backdrop in a public service announcement television commercial. It's on the air through March 12 on Channel 62. The commercial includes CHS students as extras. It promotes learning about career options before making a choice. Some of the times you can watch it are 3:45 p.m. and 11:50 p.m. Tuesday, March 7; 10 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Thursday, March 9; and 7:30 p.m. and 11:10 p.m. Saturday, March 11. Watch fast. It's only on for 30 seconds.

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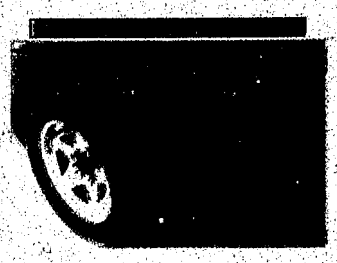

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STAFF PHOTOS BY DONNA MCLAUGHLIN

Thirsty plants: *Precise care is needed to grow healthy plants from seeds. Nicole Phillips of Brandon Township waters geraniums that will be sold at the annual OTC plant sale in May.*

Spring fever

Seedlings sprouting in time for season

BY SALLY SLAUGHTER
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The seeds for beautiful flowers and bountiful vegetables are being planted at Oakland Technical Center Northwest Campus.

The horticulture students run a commercial greenhouse at the Springfield Township campus, and they are busy caring for what will be a stunning array of plants for the annual plant sale May 17. Bioscience and horticulture instructor Donna Papatheodoropoulos said the greenhouse is different because the students grow an enormous variety of plants in a small area. While some commercial greenhouses may be filled with one or two kinds making automation possible, OTC students must do everything manually.

For the plant sale, OTC will offer the newest hybrids.

"The unusual is what we're all about," Papatheodoropoulos said. "We try to have the things that are hard to get your hands on."

In addition to the exotic blends, OTC also keeps old, but difficult to find varieties like the fragrant heliotrope. That plant is a favorite from Victorian times, Papatheodoropoulos said.

For most flowers and vegetables, it's just best to let the professionals grow the transplants from seeds. It's difficult to grow seeds indoors, she said, and expect to have hardy seedlings.

"The biggest tip, light, light, light. There simply isn't enough light," she said.

But for people who don't want to invest in a grow light but still want to see what shade of green their thumb is, plants like squash, cucumbers and melons can be successfully started indoors. Those are the types of plants that gardeners would normally start from a seed. Beginning indoors is just a way to get a

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Beckoning spring: *Anita Lovelace of Clarkston makes rows in preparation for planting seeds.*



Wee bit of Irish: *Shamrock seedlings spring up for St. Patrick's Day.*



Many steps: *OTC students Anita Lovelace (left) and Brandy Dicks of Holly prepare flats.*

Golf course study ready

■ A township-financed study of Clarkston Creek Golf Club is done, and officials hope that additional information can help them make a decision about its future.

BY SALLY SLAUGHTER
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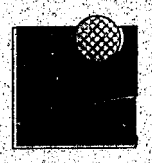
A study of the Clarkston Creek Golf Club is done, and township officials are mulling over the results.

"We're now in the process of meshing that, if you will, with what the developer plans to do," Township Trustee Jeff McGee said.



Golf course architectural and consulting firm Don Childs and Associates delivered its report to Independence Township a couple of weeks ago. The Sylvan Lake-based company was paid $2,100 to give the township an independent analysis of Clarkston Creek Golf Club on Maybee Road near Sashabaw Road.

Township Supervisor Dale Stuart did not respond to requests for a copy of the report by The Eccentric deadline Friday.

Mark Fruehan, who along with Don Childs worked on the study, said it was a quick evaluation of the club's current strengths and weaknesses. It also looked at what developer Joe Locricchio suggested in the way of improvements.

"They wanted to understand what the needed improvements were to make it a competitive golf course within the public golf course marketplace," Fruehan said.

The township is deciding whether to go forward with intense negotiations with Locricchio, a township resident. Locricchio has proposed buying the golf course and putting 120 townhomes where two of the holes are now. Those holes would be relocated to the current driving range. Also part of the plan is for Locricchio to buy 19 acres fronting Sashabaw Road from another resident in addition to 14 adjacent acres owned by the township. That area would allow access to the townhomes. Locricchio intends to build commercial, retail and office space as well.

In exchange, Locricchio wants to sell the golf course to the township. He proposed to make certain improvements to the course and handle operations. Any revenue would be paid to the township, which could in turn be used to pay back the money it would have to borrow to buy the golf course. Locricchio was envisioning a 15-year repayment.

The township board has most recently been talking in closed session about whether it wants to enter serious negotiations with Locricchio. Meeting in closed session to discuss a property purchase is permissible under the Michigan Open Meetings Act.

Fruehan said the study encompassed Locricchio's plans to reconfigure the holes using the driving range, and how the housing would affect golfing there. It also looked at what improvements such as a modern irrigation system

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Mentoring program helps students to stay on task

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER
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Ashley Bonneau doesn't mind telling people that she's always struggled in school.

"I'm extremely ADD (attention deficit disorder)," said the 10th- grade student at Clarkston High School. "I have problems staying on task."

She isn't on medication now and was having difficulties staying on task. But with the help of a new program at the high school that involves students and staff, she's passing her classes.

Called Adopt a High School Student, it's a mentoring program that's the

Please see **MENTORS, A2**



STAFF PHOTO BY DONNA MCLAUGHLIN

Working together: *Barbara Greenstone (left) serves as a mentor for student Ashley Bonneau at Clarkston High School.*

Fire truck purchase on Springfield agenda

Springfield Township Fire Department wants a new pumper/tanker truck.

Fire Chief Charles Oaks will ask the township board to give him the OK to go out for bids on the $170,000 piece of equipment at the regular board meeting Thursday. A $25,000 deposit is budgeted, and the remainder would be financed.

Also on Thursday's meeting agenda is discussion on adding a lane on Dixie Highway north of Old Pond Road between Davisburg Road and I-75. Supervisor Collin Walls does not want to delay engineering to widen the road any longer.

Board members will ponder a final site plan for Hummingbird Ridge. Holly Land Co. wants to build 19 condominiums on 55 acres on Eaton Road south of Rattalee Lake Road.

Similarly, a public hearing and board discussion will take place on a special land use request by Steve Riga, who wants to build 58 homes on 165 acres. Called Hidden Ridge, the development would be located north of Neal Road and west of Ormond Road, east of Eagle Road. Riga plans to retain 114 acres.

Also, Spring Clean-up Day is set for April 8.

The Springfield Township Board of Trustees meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Township Hall, 650 Davisburg Road.

— By Sally Slaughter, staff writer

READER REFERENCE

Clarkston school events

March 6: CHS Band Boosters. SMS conferences. BL Book Fair throughout the week. CE Reach for the Stars—third grade classes.

March 7: CHS conferences. CMS volleyball, wrestling. SMS volleyball, wrestling.

March 8: CMS, CHS parent/teacher conferences. BL PTA Board Meeting.

March 9: CHS, OTC parent/teacher conferences.

March 10: No school for middle and high school buildings. Middle schools district band and orchestra festival. CMS volleyball and wrestling.

March 11: Middle schools district band and orchestra festival.

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

March 6: Hamburger on a bun, hot dog on a bun, tator tots, apple.

March 7: French toast sticks with sausages, hot dog on a bun, orange juice, applesauce.

March 8: Macaroni and cheese with roll, hot dog on a bun, green beans, fruit cup.

March 9: Chicken fryz with breadsticks, hot dog on a bun, whipped potatoes, diced pears.

March 10: Cheese-stuffed breadsticks with sauce, hot dog on a bun, buttered corn, sliced peaches.

Clarkston Middle School Main Course Lunch Menu

March 6: Little Charlie's pizza, hamburger, tator tots, apple.

March 7: Fiestada, hot pockets, waffle sticks with sausage, potato wedge, orange juice, applesauce.

March 8: Cheese-stuffed breadstick, turkey club sandwich, tossed salad.

March 9: Little Caesar's pizza, tuna on a bun, carrot sticks, pears.

March 10: No school.

Sashabaw Middle School Main Course Lunch Menu

March 6: Little Caesar's pizza, ham and cheese bagel, bratwurst on a bun.

March 7: Chicken nuggets, submarine, chicken salad in a roll-up.

March 8: Specialty pizza, turkey club sandwich, macaroni and cheese.

March 9: Taco with churro, bacon cheeseburger, ham and cheese pizza roll.

March 10: No school.

Independence Township Library

March: Drop off books for the spring sale.

March 8: Storytime — 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

March 11: Beginning class for new session of "Navigating the Worldwide Web" — 9:15 a.m. "American Folktales and Legends" by Class Act Theater for school-age children — 11 a.m.

Independence Township Recreation

Early-bird registration is going on now for youth baseball and softball. Registration for adult softball begins March 6 for returning teams and March 13 for new resident teams. Open registration starts March 20.

A Splash Party at the Clarkston High School pool is set for 7-10 p.m. March 10. Tickets must be purchased by March 8.

Tickets are on sale now for the Marshmallow Drop at 11 a.m. April 15 in Clintonwood Park. Children ages 12 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.

Independence Township Senior Center Lunch Menu

Monday: Chicken patty on a bun

Tuesday: Turkey breast

Wednesday: Vegetable lasagna

Thursday: Sweet and sour city chicken

Friday: Tuna melt

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

Natural healing therapy will be offered by certified massage therapist Lesley Kelley from 1-5 p.m. March 10 at the senior center. Full body, upper body and neck and shoulder massages will be offered. Call the senior center for more information.

Volunteer tax preparers will be available to assist with tax forms 9 a.m. to noon Tuesdays. For an appointment and a list of what to bring, call the senior center at 625-8231.

Springfield Township Recreation

Springfield Parks and Recreation, in cooperation with Oakland County Parks and Recreation, will offer an in-line hockey instructional class on Monday, March 13, at Springfield Oaks Activity Center. Children ages 5-8 will play from 5-6 p.m., and children ages 9 and up will play from 6-7 p.m. The cost is $10 per person.

An in-line hockey league will begin March 20 and run through May 1. Cost is $55 and 13- to 17-year-olds will be split from the younger kids and play from 8-9 p.m. Adult pick-up games will be scheduled from 8-9 p.m. Cost is $5 per visit.

For more information or to register for the instruction or the league, call Springfield Township Parks and Recreation at 634-0412.

Independence Township General Information

Township Hall — 625-5111, supervisor ext. 208, clerk ext. 202, taxes ext. 211

Library — 625-2212

Parks and Recreation — 625-8223

Department of Public Works — 625-8222

Senior center — 625-8231

Police, non-emergency — 858-4911

Fire, non-emergency — 625-1924

Springfield Township General Information

Township Hall — 625-4802

Library — 625-0595

Parks and Recreation at Hart Community Center — 634-0412

Police, non-emergency — 858-4950

Fire, non-emergency — 634-6766

City of the Village of Clarkston General Information

City Hall — 625-1559

Library — Residents use Independence Township

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Department of Public Works — 625-1265

Police, non-emergency — 625-0088

Fire, non-emergency — 625-1924

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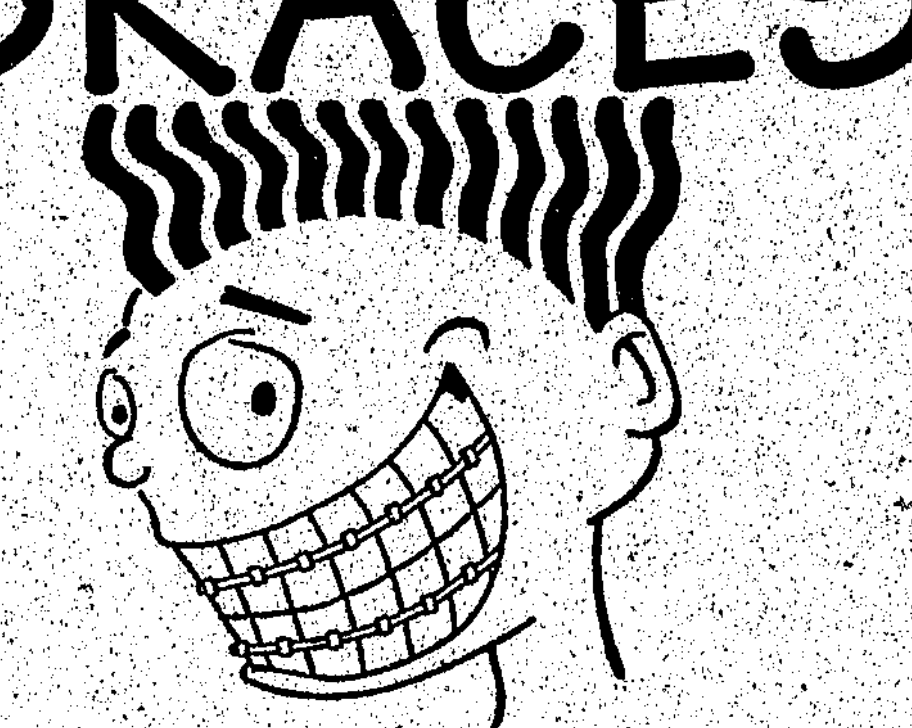

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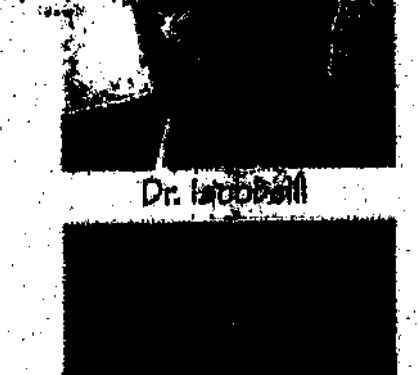

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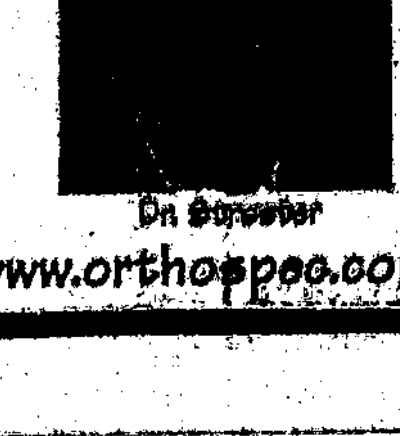

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Mentors *from page A1*

brainstorm of assistant principal Vincent Licata.

"I formulated this idea back in August, shared it with the faculty in September and three staff members helped me organize it," Licata said. They are Barbara Greenstone, Tina Verlinden and Katie MacKay.

They selected a group of 50 students who met certain criteria—either they weren't making good decisions academically or with their behavior, their grades were suffering or they weren't connecting with anyone in the school.

About 50 teachers and school personnel volunteered to "adopt" a student. "We sent letters to parents to make sure they knew about this new program and didn't have any objections to their children being a part of it," Licata said.

Then they moved forward.

Now these targeted students are meeting one-on-one with their adult mentors. They work on school work, talk about making good decisions, do things that will help the students improve their experiences as teenagers and as students at CHS. Sometimes as simple an act as saying hello to a student in the hallway can make a difference.

Ashley works closely with Greenstone.

"She helps me study," she said. "She even reads tests out loud to me, which helps me understand them better. If she sees I'm not paying attention, she'll have me walk around the room for a couple of minutes or get a drink of water, something that will help me get back on task."

Ashley said Greenstone even talks to her teachers to learn where she needs help.

"This makes everything so much easier for me," Ashley said. "I wouldn't be passing if it weren't for this new program. I hope they continue with it. I know tons of students who would still be at Clarkston High if they had had this kind of one-on-one help."

Ashley's mother, Roxanne Bonneau, is also very happy with the Adopt a High School Student program.

"It's help I wish Ashley could have gotten years ago," Bonneau said. "At the beginning of the school year, Ashley said to me that kids that are bad get extra help and because she doesn't do anything wrong, she doesn't get help. Well, now she is getting it and it's making a difference. It's saving my daughter."

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>
> *Ashley Bonneau*
> *CHS student*

Licata said the adult volunteers are working with students in grades nine through 12.

"We're going to compare their grades, discipline and attendance records at the end of this school year to see if this program made a difference," he explained. "I think some kids will show a dramatic improvement."

Now Ashley is more confident about her future. She'd like to start studying cosmetology soon.

Licata has dreams for his program, too.

"I'd like to see us having 100-plus kids involved in this next school year," he said. "We're already getting calls from parents saying they'd like to see their students in it."

Barbara Greenstone said she hopes it filters down to middle school students who might be at risk. She'd like to see them assigned to a mentor as soon as they start ninth grade.

"That way we can work with them immediately, instead of taking a chance of having them falter for the first nine weeks at the high school," she added.

Licata said the program received community donations to get it off the ground.

Last week the adult mentors and students attended a luncheon together. Emanuel Steward, owner of the famous Kronk Gym in Detroit and trainer of world champion boxers, talked about his struggles in life as a teenager and how an adult helped him learn to make better decisions about life.

Seedlings *from page A1*

jump on the growing season, Papatheodoropoulos said.

She said to make sure the seeds are put by the window with the most light. Use new flats or sterilize old ones with bleach water to prevent the seeds from being destroyed by fungus. Also always use sterile soil, she added.

Golf course *from page A1*

would do for the course and whether enough money was set aside for those improvements. The clubhouse also was evaluated, he said.

McGee said the board will have to meet at least a few more times in closed session.

Locricchio had done his own analysis and the board debated whether it should get a separate opinion of what the course needs to be viable.

"To me, this is where you should be spending the money," McGee said, because the information is vital to making a decision about whether to go forward.

He added that the entire project is something the board needs to ponder carefully because a lot is at stake, including valuable township property.

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The Board of Review meetings are scheduled as follows:

Tuesday, March 7th.	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
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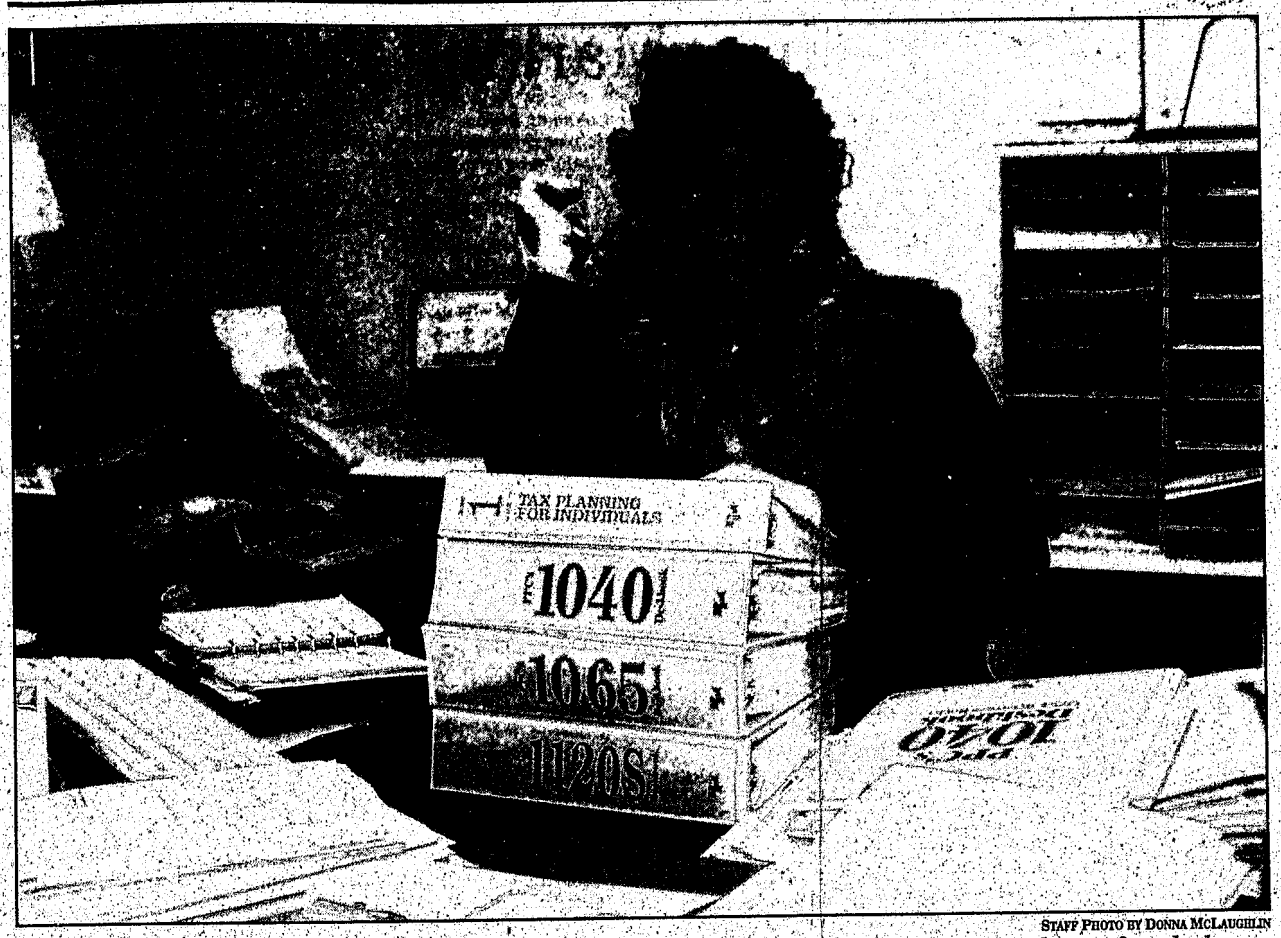

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A taxing time: *Certified public accountant Carolyn Yables-Turner smiles despite the high volume of work she has during tax season.*

It's tax time

Disappearing accountants to return after April 15

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER
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Have you noticed how accountants seem to fade off the face of the Earth from January until after the due date for filing tax returns in April?

A peek in to the lives of two local accountants reveals that these observations are correct.

Carolyn Yables-Turner, president of Trinity Tax and Financial Services, finds her life getting more hectic as early as November.

"People start calling me to get their personal and business projections about taxes done before the end of the year," she said. "They want to know what they should be doing to lower their tax obligations."

Then the rush starts. Working out of her office at 6696 Dixie Highway in Independence Township, she begins compiling information and filling out forms for both her in-state and out-of-state clients. She has to complete corporate returns a month earlier than personal client returns are due.

"I have to get partnership returns done before I can get the partners' returns done," she added.

Once the business returns are done, Yables-Turner starts working on individual client returns.

"I begin working longer hours — 55-65 hours a week — as much as is necessary to get the work done," she said. This year, however, she's taking Sundays off to spend more time with her husband, Sam Turner. The couple lives in Davisburg.

"He's a wonderful, supportive husband," she said. "He chips in and does whatever needs to be done to help me out this time of year."

Her family members also know not to expect her to show up at family functions so they try to plan them during other times of the year.

Yables-Turner moved her office from Waterford Township about three years ago. She has several years of experience in accounting and the tax field and has earned her enrolled agent title.

This means she can represent a client in any state before the Internal Revenue Service as well as argue facts of law as opposed to just clerical accuracy. She's also taking the test to be a certified financial planner in July.

When accountant and another enrolled agent Ron Wurst starts to feel overworked during tax season, he knows there's an end in sight.

"My wife, Laurie, is a teacher in the Walled Lake school district. I work hard during the time she's in school so we can take a month every summer and go camping with our dog, Dexter," said the owner of Common Cents in Independence Township.

Dexter also serves as a working companion to his owner. He accompanies Wurst as he drives from one client's home to another's office.

Wurst, who also has a master's degree in taxation, works as a traveling accountant to his 200-plus clients.

"My business is unique in that I have a portable office," he said. "I go to my clients' houses with my lap-top computer and portable printer and set up my office on their kitchen table. It works really good," he said. "If I ask them a question and they don't have the answer, they just run to their file cabinet to find it."

Wurst works days, nights and weekends during tax season.

He said the concept of filing tax returns electronically to get faster refunds for clients has added more work to tax professionals' jobs.

"It's definitely more work for us. The IRS has us doing work that they used to do. Before, people sent in the forms and the IRS had keypunch people to put in the information. Now we have to enter this ourselves," he explained.

He said accountants also have to monitor when the IRS accepts the tax return because then they have to mail in a signed form within 24 hours — something the client used to do."

So what changes does Wurst see in his life during tax season?

"Well, there's certainly no time to go to the gym for aerobics or weight lifting," he commented. "And we certainly eat a lot more carryout this time of year."

Both accountants have advice for people who haven't been to see their accountants yet this year:

■ Don't bring in that shoe box full of receipts. Take time to categorize and total the receipts. If not, you're going to pay a premium for something you can do yourself.

■ Start planning your tax strategies Jan. 1 of the previous year. Don't wait until the year is over. People often make expensive financial mistakes because they haven't planned when the best time is to cash in some bonds or move money around. People need to consider the tax consequences of what they are doing all year long.

■ Learn to use computer programs such as Quick Books for businesses and Quicken for individuals to keep accurate financial records.

■ Keep track of information on your stocks, such as when you bought it and how much you paid for it. That's information you will need to know.

When do these two busy individuals do their tax returns?

Yables-Turner finished the task in early February. Wurst is waiting until after April 17, this year's tax return date.

Independence Township to mull park restrooms, storage building

BY SALLY SLAUGHTER
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Restrooms at Springfield Plains Park and a first reading of the proposed land division ordinance are among the items to be discussed at Tuesday's Independence Township Board meeting.

Parks and Recreation Director Ann Conklin has hoped to put bathrooms in at Springfield Plains for a couple of years, but the money is not in the capital budget for this year. She is suggesting using money left over from the Oakland County Infrastructure Fund. She said once the Department of Public Works is finished with its projects, approximately $50,000 could be left. In checking with the county, Conklin learned that at least the plumbing part of a restroom project might be eligible. The township would have to pay for structural improvements.

"I understand that is considered a stretch of the Environmental Fund, but I feel that it is worth the time and effort to submit the request because if successful, it would give the township a mechanism for partial funding for much- needed restrooms at Sashabaw Plains," Conklin wrote in a memo to the board.

She is proposing to install two unisex bathrooms, each with a sink and toilet, in the existing pole barn. The cost to the township would be approximately $20,700 while the county could pick up about $34,800 in additional costs.

The Department of Public Works wants to build a pole barn for storage next to the DPW building. DPW Director George Anderson said the $60,000 building would be used to store all township records in one place. Currently, records are dispersed in many places. The storage area could be partially heated and insulated unless it becomes apparent it would need to be completely heated. In that case, the cost would be higher, Anderson indicated in a memo to the board.

Also, the land division ordinance that the township has been working on for many months is ready for a first reading. The ordinance is in response to a change in state law.

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

Shoplifting

On March 1, a 39-year-old Clarkston woman went through the check-out line at Kroger Supermarket, 6625 **Dixie Highway**, and paid for the food in her basket. She neglected to pay for the $63.32 worth of vitamins and hand lotion a loss prevention officer saw her put into her purse. She was issued a ticket for shoplifting.

Marijuana possession

On March 1, police issued an appearance ticket to a 30-year-old Clarkston man after they saw him rolling a marijuana joint in the back room of the Sportsmen's Lounge, 5864 **Dixie Highway**. Police were at the establishment to do a routine bar check and liquor inspection when they saw the man.

Retail fraud

On March 1, a 41-year-old Waterford man was issued an appearance ticket by police after he went through the check out at Kroger Supermarket at 6625 **Dixie Highway** without paying for a bottle of medicine he had removed from the box and hid. He paid for other items in his basket.

On March 1, a 16-year-old Clarkston male tried to remove three packages of cigarettes from Farmer Jack Supermarket, 7121 **Dixie Highway**, without paying for them. The packages were in the youth's front jacket packet.

Minors in possession of marijuana

On Feb. 29, the Clarkston High School police liaison officer from the Oakland County Sheriff's Department observed on a security camera three youths go to a car in the school parking lot. When the officer approached the car, the youths drove away. A search of the vehicle by a deputized search dog found residue of marijuana in the vehicle. Two of the youths were give appearance tickets for possession of marijuana when they returned to school. A passenger in the car found inside the school had a recent violation of possession of marijuana. He is being detained in Oakland County Children's Village.

Larceny in a building

On Feb. 29, a 36-year-old man from Davison removed six ribeye steaks worth $60.27 from Kroger Supermarket at 6625 **Dixie Highway** without paying for them. Two store detectives followed the man outside and chased him after he tried to run away, according to the police report. Police issued him an appearance ticket for larceny.

Drug law—possession of cocaine, marijuana

On Feb. 28, an 18-year-old Davisburg man received an appearance ticket for possession of cocaine. Police discovered the drugs after stopping the Clarkston driver for a traffic stop on **Lancaster Lake Way**.

Springfield Township

Burglary force—nonresidential

On March 1, someone entered a garage in the 10800 block of **Big Lake Road** and removed $3,735 worth of stereo equipment and compact discs from a vehicle.

Home invasion—first degree

On March 1, someone removed a snowblower valued at $300 from a garage in the 7100 block of **North Wind Court**.

Assist fire department

On Feb. 29, police officers assisted Springfield Township Fire Department with an outdoor fire in the 13900 block of **Neal**. The fire department extinguished the fire. The homeowner received a citation for burning without a permit.

Clarkston Police

No reports.

Independence Fire

Fire calls

Independence Township Fire Department responded to 11 calls Feb. 28 to March 1. These included five medical calls, one call each for a building fire, a personal-injury accident, an investigation, a complaint, a lock out and a carbon monoxide investigation.

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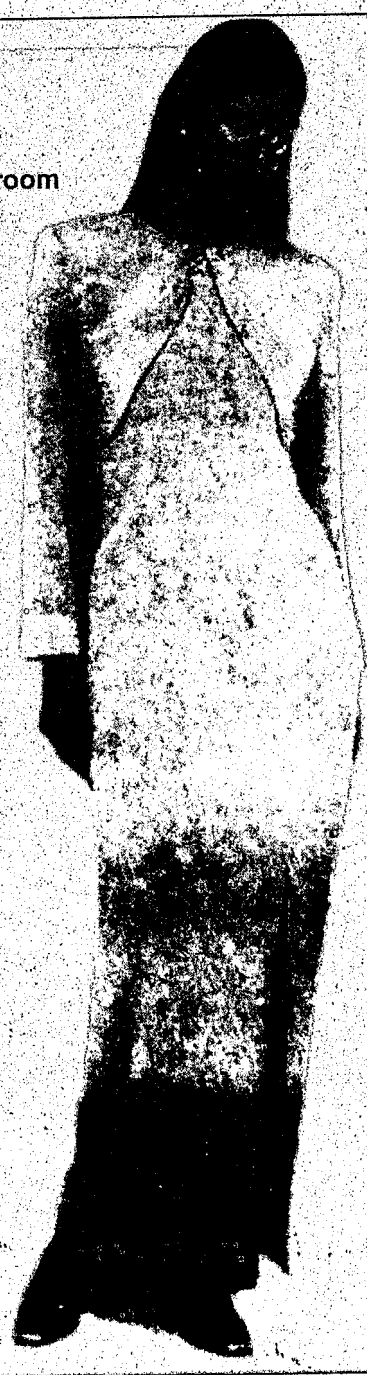

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Sashabaw Middle School Honor Roll — Marking Period Two

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Alexander, Christine
Anderson, Christopher
Antonides, Chelsea
Arnold, Kelsey
Baker, Michael
Banghart, Katherine*
Barker, Scott
Bennett, Caitlin
Benson, Charles
Blouin, Justin*
Blue, Daniel
Boyer, David
Brandenburg, Casey
Brandenburg, Corey
Brelinski, David
Brennan, Edward
Broaddus, Steven
Campau, Chelsea
Cichon, Catherine
Conwell, Paris
Cooke, Brittany
Copeman, Elizabeth
Coulson, Nicole
Creech, David
Denz, Adam
DeZess, Jacquelyn
Emery, Heidi
Fick, Cheryl
Flynn, Amanda
Fox, Shannon
Fricks, Samantha
Gale, Bradley
Gilford, Alex
Godschalk, Elizabeth*
Goyke, Michelle*
Grix, Amanda
Gross, Amanda
Gross, Chelsea*
Gurtis, Amanda
Hardy, Alexander*
Hartley, Sara
Hoekstra, Elizabeth
Hopkins, Charlene
Horstman, Timothy
Houle, Nicholas
Humphreys, Lauren
Jamnik, Nathan
Johns, Nicole
Johnson, Rodney
Kage, Megan
Kay, Victoria
Kellogg, Christopher
Kelly, Alexander
Kittle, Michael
Koelb, Ashley
Kolano, Brad*
Kramer, Jennifer
Karamer, Lindsay
Laur, Bryan
Lee, Aaron
Lloyd, Lauryn
Lutz, Raquel
Markarian, Matthew*
Martinez, Melissa
McKean, Kevin
Medlen, Kristine
Meisner, Paul
Mellema, Drew
Mellen, Bailey
Meltsner, Angela*
Mittle, Matthew
Moran, Joseph
Motto, Ryan
Mullen, Kevin
Muniz, Judy
Nelson, Michael
Nettle, Bradley
O'Toole, Shane
Pascoe, Michelle
Pearce, Steffen
Peers, James
Phillips, Brian
Puroll, Steven
Rabideau, Rachel
Rademacher, Joseph
Raess, Jordan
Rector, Kelsi*
Reyes, Anthony
Robitaille, Megan
Roche, Kirsten
Roemmich, Bradley*
Rogers, Niklas
Rozwadowski, Theresa*
Seery, David
Sjostrand, Ingrid
Slaughter, Renee
Stock, Ryan
Thomas, Katherine
Thompson, Michael
Tubbs, Laycee
Turk, Brooke
Wheeler, Justin
Wheeler, Lisa
Willhite, Kristen

7th Grade
Alee, Jillian
Alghanern, Muhammad
Andersen, Amanda*
Anderson, Justin
Angona, Amber
Arpke, Brian*
Babb, Kelli
Badger, Randi
Baker, Melissa
Belcher, Amanda
Benson, Katherine
Best, Brendon
Binkney, Ryan
Blaine, Maria*
Blaski, Raeanne
Blough, Dennis
Borth, Richard
Bowles, Jessica
Bratton, Amber
Bryant, Stephanie
Bushman, Jessica
Churay, Tracey*
Combs, James
Conner, Kyle
Coopersmith, Melissa
Cumper, Michael
Darling, Derek
Darnall, Jennifer
Denz, Chelsey
Emery, Amy*
Fecteau, Jessica
Flores, Renee
Flury, Robin
Fogg, Michael
Fredericksen, Elyse
Funck, Brianna*
Fuqua, Elizabeth
Garavaglia, Thomas
Gendernalik, David
Giordano, Jason
Gordon, Angela
Haladik, Jeffrey*
Halula, Lauren
Henderson, Amanda*
Hills, Kate*
Hinton, Levi
Hoff, Robert*
Hommel, Brianne
Hupfer-Gerrick, Elsa
Hurley, Nicole
Isbell, Amanda
Jefferies, Michael
Jenkins, Anna
Johns, Trevor
Johnson, Katie
Joseph, Libby
Karmer, Franklin
Kato, Christopher
Keil, Kelly
Kelley, Kevin
Kilbourne, Kristine*
Kitson, Lyndsey
Kodra, Anton*
Kowalk, Allyson*
Lange, Gretchen
Lewis, Kaitlyn
Lyons, Scott
Mackey, Shane*
Martin, Stephanie
Mazzola, Aaron
McGrath, Casey
Medlen, Scott*
Meissnest, Jacob
Melone, Brenton
Morell, Mallory
Morris, Justine*
Morrison, Brandon
Mudge, Victoria
Nealer, Denise
Nico, Carla*
Nutt, Theresa
Odett, Ashley
Osmak, Jessica
Paddison, Eric
Parkin, Stephanie
Pearce, Jeffrey
Polson, Kyle
Portela, Ashley*
Powell, Michael
Preston, Laura
Puroll, Nicholas*
Radke, Casey
Reyes, Mario
Rupe, Kerri
Sanchez, Jessica
Sanger, Alex
Schlosser, Dana
Seery, Steven
Shaner, Jessica
Sherman, Jonathan
Singles, Caitlin
Sisk, Deidra*
Skrisson, Alexandra
Smith, Jaclyn
Smith, Kathleen
Smith, Sheri
Snook, Alexandra*
Swartz, Ashley
Sweedyk, Melanie
Taylor, Jacqueline
Thomas, Craig*
Thorstad, Gregory
Titsworth, Jennifer*
Ufer, Jonathan
Vahlbusch, Kevin
Valmassoi, Christopher
Volin, Brittney
Walsh, Daniel*
Warner, Marguerite*
Waterbury, Matthew
Whaley, Samantha
Wherry, Jacqueline
Ylvisaker, Konrad
Yu, Karine
Zarzycki, Joanna

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Antonides, Sydney
Arndt, Michael
Beech, Ashley
Bennett, Chad*
Berendt, Tracey
Boatman, Keith
Bomier, Whitney
Bradish, Kristen
Brookes, Christopher
Brose, Leeanne
Bruce, Jason
Buzzo, Kyle*
Chenet, Steven
Chesley, Matthew
Clements, Elizabeth
Colbert, Jennifer
Coleman, James
Colpaert, Heather
Cummings, Amanda
Davis, Nathan
DeZess, Jessica
Dickie, Sally
Douglas, Darlene
Driscoll, Karlie
Drolshagen, Scott
DuFresne, Michael
Epifano, Tracy
Fick, Thomas
Gallagher, Brett
Garrett, Megan
George, Keenan
Grimshaw, Brad
Grix, Matthew
Hansen, Kimberly
Hardy, Elizabeth*
Herr, Vincent
Hills, Brooke
Hines, Kristopher
Hoffman, Ryan
Hoffmeister, Jamie
Horstman, Kristin*
Hughes, Ashley
Hunt, Lauren*
Jantz, Scott
Judkins, Jennifer
Kenerson, Brittany
Knott, Casey
Knowlden, Jason
LaRue, Alexis
Lesko, Lisa
Ley, Jennifer
Logan, Jean
Lynch, Jonathan*
Maisano, Richard
Makowski, Courtney
McKinney, Paul
McLean, Caitlin
McMahan, Brandon
McMahon, Joshua
Mikutowicz, Zachariah
Nettle, Gabrielle
Nysowy, Heather
O'Neill, Amy
O'Neill, Laura
Oliver, Amber
Palace, Samuel
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Porritt, Kenneth
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Roberts, Casey
Robinson, Michaela
Rota, Stephenie
Rozwadowski, Annemarie*
Salata, John
Schuricht, Heather
Scoglietti, Gina
Seibert, Joseph
Slaughter, Rachel
Smith, Derek
Smith, Katherine
Stewart, Penniann
Sun, Wei
Swauger, Sarah
Torrone, David
Townsend, Katie
Townsend, Krista
Tubbs, Jordan
Turner, Shannon
Vaseleck, Jennifer
Vercauteren, Matthew
Wagner, Laura
Wesol, Megan
Wheeler, Jennifer*
Williams, Sarah
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Super singers: *Kourtney McLean (left to right) from Clarkston High School and Jessica DeZess, Lauren Hunt and Rachael Simms from Sashabaw Middle School were selected members of the American Choral Directors Regional Junior High Honors Choir 2000.*

Students sing in select choir

Four choir students represented Clarkston Community Schools District by performing with the American Choral Directors Regional Junior High Honors Choir 2000 in Cincinnati before 4,000 people the last weekend of February.

Kourtney McLean, a freshman at Clarkston High School, and Jessica DeZess, Lauren Hunt and Rachael Simms, eighth-grade students at Sashabaw Middle School, were chosen for the choir in a competition with other students from Michigan, Illinois, Ohio and Indiana. They auditioned by tapes submitted in September. Sashabaw Middle School Choral Director Becky Linder accompanied the girls to the convention.

Only eight other schools in Michigan had students participating in the choir.

McLean also participated in the select choir as part of the ACDA Convention in 1998 in Detroit. Her choral teacher at Clarkston High School is Mike Peterson.



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Hertel 'as outraged as Brooks' over pollution

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■ 'I'm outraged that Clinton Township betrayed a public trust, and I'm outraged that state officials knew but didn't mention it.'

John Hertel
chair, Macomb County Board of Commissioners.

One of Macomb County's top political leaders said he too is outraged at Clinton Township's "purposeful dumping" of raw sewerage into the Clinton River — pollution linked to Oakland County communities which subsequently agreed to $144 million worth of corrective measures.

"But I do not support a separate investigation," said John Hertel, chair of the Macomb County Board of Commissioners.

Hertel was responding to comments from Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, who on Tuesday asked the Macomb County chair to petition for impaneling of a one-man Grand Jury to investigate Clinton Township's sewerage disposal and "prosecute those responsible for their egregious assault on the environment and public health."

"I'm as outraged as Brooks is," Hertel said. "I'm outraged that Clinton Township betrayed a public trust, and I'm outraged that state officials knew but didn't mention it."

But the ongoing federal investigation will turn up all the important facts and any wrongdoing, he insisted. Federal investigators have more resources for the investigation and a local grand jury would duplicate those efforts, said Hertel.

Hertel had been notified of Patterson's outrage and call on a grand jury investigation in a letter hand-delivered Monday. "I intend to call Brooks today (Wednesday) to give him my response," said the Macomb Democrat.

Patterson was unavailable for comment. But at the press conference at which he demanded a grand jury, the Oakland executive said he might personally petition the courts if Macomb officials did not support his request.

"The 14 south Oakland Communities (involved in the 12 Towns Drain Project) were victimized," Patterson insisted. "They (the communities) took the fall (for polluting the Clinton River) while Clinton Township officials remained silent."

Patterson, himself a former prosecutor, said he wanted the grand jury because those responsible for the township's dumping raw sewerage into the river could be subject to state laws in addition to federal regulations.

He said the grand jury's ability to compel testimony from key witnesses would enable it to determine who was responsible for the township's dumping millions of gallons of raw sewerage into the Clinton River.

Agreeing with Patterson was Macomb County Commissioner Leon Drolet, who said his district includes Clinton Township. Agencies charged with enforcing laws on pollution — such as the Water Quality Unit within the Macomb prosecutor's office — too often go after private companies that pollute, while letting governmental polluters off the hook, said Drolet.

Drolet agreed with Patterson that Clinton Township officials who knew of the dumping should be held accountable and, if appropriate, prosecuted.

"This Oakland County communities were pilloried (as the source of the pollution that, among other things, closed Metro Beach in 1997)," said Patterson, who was visibly angry. "They took the fall as Clinton Township (knowing it was dumping raw sewerage) officials remained silent."

Hertel said he agrees those responsible for Clinton Township's pollution should be held accountable and, if appropriate, punished.

But the cleanup — known as the 12 Towns Drain Project — needed to be done, Hertel continued. "Pollution from those communities is part of the total pollution problem, just as the 'purposeful dumping' in Clinton was part of the problem."

Hertel said he is more concerned about other Macomb Counties that he said may have polluted the Clinton River rather than install the sewerage treatment equipment needed to meet state and federal environmental standards.

McCulloch sets up battle for Oakland's top drain job

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■ 'I'm putting my campaign in high gear.'

John P. McCulloch
—county commissioner

Setting the stage for what could be the most hotly contested local race of the year, County Commissioner John P. McCulloch, a Royal Oak Republican, has announced his candidacy for Oakland County Drain Commissioner.

McCulloch's announcement at a press conference Wednesday sets up a Republican primary contest between him and either:

■ Incumbent George W. Kuhn, who has not announced his candidacy, but has repeatedly indicated he may seek re-election.

■ State Sen. Bill Bullard Jr., a Milford Republican, who said he was preparing to run for drain commissioner if Kuhn retires.

■ Edward Hamilton of Troy, who is the first person to file for drain commissioner.

The Democrats may also field a candidate for drain commissioner.

McCulloch, 44, an accountant and attorney, has been a county commissioner for 10 years and chair of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners for five.

McCulloch has also been a member of the Oakland County Drain Commission for by eight years — a position he said has given him the insight and expertise needed to oversee the drain commissioner's office with its budget in excess of $92 million and staff of more than 200 employees.

McCulloch is seeking the drain commissioner's post at a time sewerage and water issues are controversial — and costly — issues. The 12 Towns Drain Project, after years of dispute, resulted in a settlement costing more than $144 million.

"There are other projects besides the 12 Towns Drain the county must deal with," McCulloch said, "as communities struggle to comply with state and federal clean water standards."

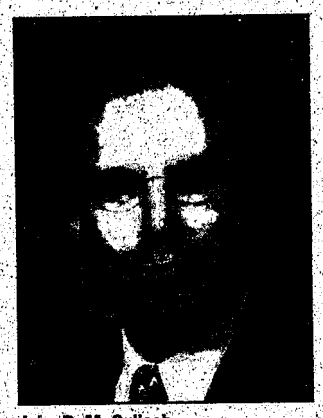
Kuhn, 75, was on vacation and unavailable this week. As recently as last week, however, he told reporters he "might" seek re-election.

Kuhn has been drain commissioner since 1972, and he has been in the forefront of Oakland's drainage disputes. The 12 Towns Drain Project, for example, has officially been renamed in his honor.

"George and I haven't always seen eye-to-eye on things," McCulloch said, referring to sometimes public disagreements he's had with Kuhn on the drain commission. "But I respect his judgment and realize he would be a difficult opponent in the primary.

"But I still expect that he will not seek re-election. So I'm putting my campaign in high gear," said McCulloch, who said he is not seeking re-election as county commissioner.

The drain commissioner's job pays $103,015 annually.



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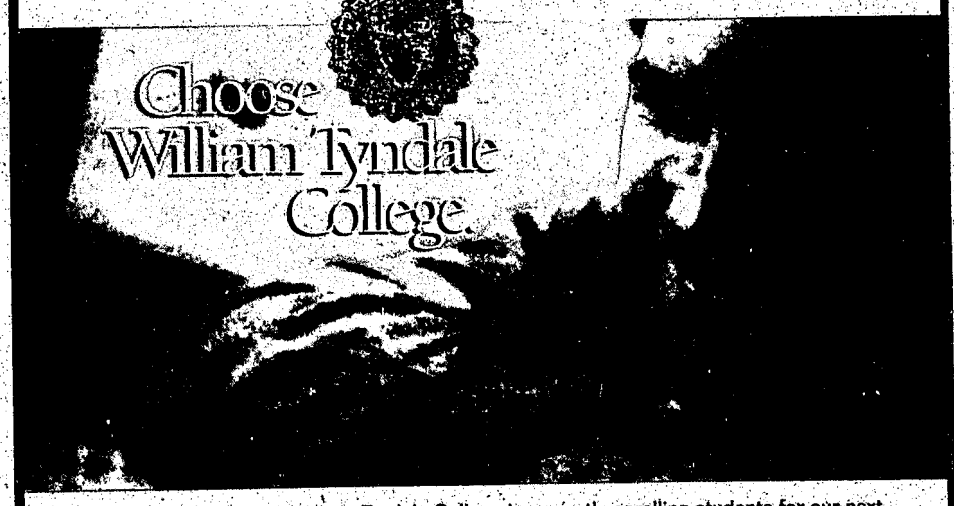

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Handbags are all the rage for spring and summer

REAL DEAL



CARI WALDMAN

Well girls, if there's one place to put your money this season, it's in the bag.

Specifically, a new handbag. Purses are all the rage this season. And, rather than there being a must-have element or design trend, there's something for everybody.

While Kate Spade has made preppy colors, like baby blue and pastel pink, chic again in her purses, Donna Karan has reinvented the lady-like clutch in faux crocodile and snake skin.

Although a variety of elements are making this season's purses interesting and exciting, texture is probably the most important.

Beading, one texture alternative, adds romance to daytime dressing.

Animal print on backpacks, on the other hand, brings new spirit to college campuses. One designer that went strong with animal print was Nine West. Their square totes in leopard, pony and cow prints have a fresh look for day or evening dressing.

Other texture trends to look out for include floral embellishments, sequins, embroidery and straw.

While straw bags have been around for ages, designers are making them interesting for today's woman. One example can be seen at Tender, a women's clothing boutique in downtown Birmingham. The store's straw bags by Lulu Guinness scream unique.

"This season is about adding interest via accessories," says Tender's co-owner Cheryl Daskas of the trend. "When wearing a pair of black cropped pants and a colorful cashmere sweater, pull it together with a patterned purse. This season is not about black," says Daskas.

And, color is a huge consideration this season.

Just in time for spring, designers are unleashing a variety of bags in a rainbow of colors, as well as patterns and shapes, which are spectacular enough to make anyone's arm ache for a new satchel.

When it comes to making a statement with a bag, how better to do it than with color? Bright red, citrus orange and sunshine yellow are hot picks, if you are looking to introduce color into your wardrobe.

Choose one that is strong enough to make an entrance, but not so bold as to overwhelm your outfit. Such vibrancy works well with slinky bags that easily drip over the shoulders.

Size and function also have arose as important handbag elements.

After a season of small styling, totes have appeared again, taking on the size of any load, even a trip to the beach.

Emphasizing fashion and function, Lord and Taylor's own label has a few semi-structured, mid-size handbags designed to take you just about anyplace.

Especially notable are the retailer's Bohemian-striped canvas bag and pastel cotton tote with just the perfect amount of beading.

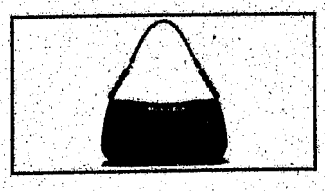
Need a look that's practical, hip and 21st century all at the same time?

For the die-hard user of technology, there are a slew of bags with cell phone compartments.

And, if embellishment isn't your style, and the new twist on purses doesn't feel right, there's still lots of micro-fiber bags out there.

Across the board, the variations are endless. So for a quick update to your wardrobe, consider one of the new handbags of the season. The bottom line: from soccer mom to young professional, every woman can find a place for a new purse in her wardrobe.

Please send your style and shopping questions to Cari at OERealDeal@aol.com



Elements: *Christian Dior's Malice handbag in golden yellow crocodile brings together texture and color.*



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Anticipating spring: *Saks Fifth Avenue's runway show of the St. John spring collection, the first fashion show of the season, drew an excited crowd. Holding their front row seats are, left to right, Janne Schlitter of Bloomfield Hills, Dotti Howe of Birmingham, Kelly Gustafsson of Birmingham, and Margaret Gressle of Troy. Many of the show's attendees donned pink and other spring colors, showing they're more than ready for the new season. A benefit for The Community House in Birmingham, the St. John show presented classic looks in vibrant colors.*

Itching for spring

First local fashion show of the season packs in pastels and tropical hues

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Ladies, dressed in suits – several are pink – stand in clusters in the designer department of Saks Fifth Avenue in Troy, talking.

At the same time, they balance glasses of white wine and small plates of poached salmon and dainty roll-up sandwiches in their hands. One woman dons a strawberry-colored hat. Another wears a bright teal print skirt. Many wear basic black with Pashmina wraps and tops in hot pink and other spring colors.

The scene, if you haven't yet guessed, is a reception for the first fashion show of the season, a runway presentation of St. John's spring collection hosted by Saks.

Never mind the groundhog's shadow. Spring fashion has arrived.

Once more, fashion-forward shoppers will have ample opportunity in coming weeks to scrutinize the season's cuts and colors and particulars on local runways.

The St. John show, held Thursday to benefit The Community House in Birmingham, precedes several planned spring fashion shows, including a presentation of Michael Kors Celine line hosted by Jacobson's.

Even if you're not ready to start donning traditional spring colors like those at St. John show, prepare to be bombarded by sherbet colors and bright citrus tones on area runways.

"Color. Color. That's it," said Amanda Turner, Somerset Collection fashion director, following the presentation, which was dominated by spring pastels like lilac, ice pink and mint green and tropical colors, such as bright turquoise and lime.

The audience seemed to embrace the flood of spring and summer shades, and even those dressed in darker colors said they planned to wear bright colors this season. "Everything's been gray, blue and black for so long," said Dotti Howe, of Birmingham. "We need cheering up."

Color aside, St. John's spring line, like other designer collections, showcased feminine details. Among them tiny bows at the cuff and on colorful shoes, three-quarter-length sleeves reminiscent of Jackie Onassis, scalloped edges and loads of sequins, beads and pearls on both day and evening wear.

"Very feminine without being *frou-frou*, without being girlish," Turner said of the collection. "And lady-like, even when casual."

The word casual did seem to enter St. John's vocabulary in a way it hasn't before. St. John is best known for making quality knit suiting, but denim jackets and jeans in pink and black and blueberry and ivory with backpacks, mesh pockets and silver clasps made an appearance midway through the show.

Turner said St. John is probably making casual sportswear because we're headed towards refining our casual Friday attire. "It's that dress-up casual look," said Turner. That's the next word we're going to get sick of."

Likewise, St. John's evening wear did include a few sportswear pieces, sexy halter tops and halter-top dresses that revealed the back. Several other evening garments showed skin through sheer black fabric at the bodice, shoulders and side hem lines.

"Everyone loves the way St. John clothes fit, but for years people have thought of the clothes as mature," said Cheryl Hall-Lindsay, special events director for Saks Fifth Avenue and the show's host. "I think that's going to change after tonight. ...(The collection) is lady-like and sophisticated, but fun with a twist. It's young. It's sexy."

Upcoming fashion shows

Jacobson's debuts Celine by Michael Kors

When: noon (luncheon), 12:45 p.m. (show), Tuesday, March 14
Where: Townsend Hotel in downtown Birmingham
Seating: Limited, call (248) 644-6900, ext. 585

Saks Fifth Avenue shows Anne Klein 2000 for benefit

When: 11 a.m. (brunch), 11:30 a.m. (show), Thursday, March 16
Where: Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, Anne Klein Boutique, second floor
Tickets: $25-35 to benefit Child Abuse and Neglect Council of Oakland County, call (248) 332-7173

St. Patrick's Day spring fashion show for benefit

When: Strolling buffet and auction begin at 7 p.m., fashion show follows, Friday, March 17
Where: Somerset Collection in Troy, South, main entrance.
Tickets: $85 to benefit On My Own of Michigan, call (248) 649-3739

Somerset Collection shows spring collections

When: 1 p.m. Saturday, March 18
Where: Somerset Collection in Troy, South, South Rotunda
Seating: Limited, but open to the public



Citrus hues: *A classic St. John suit looks fresh and vibrant in a tropical lime shade.*

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, MARCH 5

ARMANI MEN'S COLLECTION
Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, hosts a trunk show of Giorgio Armani Le Collezioni for men (special order), noon-6 p.m., The Men's Store, first floor.

BREATHING WORKSHOP
Transformations – A Holistic Spa, 33060 Northwestern Highway in West Bloomfield, holds free, introductory lectures about Buteyko breathing and their workshops, 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. For more information, call (248) 626-3700.

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

WARDROBE EVENTS
Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, hosts several wardrobe planning events with designer representatives through March 11. For times, personal appointments and locations for: Lafayette 148 on March 7, call (248) 614-3347; Escada on March 8, call (248) 614-3366; TSE Surface on March 9, call (248) 643-9000, ext. 247; Tahari, on March 9 and 10, call (248) 643-9000, ext. 401; Jennifer Roberts, on March 10 and 11, call (248) 614-3323; and Michael Kors on March 11, call (248) 614-3347.

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

JONES NEW YORK SHOW
Hudson's, the Somerset Collection in Troy, presents a runway show of spring fashion by Jones New York, 7 p.m., Second Floor.

JEWELRY TRUNK SHOW
Roz & Sherm, 6536 Telegraph Road in Bloomfield Township, presents a trunk show of M & J Sevitt jewelry through March 11, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. on Thursday and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. For details, call (248) 855-8855.

THURSDAY, MARCH 9-10

JEWELRY DESIGNER VISITS
Jewelry designer Laura Gibson brings her collection to Jacobson's stores: March 9 at Rochester Hills store and March 10 at downtown Birmingham store, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Fine Jewelry.

ESCADA STOCK SHOW
View Escada's spring and summer collection at Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Designer Sportswear, third floor.

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

MOTHER-OF-THE-BRIDE SHOW
Jacobson's at Laurel Park Place in Livonia holds two fashion shows highlighting the latest looks for the mother-of-the-bride, 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Fashion also may be seen in a trunk show, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

TAHARI TRUNK SHOW
View Tahari's spring collection of suiting at Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Galleria, third floor.

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

PUNCH AND JUDY SHOW
Livonia Mall, 7 Mile and Middlebelt roads, hosts a puppet performance of Punch and Judy for children and families, 1 p.m., Value City court.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

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:

– A **coupon organizer** (nylon with dividers) can be purchased through **Hannah Hanson**, 1901 Wilshire Blvd. #A, Santa Monica, California 90403.

– **All-cotton tights** can be purchased through the **Hanna Anderson catalog**, (800) 222-0544.

– An **electric potato peeler** by Rival (#68304) can be purchased through **Home Market Place**, (800) 356-3876, or www.thehomemarketplace.com

– **Luden's cough drops** can be purchased at the **Rite-Aid in the Newburgh Plaza**, 6 mile & Newburgh roads in Livonia.

– A **store in the Livonia/Canton area that sells Mother-of-the-bride dresses.**

– A **company that would perform repairs on a Seeburg jukebox.**

FIND & SEARCH NOTES:

– We found the following items: a portable phonograph; a June, 1958 Chadsey High School yearbook and a reader who has a millennium princess Barbie doll.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

– A **Samsonite metal card table chair for children** (yellow/grey) for Mary.

– A **video tape copy of a program about events and influential people of the century that aired Thursday, January 24, 2000 on WDIV-Channel 4 television** and the **Microsoft Barney character software for children, "Barney Under the Sea," "Barney goes to the Circus," or "Fun on the Farm"** for Colleen.

– A **store where a whistling tea kettle that shuts off when it reaches boiling-point can be bought** for Barbara of Troy.

– A **store where the game Michigan Rummy can be purchased** for Jack, a resident of Livonia.

– A **Detroit Brady Elementary School book from 1944-45** (it had poems and pictures) for Florence, who lives in Southfield.

– The **game Scotland Yard** for Debbie.

– **British Sterling men's stick deodorant** for Shirley of Livonia.

– A **store that sells FINESSE hair brushes** for Judy.

– **Drapery Boutique's "Moon Glow" curtains, sheets, drapes and scarves,** either new or used, for Debbie, a Canton resident.

– A **gasket for a Mirromatic 4-quart pressure cooker** for Agatha of Livonia.

– **Two Millennium Barbie's** from McDonald's for Nancy, a resident of Livonia.

– A **store where Corn Huskers hand lotion can be bought** for Elia, who lives in Redford.

– The **1999 Waterford "Twelve Days of Christmas" ornament series** for Helen of Livonia.

– **Coty's 24-hour crème lipstick in "Redstone"** for Lois of Livonia.

– A **June, 1950 Grosse Pointe High School yearbook** and **AGZALELAND lavender-water men's after-shave** for Mike, who lives in Plymouth.

– A **June 18, 1998 copy of the Detroit News/Free Press front-page or section** for Carol of Troy.

– **Old-fashioned, library-style and antique dictionaries stands** for Joanne of Bloomfield Township.

– The **book "Alphie, the Christmas Tree" by John Denver** for Cyndie.

– A **store where a heating coil for use in a cigarette lighter or coffee warmer can be purchased** for Regina of Commerce.

– A **1939 Commerce High School yearbook** for Grace, who lives in Livonia.

– A **store where "Wibbles that Wobble" can be bought** for Marge of Canton.

– A **6 or 8-ounce Vernor's ginger ale glass** (used for ice cream floats) for John.

– A **store where bed sheets for a 3/4 antique bed can be bought** for Janet, who resides in Clarkston.

– A **pastry cloth by Foley** and **sheet music for "Dancing Doll"** by E. Poldini (soprano solo part) for Gail of Dearborn.

– A **1934 Ferndale Lincoln High School yearbook** for Catherine of Novi.

– A **video tape of the movie "Bus Top"** for Heidi of Bloomfield Hills.

– A **store that sells products from the Super Guard II Ideal Security Hardware Corporation**, based in St. Paul, Minn. for Christine, who lives in Ortonville.

– A **store where homemade pizza rolls with lots of cheese and pepperoni (wrapped tightly) can be bought** for Kim of Livonia.

– A **store where standard mattress sheets, not the deep-fitted ones and not with elastic surrounding the entire sheet, can be bought** for Marie of Canton.

– A **store where a battery-operated flour sifter can be bought** for Sandra, a resident of Sterling Heights.

– A **store where a laundry bag that attaches to a laundry chute and has a zippered bottom would be available** for Debbie, who lives in Livonia.

– A **store that sells short, taffeta, half-slips** for Sharon of West Bloomfield.

– A **store that sells Lagerfeld KL cologne for women** for Sandy, a resident of West Bloomfield.

– A **store that sells women's Air Step shoes** for Mary of Sylvan Lake.

– A **Nettle Creek bedspread**, carried by Jacobson's about 20 years ago, for Barbara of Bloomfield Hills.

– A **store that sells Aileen clothing for women** for Patricia.

– Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

a la carte

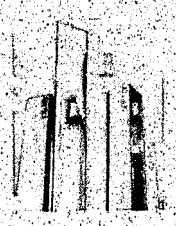
STUFF WE CRAVE



Cotton heaven: *Clothing designer Michael Kors uses cotton to create a sleek and modern look that's comfortable and lightweight. His double cotton poplin raincoat is shown in paper bag tan, $525. Cotton trousers are brilliant in tangerine, $245, with a long-sleeved, floral print shirt of cotton, $190, all at Saks Fifth Avenue.*



Calvin colors: *Calvin Klein launches its new color cosmetics collection in March. The approach to the line, which includes skin care products, foundation and eye, cheek and lip color, is based on enhancing and revealing the skin, $14-38 at Hudson's.*



Urban floral: *DKNY Women, a new fragrance by DKNY, makes traditional floral scents rounder and heavier – lending flowers an urban feeling – by adding such aromas as blood oranges, chilled vodka, white birch and tomato leaf, $38-55 at Hudson's.*

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Free Exterior Wax/Polish With Any Repair

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$1 Off Our #3 "Best Wash and Dry"

Eclipse Window Tint, 9206 Telegraph.....Redford
10% Off Purchase Over $200

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Free 20 oz. Pop with purchase of min. 8 gallons super

Jim Fresard Pontiac Buick.....Royal Oak
10% Off Parts and Service

Stop and Go Auto Repair.....Ferndale
$60 Brakes, Front or Rear, Inclusive, plus Tax

Tom Halbeisen Goodyear.....Birmingham/Royal Oak
10% Off All Services

Wetmores.....Ferndale
Free Oil Change With Two Tire Purchase

$ Beauty & Health Care Professionals

Affordable Optics.....Royal Oak
15% Off Any Frames

Allisons Tanning Salon.....Clawson
10% Off Any Reg. Priced Membership or package

Berkley Beach Tanning Salon.....Berkley
3 month bed $80/3, month hex $100

Better Health Store.....Walled Lake
10% Off On All Supplements

Checker Drugs 190 S. Wayne Road.....Westland
All Vitamins $1.00 Off

Dr. Daniel V. Tominello.....Royal Oak
Free Initial Consultation & Exam

Dr. Lefkowitz.....Ferndale
Free Initial Consultation

Dulac Hair Fashions.....Farmington Hills
10% Off Reg. Price Cuts & Rusk Products

Farrell Reis.....Birmingham
$5 Off Any Hair Service

Family Dental Center 734-427-9300.....Livonia
10% Off First Visit & Free consultation

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10% Off Any Service

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15% Off Complete Pair of Eyeglasses

Medical Center Pediatrics DMC.....W. Bloom./Bing. Farms
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Milanos Barber & Stylist.....Berkley
$1 Off Haircuts + $5 Off Highlights & Colors

Partners Salon 476-2849.....Farmington Hills
10% Off Color Services, 10% Off Massage, Haircut

Posh Salon.....Southfield
20% Off All Services

Shear Radiance Sheridan Square.....Garden City
10% Off First Service

Sir Davids Hair Salon.....Westland
20% Off of Hair & Tanning Products

Spunkys Womens Gym.....Clawson
15% Off Any Membership

The Gallery of Hair.....Royal Oak
10% Off All Services

Vanish Electrolysis.....Ferndale
10% Off Second Treatment

Westland Convalescent Center 36137 W. Warren.....Westland
10% Off First Month-Private Pay

$ Coffee, Bagels & Bakeries

Mary Dennings Cakes.....Westland
10% Off Special Order Cakes

New York Bagel.....Ferndale
$1 Off Any Food Purchase of $5 or More

$ Day Care

Hands & Hearts Around the World.....Garden City
10% Off 1st Months Tuition

$ Dry Cleaners & Laundry

Huntington Cleaners.....Huntington Woods
10% Off Incoming Orders for New Customers

J.B. Prestige Cleaners on 5 Mile.....Livonia
20% Off Dry Cleaning (No Other Coupons)

Mei Kai Cleaners.....All Locations
Free Seater or Pant W/$9.95 Incoming Cleaning

Park Ave $1.75 Cleaners 844-5091.....Canton
$1.50 Per Item for Dry cleaning

Rags to Riches Cleaners.....Clawson
15% Off Dry Cleaning Only (Min. $25 Order)

Touch of Class.....Plymouth
15% Off All Dry Cleaned Garments

White Cleaners & Coin Laundry.....Berkley
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$ Entertainment

Ambassador Roller Rink.....Clawson
Buy One Admission - Get One Free (Sat. Only)

Detroit Zoological Society.....Royal Oak
10% Off All Membership Packages

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Pay for One Hour of Pool - Get One Hour Free

Hartfield Lanes.....Berkley
Free Shoe Rental for Cardholder

$ Florists & Gifts

Home.....Royal Oak
10% Off Purchase (not to be combined w/other offers)

Kevins Floral Expressions.....Ferndale
10% Off - Excluding Wire Orders

Mary Jane Flowers.....Royal Oak
$5.00 Off Any Purchase Over $10.00

Steve Cedens Flowers.....Southfield
Free Delivery in Metro Detroit Area

The Green Bee.....Royal Oak
10% Off Purchase over $10

$ Home Improvement

ABC Plumbing.....Clawson
$20 Off Service or $25 Off SNR

American Blind and Wallpaper Factory.....Plymouth
10% Off Order $50 Min. Mention Code HE10

Bergstroms Inc Plumbing & Heating.....Livonia
$15 Off Service Calls 734-522-1350

Berkley Plumbing.....Berkley
$15 Off Plumbing Repair/Sewer Drain Service

Beyer Heating & Cooling Inc.....Ferndale
10% Off Air Conditioning Special

Burton & Sons.....Garden City
$15.00 Off Service Call 734-427-3070

Burton Plumbing & Heating.....Wayne
10% Off All Materials Service/Store

Casemore Electric Inc......Royal Oak
$25.00 Off Any Electrical Work Over $200.00

Coachs Carpet Care.....Ypsilanti
10% Reg. Scheduled Services, Carpet, UPH, Ducts

Colbys Decorating Center 968 Newburgh.....Westland
10% Off ALL In Stock Merchandise

Horton Plumbing.....Plymouth
Free Laundry Tub & Faucet with Replpe

I Do Windows 313-927-4990.....Redford
First Clean Free with Pre-Paid Service

KTP Designs Inc......Berkley
One Hour Free Interior Design Consultation

Kroll Window.....Garden City
$300 Off 3 or More Windows

New Beginnings LLC 734-513-0755.....Livonia
10% Off Painting Two or More Rooms

Sumrier Plumbing & Sewer.....Royal Oak
$15 Off Service or SRS $20 Off

United Temperature.....Livonia
Furnace Cleaning & Inspection $57.00

$ Jewelers

Bright Jewelers 44344 Cherry Hill 734-844-2404.....Canton
50% Off 14K Gold Chains

Chinn Jewelry.....Royal Oak
We Will Pay Your Sales Tax Excluding Loose Diamonds

Doble Jewelers... Berk/Blnm/Fern/Claw/Hunt Woods/Pl Ridge/Royal Oak
1/2 Off Ring Sizing (excluding platinum)

Minera Don.....Royal Oak
Free Watch Battery (One Per Customer)

O & D Bush Jewelers 734-455-3030.....Plymouth
50% Off All Silver Jewelry

Woods.....Pleasant Ridge/Royal Oak
1/2 Off Ring Sizing (excluding Platinum)

$ Landscape & Maintenance

Bills Outdoor Care.....Canton
Commercial Snowplowing Contract 10% Off

D. A. Alexander & Co......Livonia
10% Discount

Outdoor Fun Store Co......Wayne
10% Off Purchase of Any Wooden Playset

OV's Landscaping.....734-728-6030
$150 OFF Sprinkler System over $1500

Saxtons Garden Center.....Plymouth
10% Off All Hand Garden Tools

$ Pizza

Cottage Inn Pizza.....Birmingham
2 Large Pizzas W/One Item $12.99

Marias Deli & Pizzeria 734-981-1200.....Canton
$5.00 OFF a $50.00 Purchase (excluding tobacco & alcohol)

Papa Romanos.....Ferndale
$1.00 Off Bambino Bread with any purchase

Pizza One.....Ferndale
2 Small Pizzas for $8.99 + tax

Rallos Pizza.....Royal Oak
$1.50 Off Large Square Pizza

$ Restaurants

Alexander The Great.....Westland
10% Off Entrees - Not Valid on Specials

Barbs Pasties.....Livonia
10% Off When You Buy 4 Pasties

Beehive Family Dining.....Wayne
20% Off Any Order

Christines Cuisine.....Ferndale
10% Off Any Dinner Entree (Carry Out Only)

Clubhouse BBQ.....Ferndale
Free 2 Liter of Faygo with Any Purchase ($7 Min.)

Coda 30 Coffee Cafe Inc......Redford
$1.00 Off Any Flavored Latte

Dairy Queen of Royal Oak.....Royal Oak
10% Off Total Bill

Deli Delite.....Royal Oak
15% Off Purchase of $10 or More

Don Pedros.....Redford
10% Off Food Over $10 (No Other Offer)

Duggans Irish Pub.....Royal Oak
10% Off Total Food Bill w/$10 Purchase or more

Faym-us Chicken & Ribs.....Clawson
Buy One Dinner and get $1 OFF Second Dinner

Fire Academy Brewery.....Westland
Buy One Lunch, Get The 2nd at 1/2 Price!

Hard Ice Cream Cafe on Farmington S. of Plymouth ....Livonia
10% Off Any Item including Sanders Cakes

Hat Trick Pub/Deli.....Berkley
10% Off Any Food Purchase

Legacy Restaurant.....Livonia
10% Off Your Bill Excluding Specials

McDonald's 5625 Sashabaw Rd......Clarkston
Buy One Big Mac, Get One Free

McDonald's 6695 Dixie Hwy......Clarkston
Buy One Big Mac, Get One Free

McDonald's 2450 Dixie Hwy......Waterford
Buy One Big Mac, Get One Free

McDonald's 141 N. Telegraph.....Waterford
Buy One Big Mac, Get One Free

McDonald's 220 N. Ann Arbor Rd......Plymouth
Buy Any Sandwich, Get One Free

McDonald's 45510 Michigan.....Canton
Buy Any Sandwich, Get One Free

McDonald's 44900 Ford Rd......Canton
Buy Any Sandwich, Get One Free

McDonald's 40241 Michigan.....Canton
Buy Any Sandwich, Get One Free

Max & Ermas.....Birmingham
10% Off Purchase, excluding alcohol & gratuities

Mitch Houseys Schoolcraft/Middlebelt.....Livonia
10% Off Your Bill - Lunch or Dinner 734-425-5520

New King Lima 248-474-2781.....Farmington Hills
10% Off Total Bill

O'Malley's Bar & Grill 15231 Farmington & Five...Livonia
15% Discount after 8 p.m. except Holidays

Paynes.....Berkley
10% Off Total Food Bill With $10 Purchase or More

Samuel Hoffmans New York Deli.....Clawson
10% Off Total Food Bill

Steves Deli.....Bloomfield Hills
$10.00 Off Any Catering Order

Subway.....Berkley/Ferndale
$1.00 Off Any Footlong Sub

Soupreme Deli.....Clawson
$1.00 Off Any Sandwich

Woodys Diner.....Royal Oak
10% Off Total Food Bill With $10 Purchase or More

$ Retail

A Shady Business.....Walled Lake
10% Off Any Lamp Purchase

Alcove Hobby Shop.....Royal Oak
10% Off Any Purchase

Alexanders Framing.....Royal Oak
15% Off Any Purchase

Altas Greenfield Market.....Southfield
5% Off Any Meat or Produce Purchase

America' Vitamin & Nutrition.....Berkley
10% Off Any Purchase Every Day

Beads S.R.O......Royal Oak
10% Off Purchase of $10 or More

Border Outlet 3500 Lilley **734-397-6326**.....Canton
10% Off In-Stock Only

Bourliers BBQ & Fireplace.....Ferndale
10% Off Replacement Parts

Chet's Rent-All.....Berkley
10% Off Any Rental

Champions Cellular Warehouse.....Southfield
10% Discount

Chris Furniture Farmington/Plymouth Rd.....Livonia
40% Off All End Tables

Circa.....Berkley
10% Off on All Circa Antiques & Collectibles

Contract Design Group.....Royal Oak
10% Off New Orders/Carpeting/Linoleum

Crossing Bridges.....Berkley
10% Off Candles, Incense & More (Books/Sales excluded)

Dailey Carpet 8 Mile W of Merriman.....Livonia
10% Off Any Reg. Priced Merchandise (Excludes Labor)

Dimitrie Upholstering.....Royal Oak
10% Off Complete Order

Dining Furniture Ltd.....Roseville
10% Off Regular Prices

Doll Hospital 3947 W 12 Mile.....Berkley
10-60% Off Selected Dolls & Bears

Dolls and Trains.....Lathrup Village
10% on Selected Items

Express Photo 6 Mile.....Livonia
20% Off Processing 25% Off Enlargements

Four Seasons Garden Center.....Oak Park
10% Off Reg. Price Shrubs & Perennials (not w/discount)

F & N Floor Covering 16 & Dequindre.....Troy
15% Off All Carpet & Pad - Showroom Price!

Frentz & Sons Hardware.....Royal Oak
10% Off Purchase

Henderson Glass.....Berkley
10% Off Any Purchase excluding sale items

Horsheys Shoes 29522 Ford Road.....Garden City
10% Off Regularly Priced Merchandise

Independent Carpet One.....Westland
10% Off Labor

J & K Trophy & Engraving 248-473-7071.....Livonia
10% Off All Awards Signs & Gift Items

Just Waiting Maternity Shoppe.....Berkley
10% Off Any Purchase excluding Sale Items

Kitchen & Bath Depot.....Royal Oak
Free Professional Design Time (2 hours)

Looking Glass Antiques.....Plymouth
15% Off Any Item $25.00 or More

Marcys Groom-A-Pet.....Birmingham
20% Off Retail Supplies (does not include grooming)

Mattress King.....Pleasant Ridge/Madison Heights/Troy
10% Off Any Purchase

Metro Bikes Inc......Berkley
10% Off All Accessories (excluding sale items)

Metropolitan Uniform.....Berkley
10% Off (Police, Fire, Army, Navy, Camping, Carhartt)

Mistys Cards & Gifts 734-421-1066.....Garden City
10% Off Regularly Priced Items

Nile Gallery.....Berkley
10% Off Any Purchase

Once Upon A Child 6804 N Sheldon.....Canton
10% Off Any Purchase 734-459-666

Pascha Books & Gifts 6 Mile.....Livonia
10% Off Purchase of $50 or More

Paperbacks Unlimited.....Ferndale
10% Off All Hardcover Books

Randys Ell of Troy.....Troy
15% Off Any Reg Priced Merchandise thru 12/99

Reme Collectibles 42839 Ford **734-981-7500**.....Canton
20% Off Storewide

Red Wing Shoes.....Garden City
$20.00 Off Any Regular Price Shoe/Boot

Robins Nest Gifts & Collectibles.....Plymouth
10% Off Entire Store including Holiday Items
(*Excluding Pokeman & Beanie Babies)

Smokys Cigarette Outlet.....Berkley
Free Lighter with Purchase of Carton of Cigarettes

Talking Book World.....Lathrup Village
Up to $10 Toward 1st Purchase or Rental (new Customers)

Tasty Health.....Berkley
50c Off Fruit Smoothies & 10% Off Supplements

The Framery & Gallery.....Troy
20% Off Art, Merchandise, Incoming Frame Orders

Therapeutic Books 965 N Mill **734-453-4950**.....Plymouth
Save 10% on all books

Thomas Brothers Carpet.....Clawson
10% Off Carpet & Vinyl Purchase

Training Effect Fitness Store.....Birmingham
10% Off Equipment Purchase 25% Off All Accessories

Unlimited Cellular.....Clawson
10% Off Cell Phone Accessories

Village Peddler.....Plymouth
10% Off Storewide

$ Services

All Service Mechanical.....Berkley
$27 Off Any Repair

Americana Estate Sales.....Berkley
Free Household Liquidation Consultation

Bill & Rod's Appliance 734-425-2504.....Livonia
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Relationship blooms again after 60 years

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How's this for coincidence?

Jean Nichols of Novi was shopping shortly before Christmas, when she overheard a woman identify herself as Judy Saretsky of Birmingham.

"That's not a very common name," said Nichols, the widow of the Oakland County Sheriff John F. Nichols. "So I asked if she had any relatives in Alpena," she said, referring to the northern Michigan town where she grew up.

Yes, replied Judy Saretsky, her relatives are from Alpena, including her father-in-law, Theodore Saretsky.

"I almost fainted," said Nichols. "I was once in love with Ted Saretsky. But I lost track of him in 1940, when he went in the Army."

To make a long story short, Nichols and Saretsky are dating again — after a lapse of 60 years.

"I was really surprised," said Saretsky, recalling last December when his daughter-in-law relayed the regards and phone number of the girl he left behind six decades ago.

"I was curious," he said, "so we met at a restaurant.

"She's more dynamic than I remember," said Saretsky. "But she's the same sweet person she was in high school, and we hit it off."

In fact, they're "kinda going steady," said Nichols, who remembers her old beau as very shy.

Saretsky, a 1934 graduate of Pershing High School in Detroit, was working at his parents auto supply business in Alpena when he met an attractive young lady named Jean Whitten, Alpena High, class of 1939.

In 1940, as war clouds were gathering around the world, Saretsky was "selected" to join the army. "Selected" sounds better than "drafted," he said.

At first, Whitten and Saretsky exchanged letters, but eventually they lost track of each other. He was busy in Officer Candidate School, after which he served in New Guinea, the Philippines and Okinawa.

She was busy teaching school in Saginaw.

By the end of the war, both had other interests — and other loves. In 1946, Saretsky married Shreda Osoff, who had come to the United States from Poland. They had four children. She died in September 1998.

Jean Whitten moved to Detroit in 1951 to join the police department. There, she met a young lieutenant named John Nichols. Like her, he had been married before.

Jean and John were married in August, 1954. John Nichols, a widower, already had two children. He and Jean had one son, who died in a car crash at the age of 16.

Nichols saw combat in World War II, including the Battle of the Bulge. After the war, he returned to the Detroit Police Department and rose through the ranks to become commissioner, Detroit's top cop.

After running for Detroit mayor — and losing to Coleman A. Young — Nichols became chief of police in Farmington Hills and subsequently sheriff of Oakland County. He died in December, 1998.

"He (the sheriff) predicted I would get remarried," said Jean Nichols, "I didn't believe him, but he said I was a beautiful woman, and somebody would find me attractive. He wanted me to be happy."

Saretsky moved to Oakland County with his family in 1966, where he continued working in the auto supply business.

"I knew Jean was married to John Nichols (who he never met)," said Saretsky, a West Bloomfield resident, "but we never had any contact."

He never retired in the traditional sense, said Saretsky, who still works part time at the Meijer store in Commerce Township. "I was just too active," he said.

Like other couples, Saretsky and his wife of 51 years sometimes talked about life after one of them was gone. "We knew nobody could ever replace the other," he remembered, "but we wanted each other to be happy."

Also happy about Nichols and Saretsky sharing some time together are their respective families and friends.

"They think it's romantic," said Nichols.

"Our family is delighted he has found somebody he enjoys being with," said Judy Saretsky, the wife of attorney Gary Saretsky. "My mother-in-law was a beautiful woman who had been sick for a long time. She didn't want him to be alone after her death."

So, any chance of wedding bells in the near future?

"Not right away," said Saretsky.

"Gee," gushed Nichols. "We're taking it one date at a time."







Jean and Ted — then and now: *Ted Saretsky and Jean Nichols kept close company until about 1940, when war and other factors pushed them apart. Now (above) they're together again, "kinda going steady," according to Nichols, widow of John Nichols, Oakland County sheriff. Photos at right show them in the 1940s.*

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FOCUS ON WINE



RAY & ELEANOR HEALD

Cal-Itals are steeped in tradition

Italian-origin wine grapes grown in California are dubbed Cal-Itals. California's wine heritage stems from Italian families who brought their wine traditions to the United States. Today, these families have 100 years or longer in the California wine business. They've gone back to their roots and are raising awareness of three red varietals in particular — barbera, sangiovese and nebbiolo.

■ **Barbera:** From its birthplace in Italy's Piedmont, barbera is challenged only by Tuscany's sangiovese in versatility. The Piedmontese refer to barbera as a "people's wine," meaning a wine to be drunk in youth or while waiting for the region's great wines, Barbaresco and Barolo, to age.

Barbera excites California winemakers. Some producers are old hands at it, but newcomers have added it to their growing portfolio of Cal-Itals.

Piedmontese barbera is bottled in a wide array of styles from young and fruity to dark, intense, extracted versions with heady aromas. Some of this is due to variances among soil type and microclimates, but winemaking practices contribute significantly. Not all Piedmont barbera is oak aged.

California, too, is developing a wide range of styles. While most producers age their wine in oak, some are stylizing for early release and drinkability with minimum cellaring in older cooperage.

■ **Sangiovese:** From Italy's Tuscany region, Chianti is the best-known red wine. It draws its charm from the sangiovese grape, but there seems to be no limit to variations Tuscan producers have created when working with this varietal. Grown in California, sangiovese is beginning to show a similar potential.

Under "traditional" Chianti winemaking, the law required a blend of 20 percent lesser grape varieties. This law stifled creative potential of both producer and grapegrower. A new law effected in 1984, allows up to 10 percent of non-traditional varieties such as cabernet sauvignon to be blended with a maximum of 90 percent sangiovese.

■ **Nebbiolo:** Native to the Piedmont region, it is the great red grape responsible for some of the longest-lived wines in Italy — Barbaresco and Barolo. The grape name derives from "nebbia," fog in Italian, a frequent phenomenon in the Piedmont during the October grape harvest.

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Wine Picks

■ Pick of the pack: Arzuaga Crianza from Ribera del Duero in Spain ($27) is everything a great Spanish red wine should be – beautiful fruit, concentrated flavor with integrated oak. Spanish cuisine is trendy. It deserves the complement of a great wine. This is it!

■ Last month we wrote about Meritage wines and unfortunately, the 1997 Geyser Peak Reserve Alexandre Meritage ($45) was not yet available for our comparative tasting. Guaranteed, it would have been highly ranked as a magnificent blend of cabernet sauvignon, merlot, petit verdot, cabernet franc and malbec – all five of the great Bordeaux varietals. Cellar it for a few years and reap more taste rewards.

■ Outstanding chardonnays: 1996 Casa Lapostolle Cuvee Alexandre (Chile), $18; 1998 Hogue Barrel Select, $14 (an absolute steal at this price); and 1998 William Hill Reserve, $22 (creamy and delicious); and 1998 Kumeu River Mate's Vineyard (New Zealand), $42, a bit pricey as it seems all New Zealand wines are, but very good.

■ Finding good cabernet sauvignon with a Napa Valley designation under $20 gets more difficult. Eureka! Try 1997 Beaulieu Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon ($16) – a great value.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

■ What's for Breakfast
■ Main Dish Miracle

Lots-a lovin' goes into soup



Soup's on: *Sylvia Bernstein of West Bloomfield, a finalist in the Ultimate Chicken Soup Contest, stirs up her entry. Curtis Rellinger and Joe Wnuk of Westland, also known as Chef Curtis and Chili Joe who host a local cable cooking show, stir their batch of Dr. Benjamin Overstreet's Chicken Soup.*



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Making chicken soup is something people put their hearts into.

"Mine comes from the heart. I make it to make my kids feel better," said Sylvia Bernstein of West Bloomfield, one of the finalists in the second annual Ultimate Chicken Soup Contest held Friday, Feb. 25, at Temple Kol Ami in West Bloomfield.

Sitting at a table waiting for the judges to begin tasting the chicken soups simmering in Crock-Pots, Bernstein and Sandra Biagini of Clarkston, last year's winner and one of this year's finalists, struck up a conversation.

Both wore heart necklaces, and agreed making chicken soup is about the nicest thing you can do for someone who's not feeling well.

"It's just a way you show people you really care about them and that you're trying to do something to help them. It shows you're interested in their well-being," said Carolyn Silverstein of Franklin, who won this year's contest.

'It's just a way you show people you really care about them and that you're trying to do something to help them.'
– Carolyn Silverstein

Her Mediterranean Chicken Soup is not an old recipe. It's something she just put together. "I always make up stuff as I go along," she said. "I was experimenting with combining leftover rice, cooked spinach, and artichokes to create a 'Heart Smart' yet tasty soup with some ingredients my husband I both enjoyed. Cooking the rice with the soup makes it creamier."

Reducing fat and cholesterol has been a concern since Silverstein's husband, Barry, suffered a heart attack. When she makes soup, she lets it cool overnight, and removes the hardened fat the next day.

Attesting to its medicinal qualities, Chef Keith Famie, one of the judges who was fighting a cold, said Silverstein's soup was "refreshing. There's a balance of acids, the artichokes with lemon," he said. "It does help colds," said Silverstein. "I was coming down with one and this soup help stave it off."

Joe Wnuk and Curtis Rellinger of Westland, best known as Chili Joe and Chef Curtis, hosts of a local cable cooking show, placed second in the contest.

They spent three weeks researching to develop their prize-winning recipe.

"I collect musical instruments and found the recipe tucked into an old violin case," said Wnuk.

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MEDITERRANEAN CHICKEN SOUP

- One 6-pound stewing chicken
- 3 quarts water
- 1 cup baby carrots
- 3 ribs celery, sliced with tops
- 2 large onions, halved
- 1 (14 1/2 ounce) can artichoke bottoms (4 pieces, reserve remainder for another use)
- 1/2 (10 ounce) package frozen chopped spinach (thawed and drained)
- 3/4 cup long grain rice (raw) or 1 1/2 cups cooked rice (leftover)
- 1/2 cup freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 2 bay leaves
- 3 large garlic cloves (minced)
- Salt and pepper to taste

Cover chicken with water in a stockpot and bring to an immediate boil. Then discard water and drain.

Return chicken to pot with 3 quarts water and 1/2 cup of the carrots, the celery and tops, onions and bay leaves. Partially cover the pot and simmer for 2 hours or until the chicken is tender but not falling apart.

Remove the chicken to a large platter, and when cool enough to handle, remove the meat from the bones. Shred the white meat, measure out one cup and set aside. Reserve the remainder of the meat for chicken salad or other recipe.

Strain the liquid into a large bowl. Discard everything in the strainer.

Cool the soup and refrigerate overnight. Remove all fat that has hardened on the surface.

The next day start with the defatted chicken stock, the remaining 1/2 cup baby carrots (each cut in half), spinach, rice, lemon juice and 4 diced artichoke bottoms and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer 1 hour. Add more water to equal 2 1/2 to 3 quarts if necessary.

Mince garlic cloves and add to soup with shredded white chicken meat 5 minutes before serving.

Season with salt and pepper to taste.

Recipe compliments of Carolyn Silverstein

Check your family's eating habits in March

March is National Nutrition Month. Do you know what you and your family should be eating? Let's take a look at the top-rated foods for the new millennium.

Top-rated foods for 2000

■ **SOY**

Throughout the '90s, health professionals recommended soy products for cholesterol lowering, cancer prevention and alleviation of menopause symptoms.

Soy contains phytoestrogens. Phytoestrogens belong to a family called phytochemicals. Phytochemicals are substances naturally present in plants that help protect the plant from severe weather, insects and stress. In your body, they can aid in preventing the origination and growth of cancerous tumors and slow cancer cell growth. Phytoestrogen containing foods can also help reduce hot flashes as well as help prevent osteoporosis. Phytoestrogens contain the isoflavones genistein and daidzein, which can prevent osteoporosis. Soyfoods include tofu, tempeh, soy cheese, soymilk and "meat-free" products such as veggie burgers.

LIVING BETTER SENSIBLY



BEVERLY PRICE

■ **RED GRAPES**

Is wine good or bad for your heart? In countries such as France, alcohol consumption has been related to a lower incidence of heart disease. But some experts argue that the social support or even the relaxation and bonding that occurs during "happy hour" is perhaps more related to the prevention of heart disease than the alcohol itself. Alcohol, specifically red wine, contains a substance called resveratrol, which helps prevent arteries from clogging up. However, red grapes and its juice also has resveratrol without any of the negative aspects from alcohol.

■ March is National Nutrition Month

Red wine contains polyphenols, another phytochemical important for heart disease and cancer prevention. Green tea and chocolate also contain polyphenols.

■ **FLAX**

Flaxseeds and flax oil have the highest omega-3 fatty acid and lignin content of any food. Omega-3 fatty acids can help prevent heart disease, promote energy and fight depression. Lignins are substances that act like estrogens in the body and can bind to estrogen receptors.

In this way, lignins can regulate your body's estrogen production in a way similar to isoflavones in soy products. In turn, lignins can be bone building. Sprinkle flaxseeds on your breakfast cereal or in your smoothie. If you are using flax oil, mix with herbs to make salad dressings or drizzle on foods after cooking. Do not heat the flax oil as heating destroys the omega-3 fatty acids.

■ **OLIVE OIL**

Don't be fat-phobic. Several years ago, it was thought that only calories were important. You could eat hot dogs and ice cream all day if you chose to, as long as you kept your calories below a certain number. Then fat became the only factor of importance. Eat as many calories as you want to, just don't eat any fat. This approach worked for some people and backfired for others, especially those who tended to overeat at snacks and meals. People gained weight on fat-free foods.

- **Soy**
- **Red grapes**
- **Flax**
- **Olive oil**
- **Garlic**

Now the pendulum has returned to the center. Calories and fat intake are both important. Dr. Gary Null, a physician who specializes in nutrition, appeared on NBC Today to promote the benefits of olive oil. He showed that the benefits of olive oil not only lowers cholesterol and maintains blood sugar, but a little bit of olive oil with meals helps to create a feeling of satiety. When you incorporate olive oil with meals, you tend to feel full and are not looking for something to eat two hours later.

■ **GARLIC**

Ever try roasted garlic? Try a great recipe from Farmington Hills resident

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Soup *from page B1*

explaining the history behind Dr. Benjamin Overstreet's Chicken Soup Recipe.

The duo invented the character "Dr. Overstreet," a traveling medicine man who roamed the streets of old Detroit making this chicken broth for hundreds of his cold waning customers.

"The good doctor pioneered the theory that a 'healing combustion' develops when chicken meat is boiled with certain vegetables."

The secret to making good chicken soup, they agree, is all in the stock. Use fresh chicken, veggies and cold filtered water. Wnuk and Curtis also spent a lot of time deciding on the perfect noodle for their soup, and found one-inch medium egg noodles worked best.

What made their soup unusual was corn and peas. They added color and flavor. "It goes back to my childhood," said Curtis. "My grandma used to add corn and peas to her soup."

John Gallagher of Grosse Pointe Woods placed third in the contest. Old Fashioned Twice Boiled Soup was his mother's recipe with a few changes made over the years.

■ 'I was experimenting with combining leftover rice, cooked spinach and artichokes to create a "Heart Smart" yet tasty soup with some ingredients my husband and I both enjoy.'

Carolyn Silverstein
—Franklin resident and contest winner

"To the best of my knowledge this recipe has never been written down," he said. "We all loved this soup growing up."

Contest finalists Mary Ann Leduc-Yee and Jennifer Rosenberg-Lopatin of West Bloomfield teamed up to create Rosenberg & Yee Or-Yenta Chicken Soup.

The flavorful Oriental inspired soup combines the best of their heritages — Chinese and Jewish.

"My husband is Chinese, and I learned to cook Chinese food," said Yee. "We've been married for a long time, and I feel Chinese is part of my heritage, too. Jennifer is Jewish. The soup was a joint effort, but the matzo balls were totally hers."

On March 22 Silverstein's prize winning soup will be served to 500 people at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit. She will also appear on Chef Keith Famie's Adventures in Cooking on WDIV-TV, Channel 4.

"Some of my co-workers want to help me serve the soup at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen," she said. "And I'm really excited and looking forward to being on the show."

Silverstein found out Thursday night that she was a finalist in the contest, the first cooking contest she ever entered. She made the soup that night, and got up early Friday morning to finish it in time for the contest. As part of her prize she also received a deluxe soup pot from Kitchen Glamor.

Second prize was dinner for two at Restaurant Di Modesta in Southfield. Third prize was a cookbook from Kitchen Glamor.

See recipes inside.

Heady bread pudding is a winner

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) – The name of Chef Phillip Targett's confection is a mouthful: Rum-Raisin Coconut Bread Pudding With Mixed Berry Ambrosia and Rum-Whipped Cream.

It won the 1999 Barcardi Recipe Classic in which some 200 professionals nationwide competed. Each original recipe had to contain rum as a main ingredient. This year's finalists will gather in New York Sept. 20-21.

Targett, who is chef for Sodexho-Marriott Service, uses 3/4 cup plus 1 tablespoon of rum in his three-part treat. But you could make it alcohol-free by using boiling water instead of rum in the bread pudding, omitting rum from the whipped cream and substituting juice in the ambrosia. It will create a slightly different taste, but it should be good nonetheless.

Rum-Raisin Coconut Bread Pudding

3/4 cup golden raisins
1/4 cup rum
2 cups (about 6 slices) Portuguese sweetbread or brioche
3 large eggs
13-ounce can coconut milk
1/2 cup milk
3/4 cup light brown sugar, packed
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
Cinnamon sugar, to taste
1/2 cup streusel topping (recipe follows)

Preheat oven to 350 F. Put raisins in a small bowl, sprinkle with rum and set aside to soak for 10 minutes. Meanwhile, lightly butter 10 custard cups or line large muffin tins with foil, place in a baking pan to fit and set aside. Cut the sweetbread into 1/2-inch cubes, place in a bowl and reserve.

In a mixing bowl, whisk eggs. Add coconut milk, milk, sugar, vanilla and nutmeg and whisk until the sugar dissolves to make a custard. Stir in the raisins. Pour the custard over the bread cubes and stir gently until the bread is moistened. Set aside to soak. After 15 minutes, divide the bread filling among the prepared cups. Press down gently to compact the filling and even off the tops.

Sprinkle the streusel over the tops. Place the baking pan in the oven and add enough hot water to the pan to reach about 1/2 inch up the sides of the cups or tins. Bake for 30 to 35 minutes, or until the custard is set. Remove pudding from the water bath and let it cool to room temperature.

Place the pudding in the center of a dessert plate. Spoon the Rum Whipped Cream (recipe follows) on the side and sprinkle with cinnamon sugar. Spoon Mixed Berry Ambrosia (recipe follows) on the other side of the plate. Makes 10 servings.

Rum Whipped Cream

1 cup chilled whipping cream
1 tablespoon powdered sugar
1 tablespoon dark rum (optional)

In a chilled bowl, beat the cream to soft peaks. Add the powdered sugar and rum and beat until blended. Can be prepared 3 hours ahead. Refrigerate.

Mixed Berry Ambrosia

1/4 cup honey
2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
1 large mint leaf, plus 10 small fresh mint sprigs for garnish
2 1/2 cups mixed fresh berries in season (raspberries, blueberries, tiny strawberries, blackberries or pitted bing cherries)
1/2 cup rum (optional)

In a small saucepan, combine honey, lime juice and large mint sprig. Warm over low heat just until the honey melts. Remove from the heat and let steep for 5 minutes. Discard the mint leaf. Place the fruit in a large mixing bowl, add the honey mixture and rum (or fruit juice) and gently stir to combine.

Entry deadline for this year's competition is June 1. For information call (401) 598-2666.

Wine *from page B1*

By comparison, barbera has 15 times more planted acreage than nebbiolo.

Only a few California bottlings of nebbiolo have, in our opinion, demonstrated much of the grape's worth as a serious contender in the growing bevy of Cal-Ital reds.

■ **Look for top Cal-Itals made by:** Amador Foothill, Andretti, Atlas Peak, Bonterra, Cambria, Iron Horse, La Famiglia di Robert Mondavi, L'Uvaggio di Giacomo, Montevina, Pepi, Seghesio and Venezia.

Pop for Art

Nowadays you hear and read a lot about auctions for everything including groceries. The media hypes outlandish prices for wines bought at auction. But a charity wine auction is not anything like this. You can experience what we mean Saturday, April 15 at the 18th annual WineFest, a wine auction benefiting the programs of the Ann Arbor Art Center.

■ You can experience a wine auction Saturday, April 15, at the 18th annual WineFest.

The festivities at the Marriott Hotel Eagle Crest Conference Resort, 1275 S. Huron, in Ypsilanti, begin at 5:30 p.m. with a silent auction, strolling dinner and colossal wine tasting, followed by a live auction at 7:30 p.m.

There will be post-auction dessert tables; port, cigar and cognac tent; live music and dancing.

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Beverly Price is a registered dietitian and exercise physiologist. She operates Living Better Sensibly, a private nutrition practice in Farmington Hills that offers programs for individuals and corporations. She is the co-author of "Nutrition Secrets for Optimal Health," Tall Tree Publishing Company. Visit her website at www.nutritionsecrets.com.

Look for her column on the first Sunday of each month in Taste. Join her for a Vegetarian Extravaganza on Wednesday, March 22, 7:30 - 9 p.m. in Huntington Woods. Cost is $40 for non-residents. Call (248) 539-9424 to register.

Meat-Free Quesadillas

8 whole-wheat lavash
2 cups ground meat substitute (such as Morningstar Farms Harvest Burger Recipe Crumbles)
1 cup chopped onion
1 large bell pepper (red, yellow or green)
4 Roma tomatoes, chopped
2 garlic cloves, minced
1/2 teaspoon cumin
1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
pinch of black pepper
1/4 cup chopped cilantro
2 cups TVP (texturized vegetable protein), sauteed in 2 tablespoons olive oil
8 ounces shredded soy cheese
2 cups fresh salsa

In a large skillet, saute meat substitute, onion, bell pepper and garlic until softened, about 3 minutes. Add tomatoes, cumin, cayenne, and black pepper, cilantro and TVP.

Cook, stirring about 3 minutes more. Divide the mixture among the 8 tortillas. Fold the tortillas and place in a hot skillet. Saute until the tortillas are browned.

Serve with a garnish of soy cheese, low fat or soy sour cream and salsa. Makes 8 quesadillas.

Tempeh Salad

1 8-ounce package tempeh
1/2 cup finely chopped celery
1/2 cup finely chopped red onion
1/2 cup shredded carrots
1/3 cup soy or lowfat mayonnaise
1/2-1 tablespoon brown rice syrup
1-2 tablespoons Dijon mustard

Boil tempeh for 20 minutes. Dice tempeh and add vegetables. Combine mayonnaise, brown rice syrup and mustard. Mix well with tempeh-and-vegetable mixture until evenly distributed and well moistened.

Serve on a bed of lettuce. Serves 4.

Date-Nut Breakfast Bars

3/4 cup frozen apple juice concentrate
1 1/2 cups pitted dates
1 cup flaxseed
1/2 cup chopped walnuts

Place the apple juice concentrate and dates in a saucepan. Cover and cook over medium-high heat for five minutes, until softened. While the dates cook, grind the flaxseed in an electric coffee grinder 1/3 cup at a time. Pour the ground seeds into a food processor with the S blade inserted. Add the dates. Process until the mixture is doughlike. If the mixture rises above the processor blades, shut off the machine and push the mixture down with a spatula. Then, turn the machine back on.

Pour into a bowl and mix with the walnuts. Turn the dough into 9- by 9-inch cake pan and press flat with damp hands to cover the entire bottom of the pan evenly. Cut into eight bars. Remove from the pan.

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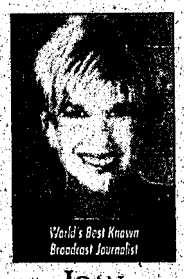

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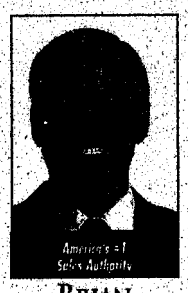

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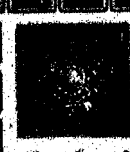

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Basic chicken stock ingredients

1 (4 pound) roasting chicken
2 large onions, quartered
6 celery stalks
4 large carrots, split lengthwise
4 cloves fresh garlic, halved
10 black peppercorns
1 teaspoon thyme
1 tablespoon salt
8 cups water

Soup ingredients

1 large parsnip, peeled and diced into 1/4-inch cubes
5 carrots, peeled and cut on the bias
3 celery stalks, diced
1 bag frozen peas (16 ounce bag)
1 bag frozen corn (16 ounce bag)
1 bag thin egg noodles (16 ounce bag)
4 chicken bouillon cubes
Salt and pepper to taste

Put chicken and all stock ingredients in a 12-quart stock pot, cover with 8 cups of water. Bring to a boil, then reduce to a simmer. Simmer for 2 hours.

Remove cooked chicken to a chopping board or plate. Strain stock to remove all vegetables and chicken parts. Reserve stock only. Skim the fat from the top of the stock. To make skimming the fat easier, place stock in the refrigerator for at least an hour, the fat will solidify and be easier to remove.

Debone chicken to remove all meat and cut into 1/2-inch cubes. Return strained chicken stock to the stock pot. Add the parsnip cubes, 5 cut carrots, cut chicken pieces and bouillon cubes. Bring stock to a boil, then reduce to a simmer. Simmer until carrots and parsnips are tender. Add peas, corn and 2 cups of the egg noodles. Cook for 15 minutes, salt and pepper to taste. Add additional noodles as desired. Makes 8 quarts.

Second prize winning recipe in the Temple Kol Ami Ultimate Chicken Soup Contest. Compliments of Chef Chili Joe (Wnuk) and Chef Curtis Rellinger. Visit their Web site http://chilijoeandchefcurtis.webjump.com for information about their TV cable show "Microwave Today, the Cooking Show of Tomorrow," broadcast on MediaOne Cable TV in Westland, Plymouth, and Canton.

Third prize winner John Gallagher said this soup can be made as either turkey or chicken soup. Prior to starting the soup, roast two whole chickens or one turkey, with or without the stuffing. Carve, leaving plenty of meat on the bones, and use the carved meat with a meal, salad or whatever you wish. Remember to set aside some of the meat to add to the soup.

OLD FASHIONED TWICE BOILED SOUP

2 chicken carcasses or 1 turkey carcass, with as much skin removed as possible
Water
3 medium yellow onions, coarsely chopped
1 medium onion, medium chopped
4 cups celery, coarsely chopped
1 cup celery, diagonally sliced
1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
1/4 pound mushrooms, sliced
3/4 cup carrots, peeled and sliced
2 tablespoons celery leaf, chopped
2 cups roasted meat, cut into small pieces
4 cups cooked (1 minute less than recommended) egg noodles, extra wide
Freshly ground black pepper
Salt

Break up the carcass(es) into pieces and put them in soup pot (minimum 8 quart) and cover with water (remember a little more water, a little more soup, and at this stage it can't hurt because you can always reduce later).

Add the coarsely chopped onion, coarsely chopped celery, crushed red pepper, garlic powder, and about 1 1/2 teaspoons black pepper. Bring to boil, lower the heat, cover and simmer for 3 or 4 hours (maybe a little longer for the turkey), stirring occasionally.

Allow to cool to a temperate temperature and strain broth through a colander and a double layer of cheese cloth, pick through the bones and vegetables to remove larger pieces of meat and set aside to return to soup later.

Remove visible bones from mix, collect mash in cheese cloth and press to remove remaining broth (discard pressed mash and cheese cloth).

Allow broth to cool so that fat congeals on surface, remove all but 1 large tablespoon of fat. Return broth to heat and bring to a boil, add the medium chopped onion, diagonally sliced celery and carrots. Allow this to boil 10 or 12 minutes, remove from heat; and immediately add mushrooms and celery leaf, stirring often for the next 2 minutes.

Add the noodles and meat pieces. Salt and pepper to taste.

Recipe compliments of John Gallagher.

WHAT'S COOKING

Send items for consideration in Cooking Class Calendar to Ken Abramczyk, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net

■ **Potatoes** — Michelle Fuller will instruct how to prepare potato dishes, including caesar-style mashed potatoes and potato pancakes, along with cheesy ham and leek casserole. Classes are scheduled at Kitchen Glamor stores for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, at the Novi Town Center (southeast of the Novi Road exit at I-96), and Thursday, March 9, at the Rochester store in the Great Oaks Mall at Walton and Livernois. Call (800) 641-1252 for information.

■ **Pressure Cooking** — Toula Patsalis, author of The Pressure Cooking Cookbook, will provide information on how to handle, operate and cook with a pressure cooker, including how to prepare vegetable soup with sausage bits, chicken with arborio rice and peppers and South Pacific bread pudding with pineapple sauce. Sessions are scheduled for the Kitchen Glamor stores at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, at the Novi Town Center (southeast of the Novi Road exit at I-96), Thursday, March 16, at the Orchard Mall on the northeast corner of Maple and Orchard Lake roads in West Bloomfield, and Friday, March 17, at the Rochester store in the Great Oaks Mall at Walton and Livernois. Call (800) 641-1252 for information.

■ **Kids in the Kitchen** — Home economist Dana Reynolds will instruct parents and grandparents with their children or grandchildren (aged 7-12) about the enjoyment of cooking. You and your child will learn how to wrap and roll phyllo pastry filled with berries and topped with ice cream and chicken fingers, southwest style, wrapped in tortilla and served with a variety of sauces. Class is scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, March 25, at the Kitchen Glamor, at the Novi Town Center (southeast of the Novi Road exit at I-96), and Saturday, May 6, at the Rochester store in the Great Oaks Mall at Walton and Livernois. Call (800) 641-1252 for information.

■ **Easter Eggs** — Learn how to make panoramic Easter eggs with sugar, royal icing and an egg mold with Audrey Edwards at a three-hour class at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 1, at the Kitchen Glamor, at the Novi Town Center (southeast of the Novi Road exit at I-96) and Saturday, April 15, at the Rochester store in the Great Oaks Mall at Walton and Livernois. Call (800) 641-1252 for information.

■ **Breads and stuff** — Larry Galbraith will instruct baking sessions at 11 a.m. on Saturdays, including basic breads, March 11; pizza and calzones, March 18; sticky buns and coffee cakes, March 25; and bread and bagels, April 1, at the Kitchen Glamor store in the Great Oaks Mall at Walton and Livernois in Rochester. Call (800) 641-1252 for information.

■ **Pasta Tips** — Chef Dave Martinico of the Traffic Jam & Snug Restaurant will show how easy it is to make your own pasta and ravioli at the restaurant, 511 West Canfield, two blocks west of Woodward at the corner of Second, near Wayne State University in Detroit. Recipes, lunch and a glass of wine is included in the $50 class fee. Credit cards accepted. Call (313) 831-9470.

■ **Vegetarian Cooking** — Lenore Yallsove Baum, author of Lenore's Natural Cuisine, Your Essential Guide to Wholesome Vegetarian Cooking, conducts vegetarian cooking classes on Mondays, March 6, 20 and 27 for beginners at Lenore's Natural Cuisine, 22899 Inkster, Farmington Hills. Baum also has scheduled a session on soups for March 29. Call (248) 478-4455.

■ To celebrate National Nutrition Month, the Crittenton Weight Management Center will sponsor cooking demonstrations throughout the month of March. Learn how to prepare low-fat Italian dishes with Crittenton Hospital's Weight Management Center. Join Randy Emert, chef at the Paint Creek Cider Mill Restaurant, as he conducts low-fat cooking demonstrations, featuring light and healthy dishes. Demonstrations are scheduled 7-9 p.m. for March 9 and 16 and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 7 or 14 at the Paint Creek Cider Mill Restaurant, 4480 Orion Road in Rochester. The fee is $13 per person and includes recipes and taste testing. Reservations are required and space is limited. Call Crittenton Hospital's Weight Management Center at (248) 652-5626.

■ **Kitchen Glamor** features Signature Recipes of Michigan Five-Star Chefs at Kitchen Glamor, Orchard Mall, at the northeast corner of Maple and Orchard Lake in West Bloomfield. All celebrity chef sessions on Sundays begin at 12:30 p.m.
On Sunday, March 19 Jim Barnett, corporate chef of Unique Restaurant, including Morels and Northern Lake Seafood Co., will feature tea-cured salmon gravlox with potato galette, cucumber and sweet onion salad with dill creme fraiche, chanterelle and barley risotto with pan-roasted duck breast, huckleberries and red wine jus lie and bittersweet chocolate pot creme.
The Celebrity Chef Series also features Joanne Weir, cookbook author, food writer and PBS television celebrity, at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 20, and Tuesday, March 21, in a one- or two-day session. Weir will feature recipes between the two sessions, including white winter salad with a hint of green oven-roasted beet soup, pizza with smoked trout and caviar, salmon with asparagus and blood oranges on March 20, and crostini with artichokes and olives, asparagus with lemon creme fraiche and linguine with goat cheese and arugula on March 21.
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CONVERSATIONS



FRANK PROVENZANO

Celebrating our differences builds stronger community

These days, any semblance of a public discussion resembles a perverted carnival. One spectacle after another moves into the center ring.

One day the talk is of television game shows about greed, and arranged marriages to dopey millionaires. The next moment, presidential candidates argue who's the legitimate reformer, then they appear like sophomoric oafs calling each other a liar.

Meanwhile, when a 6 year old shoots and kills another child, everyone stops and wonders why.

Tragedy is indistinguishable from absurdity.

Long before anyone brings up the subject about what needs to be done to build stronger communities and a deeper sense of responsibility, most everyone goes back to their favorite diversions.

But Warren Goodell doesn't take a reprieve.

For Goodell of Southfield, the fight never ends.

Idealist with a plan

It doesn't take Goodell long to bring up his favorite buzz words – cultural diversity. For him, however, diversity is more than a word.

It's a way of life.

Goodell is executive director of the Southfield Community Foundation. With nearly $2-million in assets, the foundation develops programs that promote appreciation of Southfield's many ethnic communities where more than 40 languages are spoken.

On Thursday, the foundation along with the National Conference for Community and Justice will sponsor the first "Celebration of Diversity," a three-day conference exploring the interrelationship among cultures and helping youth appreciate personal and cultural differences.

What: A Celebration of Diversity
When: Thursday-Saturday, March 9-11
Events: Diversity Conference, featuring keynote address by Harry Belafonte, 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Southfield Pavilion; Harry Belafonte Benefit Conference, 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 10 at Detroit Opera House; Youth Symposium, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, March 11 at Southfield Centre for the Arts.
For information, call (248) 355-3700

Unlike those who pay lip service to the merits of a pluralistic society, the soft-spoken Goodell is more than prepared to get beyond the mere catch word of "diversity."

"Without experiencing the vast diversity of the world, we're never able to find our own potential," he said.

He's no Don Quixote.

There's a strong realist behind the idealistic talk.

Overcoming prejudice

Several years ago, Goodell moved to Southfield, a place that reminded him of the culturally diverse neighborhoods around Columbia University in New York City, where he went to school.

"Becoming open to another culture can lead you to understand the broader possibilities of life," he said.

The main goal of the three-day conference is to celebrate Southfield's own cultural diversity. And to get participants to see diversity as an opportunity, not a problem.

It's easier, of course, to change the rotation of the earth than to change some people's minds.

True to his idealistic leanings, Goodell would rather not talk about radical change, or the less than noble side of human nature.

The key, he recognizes, is helping people to overcome prejudice.

"We try to help people figure out that they're limited by their own prejudices," said Goodell. "It takes an ongoing commitment to open up and think in new ways."

Diversity. It's more than a mere buzzword.

It's a challenge to be better.

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van Gogh

Face to Face



Riding the Van Gogh phenomenon

Record crowds, international prestige expected with portrait exhibit at DIA

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
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The swirling anticipation is hardly coincidental as the Detroit Institute of Arts prepares to host a 12-week evangelical revival starring Vincent van Gogh.

The minister of intense color, coarse brushstrokes and hauntingly empathetic renderings of common people is in the building.

In the spirit of his superstar status, expect images of van Gogh on T-shirts, posters, hats and other memorabilia.

After all, this is the retro 2000s. History is to be merged and purged as needed. Hype? That's a mere prerequisite.



Italian Woman or L'Italienne, 1888, oil on canvas.

Doors to Van Gogh: Face to Face open next Sunday, during a month when terminal gray Michigan weather has been known to induce bouts of ear-cutting anguish and a longing for the expressive color of spring.

By any popular or critical standard, a van Gogh exhibit is an immediate, large-scale draw. It is also a stunning display of some of the most valuable art in the world. Depending on the piece, an original painting by van Gogh can attract between $50-$70 million.



Head of a Man, 1886-87, oil on canvas.

After Rembrant, no other Dutch painter's name comes next. Yet because of his dramatic, tortured life, distinctive style and prolific output, the late 19th-century artist's greatest influence might not only be on Expressionism and as a patron saint of tortured artists.

Perhaps more than any other artist, van Gogh represents the 20th-century's preoccupation with the psychology and personal life of artists.

An emerging player

With the opening of Van Gogh: Face to Face, the DIA will inevitably ride along with the van Gogh phenomenon. Indeed, there's a prevailing sense the exhibit of the artist's 31 drawings and 35 painted portraits isn't the only unprecedented event worth discussing.

Along with record crowds estimated as high as 350,000, the

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"Van Gogh: Face to Face"
When: Sunday-Sunday, March 12 to June 4. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, and until 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday.
Where: Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward.
Tickets: $16 Monday-Friday, $18 Saturday-Sunday, and include admission to museum, exhibition and Acoustiguide audio tour. Call (248) 433-8444. For more information, visit the Web site at www.dia.org



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Gatekeepers: *George Keyes, curator of European Paintings (left), and Graham Beal, director of the Detroit Institute of Arts, stand at the entrance to the most anticipated exhibit in the museum's history, "Van Gogh: Face to Face."*

Artist of the people

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Vincent van Gogh died never knowing the impact his art would continue to have on viewers. His vibrant palette and the emotionalism with which he captured his subjects makes him an artist of the people, an artist for all times.

It took van Gogh the first 27 years of his life to realize his one passion, the next 10 to develop his skills as an artist.

From the drawing of a wounded veteran weathered by life to a character study of an old skipper from his "Heads of the People" series, and a vibrant portrait of a young French soldier, the 66 portraits in "Van Gogh: Face to Face," opening March 12 at the Detroit Institute of Arts, leads viewers on a journey that documents those torturous times from the early 1880s until his death from a self-inflicted gunshot wound in Auvres-sur-Oise, north of Paris, in 1890.

Co-organized by the Detroit Institute of Arts, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston and Philadelphia Museum of Art, the exhibition paints a picture of the man, who in his adult years, surrounded himself with the working class and down-trodden to paint the people society forgot. A rebel of sorts, van Gogh never quite fit in with society. Battling to find his place, the tall red-haired misfit sympathized with the coal miners eking out the barest existence in the Borinage region of Belgium and the long-forgotten pensioners at the Dutch Reformed Old People's Home in The Hague. In his portraits, he captures their sadness, melancholy and weariness.

"Van Gogh by representing them he's representing himself," said George Keyes, who initiated the exhibition after Mr. and Mrs. Walter Buhl Ford II donated a portrait of Joseph Roulin to the museum in 1992. "Many people can identify with van Gogh because he had such a great hardship – that he could overcome this. There's a tremendous mythology about this artist. He was a member of a well-heeled family, a reader of 19th century literature from Zola to Balzac. He identified with the characters in the novels. He had a photographic memory, all qualities in his art."

The rapidly worked canvases and drawings illustrate the intense manner in which van Gogh worked. His

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The Zouave, 1888, oil on canvas.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Stage performance celebrates Irish experience in America

BY MARY MCDONOUGH
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When actor Brian Mallen talks, a slight lilt in his voice gives away his years of informal performances in the pubs of Ireland and a hint of New York snarl reveals years in the Manhattan theater circuit.

Twenty years ago he met a school teacher, Frank McCourt, now known far beyond the doorways of those smoky pubs as the author of the Pulitzer Prize winning memoir *Angela's Ashes*, along with McCourt's fun-loving brother Malachy, fellow actor, bar owner and author of *A Monk Swimming*.

'Tis Mallen's association with the elder McCourt that is bringing him back home.

The Detroit area native stars in McCourt's stage show, "The Irish ... And How They Got That Way," a song-and-dance stage performance celebrating the Irish in America, playing March 7-12 at Detroit's Music Hall.

"It's great. I'm looking forward to it," Mallen said of his return.

Speaking from his hotel in Seattle, Mallen said the show is "first and foremost entertainment. It's got heart and soul and razzmatazz. It's a celebration of the Irish experience in America, really."

In *Irish*, six actors joke, dance and sing their way through snippets of Irish history ranging from the potato famine to the assassination of the John F. Kennedy, the nation's first Irish-Catholic president.

"It makes fun with the stereotypes and how they came to be and it's really irreverent," said Mallen.

Unlike McCourt's melancholy *Angela's Ashes*, *Irish* contains 30 songs and is mostly upbeat, said Mallen.

"[McCourt] tells about a family leaving Ireland during the famine and it

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Pianist Mody talented beyond years

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
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The sounds of Sanjay Mody's piano playing are as popular around the Roeper School campus in Bloomfield Hills as the public address system.

Mody, 13, is one of the top piano players in the Midwest for his age group and he takes advantage of any free time to practice his craft.

What: Concert with the Rochester Symphony Orchestra
When: 8 p.m. Friday, March 10
Where: Varner Hall on Oakland University campus in Rochester
Tickets: $15 for adults, $12 for students.

It's his rehearsal at recess.

"The kids are always going through and hear me," said Mody, who is wise beyond his years, and as polite as he is polished.



Sanjay Mody

Mody has been turning heads with his music since he began playing the piano eight years ago.

For winning his second-straight state competition in the Junior High Division of the Michigan Music Teachers Association Concerto Competition, Mody will be a guest player of the Rochester Symphony Concert on March 10 at Varner Hall on Oakland University's campus. He won the Elementary School Division the year before he joined the Junior High circuit.

Mody is also a four-time champion in the elementary and junior divisions, respectively, of the Schoolcraft College

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energy and emotion can be seen in the deft brush and pencil strokes. Van Gogh had an affection for his subjects and strove to capture their souls. He never copied from nature but instilled a spirit.

"We need to stress he has this strong sense of evangelical zeal when he was working with the people in the coal mining region," Keyes said. "He was a very empathetic artist who iden-



Head of a Peasant with Cap (detail), 1885, pencil on paper

tifies with the subject. So far as the portraits versus character studies, we need to focus on the artist's unique interest in these personalities, these waifs of society."

Dedicated

Van Gogh had a history of copying masters such as Rembrandt throughout his career. Obsessed with becoming an accomplished draughtsman even before a painter, he refused to sketch or paint from casts. On the other hand, models were financially difficult to come by for van Gogh, who would either give up money set aside for food or trade the finished portrait for a sitting. When models were unavailable, he copied masters such as Millet or did self-portraits.

"In St.-Remy he didn't have access to the outer world so Theo (his brother and an art dealer in Paris) sent him copies of Millet who focused on the same type of subject matter- peasants," said Keyes. "Van Gogh has a way with characters. They seem to have an inner life, a spirit of their own.

"Van Gogh was one of the great pioneers of modernism. He liberated color from a descriptive agent and an art that strove for realism. Color became for him the primary agent for expression. He was a classic artist of the Post-Impressionistic phase – beyond realism to something spiritual."

Keyes personally is taken with some of the drawings even though they're in black and white. Few of these works have been seen in America before.

"Van Gogh used only the best paper, thick with texture and he applied with such force it almost indented the paper like a relief."

Exhibition history

Keyes developed a fondness for van Gogh's work while living in The Netherlands where van Gogh was born. During the time he was working on a doctorate at the University of Utrecht and while compiling a catalogue on old Dutch master prints, Keyes had access to the major van Gogh collections at the Van Gogh Museum and the Kroller-Muller Museum. Here, he developed an admiration for the artist. So when the second share of the gift, "Portrait of Postman Roulin," came to the museum three years ago, Keyes, as Elizabeth & Allan Shelden curator of European Paintings at the DIA, thought to organize an exhibition focused on the Roulin family who were favorite subjects of van Gogh in Arles in 1888. He knew Boston had two portraits of the Roulin family and Philadelphia two. Once the Boston and Philadelphia museums became involved, the concept for the exhibition expanded to include more than 70 works that span van Gogh's tragically short 10-year career. The number of paintings and drawings in the exhibits vary depending on the availability. Drawings vary from venue to venue because of the fragility and the need to restrict their exposure to light. The Detroit museum shows 35 paintings and 31 drawings from the 70 works. One gallery is devoted entirely to the Roulin family. The DIA's "Self-Portrait" painted in Paris in 1887, purchased by the DIA and City of Detroit in 1922 is also in the exhibit.

"Certain portraits we couldn't get because of loan restrictions," said Keyes. "A portrait of Gachet from Paris was unavailable because of bequest restrictions. We looked for anything available and decided to focus on early character studies in The Hague (1881-1883) to set the stage for his remarkable period in France."

The only Dutch speaker from the three museums co-organizing the exhibit, Keyes, in the process of drawing together the works from public and private international collections, met with curators in The Hague and Amsterdam.

"The biggest challenge was the time restraint, when all three institutions could take the show, working around restraints which were caused by 'Van Gogh's van Goghs' in LA, and the Art Institute of Chicago and the Van Gogh Museum "Van Gogh, Gauguin: The Studio of the Self" which opens the end of next year."

Traditionally, van Gogh exhibitions were broad surveys until 20 years ago when museums began focusing on chronology with shows such as the Metropolitan Museum of Art's "Van Gogh in Arles" and "Van Gogh in St.-Remy and Auvres." "Van Gogh: Face to Face" is the first focused thematically.

"The portraiture exhibit coincides with a revival of portraits in general. There have been exhibits on Renoir and Picasso's women," said Keyes. "In portraits, I think people know there's an elusive sense of what art is. Portraiture is a vehicle for a lot of artistic ideas."

Installation

Walking through this premier



Portrait of Joseph Roulin, 1888, pen & ink drawing

showing of portraits, the excitement builds. Before installing the exhibition, full-size reproductions of every work in the show were made.

"We've been dealing with a virtual exhibit for two weeks to determine the best relationship of objects," said Keyes. "The European museums have been doing this for some time. As the objects come in we replace them."

Viewers are face to face with van Gogh's drawings as they begin their walk then become mesmerized by his use of color during his time in Paris, St.-Remy, Arles and Auvers. "Portrait of a Restaurant Owner" and "Woman by a Cradle" are two of the most impressionistic works from his time in Paris. The influence of Gauguin is evident in 1888 in "The Zouave." The portrait is from the period when the two artists nearly drove each other mad while living together in the "yellow house" in Arles. The final gallery features paintings from the year he spent in the asylum at St.-Remy and the short period of time in Auvers before his death. The vastly differing styles of the portraits illustrate Van Gogh's tortured state of mind.

DIA from page B4

DIA expects that the largest assembled collection of van Gogh's portraits will attract international accolades.

"Over the last decade, it might seem as if the DIA has slipped (in the eyes of the museum community), but having this exhibit goes a long way in demonstrating that we're a player," said DIA Director Graham Beal, who assumed the post in October.

Unlike 10 years ago, when the DIA was reeling from state funding cuts, which led to reduced staff and hours of operation, today's direction of the museum appears quite clear.

Last April, the DIA embarked on a 10-year, $320-million campaign to increase their endowment, exhibit space and update the museum. In less than a year, the DIA is ahead of its fund-raising schedule.

And with pieces from its permanent collection continuously on loan to museums throughout the world, the DIA has effectively translated pieces from their collection into currency.

Perhaps the greatest change in the museum, however, has been perceptual. The transfer last year of day-to-day operation from the City of Detroit to an independent body has minimized political wrangling. Only Beal's decision last November to suddenly close an exhibit of "shock art" attracted unwelcomed controversy.

In the last three years, exhibits such as Splendors of Ancient Egypt and Angels from the Vatican have brought large crowds. But no other exhibit in recent museum history has the equivalent feel of a major blockbuster like the upcoming exhibit of van Gogh's portraits.

Perhaps only an exhibit of Monet's paintings or the long-awaited comeback of Elvis could stir such immediate and intense public interest.

About logistics

On the surface, Van Gogh: Face to Face appears like a huge money maker. Revenue from tickets, sales of an illustrated book and exhibit-related merchandise is estimated as high as $2 million.

Expenses for the 66-portrait show, however, are far from modest. The portraits have been loaned from 26 museums, including the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam and from co-organizers, the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston and the Philadelphia Museum of Art. In addition, the DIA has extended its hours,

■ 'People who don't usually come to the museum will come to the exhibit.'

Tara Robinson
—DIA exhibition coordinator

increased staff, and has embarked on a marketing blitz to hype the exhibit.

Whatever revenue remains after expenses, said Beal, will be earmarked to fund future exhibits and the general operating budget for the museum.

"We're going into this being happy if we break even," said Beal, who served as director at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, where 70 paintings from the Van Gogh Museum were on exhibit last May.

"On a basic level, a blockbuster is about logistics and traffic flow, and a reminder to people that we're here, and the museum is easy to get to."

With more than 100,000 tickets already sold and interest intensifying, Beal's concern about breaking even sounds more like pre-game jitters.

Take it home

It's anticipated that 500 people per hour could see the show. "There will be a chain reaction," said Tara Robinson, exhibition coordinator at the DIA.

"People who don't usually come to the museum will come to the exhibit."

Some contend that while blockbuster exhibits attract big crowds, they can also promote only familiar work of known artists. The concern is that lesser known artists and challenging art is overlooked. But the commercial side of any major exhibit is part of modern-day realities, said Robinson.

"Museums that wish to survive have to make money," she said. "We have to make money in a combination of ways – charitable, on our own enterprise, grants, membership."

Located outside the last gallery of portraits will be a gift shop offering books, posters and a range of van Gogh-inspired items, including scarves and jewelry.

"(The exhibit) is a social, educational and spiritual experience," said Robinson. "People want to take part of it home with them."

Obviously, when it comes to van Gogh, there's no separating the work from the myth.

Irish from page B4

gets fairly serious treatment. One-fourth of the Irish population was lost, so it's sort of the holocaust of the Irish," said Mallen.

As the grandson of Irish immigrants who fled Ireland during the famine, Mallen said those scenes recalled familiar territory.

The show's reception has been favorable, particularly in San Francisco, where Mallen said it attracted a diverse audience which included, "Asians and blacks and all types of people who aren't from this particular tribe."

Mallen says the personal, irreverent nature of Irish storytelling is what continues to perpetuate interest in Irish culture. With *Angela's Ashes*, a subsequent memoir and a third one written by McCourt's younger brother, there has evolved a sort of "McCourt cult," says Mallen.

"When [McCourt] started writing it he never thought it was going to go anywhere," said Mallen. "The first three chapters used to run in a pub newsletter."

Mallen says that the "McCourt cult" is part of the second of two recent waves of interest in Irish film and culture.

"It started with 'My Left Foot.' Irish works have sort of a stark, realistic quality. For a while it was a lot of fake accents and stereotypes but since then, they've gotten hit with the real thing and I think in a way people feel that's more engaging," said Mallen.

The public's renewed interest in the "real thing" hasn't hurt Mallen's opportunities for roles any.

He is preparing to reprise his role as General Hancock in *Gods and Generals*, the pre-quel to the film *Gettysburg*, co-starring Jeff Daniels, which begins shooting this summer.

He has toured the United States and Europe with his award winning one man show, *Secrets of the Celtic Heart*, directed by actress/director Ellen Burstyn. He has also served as the artistic arts director at New York's Irish Arts Center.

True to the irreverent nature of Irish entertainment, Mallen occasionally retreats to his home in Ireland, to the comfortable stage in the pubs of Gallway, to perform his comedy piece *Beside the Pint*, based on "crazy pub humor."

His favorite Irish pub in the Detroit area? Cowleys' in Farmington Hills. "They have some great Irish bands that play there," he says.



Brian Mallon

While he's in town, Mallen said he plans to visit with his family and as a former member of Detroit's Gaelic League, says he may take in Detroit's St. Patrick's Day parade on March 12, on his way out of town.

With St. Paddy's Day 'round the corner, the timing for Mallen's journey back home couldn't be better.

Tickets for "The Irish . . . and How They Got That Way," are $15-$35 and may be purchased at the Music Hall box office an all TicketMaster locations.

Mody from page B4

Honors Piano Competition. Last November, he took first place in the state Baldwin Piano Competition for the Junior High Division.

While the first-place finishes are nice, concerts like the one he's playing in later this week are what he strives for. He made his debut symphony appearance last year at the Bach Festival Orchestra in Kalamazoo.

"Competitions are for to play your best and learn," he said. "The main thing is to establish your own 'sound.' Competitions mean nothing in the long run."

Mody said his stint on the Varner Hall stage will last about 20 minutes.

"Solo recitals, you get nervous before you go on," he said. "But it's fun up there, performing, knowing all will appreciate your music."

Mody took up the piano upon suggestion from his kindergarten teacher. Mody used to make noises while clicking his teeth, a habit he started early, and his teacher thought a musical instrument might be a better idea.

He is the only child of Julie and Parimal Mody and the only one in the family as far as they know with such musical talents.

The first fascination Mody had with the piano were the pedals, he remembers. They reminded him of a drum set, he said.

"I used to want to be a drummer," Mody said. "But my mom and dad didn't want a drummer in the house. It would keep my parents up at night."

He first learned to play the piano from instructor Brenda Krachenburg. He has played the last five years under the direction of Donald Morelock, Schoolcraft College Director of the Piano Program.

For the past four summers Mody has traveled to Russia with other advanced piano students and teaches from across the country as part of a piano study program sponsored by the International Fine Arts Institute.

He plans on returning this summer, only this time he'll stay five weeks instead of his usual three.

Mody said he practices about three hours a day, balancing his schedule around school work and fun things kids his age usually enjoy: sleepovers, video games and sports.

Too much practice is not good, he said.

"When it's time to stop you go for a walk or something," he said.

Mody's other passion is to write. He and a friend from school, Nick Zalenski, challenged each other a couple years ago, writing their own "novels."

Mody got 164 pages of his fantasy fiction piece written before some accidentally got thrown out at school.

"It had a tragic ending because I left a good bunch in the locker over the summer and they got thrown out," Mody said.

His next novel may be his autobiography, which is sure to have a happy ending.

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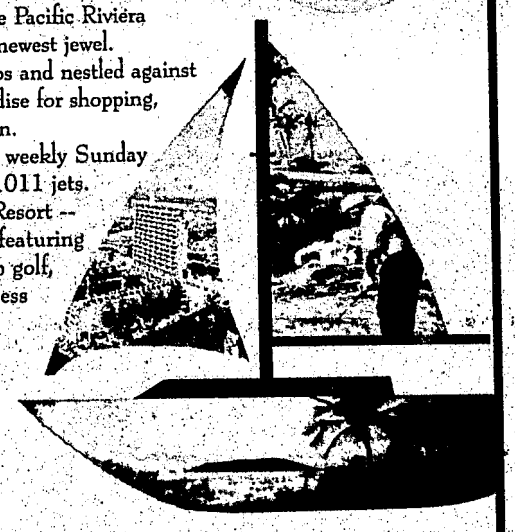

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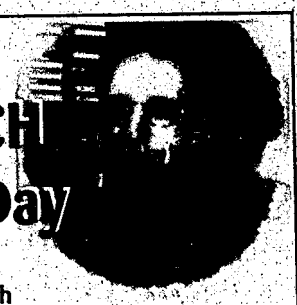

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To market: *A Muslim woman walks along the streets of the ancient Mediterranean port town of Akko. Markets line the streets and offer everything from bananas to sandals.*

PHOTO BY DIANE HANSON

'Promised Land' site of interesting contrast

BY DIANE HANSON
SPECIAL WRITER

A chaos of religions, nationalities, politics and history, Israel has certainly had more than its share of conflicts. The recent election of Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak in June has offered more promise for peace and, along with millennium fever, more tourists are venturing to the Holy Land.

The first thing to prepare for on a trip to Israel is a long flight. Connections from Detroit Metro – along with layovers – add up to about 17 hours of traveling time.

Traveling through the bustling streets of Tel Aviv, Nazareth, Jerusalem and other cities brought me to the realization that I had more to fear from the Israeli drivers than from any terrorists. Horns honk regularly, and many drivers tend to ignore the physical law that two bodies cannot occupy the same space at the same time.

Still, security is a factor in the lives of those who live in the country.

"This idea of security sits actually very, very heavily inside every person, every child in this country," said Oded Geva, our tour guide. Geva, 42, is a first-generation Israeli on his father's side and second-generation on his mother's.

"I remember my father saying, when I was a little child, 'When you arrive at the age of 18, you won't need to go into the army anymore because there will be peace by then,'" said Geva. "He was convinced about it, but that was far and away from being the case." Geva, like other Israeli young men, served three years in the army from the time he turned 18.

Israeli women serve two years. And each year Geva is still called back to the reserves. "Even though I am now dressed in civilian clothes, I am still part of the army," he said.

I became accustomed to the site of soldiers dressed in army camouflage and carrying M-16 rifles everywhere in Israel – not just along the West Bank area, but from the museums to the holy sites.

Project tourism

There are still high hopes for continued peace in Israel. "Tourism for Israel is huge, along with high-tech," said Geva. "If there is a country which should be based on tourism, it is Israel." Archeological and holy sites and ideal weather that dominates most of the year makes Israel enticing.

Promised Land.

In 1999 Israel hosted 2,200,000 visitors, he said. Three to four million are anticipated for the year 2000. There are currently 30,000 hotel rooms available in Israel with plans to bring that number to 40,000 during the millennial year.

Tzion Ben David, Director of North American Operations for the Israeli Ministry of Tourism, said, "Forty-eight percent of Americans who come to Israel are repeat visitors," and added that everyone is welcome.

As a first-timer to the "Promised Land" I was amazed at the contrast of landscapes, people and religions in the tiny country.

Slightly smaller than the state of New Jersey, within hours one can travel from the green, fertile lands of Israel's Galilee to the barren brown mountains of the Judean wilderness. In a day's travel, one can take in the sparkling blue Mediterranean, the Sea of Galilee (Israel's only body of fresh water) and the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth and the highest salt concentration of any of earth's bodies of water.

And scattered throughout the countryside are some of the most fascinating excavations of ancient civilizations and the most holy sites of the three major monotheistic religions of Christianity, Judaism and Islam. And it is these amazing and holy sites that have drawn so many visitors and pilgrims to the age-old land for thousands of years.

Ancient cities

Many of the ancient cities in Israel are still being excavated and have been declared national parks under the Israel Nature and National Parks Protection Authority. To touch the ruins of these ancient cities is to touch history.

Nearly every town we visited in Israel was steeped in history that dated back thousands of years. Traveling north from Tel Aviv along the Mediterranean coastline, we came first to the ancient seaport of Old Jaffa, claimed to be the oldest port town in the Western World – at least 3,200 years old.

Jaffa is where Jonah set sail on his way to meeting up with the whale. When the Jews came to Jaffa in 1200 BC, it was known as Canaan.

Haifa is Israel's third-largest city and contains its largest port.

Haifa is a busy city filled with industry and commerce. Sitting atop Mt. Carmel and overlooking the Mediterranean, the city is a harbor of harmony between the Jewish, Christian, Muslim and Bahai faiths – something not as evident at some of the other holy sites in the land.

Traveling the narrow streets of Nazareth was an experience all by itself. We visited the Catholic Basilica of the Annunciation, the site where it is believed Marywas told by the Angel Gabriel that she would be the mother of God. The church is modern (completed in 1969) and is built over the site, a cave known as the Grotto of the Annunciation, in the lower part of the church.

We saw none of the discord that has plagued the site for some time. Last Easter, Muslim fundamentalists rioted near the church, demanding space to build a mosque near the basilica. Just days before our visit, the Muslim tent that had stood on the site for the past two years was dismantled. The Israeli government has given the Muslims a 500-meter space to build a mosque.

In Bethlehem

Even though I was certain Bethlehem was no longer "little" or "still," it was a bit disconcerting to get caught in the horrible traffic jam there after driving through an equally congested Jerusalem. Bethlehem is the place where the Christmas story began.

Bethlehem is also a holy city for the Jewish people as the birthplace of King David, the burial place of Rachel, and the hometown of Elimelech in the Book of Ruth.

Bethlehem became a Palestinian autonomy in 1995. Muslims outnumber Christians in the town by about three to one.

Diane Hanson is a Canton resident who visited Israel in November. Follow her to Jerusalem and Galilee next week.

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'A Case of Libel' suits today's political times

Mostly male cast covers courtroom drama

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With the political climate being what it is, *A Case of Libel* is as timely a play as it was when it was published in the early 1960s.

The courtroom drama by Henry Denker takes a microscopic look at the issues of libel and the First Amendment, which deals with freedom of the press.

The riveting drama opens this Friday at the Depot Theatre.

The play raises many questions about the responsibilities of journalism, and is based on an autobiography by the famous attorney, Louis Nizer.

The play revolves around columns written by the character in the play, Westbrook Pegler, and his attacks in the press against war correspondent Quentin Reynolds.

A Case of Libel questions the issue of the freedom of the press and how someone can hide behind it when that person is doing something not particularly honorable, said director, Dean Vanderkolk from Orion Township.

> ■ 'The actors are really looking deep into their lines to interpret them.'
>
> *Dean Vanderkolk*
> *—Director*

One of the problems of the play, according to Vanderkolk, is casting 10 men in demanding parts. There are also two women in the cast.

"Normally we'd stay away from a play that needed that many men, but we were really happy with our turnout at auditions," said Vanderkolk.

"Everyone is coming to rehearsal well prepared. They had a lot of dialogue to learn," he said. "The actors are really looking deep into their lines to interpret them."

In order to help the audience in the intimate wood-paneled theater concentrate more on dialogue, the stage design was kept very simple, according to Vanderkolk.

"People will come away remembering that what we say and do does affect other people," said Vanderkolk, a 20-year community theater veteran.

The cast is composed of Bruce Bishop and Steve Cunningham of Clarkston, Wendy Mata of Highland Township, Al Bartlett of Rochester Hills, Taggart Smith from Sylvan Lake, Alidor Lefere of Troy and Gordon Bardell, John McCaffrey, Shaun Pittman and Vern Vackara from Waterford.

Other members of the crew include Debbie Vanderkolk, Melissa Breckenridge, Nancy Penvose, Sue Owens, Mel Case, Beth Sayles, Gerry Bartlett, Bob Gerics, Amy Seaman, Irene Hengstebeck, Shannon Pinegar and Mary Beth Skinner.



STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

Ready for rebuttal: *Gordon Bardell (left to right), Bruce Bishop and Al Bartlett rehearse their lines for A Case of Libel at Depot Theater in Clarkston.*

Hollywood comes to Detroit area

In a dramatic new setting with more Hollywood flair and fanfare than ever, The Detroit Institute of Arts' fourth-annual Oscar Night America fund-raiser for the Detroit Film Theatre will be held at the Roostertail Sunday, March 26.

The black-tie, Hollywood-style party will begin at 6:30 p.m. and run until the last award is presented. It is the only Oscar event in Michigan officially sanctioned by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

General Motors Corp. is the major corporate sponsor again this year.

Tickets are $125 and include a champagne reception, a lavish Oscar-themed buffet dinner, and an open bar.

Each guest will receive the same Academy Awards program that Tom Cruise, Nicole Kidman, Harrison Ford, Julia Roberts and other screen celebrities will be using at the ceremonies in Los Angeles.

"This year's Oscar Night America is going to be more spectacular than ever, and based on early sales, we're expecting a sell-out," said Lynn Ferris, president of the DIA's Cinematic Arts Council, which supports the nationally renowned Detroit Film Theatre. "The Roostertail provides a superlative setting, and the Schoeniths (the club's owners) really know how to throw a party."

Searchlights will pierce the evening sky as arriving guests step onto a red carpet, where they will be dazzled by the flash of photographers' cameras.

Inside they'll find the Roostertail decked out with movie posters and colorful Hollywood memorabilia. Classic films can be viewed on a dozen television sets as guests sip, sup and mingle during the evening.

When the 72nd Academy Awards presentation, hosted by Billy Crystal, begins on WXYZ-TV (Ch. 7) at 8:30 p.m., guests can watch it on a large-screen in the riverfront room where Hollywood and Motown stars have performed. WXYZ-TV will cover the event and provide live feeds all evening.

Honorary chairpersons are Detroit Mayor Dennis W. Archer and the Honorable Trudy Dun-Combe Archer, Christine and Elmore (Dutch) Leonard; Maureen and Roy Roberts; Dr. Lorna Thomas; Judy and Randolph Agley, and DIA Director Graham W.J. Beal.

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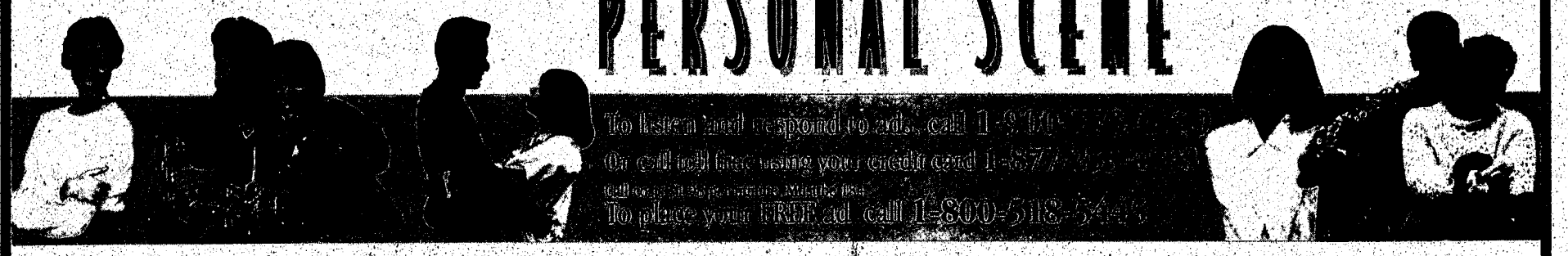

GENTLEMAN BIKER
SF, 33, H/W proportionate, long red-dish-brown/blue-green-gray, enjoys Harleys, outdoors, fishing, travel. Seeking gentleman with similar interests. ☎1859

SOPHISTICATED HAPPY
Brown-eyed blonde, 5'6", fit, bubbly, outgoing, with a zest for life. Interests: golf, biking, travel, theater. Seeking tall, financially/emotionally secure gentleman, 48-55, who exhibits qualities of a true friend. ☎1709

SEEKING MY SOULMATE
DWPF, 48, 5'2", blonde/blue, interested in energy work, T.T., reiki, nature, waterfalls, baseball, tennis. Seeking SWPM, 36-49, interested in alternative medicine and metaphysics. N/S. ☎1860

HONEYSUCKLE ROSE
SF, my age is vintage wine, 5'6", slender, blue eyes, Jewish and a coal-miner's daughter too, enjoys cooking, baking—how about a sample? Seeking best friend, real and fun conversation. ☎5602

SENSUAL SPIRITED SWEET
Petite DWF, 50s, 5'2", looking for love again with romantic, trustworthy, very fit, emotionally/financially secure, non-smoking SWM, 55-65. Let's enjoy dancing, dining, movies, travel, theater, weekend getaways. ☎1831

ARE YOU READY FOR...
an attractive, charmer? Active, open-minded, pleasingly plump widowed WPF, 58, red/blue, enjoys concerts, plays, talk, movies. Seeking tall, passionate, humorous WM, 45-60, for dating, LTR. ☎1835

LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT
Easygoing and honest SWF, 6' blonde/blue, H/W proportionate, two children, N/S, social drinker. Seeking S/DWM, 28-36, for possible LTR. ☎1756

ATTRACTIVE SLIM PERFECTIONIST
Catholic SWPF, 35, 5'7", 135lbs, blonde/blue, N/S, never married, seeks attractive, educated, romantic, physically fit, successful Catholic SWPM, 32-38, N/S, never married, for friendship first, possible LTR. ☎1750

SEEKS OLDER GENTLEMAN
SWF, 31, 5'7", blonde/blue, intelligent, humorous, enjoys reading, politics, black and white films, antiques, computers. Seeking a SWM, 40-60, 6'+, clean-cut, humorous, gentleman. ☎1449

HORSEMAN WANTED
SWF, 35, 5'1", brown/green, full-figured, one 13 year-old son, enjoys horseback riding, horse shows, music, family time, seeks "horseman" SWM, 30-40, for friendship, dating, possible LTR. Kids ok. ☎1421

ADVENTURESOME
SWF, 28, enjoys reading, traveling, dancing, family times. Seeking family-oriented, outgoing, commitment-minded SWM, for romance and monogamous LTR. ☎1778

FUN ANYONE?
DWPF, 25, N/S, mom of one, seek attractive, fun, outgoing SWM, 25-32, for dating, fun, whatever else may happen. Must have sense of humor. ☎6123

SEEKING THAT SPECIAL YOU
SWF, 36, seeks WM, 32-39, 5'6"+, who's tired of the bar scene, likes sports, for special committed relationship. ☎6304

GORGEOUS, SWEET, SEXY
SWF, 30s, brunette, doctor, never married, seeks sincere, intelligent, successful, financially secure, tall SW gentleman, 38-42, with a graduate degree, interested in LTR. ☎1696

INTELLIGENT & EASYGOING
Sincere, caring, trustworthy SWF, 35, tall, enjoys dining, movies, biking, travel, cooking. Seeking financially/emotionally secure SWM, 35-55, N/S, N/D, similar interests, for LTR/marriage. No games, please. ☎6245

HELLO MY MAN
Attractive, affectionate, full-figured SBF, 32, serious-minded, employed, independent, down-to-earth, sense of humor. Seeking serious, positive, monogamous SBM for LTR ☎1444

LOOKING FOR A GOOD MAN
SF, 33, 5'1", 118lbs, brown/brown, likes romantic movies, cuddling, friends, summer fun. Seeking a SWPM who knows what a lady, who likes going out and staying in, for possible LTR. ☎1455

MISUSED AND ABUSED
Full-figured, health-conscious SWF, 37, loves comedy, reading, long walks, animals. Seeking loving, honest, communicative SWM to help mend this broken heart. ☎1406

ACT NOW
Attractive SWF, 5'6", blonde/blue, enjoys laughter, sharing, dancing. Seeking secure, outgoing SWM, 30-50, with a warm smile and a big heart, who is commitment-minded. ☎1390

FOXY SENIOR
Youthful, fit SWF, 60, 5'2", 135lbs, blonde/brown, loves traveling, reading, political awareness, all aspects of entertainment. Seeking outgoing, lively, honest, healthy, financially secure, good-looking, youthful SWM, with high morals, for monogamous LTR. ☎1770

LET'S GET TOGETHER
Attractive, energetic, friendly, honest SWPF, 40, 5'3", 110lbs, blonde/blue, enjoys art fairs, long walks, gardening, biking, nature, some sports. Seeking open, communicative, caring SWM with similar interests, for friendship first. ☎1222

GOD, YOU HANDLE IT
Spunky, sensitive, attractive senior widow, 5'2", 125lbs, blonde/blue, seeks humorous, active SWM, 62+, N/D, N/Drugs. ☎1518

THIS IS ME
SF, 5'1", 110lbs, long blonde/blue, has children, loves bowling, concerts, movies, dining, boating. Seeking SM with similar interests, for LTR. ☎1504

CALL ME
Sincere, easygoing, financially/emotionally secure SWF, 42, 5'9", 155lbs, blonde/hazel, enjoys all music. Seeking a tall, athletic S/DWM, 35-44, 5'11"+, N/S, friends first, possible LTR. ☎1189

PLAYING YOUR SONG
Vivacious, romantic DWF, 48, blonde/blue, professional musician, seeks S/DWM, 40-50, N/S, with passion for life, interested in possible LTR. ☎1363

ATTRACTIVE WIDOW
Intelligent, slender, tall WF, 53, lady-like, warm-hearted, smoker, seeks tall gentleman, 53-65, with traditional manners, who's intelligent, interested in sharing romantic dinners, conversation, and laughter with me. ☎6061

COMPANION & BEST FRIEND
SWF, 5'4", 138lbs, blonde, N/S, seeks SWM, 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. ☎1695

1 LIFE TO LIVE
Hard-working, fun-loving SWPF, 23, 5'6", blonde/green, mom of 1, enjoys quiet romantic dinners, long walks, movies, living life. Seeking caring, understanding SM, to share this life with. ☎1381

GROWN-UP BAD BOY
Classy, very attractive, down-to-earth, slim SWF seeks intelligent, financially secure SWM, 48-54, brown or dark hair, who likes to have fun. ☎1339

SEEKING TALL TEDDY BEAR
SWF, 44, smoker, social drinker, seeks financially secure gentleman, 48-55, who knows how to treat a lady, for one-on-one relationship. Garden City area ☎1808

ARE THERE ANY GOOD ONES LEFT?
Seeking romantic, affectionate, honest SWM, 39-45, who would like to meet a good woman, 39, for a possible LTR. ☎1793

A RARE FIND
Pretty, curvy SWF, 53, 5'4", entrepreneur, lots of fun, enjoys movies, plays, concerts, traveling. Looking for sincere, successful WM, 45-75. Float your boat, make your day, answer my ad today. ☎1738

LOVELY, PASSIONATE, LADY
Bright, European, 55, Seeking tall, gentleman for fun and conversation. Travel, adventure, nature, honesty, are some of my pleasures. If you are a like person, let me pleasantly surprise you. ☎1792

TOUCH OF CLASS
Soar into a LTR with classy, attractive DWF, 5'5", 130lbs, sexy eyes, for fun, romance, and adventure. Seeking SWM, tall and 45+. Sincere replies a plus. ☎1789

CUTE, CLASSY, BLONDE
DWF, late 50s, seeking companionship of professional gentleman, for romantic dining, dancing and theater. Possible LTR. ☎1788

THE EYES HAVE IT
SWF, 40s, 5'6", attractive, hard-working, independent, seeks SWM who's handsome, tall, employed. Must have a great sense of humor and love animals, for friendship first. ☎6126

DANCING THROUGH LIFE
Energetic, fun, passionate, secure DWF, 48, seeks SM; with similar attributes, for friendship and romance. ☎1759

SEXY REDHEAD
Easygoing, fun-loving DWPF, 49, 5'6", 145lbs, great legs, no kids, Belleville homeowner, animal lover, enjoys gardening and nature. Seeking DWPM, 50-60, 6'+, N/S, social drinker, for LTR. ☎4997

SHARING TIME
Attractive SWPF, 5'2", 110lbs, brown/brown, N/S, down-to-earth with great humor, enjoys golfing, dining, theater, seeking Handsome, SM, 45-52, to spoil and pamper me, North Oakland area. ☎1746

BE MY VALENTINE
Cute DWF, 41, full-figured, smoker, financially secure, seeks SB/WM, 43-53, who likes beaches, Vegas, traveling, for LTR. Serious only. ☎1711

LOOKING FOR LOVE
Plus-sized woman, 51, brown/hazel, enjoys movies, long walks. Seeking kind, friendly, good-hearted man to share laughs and life with. ☎1721

COULD IT BE YOU?
SWPF seeks Mr. Right, 45-55, who likes golfing, movies, dancing, quiet dinners at home or on the town, and has a flair for spontaneity. Could it be you? ☎1700

STARTING OVER WITH YOU
Easygoing, overweight DWF, 44, 5'10", N/S, N/Drugs, enjoys outdoors, walking, bowling, cards, pets, traveling. Seeking honest, loyal SWM, N/S, N/Drugs, for relationship leading to marriage. ☎5760

HONEST, FUN, CARING
Widowed SF, 56, 5'2", light brown/hazel, H/W proportionate, likes doing just about anything, music, books, dining, movies, theater, sports. Seeking SM for companionship, possible LTR. ☎1487

SEEKING SPIRITUAL PARTNER
Honestly pretty SWF, 45, 5'4", 130lbs, loves and trusts God, who understands the purpose of life, and has the glory of God. Attends non-denominational church; enjoys camping; canoeing, fishing. Waterford. ☎5755

LOST ON THE RIVER
Widowed, beefy, cute, dynamic, eclectic, focused, normal, impulsive SWPF, ageless but experienced, seeks passionate, honest SM who loves life, listening, laughing, learning, and playing, for fun, fireworks, and joy. ☎1666

STILL SEARCHING
Attractive DWF, 5'5", brown/brown, thin, fun to be with, enjoys movies, dining out, the outdoors, and Redwing games. Seeking attractive, tall SWM, 33-40, with similar interests, for friendship, maybe more. ☎1476

LOOKING FOR A LOVING MAN
Female seeks a man who enjoys being close, spending time together, having some fun, and wants a relationship. ☎1471

LOVES ADVENTURE
Attractive SWF, 51, 5'4", loves walking, biking, shows, theater, dining, dancing. Seeking a SWM, 48-58, similar interests. Sterling Heights. ☎1441

SPONTANEOUS, SENSUOUS...
romantic, intelligent SF, 52, and fun! Medical professional, wrapped up in a great looking package searching for a N/S, H/W proportionate, professional guy, for good times and maybe more. ☎1031

SINCERE AND CURVY
DWPF, 5'6", blondish, two grown children, seeks romantic white gentleman, 49-60, fairly sophisticated, financially/emotionally secure, interested in fun times and sports. ☎1112

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. ☎1176

LOOKING FOR A NEW BEGINNING
Widowed WF, very young 51, 5'1", medium build, ready to start life over again, enjoys walks, bike rides, friends. Seeking SWM, 47-57, with positive outlook and good sense of humor. ☎1440

SEXY 30-SOMETHING
Recently divorced BF, no kids, seeks gentleman who knows how treat a lady. Race, age open. Be my first date. ☎1442

STARTING OVER WITH YOU
Smart, sensuous, attractive SBPF, 37, slightly overweight, enjoys fine dining, theaters, concerts, sports, gourmet cooking. Seeking attractive, sincere man. Race unimportant. ☎1429

LIFE IS SUBLIME
Pretty SWJF, 5'7", 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

LOOKING FOR COMPANIONSHIP
Very kind-hearted, honest, easygoing, good-humored, very affectionate, down-to-earth DWF, 46, likes simple things in life. Seeking SW gentleman, 46-60, for friendship, and fun times. ☎1446

SIMPLY IRRESISTIBLE
Intriguing, pretty, passionate, fun-loving, sincere DWF, mid-40s, seeks attractive, smart, honest SWM, 39+, N/S, for a lifetime romance that never ends. ☎1392

FRIENDSHIP FIRST
SACF, 43, 5'5", enjoys simple and fine things in life. Seeking honest, open-minded SA/WPCM, 43-50, financially/emotionally secure, with good morals. ☎1388

DO U EXIST?
Attractive AF, 38, 5'5", down-to-earth and easygoing, is looking for a kind, attractive, health-conscious SWM, 35-45, with old-fashioned values, good ethics, for dating, possible LTR. ☎1332

ONE GOOD MAN
SBF, 49, 5'3", enjoys movies, long walks, casinos. Seeking fun-loving, honest, caring SM, 35-60, with similar interest, for possible LTR. ☎1323

STARTING OVER WITH YOU
Sincere, easygoing, financially secure, active, retired, widowed WF, seeks caring, easygoing gentleman friend, 65+, who enjoy dining out, traveling and laughter. LTR. ☎1846

SEEKING
Ultra-feminine, petite, slim, European blonde, with very sophisticated tastes, seeks successful SWM, 50-60, for possible LTR. ☎1800

LOOKING FOR LOVE
Attractive, emotionally/financially secure, honest, caring DWF, young 50, 5'4", brown/blue, N/S, looking to love again. Seeking SWM for concerts, dining, movies, sports, travel, togetherness, for friendship leading to LTR. ☎1755

HOPELESS ROMANTIC
Energetic, beautiful SBCPF, 5'5", 145lbs, honey brown complexion, enjoys exercising, traveling, entertaining, movies. Seeking prosperous Christian gentlemen, with similar interests, N/S, H/W proportionate for friendship. Southfield area. ☎1282

MAKE ME BREATHE HARD!
Hard-working, fair-playing female enjoys indoor activities except golf, cards, outdoor activities except golf. Seeking active college graduate, N/S. ☎1473

STARTING OVER WITH YOU
Smart, sensual, attractive SBPF, 37, slight overweight, enjoys fishing dining, theater, concerts, sports, and gourmet cooking. Seeking attractive, sincere SPM. Race unimportant. ☎1448

Men seeking Women

NICE GUY
SWM, 35, 6', 185lbs, brown/hazel, good sense of humor, easy to talk with, good job, enjoys boating, outdoors, dinners, movies, and much more. Seeking similar SWF, 24-39, slim to medium build, down-to-earth. ☎1843

LOYAL, HONEST, NICE GUY
College-educated, spontaneous, handsome, fun-loving, DWM, 53, 6'1", 190lbs, believes in loyalty, integrity, honesty. Seeking attractive S/DWF, 35-49, physically fit, slim, for LTR. West side preferred. Kids ok. ☎1834

ATTRACTIVE AND HONEST
Secure SWM, 50, 5'1", 170lbs, brown/hazel, likes horses, country life. Seeking a charming, smart, attractive lady, under 40, for friendship first. ☎1836

SUNSHINE OF YOUR LIFE?
Warm weather, successful, spiritual SJM, 48, seeks a warm weather girl. Seeking relationship-oriented SF, 28-45, to enjoy Aruba, Cancun, Bahamas, and, of course, movies, dancing, book stores, spectator sports. ☎3923

ART ANTIQUE COLLECTIBLES
A creative, unique, sharp SWM, 46, enjoys art/antique shows, auctions, estate sales, seeks lively lady, mid-age, with a interest in or curiosity about same. ☎1833

IT DOESN'T MATTER...
what the ads say, two people just have to click. Is it us? Seeking intelligent, personable, shapely, humorous lady, I'm 63, N/S, 6', many interests and talents. ☎1830

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

BLACK LEATHER
SWM, 57", 140lbs, enjoys motorcycles, movies, bonfires and the lake. Seeking slim SWF, 25-35, for committed LTR. ☎1425

FIRST TIME EVER, REDFORD
Attractive, hard-working, honest, kind-hearted, affectionate SWM, 37, 6'1", 160lbs, thinner brown/blue, smoker, social drinker, home owner, no dependents, enjoys camping, fishing. Seeking SWF, 25-35, H/W proportionate. Kids ok. No games. ☎1424

SEEKING SWEET ISLAND GIRL
Wonderful, great-looking outdoors lover, 37, 5'11", trim, sandy/blue business-owner, would appreciate a sweet, trim girl for summertime fun on my island with friends. Let see if our chemistry sparks. ☎1751

SEEKING SPECIAL WOMAN
Handsome, affectionate SWM, 28, 5'10", 160lbs, brown/hazel, enjoys dining out, cooking theater, cuddling, snuggling. Seeking attractive, affectionate SAF, 24-33, H/W proportionate, for companionship and/or possible relationship. ☎1744

GRADING ON THE CURVE
Attractive, intelligent SBM, 6'2", 235lbs, college student, good sense of humor, seeks shapely WF, 28+, for committed relationship. ☎1703

LET'S GET TOGETHER
SWM, 34, 6'2", 200lbs, black/brown, successful, enjoys working out, skiing, and riding my Harley. Seeking SWF with similar interests for LTR. ☎1732

WANTED: SOULMATE
Clean-cut DW dad, 46, 5', 160lbs, brown/green, glasses, smoker, very down-to-earth, automotive professional. Enjoys golf, bowling, movies, sports, walks, romance. Seeking new best friend for loving, caring, sharing relationship. ☎1757

SUCCESSFUL CARPENTER
DWM, 47, 5'10", 220lbs, rides Harleys, plays pool, likes dining out. Seeking sincere, beautiful (inside and out) woman, 40-50, who doesn't play games. ☎1758

WORTH CHECKING INTO
Trim, handsome SWPM, 39, 5'10", 170lbs, fit, custodial dad of 12 year-old son, enjoys outdoors, rock music, volleyball, dancing, biking. Seeking slender, attractive, independent female with similar interests. ☎1299

RUGGED JOCK TYPE
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 SF for companionship. Age/area open. ☎4018

REAL CHARMER
Attractive, free-spirited, young SM, 21, 5'10", 160lbs, blond/blue, goatee, loves football, basketball, swimming, just about everything. Seeking attractive, sensitive, young woman with self-respect for committed LTR. ☎1685

WHY BE ALONE?
Caring, affectionate, loving DWM, 53, 5'7", loves lake activities, skiing, movies, and quality times together. Seeking petite-medium SF, 40-50, for friendship, possible long-term, monogamous relationship. Race unimportant. ☎4988

LETS LOOK TO THE SUMMER
DWM seeks widowed/S/DWF, 38+, N/S, ready for the warmer days and some fun-loving times. If you think you are the one, let's get together. ☎1691

UNION LAKE AREA
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 ADVENTURE
Down-to-earth, private, homebody type SBM, 6'1", 265lbs, enjoys sports, concerts, romance, etc. Seeking decent, understanding, attractive woman who knows what she wants out of life, for friendship, possible relationship. ☎1277

EARTH, WIND & FIRE
Earthy, honest, widowed WM, 49, 6', 205lbs, N/D, N/S, seeks SWF, 40-50, active, secure, proportionate, to conjure up warm wind, and eternal fire, possible LTR. Redford ☎5696

HAPPY-GO-LUCKY
Handsome, witty, sweet SHM, 47, seeks SW/HF, 40-50, N/S, for dating, dining, dancing, friendship, possible LTR. ☎5970

HO HO HO, MERRY CHRISTMAS!
Dreaming of sharing Christmas with a nice young lady. I'm 39, look younger, 5'3", 120lbs, hard worker, in good shape, financially secure, N/S, very light drinker. Seeking special lady, 30-45. ☎1142

TAKE A CHANCE
Intuitive, educated, creative, persevering, Catholic SWPM, 43, 5'8", brown/blue, no dependents. Seeking enlightened, fit, emotionally available SWPF, 25-42, for trust, friendship, communication and more. ☎1798

LET'S DANCE AT SUNSET
DW dad, 41, 5'9", brown/hazel, custodial parent, homeowner, loves camping, barbecuing, Cedar Point, carnations, motorcycles, movies, everything. Seeking DW mom with same interests, for monogamous relationship. Novi area. ☎1795

MR. SUNSHINE
Easygoing DWM, 44, loves children, seeks a S/DWF, 39-59, who enjoys going to movies, walks in the park, holding hands, for possible relationship. ☎1295

OH, THAT'S GOOD!
Meet Mr. Goodman, SWM, 45, a sharp, personable guy with wide range of interests, seeking an honest, easygoing, dependable lady, for dating, companionship, possible LTR. ☎1794

LOOKING FOR SOMEONE?
Intellectual, yet humorous, active, outgoing SWM, 40, 5'10", 190lbs, enjoys reading, writing, outdoor activities, theater, movies. Seeking friendly, outgoing S/DWF, 34-48, N/S, small/petite build, for possible relationship. ☎5519

TOTALLY INSANE-NOT!
SBM, 44, 6', 225lbs, N/S, N/D, no dependents, likes traveling, plays, concerts, walks, movies, candlelight dinners, cooking. Seeking SF, 28-45, H/W proportionate, N/S, with similar interests for friendship first. ☎1665

IN YOUR EYES...
I find someone special. Fit SWM, 42, 5'9", 190lbs, brown/brown, enjoys bike riding, movies, music, people watching. Seeking fit SWF, to share my life with. ☎1740

LOOKING FOR SOULMATE
SWM, 55, enjoys singing, walking, board games, board games. Seeking SF, 40-55, for LTR, possibly marriage. ☎1050

LET ME LOVE YOU
Friendly, caring, funny, goal oriented SWPM, 6'2", 245lbs, dark/hazel, N/D, N/S, no kids, enjoys meeting new people, spending time with friends. Seeking humorous, caring, communicative SWPF for friendship first. ☎1197

WHO BEING LOVED IS POOR?
Good-looking, fun-loving, loyal, fit, spiritual, reliable SWPM, 41, 5'6", who has many interests to share, but his greatest passion to meet one fun, fit, positive SF, to share his life with. ☎1780

CITY TO RANCH
SWPCM, young 50s, 6'3", 205lbs, eclectic interests, good morals, mid-west ranch in my future, seeks slim, petite SWPF, 45-50, who likes dress or jeans, outdoors, animals, for LTR. ☎5934

LIKES DANCING
DWPM, 48, 6'1", slim, athletic, nice-looking, open to share your life. Seeking pretty, interesting SWF, H/W proportionate, for LTR. ☎1391

WESTLAND AREA
Attractive SWM, 5'10", 175lbs, nice hair, bright brown eyes, N/S, no dependents, employed, homeowner, seeks slim, attractive SWF, under 48. ☎5357

MOTIVATED
Positive, honest SWPM, young 55, 5'9", 175lbs, college graduate, dad of 2 grown kids, enjoys exercising, movies, reading, living life. Seeking honest, caring, lively SWF for friendship/LTR. N/S only. ☎1376

MAKE IT HAPPEN
DWM, young 52, 6'1", handy man, independent individual, humorous, no dependents, seeks earthy, active, S/DF, age surprise me, combo interest, have some fun, possible LTR. All replies answered. ☎1689

COMPASSIONATE EUROPEAN
Retired widower, WM, 66, 5'6", 230lbs, enjoys exercising, church going, traveling, having good times. Seeking lady, 58-65, with same interests, and much, much more. ☎1754

ESPECIALLY FOR YOU!
Fine, personable SWM, 42, is entertaining, into music, dancing, having fun, yet is helpful with household chores, shopping, etc. Seeking compatible, friendly female partner. ☎1745

YOU'VE GONE THIS FAR...
don't give up now. Make one more call. Have and want honesty, trust, friendship, laughter and love. I like sports, music, dance, animals; tons more! I'm tall, thin, 60, secure. ☎1747

SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY A+
Not mandatory. Youthful, humorous DWM, 47, 5'11", 167lbs, entrepreneur, enjoys Tennessee, Florida, dancing, conversation, dining. I am spontaneous, communicative, fit and seeking a LTR. Are you? ☎1748

HERE'S MY PLAN
Meet someone special, enjoy our times together, give her loyalty, liberty, laughs, and love. A simple plan really, but I want the same. I'm sharp, witty, talented, tall, N/S, 64. ☎1749

LOOKING AT YOU
Attractive, very caring, outgoing, giving SWM, 46, with a variety of interests, loves to be romantic and cook. Seeking same in petite SWF, for friendship, maybe more. ☎9363

SINGLE MOMS WELCOME
DWPM, 44, seeks DWPF, 36-41, who is fit, active, happy with herself, for friendship first. ☎1741

LOYAL & SINCERE
Tall, honest, financially secure, slim, loyal DWM, 55, 6'4", N/S, social drinker, in good physical condition, with sense of humor, seeks slender lady, 42-51, for companionship, possible LTR. ☎1038

YOUR SMILE WOULD...
start my days and fill my nights. SWPM, 38, seeks active, in shape SF, 30ish, to share laughter and friendship. Must be honest, warm-hearted and love children. Novi area. ☎1420

AFFECTIONATE LOVING
SM, 45, 6', 200lbs, long brown hair, brown eyes, hard-working, loving, caring, and romantic. Seeking attractive sexy blonde. Must love warm affectionate kisses. ☎1249

FREE TO A GOOD HOME
Financially/emotionally stable, humorous, honest, loyal, romantic SWPM, 55, 5'11", N/S, social drinker, enjoys the simple things in life, nature, laughter, variations, love. Seeking SF, for monogamous LTR. ☎1306

NEW BEGINNINGS
DWM, 27, 5'10", 140lbs, blond/blue, enjoys working with animals, motorcycle racing, movies, dining, music, museums. Seeking S/DWF, 22-29, for friendship, possible LTR. ☎1697

CHRISTIAN TO CHRISTIAN
6'1", 185lbs, 42, devoted, playful father, believes in ten, bible study, enjoys golf, walks, clean tv. Seeks gentle, kind, playful woman, H/W proportionate, 30-45, for marriage, all replies answered. ☎1699

YOU MAY QUALIFY...
for this friendly, charming, SWM, 46, who is full of love, laughter, hugs and kisses. Seeking to share happiness and security in love connection with SWF, 36-49, life mate. ☎1690

ROMANTIC MAN
Very romantic SWM, 49, enjoys bowling, travel, dining. Seeking romantic woman for friendship, dating, possibly more. Race/age unimportant. All calls answered. ☎5454

LET'S SHARE HOLIDAYS
Professionally employed, college-educated WM, 48, 5'11", 195lbs, brown/blue, no dependents, occasional social drinker, N/S, enjoys outdoors, fitness. Seeking similar in WPF, 40-52, N/S, with similar interests, for possible LTR. ☎1463

SEEKING THE FINER THINGS
SWM, 45, average height/weight, enjoys long walks, theater, fine dining. Seeking attractive, slender SWF, 35-45, to share the finer things in life with. ☎1242

GOOD LISTENER
Fun-loving SWM, 43, 6'2", 200lbs, blond/hazel, good listener, likes kids, travel, water sports, rock music. Seeking WF, 30-45, for relationship. ☎1681

LOOKING FOR NEW BEGINNING
Affectionate, honest, easygoing, hard-working DWM, 45, 5'6", 160lbs, brown/blue, N/D, N/Drugs, smoker, who likes camping, fishing, swimming, is looking for a new relationship, starting as friends, possible LTR. ☎5840

HONEST & SINCERE
Very active SWM, 45, 6', 200lbs, N/S, light drinker, two teenage children, likes movies, dining. Seeking SF, 38-46, to share interests, for possible LTR. ☎1496

FUN-LOVING, EASYGOING
Employed DWM, 5'6", 160lbs, brown/blue, honest, affectionate, caring, smoker, N/D, N/Drugs, likes fishing, swimming, camping, beach, walks. Seeking SF with similar interests, for new beginnings, possible LTR. ☎1514

ATTENTION GIVER
SWM, 60s, 6', 190lbs, giving, affectionate, kind, will put a smile and glow on your face. No preferences, just warm and cuddly. Any calls welcome. ☎1525

TRY THIS QUALITY GUY
Sincere DWM, 53, 5'10", seeks honest S/DWF with sense of humor, to share dining out, flowers, concerts, dancing, cuddling by the fire, outdoors, and weekend getaways, for LTR. ☎1082

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SEEKING SPECIAL LADY
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REAL ROMANTIC MAN
Educated SM, 5'11", 160lbs, Mediterranean looks, black hair, who enjoys dancing, outdoor activities, and fun. Seeking a SF, 25-35, with similar interests, for friendship first. ☎1838

WANTED:
Blonde, redhead or sandy-brown haired woman with blue eyes, 21-28, no dependents, who doesn't play games. So if you fit in these categories, please give me a call. ☎1532

BEAR SEEKS HONEY
Down-to-earth SWM, 31, 5'10", 170lbs, light brown/green, likes holding hands, cuddling, dining out, fishing, boating, traveling, being with friends and family. Seeking female, 25-35, with similar interests. ☎1793

TICKETS SOLD OUT
What a magnificent performance this enchanting, liberal SWM, 6'4", who is lovely to gaze upon, gave. Seeking an alluring fit, SWF, 21-40, with the ability to learn, love, and cope. ☎1694

SHORT & SWEET, HONEST
Affectionate, sensitive, intelligent SWM, 5'3", moderate smoker, seeks lively conversant, feminine woman, 35-45, with good sense of humor, to share various interests, friendship, possible LTR. ☎1797

SINGLE AND LOOKING
Friendly, kind, sincere, silly, romantic, affectionate SBM, 44, loves music, dancing, bowling, cuddling. Seeking like-minded SF, 35-44, for friendship, companionship, possible LTR. ☎1743

ITALIAN STALLION...
47, attractive, muscular, versatile, romantic, seeks classy, slim, very attractive, selective SW/AF, under 45, for friendship, possible relationship. ☎6155

HANDSOME & TALL
Humorous, attractive, affectionate, romantic DWM, 47, 6'2", 225lbs, into candlelight dinners, cuddling and going out. Seeking a loving, honest, caring, compassionate companion/friend/partner, 37-43, for a serious relationship and fun. ☎1795

ONE OF THE FEW
Handsome, attentive SWM, 6', 30s, seeks affectionate, romantic, slender SWF, 27-35, who dreams of finding that special someone. ☎1790

HERE TODAY, GONE TO MAUI
DWPM, 56, 5'9", 180lbs, semi-retired, N/S, no dependents, enjoys travel, dining out, movies, theater, boating, quiet evenings. Seeking attractive, affectionate woman with sense of humor, for travel, LTR. Western suburbs. ☎2421

WANTED: VERY PETITE FEMALE
For DWM, 40, 5'10", 142lbs; could pass for 25, physically fit, owns lake front house/ own business, loves animals, children, outdoors. Seeking petite W/HF. ☎5879

HARD-WORKING
Honest SWM, 41, brown/green, seeks secure, friendly, active SWF for friendship possibly leading to LTR. Kids ok. ☎1528

HOW TO TREAT A WOMAN
True-hearted SWM, 18, country boy, Garth Brooks look-alike, seeks SWF for nice dinners, romance, and long walks. ☎1524

GOOD CATCH
DWPM, young 51, 5'8", 175lbs, physically fit, good-looking, seeks attractive WF, physically and emotionally fit, likes gardening, good conversation, travel, quite evenings, some sports, family is important. ☎1521

Seniors

SEEKING FRIEND/COMPANION
Senior, early 70s, N/S, N/D, has dog, own home, enjoys antiquing and toys. Seeking slim female, for good times, dining out, shows, etc. ☎1742

CHECK ME OUT
SWM, 64, 5'9", 180lbs, seeks friendly, retired lady, 60-67, who enjoys RV travel, fishing, movies, outdoors, dining, light drinking/smoking ok, financially/emotionally secure, for a monogamous relationship. ☎1439

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COUNTRY GIRL DESIRED...
for LTR, possible marriage. DWM, 35, 5'8", 150lbs, single father of eight-year-old son, enjoys rodeos, horse shows, family time. Seeking S/DWF, 28-42, with similar interests. Children ok. ☎1325

VERY ATTRACTIVE
Very outgoing, employed SWPM, 28, 5'11", 175lbs, brown/blue, seeks attractive, outgoing SWF, 22-35, H/W proportionate, who enjoys sports and ice-skating. ☎5377

PROFESSIONAL & REAL
Charming, down-to-earth SWPM, 32, enjoys movies/theater, travel, candlelight, fun. Seeking an attractive woman who enjoys life! ☎1327

SEEKING EDGE OF ADVENTURE
Interesting SM, 38, 5'10", 145lbs, father of one, enjoys movies, casinos, basketball, deer hunting. Seeking outgoing, spontaneous, fun-loving, romantic SF for friendship first. ☎1811

LOOKING FOR COMMITMENT
SM, 34, 6'1", 200lbs, auburn/green, in good shape, carpenter, with one son, enjoys hunting, fishing, going up North, movies, dining out. Seeking communicative SF for committed relationship. ☎1701

FIDELITY
SBPM, 33, faithful, in search of kind, honest SW/BPF, preferably employed, also faithful. ☎1731

NICE GUY
SM, 29, no kids, enjoys outdoors, the beach, having fun, summer activities, barbecuing, laying by the pool. Seeking SDF for friendship first, possible LTR. ☎1527

YEAH, BABY!
Easygoing, honest SWM, 38, 5'8", 165lbs, likes sports, dining, going out, having fun. Seeking female, 23-42, who's pretty, petite and likes to be adored. ☎1063

THE RIVER OF LIFE
SWM, 5'8", 190lbs, brown/blue, father of one, likes dining, romantic evenings, walks, dancing, seeks SWF, 28-36, with similar interests, for possible LTR. ☎1502

COUNTRY MAN
SWM, 33, 5'11", 195lbs, carpenter, enjoys sports, outdoors, camping, seeking outgoing, SWF, 25-40, who is fun to be with. ☎1522

LEVEL-HEADED
College-educated, athletic, attractive SWM, young 47, 6'1", modest/conservative interests. Seeks fit, intelligent, witty SWF, 20-40, for possible relationship. ☎1692

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A REAL MAN
DBM, 52, 6'1", 215lbs, professionally employed, enjoys outdoor activities, quiet walks, dinner, movies, and antiques. Seeking

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Pitch and Catch



BRAD MONASTIERE

Those sticky postseason picks are back

As our loyal readers absorb these words, my sportswriting partner-in-crime, Dan Stickradt, will be reflecting back on a tough, laborious week on a cruise ship near the Grand Cayman Islands.

We should all have such difficult assignments in front of us, but because of his packed schedule of dancing, sunning and relaxing, Danny was unable to come through with the almost-world famous "Stick's Picks" which he loves to have this time of year.

So, in subbing for Stick the best way I can, here are my picks for this week's boys district basketball tournaments. And please, no wagering.

■ **DISTRICT 29 at Pontiac Central.**

A heavyweight will get knocked out in the first round, but the winner might be too tired to survive a battle with a pesky middleweight contender.

This is a district **Don King** would love, because we get the big-time matchup right away when Rochester Adams takes on Oakland Activities Association Division I champ Pontiac Northern Monday night. These have been the top two teams in the toughest league in the state all year, and the teams each hold a win over the other.

Adams knocked off the Huskies in an overtime thriller early in the season, but Northern responded with a woodshed beating of the Highlanders in the second meeting. Count on this game being closer than the first, but Northern's depth and clutch play making the difference. *Northern 78, Adams 74.*

The lower profile, but just as intriguing matchup has the red-hot Lake Orion Dragons taking on Pontiac Central in the opposite bracket.

Orion has amazed me in the past month with its stubborn ability to win games, no matter what the circumstances may be. Six weeks ago, I would have given the Chiefs the big edge in this matchup, especially considering the fact they are playing on their home court. But the past six weeks have seen coach **Jim Manzo's** bunch come together. With a healthy Jason Miller, this team is tough to defend, and they have that all-important intangible of truly believing they can win any game. Some might call this an upset. Not me. *Lake Orion 62, Pontiac Central 60.*

The second round of this district provides softer touches for the winners than the first round did. Figure Northern to roll Rochester, and Lake Orion to avenge a loss to Waterford Mott earlier in the season. That sets up the Dragons and Huskies in the district finals.

I see Northern jumping out to a big first-half lead, but the Dragons have been too tough to just roll over and die. Lake Orion goes on a 15-4 second-half run to close the gap, but the team just doesn't have enough left to overtake the powerful Huskies. *Northern 72, Lake Orion 58.*

■ **DISTRICT 31 at Holly**

The premier matchup in this district won't happen until the second round, but it figures to be a dandy.

Clarkston should have no trouble with Lapeer East, showing once again that a middle-of-the-pack OAA I team is better than a top contender in the Flint Metro League. That sets up a second-round matchup between the Wolves and the Oxford Wildcats.

If Lake Orion has been red-hot with its six-game winning streak, the Cats have been positively scalding, winning eight straight before Friday's season finale against Otisville-Lakeville. Oxford has terrific balance on offense with the outside shooting of **Dave Inman** and the tough inside presence of center **Mike Spencer**. And don't overlook the heady play of **Dave Rayner** and the all-around game of **Joel Gallo**. These two are as responsible as anyone for the team's late-season run.

But frankly, Oxford hasn't played anyone this season with the athleticism and versatility of coach **Dan Fife's** Wolves. The Wildcats could

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Mott springs upset, wins region

■ Clarkston entered Friday's regional final matchup with Waterford Mott the heavy favorite. But the splendid play of Mott goaltender T-Jay Harris denied the Wolves the prize.

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After playing the game of his life, Waterford Mott senior goaltender T-Jay Harris was awarded with a medal on the ice.

Off the ice, he got an even better reward. A kiss from his girlfriend Nicole Eriksen.

Harris certainly earned both rewards after his outstanding game in net for the Corsairs, leading the team to a 3-2 upset of the sixth-ranked Clarkston Wolves in the regional finals at Port Huron's McMorran Arena Friday night.

With the win, Mott advances to the state quarterfinals for the second year in a row, where it will face the winner of Saturday's Birmingham-Troy regional final. The quarterfinal game will take place Wednesday at the Flint IMA Arena.

Harris deflected credit for the win, though the two coaches in the game heaped it on the senior goalie.

"Their goaltender played a phenomenal game," said Clarkston coach Bryan Krygier. "He won the game for them. It's hard enough to come back from a 3-0 deficit, and then he came up with a bunch of big saves."

Mott coach John Friess looked at Harris and put his arm around him when asked how Mott pulled the upset.

"He gave us an awesome performance tonight, just like he did in the playoffs last year," Friess said. "He's shown he can step it up, and he certainly helped us get to the next level."

For his part, Harris remained humble, even in light of the third-year program's biggest win.

"My defense played outstanding tonight, and they were the reason we won the game," he said. "Getting that first goal was big for us, because it gave me that much more confidence. It pushed me even more to play well."

While Harris stood on his head in net, his teammates played a near flawless game in front of him. Defensemen B.J. Bellotti, Ronnie Teasdale and Ryan Chartrand all played well, keeping the high-powered Clarkston offense off balance all night. Although the Wolves outshot the Corsairs 48-32, Clarkston had a hard time sustaining constant pressure against Mott.

The Wolves pulled goaltender Steve Badger with 1:19 left and down 3-1 to give themselves an extra attacker. The tactic worked, as senior defenseman Tom Newman sent a slap shot from the point into the net, making the score 3-2 with just 24 seconds left.

Clarkston gained the zone and managed a couple of shots before Mott cleared the puck out, and ended the game.

"Clarkston is strong and deep, and we had to play our best game to beat them," Friess said. "The first period, when we got those three quick goals, made all the difference for us."

Mott jumped on the heavily favored Wolves early in the game, not backing down from its regional rivals. It didn't take long for Mott to seize control of the game on the scoreboard.

Sophomore forward Chris Cooper struck gold when his clearing slapshot found the net from 65 feet out, giving Mott a 1-0 lead just 3:33 into the game.

The Corsairs took advantage of their good fortune, adding their second goal just over three minutes later. Senior forward Christopher Wright wristed a shot that caught Badger by surprise from the left faceoff dot.

After the goal, Badger skated to the

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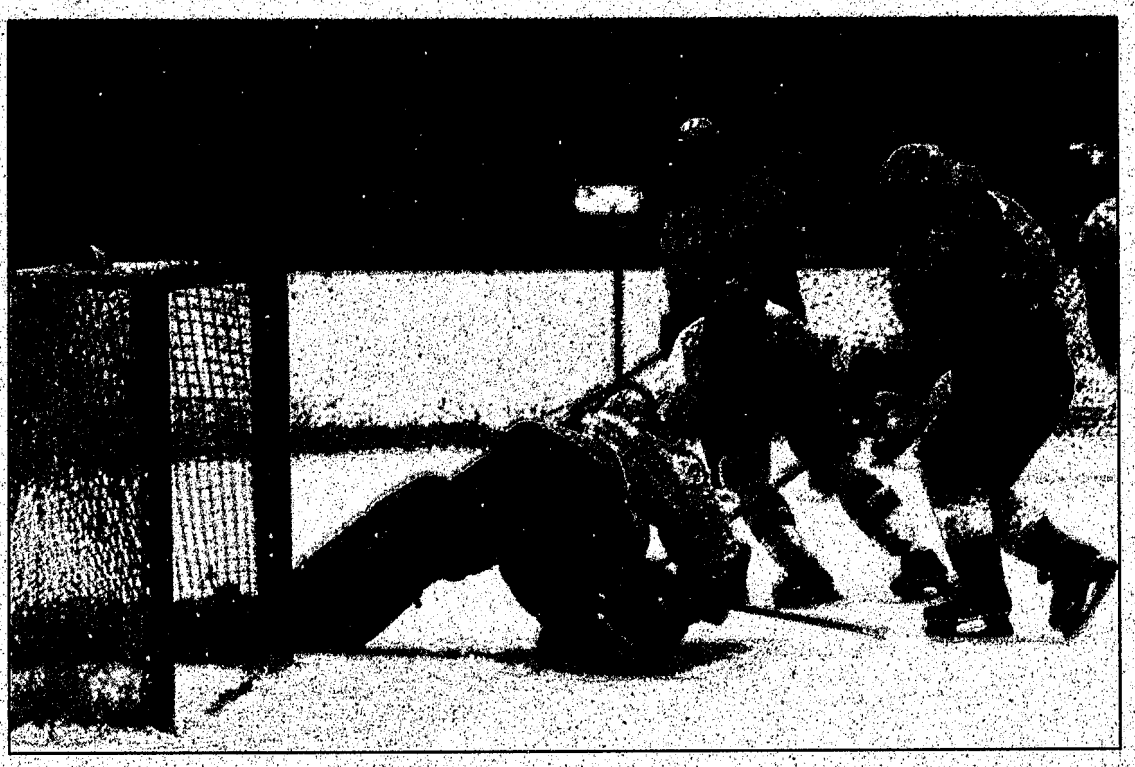

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You gotta reach out: *Sophomore forward Nick Turner (19), one of the most improved players for the Wolves this season, stretches out for a loose puck during Monday's first-round regional game against Port Huron Northern. Turner and the Wolves lost to Waterford Mott in the regional finals Friday night, ending their season at 18-8-1.*

Area cagers prepare for district tournament

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
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Monday night, the boys basketball district tournament gets underway, and Clarkston and Lake Orion will get good tests right off the bat.

The Wolves head to Holly to participate in District 31, and open playing Lapeer East. Lake Orion travels to Pontiac Central to take on the Chiefs on their home court. The Oxford Wildcats received a first-round bye, and will take on the winner of the Clarkston-East game Wednesday night. District finals at both sites are scheduled for Friday night.

Oxford and Lake Orion enter districts on a roll, having won a combined 14 games in a row before Friday's season finales. All three teams have a 12-7 record as of Friday afternoon, and are hoping 13 is not an unlucky number.

Wolves head to Holly

Clarkston's district path is similar to last year's, only at a different location.

Last year, Clarkston captured its seventh-straight district title with a blowout win over Romeo. This year, Clarkston opens with Flint Metro League top contender Lapeer East in a Monday night tilt at Holly High School. Tipoff is set for 6 p.m.

Coach Dan Fife stuck with his usual views when talking about the upcoming districts.

"I just want us to play hard and play smart," he said. "We can't go into this underestimating anyone. We've shown we can beat just about anybody, but we've been inconsistent. If we play hard and lose, well, that's just the way it goes."

Clarkston has faced the toughest schedule of any of the three teams in North Oakland County. The Wolves lost to Detroit Public School runner-up Detroit Redford on a 35-foot shot at the buzzer, and defeated OAA Division I champ Pontiac Northern. The Wolves' non-league schedule also included Flint Northern, a game Clarkston won by two points on the road.

Key for the Wolves will be the health of senior center Adam Schapman. Known as "Schappy" to his friends, he has played extremely well this year, dominating the boards with his long arms and 6-foot-5 frame. He also has a consistent offensive game, with 3-point range. He suffered an injured foot last month and hasn't been 100 percent healthy since. His defense against Oxford's Mike Spencer could be the key matchup, should the teams meet in the district semifinals.

Senior guard Ryan Marino is Clarkston's leading scorer, popping in more than 20 points per game. He is a deadly outside shooter with quickness off the dribble. His teammates do a terrific job of freeing him up with screens, and point guard Ryan Kaul has emerged into one of the county's top passers. Marino scorched Ferndale for 39 points in a Dec. 17 game this season.

The Wolves also feature Oakland County's biggest player, 7-foot-1 center Pete Ritzema, who will play basketball at Cleveland State next season. Ritzema has improved his movement and free-throw shooting this season, and is a factor anytime he is in the game.

Wildcats ready for the challenge

Oxford has done nothing the past month other than win. The Wildcats have had come-from-behind wins (from 24 down to beat Brandon), dominating wins (61-47 over Lapeer West) and surprising wins (58-48 over Flint Carman-Ainsworth).

The highlight of Oxford's season came three weeks ago, when it ended a long hex against FML rival Lapeer East with an overtime win. If the Eagles upset the Wolves in the first round, a rematch promises to be interesting.

Offensively, the Wildcats are led by their inside-outside duo of junior center Mike Spencer and senior guard Dave Inman. When he can stay out of foul trouble, Spencer is a dominating force inside, gathering rebounds by the truckload and finding ways to get open looks at the basket.

Inman is an outside-shooting specialist, and his 3-pointers seem to come at the most ideal time for coach Jesse Heck's bunch.

Last year, Oxford pushed Clarkston to the limit in their opening-round clash, won by the Wolves. This year, the Wildcats have momentum and another year of experience under their belts.

Dragons Breathe Fire

Although Lake Orion saw its six-game winning streak come to an end Friday night, the Dragons enter the tournament as a team ready to spring

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STAFF PHOTO BY LAWRENCE R. MCKEE

Jump stop: *Lake Orion junior guard Chad Day has been one of the main reasons the Dragons head into districts on a tear. Orion opens district play Monday.*

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certainly pull the upset, but a lot of things would have to go their way, including officials' calls, hot shooting and cold shooting by Clarkston.

I figure this game to be much like last year's first-round district game, where Oxford jumped out to a first-half lead before the Wolves gathered themselves and got the win. But it won't be easy. *Clarkston 66, Oxford 61.*

Should the games play out this way, Clarkston and Pontiac Northern would meet in the regional semifinals at Macomb Dakota for the fourth time in five years. The teams split their two meetings this season, and either team could have won either game. The winner of this game should get to the state quarterfinals. Early pick: *Northern 57, Clarkston 56.*

■ Lake Orion Athletic Director **Jim Wood** passed along a couple of tidbits when last we spoke a couple weeks ago.

Once again, it will be an active offseason in Orion. The school will host the state and national girls' wrestling finals, playing host to teams and families from all around the state. This summer, Orion has the inside track to once again host the AAU boys basketball national finals.

I think it's wonderful that Wood and those affiliated with Lake Orion athletics are doing so much to show off its first-class facilities to a statewide and nationwide audience. Everyone associated with Lake Orion has the right to take pride in its facility. Getting Lake Orion known for hosting big-time events like this will only help the school, and the community at large.

■ The geography majors at the MHSAA have done it again. Friday night, Clarkston and Waterford Mott battled it out for the regional hockey crown. These schools, less than five miles apart in Oakland County, traveled all the way up to Port Huron for their clash.

Out of all the teams in that region, Port Huron was the furthest removed from everyone else, including Grand Blanc and Flint Central. *Brad Monastiere is a sportswriter for the communities of Clarkston, Oxford and Lake Orion within the Observer and Eccentric Newspapers Group. He can be reached at (248) 693-4900 or by e-mail at bmonastiere@oe.homecomm.net.*

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Clarkston bench to get his composure, but high school hockey rules state he had to come out of the game until the next whistle by coming over to the bench. Sophomore Adam Rath — who hasn't played much this season — went into the game cold, and Mott took advantage.

Fifteen seconds after its second goal, Mott popped in its third of the game when senior forward Ray Droney took a perfect crossing pass from sophomore Brandon Haworth and sent it into the net, giving Mott an unbelievable 3-0 lead.

Harris went to work from there, doing an outstanding job of not giving the Wolves rebound opportunities while making diving saves himself. Teasdale saved a goal late in the first period by sliding across the goal crease and catching a Clarkston shot in his right shoulder when Harris was prone.

Junior defenseman Jeremy Gabriel got Clarkston on the board with 4:47 left in the second period when his point shot deflected past Harris, cutting the Mott lead to 3-1.

The Wolves controlled the play through most of the third period, but Harris was equal to the task, ending Clarkston's season while extending his own.

"Funny things happen in the playoffs, and tonight we just ran into a hot goaltender," Krygier said. "I think we outplayed them and outshot them, but their goaltender was the difference."

Friess' thoughts on the quarterfinal round were simple.

"We're going to take tonight and celebrate this win," he said. "We will be facing a quality team no matter who we play. But we are capable of beating either team."

Mott split the season series with Birmingham and Troy, fellow residents of the Oakland Activities Association Division I. The Corsairs advanced to the regional finals with a hard-fought 4-3 win over Grand Blanc Wednesday, while Clarkston blew out Port Huron 10-0 in a mercy-shortened game in the regional semifinals. The Wolves, champions of the OAA I, end the season with an 18-1-1 overall record.



Taking it to the MACS: *Last weekend, the Springfield Christian boys basketball team captured the Michigan Association of Christian Schools Division I championship with a dramatic 51-50 win over Davison Faith Baptist. This year's team is (numerical order): Matt Christie (20), Josh Cole (23), Trevor Cole (30), Jon Vanaman (32), Ben Munce (33), Adam Armstrong (42), Greg Irish (44), Matt Lonteen (45), and Knoa Knapper (54). Coaches are Dennis Hopkins and Pat Wagner.*

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an upset.

The Dragons face Pontiac Central in the first round of district play Monday night, a matchup that is closer than one might first think. The Chiefs finished in sixth place in the tough OAA Division I and have their usual cast of athletic starters, but a thin bench.

Lake Orion has played very well in the season's second half, excelling in close games. The Dragons eeked out a one-point win over Bloomfield Hills Lahser and a surprising three-point triumph over two-time defending Class B state champ River Rouge.

Coach Jim Manzo said the key for his team would be maintaining the balance it has had in recent weeks, with players filling every role on the team.

"With all the injuries we had early in the season, it gave guys some chances at playing time, and they have improved," he said. "I think 13 of our 20 games have been decided by five points or less, so our guys know how to play in those situations."

Sophomore guard Odai Baylor has emerged as a top offensive threat for the Dragons. He is a streaky outside shooter, and is capable of carrying the team offensively for long stretches.

Manzo also complimented the improvement of junior center Matt George and junior point guard Chad Day.

"Matt was considering not even playing basketball before the season," he said. "But basketball has been great for him. He has a nice touch around the basket and has shown great improvement.

"Early in the season, Chad had a lot of unforced errors, and he was trying to condition himself back after that broken hand. He has steadied the ship for us, and has done a great job of not turning the ball over."

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Wolves hang on for win over Troy

BY MIKE SCOTT
SPECIAL WRITER

Just by noticing the intensity of the crowd and the players on the court, you could tell this was a rivalry game.

Clarkston fought off a late Troy run to post a 58-53 victory over the Colts in the regular season finale for both teams Friday night at Clarkston.

The difference for the Wolves (13-7, 7-5) was that they finished 16-of-19 from the free-throw line including some key ones down the stretch.

The Wolves seemed to be on their way to an easy victory midway through the fourth quarter after Andy North converted a three-point play with six minutes to play, giving Clarkston its biggest lead of the game at 43-29.

But the Colts (6-14, 1-11) chipped away largely due to clutch shooting from sophomore forward Chris Leader and senior guard Justin Fuller. After a B.J. McPherson layup, Leader stole a Clarkston inbounds pass, a hit a short jumper to cut the lead to 51-48 with just over two minutes remaining.

After Ryan Kaul, who was 8-for-8 from the charity stripe in the fourth quarter, hit a pair of free throws, Fuller drilled an improbable 25-footer to make it 53-51 with 45 seconds left.

But sophomore guard Mike Blicher nailed a couple of free throws, and Kaul hit two more to put the Colts away before a boisterous crowd representing both schools.

Ryan Marino led Clarkston with 21 points and North added nine and six rebounds. Fuller led Troy with 18 points and Leader added 16.

"This was a very difficult game for us to play," said Clarkston head coach Dan Fife. "They did a good job of spreading the floor against us and they made it a hard game for us."

Fife wanted to get senior center Pete Ritzema, who had four points and five rebounds in the second quarter, into the game but Troy's quickness caused too many matchup problems.

"Our season has been a roller coaster year much like this game," Fife added. "It seemed like we were swimming upstream on the river all night."

Troy head coach Gary Fralick credited his team with a great effort but said a lapse at the start of the second half cost the Colts.

"They got an 8-0 run on us early and we're not the type of team that can easily come back," said Fralick, whose team will open district play Wednesday against the winner of the first-round matchup between Ferndale and Royal Oak Kimball. "But our kids kept challenging even though we have a lot of inexperience."

Kaul only finished with eight points for Clarkston, but added eight assists and it was his ball handling and distribution that gave the Wolves a constant throughout. Trailing 23-20 at halftime, Kaul twice found Marino for triples early in the third quarter. Then Bryan Endreszl came in and contributed seven points and three rebounds in that eight-minute span.

"Ryan has had an outstanding month not only in how he's playing but in becoming a leader," said Fife. "And Bryan has had a great attitude in practice the last few weeks and is becoming a very confident player."

Fralick is happy to have a first-round district bye but admits his team drew a difficult bracket. Troy has lost to Ferndale twice this season, including a buzzer-beater at home. He feels if the Colts can pull out a win

Wednesday, they will have a great chance to win the district title game Friday.

"We have a young, inexperienced team but we'll play with anyone," he said. "I like the attitude we have."

The Wolves will open district play Monday at Holly against Lapeer East, the leader in the Flint Metro League for much of the regular season. The winner faces Oxford Wednesday.

Outdoor Insights



BILL PARKER

Black Bear Symposium headed for Northfield Hilton

Developing strategies for wildgame management is not an easy task. In this diversified society we live in there are a number of variables used to develop management plans for all of our wildlife species.

The black bear is one species that receives extra attention. A shy and reclusive creature, black bears are often misunderstood by humans. That's why the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the Michigan Bear Hunters Association teamed up to hold a Black Bear Symposium on Friday, March 10, at the Northfield Hilton in Troy.

A distinguished panel of research biologists will discuss the various human cultures and beliefs, economic factors and land use trends that will influence future bear management in Michigan, North America and other parts of the world

"Our primary purpose is to enlighten bear hunters, the general public and wildlife managers in the region to better understand what bear management involves today," said DNR bear specialist Tim Reis. "There are lots of different stake holders with a wide variety of expectations on how the resource should be managed and we want everyone to be aware of this.

"We don't want this symposium to be some hard-core presentation," added Reis. "We want it to be fun and educational and we want people to leave with a better understanding of the resource and the challenges we face now and in the future."

The theme of the event is, "People, Bears and Challenges for the 21st Century."

"This is an excellent opportunity for hunters and the general public to come out and learn all about the black bear," said Westland's Bill Sutherland, a past president of the Michigan Bear Hunters Association. "When the anti-hunters came here in 1996 and tried to end bear hunting, one of the things we realized as hunters is that people in general, and a lot of hunters, too, don't know a whole lot about bears and bear management.

This symposium is a good way to learn more about them, and it's totally free."

There is no charge for the symposium, which is slated to begin at 10 a.m.

Researchers scheduled to speak at the symposium include: Dr. Dave Garshelis of the Minnesota DNR, who will speak on his extensive research on five of the world's eight bear species; Dr. Frank T. van Manen of the U.S. Geological Survey, Appalachian Field Lab, who will cover the topic of "Black Bear Management Issues in the Southeastern U.S."; Dr. Martyn Obard of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, who will talk about "Bear Research and Management in Eastern Canada"; and Dr. Larry Visser of the Michigan DNR, who will explain the intricasies of "Black Bear Population Dynamics in the Great Lakes and Northeastern U.S."

In addition, Mr. Bill Rustem of Public Sector Consultants in Lansing will give a presentation on "Land Use Trends in Michigan"; and Dr. Ben Payton of Michigan State University, will cover the topic of "A Social Carrying Capacity for Bears."

The symposium will conclude with a panel discussion among all the researchers and a question and answer period.

"The Michigan Bear Hunters Association deserves a lot of credit for helping us organize the symposium," said Reis. "They made it possible for some of the most knowledgeable people in the world about bear to come to Michigan for this special event."

Take a break from the rigors of your everyday affairs and stop by the Northfield Hilton this Friday. The event promises to be a good one.

Opfermann makes book

Paul Opfermann, of Farmington Hills, recently had a tremendously successful hunting trip in the Sonora Desert near Hermosillo, Mexico.

Hunting with a local guide on the Rancho Aqua Frio, Opfermann and his hunting partner Dr. Paul Misch, also of Farmington Hills, both returned home with a trophy and memories that will last a lifetime.

Opfermann shot a 5x5 mule deer and a 5x6 coues deer. The coues deer turned out to be a real bonus as it green scored 114 on the Boone & Crockett scoring system. The rack must dry for 60 days before being officially scored. The minimum score for coues deer needed for entry into the Boone & Crockett record book is 110.

Misch also shot a nice coues deer and a 5x5 mule deer.

(Bill Parker writes a weekly outdoor column for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Hunters and anglers are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Bill Parker, c/o Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009)

Dragons' 6-game win streak cut short

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
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The streak couldn't last, but with an end, comes a new beginning for the Lake Orion boys basketball team.

The Dragons closed out their best regular season in five years with a 53-38 loss at Birmingham Groves Friday night, ending their six-game winning streak. The Dragons finish the regular season with a 12-8 overall record, and 6-6 in the Oakland Activities Association Division I.

Lake Orion, playing without leading scorer Jason Miller, kept the game close in the first half, trailing 22-20 at halftime. But the Falcons' athleticism proved to be too much for the Dragons to overcome.

"We had some trouble scoring," said coach Jim Manzo. "Odai had a big first half for us, but then we just ran out of gas."

Sophomore guard Odai Baylor regained his shooting touch, scoring a team-high 21 points, including 13 in the first half. Senior Luke Denver chipped in with six.

The loss comes three days before Orion's venture into the state playoffs, which open Monday. The Dragons travel to Pontiac Central in first-round action.

Manzo said he was pleased with the team's defense, which allowed Groves 18 fewer points than the teams' last meeting.

"To hold that team to basically 50 points over four quarters is good for us," he said. "But they forced us into some shots, and we just couldn't make things work offensively."

Manzo added that he hopes the loss might ignite a competitive fire in his team for the playoffs.

"It might rekindle our fire a little bit," he said. "We have to regroup and come out ready to play Monday."

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Outgoing, Born-Again SWCF, 43, full-figured, who enjoys music, swimming, singing, bible study, and more, is seeking a SWCM, 40-50, N/S, without dependents. Ad#.1956

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This friendly, sincere SWF, 47, 5'4", who enjoys meeting new people, dancing, and walks in the park, is looking forward to meeting an upbeat SWM, 44-50, who shares similar interests. Ad#.2652

HERE SHE IS...
This caring DWCF, 51, 5'1", is a lady who enjoys church activities, her work, and would like to meet a similar SWCM, 49-62. Ad#.1665

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IS IT YOU?
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THE BEST THERE IS
Never-married, attractive SWF, 36, 5'2", with red hair and green eyes, who enjoys sports, music, traveling and playing cards, is ISO a kind-hearted SWM, 30-45, with similar interests. Ad#.6354

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PRIORITY ONE
SWPM, 59, 6'3", 205lbs., who enjoys flea markets, the outdoors, church and more, is looking for a slim, church-going SWPF, 45-55, with similar interests. Ad#.1041

BE THE ONE
Nice and outgoing SBM, 38, 5'11", well-built, enjoys swimming, walking, bowling and the movies, is looking for an honest and caring SF, 20-38, with varied interests, for a possible relationship. Ad#.1039

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HAVE FUN TOGETHER
Easygoing SWM, 52, 175lbs., with brown hair, who likes bowling, watching TV and going for walks, is looking to meet a SWF, 42-52, who has similar interests. Ad#.1019

INTERESTING TO TALK TO
Shy but friendly, this SWM, 29, 6', 195lbs., with brown hair, hazel eyes and glasses, who enjoys playing guitar, exercising and animals, seeks a SWF, 23-34, who likes laughing a lot. Ad#.1001

CHECK HIM OUT
Up for anything, this SWM, 18, 5'9", 210lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys sports, is searching for an outgoing SF, 26-30, who has a good head on her shoulders. Ad#.1033

MAKE THE TIME
Good-looking, thoughtful SW dad, 40, 5'8", with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys camping, cooking and motorcycling, is looking to meet a caring SW mom, 35-42, to have fun with. Ad#.1032

SHARE YOUR FEELINGS
Considerate SB dad, 30, 6', 210lbs., with short hair, a goatee and brown eyes, who enjoys coaching football, bowling and cooking, seeks an honest, outgoing SA/WF, 24-40, to experience life with. Ad#.1028

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Easygoing DWPM, 49, 5'5", with blond hair and blue eyes, is looking to have some fun with a SWF, 42-55, who likes dining out, going to movies and taking walks in the park. Ad#.1025

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Outgoing SBM, 38, 5'11", 200lbs., who likes watching movies at home, dining out and dancing, seeks a SF, 21-38, to have fun with. Ad#.1021

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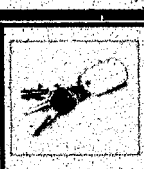

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Survey by insurance company reveals dangerous driving habits

A survey by Response Insurance, a national direct-to-the-customer auto insurance company, indicates some disturbing behavior by drivers.

The Response Insurance National Driving Habits Survey revealed that 76 percent of all drivers engaged in activities while driving that distracted their attention from the road. In many cases the distractions resulted in accidents or near-accidents.

"People are so caught up in doing things simultaneously to save time that safe driving seems to be taking a back seat," cautioned Mory Katz, Chairman of Response Insurance.

According to the survey 32 percent of drivers are reading and writing while on the road, 29 percent are talking on a cell phone, 17 percent are combing hair, 16 percent are fighting with another passenger, 10 percent are putting on makeup and 3 percent are putting in eye drops or contact lenses. 20 percent are so busy they admit to steering with their thighs. The most common activities were tuning the radio (62 percent), eating (57 percent) and turning around to speak to someone in the car (56 percent).

In one of the most startling findings, the survey revealed that activities many drivers would consider innocuous were potentially just as dangerous as those usually considered irresponsible. While breaking up a fight between children in the car and racing with another car were both done by 12 percent of those surveyed, more drivers say they caused or nearly caused an accident by separating their kids than they did by racing another car (26 percent vs. 21 percent).

"The survey results demonstrate that being a safe, responsible driver requires more than just not speeding and not cutting people off," said Mr. Katz. "Engaging in seemingly innocuous activities that distract from the important task of driving is playing with fire. We hope that by pointing out these risks people will become better drivers." The survey results are available to the public by calling the Company's toll free number (800) 610-5928. Response Insurance is quickly gaining widespread recognition for its logo, an animated red telephone on wheels, that is a visual reminder of accessibility and service.

A total of 1,016 telephone interviews were conducted by Opinion Research Corporation International from Oct. 14-17, 1999 among a nationally representative sample of adults 18 years of age and older. Contact: Ray Palermo at (888) 288-6080, Ext. 6588, or **Ray.PalermoResponseInsurance.com**

Delphi web site to improve media relations

Troy-based Delphi Automotive Systems (NYSE: DPH) has launched its Virtual Press Room to help streamline communications with members of the press.

Steven K. Gaut, director of media relations for Delphi, made the announcement. Delphi's Virtual Press Room, which does not require a password, is located at **www.delphiauto.com/vpr**

"Delphi developed this site with journalists' deadlines and information needs in mind," Gaut said. "We want members of the press to be able to get general information, learn about upcoming events, download press kits and images and request interviews online. And, as Web technologies improve, we will bring more interaction to the site.

"This tool is in line with our e-business strategy of enhancing external communications through the application of Web-based technologies," he said. "We hope members of the press find it useful and time-saving and we invite them to provide feedback on how we can make it better for them."

The site, which is integral to Delphi's corporate site, is being launched in conjunction with Delphi's Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) 2000 World Congress activities and will highlight Delphi's feature technologies.

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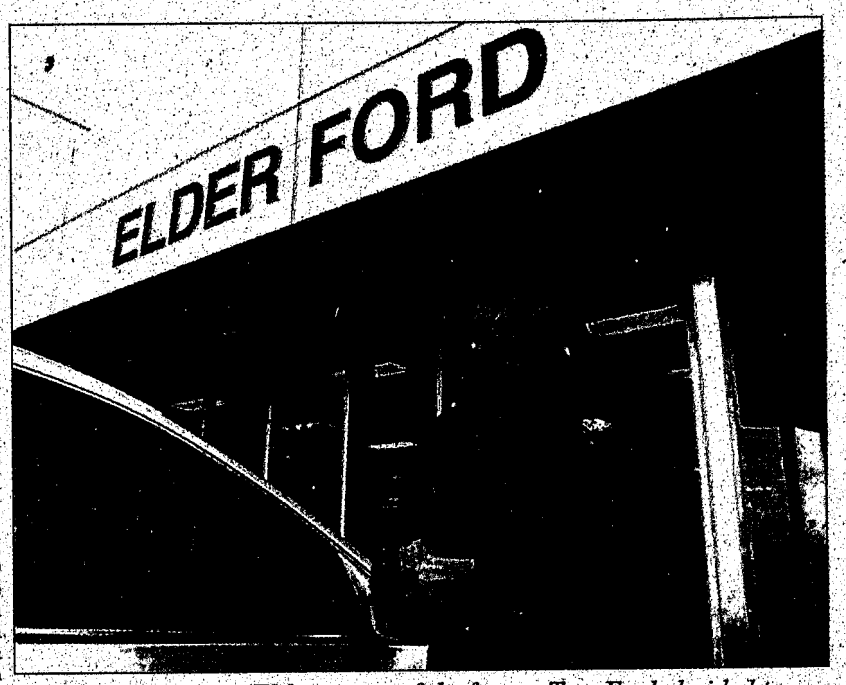

Name changer: *Irma Elder, owner of the former Troy Ford, decided to change the name to Elder Ford to eliminate some confusion between her dealership and some of the competition.*

BY KEN VAN STEENKISTE
STAFF WRITER

Irma Elder is no stranger to change. A mother of three and grandmother of one, she's weathered more changes in her life than many. So changing the name and completely remodeling the car dealership she owns on John R between 14 Mile and 15 Mile roads didn't really phase her.

Formerly known as Troy Ford, now aptly called Elder Ford, her dealership once had a problem. Because of the large number of car dealerships in Troy, potential customers were confusing her dealership with the competition.

"And when they showed up there, of course they were happy to sell them a car," Elder pointed out.

The situation was not good, to say the least. The dealership has been around since 1968 but was losing business because it didn't have a strong name recognition with its customer base.

"So we decided to do something about it," she said.

The name change took care of the so-called "brand identity" problem, Edler explained.

"We wanted to put our name on the line, we wanted to be accountable and let everyone know that," she said.

In the process, Edler added 18,000 square feet to the showroom. For a while, the showroom looked more like a dusty warehouse than a polished business place. It was quite an ordeal, and it's not over yet, but it's expected to pay off in the end, said Tony Elder, general manager.

"It was like the Sam's Club way of selling cars," Tony said.

The entire staff met over a period of months to reshape the dealership, adding their own personal touches. In the end, the showroom will have a children's lounge with games and toys and the service area will feature a putting green to keep the big kids occupied while they're getting an oil change.

"You'd be surprised what people come up with when you let them brainstorm," Tony said.

The commotion of a major renovation wasn't jarring to Irma, however, who at this point in life isn't surprised by much. She never even expected to be at the helm of the family dealership, but took the job after her husband's death in the early 1980s.

"Life has a way of throwing you some curves. I never thought I would be in the business world, I always strived to be the best mother and wife that I could and I saw that as my role in life. But, along the way I've discovered some things about myself that I never knew existed," she said.

About the same time as her husband's death, there were some very hard times economically for domestic dealerships.

"The early eighties were disastrous, we were almost broke," she said.

That's a big part of the reason why a little construction work and a name change doesn't bother her.

"I've seen so many times that were 'the end of the world.'" she said.

And although some people her age would rather spend their time playing bingo or golf, she has no intention of "quitting the business" anytime soon.

"I'll be here until they decide to kick me out," she said.

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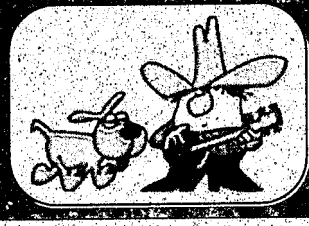

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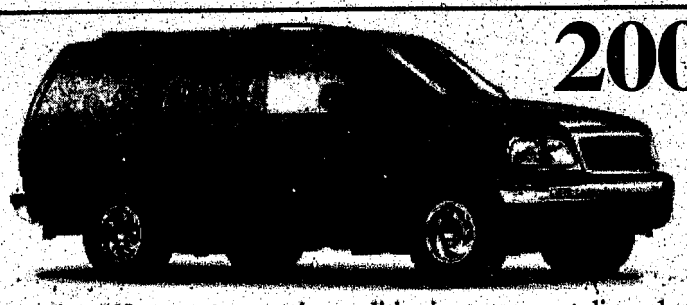

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BY MARGO DEWEY
SPECIAL WRITER

It use to be teens and college students ruled the job market, especially in regards to the fast food and retail industries. Just a decade ago, employers were hiring workers who were energetic, young and could handle many tasks.

Today, however, the job application is being filled out by someone a little different. Individuals who have earned a paycheck for more than 20 years are returning to the workforce. They are seniors, and their resume is unbeatable when it comes to dedication, loyalty and perseverance on the job.

Bruce Weaver, economic analyst for the Michigan Department of Career Development, said in 1997 there were 422,000 seniors between 55 to 64 years old in the labor market. Seniors 65 years old and older accounted for 121,000 jobs.

"The top three jobs for seniors 55 to 64 years old are professional service, retail trade and the auto industry," he said. "For those seniors 65 years old and older, the top jobs are retail and professional service."

More seniors are working part time than full time. The average salary for a senior 55 to 64 years old working part time is $137 a week. For those seniors 65 years old and above working part time, the difference is just a dollar more a week.

With "help wanted" signs in so many business windows, and with such a low unemployment rate across the state and country, Weaver said it is very important for older workers to stay in the workplace.

"We are seeing more seniors in the job market because of a few factors," Weaver said. "Some seniors are staying in the job market and are not retiring because they are employed in jobs that have no pensions. The other factor is a result of the baby boomer population. There are more people in this age category now than 10 years ago."

Al Fellhauer, owner of several McDonald's franchises in Canton Township, Milan and Pittsville, couldn't be happier that seniors are looking for work. He believes they are the "gems" of the workforce.

"Seniors are great employees," he said. "They are reliable. They take great pride in workmanship, and they interact very well with other employees."

More mature employees also act as mentors to the younger employees, according to Fellhauer. One particular senior he praises for her constant nurturing efforts at his Canton McDonald's (Michigan Avenue and I-275) is Marjorie Bluebaugh.

"Marge is just outstanding," he said. "She is like a member of our family. She is never sick. She is extremely dependable."



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Hard worker: *Marjorie Bluebaugh, 84, at the McDonald's in Canton enjoys her job and her employer appreciates her hard work.*

Bluebaugh, 84 years old, has worked at the Michigan Avenue/I-275 Canton Township McDonald's for five years. She said she enjoys talking to people and working hard.

"I worked for several years as a waitress before I came to McDonald's," she said. "The best part about this job is being here with the people I work with and anyone who comes in the restaurant."

Bluebaugh, a longtime Wayne resident, works from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. five days a week. She doesn't have one of those relaxed greeter jobs.

Bluebaugh wears many hats. She makes salads, toasts biscuits, sweeps the floor, cleans off the tables and helps out with anything her manager needs.

"I like to keep busy," she said. "When I'm at home, I enjoy baking. I used to

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JOB SEARCH



GEORGE HAYES

It seems that every third person I interview is seeking new employment because of stunted growth. Why do you want to leave Gristmill, Inc.?

"I'm looking for more growth." What caused you to quit Ennui Corp.?

"Well, I just wasn't growing anymore." Sometimes this is a fluff answer designed to avoid the real story behind a departure. It sounds a lot better than "I worked for a psychopath" or "I was let go because I slugged a customer."

A large number of people are, of course, earnest in their concern about growth, but even these folks usually can't define what they mean by it.

Often there is just a vague feeling that "I'm not as far along in my career as I should be" or the disturbing knowledge that "My cousin Ed makes twice the money I do and he is an idiot." The quest for growth is sometimes a result of having been in one job too long. Bored people frequently get words like "growth" and "stimulation" all jumbled up.

How can you keep your job search from becoming a quixotic pursuit of growth windmills? How do reflective people define "growth"? What kind of growth is really available in the world of work?

■ **Financial growth.** Survey says this is the number one definition of career growth. We want more bucks. There isn't anything wrong with this. More money is better than less money. However, this growth can become unhealthy when it is motivated by feelings of inferiority rather than a rational desire for additional purchasing power and freedom.

Some people are in a perpetual state of

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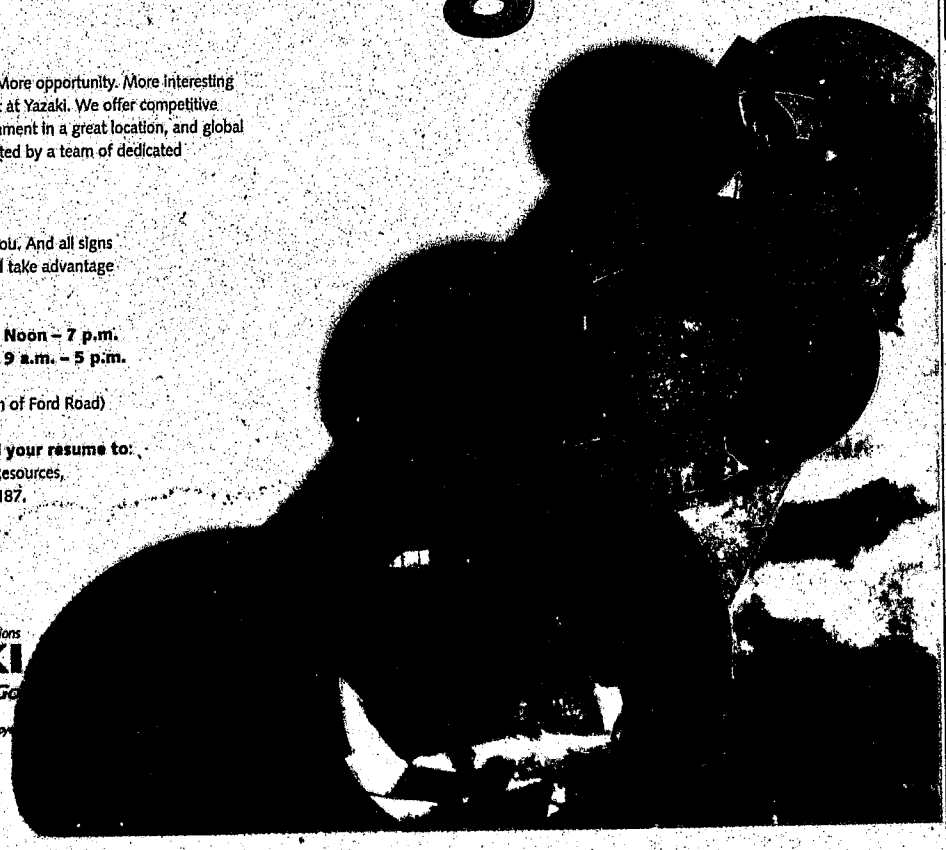

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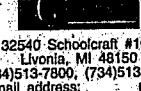

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Gems

have a home business years ago where I baked and decorated cakes and candies. I just like working."

Bluebaugh's manager, Sherry Bynum, praised Bluebaugh for her work ethic.

"She sets a great example for the younger employees here," Bynum said. "I have a 57 person crew which includes 2 seniors and 15 teenagers. Marge is one of the most hard working people I've ever met. She has received the 'Person of the Month' award every year she has been here."

Brenda Renders is the district supervisor for McDonald's. She said Bluebaugh's dedication to the job is hard to find.

"We need more employees like Marge," Renders said. "She is such a valuable employee. She brings in baked goods for the other employees to enjoy. She has a great camaraderie with her co-workers. She is the best."

Mark Harris, general manager for Kmart in Livonia, also believes senior workers are the most reliable employees.

"I have about eight or 10 senior employees here," he said. "They are very loyal. You can always count on them showing up for work. They are friendlier to the customers, more caring and they have a better understanding of what it means to have teamwork."

Harris said his senior employees work in the areas of health and beauty aids, domestics, door greeting and jewelry.

Dennis and Pat Hermatz, owners of Wayne Lawn and Garden in Westland, rely on seniors for their seasonal help. Pat Hermatz said one of her most reliable seniors, Bill Snodgrass, works six days a week when he is employed at the store various times of the year.

"He's a real gem," Hermatz said. "He works for us in the spring, the summer and mid-winter. His hours are flexible, and he is very reliable."

Hermatz said senior employees are crucial to her business because they are "great drivers."

"When we need something delivered or picked up, we can always depend on Bill or our other senior employees here. They are great drivers, and they are reliable."

Businesses in the near future can expect to see more seniors enter the workforce, Weaver said the percentage of seniors filling out job applications is increasing each year.

"The statistics I have for the U.S. show that the labor force is expected to see an increase in senior workers 55 to 64 years old by 2.8 percent in 2025," he said. "The growth rate for seniors 65 and over is expected to be 2.9 percent."

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agony because they aren't making as much as the people in their graduating class or their siblings. It's kind of silly because there will always be someone making more than you.

The "more money" definition of growth might have extra validity for people who have been with one company for a prolonged period of time.

If you have been given an average increase of 4 percent for the last 20 years, you've probably lost money. If you haven't changed jobs, some of the kids being hired into your company today might be making almost as much as you. Is there more money out there if you leave?

Could be, particularly in a good market like this one.

■ **Skill growth.** I met an engineering manager last week who told me he had been with a very large automobile company for the first 10 years of his career. "I had to get out of there," he explained. "After all that time, I had only been in one area of engine development. Then, even that part of my job started shrinking. If I had stayed I wouldn't have really been an engineer anymore. And I wouldn't have been worth anything to another company."

■ **Intellectual growth.** This is like skill growth, but a little loftier and more personal. Skill growth is the acquisition of mind tools to accomplish goals inside a discipline. Intellectual growth is the expansion and refinement of processes inside a head. It is independent of career. It happens by putting yourself in situations which require an examination of beliefs and aspirations. It challenges the self-concept and worldview. It is accomplished by going to an empty, virgin corner of the mind and filling it up with delicious new knowledge.

■ **Career growth.** Sometimes people will accept a job primarily because it will look good on their resume. I find such strategic, long-term thinking admirable (but sometimes a little shallow as it is applied in real life). Such planned growth might entail going on board with a prestige firm whose name can later be used as a "ticket" into other opportunities. It could involve changing disciplines within the same company or industry simply to broaden one's work history. The focus is on positioning and getting to the next level.

If you are bored out of your skull, growth isn't necessarily the remedy. Stimulation is. Growth can be stimulating, but so can a ride at Disney World. In fact, people who just need to be reinvigorated can get hurt by taking on some growth positions.

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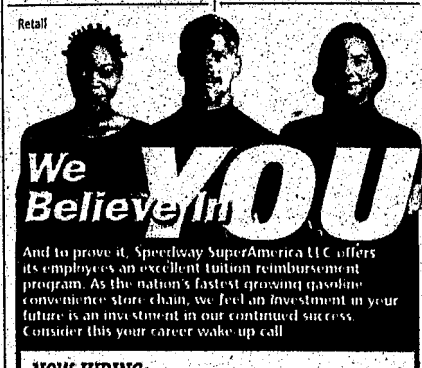

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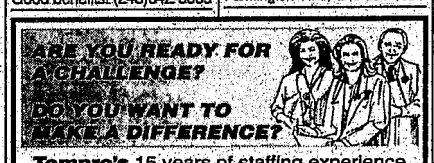

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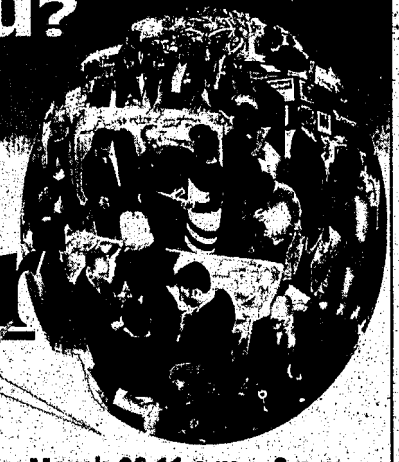

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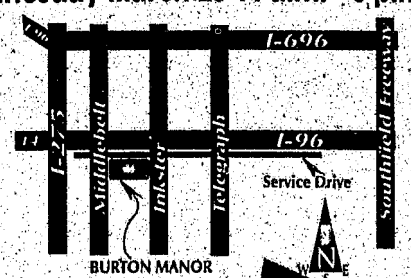

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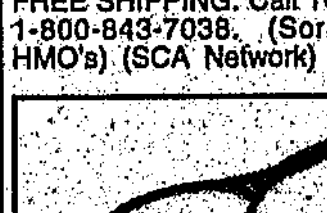

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Barry Jensen, editor (734) 953-2125 bjensen@oe.homecomm.net on the web: http://www.observer-eccentric.com Sunday, March 5, 2000

Drywall screws fix noisy floor

We have a problem with squeaky floors in our 50-year-old home and will be tearing up the floor to correct the problem. What can you suggest to ensure that the squeaks don't come back?

We suggest that you use 1-and five-eighths-inch-long drywall screws instead of nails to attach the plywood to the joist. Drywall screws don't require predrilling a hole and will countersink themselves. They hold tighter than nails and won't come loose even if the wood shrinks.

These screws are also used by some contractors on outdoor decks, and we have seen boards stay as tight as when they were attached under conditions where temperatures vary from subzero to more than 100 degrees F and the humidity varies from 0 percent to 100 percent.

I have an old Frigidaire combination refrigerator/ freezer. It runs too cold. A serviceman said there was a refrigerant leak that would cost $300 to fix. I realize that this appliance has reached a ripe old age. However, it's still capable of freezing food.

A drop of oil on the compressor terminals might not indicate a refrigerant leak. To find out, defrost the refrigerator thoroughly. Turn the thermostat back on and let the refrigerator run for a while, then open the door. Check the frost pattern on the freezer coil.

If only a small portion of the coil is frosted, this could indicate a slight shortage of refrigerant in the system. A serviceman could add refrigerant to the system. This would not be too expensive, and it would keep your refrigerator going, especially if it is not in day-to-day service.

If you do have a good frost pattern on the coil in the freezer, we would suspect a defective thermostat if everything is getting too cold in the refrigerator section when the freezer is operating at the correct temperature. Replacing it is a straight-forward job. Just make sure you get the correct part for your model.

Sub has outstanding access to parks



Huntington model: *This house has the most contemporary, open floor plan of three colonials available in Wildbrook. You can look into every room on the main floor from the great room.*

Wildbrook is just a few miles from three Metroparks and a freeway interchange that leads folks who live there in all four directions.

Those are big draws for prospective buyers.

So is the rural flavor and value at the detached-site condominium community, say the builder and sales manager there.

C.A. Kime of Southfield developed the property and will build homes on 193 lots off Savage Road between Haggerty and Martinsville roads in Van Buren Township.

"Belleville is a nice little town, and that's the new thing – everybody likes that," said Curt Kime. "It's still a rural area. You can get in (new) cheaper than Canton because of cheaper land prices.

"I-94 and 275 come together here," Kime added.

"Good access to the airport, Huron River (Lower Huron, Willow and Oakwoods metroparks), Belleville Lake," said Linda Rix, sales manager.

"You have the advantages of Ann Arbor shopping, but Westland Mall and Fairlane are reasonably close," she said. "You still see deer running around here. We have three ponds going in here. All have aerators, fountains."

"We develop the lots, build the houses and have our own sales people," Kime said. "That allows us to sell at a better price."

"I'm getting a lot of people who say they've been looking for a long time and this is the best value for the money they've seen," Rix said. "I think it's a good value for the square footage they're getting.

"They like the area," Rix said. "This is a beautiful site. It's so quiet out here. There's very few lots where you have someone back up behind you. There's a few, but not a lot. People notice that."

"You want to make it nice, but affordable," Kime said. "We try to make it have everything they need, but if they want a fireplace or extra bath, it's optional."

Three floor plans, all colonials, are available at Wildbrook, and all three have a three- or four-bedroom option.

Base prices on a base lot range from $185,990 for a three bedroom, 1-1/2-bath of 1,900 square feet to $207,900 for a four-bedroom, 2-1/2-bath of 2,375 square feet.

All plans include at base price two-car garage, basement, first-floor laundry, dishwasher and carpeting throughout.

The master suite in the four-bedroom plans contain a separate tub and shower at base price.

Fireplace ($3,395-$5,795) and air conditioning (about $3,000) are options, as is a bath in the master suite ($4,000-$5,000).

Models of all three plans have been constructed. All have upwards of $20,000 worth of options built in.

The Easton, the smallest at 1,900 square feet, features a living room, dining room, kitchen/ nook with island and a step-down family room on the main floor.

Two bedrooms, a full bath and a master with private bath are upstairs.

Base price is $185,990, the model, as is with upgrades, $207,335.

The Kingston, 2,325 square feet, features a den, living room, dining room, kitchen/ nook with island and a step-down family room with sloped ceiling.

Four bedrooms and a loft are upstairs. The wide-open master with cathedral ceiling contains an angled, two-sink vanity, a pair of walk-in closets and compartmentalized commode.

Base price is $203,990, the model as is $227,150.

The Huntington, 2,375 square feet, is so open that you can stand in the great room with two-story ceiling and see every other room on the main floor – living room, dining room, nook and den.

The kitchen is open and oriented toward the great room. A breakfast counter is on the opposite side of the sink.

Four bedrooms are upstairs. Three share a bath. The master has its own.

Base price is $207,990, the model as is $226,035.

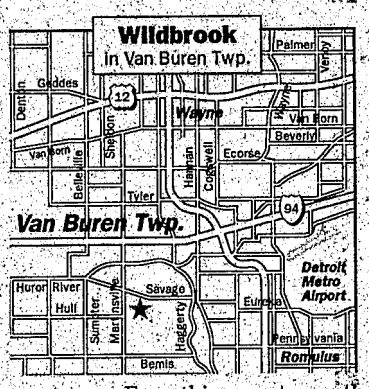
Brick and aluminum siding are primary exterior materials on all models.

Some base lots are available. Lots along a pond carry premiums ranging from $1,500 to $7,500.

Wildbrook is served by city water and sewers. It's within the Van Buren school boundaries and will have sidewalks.

Sheri and Brian Blust bought a house there.

"Actually, I lived a mile away. I know the area, love it," Sheri said. "I heard a lot of good things about the builder. Every time we went over, everyone was courteous. Everything went smooth with the builder. They had a wide selection."



The property tax rate is $28.38 per $1,000 of state taxable value, half of sales price for new construction. That means the owners of a $204,000 home there would pay about $2,900 the first year.

The annual association fee is $192.

The sales models/office at Wildbrook, (734) 697-1555, are open noon-6 p.m., closed Thursdays.

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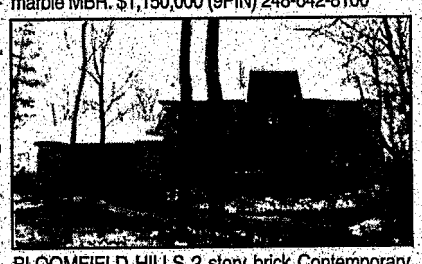

BLOOMFIELD HILLS 2 story brick Contemporary with 4 bedroom, 3 bath located on wooded hilltop setting. 1.05 acres, full finished basement & 3 car attached garage. $639,900 (81REN) 248-642-8100



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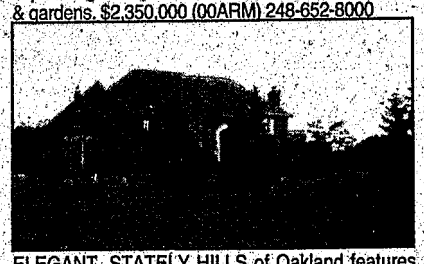
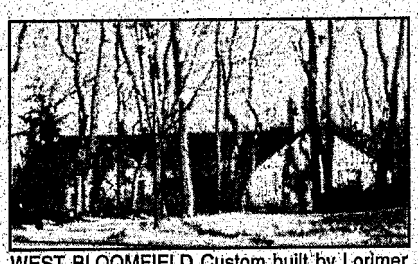


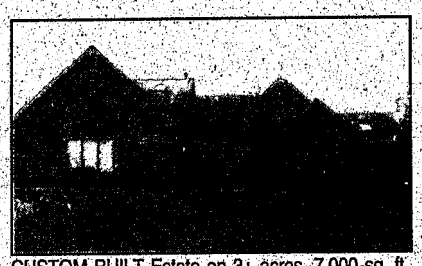
ELEGANT, STATELY HILLS of Oakland features volume ceilings, oak floors & 3 fireplaces. Gourmet kitchen w/granite countertops. Luxury master w/marble bath. 4 BDRM, 3 full-2 half baths, 3 car garage. $984,900 (36MUR) 248-652-8000



WEST TROY COLONIAL built in 1994. 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths & 2 half baths. 2 story family room w/skylights. All brick front premium elevation. Troy schools-Bemis, Boulan Park, Troy High. $479,900 (50GRE) 248-524-1600



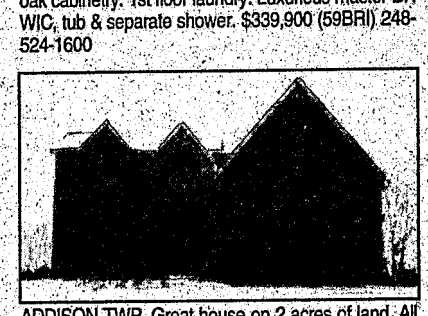
WEST BLOOMFIELD Custom built by Lorimer offers 4 BR, 4½ BA & magnificent pond views. LR/FP, formal DR, kitchen w/island & sub-zero & double oven. MBR, unique FR & finished walk-out LL. $599,900 (09BLO) 248-642-8100



CUSTOM BUILT Estate on 3+ acres. 7,000 sq. ft. colonial w/walk-out LL. Cathedral ceilings in great room. 5 BR, 3½ BA. Zoned for horses w/dense treed setting. Sauna & hot tub. In ground pool. Gated for privacy. $824,900 (48TEN) 248-626-8800



STUNNING NEW CONSTRUCTION. Rochester schools, turnkey condition, whirlpool tub, 18' ceilings, french doors, wood floors, walk-out lower level, appliances, oak cabinets, 4 bedrooms. Immediate occupancy. $399,900 (95ELK) 248-652-8000

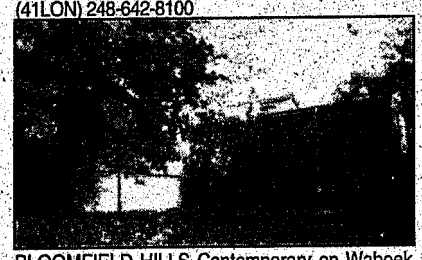


TROY New build w/March occupancy. Premium elevation. 4 bedrooms, 2½ baths, kitchen w/island & oak cabinetry. 1st floor laundry. Luxurious master BR WIC, tub & separate shower. $339,900 (59BRI) 248-524-1600



BLOOMFIELD HILLS Almost 2 acres of beauty within multi-million dollar re-development. 3 BR, 3 BA ranch within 1 mile of downtown Birm. Great Room, FR surrounded by windows, deco style fixtures & eat-in kitchen. Birm. Schools. $599,000 (41LON) 248-642-8100

ADDISON TWP. Great house on 2 acres of land. All brick premium elevation. 4 bedrooms, 2½ baths, walk-out basement, 3 car side entry garage. Ceramic floors, 9' ceilings, gas FP in FR & MBR. $349,900 (89MAR) 248-524-1600



BLOOMFIELD HILLS Contemporary on Wabeek Golf Course. GR w/vaulted ceilings, wet bar & privacy window. Library w/formal DR, kitchen w/island & doorwall to pool/views of golf course. MBR, fin. bsmt. $569,900 (45TAN) 248-642-8100



FARMINGTON HILLS Gorgeous 1990 walk-out detached condo in the Fairways of Copper Creek-a golf course community. Open floor plan with skylights. Large lot, attached garage, security alarm. Warranty. $381,900 (91HIC) 248-524-1600



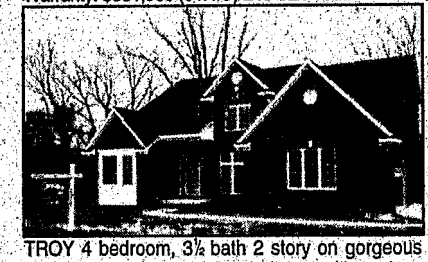
BIRMINGHAM Brick pillared covered front porch Colonial. Soaring LR, knockout granite kitchen w/stainless steel appliances. Step down FR w/granite FP. MBR w/2 person shower. $499,900 or lease for $2950. (63BAT) 248-642-8100



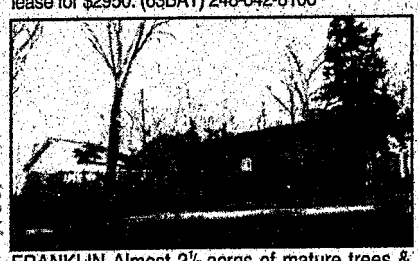
FABULOUS 2 BEDROOM, 2 bath ranch condo. Library, hardwood floors, 1st floor laundry, full basement, gas fireplace, master w/separate shower & whirlpool Jacuzzi & much more. $342,000 (54FAI) 248-626-8800



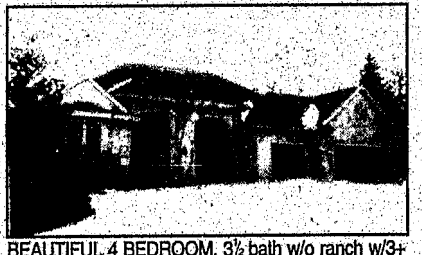
OAKLAND Beautiful country home, high elevation wrap around front porch, treed lot, hardwood floors, custom fireplace, large living & dining room. 6 person Jacuzzi, Florida room. $349,900 (10DUT) 248-652-8000



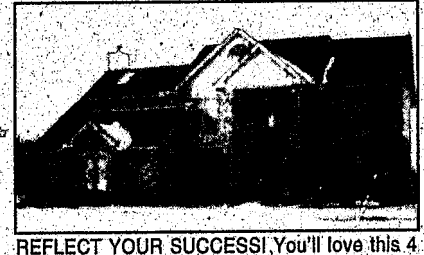
TROY 4 bedroom, 3½ bath 2 story on gorgeous walk-out lot with creek. Great kitchen with cooktop island. Master suite with jacuzzi. Gas fireplace. Very unique floor plan. New sub in Troy, $519,900 (26PIN) 248-524-1600



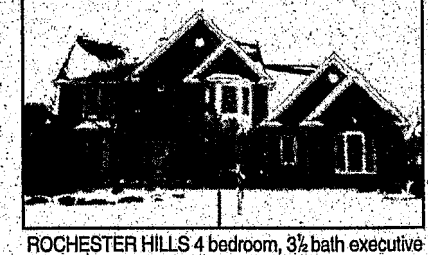
FRANKLIN Almost 2½ acres of mature trees & perennials surround this charming 3BR, 2 BA brick Ranch. MBR inc. sitting room w/FP & marble BA w/roman tub & shower. HW floors, library & bsmt. Birm. Schools. $479,900 (27THI) 248-642-8100



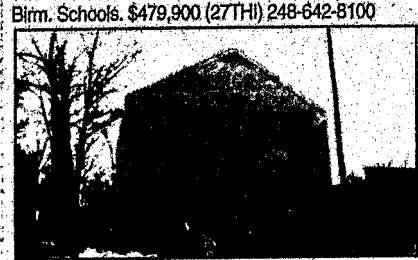
BEAUTIFUL 4 BEDROOM, 3½ bath w/o ranch w/3+ car garage. 2 kitchens, finished lower level, in-law suite, home office. West Bloomfield schools. Panoramic lake views. Many extras. $449,900 (23ISL) 248-626-8800



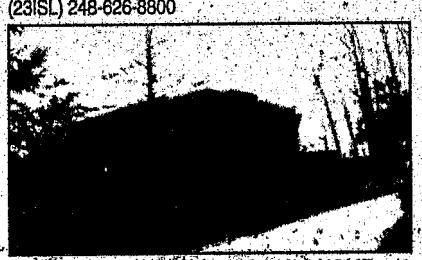
REFLECT YOUR SUCCESS! You'll love this 4 bedroom, 2½ bath stately colonial in Silver Bell Village. Beautifully landscaped corner lot only minutes from CTC, Palace, Silverdome & Bald Mt. Recreation area. $289,900 (36GOT) 248-652-8000



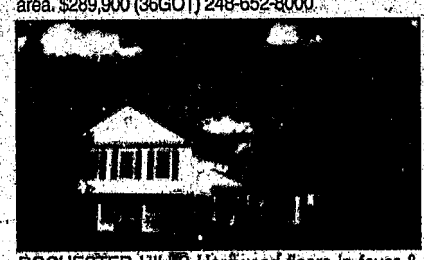
ROCHESTER HILLS 4 bedroom, 3½ bath executive colonial w/basement & 3 car side entrance garage. Elegant master BR suite. Large island kitchen, GR, library, soaring 9' ceilings. $499,900 (63GRE) 248-524-1600



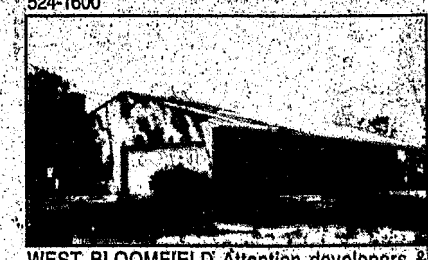
PRESTIGIOUS BIRMINGHAM contemporary. 2+ BR/2½ baths, open floor plan, treed lot, all appliances included. Walk to downtown. Includes one year home warranty. $379,000 (11LIN) 248-626-8800



SPECTACULAR CONTEMPORARY HOME w/4 bedrooms, 4 baths, 2 lvls. Spacious kitchen w/Sub zero & Jenn air. Finished walk-out w/home theater system, wet bar, fireplace & much, much more. $1,290,000 (21BIR) 248-626-8800



ROCHESTER HILLS Hardwood floors in foyer & new kitchen. 4 bedroom, 2½ baths. Newer windows, baths, carpeting. Family room w/fireplace. Partially finished basement, 2 car garage. $248,500 (64HAC) 248-652-8000



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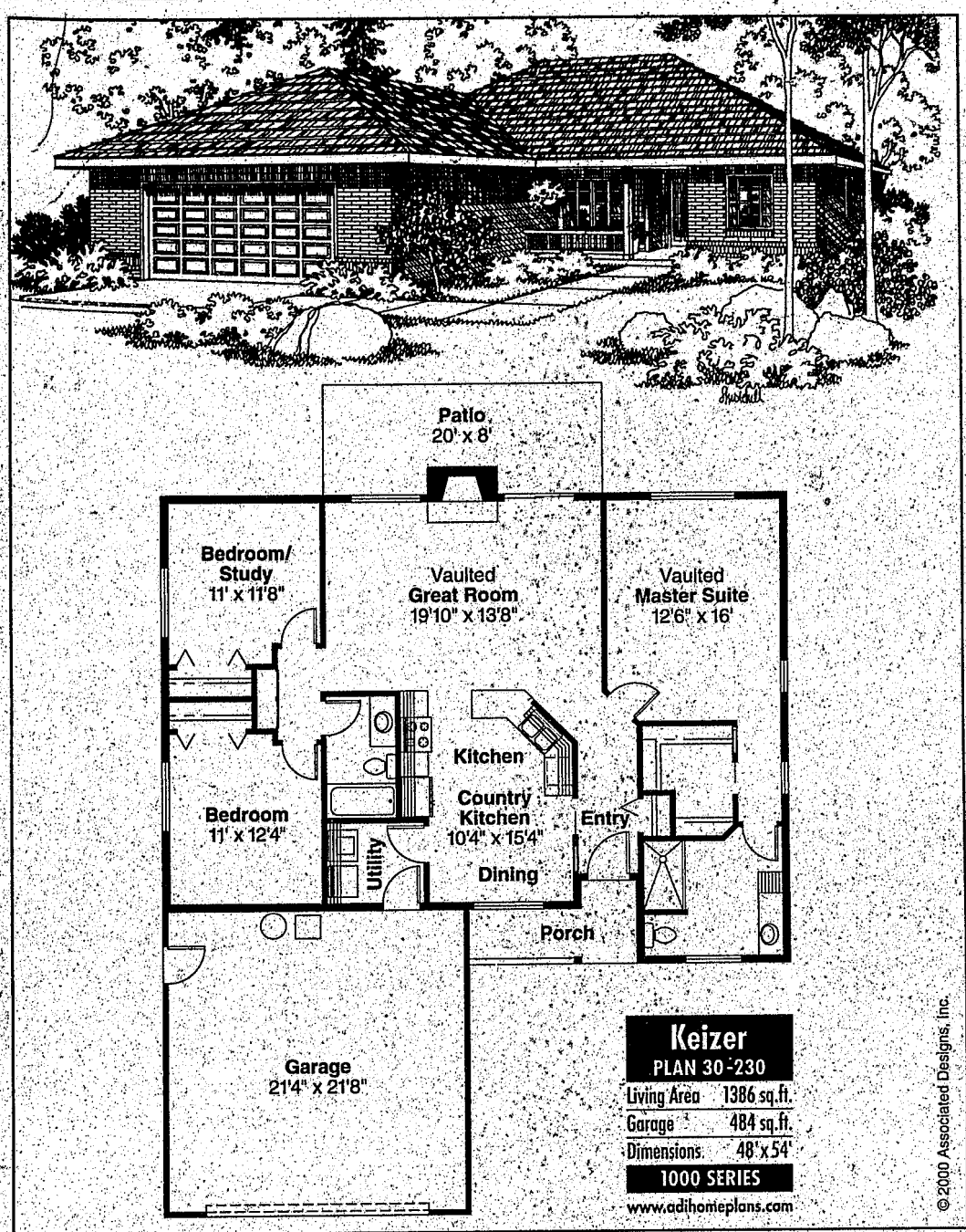

Plan's kitchen flows neatly to great room

The Keizer is a small home with a big heart. Brick veneer gives it a look of solidity, while the recessed front porch extends a warm welcome.

At its core, a roomy country kitchen flows right into a spacious vaulted great room, with no more than ceiling variation and a peninsular counter for separation.

Working in the kitchen, you can keep tabs on everything in this large gathering space, from chatting with visitors to supervising homework in progress.

The kitchen ceiling is a lofty – 11 feet high and flat. It transitions to vaulted in the great room at the rear and the richly glassed dining area facing the street.

Wide windows on both sides of the direct vent gas fireplace brighten the family room. If preferred, the fireplace could be constructed with a chimney.

A sliding glass door on one side allows access to a rear patio, ideal for outdoor dining on warm days.

The master suite is fairly large for a home this size, completely filling the entire right side. A vaulted ceiling further expands the sense of volume here, and a walk-in closet provides abundant storage space.

Other notable features include a linen closet and an oversized shower. Obscured glass fills a large double window that bathes the room in natural light.

Two more bedrooms plus a bathroom cluster together on the left. One of these rooms could be used as a home office or hobby room, if desired.

The large linen closet in the hallway is convenient to all three rooms.

Laundry appliances are handy but out of sight in a pass-through utility room that connects the Keizer's kitchen to the garage.

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Study senior housing options

The aging of America is accelerating but are we prepared for it? Nationally, the number of elderly people is expected to balloon from 34 million today to about 70 million by 2030. That's going to put pressure on senior housing and our ability to pay for it.

"Fortunately, seniors have more housing options today than in years past," says Richard Roll, president of American Homeowners Association, "But seniors and their families are well advised to start planning ahead for the transition, and to use caution when converting home equity."

A recent study by the National Council on Aging and John Hancock Mutual Life Co. found that nearly half of 1,000 adults surveyed had done little or no thinking about long-term care. Don't let fear or negative preconceptions about senior citizens' homes stop you from considering your options.

Fortunately, the long-term care industry is recognizing that people want different levels of care, in a variety of housing situations. Senior communities now offer stages of care, starting with private apartments, with the option of moving up to assisted living, and full nursing care. Companies also offer services tailored to assisting seniors at home, including hospice care, nursing, housekeeping, and other options.

Various plans allow you to finance long-term care, including home equity conversion. A reverse mortgage is a loan that actually involves getting money back from your loan provider to use however you choose. Reverse mortgages are expected to boom over the next five years, particularly among senior citizens.

Be sure to study your financing options carefully and learn to recognize ripoffs. Fannie Mae, the major secondary mortgage company, warns consumers to watch out for the telltale signs of reverse mortgage fraud.

First, know how to recognize pressure sales tactics – don't let anyone fast-talk you into a reverse mortgage, not even friends or relatives.

Second, make sure that payments are made out directly to you – don't sign the money over to anyone else.

Third, it's totally up to you how you spend the money – just because you heard about a reverse mortgage program from a long-term care company or an investment firm doesn't mean you have to buy their services.

Fannie Mae's free brochure on reverse mortgages is available by calling (800) 732-6643.

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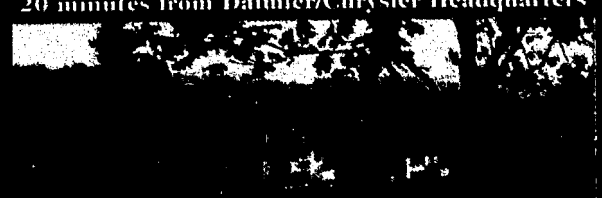

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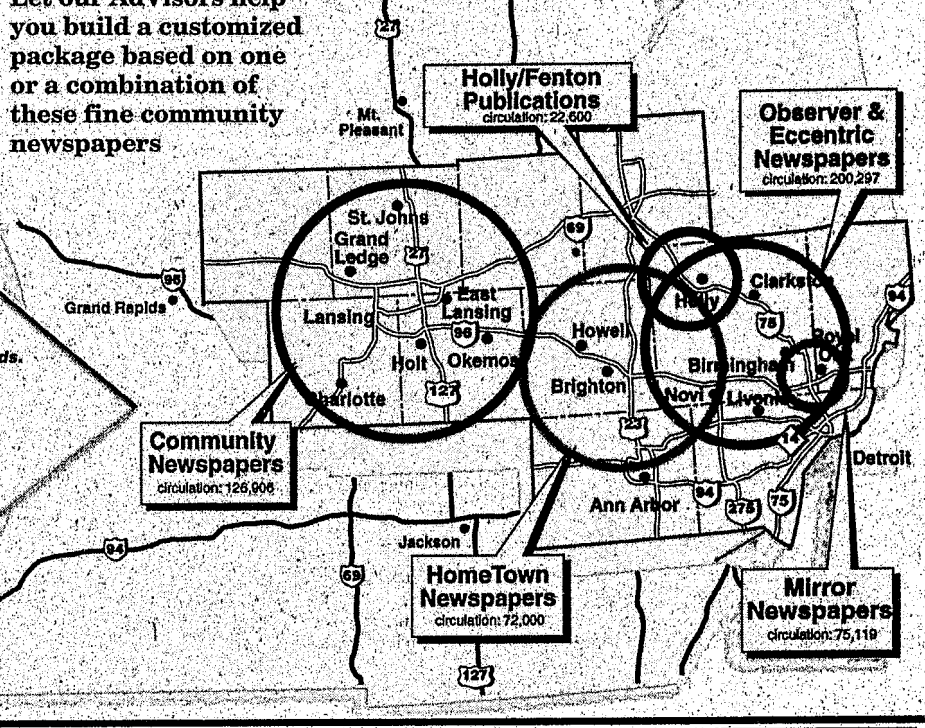

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325 Livonia

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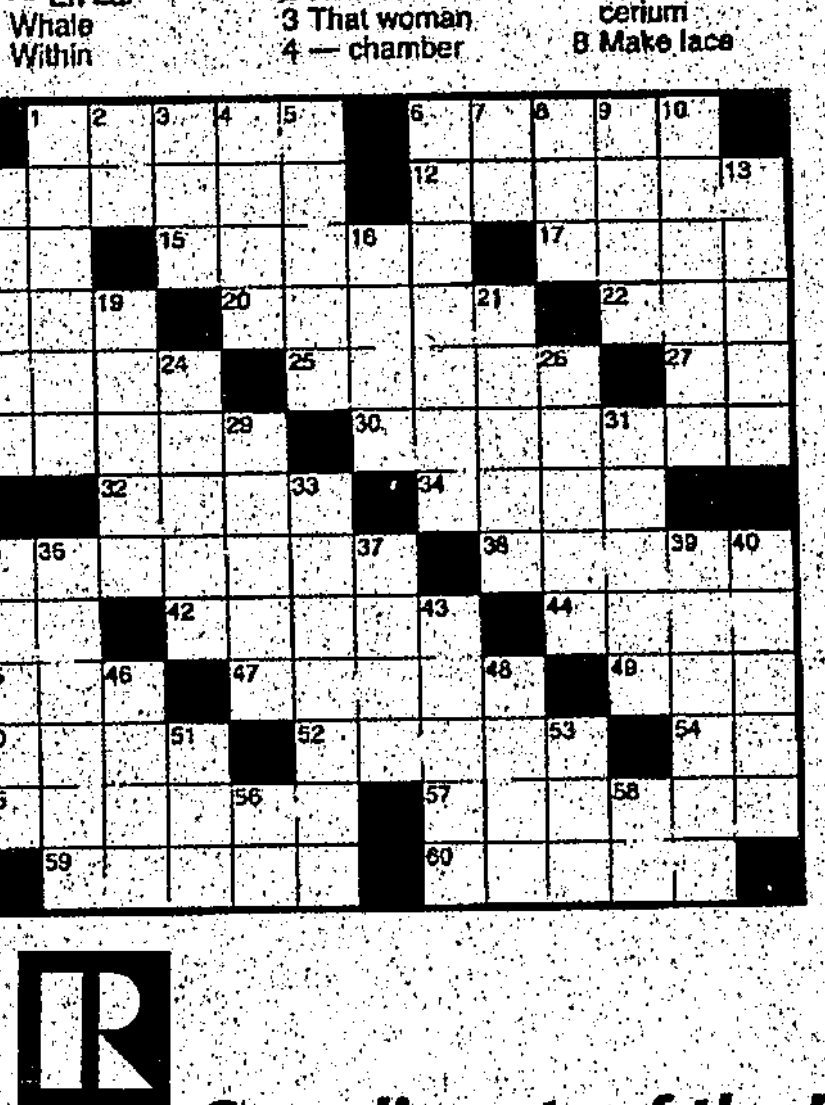

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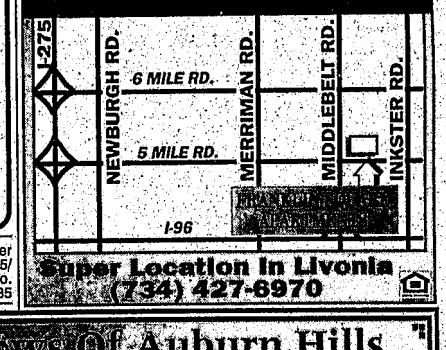

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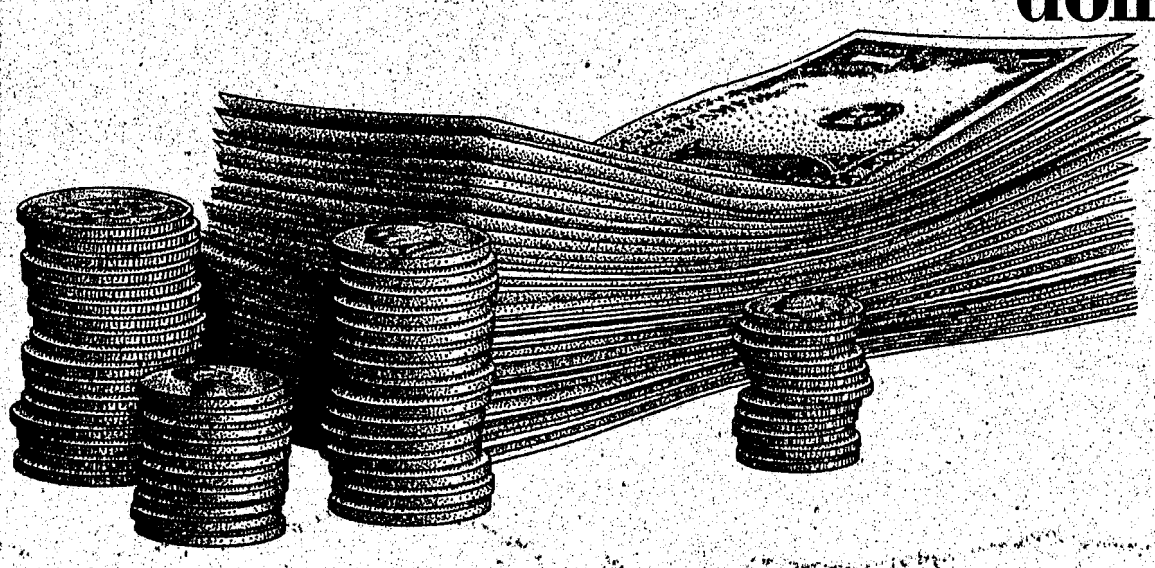

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SEEKING MY SOULMATE
DWPF, 46, 5'2", blonde/blue, interested in energy work, T.T., reiki, nature, waterfalls, baseball, tennis. Seeking SWPM, 36-49, interested in alternative medicine and metaphysics. N/S. ☎1860

HONEYSUCKLE ROSE
SF, my age is vintage wine, 5'6", slender, blue eyes, Jewish and a coal-miner's daughter too, enjoys cooking, baking—how about a sample? Seeking best friend, real and fun conversation. ☎5602

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Catholic SWPF, 35, 5'7", 135lbs, blonde/blue, N/S, never married, seeks attractive, educated, romantic, physically fit, successful Catholic SWPM, 32-38, N/S, never married, for friendship first, possible LTR. ☎1750

SEEKS OLDER GENTLEMAN
SWF, 31, 5'7", blonde/blue, intelligent, humorous, enjoys reading, politics, black and white films, antiques, computers. Seeking a SWM, 40-50, 6'+, clean-cut, humorous, gentleman. ☎1449

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SEEKING THAT SPECIAL YOU
SWF, 36, seeks WM, 32-39, 5'6"+, who's tired of the bar scene, likes sports, for special committed relationship. ☎5304

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LOOKING FOR A GOOD MAN
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LET'S GET TOGETHER
Attractive, energetic, friendly, honest SWPF, 40, 5'3", 110lbs, blonde/blue, enjoys art fairs, long walks, gardening, biking, nature, some sports. Seeking open, communicative, caring SWM with similar interests, for friendship first. ☎1222

GOD, YOU HANDLE IT
Spunky, sensitive, attractive senior widow, 5'2", 125lbs, blonde/blue, seeks humorous, active SWM, 62+, N/D, N/Drugs. ☎1518

THIS IS ME
SF, 5'1", 110lbs, long blonde/blue, has children, loves bowling, concerts, movies, dining, boating. Seeking SM with similar interests, for LTR. ☎1504

CALL ME
Sincere, easygoing, financially/emotionally secure SWF, 42, 5'9", 155lbs, blonde/hazel, enjoys all music. Seeking a tall, athletic S/DWM, 35-44, 5'11"+, N/S, friends first, possible LTR. ☎1189

PLAYING YOUR SONG
Vivacious, romantic DWF, 46, blonde/blue, professional musician, seeks S/DWM, 40-50, N/S, with passion for life, interested in possible LTR. ☎1383

ATTRACTIVE WIDOW
Intelligent, slender, tall WF, 53, lady-like, warm-hearted, smoker, seeks tall gentleman, 53-65, with traditional manners, who's intelligent, interested in sharing romantic dinners, conversation, and laughter with me. ☎6061

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SWF, 5'4", 138lbs, blonde, N/S, seeks SWM, 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. ☎1695

1 LIFE TO LIVE
Hard-working, fun-loving SWPF, 23, 5'6", blonde/green, mom of 1, enjoys quiet romantic dinners, long walks, movies, living life. Seeking caring, understanding SM, to share this life with. ☎1381

GROWN-UP BAD BOY
Classy, very attractive, down-to-earth, slim SWF seeks intelligent, financially secure SWM, 48-54; brown or dark hair, who likes to have fun. ☎1339

SEEKING TALL TEDDY BEAR
SWF, 44, smoker, social drinker, seeks financially secure gentleman, 45-55, who knows how to treat a lady, for one-on-one relationship. Garden City area ☎1808

ARE THERE ANY GOOD ONES LEFT?
Seeking romantic, affectionate, honest SWM, 39-45, who would like to meet a good woman, 39, for a possible LTR. ☎1783

A RARE FIND
Pretty, curvy SWF, 53, 5'4", entrepreneur, lots of fun, enjoys movies, plays, concerts, traveling. Looking for sincere, successful WM, 45-75. Float your boat, make your day, answer my ad today. ☎3738

LOVELY, PASSIONATE, LADY
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THE EYES HAVE IT
SWF, 40+, 5'6", attractive, hard-working, independent, seeks SWM who's handsome, tall, employed. Must have a great sense of humor and love animals, for friendship first. ☎6126

DANCING THROUGH LIFE
Energetic, fun, passionate, secure DWF, 48, seeks SM, with similar attributes, for friendship and romance. ☎1759

SEXY REDHEAD
Easygoing, fun-loving DWPF, 49, 5'6", 145lbs, great legs, no kids, Belleville homeowner, animal lover, enjoys gardening and nature. Seeking DWPM, 50-60, 6'+, N/S, social drinker, for LTR. ☎4997

SHARING TIME
Attractive SWPF, 5'2", 110lbs, brown/brown, N/S, down-to-earth, with great humor, enjoys golfing, dining, theater; seeking Handsome, SM, 45-52, to spoil and pamper me, North Oakland area. ☎1746

BE MY VALENTINE
Cute DWF, 41, full-figured, smoker, financially secure, seeks SB/WM, 43-53, who likes beaches, Vegas, traveling, for LTR. Serious only. ☎1711

LOOKING FOR LOVE
Plus-sized woman, 51, brown/hazel, enjoys movies, long walks, cooking kind, friendly good-hearted man to share laughs and life with. ☎1721

COULD IT BE YOU?
SWPF seeks Mr. Right, 45-55, who likes golfing, movies, dancing, quiet dinners at home or on the town, and has a fair-to-partnership. Could it be you? ☎1700

STARTING OVER WITH YOU
Easygoing, overweight DWF, 44, 5'10", N/S, N/Drugs, enjoys outdoors, walking, bowling, cards, pets, traveling. Seeking honest, loyal SWM, N/S, N/Drugs, for relationship leading to marriage. ☎5780

HONEST, FUN, CARING
Widowed SF, 56, 5'2", light brown/hazel, H/W proportionate, likes doing just about anything, music, books, dining, movies, theater, sports. Seeking SM for companionship, possible LTR. ☎1487

SEEKING SPIRITUAL PARTNER
Honestly pretty SWF, 45, 5'4", 130lbs, loves and trusts God, who understands the purpose of life, and has the glory of God. Attends non-denominational church, enjoys camping, canoeing, fishing, Wa-terford. ☎5755

LOST ON THE RIVER
Widowed, beefy, cute, dynamic, eclectic, focused, normal, impulsive SWPF, egoless but experienced, seeks passionate, honest SM who loves life, listening, laughing, learning, and playing, for fun, fireworks, and joy. ☎1668

STILL SEARCHING
Attractive DWF, 5'8", brown/brown, thin, fun to be with, enjoys movies, dining out, the outdoors, and Redwing games. Seeking attractive, tall SWM, 33-40, with similar interests, for friendship, maybe more. ☎1476

LOOKING FOR A LOVING MAN
Female seeks a man who enjoys being close, spending time together, having some fun, and wants a relationship. ☎1471

LOVES ADVENTURE
Attractive SWF, 51, 5'4", loves walking, biking, shows, theater, dining, dancing. Seeking a SWM, 46-56, similar interests, Sterling Heights. ☎1441

SPONTANEOUS, SENSUOUS...
romantic, intelligent SF, 52, and fun! Medical professional, wrapped up in a great looking package searching for a N/S, H/W proportionate, professional guy, for good times and maybe more. ☎1031

SINCERE AND CURVY
DWPF, 5'6", blondish, two grown children, seeks romantic white gentleman, 49-60, fairly sophisticated, financially/emotionally secure, interested in fun times and sports. ☎1112

LOOKING FOR FUN
Truthfully, I find these ago 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

LOOKING FOR A NEW BEGINNING
Widowed WF, very young 51, 5'1", medium build, ready to start life over again, enjoys walks, bike rides, friends. Seeking SWM, 47-57, with positive outlook and good sense of humor. ☎1440

SEXY 30-SOMETHING
Recently divorced BF, no kids, seeks gentleman who knows how treat a lady. Race, age open. Be my first date. ☎1442

STARTING OVER WITH YOU
Smart, sensuous, attractive SBPF, 37, slightly overweight, enjoys fine dining, theaters, concerts, sports, gourmet cooking. Seeking attractive, sincere man. Race unimportant. ☎1429

LIFE IS SUBLIME
Pretty SWJF, 5'7", 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

LOOKING FOR COMPANIONSHIP
Very kind-hearted, honest, easygoing, good-humored, very affectionate, down-to-earth DWPF, 48, likes simple things in life. Seeking DW gentleman, 48-60, for friendship and fun times. ☎1446

SIMPLY IRRESISTIBLE
Intriguing, pretty, passionate, fun-loving, sincere DWF, mid-40s, seeks attractive, smart, honest SWM, 38+, N/S, for a lifetime romance that never ends. ☎1392

FRIENDSHIP FIRST
SACF, 43, 5'5", enjoys simple and fine things in life. Seeking honest, open-minded SA/WPCM, 43-50, financially/emotionally secure, with good morals. ☎1386

DO U EXIST?
Attractive AF, 38, 5'5", down-to-earth and easygoing. Is looking for a kind, attractive, health-conscious SWM, 35-45, with old-fashioned values, good ethics, for dating, possible LTR. ☎1332

ONE GOOD MAN
SBF, 49, 5'3", enjoys movies, long walks, casinos. Seeking fun-loving, honest, caring SM, 35-60, with similar interest, for possible LTR. ☎1323

STARTING OVER WITH YOU
Sincere, easygoing, financially secure, active, retired, widowed WF seeks caring, easygoing gentleman friend, 65+, who enjoy dining out, traveling and laughter. LTR. ☎1846

SEEKING
Ultra-feminine, petite, slim, European blonde, with very sophisticated tastes, seeks successful SWM, 60-69, for possible LTR. ☎1800

LOOKING FOR LOVE
Attractive, emotionally/financially secure, honest, caring DWF, young 50, 5'4", brown/blue, N/S, looking to love again. Seeking SWM for concerts, dining, movies, sports, travel, togetherness, for friendship leading to LTR. ☎1755

HOPELESS ROMANTIC
Energetic, beautiful SBCPF, 5'5", 145lbs, honey brown complexion, enjoys exercising; traveling, entertaining, movies. Seeking prosperous Christian gentlemen, with similar interests, N/S, H/W proportionate for friendship, Southfield area. ☎1262

MAKE ME BREATHE HARD!
Hard-working, fair-playing female enjoys indoor activities except cards, outdoor activities except golf. Seeking active college graduate, N/S. ☎1473

STARTING OVER WITH YOU
Smart, sensual, attractive SBPF, 37, slight overweight, enjoys fishing, dining, theater, concerts, sports, and gourmet cooking. Seeking attractive, sincere SPM. Race unimportant. ☎1448

Men seeking Women

NICE GUY
SWM, 35, 6', 185lbs, brown/hazel, good sense of humor, easy to talk with, good job, enjoys boating, outdoors, dinners, movies, and much more. Seeking similar SWF, 24-39, slim to medium build, down-to-earth. ☎1843

LOYAL, HONEST, NICE GUY
College-educated, spontaneous, handsome, fun-loving, DWM, 53, 6'1", 190lbs, believes in loyalty, integrity, honesty. Seeking attractive, S/DWF, 35-49, physically fit, slim, for LTR. West side preferred. Kids ok. ☎1834

ATTRACTIVE AND HONEST
Secure SWM, 50, 5'1", 170lbs, brown/hazel, likes horses, country life. Seeking a charming, smart, attractive lady, under 40, for friendship first. ☎1836

SUNSHINE OF YOUR LIFE?
Warm weather, successful, spiritual SJM, 48, seeks a warm weather girl. Seeking relationship-oriented SF, 28-45, to enjoy Aruba, Cancun, Bahamas, and, of course, movies, dancing, book stores, spectator sports. ☎3923

ART

ANTIQUE COLLECTIBLES
A creative, unique, sharp SWM, 46, enjoys art/antique shows, auctions, estate sales, seeks lively lady, mid-age, with a interest in or curiosity about same. ☎1833

IT DOESN'T MATTER...
what the ads say, two people just have to click, is it not? Seeking intelligent, personable, shapely, humorous lady. I'm 63, N/S, 5', many interests and talents. ☎1630

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

BLACK LEATHER
SWM, 57", 140lbs, enjoys motorcycles, movies, bonfires and the lake. Seeking slim SWF, 25-35, for committed LTR. ☎1425

FIRST TIME EVER, REDFORD
Attractive, hard-working, honest, kind-hearted, affectionate SWM, 37, 6'1", 160lbs, thinner brown/blue, smoker, social drinker, home owner, no dependents, enjoys camping, fishing. Seeking SWF, 25-35, H/W proportionate. Kids ok. No games. ☎1424

SEEKING SWEET ISLAND GIRL
Wonderful, great-looking outdoors lover; 37, 5'11", trim, sandy/blue business-owner, would appreciate a sweet, trim girl for summertime fun on my island with friends. Let see if our chemistry sparks. ☎1751

SEEKING SPECIAL WOMAN
Handsome, affectionate SWM, 28, 5'10", 160lbs, brown/hazel, enjoys dining out, cooking theater, cuddling, sniggling. Seeking attractive, affectionate SAF, 24-33, H/W proportionate, for companionship and/or possible relationship. ☎1744

GRADING ON THE CURVE
Attractive, intelligent SBM, 6'2", 235lbs, college student, good sense of humor, seeks shapely WF, 28+, for committed relationship. ☎1703

LET'S GET TOGETHER
SWM, 34, 6'2", 200lbs, black/brown, successful, enjoys working out, skiing, and riding my Harley. Seeking SWF with similar interests for LTR. ☎1732

WANTED: SOULMATE
Clean-cut DW dad, 46, 6', 180lbs, brown/green, glasses, smoker, very down-to-earth, automotive professional. Enjoys golf, bowling, movies, sports; walks, romance. Seeking new best friend for loving, caring, sharing relationship. ☎1757

SUCCESSFUL CARPENTER
DWM, 47, 5'10", 220lbs, rides Harleys, plays pool, likes dining out. Seeking sincere, beautiful (inside and out) woman, 40-50, who doesn't play games. ☎1758

WORTH CHECKING INTO
Trim, handsome SWPM, 39, 5'10", 170lbs, fit, custodial dad of 12 year-old son, enjoys outdoors, rock music, volleyball, dancing, biking. Seeking slender, attractive, independent female with similar interests. ☎1299

RUGGED JOCK TYPE
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 SF for companionship, Age/area open. ☎4018

REAL CHARMER
Attractive, free-spirited, young SM, 21, 5'10", 180lbs, blond/blue, goatee, loves football, basketball, swimming, just about everything. Seeking attractive, sensitive, young woman with self-respect for committed LTR. ☎1685

WHY BE ALONE?
Caring, affectionate, loving DWM, 53, 5'7", loves lake activities, skiing, movies, and quality times together. Seeking petite-medium SF, 40-50, for friendship, possible long-term, monogamous relationship. Race unimportant. ☎4966

LET'S LOOK TO THE SUMMER
DWM seeks widowed/SD/WF, 38+, N/S, ready for the warmer days and some fun-loving times. If you think you are the one, let's get together. ☎1691

UNION LAKE AREA
Adventurous, honest, slim, romantic DWM, 48, N/S, light drinker, Catholic, enjoys boating, amateur theater, bowling, travel, outdoors, dancing, etc. Seeking lady for friendship leading to LTR. ☎1364

LOOKING FOR ADVENTURE
Down-to-earth, private, homebody type SBM, 6'1", 265lbs, enjoys sports, concerts, romance, etc. Seeking decent, understanding, attractive woman who knows what she wants out of life, for friendship, possible relationship. ☎1277

EARTH, WIND & FIRE
Earthy, honest, widowed WM, 49, 6', 205lbs., N/D, N/S, seeks SWF, 40-50, active, secure, proportionate, to conjure up warm wind, and eternal fire, possible LTR. Redford ☎5698

HAPPY-GO-LUCKY
Handsome, witty, sweet SHM, 47 seeks SW/HF, 40-/S, N/S, for dating, dining, dancing, friendship, possible LTR. ☎5970

HO HO HO, MERRY CHRISTMAS!
Dreaming of sharing Christmas with a nice young lady. I'm 39, look younger, 5'3", 120lbs, hard worker, in good shape, financially secure, N/S, very light drinker. Seeking special lady, 30-45. ☎1142

TAKE A CHANCE
Intuitive, educated, creative, persevering, Catholic SWPM, 43, 5'8", brown/blue, no dependents. Seeking enlightened, fit, emotionally available SWPF, 25-42, for trust, friendship, communication and more. ☎1798

LET'S DANCE AT SUNSET
DW dad, 41, 5'9", brown/hazel, custodial parent, homeowner, loves camping, barbecuing, Cedar Point, carnations, motorcycles, movies, everything. Seeking DW mom with same interests, for monogamous relationship, Novi area. ☎1796

MR. SUNSHINE
Easygoing DWM, 44, loves children, seeks a S/DWF, 39-59, who enjoys going to movies, walks in the park, holding hands, for possible relationship. ☎1295

OH, THAT'S GOOD!
Meet Mr. Goodman, SWM, 45, a sharp, personable guy with wide range of interests, seeking an honest, easygoing, dependable lady, for dating, companionship, possible LTR. ☎1794

LOOKING FOR SOMEONE?
Intellectual, yet humorous, active, outgoing SWM, 40, 5'10", 190lbs, enjoys reading, writing, outdoor activities, theater, movies. Seeking friendly, outgoing S/DWF, 34-48, N/S, small/petite build, for possible relationship. ☎5519

TOTALLY INSANE-NOT!
SBM, 44, 6', 225lbs, N/S, N/D, no dependents, likes traveling, plays, concerts, walks, movies, candlelight dinners, cooking. Seeking SF, 28-45, H/W proportionate, N/S, with similar interests for friendship first. ☎1685

IN YOUR EYES...
I find someone special. Fit SWM, 42, 5'9", 190lbs, brown/brown, enjoys bike riding, movies, music, people watching. Seeking fit SWF, to share my life with. ☎1740

LOOKING FOR SOULMATE
SWM, 55, enjoys singing, walking, card games, board games. Seeking SF, 40-55, for LTR, possibly marriage. ☎1050

LET ME LOVE YOU
Friendly, caring, funny, goal oriented SWPM, 6'2", 245lbs, divorced, N/S, N/D, no kids, enjoys meeting new people, spending time with friends. Seeking humorous, caring, communicative SWPF for friendship first. ☎1197

WHO BEING LOVES POOR?
Good-looking, fun-loving, loyal, fit, spiritual, reliable SWPM, 41, 5'6", who has many interests to share, but his greatest passion to meet one fun, fit, positive SF, to share his life with. ☎1760

CUTO RANCH
SWPCM, young 60s, 6'3", 205lbs, eclectic interests, good morals, mid-west ranch in my future, seeks slim, petite WPF, 45-60, who likes dress or jeans, outdoors, animals, for LTR. ☎5934

LIKES DANCING
DWPM, 48, 6'1", 200lbs, N/S, seeks W/H/AF, 25-43, trim, who enjoys skiing, the beach, riding bikes and motorcycles, amusement parks, outdoor shows, romance, and working out. ☎1430

SWEET AND FRIENDLY
Retired, affectionate, easygoing SM, 63, enjoys golf, bowling, romantic evenings. Seeking slender, attractive, fun-loving SF, for friendship and romance. ☎1737

JUST CALL ME BROKEN HEART...
SWM, 40, 5'8", 185lbs, brown/brown, stocky and slim, dad of 2, loves horseback riding, camping, fishing, traveling. Seeking faithful, honest, communicative SWF, for friendship and a possible LTR. ☎1765

CALL ME SOON
Hard-working SWM, 49, 5'8", 175lbs, well-built, seeks fun-loving, easygoing, intelligent pretty, commitment-minded SF, for friendship, companionship and a LTR. ☎1767

COMPASSIONATE EUROPEAN
Retired widower, WM, 66, 5'6", 230lbs, enjoys exercising, church going, traveling, having good times. Seeking lady, 58-65, with same interests, and much, much more. ☎1754

ESPECIALLY FOR YOU!
Fine, personable SWM, 42, is entertaining, into music, dancing, having fun, yet is helpful with household chores, shopping, etc. Seeking compatible, friendly female partner. ☎1745

YOU'VE GONE THIS FAR...
don't give up now. Make one more call. Have and want honesty, trust, friendship, laughter and love. I like sports, music, dance, animals, tons more! I'm tall, thin, 60, secure. ☎1747

SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY A +
Not mandatory. Youthful, humorous DWM, 47, 5'11", 167lbs, entrepreneur, enjoys Tennessee, Florida, dancing, conversation, dining. I am spontaneous, communicative, fit and seeking a LTR. Are you? ☎1748

HERE'S MY PLAN
Meet someone special, enjoy our times together, give her loyalty, liberty, laughs, and love. A simple plan really, but I want the same. I'm sharp, witty, talented, tall, N/S, 64. ☎1749

LOOKING AT YOU
Attractive, very caring, outgoing, giving SWM, 46, with a variety of interests, loves to be romantic and cook. Seeking same in petite SWF, for friendship, maybe more. ☎9363

SINGLE MOMS WELCOME
DWPM, 44, seeks DWPF, 36-41, who is fit, active, happy with herself, for friendship first. ☎1741

LOYAL & SINCERE
Tall, honest, financially secure, slim, loyal, DWM, 55, 6'4", N/S, social drinker, in good physical condition, with sense of humor, seeks slender lady, 42-51, for companionship, possible LTR. ☎1036

YOUR SMILE WOULD...
start my days and fill my nights. SWPM, 38, seeks active, in shape SF, 30ish, to share laughter and friendship. Must be honest, warm-hearted and love children, Novi area. ☎1420

AFFECTIONATE LOVING
SM, 45, 6', 200lbs, long brown hair, brown eyes, hard-working, loving, caring, and romantic. Seeking attractive sexy blonde. Must love warm affectionate kisses. ☎1249

FREE TO A GOOD HOME
Financially/emotionally stable, humorous, honest, loyal, romantic SWPM, 55, 5'11", N/S, social drinker, enjoys the simple things in life, nature, laughter, variations, love. Seeking SF, for monogamous LTR. ☎1308

NEW BEGINNINGS
DWM, 27, 5'10", 140lbs, blond/blue, enjoys working with animals, motorcycle racing, movies, dining, music, museums. Seeking S/DWF, 22-29, for friendship, possible LTR. ☎1697

CHRISTIAN TO CHRISTIAN
6'1", 165lbs, 42, devoted, playful father, believes in top ten, bible study, enjoys golf, walks, clean tv. Seeks gentle, kind, playful woman, H/W proportionate, 30-45, for marriage, all replies answered. ☎1699

YOU MAY QUALIFY...
for this friendly, charming, SWM, 46, who is full of love, laughter, hugs and kisses. Seeking to share happiness and security in love connection with SWF, 36-49, life mate. ☎1690

ROMANTIC MAN
Very romantic SWM, 49, enjoys bowling, travel, dining. Seeking romantic woman for friendship, dating, possibly more. Race/age unimportant. All calls answered. ☎5454

LET'S SHARE HOLIDAYS
Professionally employed, college-educated SWM, 40, 5'11", 195lbs, brown/blue, no dependents, occasional social drinker, N/S; enjoys outdoors, fitness. Seeking similar in WPF, 40-52, N/S, with similar interests, for possible LTR. ☎1463

SEEKING THE FINER THINGS
SWM, 45, average height/weight, enjoys long walks, theater, fine dining. Seeking attractive, slender SWF, 35-45, to share the finer things in life with. ☎1242

GOOD LISTENER
Fun-loving SWM, 43, 6'2", 200lbs, blond/hazel, good listener, likes kids, travel, water sports, rock music. Seeking WF, 30-45, for relationship. ☎1681

LOOKING FOR NEW BEGINNING
Affectionate, honest, easygoing, hard-working DWM, 45, 5'6", 160lbs, brown/blue, N/D, N/Drugs, smoker, who likes camping, fishing, swimming, is looking for a new relationship, starting as friends, possible LTR. ☎5640

HONEST & SINCERE
Very active SWM, 45, 6', 200lbs, N/S, light drinker, two teenage children, likes movies, dining. Seeking SF, 36-46, to share interests, for possible LTR. ☎1496

FUN-LOVING, EASYGOING
Employed DWM, 5'6", 160lbs, brown/blue, honest, affectionate, caring, smoker, N/D, N/Drugs, likes fishing, swimming, camping, beach, walks. Seeking SF with similar interests, for new beginnings, possible LTR. ☎1514

ATTENTION GIVER
SWM, 60s, 6', 180lbs, giving, affectionate, kind, will put a smile and glow on your face. No preferences, just warm and cuddly. Any calls welcome. ☎1525

TRY THIS QUALITY GUY
Sincere DWM, 53, 5'10", seeks honest S/DWF with sense of humor, to share dining out, flowers, concerts, dancing, cuddling by the fire, outdoors, and weekend getaways, for LTR. ☎1082

DON'T BE LONELY!
Handsome, attentive SWM, 40s, seeks affectionate, responsive SWF who's been home 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, champegne, limos, etc. Handsome, successful SWM, 45, who can sing and dance, seeks stylish, friendly lady, to join the fun. ☎1519

SEEKING SPECIAL LADY
DM, 5'10", 175lbs, dark/brown, with sense of humor seeks attractive SF, 30-42, dark hair, who likes dining, dancing, movies, for friendship and fun times. ☎1837

REAL ROMANTIC MAN
Educated SM, 5'11", 160lbs, Mediterranean looks, black hair, who enjoys dancing, outdoor activities, and fun. Seeking a SF, 25-35, with similar interests, for friendship first. ☎1836

WANTED:
Blonde, redhead or sandy-brown haired woman with blue eyes, 21-28, no dependents, who doesn't play games. So if you fit in these categories, please give me a call. ☎1832

BEAR SEEKS HONEY
Down-to-earth SWM, 31, 5'10", 170lbs, light brown/green, likes holding hands, cuddling, dining out, fishing, boating, traveling, being with friends and family. Seeking female, 25-35, with similar interests. ☎1793

TICKETS SOLD OUT
What a magnificent performance this enchanting, Seral SWM, 6'4", who is lovely to gaze upon, gave. Seeking an alluring fit, SWF, 21-40, with the ability to learn, love, and cope. ☎1694

SHORT & SWEET, HONEST
Affectionate, sensitive, intelligent SWM, 5'3", moderate smoker, seeks lively, conversant, feminine woman, 35-45, with good sense of humor, to share various interests, friendship, possible LTR. ☎1797

SINGLE AND LOOKING
Friendly, kind, sincere, silly, romantic, affectionate SBM, 44, loves music, dancing, bowling, cuddling. Seeking like-minded SF, 35-44, for friendship, companionship, possible LTR. ☎1743

ITALIAN STALLION...
47, attractive, muscular, versatile, romantic, seeks classy, slim, very attractive, selective SW/AF, under 45, for friendship, possible relationship. ☎6155

HANDSOME & TALL
Humorous, attractive, affectionate, romantic DWM, 47, 6'2", 225lbs, into candlelight dinners, cuddling and going out. Seeking a loving, honest, caring, compassionate companion/friend/partner, 37-43, for a serious relationship and fun. ☎1795

ONE OF THE FEW
Handsome, attentive SWM, 6', 30s, seeks affectionate, romantic, slender SWF, 27-35, who dreams of finding that special someone. ☎1790

HERE TODAY, GONE TO MAUI
DWPM, 56, 5'9", 180lbs, semi-retired, N/S, no dependents, enjoys travel, dining out, movies, theater, boating, quiet evenings. Seeking attractive, affectionate woman with sense of humor, for travel, LTR. Western suburbs. ☎2421

WANTED: VERY PETITE FEMALE
For DWM, 40, 5'10", 142lbs, could pass for 25, physically fit, owns lake front house, own business, loves animals, children, outdoors. Seeking petite W/HF. ☎5679

HARD-WORKING
Honest SWM, 41, brown/green seeks secure, friendly, active SWF for friendship possibly leading to LTR. Kids ok. ☎1528

HOW TO TREAT A WOMAN
True-hearted SWM, 18, country boy, Garth Brooks look-alike, seeks SWF for nice dances, romance, and long walks. ☎1524

GOOD CATCH
DWPM, young 51, 5'8", 175lbs, physically fit, good-looking, seeks attractive WF, physically and emotionally fit, likes gardening, good conversation, travel, quite evenings, some sports, family is important. ☎1521

Seniors

SEEKING FRIEND/COMPANION
Senior, early 70s, N/S, N/D, has dog, own home, enjoys antiquing and toys. Seeking slim female, for good times, dining out, shows, etc. ☎1742

CHECK ME OUT
SWM, 64, 5'8", 180lbs, seeks friendly, retired lady, 60-67, who enjoys RV travel, fishing, movies, outdoors, dining, light drinking/smoking ok, financially/emotionally secure, for a monogamous relationship. ☎1439

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IN OR OUTGOING
Retired male, 37, father of 3, independent, financially secure, likes movies, fun, dancing, going out, sports. Seeking beautiful, nice, compassionate woman who likes to have fun. Pocahontas, please call back. ☎1066

COUNTRY GIRL DESIRED...
for LTR, possible marriage. DWM, 35, 5'8", 150lbs, single father of eight-year-old son, enjoys rodeos, horse shows, family time. Seeking S/DWF, 28-42, with similar interests. Children ok. ☎1325

VERY ATTRACTIVE
Very outgoing, employed SWPM, 28, 5'11", 175lbs, brown/blue, seeks attractive, outgoing SWF, 22-35, H/W proportionate, who enjoys sports and ice skating. ☎5377

PROFESSIONAL & REAL
Charming, down-to-earth SWPM, 32, enjoys movies/theater, travel, candlelight, fun. Seeking an attractive woman who enjoys life! ☎1327

SEEKING EDGE OF ADVENTURE
Interesting SM, 38, 5'10", 145lbs, father of one, enjoys movies, casinos, basketball, deer hunting. Seeking outgoing, spontaneous, fun-loving, romantic SF for friendship first. ☎1811

LOOKING FOR COMMITMENT
SM, 34, 6'1", 200lbs, auburn/green, in good shape, carpenter, with one son, enjoys fishing, going up North, movies, dining out. Seeking communicative SF for committed relationship. ☎1701

FIDELITY
SBPM, 33, faithful, in search of kind, honest SW/BPF, preferably employed, also faithful. ☎1731

NICE GUY
SM, 29, no kids, enjoys outdoors, the beach, having fun, summer activities, barbecuing, laying by the pool. Seeking S/DF for friendship first, possible LTR. ☎1527

YEAH, BABY!
Easygoing, honest SWM, 38, 5'8", 165lbs, likes sports, dining, going out, having fun. Seeking female, 23-42, who's pretty, petite and likes to be adored. ☎1063

THE RIVER OF LIFE
SWM, 5'8", 190lbs, brown/blue, father of one, likes dining, romantic evenings, walks, dancing, seeks SWF, 25-36, with similar interests, for possible LTR. ☎1502

COUNTRY MAN
SWM, 33, 5'11", 195lbs, carpenter, enjoys sports, outdoors, camping, seeking outgoing, SWF, 25-40, who is fun to be with. ☎1522

LEVEL-HEADED
College-educated, athletic, attractive SWM, young 47, 6'1", modest/conservative interests. Seeks fit, intelligent, witty SWF, 20-40, for possible relationship. ☎1692

SHARE GOLDEN REWARDS
DWM, 5'7", medium build, H/W proportionate, N/Drugs, N/S, warm, romantic, caring, financially/emotionally secure, recently retired professional. Broad interest, open to pleasures, shared by healthy, alive partners. Seeking compatible lady, 45-65, for LTR. ☎1799

GARDNER/ANIMAL LOVER
Not too handsome DM, 62, 6'2", 170lbs, N/S, with rustic farm house, seeks companion, 40-43, who likes outdoors; trusting, willing to communicate, express thoughts. Livonia. ☎1693

A REAL MAN
DBM, 52, 6'1", 215lbs, professionally employed, enjoys outdoor activities, quiet walks, dinner, movies, and antiques. Seeking special, trustworthy S/DF, 35-55

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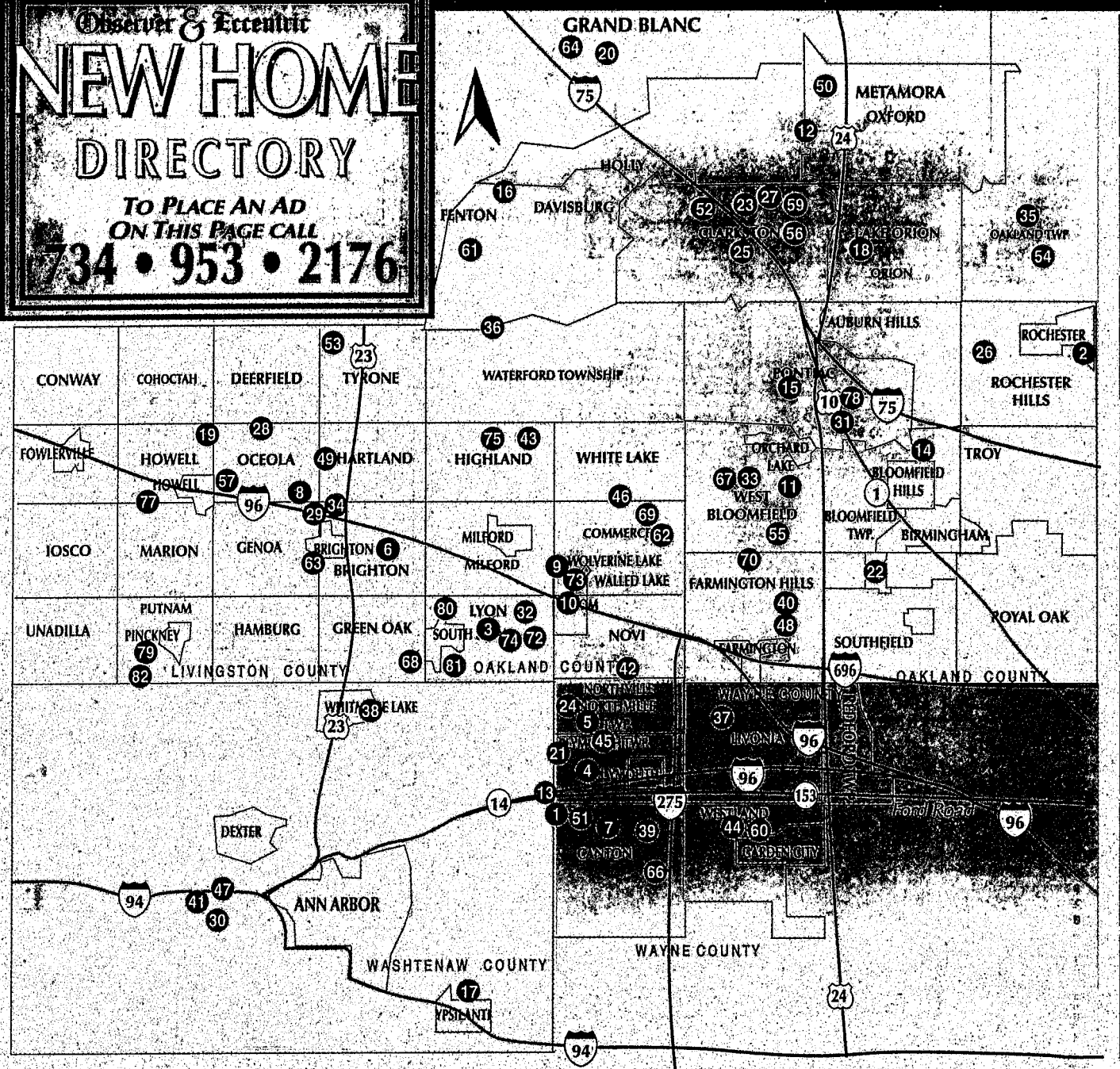

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