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VINTAGE



CLARKSTON

Who says history books have to be dry and hard to read? Certainly not Elisha H. Smith. He wrote a most entertaining and informative history of the city of Howell in 1868.

The things that qualified as history in a very small town in 1868 are quite different from what we might expect, but, as Smith tells us in his introduction, they are well worth knowing.

"Traditions gives us but a vague idea of the privations and hardships incidental to the first settlement and cultivation of new places. These are of great value. The life of the pioneer has its lessons, from which even the participant in advanced culture and civilization may learn." Here are a few of the things that Smith found worthy of inclusion in his history book:

"In the month of March, 1855, about 30 ladies, who had become a good deal excited over the unrestrained sale of liquor, visited the saloon of Samuel Balcom and destroyed the liquor and the casks which contained it. A portion of them were afterward sued in an action of trespass for the damages and a verdict of \$540 was rendered."

"In the summer of 1863 a circus menagerie ... was exhibited at Howell, and while there one of the lions died. The showman buried it on the old public square."

"Jesse Marr caught a pickerel with a spear, that weighed 21 pounds 12 ounces."

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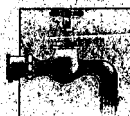


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Public hearing set on water issue



■ Clarkston City Council will hold a public hearing April 19 on the \$3 million bond proposal that would help pay for a 12-inch water pipe on Main Street to connect the city with Independence Township's community well.

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The Clarkston City Council knows property owners, residents and business people in Clarkston will have questions about the May 9 special election asking voters to approve a \$3 million general obligation bond to pay for part of the cost of bringing a 12-inch

water pipe down Main Street.

The pipe line will connect the city of Clarkston with Independence Township's community well water system. It will eliminate the need for private wells along Main Street. Proponents believe it will also provide safer water for drinking and a more adequate supply of water for fire protection.

In order to better inform Clarkston voters about the bond proposal and the

water pipe line issue, the council Monday approved a public hearing/information meeting for 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 19. It will be in the Independence Township Fire Department headquarters, 6500 Citation Drive. The street is on the east side of Main Street, north of Dixie Highway.

"This will be the perfect opportunity for people to come and learn more about the bond proposal," said councilman Scott Meyland. He serves on the Water Committee with Steve Arkwright, Douglas Roeser and William Basinger. They worked closely with city engineer Gary Tressel from Hubbell, Roth and Clark and with

attorney Dennis Neiman with Miller Canfield in researching and writing the proposal.

If voters give the city permission to authorize the bond, the city council will then discuss the idea of implementing the city-wide water project over a period of seven to 10 years and in three phases.

The first phase will bring in the main pipe line along Main Street. Phase two and phase three will bring in tie-in lines along the city's side streets and might require special assessment districts.

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'We're living on the doorstep of heaven.' — Father Bob Humbert



Phases of the Journey: Mark Luedtke talks with Father Malcolm Carron, a retired Jesuit priest who lives at Colombiere Center in Springfield Township. Luedtke is training to be a Jesuit and part of his education is spending time with the older men of the order.

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Brotherly love

Retired priests find peace, purpose at Colombiere Center

(Editor's note: Colombiere Center is a retirement facility for Jesuit priests and brothers. Through this story and others on Page A3 we will try to give readers an idea of who the men are who live there, how Colombiere has been used over the years and what it's like now as a place where the Jesuits end their ministries.)

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Colombiere Center rests on rolling hills with trees and a tranquil atmosphere.

Inside, its residents take a rest from decades of tireless work shaping the intellect and spirit of young adults. Colombiere is home to approximately 65 Jesuit priests and brothers who for one reason or another had to retire.

It is nestled off of Big Lake Road in Springfield Township. Soon Shepherd's Hollow Golf Club will open so more people might get a glimpse of a place where men truly live out their final years with dignity and grace.

The retirement facility is not the only function of the Colombiere campus. Part of the building is leased to Insight Recovery, a Flint-based drug and alcohol treatment center. Colombiere also has a conference center open to business and charitable groups of all faiths.

Opened in 1959 as Colombiere College, the campus was originally the seminary portion of the University of Detroit Mercy. While students attended college in Detroit, those preparing for the priesthood came to the Clarkston area.

Some of the priests and brothers who are now living at Colombiere were trained for their vocations there as well and in a way have come full circle in the brick buildings.

The way of life was different when Colombiere was a seminary. In the early



Father Bob Humbert



Brother Bob Cardosi



Father Clayton Schario

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Clarkston runner leads the way for blind marathoner to compete in races

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March weather can be unpredictable, even in sunny California.

In the Los Angeles Marathon Michael Holmes and his guide runner, Clarkston dentist Mike Hennessy, were trying to qualify for the Paralympics in Australia in October.

For 20 of the 26 miles, they slogged through messy conditions that could rival anything a Michigan weather pattern could dish out.

"It was a miserable day," said Hennessy, who lives in Lake Orion. "It was 50 degrees and 50 mph winds."

And it was raining. The two men, Holmes, a blind runner, and Hennessy, his guide, had to stand outside and wait for two hours with no warm-up before the race even started. Hennessy said warm and loose muscles are imperative to a good run. So it was no wonder Holmes missed the Paralympics qualifying time of 3 hours and 40 minutes by an hour.

Holmes said he is the only blind runner in the metro Detroit area that he knows of. He was the only runner in his class in Los Angeles.

Hennessy said conditions take their toll on runners. He said bad weather forced U.S. Olympic women runners from doing their best, too. Only one will represent the United States at the Summer Games in October. The Paralympics take place right after the Olympic Games are done. The Paralympic Games involve athletes with physical challenges who compete in the same events as Olympic athletes.

Although he is disappointed he won't be going down under for the Paralympics, Holmes said he will settle into running local races this summer.

Holmes, 44, had a degenerative eye disease and lost his sight in 1978. A Chicago native, he went to a rehabilitation program that encouraged its clients to keep active after losing their sight. Holmes discovered running in 1979 and has been going ever since.

"For me, I hate treadmills. I like to get out here, being with nature," Holmes said.

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STAFF PHOTO BY GARY MALEREA

Matching strides: Blind marathoner Michael Holmes (left) trains with guide runner Clarkston dentist Mike Hennessy.

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Using his head: Clarkston Elementary School fourth-grader Brandon Mosher uses his head to get an underside view of his Lego project.

Lego maniacs

Contest builds kids' imaginations

Making a masterpiece: Second-grader Chesney Oldenburg puts the finishing touches on her Lego creation.



Legos today; patents tomorrow. Clarkston Elementary School students in all grades had a chance to show off their imagination with a Lego contest Friday.

All they needed to compete was some Legos or Duplo blocks, a large cookie sheet as a work table and a beach towel to sit on in the school cafeteria.

Then for one hour, the students created one-of-a-kind "things"—something that can be very difficult for adults but comes naturally to youngsters.

Winners were selected in different age categories. Principal Charles Rowland, second-grade student teacher Tonya Romanowski and reading support teacher Wendy Burleigh had the tough job of judging the competition.

Winners were as follows: grades K-1: first place—Nicholas Pike, second place—John Angelasanto; grades 2-3: first place—Drew Niederluecke, second place—Chesney Oldenburg; and grades 4-5: first place—Robert Campbell and second place—Nicholas Mocerino.

While it's fun to win, all participants received prizes. They got free ice cream and discount toy coupons, a certificate of achievement and pride of creation.

The school parent teacher organization sponsored this annual building block competition.

CHS student council seeks donations to help resident

Clarkston High School Student Council members want to demonstrate how much they care for the community, but they can't do that without the proper tools.

They're asking the community to make donations to help them buy things they need for their Paint the Town project scheduled from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 13.

The student council will spend that time renovating the exterior of a resident's home.

Anyone interested in donating towards this project can contact Laura Barnett or Kenny Leonard at (248) 623-3748. Leave a message and one of the them will call you back.

The students are looking for cash donations and donations of hardware, wood, garbage bags, garbage cans, ladders, tarps, buckets, paint, paint rollers and brushes. They also hope to get landscaping materials such as plants, trees, shrubs, flowers and more. Food donations also are welcome.

OBITUARY

JOSEPH A. TRAVERS

Joseph A. Travers of Clarkston, formerly of Rochester Hills and Northboro, Mass., died March 27 at age 84.

Mr. Travers was employed for 35 years for General Motors Tech Center, Warren.

Mr. Travers is survived by his wife, Candy; daughters, Nicole Travers of Royal Oak and Jenny (Charlie) Mansfield of Northboro, Mass.; mother, Louise DeFlumere of Franklin, Mass., and granddaughter, Haleigh. Mr. Travers is also survived by sisters Celia Suckney of Dennisport, Mass., Mary Rackley of Mendon, Mass., Angela Miller of Northbridge, Mass., and Jodi (Jay) Ellis of Franklin, Mass.

A memorial service will be held Friday in Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

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

Breaking and entering
On March 24, someone broke into the maintenance garage by cutting off the lock at 4835 Fox

Creek East. The subject removed two snow blowers and more than \$1,000 in assorted tools.

Operating under the influence of liquor

On March 24, police stopped a 42-year-old Holly man who was driving a 2000 Jeep Cherokee 10 mph in the fast lane of northbound I-75, north of Dixie Highway. Police impounded the vehicle and arrested the man.

Larceny

On March 23, someone cut the lock on a tool box at Pine Knob Elementary, 6020 Sashabaw Road, and removed a band saw valued at \$500 and two drills valued at \$150.

Springfield Township

House fire

On March 27, Springfield Township Fire Department and police responded to a house fire in the 11000 block of Ember. The house was under construction. It suffered minor damages. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

Larceny

On March 24, someone removed a propane tank from

the 10000 block of Dixie Highway.

Malicious destruction of property

On March 25, someone broke poles and overturned benches at Springfield Oaks Golf Course, 12450 Andersonville Road.

Clarkston Police

No major reports.

Independence Fire

Fire calls

Independence Township Fire Department responded to 15 calls from March 24-26. These included nine medical calls, two personal-injury calls, two grass fires, one complaint and one wires down call.

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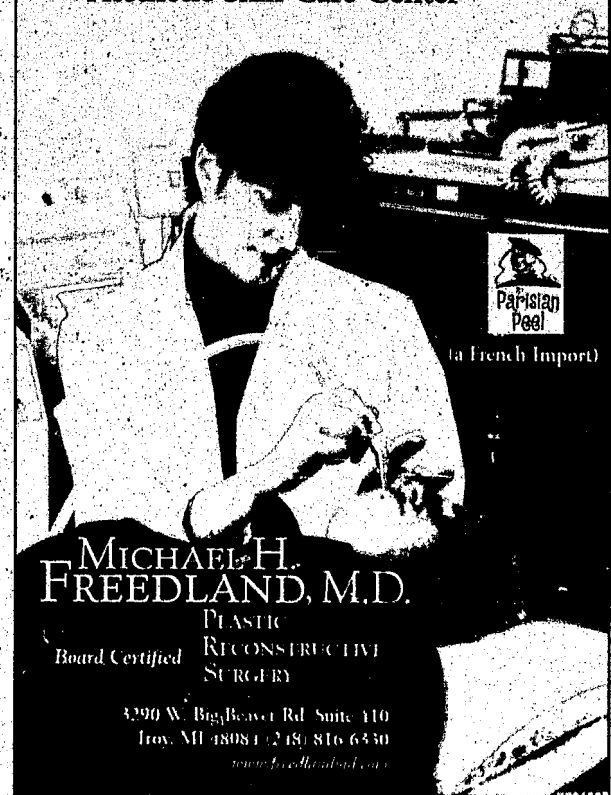
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Educator enjoys Jesuit reunion

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Father Bob Humbert has a little trouble getting around because he is battling arthritis. Humbert loves sports, though, and it was his teachers' ability to focus on athletics as well as academics that attracted him to the Jesuit order years ago.

"Softball actually was my favorite, 12-inch fast pitch," the 77-year-old priest said.

Humbert was ordained in 1953 after the many years of formation it takes to join the Jesuit order.

"It takes 15 years of formation to be fully-formed. I guess we're slow learners."

Now after years of shepherding youngsters through the tumultuous teen years, it would be easy to think that life at Colombiere might be depressing for the men who live there. It's the contrary, Humbert says.

After all, the Jesuits are the Society of Jesus, a community unto themselves.

"That in-itself is therapy. Being back with these guys you've known for 50 or 60 years," he said. "Conversation is never dull."

And certainly life has not been dull for Humbert since he attended a high school run by the Jesuits.

"I was very impressed by my teachers there. They were both athletic and (intellectual) and that was what I aspired to," he said. "I decided I would enter the Jesuit order and give it a whirl, give it a try."

He taught at Loyola High School in Chicago for three years beginning in 1947. He said that time was happy and fulfilling for him. He coached football and baseball. Then he had to go back to the seminary for more training.

But in 1955 he was back at Loyola, this time as acting principal. The school was in transition going from Chicago to the suburbs. His next stop was Cincinnati, where he was assigned to help the head priest of that region.

He returned to Loyola Academy in 1968 and was there until he retired in 1999. Humbert, like most teachers, put his all into his work. In addition to his other administrative duties, he headed the Loyola alumni relations and development (a fancy word for raising money, he says) since the 1970s. He had an advantage with that, he said, because he goes so far back with the school.

On a recent day, he was still getting calls at his Colombiere room about how to find a specific alumnus.

He started an outreach program where he visited alumni in other cities. The alumni living in that area would get together and Humbert would stay with a family for a day or two. He calls it his parish without boundaries.

Humbert said Jesuit teachers try to form the whole child. The Jesuits run high schools and universities.

"Learning how to live, forming values happens in high school," Humbert said. "They realize they could use the help of a qualified religion teacher or priest."

Although Humbert also liked working in parishes and helped out on weekends, his devotion was to the high school students.

Developing a sense of self-worth in young people is extremely important, he said.

"It's only when you value yourself that you can begin to value other people," he said.

That same positive outlook permeates the atmosphere at Colombiere. Humbert says the place is "mental health sustaining." In a way it's like a giant reunion. The difference is some of the men are gravely ill and death is a common occurrence at Colombiere.

"Those deaths don't leave you feeling as if you're living in the shadow of death," Humbert said. "We're living on the doorstep of heaven."



Father Clayton Schario

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Father Clayton Schario says you don't have to be a parent to know how to handle young people.

"We grew up. If you're alert, you learn something," said the 76-year-old Jesuit priest.

For more than 40 years, Schario dealt with young people in those sometimes crazy college years as a professor at a university in Ohio and later the University of Detroit-Mercy. He just left in December and is starting to adjust to life at Colombiere.

"They told me I had a stroke," he said.

That explains his double vision, a condition that makes daily tasks like writing to his younger sister, a challenge. But he said he has to get back with her because she is getting irritated that he hasn't written lately. So he flipped on his PC and went to work. Luckily, he said, the double vision should go away eventually.

Born in Canton, Ohio, Schario entered into Jesuit training in 1943.

"I was going to teach. The question was closed. I was going to teach engineering, of course," he said.

Then he discovered he didn't like math.

"Too much of the same thing," he said.

He first taught at John Carroll University in Cleveland. He moved to UD-Mercy in 1988. Over the years he taught Latin and English and later on computer-related courses as well.

"It just strikes me as interesting," he said.

He has had his hand in computers for years and maintains that interest. He installed a mainframe in 1962 back when punch cards were in use.

"And you didn't dare get them (the punch cards) upset," he said.

He spent a couple of years as a parish priest in Traverse City, but didn't care for that type of work. He loves teaching and has a simple way of engaging students in learning.

"You've got to understand them," he said. "You've got to be willing to change. You have to listen or else you will turn kids off."

Managing a dormitory in the 1960s was part of Schario's work. The difference between high school and college students, he said, is professors have to remember that college-aged people are adults. He said he could make suggestions, but he could not run their personal lives.

"It took a long time to get the parents educated on that subject," he said.

Before what he termed the "culture shift," authority figures could get away with a more dictatorial style. But the basic way of handling young people did not change. He said trying to manage the students' personal lives is a big mistake.

Still, managing a dorm full of young men is about as calm as sailing a ship through a hurricane. But Schario said at least it was never dull. One of his funniest "discipline" cases involved a young man who was supposed to have signed in at a reasonable hour Saturday night.

Unfortunately for him, it was 6 a.m. Sunday and Schario was already up and about. When Schario asked the student where he had been, he told him he had been playing the organ for 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Elizabeth's, which was 60 miles away.

"I looked and said 'My watch and your watch don't agree,'" Schario said. "He expected to be slaughtered, and I took him off guard. He learned his lesson."



Brother Bob Cardosi

Former cook likes time for prayer

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Living at Colombiere Center has left Brother Bob Cardosi feeling energized.

Colombiere is a retirement community, and Cardosi said he is getting used to not being able to do the things he used to do.

"All of us are undergoing the seventh day of heaven," Cardosi said. Cardosi, 73, has lived at Colombiere since August. He is looking forward to checking out more of the grounds and a small fishing cabin this summer. Since he's been there, he has lost 31 pounds thanks, he said, to the nutritionist and exercise.

Most of the men at Colombiere know each other and that is a big reason why the priests feel at home and not at loose ends after failing health forces them to retire from hectic lives. Many have been in the Jesuit order for decades. Growing up in Covington, Ky., Cardosi even went to the same high school — St. Xavier in Cincinnati — as Father Bob Humbert, who also lives at Colombiere, taught at for a time.

Cardosi has been affiliated with the Jesuits for 54 years. He explained the difference between a brother and a priest.

It takes less time to become a brother. Generally it takes 10-15 years to become a Jesuit priest. Also, brothers cannot say Mass or

hear confessions. In the old days, they took care of more of the manual tasks to keep institutions in order.

Cardosi cooked for 1,000 hungry students and 50 faculty every day for 35 years in Chicago.

"I'm a self-made cook," he said.

A good sense of humor is easy to detect in Cardosi, who calls his motorized wheelchair his "pony." But he admits he didn't have a lot of patience for unruly boys in his chef days.

Later he was a hospital chaplain and also worked in nursing homes, which seemed to suit him much better.

"Alzheimer's patients don't know your name, but they know you," Cardosi said.

He worked as an ombudsman for the state of Ohio, helping to inspect nursing homes. But his legs gave out, Cardosi said, and now he gets around in his wheelchair.

It's not easy getting older for anyone and for a celibate person, having a nurse helping with day-to-day routines can be an uncomfortable experience.

"These are all things you learn to deal with," Cardosi said.

Religious life is a lot like a marriage, he said. There are good days and bad. All in all, Cardosi said he's happy where he's at. A movie buff, he said he likes to have time to watch them now. And he has time for other things, too.

"We're spoiled in a sense. We always have time for prayer. Time that you wouldn't have," he said.

Novices learn much from priests

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It doesn't take much to get a bunch of guys talking about their younger days.

Mark Luedtke said all he had to do was introduce himself to the men at Colombiere. He's a novice.

"Oh, you're a novice," Luedtke relayed as their response.

Then the stories began.

Novice is the term used for men beginning their formation as a priest or brother. Luedtke is from Chicago but is living at the Jesuit novitiate in Berkeley while he's in training. Similar to the older Jesuits, who went through about 15 years of formation, Luedtke is starting on a 12-year journey that hopefully will end in his final vows of poverty, chastity and obedience.

Coming to Colombiere weekly for several months is part of the first formation period. The novice try several "experiments." This phase shows what a ministry in a hospital setting is like. The novices will spend time in a collegiate setting and also a sort of free choice experiment. They have to work in an environment they never have before like an orphanage or AIDS hospice.

Luedtke, 31, has already had one career in retail store management. But he said he wasn't satisfied with his life and after some soul-searching found that he was called to life in the Society of Jesus.

"My biggest concern was I



Mark Luedtke

wasn't the most pious person," he said.

What he has found through talking with the men at Colombiere is that there is room for

every interest and personality type in the Jesuit order.

He and a handful of other novices visited Colombiere from September through February.

"It's primarily just to spend time with the men," he said.

They would get there in time to have breakfast. Sometimes they help with duties such as bathing. Luedtke said that is an example of even an elderly Jesuit learning something new — humility.

But the visits and all the stories he heard were another way the men at Colombiere continue on the mission to teach and form young people.

"It's very encouraging to hear these stories as a young Jesuit," Luedtke said. "It's a good chance for a young novice to know what we're getting into."

Unlike when the Colombiere residents were novices, most Jesuits in training now already have a college degree. But there are so many ways to serve in the Jesuit order, finding the best fit can be a challenge. That's another thing that's changed. In the

past, the priests were stuck where there was a need. Now priests and brothers are put where their talents and interests would be most effective.

Luedtke thinks he might want to teach high school. While the world continues to change, "The ideas are timeless. It's the care and concern for people, for the individual student (that) is very infectious."

He added, "Mission work sounds a little too bizarre for me," he said.

He said even though some of the men are very ill, the mood is definitely not dismal at Colombiere. The men have had such full lives, he said you have to be careful what question you ask. You might get a 40-minute answer. He said he is struck by "the multitude of ways to serve people."

Some of the priests have worked with the poor while others are world-renowned scientists and theologians. He spoke of one priest he has visited with.

"To think this man in this frail body has one of the most brilliant mathematical minds," he said.

The novices' visits always "perk them up," Luedtke said. The Colombiere residents were happy when the novices returned from a 30-day silent retreat.

He said the novices' presence also gives the older men a feeling that they are still contributing to the order.

"I think it gives them a sense of continuance," Luedtke said.

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days, the men spoke only in Latin, which is still the official language of the Roman Catholic Church. Each priest had to say Mass daily and activities were assigned into a regimented schedule.

Now Colombiere offers 24-hour nursing care for those who need it and has a 35-member staff. Its use was converted into a retirement facility in 1984. The men's needs are looked after no matter what their health status. Some of the priests and brothers still go out in the community to help

at local parishes or assist in other ways. Others are more confined to Colombiere because of their health or lack of mobility. They are still expected to pray, however, and do.

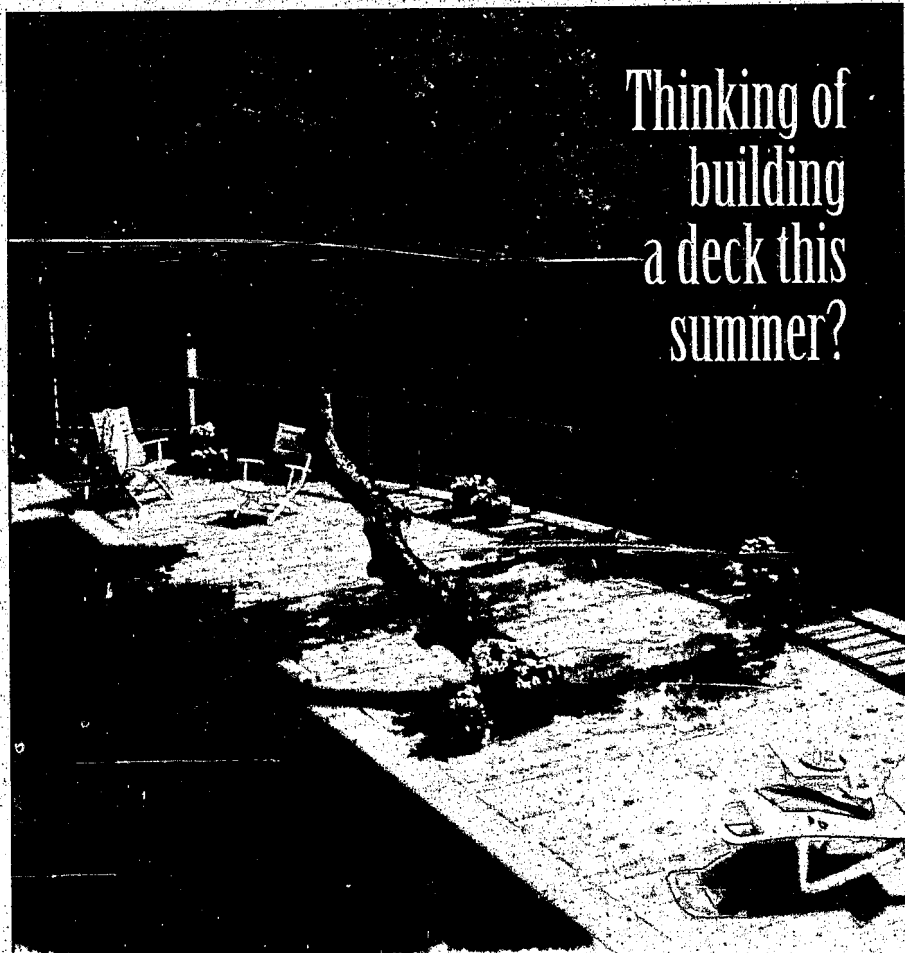
The men at Colombiere have lived the lives of missionaries and teachers, principals and noted theologians. They were presidents of universities and noted scientists. Many have books on their shelves that they themselves have written.

But first they were Jesuits. The Society of Jesus was found-

ed by St. Ignatius of Loyola in 1534. Colombiere Center was named for St. Claude De la Colombiere, a French man who lived in the 17th century. Colombiere received direction from St. Margaret Mary, who was interceding for the Sacred Heart of Jesus telling him to spread the Jesuit mission.

The men at Colombiere say the fact they are Jesuits binds them together in the evening of their lives just as it has throughout their ministry.

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Friends of the Independence Township Library are continuing to collect books for use at the annual Used Book Sale, which is scheduled for April 12-14 at the library.

Children's books, novels, fiction and non-fiction in both hardcover and paperback are wanted. Health books should be copyrighted 1990 or later.

Donations can be made at the library during normal

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business hours. Large loads can be taken to the receiving area on the left of the building.

CCA opens new 'club' for high school teens

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER
STAFF WRITER

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High school teens are going to have a place to call their own.

Clarkston Christian Association at 5529 Sashabaw Road at Maybee Road is opening the 5529 club for the first time Tuesday, April 6, in the northern section of its building.

"It will be open from 6:30-10 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays," said Pastor Rich Nowik, who works at the CCA with pastors Daniel and Laura Niewoit, all from Mount Zion Church.

"Eventually, we hope to add another night," Nowik added.

■ Their parents know the teens will be in a smoke-free, drug-free and alcohol-free environment.

But for now, teens have a place to come at least two nights a week where they don't have to worry about how long they linger over a cup of coffee or a cold drink, where their parents know the teens will be in a smoke-free, drug-free and alcohol-free environment and where the kids can just "hang out" for free with a high school identification card. Without their ID, Nowik said

they'll have to pay a small fee to get in.

"They can come here, play games on our Sony playstations, watch movies, dance, talk with their friends, play foosball, use computers, watch the big screen TV, just hang out with people their own age with no pressure," Nowik explained. The only other costs are if they want to play billiards for an hour or if they want to buy a gourmet coffee, pizza or other snacks.

The idea for a high school "hang out" came directly from suggestions local teens made last year in meetings with adults.

"5529 captured the ideas the teenagers threw out," said Niewoit. "This new club is a con-

firmation that we are going in the right direction. We are very excited about what we're offering the teens. We hope to expand the program to include Saturday nights."

He said teenagers 18 and older already have their own time—Friday nights—at the CCA.

"We are so delighted that CCA is taking a lead in offering a safe and drug-free environment for our high school youth," added Cindy Dixon, administrative coordinator for Clarkston Community Task Force for Youth. "We're glad the CCA made the effort to accommodate all high school students, whether they are freshmen or graduating seniors."



Charter Township of Springfield

REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Springfield has received a request for Special Land Use from Landtech, Inc. 29000 Inkster Rd., Southfield, MI 48034 for the following:

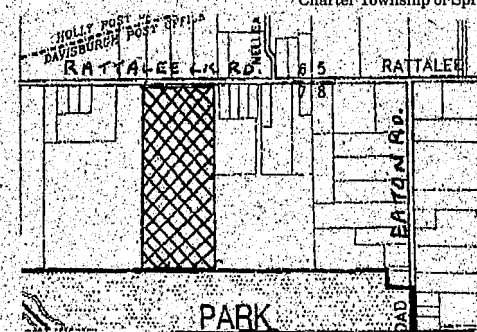
Development of a 20-unit one-family residential development on approximately 60 acres, utilizing the Cluster Housing provisions of the Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance.

The property is located south of Rattalee Lake Rd., west of Eaton Rd. and north of the Springfield Township Shiawassee Basin Preserve Park. P.L. 07-07-200-010.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that oral and written comments on the Special Land Use request will be received at a PUBLIC HEARING to be held at the Regular Meeting of the Springfield Township Board on Thursday, April 13, 2000, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Township Hall, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, Michigan.

A copy of the concept plan and other information related to the request may be reviewed at the Township Clerk's Office, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, MI during regular business hours Monday through Friday. Written comments may be submitted to the Springfield Township Clerk, P.O. Box 1038, Davisburg, MI 48350 up until the time of the Public Hearing. Anyone needing a special accommodation should contact the Township Clerk's Office at least two (2) business days in advance of the Hearing.

NANCY STROLE, Clerk
Charter Township of Springfield



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"This seems to be what makes the most sense construction-wise," Meyland said.

He's sure people will have questions about how much the general obligation bond issue will affect them financially and otherwise.

If voters approve the bond issue, it will pass the cost of bringing in the water main to every property owner in the city.

The estimated annual millage

rate to retire the bonds is 3.87 mills, or \$3.87 per \$1,000 taxable value, over the life of the bond issue.

The city has to levy a one-time-only tax of 1.4 mills, however, which will be collected on the July 1 tax bills. This translates into \$1.40 per \$1,000 of taxable value.

The idea is to have the 12-inch main water pipe installed while the Michigan Department of

Transportation conducts its M-16 resurfacing project from Paramus Street to I-75 through Independence Township and Clarkston. The MDOT project is scheduled for spring 2001.

Attorney Neil Wallace owns the office building at 39 S. Main St. He has nine tenants and has his own law practice there. Wallace is also an Independence Township Board trustee.

"I don't think there is any question that bringing the Independence Township well water system into Clarkston will be a benefit to the community," Wallace said. "There are spots

around the community that have had problems with water quality before. The best way to address this is to eliminate private wells and have a central water system."

He explained the Independence Township water system is regularly monitored in a number of sufficient ways for water quality.

"I think water quality is a big issue," he said.

Carroll Harris, general manager of Clarkston Cafe at 16 S. Main St. in Clarkston, said she thinks linking the city of Clarkston with the Independence Township well system will be beneficial for the restaurant.

"I think it will be a great benefit to us," she said. "The well water we have is very hard on our equipment, such as the ice maker. This tie-in should be a help."

Runners from page A1

Holmes, who is a massage therapist, enjoys meeting people and of course the exercise is great, he said.

"It keeps me trim. If I eat a whole bag of cookies, I just go for a run," he said, laughing.

On a more serious note, he said running competitively and just for fun shows that being blind doesn't mean being a shut-in.

Sightless runners use guides like Hennessy. Some runners use a tether to keep connected, but over the years Holmes has devised a way that works better for him. Hennessy makes a circle with his hand and Holmes hooks his pinkie and ring fingers into it. That works better for both runners because Holmes can sense a change in direction and less talking is necessary. Hennessy said it's easier to guide that way, too.

"If I move and make a left turn, he can feel it," Hennessy said.

Hennessy maneuvers Holmes around rough spots in the road and up and down curbs.

"We have a good time," Holmes said.

But Hennessy is a guide only. Holmes said they have to be careful in a race situation because if the guide gets ahead of the runner, the racer is disqualified.

Holmes said he appreciates people like Hennessy, who can help them pursue a sport they love.

Hennessy has been running for about as long as Holmes. While Holmes runs three or four times a week with a couple of different guides, Hennessy runs more often. Hennessy and Holmes normally run together twice a week and Hennessy runs six days a week. Holmes and his wife, Judy, have only lived in the area for about a year. Holmes and Hennessy have been running together since December. Hennessy found out about guide running from a column in a local newspaper.

"For one thing, it would be a good reason to put outside in the winter in Michigan," he said.

He has run in many marathons and said he is a stronger runner than Holmes, which is necessary. He follows Holmes' lead so when he is ready to speed up, for example, Hennessy has to be ready, too.

Hennessy and Holmes both like running on nature trails. But they have an idea for their next project—tandem bicycling.

"You're going to be in the back, right?" asked Hennessy.

"I'm going to put my feet up on the handlebars when we go up a hill," Holmes said slyly.



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GREG KAZMIERSKI
Ordinance Officer

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Charter Township of Springfield

NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD SECOND READING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Springfield will hold a SECOND READING at its Regular Meeting on Thursday, April 13, 2000, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Township Hall, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, MI to consider the following proposed amendments to Section 16.21 of Article XVI of Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance No. 26.

SECTION ONE - AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE

Section 16.21, Emergency Temporary Dwellings, of Article XVI of Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance No. 26 is amended as follows:

SECTION 16.21 Emergency Temporary Structure

1. When permitted, Emergency temporary structures may be permitted upon finding by the township that the structure intended for the main or principal use has been destroyed in whole or in part by fire, explosion or natural disaster and therefore is unsuitable for use and the standards set forth in Section 16.21.2 have been met.

2. Permit application and review.

a. An application for a permit for the emergency temporary use and installation of a mobile home, modular, or prefabricated dwelling unit or structure shall be made to the Township Clerk. The application shall be accompanied by a plot plan showing the location of each proposed structure and water supply and sewage treatment facilities.

b. The application shall be reviewed by a committee composed of the Building Inspector and two Township Board members. Approval of the application may be granted by a majority vote of the committee upon a finding that all of the following conditions are met:

- (1) The structure intended for the main or principal use has been destroyed in whole or in part by fire, explosion, or natural disaster and therefore is unsuitable for use.
- (2) The temporary structure shall be served by and properly connected to approved water supply and sewage treatment facilities.
- (3) The temporary structure shall comply with all applicable Zoning District requirements including setback, area, bulk, and other requirements, except minimum size requirements.

c. The granting of a permit for an emergency temporary structure shall be for a period of one year from the date of approval by the committee, or as otherwise specified by the committee. Any conditions of approval shall be specified in writing on the permit. The temporary structure shall be placed in accordance with all applicable building codes and standards.

d. No permit shall be issued until a cash bond has been posted in an amount to be determined by the committee to guarantee compliance with the provisions of the Ordinance and removal of the emergency temporary dwelling or structure upon expiration of the permit.

SECTION TWO - EFFECTIVE DATE

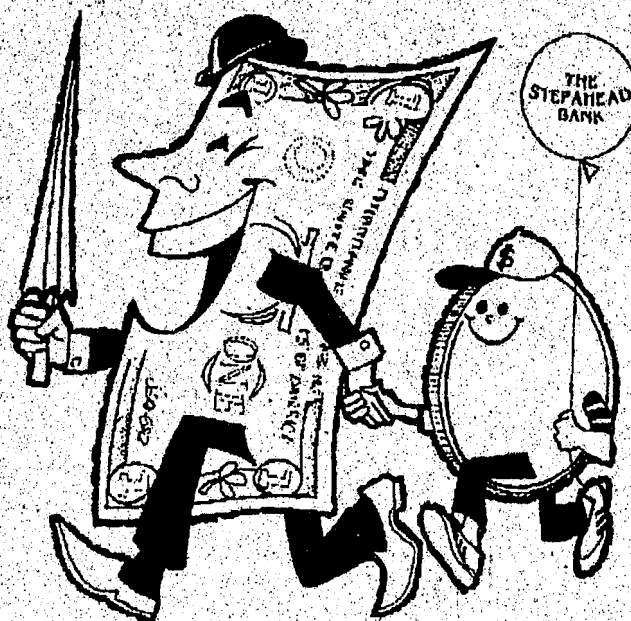
This Ordinance amendment shall take effect seven (7) days after publication of Notice of Adoption. This Ordinance amendment shall be published in the manner provided by law.

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

NANCY STROLE, Clerk
Charter Township of Springfield

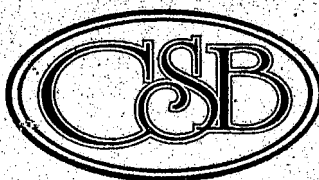
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DANCERS RESCHEDULED AT OCC

■ "Entrances and Exits," a concert by the Eisenhower Dance Ensemble, has been rescheduled for Friday, April 7, at the Smith Theatre on Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus. The event, originally planned for Feb. 18, was canceled because of inclement weather.

Admission is \$16, and the performance begins at 8 p.m. For tickets, call the Smith Theatre at (248) 522-3667.

The Orchard Ridge Campus is at 27055 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills. Free parking is available in campus lots.

MAKING THE WORLD BETTER

■ Oakland Community College's Royal Oak Campus hosts Positive Futures Fest 2000 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Monday, April 10. Admission is free and the public is invited.

The event is designed to acquaint students and members of the general community with volunteer and career opportunities in nonprofits and other groups working to make the world a better place. Displays and handouts will be featured, and each participating organization will have the opportunity to make a short presentation in the campus's Lila Jones Johnson Auditorium.

For further information, call (248) 544-5573.

The Royal Oak Campus of Oakland Community College is at 739 South Washington. Free parking is available in college parking structures.

FINANCIAL PLANNING

■ Oakland University's School of Business Administration will offer a 13-week Personal Financial Planning Program beginning the week of April 24. Classes meet at Seaholm High School in Birmingham.

The program is a Certified Financial Planner Board (CFP) registered program and consists of eight courses in all aspects of financial planning. After completing the program, students earn a Certificate of Personal Financial Planning and are eligible to sit for the CFP exam.

A Career Information night will be held 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, at Seaholm High School.

For more information about the programs or registration call the School of Business Administration at (248) 370-3123, or e-mail sba-ce@oakland.edu.

MAKING THE WORLD BETTER

■ Oakland Community College's Highland Lakes Campus will present its fourth-annual Student Art Exhibition, April 15-May 5. The juried show will be in the Campus Learning Resource Center in Woodland Hall. Admission is free.

Composed of works by students enrolled in Highland Lakes Campus art classes between the winter 1999 and winter 2000 semesters, the exhibit includes paintings, drawings, sculpture, ceramics, design, and arts/crafts entries. Some of the art work will be available for purchase at the end of the show.

Exhibit hours are 8-10 a.m. Mondays through Thursdays; 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Fridays; and 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturdays. An opening night reception is scheduled 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, in the LRC to which the public is also invited.

For further information, call Highland Lakes Campus Communications/Humanities Department, (248) 942-3355.

The Highland Lakes Campus is at 7350 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford. Free parking is available in campus lots near Woodland Hall.

House votes for steep curbs on X-rated shops

BY MIKE MALOTT
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Owners of pornography shops in Michigan, "adult entertainment establishments," found out they have few friends in the state legislature last week.

Lawmakers passed a series of bills, the main pieces of a 13-bill package, aimed at bringing such shops under control by licensing them. Those licenses could be revoked if inspectors find the business to be a "hazardous site," one with sexual activity happening on the premises, or a public nuisance.

It would also give residents who live around such businesses the power to sue on the basis the businesses have become a nuisance, and recover attorney fees should they win.

The main bill, House Bill 5124, was approved by representatives in a 92-13 vote last week. Opponents mainly objected that the system would require some businesses to have duplicate licenses, because some already hold Class C liquor licenses.

But sponsor Rep. Mike Bishop (R-Rochester) noted that not all adult entertainment businesses have liquor licenses, so his bill would address the remainder.

Other pieces of the package passed 104-1. The sole dissenter, Rep. Clark Bisbee (R-Jackson) felt license fees were too high, perhaps as much as \$13,000 for a single business. But Bisbee supported most the rest of the package.

He also pointed out that the law as written would allow only residents to recover attorneys fees against the businesses. That would be unfair, he said, unless businesses were also allowed to recover attorney fees if they prevail. Bishop said he agreed with that last point and will work to amend the bills in the Senate when they are taken up

■ 'To an individual, the fees that businesses pay sometimes sounds high. But when you look at it relative to the industry, to the multi-billion dollar industry it is, to the money these types of businesses make, it's not that much.'

Rep. Mike Bishop
(R-Rochester)

there.

But Bishop felt the license fee amounts were correct. Licensing will be conducted through the Department of Consumer and Industry Services, and when it is done reviewing applications, issuing licenses and inspecting all the adult bookstores, adult motion picture theaters, adult cabarets, massage establishments, exotic dance studios, encounter studios, sensitivity studios, model studios and escort services in the state, it is expected to have expenditures of \$4 million to \$4.4 million.

The bill simply divides that amount among the businesses to be licensed. As estimated, the price could come to \$13,000 for a license, Bisbee pointed out.

"To an individual, the fees that businesses pay sometimes sounds high," Bishop countered. "But when you look at it relative to the industry, to the multi-billion dollar industry it is, to the money these types of businesses make, it's not that much."

And Bishop argued that taxpayers should not end up paying for the licensing of these businesses.

Community controls

Bishop argued the package is intended to help communities control adult entertainment stores. Communities have found it ineffective to attempt to ban

them or to zone them into certain areas. Yet, crimes rates, rape, prostitution and high risk sexual activities often increases in a neighborhood after such businesses open their doors, according to Rep. Laura Toy (R-Livonia).

She sponsored the portion of the package that calls for Department of Health inspections of the facilities. Adult entertainment stores can then be ordered to fix health code violations found on their premises within a period of time, or their licenses may be revoked.

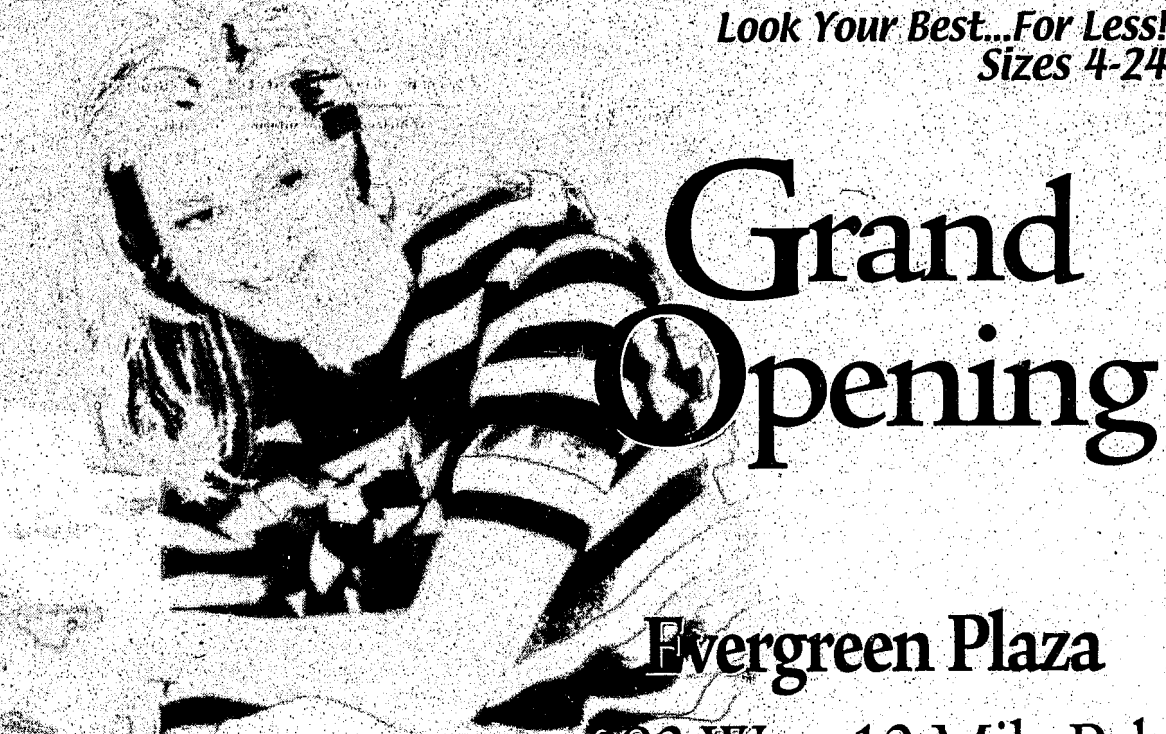
Bishop explained that licensing would not apply to all businesses with adult materials for sale, such as convenience stores that may have a rack of adult magazines. To require a license, a business would have to allocate more than 20 percent of its floor space to adult entertainment.

The main portion of the package, which includes HBs 4327, 5124-34 and 5469, now moves to the Senate.

Most of the bills passed in 105-0 votes, but on the main bill, 5124, Oakland Reps. Mike Bishop (R-Rochester), Patricia Godchaux (R-Birmingham), Bob Gosselin (R-Troy), Ruth Johnson (R-Holly), Mike Kowall (R-White Lake), John Pappageorge (R-Troy), Nancy Quarles (D-Southfield), Andrew Raczowski (R-Farmington Hills) and Marc Shulman (R-West Bloomfield) voted yes.

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CHS to host Pontiac Oakland Symphony

The Pontiac Oakland Symphony is presenting its final concert of the season at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 15, in the Clarkston High School Performing Arts Center, 6595 Middle Lake Road.

Tickets are available at the Clarkston State Bank in downtown Clarkston through April 14 and at the CHS auditorium one hour before the performance. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for senior citizens and students.

David Kidger invites everyone to a free pre-concert discussion he'll give at 6:30 p.m. Kidger is assistant professor of musicology at Oakland University.

The concert will feature music of the past and present as well as a special event offering concertgoers a glimpse of music from our future generation

of composers.

Several of the Pontiac Oakland Symphony musicians went into elementary schools in Lake Orion and Waterford and worked with students in composing original scores of music. The concert at CHS will include works created through the Kids Composing programs.

Other highlights will include the world premier of the Concerto for Violin and Orchestra composed by Karl Boelter, associate professor of music theory and composition at Oakland University. The featured soloist for this concerto is Liz Rowin. She is the concertmaster of the Warren Symphony, a member of the Michigan Opera Theatre Orchestra and on the music faculty of Oakland University.



Best laid plans: (From left) Susan Aulgur, Alan Aulgur and Richard Raisin display the plans for Hummingbird Ridge.

STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CARNEGIE

Clarkston developers plan subs that don't disrupt natural habitat

BY SALLY SLAUGHTER
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Renditions of hummingbirds are displayed all around the offices of Independence Township-based Aulgur-Raisin Builders.

The dainty, energetic birds are represented in wall hangings, plant spikes and even on a pin on Susan Aulgur's lapel. She says she is fascinated by the birds, which she calls a wonder of creation. That's why she and her two partners named their newest development Hummingbird Ridge.

Aulgur and her partners, Richard Raisin and her husband Alan Aulgur, like nature and have long wanted to build a subdivision that allowed people to live within a truly natural setting.

The three knew they found their site as soon as they saw the 55 acres off Eaton Road in Springfield Township that the 19-home Hummingbird Ridge will occupy.

"This is a nature lover's paradise," Susan Aulgur said.

Hummingbird Ridge is distinctive, she said, because it is one of the first developments in the metro area to encourage its residents to plant native vegetation. They also will take great care not to disturb what is there. The development rests on the northern edge of the Shiawassee Basin Preserve, a pristine natural habitat area.

"It's not so difficult to preserve if you do it right," Aulgur said. "Development does not have to

equal destruction."

Although the homes will be pricey — beginning at \$350,000 — planting native grasses and saving as much of the natural features as possible don't add significantly to the cost, Aulgur said.

She said the idea of such a project probably goes back to the 1960s when everyone wanted to protect "Mother Earth." But time and circumstances change things and it wasn't until now that everything fell into place for the partners.

"I think there's a huge movement to go back to native plants," Aulgur said.

Springfield Township received a grant to educate homeowners and developers about the advantages of native species. The township also plans to look at ways to modify its ordinances to encourage more environmentally friendly development.

Native species of plants are beneficial because they require less irrigation and fertilization. They also serve as natural habitat for animals.

Aulgur-Raisin has been in business about 10 years. In earlier years, Raisin and his father, James Raisin, developed the Thendara Park subdivision in Independence Township. Over the past few years, homes here and there are still being built in the subdivision and Aulgur-Raisin has built them.

Thendara Park has rough terrain, as does the Hummingbird site, Raisin added that he likes the challenge of difficult surroundings. He said like Aulgur, he hates cutting down any more

trees than he has to. He said he remembers supervising construction in Thendara and cringing then they had to take down a tree to dig a basement.

He envisions the little Hummingbird Ridge neighborhood as a place where people who love nature and the outdoors will truly feel at home. He described potential homeowners as "doctors and lawyer on Harleys."

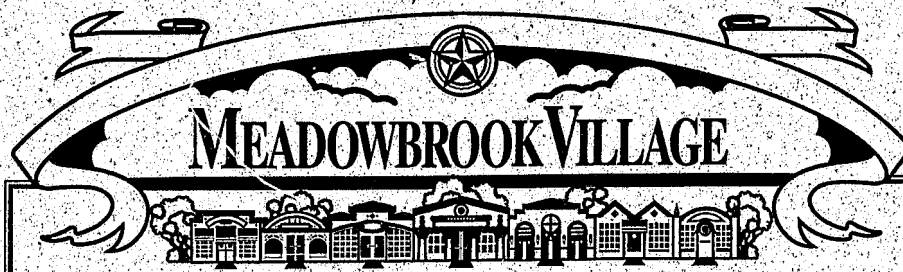
Included in the bylaws and master deed is a list of what types of plants are native to the 12 habitats within the development and also what types of plants to stay away from. Approximately 63 percent or 30 acres of the development will be open space. More than 35 trees will be transplanted back onto the site.

Aulgur hopes Hummingbird Ridge will be copied by other developers. "This should be the norm," she said.

Aulgur said the project consists of site condominiums, and the subdivision will have rules.

But the rules are a little different than what she calls "Stepford subdivisions." For example, homeowners may not put sod in. It has to be a native grass. She said the grass looks much like a traditional lawn but it requires less watering and less mowing. What will be allowed are things that sometimes are not in other areas like backyard fences. People will be able to store their boat or motor home at their house, too.

"I think people want to live in what they buy," she said. "They don't want to just exist."



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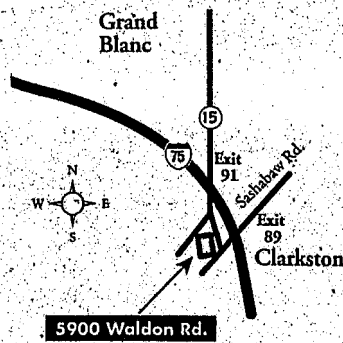
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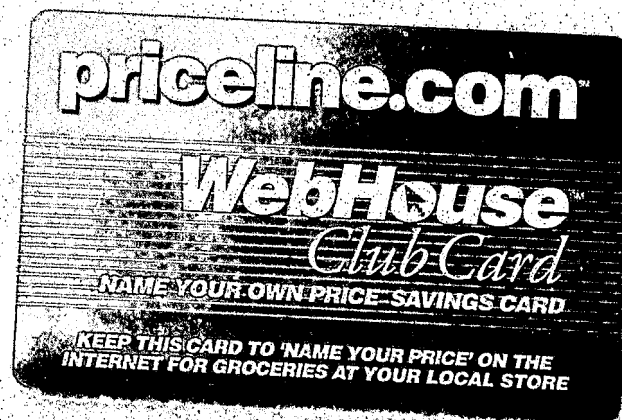
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Come to your census Easy way for residents to get involved

If you are one of those Clarkston-area residents who still haven't returned your forms to the U.S. Census Bureau, please do so today.

If you haven't received a census form or have misplaced yours, please call the U.S. Census Bureau at 1-800-471-9424 immediately.

There have been plenty of published grumblings about the census questionnaire, especially the long form. Some argue that it's too intrusive, asking people questions like how much money they make and where that income comes from. We don't understand what the big deal is. The federal government already has all that information about each one of us. We are required by law to include it when we file our federal income tax returns every April 15.

When it comes to filling out the census form, we could give all kinds of one-line clichés like Just Do It, but the bottom line is, it's all about money — and representation.

You have much to gain by completing your census form.

Independence Township Dale Stuart said that the amount of federal and state tax dollars returned to Independence Township depends on its population. If residents expect the same level of service they have enjoyed all along, they will need to send in their census forms or be prepared to pay higher property taxes.

"If we're undercounted, we will lose," Stuart said.

Independence Township Clerk Joan McCrary said the township received \$1.3 mil-

lion in state revenue sharing last year, which amounts to 28 percent of the township's budget. State revenue is based strictly on census figures.

In Springfield Township, 50 percent of the general fund revenue comes from state revenue sharing.

By turning in their census forms early, residents also save tax dollars.

Government money (taxpayers') to the tune of \$13.75 per hour will be paid to workers to track down as many of those who have not filled out the forms as possible.

Also, the number of representatives in Congress is based on how many people live in a certain area.

Of all the things we are asked to do, this has to be about the easiest way to help out the community. Nobody has to leave home; there are no long voting lines to wait in, and it costs nothing. The only way it could cost you money is in the form of fewer tax dollars returned to your hometown if you don't fill out the form.

If you are like many people, the longer you wait, the more likely the form is going to be put into one of those "to-do" piles. The next time it will be seen is when the 2000 tax season comes around a year from now. We encourage all residents of Independence, Springfield and the city of the Village of Clarkston to take five minutes today and fill out the form. Of course, don't forget to put the thing in the mailbox.

The bottom line is — this isn't that big of a deal. Take the few minutes it takes to fill out the form before it gets lost.

A better idea than abandonment

Most of us recognize the problem: Newborn babies abandoned to the dumpsters, the church steps, the parking lots and other venues where foundlings are left to be found.

More than 50 children are abandoned across the nation every day, according to press reports. Some don't survive the abandonment. Remember the newborn who died of exposure after being left in the parking lot of a Warren church?

Now, two Michigan senators are trying to legislate a solution: Legal drop-off centers for unwanted newborns.

Sens. Shirley Johnson (R-Royal Oak) Joanne Emmons (R-Big Rapids) have introduced bills that would give new mothers immunity from prosecution if they leave children in the hands of emergency personnel at hospitals and police and fire departments. If the infants are in good health and show no signs of abuse, the young mom walks. No shame. No blame. No jail time. No criminal record.

Agencies could then place the foundlings for adoption and terminate parental rights on the grounds of abandonment.

The idea of baby drop-off centers is appealing to some, appalling to others. Our opinion falls somewhere in between. We recognize the problem, and we think the lawmakers have come up with a well-intentioned plan to save the lives of infants.

However, we just cannot support a proposal that will make it so easy for mothers to abandon that bundle of life the same way they'd dump a bundle of out-of-fashion or used-up clothing.

We think society should support parents in their efforts to raise kids, not make it easier to

abandon them. So it does not sit well with us that these bills simply give immunity from prosecution to parents as long as they abandon the babies in the proper places.

We suggest instead that the state set up children's shelters. These need not be expensive or elaborate. There are already many places where wards of the state are set up, like Children's Village in Oakland County.

A parent in desperate straits could lodge a child in one of these shelters. Emergency personnel could, as Johnson and Emmons propose, serve as contact points and funnel kids to those shelters. And if the parents never show up again, the kids would go up for irreversible adoption after a specified period of time.

Here's where our plan differs from the senators'. During this period, the parents would be able to stay in contact with the kid by coming in for visits. This might give the parent time to put his/her life back together or to come to terms with the shame over the unwanted pregnancy. Who knows? Parents might even form a bond during these visitations.

Most importantly, it gets the decision-making away from that one-time, life-in-a-state-of-crisis situation these parents must be in to consider abandoning their children. They'd get to see, in the cold light of the morning after, whether this is a decision they can really live with.

The difference is, this is intended to be a temporary lodging for the child, aimed at reuniting the family when the emergency has passed. Yet, the child is safe and cared-for in the meantime, and already in the system for foster care or adoption if the parent fails to return.

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

Are you going to curtail your traveling because of gas prices?

LOCATION:

This question was asked at Pete's Coney Island II and the Kmart on Dixie Highway.



"Yeah, because it costs too much to travel anymore."
Kerri Spangler
Clarkston



"Yeah, because of the prices. It's too much."
Adam Breeding
Clarkston



"Probably."
Lucy Stone
Waterford



"No, not at all."
Larry Ettinger
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LETTERS

Long bus rides better than later school starting time

Open letter to Clarkston Community Schools Supt. Al Roberts:

Please allow this letter to convey our disapproval concerning the proposed time changes to the students' school day. It is our understanding that the proposed schedule changes initially began as a study to resolve the lengthy bus rides that some students endure.

However, this study of the logistics of student transportation has evolved into an effort to commence teaching students at the alleged optimum times cited by various studies. As parents of a sixth-grade middle school student, we believe that alternative solutions, including the purchase or leasing of additional buses, should be pursued, as the shortfalls of the proposed time changes outweigh any benefits derived.

In your evaluation of the matter, we ask that you consider the following:

■ A school day ending at 4:15 p.m. will result in many middle school students not arriving home until approximately 5 p.m. Dinner in most households is between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. During the winter months, it is often times dark by 5 p.m. There will be no opportunity for middle school students to socialize with friends or participate in after-school activities.

■ Middle school students will no longer be able to compete in intramural sports due to the late-ending school day.

■ Many middle school students baby-sit their younger siblings after school. The proposed schedule change will result in elementary students being home unsupervised for more than an hour each day.

■ Many parents are off to work before the proposed 9:15 a.m. middle school starting time. Many middle school students are still irresponsible at this age and cannot be depended upon to get to school on their own accord.

■ There will be approximately a two-hour difference in starting times between high school and middle school. Middle school students entering high school will have a very difficult time adapting to this great a difference in starting times.

■ Ideally, middle school students should ride separate buses from high school students. However, our son has not experienced any difficulties in riding his bus with high school students. We believe that bus drivers, if necessary, should be given full authority to discipline riders and remove unruly students from buses.

■ A shortage of drivers has been listed as one of the problems. There is a very tight job market for employees of all professions at this time. Is the Clarkston School District offering adequate pay to attract drivers? Has a wage survey been performed to compare our drivers' wage scale with neighboring school districts? Understandably, some budget items may have to be sacrificed to hire more drivers and pur-

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chase more buses. The district may have to reinstate "pay for play" for after-school sports.

In conclusion, although the lengthy bus rides are less than desirable, we would much rather continue the present schedule with its shortcomings than go to the proposed schedule.

Glenn and Julianne Appel
Clarkston

NRA apologists miss point

Every time we have another gun massacre, the NRA apologists come forth with a prepared defense for their, as one recent writer wrote, "God-given gun rights." As though Moses was the author of the Second Amendment. Maybe they think Charlton Heston was the real Moses. They miss the point completely when they say if guns are regulated, only criminals will have guns. It's not the crack dealer with an assault weapon or criminal intent on holding up a store. That will continue to happen with or without gun control. My concern is an immature teen on drugs or a hot-headed driver with road rage who loses control — as we have seen happen too many times. I would even be concerned about a drunken state legislator with a gun.

The Republican Party worries more about the unborn than the living, or are they just pawns of the NRA? I admire President Clinton for having the courage to stand up for the best interests of the victimized public. Human lives are more precious than the self-serving interests of the NRA. The Constitution speaks of a "well-regulated militia." Why don't we regulate it?

Dale Bond
Clarkston

Thanks for the help

I would like to thank Steve Sawyer of Bedraggle Excavating and Randy Elise of Elise Trucking. They had no problem taking time out of their busy day to devise a way to load two fire trucks that were sold to out-of-state fire departments. Their time and effort was greatly appreciated. Thanks guys!

Chief Gar Wilson
Independence Fire Department

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POINTS OF VIEW

Promises are meant to be kept Anti-sprawl efforts questioned

I promise. These two words must be said a million times a day. I say them, you say them, and everyone who speaks English has probably said them. It's what's backing them up that counts.

When I was deciding what to write about for this column, the words "I promise you" were lingering in the back of my head. One of my good friends recently promised me something. They broke that promise, and I'm having a hard time accepting that. I hold those words true when I say them. When I promise someone something I always try my hardest to keep that promise. No, I'm not a saint, but I do try to keep my word.

A long time ago no one used contracts; no one went through lawyers to make sure a deal was legally binding. If you gave someone your word, it was just as good as a signed document. Somehow along the road, our "word" has lost its value. My little sister and I tell each other stuff in confidence.

She always asks me to promise not to tell. Now, the word promise isn't enough. Some people say, "Swear to God?" They seem to think that since the word God is in the sentence that it has more meaning; maybe they think that it has more strength. I don't know. It just seems kind of ridiculous to me that we can't keep a promise anymore; we have to "swear to God."

When you tell someone you are going to do something, you are supposed to do it. It's pretty self-explanatory. It's a real letdown when someone you trust tells you that they'll do something, but never comes through.

Melodie Arremoney, a Clarkston High School junior, said, "Not only is a broken promise a letdown when it happens, but it also lets down the friendship. You don't know when to put your faith and trust in them again."

I had this conversation with a few of my friends. They agreed with me.

People, in general, don't care as much anymore. We overlook the small things. A small promise may mean nothing to you, but it could mean the world to someone else. If we promise things a lot, but never come through in the end, people will know not to trust us. We don't want to be liars. I guess I'm a hypocrite. I have broken my promises in the past, and I hate that I've done that to some of my friends. Since my friend decided that it wasn't important enough to fulfill what they had promised me, I haven't



JAIME GREEN

been able to look them in the eye. It breaks my heart to know that my friend doesn't care enough to remember what they had said to me.

As we grow older, we need to realize that what we say has an impact on how we reflect ourselves to others. When you're 5 and promise your parents you'll be good for the babysitter, and you're a real stinker, it doesn't really matter. When you look back on that as an adult, or a semi-adult, it doesn't seem to have quite the impact that another situation might have. If you're 16 and you forget to go pick up your younger sister from the movies, it has an impact on you. You'll be a lot more careful in years to come.

You'll never forget that mistake. Your parents will still be talking about it 10 years from now.

Forgotten promises are the ones that hurt the most. It hurts when someone just forgets about you. I promised my friends that I would get them tickets to go see their favorite band in concert. I got the tickets, but even if I hadn't, just knowing that I tried would have been enough for them. Knowing that I hadn't forgotten, that I had tried really hard to do it, but it just didn't work out — that would have been enough for them. That's the cool part about a promise. If you try really hard to fulfill your promise, knowing that helps to take away the pain.

The best way to sum up a promise comes in one sentence: Promises are made to be kept, not to be broken.

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



MIKE MALOTT

It was truly a shame, I thought, when the Michigan chapter of the National Federation of Independent Businesses released survey results this month showing that the state's "Main Street business owners and family farmers reject the notion that state spending should be skewed to influence land use."

The survey, unveiled by NFIB Michigan Director Charles Owens, showed that two thirds of small business owners in Michigan object to the idea of directing state spending on roads, schools, utilities and other services away from outlying areas "in an attempt to restrict suburban growth." Only one in four supported the concept.

It's a shame because it is exactly those folks — Main Street business owners and family farmers — who lawmakers are trying to help most with their anti-sprawl initiatives.

Downtowns and small towns are among those most hurt right now by sprawl. When a new mall or strip center opens out on the interstate, it's usually the older established business centers that suffer the most. Keeping Main Streets healthy across the state is exactly what lawmakers are hoping to do.

Family farmers get hurt now by sprawl too. The big corporate farms will always be able to survive, but the family farmers are the ones who can barely make a profit when their land is taxed according to what it could be sold for if it were to be developed as, say, condominiums. Assessing land based on its value when used as farm land — rather than on its potential according to what it could be developed as — will allow family farmers, not the taxman, to determine how long they'll stay in agriculture and when to put the acreage on the market.

But here is the part that really stings. "Recently, there has been a growing temptation among state lawmakers to slip language dealing with these issues into budget bills," Owens said in unveiling the survey results. It's a "back-door effort to rob Rural Peter to pay Urban Paul," all in the name of addressing our alleged "urban sprawl" problem. On issues this important, Michigan deserves better than "stealth legislation" tactics.

Ouch! State lawmakers aren't trying to hide their activities. They've been quite open about the ways in which they are trying to address sprawl. But those who are familiar with the initiatives should also be able to understand where

Owens and the NFIB are coming from.

There are dozens of initiatives aimed at dealing with sprawl spread out all over the place — legislation, a constitutional amendment, budget bills, administrative programs, committee research — and none of them carry a title with the word "sprawl" in it.

For example:

■ Gov. John Engler has proposed a constitutional amendment for the ballot this fall to set tax assessments on farms at their agricultural use rather than on their "highest and best use." Although it is intended to address sprawl by taking property tax pressure off farmers, sprawl is nowhere mentioned in the proposal.

■ Nor was it when the governor's brownfield redevelopment tax credits went through.

■ It won't like be in the verbiage when the issue of purchasing development rights and moving them to brownfields is taken up later this year.

■ Yes, budget bills have been used. Rep. Patricia Godchaux (R-Birmingham) for instance included a program in her budget for the Michigan Economic Development Commission in which it would attempt to redirect development toward urban areas.

■ And DeRossett is the chair of a nine-member committee studying sprawl and ways to address it. But its title refers to land use, not to sprawl.

The reason is that the policies in place now that encourage and exacerbate sprawl, that actually spur growth further out in greenfield areas in an artificial manner, are also spread out all over the place.

Of course, when they were instituted in the first place, we didn't have a debate that concluded we should encourage sprawl. But now that we want to curtail it, folks like Owens, I think legitimately, feel we should have a debate to determine whether reversing the process is what we want to do and the best ways to do it are.

This is where DeRossett's committee could really do the state a favor. By taking its show on the road throughout the state and giving voice to all who have pro or con sentiments about the issue of sprawl, the committee could provide the forum the state needs on the overall issue of sprawl.

If that doesn't happen, some in Michigan will continue to feel that lawmakers snuck it by them. And that would indeed be a shame.

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LETTERS

Public opinion should influence decision on school start time

The first word in the term "public education" would seem to imply that the "public" owns a major interest in the educational processes of our children. That is why I'm somewhat confused by an article that ran in last week's Clarkston Eccentric headlined "School start decision will involve the public, but be made by the board." As you are aware, many of the "public" are opposed to changing the middle school times in the Clarkston Community Schools. There are very many good reasons for this opposition. Following are a few:

With the proposed new starting time of 9:15 a.m., there comes a very disagreeable ending time of 4:15 p.m. At this rate, there would be even less time than there currently is for after-school activities and obligations, and little to no time for well-deserved leisure activities afterwards. We have been made aware of studies regarding times of day when children learn best. Are there also studies concerning how children might be negatively impacted when leisure time is denied them?

Further, we are told of studies showing that "juvenile" violence peaks in the after-school hours on school days, but how many of our children actually exhibit this type of behavior? And should we revamp our entire system based on this premise? Overall, our children are decent, good and perfectly wonderful young people. Would this drastic of a change in routine stress them out? This issue began as a transportation problem. Perhaps the public needs a more clear idea of the busing problem at hand before tackling the many questions being raised about educational benefits.

I was fortunate enough to have been one of the 400 called upon during last week's random phone survey regarding these issues in our school system. I believe it was a fair survey in that it encouraged comments and did not simply ask the participant to fill in multiple-choice answers. It didn't give much insight into the transportation dilemma, but it did fully invite the respondent to convey honest feelings. Even though last week's article tells us that, "important decisions should not, and will not, be decided by popular vote," I choose to think that responding to this survey IS a vote. I am extremely pleased to have been able to contribute to what I hope will be a whole decision in joint cooperation with the administration, the school board, AND the public.

Clarkston Community Schools is giving us ample opportunity to voice our opinions by: providing us with an on-line public survey in which anyone with Internet access can participate; inviting our e-mails or letters; conducting last

week's random phone survey; and finally, inviting us to attend the public hearing on April 10. Hopefully, there will be a large turnout of adults and children alike. Whether for or against the proposal that will be presented, we should make our opinions heard. It is our chance to make a difference.

Andrea R. Sorrentino
Clarkston

Liquor sales need to be regulated

As a local business and part of your readership, I was disappointed with your short-sighted editorial that seemed to favor unrestricted Internet sales of alcohol.

There is a very good reason that the Michigan Liquor Control Commission licenses and regulates businesses engaged in the commerce of alcoholic beverages. Alcohol is a product that society has consistently demanded be regulated. The registration of brands to be sold in Michigan; the licensing of suppliers, wholesalers and retailers; the reporting of shipments to the MLCC; establishing the legal drinking age at 21; etc., etc. are all designed to ensure product quality and public safety. If a licensee violates any of the provisions of the law or regulation, the state has the ability to take enforcement action up to and including revoking the license.

As one such licensee, I am subject to this myriad of regulations that society has demanded. Liquor stores located in other states that indiscriminately sell over the Internet and ship anywhere are not subject to these needed regulations. That's unfair and unwise.

David W. Baetens
Vice President
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GOP will prevail

While I appreciate the concern that Philip Power has concerning whether Gov. Engler can handle the "split" within the Michigan Republican Party (March 2 edition), rest assured — the Republican Party will do just fine in Michigan.

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College campus riot bill awaits Engler signature

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A year after riots erupted at Michigan State University, after a Spartan appearance in the NCAA basketball tournament, a bill to crack down on those who participate in such disturbances sits on the governor's desk awaiting his signature.

Since Senate Bill 525 was presented to Gov. John Engler March 21, he'll have until April 4 to sign or reject it. Bill Sullivan, aide to sponsor Sen. Loren Bennett (R-Canton) said Engler is expected to approve. The new law would go into effect June 1.

So if there are further outbreaks this weekend when the Spartans again appear in the Final Four, the law won't yet be ready.

The bill would add a penalty for those arrested on riot-related charges on or near college campuses in Michigan. Students con-

victed of a misdemeanor related to a riot within 2,500 feet of a college campus could be barred from college property for up to a year at the discretion of the judge.

For those convicted of a riot-related felony, a judge could order them to stay away from college property for up to two years.

Students could be ordered to pay restitution for riot damages, as could those who are not students but get caught participating in a campus riot, if the judge decides to apply those penalties.

Once banned from college property by a judge, the ban would apply to all state college campuses across Michigan, but not private schools. According to aides, some of the rioters caught in the disturbances at MSU last year were students from other colleges.

The riot at MSU a year ago spurred the introduction of the

bill, but it was just the last in a string of incidents on campuses, according to Bennett. Previously, there had been similar disturbances at the University of Michigan, Western Michigan University and Central Michigan University.

Bennett introduced the bill last April, and it was quickly passed in a 30-6 vote in the Senate last May. The House of Representatives just took the bill up in March, voting approval 71-36 after tacking on several minor amendments.

Different opinions

It also faced some opposition. "College boards have the authority to enact policies that punish individuals who act inappropriately and even expel them if they see fit. This legislation usurps the local authority of such boards. . . . Amendments were offered to strictly punish violent rioters, but were defeat-

ed. Had they been passed I would have supported the bill. Since they did not, I could not support such poor public policy," Rep. David Woodward (D-Madison Heights) said.

Rep. Ruth Ann Jamnick (D-Ypsilanti) contended there are already laws on the books to punish offenders.

"My opposition to this bill is based on it containing 'unlawful assembly' as a reason to be banned. Unlawful assembly is often a non-violent situation. This bill runs the risk of a constitutional challenge due to interfering with a person's First Amendment rights," she said.

"It is a repressive reaction to an unfortunate event that occurred at Michigan State University," Rep. Gilda Jacobs (D-Huntington Woods) said. "Students who already have been punished by the courts could be banned from public universities."

They will be doubly punished by this legislation. . . I feel that the elected trustees and regents of the universities, not the courts or the legislature, should decide who should be qualified for admission to their universities."

Here's how area House members voted:

Reps. Mike Bishop (R-Rochester), Bob Gosselin (R-Troy), Ruth Johnson (R-Holly), Mike Kowall (R-White Lake), John Pappageorge (R-Troy), Andrew Raczkowski (R-Farmington Hills), Marc Shulman (R-West Bloomfield) voted yes.

Reps. Patricia Godchaux (R-Birmingham), Gilda Jacobs (D-Huntington Woods), Nancy Quarles (D-Southfield), David Woodward (D-Madison Heights) voted no.

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When calculating the amount of sales tax due, Michigan requires retailers to add the federal gas tax of 18.4 cents per gallon. The 6 percent state sales tax is then applied on the total.

State Sen. Gary Peters (D-Bloomfield Township) introduced legislation this week that he says will

end "the double taxation" on gasoline.

The bill would require that the state only charge sales taxes on the actual cost of the gasoline. Dropping federal taxes from the calculation will save taxpayers in Michigan an estimated \$55 million per year, Peters said.

Calculated out on a per gallon basis, the change would make a 1.104 cent difference in price.

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Remembering: Sisters Karen Hoff Lafnear (left) and Catherine Hoff Mount transformed their parents' letters to each other during World War II into the book, *Six Years to Sunrise*. At right are Karen Hoff Lafnear (left) and Catherine Hoff Mount at the harbor in Bergen, Norway, during World War II.

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER
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Catherine Hoff Mount and Karen Hoff Lafnear are sisters. They grew up in a warm, loving family. They knew their parents, Carl and Olga Hoff, loved them and each other.

But it wasn't until after their parents died that they learned how great that love really was.

They discovered how deep love can run in two shoe boxes hidden in their mother's closet.

Carl Hoff died in 1994 at age 91. Olga died two years later, also at age 91. Mount and Lafnear, both of Independence Township, had the difficult task of going through their parents' life-long treasures.

They knew their mother had saved her beautiful lace wedding dress. They had the top hat their father wore to be married. They had other memorabilia their parents saved from their life in their native country, Norway, and from their years in Auburn Hills

and Pontiac.

The treasures hidden in the shoe boxes gave them a taste of world history and their past that they've chosen to share with others in a book, *Six Years to Sunrise*.

Mount and Lafnear found 250 letters documenting the six years from 1939 to 1945 when Olga and her daughters were forced to live apart from Carl due to the outbreak of World War II.

These letters, telegrams, cards and pictures tell of a love and yearning of a husband and wife for each other that neither war nor years apart can diminish.

The story began in Norway when Carl and Olga became next-door neighbors as young children. Hoff immigrated to America in 1923 at age 20. He returned to Norway to marry Olga in 1929. They settled in Auburn Hills, where Catherine and Karen were born.

In 1939, the Hoffs were struggling financially due to the Great Depression. They decided to move back to their homeland. Olga moved first with Catherine, then 7, and Karen, then 3. Carl was supposed to join them in Bergen,

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The rumblings and outbreak of World War II stood in their way of reuniting. More than 400,000 German troops invaded Norway, particularly the seaport Bergen, where the Hoffs lived. It was to be six years before Olga, Catherine and Karen could take a ship back to New York City to be with Carl once again.

The sisters were 13 and 9 when they returned to America — young enough to temporarily tuck away the hardships they endured during World War II in Norway.

Their parents remembered, but mostly kept silent about those years.

"They didn't talk much about that time in our lives," Mount said. "It's not like they would say, 'Hey guess what we did during the war?'" Lafnear added. "We lived in a house filled with love and laughter, and no one really talked about those days."

Catherine later married Clarence Mount; Karen married Jim Lafnear. The women had careers, children and grandchildren. They always spent time caring for their parents, sharing their love of their Norwegian heritage with their offspring and keeping the family close.

Those letters added another dimension to

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The story begins:

Carl and Olga Hoff on their wedding day, Nov. 2, 1929. She's wearing a dress he bought for her at Hudson's Department Store, then took to Norway for their wedding. Carl and Olga Hoff kept their wedding vows to love each other despite incredible adversity during their more than 60 years of marriage.



Catherine Hoff Mount and Karen Hoff Lafnear are signing copies of their book, *Six Years to Sunrise*, at the following locations next month:
April 1: Noon to 3 p.m., Swede Anne's Scandinavian gift shop, 948 Baldwin Road, Orion Township.
April 8: 2-4 p.m., Borders bookstore at Great Lakes Crossing, Auburn Hills.
April 9: 2-4 p.m., Borders bookstore at Oakland Mall, Troy.
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Clarkston pastor leads historic Waterford church

BY PAUL R. PACE
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The Rev. Paul Wilson of Clarkston has taught the word of God around the world, from Russia, South India, Hong Kong, the Philippines, Puerto Rico and the Caribbean.

But he is settling into his newest role as head pastor of Waterford Community Church, the oldest church in Waterford Township.

Having been a guest preacher at the church before, Wilson said he is happy to be supporting a congregation that is known as a "family-oriented church and a Bible-teaching church."

He previously served as pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church in Alma, Mich., for 14 years and before that he was the full-time Bible instructor and head of theology at William Tyndale College in Farmington Hills for nine years.

Wilson, 53, noted Waterford and Clarkston residents are lucky to have pastors who have a common goal to help people in the community.

'You can get in church what you don't get in the rest of the world,' he said. 'We all have struggles and problems. I like providing the answers.'

*The Rev. Paul Wilson
Waterford Community Church*

"Pastors are some of the best people you can find," he said with a smile. "You can talk to us for nothing. We all share the same heart, and we're all here to help."

Wilson's decision to enter the ministry started in Puerto Rico of all places, where he was living with his father when he was assigned there through his job.

"I made a commitment to Christ," he said of when he was a teenager. "I was looking for purpose and meaning in my life."

"It was quite a change growing up in a small town in Ohio," Wilson said, while talking in his office at the church this week.

He spent a year working in

Christian broadcasting at a radio station in the Caribbean Islands and then went to the Prairie Bible Institute in Alberta, Canada, before attending Detroit Bible College.

The soft-spoken minister has masters degrees in philosophy of religion from the University of Detroit, and of theology from the Dallas Theological Seminary in Dallas, Texas, as well as a bachelor's degree in religious education from William Tyndale College.

He is married to Judy Ann and they have two daughters, Kimberly, 23, and Stephanie, 25.

Wilson, who recently moved to Clarkston, noted Waterford Community Church, at 3900 Airport Road, is the oldest in the township. Its former building is the historic church on Andersonville Road near Dixie Highway and is part of the Waterford Cultural Council.

"I'm happy to be part of such a historic church," he said.

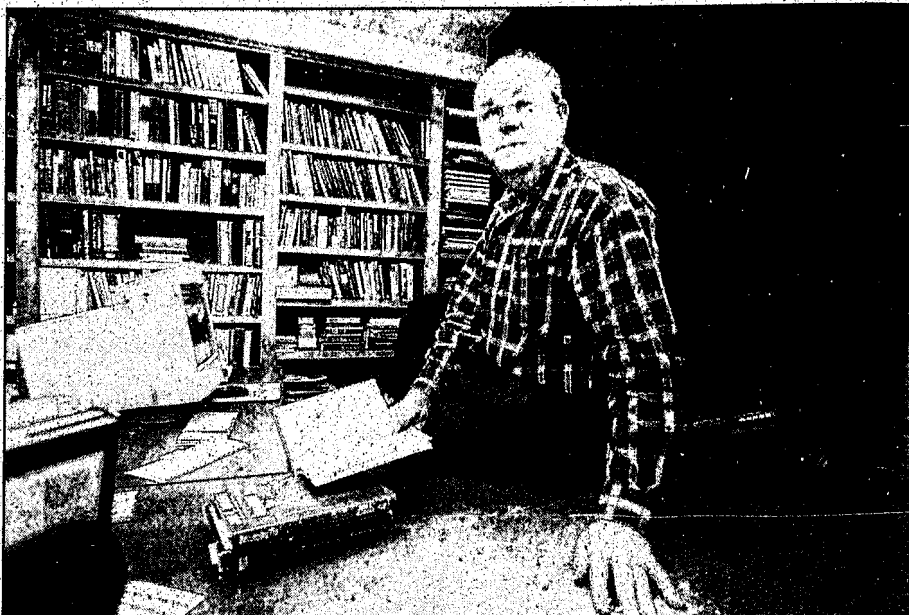
Wilson said the best part of being a pastor is having the opportunity to work with people.

"You can get in church what you don't get in the rest of the world," he said. "We all have struggles and problems. I like providing the answers."

"You also get to work with people of all ages and backgrounds," he added. "It's a cross section of the community."

Wilson has also spent time helping to set up missionaries in different parts of the world.

He went with Eugene May-



STAFF PHOTO BY GARY MALERDA

Free advice: The Rev. Paul Wilson says pastors are great people to talk to and their advice is free of charge.

hew, a professor at the Michigan Theological Seminary, to help launch new missionaries in Russia after the fall of Communism.

Mayhew said Wilson was well-liked by his students at William Tyndale College and that he is the type of person who is a team player.

"He likes to get the big picture and address an issue by a team

approach in the congregation," Mayhew said.

Wilson noted the Waterford Community Church is active in offering family activities through its services and takes a vital role in spreading the gospel through missionaries around the world.

It's not a surprise when he says he enjoys studying rare books, particular the history of

the English Bible. And he also enjoys traveling.

"We're very optimistic about our future," Wilson said of his church. "We hope to have impact in north Oakland County in a wider way."

Waterford Community Church is located at 3900 Airport Road. Phone 623-1340. Its web site is www.watcomch.org.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS

Walsh College recently recognized several Clarkston and Davisburg students for academic achievement during the Fall 1999 semester.

Students carrying at least 12 credits who had a cumulative grade point average of 3.75 to 4.0 or better were placed on the President's Honor Roll, and students with a cumulative GPA between 3.749 and 3.5 were placed on the Dean's Honor Roll.

The following students made the President's Honor Roll:

From Clarkston: Susan

Beals, Matthew Parker, Constance Plummer, Timothy Brewer, Jennifer Dondoro, Stacey Jackson, Diane Morrison, Mark Redman and Denise Tingley.

From Davisburg: Connie Cole and William Gottschalk.

The following students made the Dean's Honor Roll:

From Clarkston: Christine Arakelian, Marlene Aiken, Timothy Kovach, Gerald Pokriefka, Brian Rogos, Michael Warachuck, Jason Wiktor and Daniel Ziegler.

From Davisburg: Rita Hawes and Patricia Gottschalk.

Matthew J. Harlton, a senior photography major at Center for Creative Studies, College of Art and Design in Detroit, was named to the Dean's List for the fall 1999 semester for outstanding academic performance. Matthew is the son of Bruce and Kathryn Harlton of Independence Township and is a 1993 graduate of Clarkston High School.

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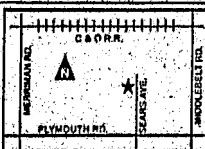
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CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Clarkston Eccentric publishes calendar items free of charge. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing an event. Type or print event, date and time, location, telephone number and any additional information and mail to the Clarkston Eccentric, Attn: Marsha Wengrow, 7073 Dixie Highway, Clarkston, MI 48346, or fax to (248) 625-5712. E-mail to mwengrow@oe.homecomm.net. The deadline is noon Friday for the following Thursday.

SATURDAY, APR. 1

OLD FASHIONED GOSPEL SING-A-LONG

7 p.m., desserts; 7:30 p.m. music. First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road, Clarkston. This is a community event for all ages to join in sharing favorite songs and choruses. Requests welcome. You may bring a vocal group that is willing to do a special presentation. There will be at least one quartet and a trio or two.

MONDAY, APR. 3

A COOK'S GARDEN

1 p.m., Independence Twp. Library, Clarkston. Learn how, when and why to plant your herb garden. Carol Czechowski will speak. This event is sponsored by Clarkston Farm and Garden Club.

TUESDAY, APR. 4

SOAP MAKING SEMINAR

7-9 p.m., Clarkston High School, 6093 Flemings Lake Road, Clarkston. Cost \$27. Course No. 3138-01. For further information or to register, call (248) 674-3141.

TUESDAY/THURSDAY, APR. 4-13

BUILDERS PRE-LICENSE CLASS

6-10 p.m., Clarkston High School, 6093 Flemings Lake Road, Clarkston. The course is for those who want to subcontract construction of their own homes; real estate investors and developers and building tradespeople who want to work legally in Michigan. Cost is \$190 plus

\$20 for the course textbook and sample questions. Pre-registration with payment is required no later than Friday, March 31, to Clarkston Community Education. To register, call (248) 674-0993 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

TUESDAY, APR. 4-MAY 2

MEET THE PC

2-5 p.m., Clarkston Community Education Center, 5275 Maybee Road, Clarkston. Course NO. 1004-07. Call (248) 674-3141 for further information or to register.

THURSDAY, APR. 6-8

ANYTHING GOES

7:30 p.m., Clarkston High School Performing Arts Center (PAC). Clarkston High School Drama Club is presenting "Anything Goes." This is a wonderful, humorous show full of confusion, mistaken identity and romance. Tickets are \$7/adult and \$6/students and senior citizens. Tickets are on sale through April 8 at CHS PAC Box Office or may be reserved by calling (248) 623-4024.

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9 a.m.-4 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road, Clarkston. This special once-a-year event features free services for blood pressure, vision, glaucoma, health hazard appraisal, height and weight, counseling and referrals, arthritis foundation, and deaf-hearing sign language. For more information, call (248) 424-8600.

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6:30 p.m., Clarkston High School, Large Group Instruction Room, Clarkston. You are invited to join in a community celebration that will inspire and empower you in the fight against cancer. To reserve your seat or for additional information, please call (248) 483-4313.

SATURDAY, APR. 15

SYMPHONY CONCERT

7:30 p.m. Clarkston High School (PAC). Clarkston Foundation will sponsor a concert by the Pontiac Oakland Symphony. Cost: \$8/adults \$5/children and seniors. Preferred seating is available at \$15, which includes a champagne and dessert afterglow with the main performers.

SUNDAY, APR. 30

"SPRING FLING" AUCTION

1 p.m., Springfield Oaks Youth Activities Building, 12451 Andersonville Road, Davisburg. The 4-H Fair Board is joining the Davisburg Rotary Club to host a live and silent auction. Silent auction tables open at noon.

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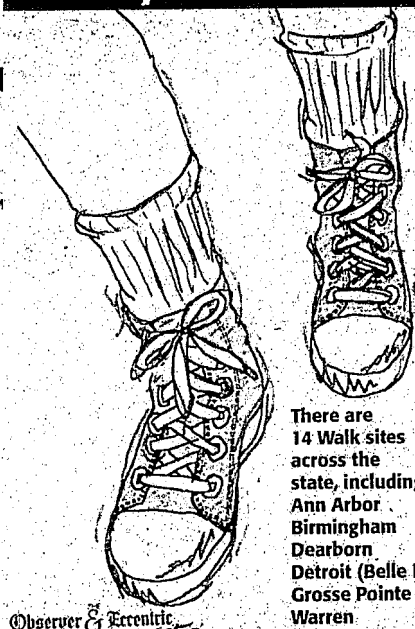
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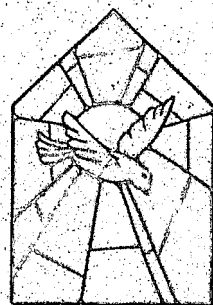
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Rotary, 4-H Fair seeking auction donations

The Davisburg Rotary and 4-H Fair are asking for donations for their third annual Live and Silent Auctions to be held Sunday, April 30, in Springfield Oaks Activities Building, 12451 Andersonville Road, Davisburg. Silent auction ideas include gift certificates, baked goods,

theater tickets, limo service, sporting items, suite tickets, crafts, dining (from restaurant or your kitchen); service coupons such as oil change, car wash, estate planning, dental care, computer instructions, music lessons, hair care and animal grooming.

Live auction ideas include antiques, collectibles, crafts, furniture (gently used), glassware, vehicles, farm equipment, livestock, 4-H equipment. No clothing please.

Items for the auction can be dropped off or pick-up of items can be arranged.

For information call L.C. Scramlin at (248) 634-8830 or (248) 625-8133, Terri Burnett at (810) 636-7815, Cathy Grain at (248) 394-1736, Mary Tebo at (248) 634-9654 or Nancy Lopez at (248) 634-9775.

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their lives.

"We began to relive our childhood when we found those shoe boxes," Lafnear said. They reminded us of the times we went through and how difficult life was then. But we saw our father never forgot anything. He sent us cards for everything, even though at times it was months before we could get any mail."

"It was emotionally draining to read those letters," Lafnear added. "One letter from my father was 100 pages long. We couldn't do anything with them for a long time."

Family legacy

Later they decided to translate the letters from Norwegian into English as a legacy for their children and grandchildren. The Mounts have two daughters, Patricia Edwards of Waterford and Susan Davis of Clarkston, three grandchildren and one great-grandchild. The Lafnears are the parents of Steve Lafnear of Ortonville and Jayne Bannister of Grand Blanc, a teacher at Springfield Plains Elementary. The Lafnears also have three grandchildren.

About two years ago the family came up with the idea for a book. They mulled the idea around and chatted with author and journalist Harry Knitter, who is a neighbor of the Mounts.

The result of that chat is the new book, *Six Years to Sunrise*. It's only been on the book shelves about a month, but it's getting a lot of attention from the media.

"It's a story worth telling — a very interesting story. They wanted the book to reflect the absolute truth and that's the way it's written," said Knitter, who thinks the story would translate into a wonderful screenplay.

The truth takes many twists and turns in *Six Years to Sunrise*. The truth includes stories Olga tells her husband about their daughters so he can somehow share their lives while they're apart. The truth includes humor about the hardships of their lives. There are even touches of delicately-conveyed passion

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between Carl and Olga.

The truth also conveys insights into American culture. Carl tells about going to a club with his friends one night. "The way they dance nowadays is strange. They call it 'cutting a rug,'" he wrote on Oct. 4, 1943. "I wanted to dance, but I did not ask anyone for I want to wait 'till I can hold you in my arms."

In another letter dated Aug. 5, 1944, he begins by writing, "This is station LOVE broadcasting on a frequency of One Million Kisses. I hope my message comes through loud and clear. Is your receiving set working well, my dear?"

At other times, the truth is despair as they talk about the agony of their separation.

"We always knew how much our grandparents admired each other and the homeland," said Bannister. "These letters reintroduced us to those wonderful feelings. We are so proud of the work my mother and aunt did. My grandparents would be so proud."

The sisters said they wish they could bring their parents back because they would be so proud of the book. "They cared so much about family. They were always giving us special treasures when they were alive," Lafnear added.

The family believes these letters, discovered after Carl and Olga died, were gifts to all of them.

Anyone who reads *Six Years to Sunrise* will be thankful the sisters shared their gifts with the public.

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Police report leads on 'unknown woman'



Unknown woman No. 10

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Since the composite photograph of "unknown woman No. 10," was published last week, investigators have received more than a dozen calls from people who might have known or known of the person whose decomposed body was found near Lake Angelus.

The woman — whose skeletal remains were found Sept. 12 in a remote area of the Amsel and Charles Staff Wildlife Preserve — had been dead for as long as nine months, long enough for the flesh to decompose leaving bones, some clothing, a pendant and bracelet.

In search of her identity and

information to determine the circumstances of her death, investigators held a press conference Tuesday at which they urged anyone who might have known or seen the woman to call (248) 333-3673.

"Some of those leads are promising," Det. Jane F. McLaurin of the Pontiac Police Department said Friday. "We've had good response, but we haven't yet identified her."

The composite was the work of technicians at the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children in Alexandria, Va., who did the facial reconstruction.

They also do "age progression," said forensic artist Glenn E. Miller, referring a computer enhanced process of depicting how a missing person might look

with the passage of time.

Miller and his colleagues have done hundreds of facial reconstructions to help authorities find the people reported missing to the FBI's National Crime Information Center. More than 800,000 people — mostly juveniles — were reported missing to the FBI in 1999.

The center and its process of facial reconstruction were recently the focus of The History Channel, which is doing a story about three 1962 escapees from Alcatraz — the infamous island prison that has since been converted into a museum.

The History Channel filmed technicians as they "age progressed" the images of escapees Frank Morris and brothers Clarence and John Anglin.



Kenneth Myers



James Lane

College board elects chairman, director

The William Tyndale College Board of Directors announced the election of a new chairman and director at its October meeting.

Kenneth Myers, retired president of the William Beaumont Hospital Corporation, Troy, was elected chairman of the William Tyndale College Board of Directors. Myers was elected a director in 1992 and has served on the Executive and Development Committees. He holds an MBA degree from the University of Michigan.

James Lane, retired senior vice president and chief investment officer, NBD Bank, Detroit, is immediate past-chairman of the William Tyndale College Board of Directors. He served as chairman for four years. He was elected a director in

1995. Lane holds an M.B.A. degree from the University of Chicago.

Betty Overton-Adkins was elected to the board of directors, higher education, and program director, W.K. Kellogg Foundation. She joined the W.K. Kellogg Foundation in 1991.

Overton-Adkins holds a Ph.D. in English Education from the George Peabody College of Vanderbilt University and B.A. and M.A. degrees in English from Tennessee State University. She also has studied at the University of Michigan, New Hope Creative Writing Center and the Institute for Educational Management at Harvard University.

William Tyndale College is in Farmington Hills.

Grant of \$50,000 helps build 'AccessAbility' ramps

Kenny Foundation, a non-profit agency in Southfield, recently received a grant of \$50,000 from GM Foundation to support AccessAbility, a ramp-building program for people with mobility impairments.

This program uses volunteer labor and donations to build home access ramps for people who need them but cannot afford them. With the support of GM Foundation,

Kenny hopes to build 40 ramps in southeastern Michigan this year.

Founded in 1976, the GM Foundation is committed to enhancing the quality of life in the communities where GM does business. The Foundation focuses its giving in the following six areas: education, health and human services, civic and community, public policy, arts and culture, and environment

and energy, with a strong commitment to diversity in all areas. In 1998, the GM Foundation contributed over \$27 million worldwide.

Anyone who would like to volunteer for AccessAbility, make a donation to help pay for building materials, or find out more about the program, should call Kenny Foundation at (800) 237-3422 or (248) 357-0119.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

■ The American Red Cross needs volunteers. Anyone with at least six hours to give can help with blood services (non-direct contact), transportation, office work and computers and emergency services.

Call the Red Cross Oakland County office at (248) 334-3575 for details.

■ The Oakland County Retired & Senior Volunteer Program seeks volunteers 55 years and older to become involved with community agencies that need assistance. Opportunities are available at schools, hospitals, libraries, human service agencies and cultural institutions throughout Oakland County. Benefits

include supplemental accident and liability insurance, mileage reimbursement and the chance to make a difference.

For further information and assistance in finding the right volunteer spot, contact Beth DeBano at (248) 559-1147.

■ Lighthouse Hospice seeks volunteers to assist patients,

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Charter Township of Springfield

NOTICE SECOND READING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Springfield will hold a SECOND READING at its Regular Meeting on Thursday, April 13, 2000, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Township Hall, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, MI to consider the following proposed amendments to Ordinance No. 61, Consolidated Fee Ordinance:

SECTION ONE - AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE

Schedule I, Schedule II and Schedule III of Consolidated Fee Ordinance No. 51 are amended as follows:

SCHEDULE I

A. Rezoning	1800.00 plus \$15.00 per acre for each acre per application. Each parcel as it appears on Township tax roles will be considered a separate application for purpose of determining fee.	
B. Zoning Board of Appeals Variance	Parcel existed prior to 1973 and use not possible without variance.	\$225.00
C. Tax Description Change Combination		-0-
1. Other	Per Description	1 to 5 \$40.00 each
	6 to 15	\$30.00 each
	16 to 30	\$15.00 each
	31 or more	\$5.00 each
This includes all plats, condominiums, lot splits and acreage divisions.		
2. Section 16.20 Requests: (ZBA) above C1 fee per parcel with Final Description Change request		\$225.00
D. Special Meeting Request	Plus actual cost of planner, engineer, attorney, or other consultant attendance, special reports or special reviews.	\$550.00
E. Uses Permitted Subject to Special Conditions (Special Land Use)	Plus appropriate fees from Schedule II	\$450.00

SCHEDULE II Fees Cover 2 Reviews

I. Site Plan Review

A. Commercial, Office, Industrial or Institutional

1. Conceptual	\$850 plus \$30 per acre
2. Detailed Plan	\$1800 plus \$150 per acre
a. Any plan containing one of the following will pay additional fees as listed:	
1) Sanitary Sewer (includes pump station and force main)	\$125 plus \$30 per acre
2) Water Main	\$125 plus \$30 per acre
3) Well and pump station (Community)	\$180 plus \$25 per acre
4) Package Sewage Treatment Plan (Common Septic)	\$800 plus \$25 per acre

B. Multiple of Mobile Home

1. Conceptual	\$850 plus \$30 per acre
2. Detailed Plan	Fees from A2 above plus \$10 per unit

C. Condominium

1. Conceptual	\$850 plus \$30 per acre
2. Detailed Plan	\$1800 plus \$150 per acre
a. Private Road (if applicable)	\$400 plus \$35 per unit
b. Tax Description Change	See Schedule I
c. Legal	\$800

II. Site Condominium Plan Review

A. Conceptual (plus special land use fee, if applicable)	\$850 plus \$30 per acre
B. Preliminary	\$2500 plus \$125 per unit

1. Any plan containing one of the following will pay additional fees as listed:	
a. Sanitary Sewer (including pump station and force main)	\$350 plus \$25 per unit
b. Water Main	\$350 plus \$25 per unit
c. Well and Pump Station (Community)	\$600 plus \$6 per unit
d. Package Sewage Treatment Plan (Common Septic)	\$800 plus \$6 per unit
e. Private Road	\$400 plus \$40 per unit

C. Final Approval

1. Tax Description Change	See Schedule I
2. Legal	\$800

III. Plat Review

A. Conceptual (Sketch Plan)	\$475 plus \$15 per acre
B. Tentative Preliminary	\$950 plus \$60 per lot
C. Final Preliminary	\$950 plus \$60 per lot
D. Engineering (Construction) Plans	\$100 plus \$60 per lot

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a. Sanitary Sewer (including pump station and force main)	\$350 plus \$25 per lot
b. Water Main	\$350 plus \$25 per lot
c. Well and Pump Station	\$600 plus \$6 per lot
d. Package Sewage Treatment Plan (Common Septic)	\$800 plus \$6 per lot
e. Private Road	\$400 plus \$40 per lot

E. Final Plat

1. Tax Description Change	\$1100 plus \$80 per lot
2. Legal	See Schedule I
	\$800

IV. Planned Unit Development

A. Conceptual	\$850 plus \$30 per acre
B. Preliminary	\$850 plus \$35 per acre
C. Final	\$1100 plus applicable fees from Schedule II, Sections I, II and III.
	\$200 plus \$10 per acre

V. Landscape Plan

This only applies if not included in I, II and IV above.

VI. Additional Fees

Each review fee listed in I, II, III and IV above entitles applicant to two (2) plan or document reviews (original and one (1) revision) for each stage listed. Each additional submission (revision 2, 3, etc.) will require an additional fee equal to 50% of the initial fee for that stage.

VII. Construction Inspection

- A. Any site alterations or improvements will be done in accordance with approval plans and will be inspected by the Township. Actual inspection timing and costs will be determined by the Township following a pre-construction meeting or prior to Final Plan approval. Applicant will place in escrow funds sufficient to cover the cost of the Township's inspection in an amount determined by the Township. Upon completion and final approval of the project, any unused escrow funds will be returned to the applicant.
- B. A 15% administration fee will be added to the inspection escrow and paid by the applicant. This administration fee is not refundable.

SCHEDULE III BUILDING DEPARTMENT

I. Special Permits

A. Mobile Homes in Park

1. Single wide	\$150.00
2. Double wide	\$175.00

B. Pools

Section V for Electrical Permit Plus	
1. Above ground	\$75.00
2. Below ground	\$150.00

C. Signs

1. Without electric	\$40.00
2. With electric	\$75.00

D. Demolition

	\$50.00
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E. Moving Building

	\$500.00 plus Building
	Electrical, Plumbing &
	Mechanical Fees

II. Building Permits

A. One Family Residential - Detached

1. New Construction, Remodel or Addition	\$50.00 plus 15 cents/sq. ft.
2. Accessory Structures	
first 1200 sq. ft.	11 cents/sq. ft.
between 1201 and 2500 sq. ft.	9 cents/sq. ft.
over 2501 sq. ft.	7 cents/sq. ft.
3. Minimum Permit Fee	\$50.00

B. Other (Commercial, Industrial, Multiple, etc.)

1. New Construction	\$150.00 plus 18 cents/sq. ft.
2. Remodel or addition under 1000 sq. ft.	\$75.00 plus 18 cents/sq. ft.
over 1000 sq. ft.	\$150.00 plus 18 cents/sq. ft.
3. Minimum Permit Fee	\$75.00
4. Plan Review Fee	
Submit with application	\$100.00 plus 9 cents/sq. ft.

III. Mechanical Permits

A. One Family Residential

1. New Furnace (Includes duct)	\$90.00 per unit
2. Fireplace - prefab or masonry	\$40.00 per opening
3. Humidifiers	\$10.00 per unit
4. Electronic Air Cleaners	\$10.00 per unit
5. Air Conditioner	\$50.00 per unit

6. Gas Piping	\$10.00 per unit or appliance
7. Replacement Furnace	\$50.00
8. Boiler	\$90.00 per unit
9. LPG or Fuel Oil Tanks	\$25.00 per tank
if below ground - add	\$15.00 per tank
10. Minimum Permit Fee	\$50.00

B. Other (Commercial, Industrial, Multiple, Etc.)

1. Furnace - New (including ducts (excluding electric heat)		\$90.00 per unit
Up to 200,000 BTU		\$110.00 per unit
Over 200,000 BTU		\$10.00 per unit or appliance
2. Gas Piping		\$15.00 per unit
3. Humidifiers		\$15.00 per unit
4. Electronic Air Cleaners		\$40.00 each
5. Ventilation and Exhaust Fans		\$40.00 per opening
6. Fireplaces or Wood Stoves		\$40.00 per opening
7. Air Conditioners		\$50.00 per unit

Up to 8 HP	\$65.00 per unit
8 HP to 50 HP	\$75.00 per unit
Over 50 HP	\$25.00 per unit
	\$15.00 per tank
	\$100.00

8. LPG or Fuel Oil Tanks

9. Minimum Permit Fee

IV. Plumbing Permits

A. Single Family Residential - New

Up to 1200 sq. ft.	\$100
1201 sq. ft. to 1600 sq. ft.	\$110
1601 sq. ft. to 2000 sq. ft.	\$125
2001 sq. ft. to 2500 sq. ft.	\$145
2501 sq. ft. to 3000 sq. ft.	\$165
Over 3000 sq. ft.	\$185 or unit rate (whichever is higher)
	Add \$5

B. Single Family Unit Rates

Base Fee	\$50
Stacks and Vents	\$5 each
Water Closets	\$5 each
Shower and Bath Tubs	\$5 each
Jacuzzi, whirlpool or hot tub	\$5 each
Sinks and Lavs	\$5 each
Laundry Tray	\$5 each
Floor Drains	\$5 each
Sump Pump	\$5 each
Miscellaneous Fixtures (Anything not listed)	\$5 each
Hose Bibs	\$5 each
Water Heater	\$5 each
Water Softener	\$5 each
Pump	\$5 each
Sump	\$5 each
Dishwasher	\$5 each
Disposal	\$5 each
Urinals	\$5 each
Drinking Fountains	\$5 each
Underground plumbing	\$8
Underslab (if separate inspection required)	\$30
Fire Suppress - per sprinkler head	\$3
Lawn Sprinkler	\$20 plus \$1/sprinkler head
Dental Chair	\$5 each
Water Distribution System - based on first 200 ft.	
Up to 1 1/2"	\$25
2" to 3"	\$35
Over 3"	\$55
Each additional 100' (any size)	\$10

C. Single Family Remodel and/or addition

Unit Rate	\$50 minimum
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V. Electrical Permits

A. One Family Residential - New

(use sq. ft. on Bldg. Permit)	
Up to 1400 sq. ft.	\$150.00
1401 to 1900 sq. ft.	\$175.00
1901 to 2500 sq. ft.	\$200.00
2501 to 3000 sq. ft.	\$225.00
3001 to 3500 sq. ft.	\$250.00
3501 to 4000 sq. ft.	\$275.00
each 500 sq. ft. over 4000 add	\$40.00

B. One Family Residential Unit Rate - Accessory Bldgs., Additions, Remodel and Repair

Base Fee	\$15.00
Services	
Temporary	\$25.00
100 amp or less	\$20.00
101 amp to 200 amp	\$35.00
Over 200 amp	\$50.00
Sub panels, transfer switches and master control panels	\$15.00
Circuits	\$5.00 each
Fixtures - First 25 or fraction	\$10.00
Each additional 25 or fraction	\$8.00
Furnace	\$7.00 each
Heat Pump	\$10.00 each
Air Conditioner	\$10.00 each
Jacuzzi, whirlpool and hot tubs	\$15.00 each
Lamp posts	\$3.00 each
Automatic Alarms - Central Control	
Central Station	\$10.00 each
Each Detector	\$1.00
Electric Heat	
Radiant	\$7.00 per room
Base Board per 8' section or increment thereof	\$5.00 each
Underground Trenching (over 50')	\$10.00 per 100'
Minimum Permit Fee	\$40.00

C. Other (Commercial, Industrial, Multiple, etc.)

Base Fee	\$25.00
Service	
Temporary - 100 amp or less	\$30.00
Over 100 amp	\$45.00
200 amp or less	\$40.00
201 to 300 amp	\$55.00
301 to 400 amp	\$65.00
401 to 600 amp	\$75.00
601 to 1000 amp	\$90.00
each additional 100 amp	\$8.00
Sub-panels, Master Control Panels & Transfer Switches	\$15.00
Circuits	\$5.00 each
Fixtures (First 25 or fraction)	\$12.00
Each additional 25 or fraction	\$10.00
Feeders & Bus ducts - per 100 lineal ft. or fraction	\$10.00
Lighting Poles & Base	\$10.00 each
Power or Motor Circuits	
Up to 20 HP or KW	\$10.00 each
21 to 50 HP or KW	\$15.00 each
51 to 75 HP or KW	\$20.00 each
Over 75 HP or KW	\$30.00 each
Fuel Pumps or Dispensing Units	\$10.00 per nozzle
Carnival, Circus & Amusement	Hourly rate \$100 Minimum
Automatic Alarms - Central Control	
Central Station	\$10.00
Detectors	\$1.00 each
Electric Heat	
Radiant	\$8.00 per room
Baseboard per 8' section or increment	\$6.00 each
Minimum Permit Fee	\$60.00

VI. Reinspection, Hourly Rate & Miscellaneous

A. Reinspections	
1. Under 10 Violations	\$25.00 each
2. 10 or more violations	\$35.00 each
B. Hourly Rate	\$60.00 per hour
Charge for special requests, consultations or items not otherwise covered.	1 Hour Minimum
C. Work without Permit (for work done after inspection should have been made)	Double Fees

SECTION TWO - EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance amendment shall take effect seven (7) days after publication of Notice of Adoption. This Ordinance amendment shall be published in the manner provided by law.

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

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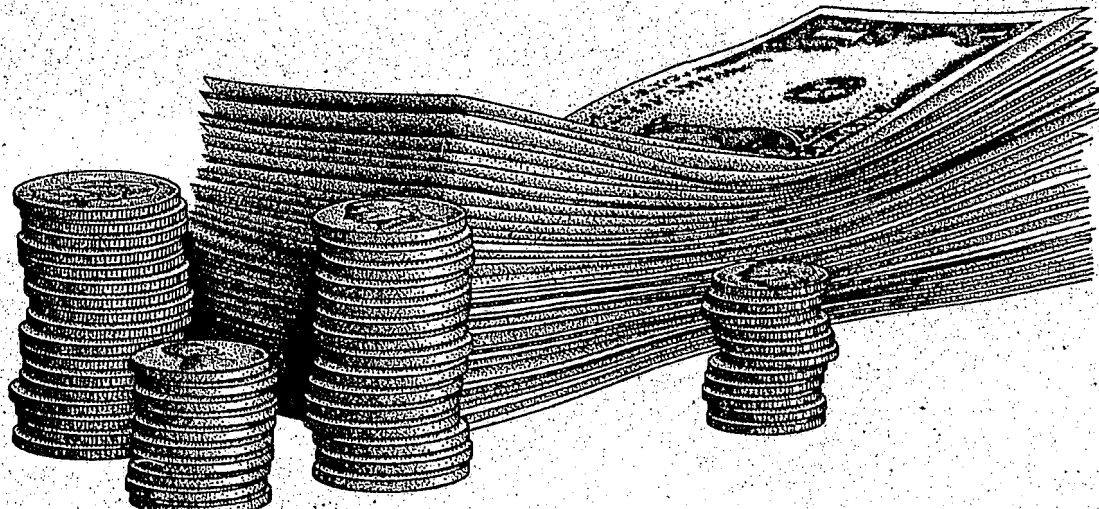
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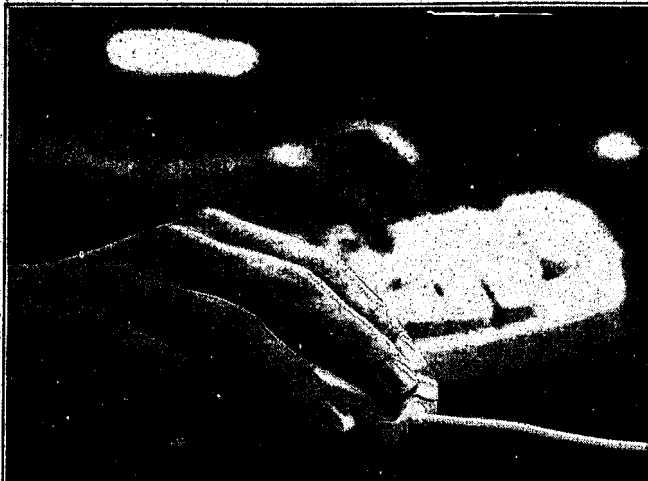


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NORTH OAKLAND SPORTS BRIEFS

Correction

In the Thursday, March 16 edition of all Eccentric Sports Sections, Birmingham Brother Rice wrestler Kevin Harrington was omitted from the Lower Peninsula Individual State Wrestling Finals story as being a state medalist. Harrington, a Lake Orion resident, was fifth in the Division 1 152-pound weight class.

The Eccentric sports department apologizes for this oversight.

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The Observer & Eccentric Sports Department will publish copies of all-league, all-district, all-region and all-state teams for each of the winter prep sports when space is available.

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Suburban Hockey is looking into the feasibility of a fall hockey league.

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On the run

Clarkston track teams boasts several top athletes and should remain among talent-laden Oakland County's elite programs

BY DANIEL STICKRAD
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If Clarkston proved anything in track & field last year following its promotion to the talent-laden Oakland Activities Association Division I, it was that the Wolves could compete with the county's premier programs on a weekly basis.

Clarkston finished second in both the boys and girls league races, but in different fashion.

The Wolves' boys team entered the seven-team league meet in a three-way tie for first with Pontiac Northern and Rochester Adams as all three boasted identical 5-1 records. But Northern edged out Clarkston and Adams for the title, as the Wolves finished second at the league meet.

As for the Clarkston girls contingent, they dropped regular-season dual meets to Rochester and Rochester Adams, but came on strong to finish second in the league meet and take second overall in a tight four-team race that also included Southfield, which finished third overall at the Lower Peninsula Class A state meet.

"Everything was pretty close," said veteran Clarkston girls coach Gordie Richardson. "And I'm sure that will probably be the case again this season. Adams is probably the favorite going in because they won it last year, but we'll be pretty competitive. We'll keep teams honest."

Numbers are down a little for Clark-

ston on the girls side, as Richardson has just under 50 athletes on the team this spring. But the core of the Wolves' line-up are fine athletes, and will score points at both dual meets and invitational.

Like in most years, Clarkston's strength will come in the middle distance and long distance events. Senior Nicole Fisher was recently clocked at 5:28 in the 1600, and she's capable of running everything from the 400 on up. Sophomore Carla DelVecchio and freshman Pam Wiley have also looked impressive so far in the 1600 and 3200 and will contribute.

Senior Rachel Uchman is a versatile athlete and will compete in every event between the 100 and 800, as well as run on numerous relays, as will senior Brittani Brewer, who is also one of the better hurdlers in the area.

The two hurdles events is one of Clarkston's stronger areas, as junior Amanda Chicalas also returns after two solid years, while freshman Emily Cushing and Amanda Sawyer show potential.

The main area of concern is in the sprints and sprint relays, as the Wolves struggled against the speed of many of the league's opposition last year.

Richardson hopes that senior Kirsty Walford, an exchange student from England, senior Courtney Bates, junior Lindsay Brandt and freshman Kim Wil-

son can contribute, along with Uchman.

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FILE PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

Going the distance: Clarkston senior Rachel Uchman cleared the 17-foot barrier in the long jump last season. The fourth-year varsity performer is one of many reasons why the Wolves rank among the top teams in Oakland County.

Clarkston finishes 2nd at Saginaw Valley Invite

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If Saturday's performance is any indication, Clarkston's boys track & field team is slated for another quality season.

The Wolves opened up the 2000 campaign with a fine performance at the Saginaw Valley State Indoor Invitational by placing second in the 26-team Class A field behind Grand Ledge, one of the state's Top 10 teams.

Clarkston scored 50 points, 15 behind Grand Ledge, to post their best finish at the meet in recent years.

"I was very pleased with how we competed. Anytime you can finish second at an invitational that size is always rewarding," said Walt Winiemko, Clarkston's head coach. "We had some pretty impressive performances for this early in the season."

As expected, the Wolves received most of their points from the distance crew. Senior David Sage

was second in the 3200 (10:03), fourth in the 1600 (4:29), and ran a leg on the runner-up 3200-meter relay unit along with Kevin Breen, Jon Chenet and Brett Quantz that clocked in at 8:09.8.

Quantz also placed fourth in the 800 (2:02.1), Adam Gebus was third in the 400 (53.2), Cody Senkyr took fifth in the 55-meter hurdles (8.49), Matt Haver was fifth in the 1600 (4:37.0), and Raphael Fauza was second in the high jump (6-2). Clarkston's other points came from the 1600 relay quartet of Quantz, Gebus, Matt Carlson and Senkyr, which broke the tape with a 3:37.0 clocking.

"We had some guys that obviously have the put the time in over the winter and it showed," added Winiemko. "We got a chance to see where we stand, and what some of our strengths and weaknesses are."

"But on the other hand, we have to remember that this is indoors and there are more turns and weather isn't a factor. Things are much different when they are run outdoors."

Wolves kickers blanked by Grand Blanc in opener, 3-0

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After its first game of the season Saturday, the future for the Clarkston girls soccer team was almost as bright as the weather.

The Wolves, sporting a lineup that included four freshmen, lost to a tough Grand Blanc team 3-0 Saturday afternoon at the Clarkston soccer stadium, the season-opener for both teams. But coming off a two-win season last year, there is reason for optimism in the Wolves' camp.

Second-year Clarkston coach Tami Mitchell praised her team's play after the game.

"We played hard every second of the game, and our passing was great," she said. "We made better traps and did a nice job of getting rid of the ball against pressure."

The Wolves (0-1-0) did a nice job of limiting the Bobcats' opportunities throughout the game. Junior goalkeeper Sarah Morgan made 12 saves, less than half the number she had to make in Clarkston's season-opening loss to Grand Blanc last year, a 6-0 decision.

The game was scoreless until 11:34 remained in the first half when the Bobcats' Kaitlin Clifford snuck the ball past Morgan on a rebound to give

Grand Blanc a 1-0 lead.

The Bobcats went up 2-0 13 minutes into the second half Jackie Lawrence scored. The game remained 2-0 until Bridget Teener scored with 37 seconds left in the game.

Most significant for Clarkston was that the game saw the varsity debuts for three of the team's four freshmen: Megan Mutz, Megan Renda and Jenn Carlson.

"They deserve to be there," Mitchell said of the freshmen. "Having them up here already helps the program build. They have a lot of talent, but they are very mentally tough also."

Mutz was the first freshman to enter the game, trotting onto the field at the 34:16 mark of the first half. She immediately became a factor, playing the right midfield position and making several clearing kicks for Clarkston.

Carlson came in the game three minutes later, and Renda joined them four minutes after that. In all, the three freshmen played more than they sat.

"We have a lot of potential," Mitchell said. "The girls really aren't used to playing together yet, and I'm excited to see what we can do once they are."

The Wolves return to action Thursday night with a home game against Division 1 fifth-ranked Troy.



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In the field events, Brewer and Wilson are aiming for the 5-foot barrier in the high jump. Uchman leaped 17-1 last season in the long jump and could be a state medalist this season, and sophomore Lindsay Hawley has shown potential in both the shot put and discus.

"We have potential in the field events, but I think in some respects we could be doing better," said Richardson. "But we have some quality kids in these events, so it all depends on how much they work and do the little things, like hitting the weight room."

Overall, Richardson is confident his team can compete at a similar level as last year.

"We always seem to manage, but how well we do depends on many factors," he said. "A lot can happen in the next couple of months."

Richardson's counterpart, Walt Wyniemo, has Clarkston's senior-laden boys team gunning for the OAA Division I title that eluded them last year. But the veteran coach knows the rough road that lies ahead.

"Everybody in this league is tough, or they wouldn't be here," said Wyniemo, whose squad won OAA Division II titles in both 1997 and '98, just like Clarkston's girls' team. "Teams have their strengths and weaknesses, but there are so many great athletes in this league that anything can happen."

Some of those "great athletes" suit up in a Clarkston uniform, as the Wolves boast Oakland County's top distance crew.

Senior David Sage is one of the state's best in both the 1600 and 3200, where he placed fifth in Class A last June. And Sage has already teamed up with classmates Kevin Breen and Brett Quantz, and junior Jon Chenet to post an impressive 8:09 clocking in the 3200-meter relay.

Both Quantz and Breen are capable of breaking 2:00 in the 800 and senior Matt Haver is a solid per-

former in both the 1600 and 3200 runs. Seniors Dan Burke and Chris Weber also provide depth from the 800 on up.

Breen and Quantz have company in the middle distances as juniors Mark Carlson, Adam Gebus and Cody Senkyr are solid in the 400, while Senkyr is one of the county's top hurdlers. Junior Matt Evans could also be a factor in the two hurdles events.

With league rivals Northern, Pontiac Central, Adams, Rochester and Southfield boasting a majority of the county's top sprinters, the 100 and 200, plus the two sprint relays, does have Wyniemo a little concerned.

Sophomore Shane Bennett, junior Rob Conley, seniors Mike Renda and Dustin Coleman, and two freshmen prospects in Paul Meisa and Brian Outman, make up Clarkston's key sprinters, and Wyniemo is hoping this group can improve enough to score some key points in tight dual meets.

"Some of these guys took some second and thirds in some dual meets last year, and those few points did make a difference," he said.

Clarkston is very balanced in the field events, which could offset some points lost in the sprints.

Coleman is a potential 20-foot long jumper, junior Rafael Fauza has already cleared 6-2 in the high jump, and seniors Bubba Clement, Eric Bauer, Jeff Carpenter and Brent Schermerhorn form a solid tandem in the shot put and discus.

"We should be able to match up with most teams in the field events," said Wyniemo. "But again, there are so many great athletes in this league. It will depend on who we are competing against."

Regardless of how well the Wolves fare on either side of the spectrum this spring, both Wyniemo and Richardson are excited about the season.

"It's going to be a dog fight for both

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Chappell, Ishbia are part of MSU's Final Four hoopla

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They may not hold center stage quite like Mateen, MoPete and Charlie, but they certainly have had the opportunity to share it.

Eccentric-area products Mike Chappell and Mat Ishbia will be in Indianapolis this weekend with their Michigan State University teammates seeking to bring home the school's first NCAA Division I college men's basketball championship since the magical season of 1979.

Chappell, who prepped at Southfield-Lathrup, and Ishbia, a 1998 graduate of Birmingham Seaholm, were in the middle of the hoopla last weekend at The Palace as the Spartans defeated Syracuse and Iowa State.

"It's the Final Four again this year," beamed Ishbia inside a jubilant Spartans locker room following a come-from-behind 75-64 victory over the Cyclones in the Midwest Regional final. "Last year we lost our first game (to Duke). This year we're going to try to take both."

Ishbia — who stands a mere 5-9, but a lot taller among the Spartans faithful — is extremely grateful to be a part of the success unmatched in the laurels of MSU basketball by reaching consecutive Final Fours.

"Not the most gifted in terms of basketball talent and at the low end of totem pole in terms of height on the 15-man roster, Ishbia has credited his great desire for competitiveness and hard work as the ingredients for success.

"The way I've always done everything my whole life is to be as competitive as possible and work as hard as I can," said Ishbia, who received an added thrill by getting into the final few seconds of Saturday's game. "I work as hard as any of these stars you see, and I have to, because I wasn't born 6-9 and jumping out of the gym. I'm 5-9 and barely get to the rim."

Ishbia's road to the present is unique in

that thousands of collegiate hopefuls every year hold dreams of walking on to a program. The difference between Ishbia and the others is his ability to stick and stay.

"I got the opportunity through one of my buddies, Antonio Gates, to come up here," said Ishbia, who found family members, friends and former Seaholm coach Dave Watkins rooting on the Spartans at The Palace. "I played against the team, played well, got the chance and took advantage. It's the best thing that has happened to me."

Behind the scenes — in basketball that would be referred to as practice — is where Ishbia is vital to the Spartans preparation for a game. A man of many identities, Ishbia takes on the role of the opponent's point guard or shooting guard, giving starters Mateen Cleaves and Charlie Bell some ideas of what to expect. "My job in practice is to work Mateen and Charlie and make them know what Syracuse, or someone like that, does," Ishbia said. "They (the starters) might get us, our white squad, but we get them, too. That's like our thrill, to beat them in practice. We talk trash right back at them and get them fired up."

One of those guys caught in the middle of playing with the first unit and second unit is Chappell.

A transfer from Duke, who last year was forced to sit out the entire regular season and the team's run to St. Petersburg and the Final Four, Chappell is eagerly awaiting to achieve the ultimate dream.

"It was tough last year sitting and watching the Final Four," said Chappell, a 6-9 junior from Southfield, who in 1995 and 1996 earned Eccentric All-Area First-Team accolades. "It was my dream that day that I wanted to play."

That "dream" is sure to become reality Saturday when the Spartans take on Wisconsin in one semifinal game and Chappell said he will be determined to do everything in his power to bring home a

championship.

One of Oakland County's premier perimeter shooters during his four years at Lathrup, Chappell has found the college game a struggle, especially this season, where his shot hasn't been as great a contributor as expected.

The constant questions from family and friends and criticism from so-called experts hasn't discouraged him.

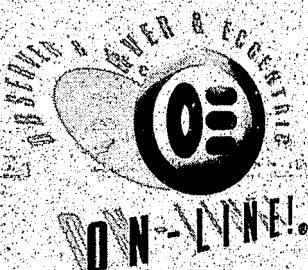
"All those stories, he reads them and uses them for motivation," said Mark Chappell, Mike's older brother who also attended Lathrup and knows something about finding the bottom of the basket. "Mike's a winner. He'll work through it. It's great to see what he's done and he's not through yet."

"I'm very happy where I am, even though expectations and playing time haven't been where I thought they would be," said Mike Chappell, who spent his first two college years at Duke. "But that's life. You're bound to have ups and downs in everything. You just have to learn to take the good with the bad. I've had more good times playing basketball than bad, so I know it won't last long."

A win over the Badgers in Saturday's first semifinal, followed by a victory over the Florida-North Carolina winner Monday night, would put Chappell and Ishbia in select company among MSU basketball players of all time.

Ishbia drew a comparison to Jaimie "Shoes" Huffman, another fan favorite reserve on the National Champion '79 Spartans squad, by CBS announcer Al McGuire during a telecast earlier in the season. With a few key baskets off the bench, Chappell might draw reference to former Spartans Jay Vincent or Ron "Boho" Charles.

"We have great leaders on this team," Ishbia said. "It's going to be a battle of toughness (against Wisconsin). It will be which team wants it more. Hopefully, that's going to be us."



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Vardar soccer continues to dominate

The winning tradition never seems to fade, whatever the age group when it comes to Vardar Soccer.

The Vardar (-12 boys team recently added three new titles to its list of accomplishments when they earned championship hardware in the Little Caesar's Michigan Premier Soccer League title, took first place at the Western Michigan Regional Soccer Tournament, of the North American Indoor Soccer Championships, and first place honors at Total Soccer-Wixom in the first session U-13 Division.

Those championships gives Vardar U-12 a total of four championships in as many months as they also took first place in their division at the Oakland University Tournament back in late October.

And the numbers have been quite impressive.

In the Little Caesar's Premier League, Vardar went undefeated with a 10-0-1 mark, which was boasted by nearly six goals a game on offense. In all, Vardar outscored its 11 opponents by a whopping 64-6 margin.

At the Western Michigan Regional Tournament in December, Vardar went 4-0-0, including 3-0 in pool play. In the final, they defeated the Grand Rapids AC Storm, which qualifies Vardar for the North American Indoor Soccer Championships in Detroit on March 4-5.

During Vardar's first indoor session at Total Soccer-Wixom, it posted a 6-1-1 record, including a victory over the Brighton Express '87 which clinched the title.

On the field, Pete Leonhard (Birmingham) and Chris Tylenda (Birmingham) split the goaltending duties. In front of this duo, Vardar had Andy Chun (Rochester), Ian Krisipin (Rochester Hills), John Schaefer (Troy), Mark Checcobelli (Novi), Michael Palmieri (Wixom), Brian Chandler (Livonia), Danny Pichler (Livonia), Zach Reyes (Fenton), B.J. Still (Saline), Jesse Henderson (West Bloomfield), Pranov Lohitsa (West Bloomfield), Phillip Lawrence (Lake Orion), Eric James (Clarkston), and Sebastian Harris (Lake Orion) competed in the march towards consistent victory.

Les Neal (South Lyon) served as coach of this talented Vardar team, one of many in the club's talented line-up.



On a roll: The Vardar U-12 Boys Soccer Team has racked up a fair share of championship hardware of late, taking first place at four different tournaments or league within the past five months. They are (front row, from left) Pranov Lohitsa, Ian Krispin, Zach Reyes, Eric James, Michael Palmieri, Marc Checcobelli, Andy Crum, Danny Pichler; (back row, l-r) Coach Les Neal, B.J. Still, Phillip Lawrence, Jesse Henderson, Chris Tylenda, Peter Leonhard, John Schaefer, Brian Chandler, and Manager Karen Schaefer.

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for girls ages 12 and under, with all games to be played at the Suburban Training Center in Farmington Hills and the Novi Ice Arena. The league would adhere to all the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association and USA Hockey rules, which means no checking.

Anyone interested in joining such a league should contact Amy Jones at Suburban Hockey at (248) 478-1600. The deadline for this phase is April 15. If enough interest is generated, registration will begin immediately.

Lake Orion hockey meeting

There will be another parent meeting regarding starting a high school hockey team at Lake Orion on Tuesday, April 4 at the Orion Township Library conference room, starting at 6:30 p.m.

At its first few meetings, response has been good, accord-

ing to Sandy Mabery. More than 70 students expressed an interest in participating in a prep hockey program at Lake Orion. Varsity hockey teams have been approved at many Oakland County schools over the past four years, including Clarkston, Troy, Waterford Mott, Waterford Kettering, and Berkley. Ortonville-Brandon will sponsor a team next year, and Auburn Hills Avondale and possibly Rochester could follow.

A group of Lake Orion parents will make a formal presentation to add hockey as a varsity sport to the Lake Orion School Board at its April 12 meeting. A written proposal is scheduled to be given to the board at its March 22 study session.

For more information, contact Sandy Mabery at (248) 693-4672.

Baseball Tournament

The North Oakland Baseball Federation will be sponsoring its 14th Annual Heritage Invitational May 26-29.

All games will be played at the Suburban Softball complex in Rochester Hills. Tournaments will be held for age groups 10 and under, 12 and under, and 14 and under.

For more information, please contact Rich Hynes at 623-6538.

Spring Call

The Eccentric Sports Department is seeking varsity spring schedules and coaches directories from high schools in its North Oakland region, which includes Clarkston, Clarkston Springfield Christian, Lake Orion, Lake Orion Shalom Baptist, Oxford and Oxford Christian.

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ODSL registration

The Oakland Developmental Soccer League (ODSL), Oakland County's only co-ed soccer league, is accepting registrations for the Spring 2000 soccer season.

Open registration is now in progress and runs through April. Due to limited enrollment opportunities, registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration forms can be picked up at Global Soccer in Lake Orion, the RARA office in Rochester, the Rochester Hills Public Library,

Soccer World and the City of Auburn Hills Recreation Department across from Oakland University.

For additional information, check out the ODSL website at www.oysl.org or call (248) 391-3117 or (248) 652-9909.

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the boys and girls, that's for sure," said Wyniemo. "You never know who is out, who did-

n't come back, and what schools recruited new athletes, plus freshmen and transfers. You

can't anticipate or really predict all that that much. I guess that's why it is so exciting."

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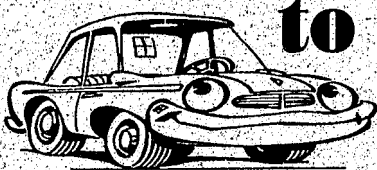


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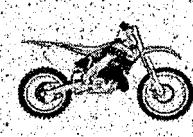
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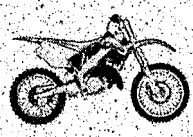
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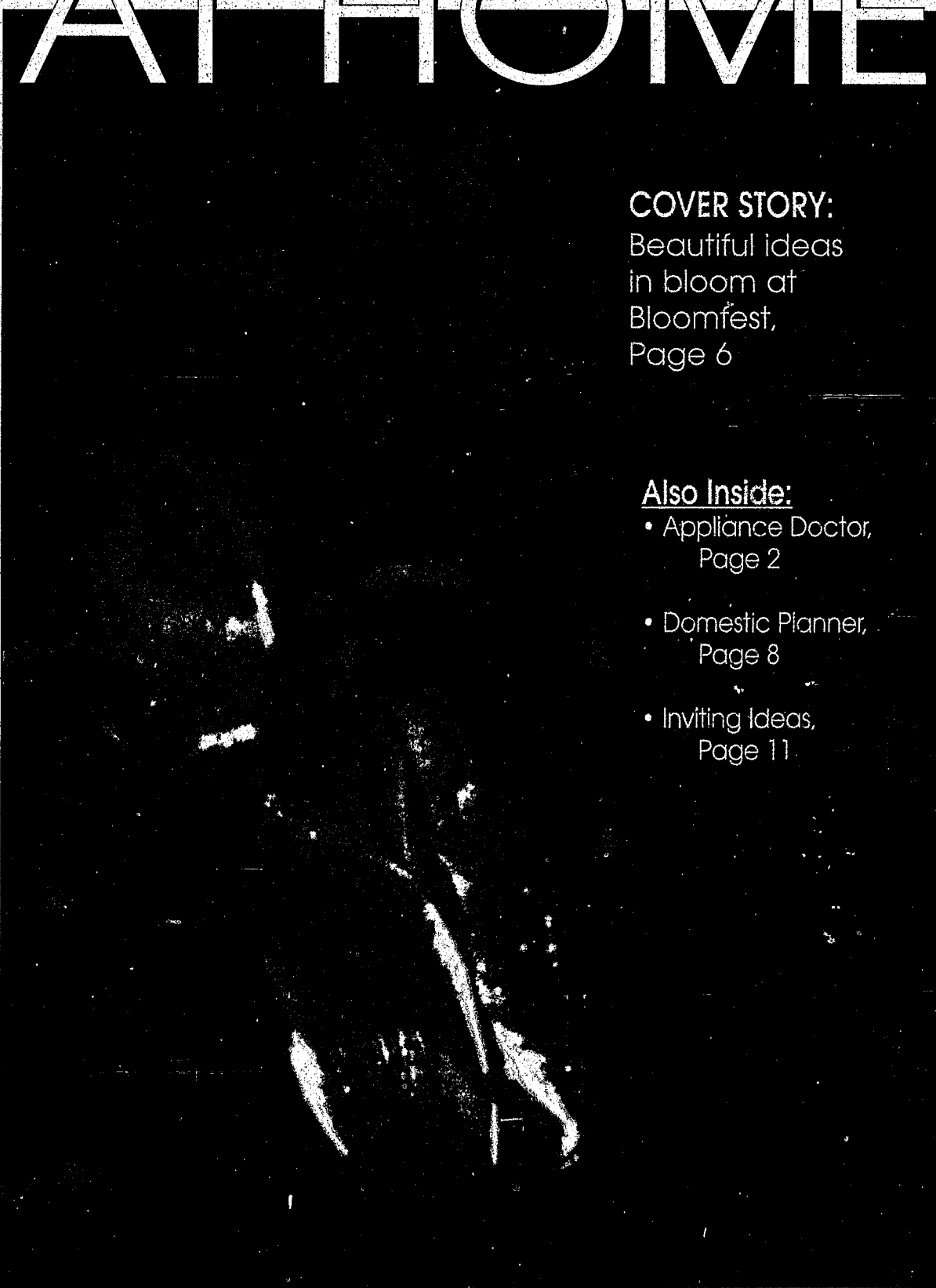
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Today's column features the white goods' industry - products for home use such as refrigerators, dishwashers, microwave ovens, garbage disposers, ranges, room air conditioners, humidifiers, freezers, washers and dryers. I will attempt to answer the most commonly asked questions from consumers in language that is understandable by the average homeowner, woman or man. Always remember that these products are powered by electricity and must be unplugged when you're working on them.

My washer is 10 years old and vibrates like crazy when it goes into the spin cycle. We made sure the machine is level, even nailed 2-by-4-foot boards around the feet, and tried a few other things, yet it continues to shake, rattle and roll.

Calling in a service technician to find out what's wrong can cost approximately \$100 or you can save that money by expending a little energy. Before we blame the washing machine, let's take a look at the floor. I've always believed a washer belongs only on a cement floor.

The floor of a first floor laundry room or even the one upstairs between bedrooms is made of wood and that floor will absorb natural vibrations for only so long before it weakens. Thousands of consumers spend money needlessly only to be told by a service technician that nothing is wrong with the washing machine.

If you want to prevent this from happening to you, remove the washer from your laundry room and place it on the floor of your garage. Make sure it's level and put it into spin. Now you know if it's the washer or the floor, and you probably saved the price of an expensive meal.

Now, let's say you have determined that it is the washing machine itself that

is the problem. Don't call the service technician yet. Some machines have legs which lock in place and are self-adjusting. Some have legs where you need to tighten a nut to keep the leg solid. After years of use, this nut loosens and needs to be retightened. Many legs have rubber feet, which will wear from normal use. These may need to be replaced. Please use a level to make sure your washer is installed properly.

OK, OK, now you really believe it's the washing machine and you can't see the problem. Don't call for service yet. The Whirlpool and Kenmore washers made 12 or more years ago have a snubber pad which can be very worn.

You must top up on this older washer and you will see a Y-shaped bracket at the 1 o'clock position which exerts downward pressure on the splash guard. If you pry up the bracket, you can remove the snubber pad and replace at a very low price.

On older General Electric washers, they have snubber pads which are located in each bottom corner. You will have to remove the back cover to see if any of the snubber pads have fallen out from the two plates they fit between. Some of the newer machines have pads which float under the inner tub and they become worn from normal use. These types of repairs can be expensive and best done by a service technician.

One more thing before you call the service company - Did you do any checking at all to find out if the service company you're going to call is honest and reputable?

Do you have a question for the Appliance Doctor? Drop him a line at the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or e-mail him in care of of Ken Abramczyk at kabramczyk@ae.homecomm.net

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

at home calendar

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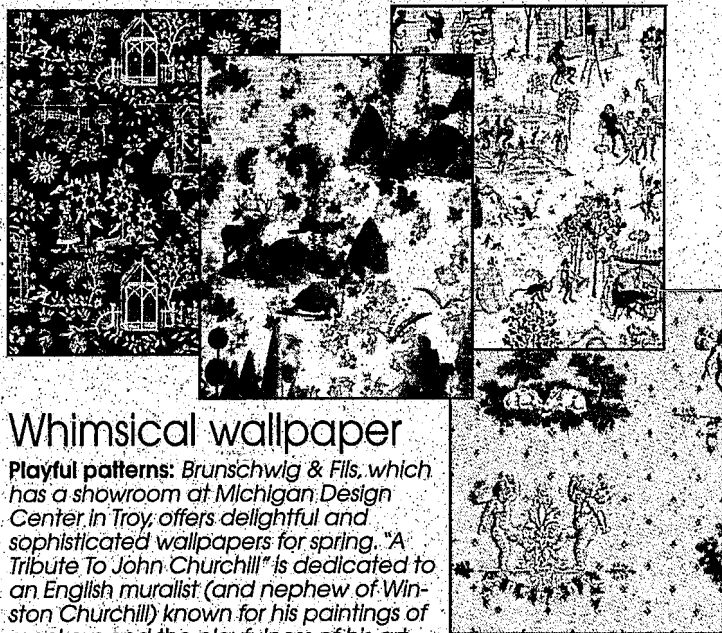
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Heavenly dream

June anytime: Dragonflies float across this exquisite "June" bedding ensemble by Eastern Accents, from Jacobson's spring home and garden catalog. The celery and buttercream duvet is richly textured with striped fabrics and embellished with tassels, fringe and braid. This and the dust ruffle are available in queen and king size; prices for the duvet are \$525 (queen) and \$565 (king), prices for the dust ruffle are \$225 (queen) and \$255 (king). The sham is \$100 for standard size, \$120 for king size, and \$92 and \$100 for

Euro size. Matching accent pillows are available for \$32 to \$150 and the throw for \$220. An overstuffed ottoman and a footstool create whimsical looks for \$330 and \$110 respectively. Complete the look with a queen size, wrought-iron canopy bed enhanced with scrolls and birds for \$2,000.



Whimsical wallpaper

Playful patterns: Brunschwig & Fils, which has a showroom at Michigan Design Center in Troy, offers delightful and sophisticated wallpapers for spring. "A Tribute To John Churchill" is dedicated to an English muralist (and nephew of Winston Churchill) known for his paintings of monkeys and the playfulness of his art.

The pattern - also available as a cotton print - was adapted by his daughter from a mural that included more than 360 monkeys (among which Churchill featured himself as an artist monkey). "Silver Bells and Cockle Shells" features a child's dream garden with giant sunflowers, rose-covered trellises and plump bunnies. At first glance, "Cherubins et Lapins" appears elegant, but a second look reveals its playfulness. It depicts vignettes of cavorting cherubs alternating with pairs of rabbits against a simple, pastel-colored ground. "Topiary," with topiary animals, cones and spirals, recalls the delight and astonishing range of this ancient gardening art. Call (248) 649-0505 or visit www.brunschwig.com



Show time

For keeps: Howard Miller, headquartered in Zeeland, Mich., has created interesting cases for keeping time and displaying collectibles. The Villager collectors cabinet, for village and cottage collections, is finished in deep "Embassy Cherry" on hardwoods and veneers with a light distressing for a casual feel. Its flat-topped pediment is crowned with a richly detailed shell and vine motif, and its fluted columns have caps that match the pediment. The cabinet features extra two incandescent lights, and a front glass door that slides and locks. It measures 85 inches high, 50 inches wide and 22 inches deep. The Aldridge, with warm "Golden Oak" finish on hardwoods and veneers, has a richly carved pediment with additional carving at the base. It has extra deep glass shelves ideally sized for dolls or other large collectibles; and measures 86-1/2 inches high, 44 inches wide and 19-1/2 inches deep. An engraved brass nameplate is free with purchase of the Villager or Aldridge. Suitable for a table or even a niche on the floor, the Belle Grove is a country-styled mini armoire that doubles as a quartz clock. The door features small "windows" with basket sketches that can be replaced with photos. It opens to reveal three shelves for secret treasures. The Belle Grove has an antique whitewash finish, is 12-1/4 inches high, 5 inches wide and 4-1/2 inches deep, and retails for \$62.95. For free information on clocks and collectors cabinets, or to find a store near you, call (800) 873-0506 or visit www.howard-miller.com

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This is about that time of year when you look around your home and think, "I'm so tired of being cooped up inside the same old walls." Everyone in your



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family might be getting bored with that "indoor landscape."

While the outdoor temperatures are telling you it's still a little early to move everyone outside for spring cleanup and planting, it's the perfect time to spruce up your indoor "homescape."

Call it spring cleaning if you prefer, but take it a step further than window cleaner and a vacuum. Move and start anew. Let your children help you create your spring indoor project list. Set realistic expectations on the amount of time it will take everyone to complete their tasks.

Make the obvious work for your family. No matter what the season, you can always change your family's perspective of the same old room by moving furniture and accent pieces around to create an entirely new look.

Even if your family room space dictates you can only move the sofa to one other position, accept that fact and transfer accent pieces in and out. Where appropriate, move a lamp from a den or office into the family room and vice versa. Switch plants from one room to the next, providing you move them to spaces with equal amounts of light.

Perhaps the toy chest your preschool children relish has been sitting in the same place since they were toddlers. Try moving it to a different location in the room or to a nearby room. This may create a fresh new approach to the way they play with their toys.

Relinquish your favorite spot on the sofa to another family member. This gives both parties new ways to look at the room and new comfort zones.

Let there be light. Pull up the blinds, draw back the sheers or remove tired-looking valances. You'll be surprised at what more sunshine can do to rejuvenate your senses after the winter doldrums.

Head for the bedrooms. Get your children involved in their homescaping. Move furniture around to create cool new looks.

Turn the winter bedding in for springtime colors. This doesn't mean you have to invest a small fortune in new bedding. New looks can easily be created with different color pillow shams or toss pillows. Invite your crafty teen to sew up some original creations from fabric you make a day trip to pick out together.

If you and your pre-teen or teen are really ambitious, you might want to pick out a new wall color and start painting. Get creative. Stencil or hand-paint theme accents on select areas of the walls, closet door, door frame or dresser.

Help younger children change bulletin board memorabilia. Store precious items in keepsake boxes and scrapbooks. When you do so, you also have the opportunity to update these treasures at the same time.

Clean out closets. If your family is short on storage compartments for out-of-season clothing and accessories you know will be worn again next season, make a date to go buy large and small storage bins in interesting shapes and colors. This can motivate your children to want to put away their stuff.

Play a game with everyone's home improvement ideas. Start by gathering in your family's favorite

room. Suggest that each family member come up with one spruce-up idea for each room in your house. Set a monetary limit for each idea (i.e., \$20 or less).

Reconvene and share ideas. Have one person jot down everyone's ideas by separating them according to the room. List the person's name next to the idea.

Award a point for each realistic idea. Give an extra point to each idea that doesn't require any expenditure. Tally the points. Award the person with the highest score his or her favorite meal for dinner.

To leave Lisa Luckow-Healy a message from a touch-tone phone about how you celebrate family, call (734) 953-2047, then her mailbox number, 1903; or e-mail your suggestions for future family topics to LLHealy@aol.com

focus on photography

No exaggeration: Distortion can be artful in photos



MONTE NAGLER

I think distortion gets a bad rap in photography. We usually try to eliminate it from our photographs. We want buildings straight, horizons level and faces looking normal.

But there are times when some distortion can actually add strength and impact to a picture. Distortion can be an attention grabber and can add an "artful" touch to your shot.

The best way to obtain distortion is to use a wide angle lens. The wider the angle, the more distortion you'll get. Any 35mm camera, even with a normal lens, gives minor distortion when looking up at a building. Rather than appearing vertical, the sides of the building will lean in toward each other. Use an extremely wide angle lens and the sides will dramatically lean.

I prefer lenses in the 15mm to 20mm range. Not only can you get distortion, but the depth-of-field is so great with these lenses that everything in the viewfinder from front to back will be sharp and in focus. Wide angle lenses will distort foreground objects so that they will appear exaggerated in size relative to background subjects.

A grouping of flowers or a pile of boulders can be used very effectively in this manner. Dominant and bold in the

foreground, they will serve as an excellent foundation to a picture.

Interesting portraits can be done this way, too. Philippe Halsman's famous shot of Louis Armstrong was made with a wide angle lens looking down into Armstrong's trumpet. The horn appears large and impressively distorted in the finished photo, but after all, that's what "Satchmo" was known for.

Similarly, Art Kane's noted portrait of Joe Louis was taken with a wide angle lens. Placed just inches from Louis' large hands, the lens made the fists look massive compared with the rest of the "Brown Bomber's" body.

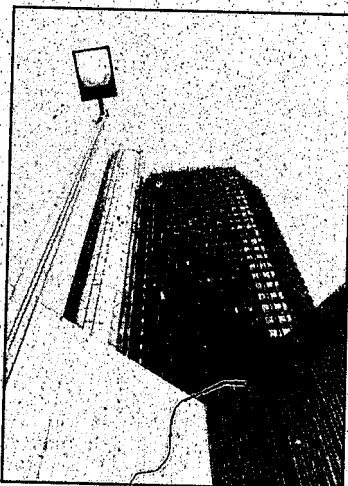
"Fun" portraits can be similarly obtained by moving in close to a friend's face with a wide angle lens. Noses will appear large, ears will look funny and the overall shape of the head will be distorted.

Distortion can also be applied to horizons. A wide angle lens on your camera tipped up or down will cause the horizon line to curve upward or downward. A surrealistic effect will be obtained that no other kind of manipulation will achieve.

So get distorted with your camera. Put a little distortion in your photographs.

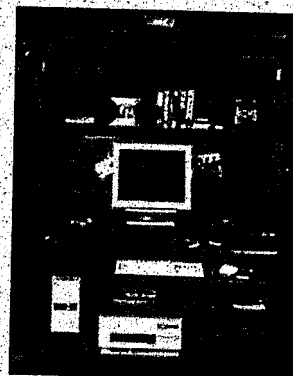
Monte Nagler is a fine art photographer based in Farmington Hills. You can leave him a message by dialing (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then his mailbox number, 1873. His fax number is (248) 644-1314.

Towering inversion: A 17mm wide angle lens and Detroit's Renaissance Center - just the combination for a distorted but impact-filled photograph of this remarkable building.



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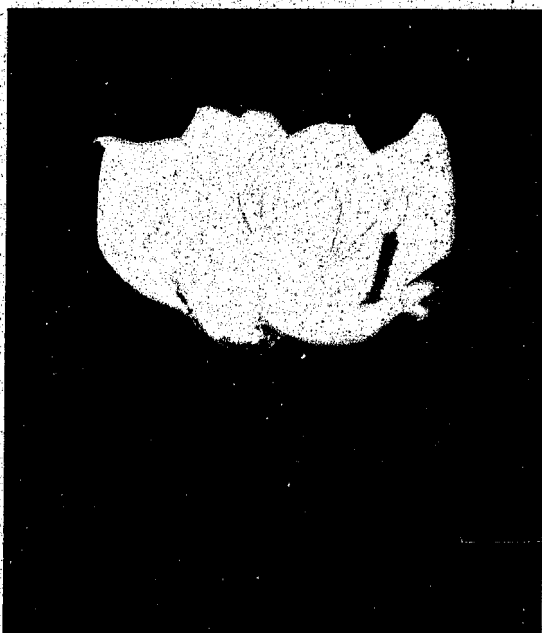
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Beauty in bloom: At the Bloomfest show, the miniature rose, "Bloomfest" (above) will again be available for purchase (photo courtesy of Bloomfest). Also, pots will be overflowing with color and many types of gardens will be on display (photos by Marty Figley).



Artistry in bloom

BY MARTY FIGLEY
Special Writer

"DTE Energy Detroit International Bloomfest: Garden Places, City Spaces, More for Living," the largest indoor flower show in the region, is the place to visit to get a taste of spring.

The Cobo Convention Center in Detroit will be dazzling with many displays of blooming plants Thursday-Sunday, April 6-9, and promises to be every bit as good as, or better than, last year's success.

"Bloomfest captures the essence of our city and vividly reveals our heritage through the international flair we've added this year," said Jeanne Vogt, president of the Michigan Horticultural Society, producer of the show.

One of the highlights of the show will be the 1/3-scale replica of the Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory on Belle Isle, which will feature a Japanese tea garden. Patrons will be encouraged to stroll through this extravagant display.

Ages 3-14 will have a great time in the Children's Village, a child-friendly activity center designed to educate and excite youngsters about gardening. A special program will be offered each hour. This large area is filled with interactive child-size garden surprises.

Local garden experts will present various programs throughout the show. A few of the topics will be "Aromatherapy," "Water Gardening," "Incredible Edibles," "Pruning" and "Roses." A cooking demonstration will be given by Smith & Hawken 11 a.m. April 8.

One garden not to be missed has been constructed by 50 Oakland Community College students who are enrolled in the Landscape and Horticultural Program, Auburn Hills Campus. The project was begun last September. Each student submitted a drawing and the class' choice was designed by Bonnie Hendry of Royal Oak.

It is a Backyard Garden that one enters through an arbor covered with honeysuckle. Irregular square cobbles lead into the patio that contains a stone trough centered with a fountain. French cafe tables and chairs in pewter offer a place to sit as do the benches that line the walkway.

Clematis twines up a trellis at the back of the "house." Concrete urns filled with many annuals sit on the patio as well as at the entrance. A 3-foot wrought-iron fence surrounds the garden.

Four flowering dogwood trees, approximately 60 shrubs such as littleleaf boxwood, viburnum and rock juniper are used, along with 200 to 250 perennials, 40 flats of ground cover and 2,000 bulbs consisting of daffodils and crocus. The students began forcing bulbs in early February.

Many, many hours have been spent on this project, for which each student

will receive credit. Full-Natural Science Department guided the students.

"Two part-time faculty members, Baeckeroof and Baeckeroof, guided the students," Baeckeroof said. "They are in the construction phase."

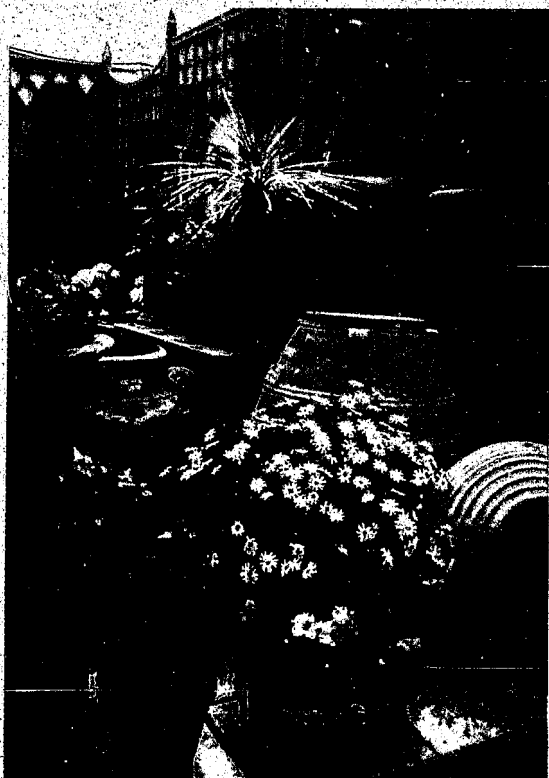
All the plants will be from the college campus.

This is just one of the designers are Cranbrook, Washington, Korzan, Lan, Hills, and The Detroit Zoological Institute.

Process

Before a designer is in to Faye Traskos, show coordinator.

The designer meets with the students who explain what the show





Growing inspiration: Bloomfest will provide a variety of garden inspiration, including water gardens (left) and dramatic floral designs. Hundreds of tulips, such as those on the cover, will greet visitors. (Photos by Marty Figley.)



at big Bloomfest

...ent instructors for the horticultural program in the ...ent, Marshall Baeckeroot and Michelle Mitchell, have ...ulty members have also devoted a lot of time, ...re Frank Schaldach (design) and Marie Muehlenbein ...ealed. After the show they will be transplanted to the

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...ited into the show, several steps are taken, according ...ordinator.

...with Traskos and Larry Wright, major garden chair, ...w is all about - what they would like to see, such as a



wide variety of plants and trees and healthy plants. The company then does a preliminary sketch of a garden and submits it after being assigned a space at the show, agreed upon by all.

The sketch is shown to the major garden committee, which gives feedback to the designer. The company then signs a contract and proceeds with ordering the plant material to be used. Many of the plants are forced so ample time must be allowed for the plants to be ready by April.

The designer then presents a completed design that is mounted and framed. A set-up date is given to the company. Each garden design is installed in six to seven days.

A lot of busy activity happens at Cobo during set-up time. Large machines are used to bring in tons of sand, large trees and plants, structures and other things necessary to make each garden as magnificent as it can be.

Other features

In addition to this, "Our Living Legacies," the theme of the standard flower show design section, has six competitive classes. These unusual creations are made by members of garden clubs.

Four horticultural classes for houseplants, orchids, cacti and succulents, dish gardens and terrariums, forced bulbs, potted herbs, forced and evergreen branches are open to everyone. For more information, call (248) 646-2990.

Another favorite section will be the floral displays by top designers from the American Institute of Floral Designers and the competitive design classes by professional florists. In addition, the high school and community college student exhibit competitions will be judged.

The show introduces the cross-generational benefit of gardening with a focus on wellness and natural living. Lifestyle trends and tips for better living lend insight to herbal remedies of the past and present, organic cooking and aromatherapy.

A very talented group of 30 artists will have their pieces exhibited throughout the show. They include Joseph Wesner of Bloomfield, Russel Thayer of Lathrup Village, Gary Kulak of Birmingham and Sergio DiGiusti of Redford. Glass, steel, bronze, clay, plaster, granite, wood and other mediums have been used for this exciting addition.

Many cultural organizations will host programs and special exhibits. Short demonstrations about all phases of gardening will be given throughout the show. I will be sharing "Rose-Craft" 4-5 p.m. April 6.

There's more! A large marketplace will be on another level of the hall and is just the spot for shopaholics. There is something for everyone.

Don't miss this second flower show.

Here's help planning your Bloomfest route:

Bloomfest will take place 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 6-8; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, April 9.

• Ticket prices are: advance, \$8; at the door, \$10; seniors (age 60 and older), \$8; children (age 12 and younger), free. Tickets may be bought at Michigan Kroger locations. For more information, call (248) 646-2990, or visit www.bloomfest.com

• Group tours must be arranged through Detroit Upbeat; call (313) 341-6810. Private, docent-led tours for groups of 15 or more are an additional \$5 per person. Group tours to Pewabic Pottery, Detroit's Eastern Market and Windsor must be arranged in advance for groups of 20 or more.

• "It's a Bloomin' Party," the preview benefit, will be 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 5. The preview will begin at Cobo Convention Center and be followed by an elegant dinner at the Pontchartrain Hotel. Proceeds benefit local academic and cultural programs. Tickets range from \$125 to a patron's package for \$500. Call (248) 646-2990.

• Trolleys and/or buses will transport Bloomfest visitors to and from Cobo Center for a fee of 50 cents. Visitors are encouraged to park at the following cultural organizations: Detroit Institute of Arts, International Institute, Detroit Science Center, Detroit Zoo, Pewabic Pottery, Belle Isle, and Henry Ford Estate Fairlane.

Build up 'time-savings accounts'



DIANA KOENIG

Q: No matter how hard my husband and I try to keep up with the running and maintenance of our household, raise two active children and have personal time for ourselves, we always end up behind the eight ball. Just when we are almost caught up, the car will break down, dental appointments will pile up or a friend will call needing help. What can we do to get us over these humps?

A: You cannot predict the future. Prepare for your future by building "time savings accounts." Just as you save money for a rainy day, you need to save time. How do you save time? Just as you make the decision to save money in a savings account, in the stock market or under the mattress of your bed, you must also decide how to save time.

You are given 24 hours in a day. You cannot save time from one day and

carry it over to the next; however, you can use the extra time to complete a future task.

Take, for example, income taxes. Use the time throughout the entire year to prepare for April 15 instead of scrambling at the end of the year or filing for an extension. Set up a system to file receipts in separate envelopes or file folders. Label the folders "business," "medical," "household improvements," "donations," etc.

You will always experience some interruptions in your schedule such as car problems or a friend in need. Allow extra time each day for these unforeseen emergencies. If they don't occur, use the time to relax and do something you enjoy or apply the time to a future project.

Simplify your life and the way you do things. How quickly can you make your beds or change your bed linens? Caring for bunk beds, beds against walls, dust ruffles and fussy bedspreads consume time. Buy bed coverings and place beds in rooms with ease of maintenance in mind.

Is it easy to change a light bulb in your light fixtures? Are the tops of your furniture filled with knickknacks that need to be dusted? Think of ways you can make things simpler.

I bought a longer hose for my upright vacuum cleaner. It reaches farther than my original hose and allows me to cover the entire staircase. I save time because I don't have to lug the vacuum cleaner up and down the stairs.

These are little things, but combined, they may gain you the extra hour you need to help a distressed friend.

Do as much as you can ahead of time. Decide what you are going to wear the night before; start making lunches the night before; police your home for clutter control before you crawl into bed. These preparations may gain you the time you need the next morning if the alarm fails to wake you or someone engages you in a lengthy phone conversation.

Train yourself to think future, not present or past. If something needs to be done next week, tackle it now. If you wait, something more pressing may grab your time.

■ Just as you make the decision to save money in a savings account, in the stock market or under the mattress of your bed, you must also decide how to save time.

The past is a reminder of projects left uncompleted. Trying to cram everything into the present and trying to make the past will create unwanted stress.

Begin now to save time. Make a list of things you can do to simplify your life and your home. List everything you do in a week. Delete some activities from your schedule. As you begin compiling your list, share it with a friend and ask for suggestions.

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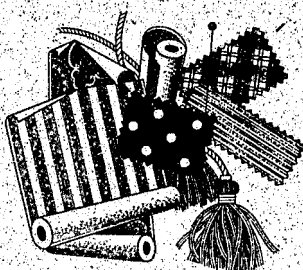
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■ The Beverly Hills Garden Club will meet 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 4, at the Beverly Hills Village Office, 18500 W. 13 Mile. The May plant sale will be discussed. Guests may attend.

■ Knitting classes for all levels will be offered for five Wednesdays or Thursdays, beginning April 5 or 6 (omitting April 26 and 27), at the Rochester Community House, 816 Ludlow. A second session will be offered in May. Call (248) 651-0622.

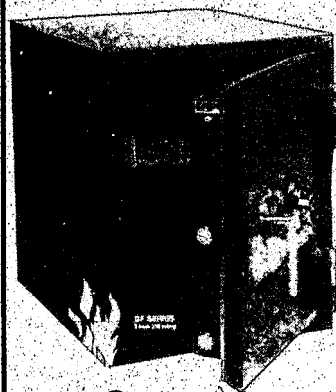
■ The Frank Boos Gallery, 420 Enterprise Court in Bloomfield Hills, will conduct an auction 6 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, April 11-13. A preview will take place noon to 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 6-7, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, April 10. Call (248) 332-1500. The auction will feature property belonging to the estate of Marshall Fredericks, a prominent West Bloomfield collector and numerous other estates and private collectors.

Club officers



Gardening group: Oakland University Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club's newly elected officers for 2000 are Leah Potere (left), president; Shirley Mullin, treasurer; Kathy Ruffing, secretary; Nada Smith, vice president of gardens; and Bert Bressette, vice president of programs.

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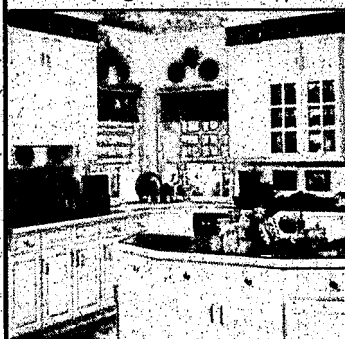
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Gardening books offer quips, tips



MARTY FIGLEY

Dahlia growers will soon put the tubers in the ground and anticipate the beautiful flowers that will grace their gardens this summer.

From Timber Press comes "The Gardener's Guide to Growing Dahlias," Gareth Rowlands (\$29.95). The book is very well organized with all pertinent information necessary to grow these flowers.

Everything is clearly explained from the origin of the plants, botany, classification, to exhibiting. The color photos beautifully show the various types of flowers and the different colors. One chapter specifically deals with growing them in the United States. Several nurseries are listed as resources with the author's personal comments.

Published in 1996 by Gibbs Smith, "Don't Throw In the Towel: Tips and Quips on Gardening," Texas Bix Bender (\$6.95), will easily fit into a pocket or purse.

Quips are such as "Reading garden catalogs in the winter is like having cocktails in the evening; after one or two, your big plans begin to look feasible." Tips include "To preserve cut flowers, use a tablespoon of Listerine per quart of water." Some are clever, others are informative - you might get a few chuckles from this.

"Plants Bite Back!"; Richard Platt (\$12.95, DK Publishing Inc.), is one in a series of books for children. They are age specific from 1 (beginning to read) to 4 (proficient readers). This book is rated 3 (reading alone).

The illustrations are bright and colorful and the text explains the why and how of the plants' "mechanisms." Quite a botany lesson. Parents should encourage the youngsters to share the stories so that they can discuss what they have learned. Good stuff.

"A Contemplation Upon Flowers: Garden Plants in Myth and Literature," Bobby Ward (\$24.95, Timber Press), is a compilation of poems, literature, plays, etc. that focus on 80 particular plants.

Literary references as far back as ancient Greece up to the 19th century are used to illustrate the meanings and

importance of the flowers in specific eras. Latin as well as common names are used and the author explains that the names of the plants are sometimes different from one country to another. The book captures the historical significance of each flower.

"Creating and Planting Garden Troughs," Joyce Fingerut and Rex Murfitt (\$21, BB Mackey Books), gives the lowdown on how to construct your own hypertufa container.

The directions are very easy to follow - the troughs can be made in various shapes and embellished as the creator chooses. Black and white photos illustrate just what to expect.

Both authors grow alpine plants and are very experienced. Murfitt suggests which of them will be the most suitable for a trough and suggests combinations. Look no further for trough information.

Don't let the title of "Storey's Basic Country Skills: A Practical Guide to Self-reliance" (\$24.95, Storey Pub.), mislead you. A large section of the book is devoted to gardening. From planning to planting, ideas are right on.

Subjects include extending the season, how to plant, raised beds, lists of

warm and cold season crops, herb gardening, all kinds of flowers, composting, pool gardens, animal deterrents, beneficial insects, small fruits, and greenhouses and other structures.

Black and white drawings illustrate when necessary. There's more; take a look at this one.

"Garden Madness," Susan Watkins (\$15.95, Fulcrum), first published in 1995, is a small book that looks at the humorous and somewhat irreverent side of gardening.

Watkins has a sarcastic opinion about nearly every phase of gardening. For instance, in The Calendar Chapter, "August: Dig up more of everything, and divide it again. Bring in bouquets of cut flowers and put them in vases all over your house so the cats may knock them over at their leisure. Kick the tires on your mower once in a while to let it know you haven't forgotten its place in the scheme of things."

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

at home calendar

■ A spring open house and one-stop shopping event will take place 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 1, at 1697 Fleetwood Drive in Troy. Representatives from Discovery Toys, Creative Memories, DK Family Learning, Tupperware, Nancy's Creative Touch, 1-800-PARTYShop and The Pampered Chef will be on hand. The first 25 guests will receive free gift bags. Drawings for prizes be featured.

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■ The Village Woman's Club of Beverly Hills will present the Beverly Hills Home Tour noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 2. The tour will feature five houses. Tickets are \$10 in advance; \$15 tour day. Village Offices, 18500 W. 13 Mile, will be open 9 a.m. to noon Saturday for ticket sales. Tickets may also be bought by contacting Mary Ann Troy at (248) 642-1308 or matroy1@aol.com. Tickets and complimentary light refreshments will be available Sunday at Village Offices. Enjoy a complimentary dessert at Beverly Hills Grill, Brady's Tavern or Flying Fish Tavern with your purchase of a lunch or dinner tour day.

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Go 'tray chic' with scavenger hunt



RUTH MOSSOK JOHNSTON

If you read my column with any regularity, you know I have a passion for unusual or antique dishes, kitchen equipment and interesting "entertaining do-da's" (as my father condescendingly referred to them).

With some advance warning, send your friends on a bit of a scavenger hunt. Have them scour through the basement, garage or attic searching for the prize of finding an old but usable tray. Many of you may have one in the stash of unused wedding gifts or those dreaded unreturnables. We are talking plain old serving trays — no Tiffany silver needed or required!

You may be able to find functional and inexpensive ones at the local outlet stores, the discount department-type stores (in the housewares departments) and even the so-called dollar shops.

Once everyone selected for the "group" finds a tray, set a date to go Tray Chic.

Coordinate and allocate a different type of food or food style for each person or couple. Have them prepare or buy the necessary items to fill their tray and then bring it along to share with the other guests for a fun-filled lunch or dinner.

Here are some Chic Ideas:

■ **A Far Eastern Tray** — Mix and match Asian cuisine: egg rolls, dim sum-type treats, a rice noodle dish, steamed Asian vegetables, fried rice, mini egg foo yong, sesame balls, tempah-stuffed shiitake mushrooms, and pickled ginger. You could also do all sushi or Thai food, or go another step and divide the regions of China (spicy foods from the west, noodle and bread influenced foods from the north, Cantonese favorites accompanied by rice from the south, or delicious dim sum and seafood treats from the east).

■ **A Middle Eastern Tray** — Appetizers and/or assorted kebab skewers: stuffed grape leaves, hummus, mjadra, baba ghanoush, pickled vegetables, pink pickled turnips, tabbouli salad, fattoush salad, lamb and rice patties with pine nuts, stuffed koosa (squash), chicken, lamb or beef kebabs, kibbeh, and toasted pita bread chips.

■ **A Salad Sampler Tray** — Small portions of many salads: Caesar (with or without grilled chicken or shrimp), pasta, potato, rice, couscous, chopped vegetable, a traditional Cobb salad, fruit, or a Julienne).

■ **A Deli Tray** — Filled with "milk or meat specialties," a smoked fish platter

with an assortment of different fish, lox (don't forget the mini bagels and cream cheese) and gefilte fish, a deli meat tray with pastrami, corned beef, tongue, and roasted turkey slices; a blintz tray (mini-pan-fried golden blintzes, some filled with farmer's cheese and some stuffed with fresh or canned fruit filling).

■ **A Vegetarian Tray** — Steamed and/or cold vegetables, vegetable dips, fried bread or vegetable chips, sauteed vegetables, tofu, some stuffed vegetables, and fruit.

■ **A French Niçoise Tray** — Marinated haricot verts (delicate green beans), grilled tuna in a grainy mustard vinaigrette, niçoise olives, marinated artichoke hearts, and colored pepper confit.

■ **A Decadent Dessert Tray** — Loaded with bite-size tarts, petit fours, custard-filled eclairs, caramel and chocolate covered nuts, cream puffs, tuiles, and chocolates (preferably cocoa-dusted truffles).

■ **A Seafood Tray** — A selection of chilled (cooked) shrimp, steamed and chilled crab legs, butterflied grilled shrimp, a bluefish pate, seared scallops, and some chilled crab claws (don't forget the lemon and cocktail sauce!).

■ **A Cheese Tray** — Filled with your favorite chunks, slices or wedges of imported or domestic cheese, some fresh mozzarella wrapped with basil leaves and a bit of tomato, stuffed walnut-sized cheese balls, cheese dips, or a wine-infused cheese ball covered in finely chopped nuts (and don't forget a selection of crackers, toasts or biscuits).

■ **A Mini-Sandwich Tray** — Soft or crusty dinner rolls, halved and filled with the likes of sliced roast beef and horseradish, smoked turkey with Havarti cheese and a spot of fruit butter, tuna fish peppered with caraway seeds and green peas, smoked salmon pate, cheese and fruit combinations, medallion of beef with a slice of cheddar, chicken salad laden with dried cherries and slivered almonds, or chocolate peanut butter with a slice of banana.

■ **A Spanish Tapas Tray** — Filled with those popular hot and cold "little dishes of Spain," small appetizer-type portions of wonderful tastes and flavors: Mussels Escabeche, Grilled Whole Shrimp with Aioli Sauce, Warm Goat's Cheese surrounded with Spicy Tomato Coulis, and a variety of grilled Spanish sausage.

■ **A Side-Dish Tray** — An assortment of favorites: corn fritters, grilled vegetable slices, onion rings or the bloom-in' onion, mini-egg rolls, stuffed celery (use cool stuffings, not the typical peanut butter or cream cheese), fried onion cakes, mini vegetable or potato pancakes, corn pudding, green bean casserole, or herb-marinated vegetables.

If you are a bit of a jokester and want to give your guests a real laugh:

■ **Have your friends prepare the necessary items for a type of food to fill a tray, and then bring it along to share with other guests for a fun-filled lunch or dinner.**

■ **Prepare airline food trays** (peanuts and pop, or a plastic-covered sandwich assortment)

■ **A hospital-stay tray** (clear broth, finger Jell-O, and some saltines)

■ **A public school cafeteria tray** (make sure to have ketchup for the vegetable!)

■ **TV-dinner food trays** (fresh foil trays filled with fried chicken legs, a small scoop of mashed potatoes, and some creamed corn)

■ **The ever-popular camp-food tray** (canned ravioli bits, cold green beans, small bathroom-size paper cups of Kool-Aid, and burnt marshmallows).

To put a real creative spin on the tray part of this idea, make some trays out of papier mâché and have each guest decorate his own tray with a variety of paint, paper and colorful scrap options.

Make this a project that is carried over to another day or so — you won't be able to put food on freshly made or decorated trays. Be sure to use non-toxic materials if your tray will be in direct contact with the food.

Cover old trays with bits of fabric, samples of wallpaper, colored paper, tissue paper, used wrapping paper or old comic books.

Check with your neighborhood hardware or craft shop for a good liquid plastic covering, découpage liquid, artist gesso, or a spray shellac-type product, to coat your finished trays (do check with a reputable salesperson for the right product!).

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SATURDAY



Oakland University's Department of Music, Theatre and Dance presents "Hit and Run: Dances for a New Century," performed by Oakland Dance Theatre, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for general admission, \$8 for seniors and \$5 for students. (248) 370-2030 for more information.

SUNDAY



The Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra, featuring Jannina Barefield, will present "A Salute To The 2000 Summer Olympics" concert at 7 p.m. at Temple Beth El, 14 Mile and Telegraph in Bloomfield Hills. Dinner and concert tickets are \$45 for adults, \$30 for children. Call (248) 645-2276.

HOT TICKET



Garth Fagan brings his troupe, "Garth Fagan Dance," to the Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts in Detroit, Thursday-Sunday, March 30 to April 2. Tickets \$30-\$40, call (313) 963-2366 or (248) 645-6666.

'JUDGING AMY' ON TRIAL

LOCAL JUDGES TAKE ON THE POPULAR TV SHOW

BY MARY IACOBELLI
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Tell many professionals that network television is making a show about their line of work, and you can expect a variety of responses.

Whether it's derisive laughter, a snide comment, or maybe just a good old-fashioned sneer, rarely is the reaction a positive one.

Sometimes that concern is grounded in fact — consider "attorney" Ally McBeal and her micro-miniskirts. Other shows, such as ABC's *NYPD Blue*, have earned praise from their real-life counterparts.

With that in mind, we decided to put the rookie legal drama *Judging Amy*, about a female judge, to the test. We asked four female Oakland County judges to watch the show and give us their take on its accuracy.

Our panel included Julie Nicholson of 52nd District Court in Rochester Hills, Kimberly Small of 48th District Court in Bloomfield Township, Susan N. Moiseev of 46th District Court in Southfield and Marla Parker of 47th District Court in Farmington Hills.

Judging Amy centers around Judge Amy Gray, played by Amy Brenneman of *NYPD Blue* fame, a recently-divorced single mother who moves from New York City to Hartford, Conn. to become a judge. She and her young daughter move in with her strong-willed mother and brother.

CBS touted the show as a realistic drama, based on the experiences of Brenneman's mother who is — you guessed it — a judge in Hartford, Conn.



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Judging "Judging Amy": Kim Small, a judge in 48th District Court in Bloomfield Hills, is flanked by daughters Jessica (left) and Erica as they watch an episode of "Judging Amy" at home.

Of the four judges we interviewed, only Moiseev was an avid watcher.

"I think the whole program is very interesting," she said. "I think being a judge is a very isolating job — watching the show and some of the things that happen are so true you don't feel quite so alone."

While Moiseev's fellow judges are not regular viewers, they all gave the show a general thumbs up, despite the fact that reality is sometimes bent to accommodate the television venue.

"Obviously, (cases) don't move that quickly, as much as we'd love them to," said Small. "But courtroom reality wouldn't play as well on TV."

"You have to take (the show) with a grain of salt and understand that producers are trying to present a story in a short amount of time," Parker agreed. "We don't work in one-hour formats."

On the positive side, Small appreciated the show's take on the far-reaching effects of courtroom decisions.

"I thought it did a really nice job of dealing with the humanity we see on a daily basis," she said. "There is always more than the defendant standing in front of us that's affected."

Sometimes, when people are affected negatively, judges become the focus of their anger, something the women we talked to agreed *Judging Amy* portrayed accurately.

"That's something all judges have to look out for," Parker said. "People come to you every day, and certainly not every person is happy with the decision you make."

In one episode, Brenneman's character is forced to have around-the-clock protection because of a death threat, something that hit close to home for Moiseev.



■ There was a scene showing (Brenneman's character) sewing a costume for her daughter after being in court all day. That pretty much applies to all working moms.

—Judge Julie Nicholson (above)
—52nd District Court

Please See 'JUDGING AMY,' E2

THEATER

Heartlande makes a play for new works, new writers

BY KEELY WYONIK
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If there's such a thing as a theatrical saint, Jan Radcliff might be it.

"She's put her heart, mind and soul into this venture," said local playwright David MacGregor. "She's interested in the creative process."

Radcliff, a Birmingham resident, is one of the founders of Heartlande Theatre Company, producers of the fourth annual Play by Play 12-hour marathon, held Saturday at Roper School in Birmingham. MacGregor's comedic play, *Revelation*, will be among the 22 original works, ranging from 6 to 15 minutes. The plays will be presented twice between noon and midnight, an average of three to four plays each hour.

"We provide a venue to showcase new plays," said Radcliff. "We keep discovering new people."

Play by Play is Heartlande Theatre Company's only fund-raiser. The event features the combined work of more than 100 writers, actors, directors and theater artists.

Among those expected to attend are people from the Screen Actor's Guild, artistic directors of local and regional theater companies, theater buffs, and of course, relatives of those people performing on stage.

"It does expose actors who regularly work at the Detroit Repertory Theatre and other venues to new audiences," said Radcliff. "We asked them to list where they're performing next in their biography."

Heartlande Theatre's focus is on developing and nurturing the artistic theater company. "We're not defining content," explained Radcliff. "We're interested in the process of writing plays."

But something happened over the



Planning stages: Janet Pound (from left), Maggie Patton, Kim Werkman and Phyllis Lewis discuss the 12-hour marathon of short plays presented by the Heartlande Theatre Company on Saturday at Birmingham Roper School.

last four years. They found that audiences "were blown away by the level of talent," said Radcliff.

"I'm blown away by the talent and quality of the scripts we receive. We got 120 short scripts from all over Michigan and the world, the 22 we selected are really quite remarkable."

Play by Play has also become a place where people in the theater community network with one another.

"They're so involved in plays that they don't get to see other people's work," said Radcliff. "This gives them an opportunity to watch and support that work. It creates a sense of community."

Radcliff will present *A Big Girl Now*, a drama about a woman who has put her father into a private-care residence.

Please see PLAY BY PLAY, E2

MT. ZION PLAYERS
What: Mt. Zion Theatre Company presents *The Alabaster Vial: An Original Easter Musical* by Rick Bruderrick — an exploration of the fictional relationships of biblical characters.
When: Friday and Saturday, April 21 and 22. Deaf Interpretation on April 21. Call (248) 391-6166 for times.
Where: Clarkston High School, Clarkston.
Tickets: \$8.

Ridgedale Players
What: Ridgedale Players presents *Oklahoma* by Rodgers and Hammerstein, the classic musical of love, jealousy and rivalry.
When: March 30-31 and April 1. Friday and Saturday performances are 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m.
Where: 205 W. Long Lake between Liverhols and Crooks in Troy.
Tickets: \$13. Sundays, seniors and students pay \$12. Coffee and sandwich afterglow included. Group rates available. Call (248) 988-7049.

Stagecrafters
What: Stagecrafters presents *Barefoot in the Park*, a comedy about a newlywed couple in New York City.
When: March 30, 31 and April 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9. Call (248) 541-6430.
Where: Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak.
Tickets: \$12-\$14.

Village Players
What: Village Players of Birmingham presents *Sherlock Holmes*, the classic British detective story.
When: 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 31 and April 1.
Where: The Village Players, 752 Chestnut, Birmingham.
Tickets: Call (248) 644-9667 for information.



Positive review: 48th District Court Judge Kim Small gave "Judging Amy" a thumb's up.

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and how she feels about leaving him.

Actor Mary Rychlewski will perform in Radcliff's play.

"It's beautifully written, honest," said Rychlewski, who cofounded Heartlands with Radcliff. "It's about her own guilt for not being there when her father was well. Now it's up to her to make him comfortable, and how she feels about having to leave him."

MacGregor, who teaches English and a film class at Wayne State University, participates in the marathon because it's just plain fun. "Writing plays is a long, tortuous process," he said. "To get people to look at your play makes it complete."

Playwrights seeing their works on stage is much like the feeling an artist gets when their work is exhibited.

"If you've never been to the theater before, you'll learn how important it is," said Rychlewski. "How it brings up issues, makes you laugh and cry. If I get you into the theater and you like it, you'll come back."

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"I've never had a police escort like that, but I've had colleagues go through it," she said. "People don't understand you're not out to hurt anybody, you're just doing your job and following the law."

Small said death threats are a fact of life for judges, who are called on to make the lawful decisions, not the most popular.

"I actually related to that because I've had death threats," Small said. "The show accurately pointed out that we deal with dangerous people."

On a personal note, Nicholson identified with the character's role as a mother balancing career and family.

"There was a scene showing (Brenneman's character) sewing a costume for her daughter after being in court all day," said Nicholson, the mother of two boys. "That pretty much applies to all working moms."

In the same vein, Parker appreciated the show's portrayal of Judge Amy Gray's personal life, further complicated by her profession.

"She has a social life, a family life, and a demanding job she has to put in some sort of balance. I understand that," Parker said. "It's hard not to bring this job home with you. When you're a judge, you're never not a judge, even when you're home."

In the end, all four judges agreed the show has a positive reflection.

"I think people who watch the show will understand our lives a little better," said Moiseev, who tapes the show when unable to watch it live. "We're more than a robe behind the bench."

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SILENT FILMS

Wings' cast says a lot without saying a word

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Baldwin Theatre in Royal Oak feature *Wings* next month as part of its Silent Movie Series.

ate Foltin, executive director of the Stagecrafters' Baldwin Theatre and a Troy resident, says the early 20th-century, starring Hollywood's original cover girl Clara Bow leaves audience, well, speechless.

ow times are 8 p.m. April 15 and 2 p.m. April 16. Tickets cost \$5 each.

he only sounds heard during the nearly two-hour film will be played by organist John Arden, whose classic organ features "old theater pipes," according to Foltin.

ltin said Baldwin Theatre's silent movies a couple of years ago as a change from regular schedule of live stage-off-Broadway productions, as

well as youth theater.

Past silent films have included the *Hunchback of Notre Dame* and series starring Laurel and Hardy and Charlie Chaplin. Howard Baron is the producer of the film series.

To better follow a silent film it's important to pay attention to body language and note cards which appear at the bottom of the screen, according to Foltin. Ability to read lips is another plus.

The World War I film is about the naive Jack Powell (played by Buddy Rogers) and rich David Armstrong (Richard Arlen), vying for the attention of Sylvia Lewis (Jobyna Ralston), much to the chagrin of Mary Preston (Bow) who had earlier dated Jack.

Jack and David are drafted and become buddies as they go through flight training, battling the enemy in the air and receiving medals during World War I.

Mary, wanting to win back Jack's love, enlists as a nurse and ends up reuniting with Jack during his respite in Paris, France.

Foltin expects a variety of people to attend — a "very eclectic" turnout is how she described it.

"Some senior citizens, families, a 20-something college crowd, film students," she said. "Also people who like organ music."

Obviously, movie budgets were minuscule then compared to today's standards, but Foltin is impressed with the air combat scene in *Wings*.

"Some of the special effects hold up to today's standards," she said.

Baldwin Theatre's doors first opened in 1922, making it as old as some of the silent movies it shows. Stagecrafters bought the building from Royal Oak in 1985 and has spent \$1 million in renovation.

State to host 'Voices of Light'

The lyrics and sounds of a symphony orchestra and a classic silent film are the attractions to a unique afternoon of entertainment Sunday, April 2 at the State Theatre in Detroit.

Detroit's Rackham Symphony Choir, joined by The Detroit Chamber Winds and Strings and soloists from the Michigan Opera Theatre, provide the background sound for the silent film, Carl Dreyer's 1928 classic, *The Passion of Joan of Arc*.

Composer Richard Einhorn, inspired by the film, titled the show *Voices of Light*. Show time is 3 p.m. at the historical theater on 2115 Woodward.

Suzanne Acton, music director of the Rackham Symphony Choir and Chorus Master of Michigan Opera Theatre, will conduct the orchestra, choir and soloists.

"The music is built around a series of texts by

■ Suzanne Acton, music director of the Rackham Symphony Choir and Chorus Master of Michigan Opera Theatre, will conduct the orchestra, choir and soloists

women mystics of Middle Ages. Einhorn's combination of historical research in medieval chant and his appreciation of musical minimalism has resulted in a score which complements and amplifies the timeless film without overshadowing it.

Featured soloists are Elizabeth Parcells, Freda Hersef, David Fisher, Frank Pitts, Jennifer Oliver, Heidi Bowen, Rosalin Guastella and Kathryn Schmidt.

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GEM THEATRE:

"Escanaba In da Moonlight," a comedy by Jeff Daniels, through June 25, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesday, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, 33 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800

JET: Arthur Miller's "Broken Glass," March 30-April 2 and April 5-9, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday, 8 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday and Wednesday, in the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, lower level of the Jewish Community Center, West Bloomfield. \$15-\$25. (248) 788-2900

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE:

"Chagall's Arabian Nights," a love story inspired by the art of Marc Chagall by Meadow Brook Theatre Playwright-in-Residence Karim Alrawi, matinee and evening shows through Sunday, April 9, at the theater on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. \$19.50-\$35. (248) 377-3300

COLLEGE

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE: "Cactus Flower," dinner theater performance 6:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 31-April 1; theater performance only 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 7-8 and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 2, in the Liberal Arts Theater, Schoolcraft College, Livonia. \$19 dinner theater, \$8 theater only. (734) 462-4596

U-D MERCY THEATRE: "The King Korn Trio," March 30-April 16, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, except for April 2, in the McAuley Theatre on campus, Detroit. \$10, \$8 seniors/students. (313) 993-1130

U-M THEATRE: "S'lichot" by Kim Yaged, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 30-April 1, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 2, at the Trueblood Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$14. (734) 764-0450; "Cabaret" 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 6-8 and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at the Power Center, Ann Arbor. \$18, \$14, \$7 students. (734) 764-0450

WSU BONSTELLE: "Godspell" opens Friday, April 7 and runs to Sunday, April 16; 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, Detroit. \$10-\$13. (313) 577-2960

WSU HILBERRY: "Our Town," 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 30-31; "Five by Tenn" continues to May 6, at the theater, Detroit. \$11-\$18. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATER

FIRST THEATRE GUILD OF BIRMINGHAM:

"The Pled Piper of Hamelin," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 31-April 1, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 2, at the theater, Birmingham. \$7, \$5 students/seniors. (248) 644-2087, ext. 451

HEARTLAND THEATRE COMPANY: "Play by Play Marathon" noon to midnight Saturday, April 1 with a 6:30 p.m. reception celebrating the theatrical community during the Seventh Inning Stretch, at the Roeper School, Birmingham. \$5 for one hour, \$20 all-day admission, all tickets sold at door. (248) 988-1094

PARK PLAYERS OF NORTH ROSEDALE PARK: "The Wizard of Oz" 8 p.m. Saturday, April 1, 2 p.m. Sunday, April 2, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 7-8, at the North Rosedale Community House, Detroit. \$15/\$13. (313) 835-1103

RIDGEDALE PLAYERS: "Oklahoma!" March 30-31 and April 1, Friday-Saturday shows 8 p.m., 3 p.m. Sunday, at the theater in Troy. (248) 988-7049

STAGECRAFTERS: "Barefoot in the Park," continues to Sunday, April 9, signed performance for deaf Thursday, April 6, at the Baldwin Theatre, Royal Oak. \$12-\$14. (248) 541-6430 or for TTY assistance (248) 541-6796

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE: "The Trial of God" opens Friday, April 7 and runs to Sunday, April 30, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, Livonia. \$8-10 Friday-Saturday, \$5 Sunday. (734) 464-6302

VILLAGE PLAYERS: "Sherlock Holmes" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 31-April 1, at the theater,



Dancing shoes: Detroit's Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts presents the energized, gravity-defying spectacle, "Garth Fagan Dance," Thursday-Sunday, March 30-April 2. Fagan is the Tony Award-winning choreographer of Disney's hit musical "The Lion King." The Wayne State University graduate and his latest revue have earned accolades including the New York Governor's Arts Award. "Garth Fagan Dance" blends jazz, Afro-Caribbean, ballet and modern dance in an exotic way. Tickets \$30-\$40, call (313) 963-2366 or (248) 645-6666.

Birmingham. \$12. (248) 644-2075

DINNER THEATRE

BACI THEATRE: "Flanagan's Wake," 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. Tickets \$25 Thursday and Sunday, and \$30 Friday-Saturday; and "Tony n' Tina's Wedding," 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 4:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Pontiac. (248) 645-6666

FOX LAIR DINNER THEATRE: Presents "Murder at the Howard Johnson's," a hilarious comedy runs Saturday nights only, 6 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner (show follows), at Fox Hills Golf Club, Plymouth. \$29.95. (734) 453-7272

RAMADA HOTEL DINNER THEATRE: "Fools," a comic fable by Neil Simon, on alternate Thursdays, 7 p.m. dinner, show follows, at the theater, Southfield. \$25. (248) 544-0283

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS: "Amahl and the Night Visitors," 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 30-March 31, and 2 p.m. Saturday, April 1, at Churchill High School, Livonia. \$7, \$5 students/seniors. (734) 523-8841

MARQUIS THEATRE: "The Pied Piper of Hamelin," 2:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, through April 30, and 2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, April 24-28, at the theater, Northville. \$7.50. (248) 349-8110

PUPPETART: Celebrates Puppetry Month with guest artists, 2 p.m. Saturday, April 1, 8, 15 and 22, at the Detroit Puppet Theater, 25 E. Grand River. \$7, \$5 children. (313) 961-7777

WHISTLE STOP PLAYERS: The musical, "The Adventures of Beatrix Potter and her Friends," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 31-April 1, and 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 1-2, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. \$5, tickets suggested. (734) 416-4278

YOUTH THEATRE: "Jekyll and Hyde," 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, April 8, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at Music Hall, Detroit. \$8 advance, \$9 at door, \$8 Saturday morning Pre-Show Playshop. (313) 963-2366

SPECIAL EVENTS

BLUES CLUES LIVE: John Blue, Steve and friends on a quest for the most spectacular place. Ten performances, times vary, Wednesday, May 3-7, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$14.50-\$25.50. Includes a notebook and crayon. (248) 433-1515

BORDER CROSSINGS: A multi-layered arts concert featuring dance, poetry, animation and music, 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 29, in Rackham Auditorium in Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 747-8885

FRIENDS OF POLISH ART: Celebrate Easter with a traditional "Swienconka" meal and a demonstration of Easter palm weaving 2 p.m. Sunday, April 16

at Polonus Restaurant, Wyandotte. \$30 advance reservation by April 9. (248) 549-4527. If you wish to participate in the art of Easter palm weaving bring scissors and some palms for braiding.

EARTH DAY CONFERENCE: Detroit Audubon Society's annual conference begins with 7:30 a.m. bird walk at the Belle Isle Nature Center, followed by 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. program at Central United Methodist Church, Detroit. \$15 programs/awards, \$10 child; \$10 program only, \$6 child. (248) 545-2929/(313) 928-2950

MOTOR CITY EXTRA CON: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 2, at the Knights of Columbus, Livonia. \$2. (248) 426-8059

SPRING HOME & GARDEN SHOW: 2-10 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 6-7, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, April 8, and until 7 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at the Novi Expo Center. \$4, \$3 seniors/children ages 6-12. (248) 862-1019 or www.builders.org

FAMILY EVENTS

AMAZING MARLO MAGIC SHOW: 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday, April 1 in the Food Court at Wonderland Mall, Livonia. Free. (734) 522-4100

ROYAL HANNEFORD CIRCUS: 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 6-7, 11 a.m. Friday, April 7, 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 8, and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$5-\$12, \$4 opening night. (248) 645-6666, group sales (248) 371-2055

BENEFITS

RAISE THE ROOF: A 25-hour band playing marathon, begins 5 p.m. Friday, March 31, in Pease Auditorium, Ypsilanti. Free. Proceeds will go to Huron Valley Habitat for Humanity and the Eastern Michigan University Bands. Anyone wishing to make a contribution should call (734) 487-1430

TASTE OF THE NATION PREVIEW: Strolling dinner and preview gala of Share Our Strength's Taste of the Nation (May 7), 7 p.m. Friday, April 7, at the Somerset Collection, Troy. \$125, black tie. Proceeds to benefit anti-hunger efforts at Forgotten Harvest, Gleaners Food Bank, Food Bank of Oakland County, and the Detroit Entrepreneurship Institute. (248) 557-2510

CLASSICAL

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Salute to the 2000 Summer Olympics concert, plus a fund-raising dinner to salute the BBSO's 25th anniversary, 7 p.m. Saturday, April 2, Temple Beth El, Bloomfield Hills. \$5 adults, \$30 students for concert and dinner; concert only \$20 adults, \$15 students. (248) 645-2276

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Czech conductor Libor Pesek leads the orchestra in music performances by Czech conductors 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 30-31, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 1; Estonian conductor Eri Klas leads

the orchestra in "Don Juan" and "Till Eulenspiegel's Merry Pranks," 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, April 7, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 8, and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$19-\$50; "Overtures" pre-concert buffet dinner followed by concert Friday, April 7. (313) 576-5111

HARP HEAVEN: "Music for One to Eight Harps" with guest violinist Paul Kantor and flutist Christopher Kantner 11 a.m. Saturday, April 1, at the Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$12, \$9 general seating, includes croissants, coffee and juice. (734) 769-2999

SPRING FLING: DANCE & ROMANCE: The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra's annual Pops Dinner Concert and Auction, 6 p.m. Friday, April 7, Laurel Manor, Livonia. \$45, \$25 for children through grade 12. Reservations required, call (734) 451-2112

ST. CLAIR TRIO: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 2, at the Henry Ford Estate Fair Lane, Dearborn. (313) 593-5330

UNIVERSITY MUSICAL SOCIETY: Moscow Virtuosi and violinist/conductor Vladimir Spivakov 8 p.m. Friday, March 31, at Rackham Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$26-\$40; Czech Philharmonic Orchestra 8 p.m. Saturday, April 1, at Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$14-\$46. (734) 764-2538

POPS/ SWING

MIGHTY MEATY SWING KINGS: Perform at "The New Big Swing Extravaganza," doors open at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 8, at the Token Lounge, Westland.

JIM PARAVANTES & COMPANY: Frank Sinatra Tribute 7-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday through March, at Dunlevy Z River Place, Detroit. (313) 259-0909

THE SPRING SWING: Concert celebrating Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey, Benny Goodman and the Andrews Sisters, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 1, and Pops Concert featuring Barry Baker playing the music of Gershwin, Ellington and more on the Barton Theatre Organ, at the Redford Theatre, Detroit. \$10. (313) 531-4407

AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

BARBARA ANN KARMANOS CANCER INSTITUTE: Auditions for singers and dancers (men and women ages 18 and up) for annual dinner 6:30-10 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, March 29-30, additional talents like acrobatics and juggling an asset, bring one-tempo song, either Broadway-style or operatic, at First United Methodist Church, Royal Oak. (248) 738-0227

DETROIT SYMPHONY SUMMER INSTITUTE: Auditions for the intensive two-week training (July 16-30) for Michigan musicians ages 12-25, Monday-Tuesday-April 3-4, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. (313) 576-5164

HENRY FORD MUSEUM & GREENFIELD VILLAGE: Auditions for 9 positions for spring shows (May 8-June 15) and 30 positions for summer shows June 17-Aug. 20, 2-7 p.m. Sunday, March 12 and 4-8:30 p.m. Monday, March 13, at the Anderson Center Theater inside

Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn. (313) 982-6044

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA:

Is looking for an executive director/general manager to work with the music director and board to provide the vision and plan for the growth of the organization and provide primary leadership in development, fundraising, marketing and promotion activities. For more on the description/requirements or an application, visit the Web site at www.plymouthsymphony.org

SOLO CONCERTO COMPETITION: The Bohemians Club (also known as The Musicians Club of Greater Detroit), hosts its competition for orchestral instruments (high school and college students ages 16-22), must submit performance tape by April 1. For application, e-mail. CoufLinks@aol.com

SUMMER SYMPHONY OF ANN ARBOR:

Auditions begin Saturday, April 19 and run for three week-ends at Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti. For six performances of three programs scheduled May 18 to Aug. 6. To receive an audition packet, call (734) 741-9418, general orchestra information, (734) 677-4831

TONY 'N' TINA'S WEDDING:

Auditions for female keyboardist/pianist who also sings, to hire as a substitute/understudy for performances at the Back Theatre, 4-6 shows a week, Thursday-Sunday, also bass player needed for full-time. (248) 253-8843

VSA ARTS: The Southeast Michigan region committee of VSA Arts (formerly known as Very Special Arts) is looking for children and adult performers with physical and mental challenges to take part in their festival Friday-Saturday, May 5-6 at Wonderland Mall in Livonia, special needs school/community groups and solo acts from the metro Detroit area will display their dance, vocal and instrumental music achievements at the festival. Call Connie Lott at Far Conservatory. (248) 646-3347. A \$500 scholarship is also available to assist a person (ages 13 and up, including seniors living in Wayne, Oakland, Washtenaw, Monroe, Macomb, Livingston, Lenawee or Jackson County) with a disability who wants to further their creative talent in the area of the visual, performing or literary arts. Deadline for application is Sunday, April 16. The scholarship must be used for independent work and not a student project. Call (248) 543-9158

JAZZ

DOUG DEMING & THE BLUE SUIT BAND: 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 6, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

GEM JAZZ TRIO: Performs 7-11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at the Century Club Restaurant, Detroit. (313) 963-9800

STEVE LACY-ROSWELL RUDD QUARTET: 9 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 31-April 1, at the Bird of Paradise, 312 S. Main (new address), Ann Arbor. \$20 advance. (734) 662-8310

RAMSEY LEWIS TRIO: 8 p.m. Thursday, April 6, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$16-\$62. (313) 576-5111

DAVID MURRAY/KAHIL EL ZABAR: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 30, at Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$10-\$25. (734) 769-2999

LARRY NOZERO AND FRIENDS: 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 3, at La Bistecca, Plymouth. Reservations suggested. (734) 254-0400

TOM SAUNDERS: The cornetist performs with Jim Wyse, reeds, Dennis Tini, piano, Jerry McKenzie, drums and Dan Jordan, bass, 8-11:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, at Ron's Fireside Inn, Garden City. \$5 cover in Jazz Room, waived with dinner order, \$5 drink minimum. (734) 762-7756

STRAIGHT AHEAD: 9 p.m. Saturday, April 1, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

URSULA WALKER/BUDDY BUDSON: With Dan Kolton, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, at Giovanni's, Pontiac. (248) 334-5241

FOLK/ BLUEGRASS

BUDDY AND JULIE MILLER: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 30, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$13.50. (734) 763-TKTS

ONE FLIGHT UP: Performs as part of Folk Vespers series 6 p.m. Sunday, April 2, at First Baptist Church, Birmingham. Free. (248) 644-0550

ODETTA: 8 p.m. Friday, March 31, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$17.50.

(734) 763-TKTS

CHORAL

ARCHIGLAS: A concert of religious music by the acapella choir from St. Petersburg, Russia; 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 31, at St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church School & Activities Center, Redford Township. Goodwill donation. (313) 937-2120/(248) 855-3247

CHRIST CHURCH CRANBROOK CHOIR: Perform Bach's "Passion According to St. Matthew" with Jeffrey Sherman speaking the role of St. Matthew; 4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 2, at the church, Bloomfield Hills. Free. (248) 644-5210

VANGUARD VOICES: All acapella performance 7 p.m. Sunday, March 26, Guardian Lutheran Church, Dearborn. \$10; \$7 students/seniors. (313) 317-6566

DANCE

AMERICAN BALLET THEATRE: "Swan Lake" 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 30-April 1, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 2, at the Detroit Opera House. \$17-\$62. (313) 237-SING/(248) 645-6666

CONTRA DANCE: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 1, open jam for string and other musicians of all levels 4-6 p.m. free, at the Pittsfield Grange, Ann Arbor. \$7. (734) 665-7704

DANCE GALLERY STUDIO: Discussion/demonstration on dance with guest Moore & More Dancers of Detroit, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Sunday, April 2, at the studio Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 747-8885

DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE: The dance company celebrates its 20th anniversary with a gala concert, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 8, champagne reception for patrons begins 6:30 p.m., at Music Hall, Detroit for the Performing Arts Center. \$16.50 concert; \$35 concert and reception for patrons. No charge for afterglow following performance. (313) 963-2366

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE: Entrances and Exits: Dances for a New Millennium, 8 p.m. Friday, April 7, in the Smith Theatre at Oakland Community College, Farmington Hills. \$16. (248) 471-7667

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING: 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, April 4, at the Chapel Hill Condo Clubhouse, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 662-5158

GENDER FREE CONTRA DANCE: 2 p.m. Sunday, April 2 (1:30 p.m. beginners lesson) at the Pittsfield Grange, Ann Arbor. \$6, \$5 students. (734) 975-2312

HEARING IMPAIRED LISTENERS FAMILY/COMMUNITY DANCE:

Hearing impaired and non-hearing impaired children, families and friends welcome 1-3 p.m. Saturday, April 1, at the Pittsfield Grange, Ann Arbor. \$4, \$7 family (scholarships available). (734) 741-8998

HIT AND RUN: DANCES FOR A NEW CENTURY: Performed 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 31 and April 1 by Oakland University's Dance Company at Varner Recital Hall on campus in Rochester. \$10, \$8 seniors, \$5 students. (248) 370-3024

GARTH FAGAN DANCE: Thursday, March 30 to Sunday, April 2 at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, Detroit. Performances 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday. \$30-\$40. (313) 963-2366/(248) 645-6666

SWAN LAKE: Eric Johnston's Detroit Ballet presents Tchaikovsky's classic tale 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, April 9, William M. Costick Activities Center, 28600 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills. \$8, \$5. (248) 473-9570

WSU DANCE: An the Cohn-Hadow Center for Judaic Studies and Congregation Beth Ahm presents a dance workshop 9:30-11 a.m. Sunday, April 9, and a dance recital "Revisiting Judaism through the Art of Dance" 2:30-4 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at Congregation Beth Ahm, West Bloomfield. (313) 577-2679/(248) 851-6880; also a dance workshop 2 p.m. Monday, April 10, at the Maggie Altessee Dance Studio on the campus of Wayne State University, Detroit. reservations required (313) 577-4273/(313) 577-2679

COMEDY

ELDORADO COUNTRY CLUB: Big Daddy Fitz with Tim Costello & Dee Proffitt, 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 31-April 1, at the club, Commerce Township. (248) 624-1050

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB: Angel Salazar, also Mark England Thursday-Saturday, March 30-April 1; Kerry White Wednesday-

8 days a week

Making contact: Please submit popular music items for publication to Stephanie Casola; all others to Linda Chomin, two weeks in advance to the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150 or by fax (734) 591-7279. Items must include the date, time, venue, admission price and a telephone number.

Saturday, April 5-8, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, Livonia. 8 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sunday (\$5). (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S: Jeff Rothman, Thursday-Sunday, March 30-April 2, at the club, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE: Blair Shannon, also Jim Hamm, Thursday-Saturday, March 30-April 1; Lewis Black, also Ben Konstantin Thursday-Saturday, April 6-8, at the club, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900

SECOND CITY: "Paradigm Lost" 8 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday; additional shows 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday at 10:30 p.m. The 10:30 p.m. shows; and 8 p.m. shows Wednesday-Thursday, and Sunday, are followed by an improv set at no additional cost. \$10. Wednesday-Thursday, and Sunday; \$17.50 Friday, \$19.50 on Saturday. (313) 965-2222, (248) 645-6666 or online at: www.ticketmaster.com

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

SPIRIT OF FORD: Environmental Celebration continues through April at the interactive automotive science and technology experience with exhibits and theaters for all ages, Electric Ranger test drives on weekends, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, across from Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, Dearborn. \$6, \$5 seniors, \$4 ages 5-12. (313) 317-7474

LIVE MUSIC

BRYAN ADAMS: 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 3, State Theatre, Detroit. \$29.50-\$39.50. All ages. (248) 645-6666.

THE ALLIGATORS: 9 p.m. Friday, March 31, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609; 10 p.m. Saturday, April 1, Memphis Smoke, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300.

LORI AMEY: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 1, Borders Books and Music, Birmingham. All ages. Free. (248) 203-0005; 1-4 p.m. Sunday, April 2, Athena Women's Music Festival, Amer's, Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 761-6000; 8 p.m. Friday, April 7, Borders Books and Music, Utica. Free. (810) 726-8555; Saturday, April 15, Espresso Royale, Ann Arbor. All ages. Free. (734) 662-2770.

PATO BANTON AND REGGAE REVOLUTION: 9 p.m. Friday, April 21, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. \$15-\$20. (313) 833-9700.

JOHNNIE BASSETT AND THE BLUES INSURGENTS: 10 p.m. Thursdays, Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-6368.

BEENIEMAN: With Kirk Davis and Silver Cat, Juggling by Strictly Roots, 9 p.m. Friday, April 7, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. \$20. (313) 833-9700.

B SIDE PLAYERS: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 30, Shelter, Detroit. Free. 18 and over.

BIG BARN COMBO: With Gin Joint Jesters, 9 p.m. Friday, March 31, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$7. 18 and over. (313) 833-9700.

BLINK-182: With Bad Religion, Fenix TX, 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 9, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$25. (248) 645-6666.

BLUE CATS: Thursday, March 30, Oxford Inn, Novi. (248) 305-5856.

THE BROTHERS GROOVE: 8:30 p.m. Friday, March 31, at Edison's, Birmingham. Free. (248) 645-2150

JIMMY BUFFETT & THE CORAL REEFER BAND: 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 13, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$46 pavilion/\$23.50 lawn. Includes \$1 donation to SFC Foundation. (248) 645-6666.

CAT POWER: With Kristiva, 8 p.m. Friday, April 7, Mill Street Lounge, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. \$10. (313) 961-MELT

TRACY CHAPMAN: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 9, State Theatre, Detroit. \$27.50-\$35. All ages. (248) 645-6666

CHEF CHRIS BLUES BAND: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 30, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450.

B. COOKE AND PRIME NUMBERS: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 30, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$4. (734) 996-8555.

CUBANISMO: 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 10, The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$25 advance. (248) 645-6666.

THE CURE: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 10, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$20-\$45. Eight ticket limit per person. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100.

DICK DALE: With Dusty 45's, 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$15. (313) 833-9700.

MORRIS DAY AND THE TIME: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 9, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. \$22.93. (248) 645-6666.

D'ANGELO: With Mos Def, 8 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 22-23, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$40-47.50. (248) 433-1515.

THORNETTA DAVIS: 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 7-8, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800.

DEATHGIRL.COM: With Six Clips, The Katies, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 15, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$6. (313) 961-MELT.

DEEP SPACE SIX: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 6, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450.

DIRTY THREE: With Shannon Wright, Storm&Stress, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 1, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$10. (248) 645-6666.

D.O.C.: With Powerface, MOC and Diegrinder, 6 p.m. Sunday, April 2, Shelter, Detroit. \$6. All-ages. (248) 645-6666.

CHRIS DUARTE: 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$12. (248) 544-3030.

EKOOSTIK HOOKAH: With Zen Tricksters for Hash Bash 2000, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 1, Michigan Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$16.50. (734) 668-8397.

FEMI KUTI: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 30, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$13 advance/\$15 day of show. (248) 645-6666.

FOSSIL CIRCUS: 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 31, April 1, Bogey's Bar and Grille, Walled Lake. (248) 669-1441.

FU MANCHU: With The Steppings, 8 p.m. Friday, March 31, 7th House, Pontiac. All ages. \$10. (248) 645-6666.

CHARLIE GERRINGER: 8 p.m. Friday, April 7, Borders Books and Music, Auburn Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 335-5013.

GIVE: With Jill Jack, Scott Fab, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 15, Magic Bag, Ferndale. (248) 544-3030.

GOLDIE AND MC RAGE: 9 p.m. Saturday, April 1, Motor, Detroit. \$10 advance. 8 and older. (248) 645-6666.

GOV'T MULE: With North Mississippi Allstars, 9 p.m. Saturday, April 1, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$15. (248) 645-6666.

GROOVE COLLECTIVE: 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$12. (734) 996-8555; 9 p.m. Friday, April 7, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$12. (313) 833-9700.

GUSTER: With Luna and Josh Rouse, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 6, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. \$12. (313) 833-9700.

HARRINGTON BROTHERS: 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 4, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800.

STEFON HARRIS: 8, 10:30 p.m. Thursday, April 6, Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$15. (734) 662-8310.

DAVID HOLLAND QUINTET: 9, 11:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 7-8, Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$20. (734) 662-8310.

HOMEGROWN: 6 p.m. Friday, April 7, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$10. (248) 645-6666.

JOHN LEE HOOKER: With John Hammond and Larry McCray Band, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 27, Michigan Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$25-\$75. (734) 668-8397.

HOT WATER MUSIC: With Elliot and Inside Five Minutes, 7 p.m. Saturday, April 1, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$8. (248) 645-6666.

IMMUNITY: 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 31, Library Pub, Novi. (248) 349-9110.

IMPACT 7: Friday-Saturday, March 31, April 1, Oxford Inn, Novi. \$5. (248) 305-5856.

JIMMIE JACKSON & THE BLUES CONNECTION: 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 31-April 1 Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800.

JAZZHEAD: 10 p.m. Sundays, Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-6368; 9 p.m. Monday, April 3, Oberon Opening Day Party at Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922.

JUST FOR FUN: 8 p.m. Friday, April 14, Borders Books and Music, Auburn Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 335-5013.

MARVIN KAHN AND KEITH VREELAND: 7 p.m. Thursdays in April; Le Metro, Southfield. (248)

353-2757 (Jazz duo).

BB KING: With Bobby Blue Bland, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 18, Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$20-\$35. (248) 645-6666.

KING KONGA: 10 p.m. Thursday, April 6, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922.

KNEE DEEP SHAG: With Electric Boogaloo, 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 31, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 996-8555.

MICHAEL KNOTT: 8 p.m. Friday, March 31, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$10; \$8 for members. (734) 464-6302.

KORN: With Staind, DJ C-Minus, 353-2757 (Jazz duo).



Mindless Self Indulgence, 6 p.m. Monday, April 3, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$29.50, reserved or general admission. (248) 645-6666.

DONNA KRALL: 8 p.m. Friday, April 14, Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor. \$35, \$25. (248) 645-6666.

KUNDRUM: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 13, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450.

STEVE LACY & ROSWELL RUDD QUARTET: 8:30 and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 31-April 1, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley Street,

Ann Arbor. \$20 advance.

LADY SUNSHINE AND THE X BAND: 10 p.m. Thursday, March 30, Memphis Smoke, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300.

SHEILA LANDIS TRIO: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 30, Lily's Seafood Restaurant and Brewery, Royal Oak. (248) 591-5459.

TONY LEVIN & CALIFORNIA GUITAR TRIO: With Richard Leo Johnson, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 13, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$20. (248) 544-3030.

LIQUID SOUL: 8 p.m. Friday, March 31, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$12. (248) 544-3030.

LTJ BUKEM: Friday, April 7, Motor, Hamtramck. (313) 396-0080 or www.motordetroit.com

LOCAL H: With Rev, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 30, 7th House, Pontiac. \$10. (313) 961-MELT

AJ MCLEAN AS JOHNNY NO NAME: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, State Theatre, Detroit. \$25. All ages. (248) 645-6666.

DJ MARQUIS: 9 p.m. Thursdays, Detroit Science. "The Lab." 18 and older. \$10-\$15 cover. Ladies free. (313) 438-4146.

STONE MAZAAR AND THE WESTSIDERS: 9 p.m. Friday, April 7, Ford Road Bar and Grill, Westland. Free. 21 and over. (734) 721-8609.

EDWIN MCCAIN: 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 3, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$15. All ages. (313) 961-MELT.

CLUB CIRCUIT

ALVIN'S: 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. 18 and older welcome. (313) 832-2355 or www.alvinsxtcom.com

ARBOR BREWING COMPANY: 114 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 213-1393 or www.arborbrewing.com

THE ARK: 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. (734) 763-8587

ANDIAMO ITALIA WEST: 6676 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300

BEALE STREET BLUES: 8 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac. (248) 334-7900.

BIRD OF PARADISE: 312 Main Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-8310.

BLIND PIG: 208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$3 in advance, \$5 at the door. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com

BULLFROG BAR AND GRILL: 15414 Telegraph, Redford. (313) 533-4477

CARSON: Joseph Campau just north of Caniff in Hamtramck. (313) 366-9278

CAVERN CLUB: 210 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 332-9900

CLUTCH CARGO'S/MILL STREET: 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Free before 9 p.m. 21 and older Saturdays; 18 and older Wednesdays. (248) 333-2362 or www.961melt.com

COBO ARENA: 301 Civic Center Drive, Detroit. (313) 983-6616

CONOR O'NEILL'S: 318 S. Main Street, Ann Arbor. Free live entertainment. (734) 665-2968 or www.conoronells.com

COWLEY'S: 33338 Grand River Avenue, Farmington. (248) 474-5941

THE DECK AND THE FIVE HOLE: 2307 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313) 965-9500

DETROIT SCIENCE: 9 p.m.-5 a.m. Thursday-Saturday, 13090 Inkster Road, Redford. Cover \$10 for 21 and over. Cover \$15 for 18-20 year olds. No cover for women on Thursdays. (313) 438-4146 or www.detroitscience.com

EDISON'S: 220 Merrill Street, Birmingham. (248) 645-2150

ELIE'S: 263 Pierce Street, Birmingham. (248) 647-2420

FIFTH AVENUE BILLIARDS: 215 W. Fifth Avenue, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922

FLYING FISH TAVERN: 17600 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hills. (248) 847-7747

FORD ROAD BAR AND GRILL: 35505 Ford Road, Westland. (734) 721-8609

FOX THEATRE: 2211 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313) 983-6611

FOX AND HOUNDS: 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 644-4800

GOLD DOLLAR: 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or www.golddollar.com

GROOVE ROOM: 1815 N. Main St., Royal Oak. Free before 10 p.m. nightly. 21 and older. (248) 589-3344 or www.thegrooveroom.com

HILL AUDITORIUM: 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. (734) 764-2538

JOE LUNA ARENA: 600 Civic Center Drive, Detroit. (313) 983-6606

JD'S KEY CLUB: 1 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 338-7337

KARL'S CABIN: 9579 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450

LA BOOM TEEN NIGHTCLUB: Dance night for teens ages 15-19, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, 1172 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. (248) 926-9960

LONELY HEARTS CLUB: 211 E. Washington, Ann Arbor. (734) 913-5506

LOWERTOWN GRILL: 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth. (734) 451-1213

MAGIC BAG: 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale. (248) 544-3030.

MAINSTREET BILLIARDS AND THE ALLEY: Main Street, Rochester. (248) 652-8441

MAJESTIC THEATRE, CAFE AND MAGIC STICK: (313) 833-9700

MEMPHIS SMOKE: 100 S. Main Street, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300

MICHIGAN THEATRE: 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 668-8397

MOTOR LOUNGE: 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. (313) 396-0080 or www.motordetroit.com

MR. B'S FARM: 24555 Novi Road, Novi. (248) 349-7038

MUSIC MENU: 511 Monroe, Detroit. (313) 964-MENU

THE PALACE: 2 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills. (248) 377-0100 or www.palacenet.com

PHOENIX PLAZA AMPHITHEATRE: 10 N. Water Street, Pontiac

PINE KNOB MUSIC THEATRE: 175 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.pineknobmusic.com

PURE BAR ROOM: 1500 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 21 and older. Cover charge Friday-Saturday. (313) 471-PURE

ROCHESTER MILLS BEER COMPANY: 400 Water Street, Rochester. (248) 650-5080

THE ROOKIE SPORTS CAFE: 3632 Elizabeth, Wayne. (734) 729-7337

ROYAL OAK MUSIC THEATRE: 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. (248) 546-7610

THE SCARAB CLUB: 217 Farnsworth, Detroit. (313) 831-1250

ST. ANDREWS/THE SHELTER: 431 E. Congress, Detroit. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com

7TH HOUSE: 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 335-3540

STATE THEATRE: 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and over. (313) 961-5451 or www.statetheater.com

24 KARAT CLUB: 28949 Joy, Westland. 21 and older. (734) 513-5030.

313 JAC: Upstairs from Jacoby's, 624 Brush, Detroit. (313) 962-7067

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE: 38840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. Discount for members. (734) 464-6302.

U.S. 12 BAR AND GRILL/WAYNE BREWERY: 34824 Michigan Ave. West, Wayne. (734) 722-7639

VELVET LOUNGE: 29 S. Saginaw St., Pontiac. (248) 334-7411

VILLAGE BAR AND GRILL/BEENY'S CUE & BREW: 35234 Michigan Ave. West, Wayne. (734) 729-2360

WAGON WHEEL TAVERN: 102 S. Broadway, Lake Orion. (248) 693-6789

WOODRUFF'S SUPPER CLUB: 212 W. Sixth Street, Royal Oak. (248) 586-1519

XHEDOS CAFE: Sista Otis performs 8-10 p.m. Sundays at the club, 240 West Nine Mile, Ferndale. All ages. Free. (248) 399-3946

ZIM'S (IRISH TAVERN): 1350 Lapeer Road, Oxford. (248) 969-9467

PAT MCGEE BAND: 7:30 p.m.



Thursday, April 27, The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$10. (248) 645-6666.

MELVINS: 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$12. All ages. (248) 645-6666.

METHOD MAN AND REDMAN: With The Outsidaz, 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 31, State Theatre, Detroit. \$30-\$33. All ages. (248) 645-6666.

METHODS OF MAYHEM: 8 p.m. Thursday, April 6, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$16.50 advance/\$18 day of show. www.ticketmaster.com or (248) 645-6666.

MILENCOLIN: With Ten Foot Pole, Vision and Oskar, 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$8.50 advance. All ages. (248) 645-6666.

JONI MITCHELL: With Vince Mendoza conducting a 70-piece symphony, 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 31, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$55-\$75, pavilion tickets only. (248) 645-6666.

IAN MOORE BAND: With The Hot Rod Sinners, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 8, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$10. (248) 544-3030.

MUSIC MENU JAZZ ORCHESTRA: 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-6368

MXPX: With The Hippos, 7 p.m. Sunday, April 16, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. \$12. All ages. (313) 961-MELT.

NEBULA: With Zen Guerrilla, The Go, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 30, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$8 advance. (248) 544-3030.

NEGATIVITY: 8 p.m. Thursday, April 13, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. All ages. \$15 advance. All ages. (248) 645-6666.

NINE INCH NAILS: With A Perfect Circle, featuring Maynard from Tool, 8 p.m. Friday, April 14, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$29.50-\$45. (248) 645-6666.

N'SYNC: No Strings Attached Tour, Tuesday, July 18, Pontiac Silverdome. \$49.75. (248) 645-6666.

OASIS: With Travis, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, State Theatre, Detroit. Sold Out.

OPENING ACT CONTEST FINALS: 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 24, Meadowbrook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. See the hottest local bands. Free admission and parking.

ORCHESTRA MORPHINE: 6 p.m. Thursday, May 4, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. \$15-\$18. All ages. (313) 961-MELT.

ORIGINAL HITS: 7 p.m. Monday, April 3, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800.

ORIGINAL P: Featuring members of Parliament Funkadelic, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 20, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$20. (248) 645-6666.

MARTY WILSON-PIPER: 9 p.m. Saturday, April 22, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. 18 and older. \$15. (248) 645-6666.

PLATINUM PLAYERS BALL: With Chico DeBarge, Jagged Edge, Joe, Dave Hollister, Methrone and Kevon Edmunds, Friday, April 14, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$28.50-\$37.50. (248) 645-6666.

RACHEL AND KAPP: 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800.

REVEREND HORTON HEAT: With Hank Williams III, 8 p.m. Thursday, June 8, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$15 advance/\$18 day of show. www.ticketmaster.com.

REVEREND RIGHT TIME & THE 1ST COUSINS OF FUNK: 10 p.m. Thursday, April 14, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922.

STAN RIDGEWAY: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 14, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$12. (248) 544-3030.

RIOT IN PROGRESS: With Arising Pooch, Perpetual Hype Engine, 7 p.m. Saturday, April 1, Wired Frog, Detroit. \$6. All ages. (810) 498-9500.

ROLLINS BAND: 6 p.m. Friday, March 31, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$12 advance. \$15 day of show. (248) 645-6666.

TOM RUSSELL: Friday, April 7, Unitarian Church, Bloomfield Hills.

JOHN SCOFIELD BAND AND DEREK TRUCKS BAND: 7 p.m. Thursday, April 6, Mill Street Lounge, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. \$18-\$22. (313) 961-MELT.

SENSEFIELD: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 13, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$8. (248) 645-6666.

SEVENDUST: Thursday, April 6, Harpo's, Detroit. \$18.50. (248) 645-6666.

SLEATER-KINNEY: With Gossip and The Bangs, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 13, The Majestic, Detroit. \$10. (248) 645-6666.

SMASHING PUMPKINS: 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$29.50. All ages; 9 p.m. Saturday, April 22, Michigan State Fairgrounds. \$29.50. All ages. (248) 645-6666.

SMOKE STACK: 9 p.m. Saturday, April 1, Nankin Mill Tavern, Westland. (734) 427-0622.

SMOKIN' JOE KUBEK: Saturday, April 8, Sisko's, Taylor.

SNAPCASE: With Grade, Ensign, and Turmoil, 7 p.m. Saturday, April 8, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$10. (248) 645-6666.

SOOT: CD Release, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 8, Shelter, Detroit. \$7. All ages. (248) 645-6666.

BRITNEY SPEARS: With LFO, Bosson, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 9, Pine Knob, Independence Township. Sold Out; 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 10, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$25 lawn/\$40 pavilion. Eight ticket limit per person. (248) 645-6666.

STATIC X: With Pitchshifter and Reveille, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 27, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. All ages. \$15. (313) 961-MELT.

STEREOPHONICS: 8 p.m. Sunday, April 16, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$10-\$13. (248) 645-6666.

THE STILL: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 20, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450.

ANGIE STONE: 9 p.m. Saturday, April 15, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. 21 and older. \$20-\$23. (248) 645-6666.

STRING CHEESE INCIDENT: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 15, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. \$17-\$20. All ages. (313) 833-9700 or (303) 544-5875.

SUICIDE MACHINES: With Antifag, Pilfers, Bump-n-Uglies, 4 p.m. Saturday, April 22, State Theatre, Detroit. \$10. All ages. (248) 645-6666.

SUN MESSENGERS: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 23, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450.

JOHNNIE TAYLOR AND MILLIE JACKSON: With Marvin Sease and Willie Clayton, 8 p.m. Friday, April 21, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$27.50-\$35. (248) 433-1515.

THE TEMPTATIONS: With Ashford and Simpson, 8 p.m. Sunday, April 16, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$40-\$47.50. (248) 645-6666.

THE THE: 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 2, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. \$22-\$25. All ages. (313) 961-MELT.

THOM: 9 p.m. Saturday, April 8, Nankin Mill Tavern, Westland. (734) 427-0622.

TINA TURNER: With Lionel Richie, Jennifer Robinson, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 1, The Palace, Auburn Hills. \$85.25, \$55.25, \$35.25. Eight ticket limit per person. (248) 645-6666.

TRAIN: With Stir, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 27, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$15 advance. (248) 645-6666.

TWISTIN TARANTULAS: 10 p.m. Saturday, April 8, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922.

U.S. BOMBS: With Union 11, Tiger Army, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 17, Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$8. (313) 961-MELT.

RANDY VOLIN & SONIC BLUES: Friday, March 31, Rochester Mills Beer Company, Rochester. (248) 650-5080.

ROBERT WALTER'S 20TH CONGRESS: 9 p.m. Saturday, April 15, Motor, Detroit. Ticket price to be announced. 18 and older. (248) 645-6666.

MARTY WILSON-PIPER OF THE CHURCH: 9 p.m. Saturday, April 22, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. 18 and older. \$15. (248) 645-6666.

WRIST-ROCKET AND SLO-POKE: 10 p.m. Saturday, April 1, Jacoby's, Detroit. 18 and over. (313) 962-7067.

TRISHA YEARWOOD: With Jessica Andrews, 8 p.m. Thursday, May 25, Meadowbrook Music Festival, Rochester. \$15.50-\$30. (248) 645-6666.

ZEKE: With The Hookers, The Bulemics, 9 p.m. Thursday, April 6, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$8. 18 and over. (313) 833-9700.

Hearty laughs keep 'Mona' from 'Drowning' in absurd comedy

Comedy: Bette Midler stars as Mona Dearly (left), Danny DeVito as Chief Rash, and Casey Affleck as Bobby Calzone in "Drowning Mona."



PETER SOREL/DESTINATION FILMS

By BOB THOMAS
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

Early in "Drowning Mona," Bette Midler commandeers her son's battered yellow Yugo and barrels down a country road. As she approaches a turn at the top of a cliff, she discovers to her horror that the brakes have been disconnected. She crashes through a fence and flies through the air, landing in the Hudson River and a damp grave. What's this? The Divine Miss M relegated to a bit part? No, she returns in flashbacks that illustrate that her character, Mona Dearly, is the opposite of divine. She is a superwitch who spreads misery to all around her. "Drowning Mona" takes place in the New York hamlet of Verplanck, where all the inhabitants seem to have IQ's in the lower double digits. Most of them drive rattletrap Yugos, remnants of a long-ago promotion by the car

company.

Only police chief Wyatt Rash (Danny DeVito) seems to be a bit higher on the intelligence scale. He quickly deduces that at least a half-dozen people might have been motivated to disable the yellow Yugo and assure Mona's demise.

The suspects include: Mona's husband Phil (William Fichtner) and son Jeff (Marcus Thomas), who have endured years of her calumny; the trumpy diner waitress Rona (Jamie Lee Curtis), who is having a hot affair with Phil and would like to see Mona out of the picture; Jeff's partner in a landscape firm, Bobby Calzone (Casey Affleck), who has been cheated and persecuted by Mona.

Even the chief's daughter, Bobby's fiancée Ellen (Neve Campbell), might have a motive for offing Mona.

Fashioning a murder farce

with dull-witted characters in absurd situations requires skill, and writer Peter Steinfeld and director Nick Gomez come through remarkably well. Some dry patches remain, but there are enough hearty laughs to offset them.

The ensemble actors give it their all, and that's as it should be in an absurdist comedy of this sort. Bette Midler has never been nastier, and Jamie Lee Curtis and Neve Campbell play their brainless roles with straight faces. Casey Affleck as the picture of innocence is a real find; he could give Leo a run for his money.

Danny DeVito, whose company coproduced the film, provides some much-needed sanity amid all the nut cases.

The Destination Films release was produced by Al Corley, Bart Rosenblatt and Jonathan Weisgal.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, March 31.

HIGH FIDELITY

An adaptation of Nick Hornby's best-seller, the film features John Cusack as a thirty-something owner of a second-hand vinyl shop who's forced to confront his arrested adolescence when his long-time girlfriend leaves him.

THE SKULLS

Starring Joshua Jackson, Paul Walker

and Hill Harper, Rob Cohen directs this film about an over-achieving student at an Ivy League college who joins a secret society called The Skulls with hopes to improve his popularity, not knowing the dangerous implications that will follow.

THE CLOSER YOU GET

At the State Theatre in Ann Arbor, The single men of a small village in Ireland hatch a scheme to entice American women to the annual village dance. The

object matrimony, but the women of the village might have a surprise or two for the men folk. A charming romantic comedy starring Ian Hart, Sean McGinley, and Ruth McCabe.

Scheduled to open Friday, April 7

READY TO RUMBLE

Comedy about two wrestling fans willing to do whatever it takes to restore their fallen idol to the WCW championship. Stars David Arquette and Oliver Platt.

'High Fidelity' re-mixes pop music, love



STEPHANIE A. CASOLA

If there's one place in the world I feel most at home, it's a record store. Growing up I was constantly accused of spending too much money on cassettes. I remember rushing from school to the record store to buy a tape the day it came out and knowing the songs word-for-word by lunchtime the next day. There's just something so personal about shopping for music — perusing the alphabetized rows, scanning for that record you always wanted. Shoppers are all in search of a quick pop-music fix.

In any case, record stores fall into roughly two categories these days. You have your polished, ultra-modern houses of music, filled with neat rows of CD bins, flashy lighting and life-size posters. You can bet a well-dressed thirty-something guy will be hovering around the high-tech listening booths, his hands gently cradling the headphones and clicking to whatever track radio stations are offering up for mass consumption. The employees may not be familiar with popular music beyond the likes of Britney Spears.

Then there's the dimly-lit, somewhat disheveled indie record shop, found on an unassuming street corner. It lives up to its name by carrying actual selections on vinyl and attracts a more diverse crowd of music lovers who won't mind hunting for just the right album. They'll strut in, pull out their wallets-on-a-chain and buy the latest,



In HIFI: Jack Black, John Cusack and Todd Louiso spin conversation and a range of musical hits on screen.

most obscure recording possible. Call it a subculture strictly defined by musical preference. Its employees are a reflection of those customers, their minds brimming with disposable music facts.

Tune in to "High Fidelity"

While both varieties of record stores are scattered about the metro area, the latter is a focal point and setting for the latest Touchstone Pictures romantic comedy "High Fidelity," directed by Stephen Frears. Set at Championship Vinyl, a struggling independent Chicago record shop, the film's hero, owner Rob Gordon (John Cusack) banter hilariously with his employees; the mild-mannered Dick (Todd Louiso) and obnoxiously opinionated Barry (Jack Black), who's known for harassing customers into buying his picks and bullying others right out of the store. Pop music is an obsession for

them — and there's a little Rob, Dick and Barry inside all of us.

Those who religiously consume pop music are particular about what they like and when they like to hear it. This is depicted onscreen when Barry bursts in, takes Dick's CD out and replaces it with "Walking on Sunshine," while gyrating rhythmically about. He upsets everyone else and the tape is ejected.

For me, quality listening time occurs in my car. I adopt a short attention span. Sometimes I want to belt out Fiona Apple songs and pretend I can sing in tune. Sometimes I want to slide in Ben Folds Five and hear my friends yell out the words we know by heart. The rules of the car stereo are simple — you know if you like it by the second note, you don't change the station if someone's singing along and sometimes you just have to keep driving until the song is over.

Please See FIDELITY, E7

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

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NP MISSION TO MARS (R)
NP THE NINTH GATE (R)
THREE STRIKES (R)
MY DOG SKIP (PG)
CIDER HOUSE RULES (PG13)
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Rollins Band ready to 'go again'

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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Since he burst onto stage as the fiery frontman for Black Flag in 1981, Henry Rollins has never truly faded from the public eye. He just shifted focus. Musical performances metamorphosed into powerful spoken-word acts, writing books and even making the occasional movie appearance. At the onset of 2000, Rollins is back where he truly belongs — onstage with his band.

After fans were left craving new music for two years, Rollins Band finally offers up "Get Some Go Again," a raunchy rock album that features all-new bandmates: guitarist Jim Wilson, bassist Marcus Blake and drummer Jason Mackenroth. Alone, the trio is known as the Los Angeles-based Mother Superior. A fan himself, Rollins produced Mother Superior in the studio and later asked them to contribute to his latest effort.

The union proved to be a new beginning for Rollins. Pounding out a hard and fast 24 songs by spring 1999, the revamped Rollins Band didn't hesitate to test out new material in a live setting. "We went out with this band no one had seen," said Rollins in his unmistakable and

■ 'It isn't rocket science, it's rock 'n' roll. It isn't hard to play. It's hard to play well.'

Henry Rollins
Rollins Band

quite commanding voice. "People were great. It was very encouraging."

The musical spirit Rollins shares with his new bandmates was an essential ingredient in continuing his music career. "If you can build up a real interest and confident rapport, you can just put it out there and thrive," he said. "I'm having a good time."

"Get Some Go Again," the first album Rollins ever produced for himself, is a testament to how this reconfigured foursome thrives. "I had a very definite sound in mind, very low-fi. A spare, clean, powerful thing. I think too much stuff obscures the music. I think a lot of bands dull the music as a textural backdrop."

The album is many things, and dull is not one of them. He had such a definite idea of what he wanted to accomplish. Not only did Rollins choose to work with a new band, he incorporated the help of a few friends — make that

a few very notable friends.

"I've known Scott Gorham (Thin Lizzy) kind of since summer of '96," said Rollins. "I did a show with him in Dublin. He asked me to come over and sing a song with the band. He's a wonderful guy, a cool dude. We became kind of pals. So I sang with him on 'Are You Ready?' It's the one song Thin Lizzy never did a studio version of, and so I got the idea to do it."

"Are You Ready?" is the only cover song that appears on "Get Some Go Again," and Rollins thought for a moment it wouldn't happen. Gorham turned down many offers to perform on covers of Thin Lizzy material by other bands, but he agreed to do it for Rollins. Rollins sent him a tape; Gorham laid down the guitar tracks and sent it back.

"It's a very distinctive song," said Rollins. "You can pick him out of a windstorm. It's obviously huge for us. It's such a thrill."

When it came to songs like

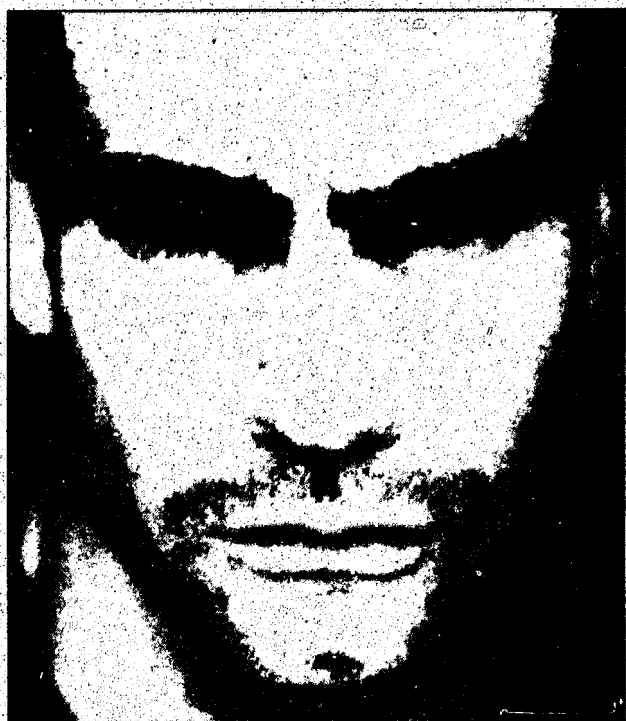
"L.A. Money Train" and "Hotter and Hotter," Rollins found more inspiration, this time a bit closer to home. The MC5's Wayne Kramer is his neighbor. "He's always ready to play," said Rollins. "He's rock 'n' roll, ready to go."

In one day and one take of live improvisation, "L.A. Money Train" made it to CD. Keeping the furiously fast spirit alive, Kramer and Rollins wrote "Hotter and Hotter" in 10 minutes. "It isn't rocket science, it's rock 'n' roll," said Rollins. "It isn't hard to play. It's hard to play well."

He has a theory about performing rock music: "When you're in a band, basically you're in a cover band but you wrote the songs. It's like sex and food, but it's fun."

He's just as passionate about spoken-word performances, which give him even more freedom to speak his mind. "To perform music, you really have to find it in yourself every night. That's where the real thing comes in. How much you are in love with that music, that's where it really is. With talking, I got nothing but latitude."

The intense "L.A. Money Train" may be the closest to Rollins' spoken-word performances that listeners will get on this album, but he hasn't come



Henry Rollins of Rollins Band

close to giving it up. "It's not like a shtick, not like comedy. I go out with a basic foundation of points. I want to make ... I let the inspiration of everything take over and jam on some idea."

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When Cusack's character says: "What really matters is what you like, not what you are like," it makes some sense. We're drawn to people we have things in common with, and music serves as the perfect common ground. Pop music is a passionate medium. Who hasn't wanted to be the subject of a song? In "High Fidelity," Rob admits: "I want to live with a musician. She'll write songs at home and maybe include one of our jokes in the liner notes."

Who hasn't thought this way

while reading the inside cover of a CD and giggling over the nicknames and inside jokes? It's an extension of that record store culture we've all experienced and it sounds good to me.

"High Fidelity" opens in metro Detroit theaters Friday, March 31.

Stephanie Angelyn Casola writes about popular music for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. She can be reached at (734) 953-2130 or e-mail at scasola@oe.homecomm.net.

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Well, it looks like another first for Lori Amey — the first Athena Women's Music Festival, that is. The local folk-pop goddess will headline the show 1-4 p.m. Sunday, April 2, at Amer's in Ann Arbor. She'll be joined by singer-songwriter Pamela West, folk vocalist Shell, Amber Leona Jackson, Laurel Federbush and Jenny Boyer. Sounds like some beautiful music. Call (734) 327-2041.

On the louder end of the rock

spectrum, there's something supernatural on the horizon. When it comes to science fiction and industrial metal, one word comes to mind: Forge. The Detroit band is gaining notice in magazines like "Sci Fi" and online sites like "Science Fiction Weekly," because of its second release, "Trials," on Static Records. Now the band's blasting off on tour. Look for them at a club near you.

— BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA

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BY ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

Sweet Lorraine's Café in Southfield completed a face-lift this month.

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Platman and her business partner, husband Gary Sussman, are sole owners of the mini empire that began with her first specialty, desserts, and the opening of the Madison Heights Sweet Lorraine's Deli & Café in 1982.

The dessert concept provided the name Sweet Lorraine's. An Ann Arbor location was opened in 1993 and the new century anticipates a mid-April opening of a breakfast, lunch and dinner café in the Livonia Marriott.

Southfield's Sweet Lorraine's ultra-modern new look is the creation of Edward Shinn of Identity & Architectural Services "ID&AS" in Redford.

Window artwork is an ode to the deep bond between Henri Matisse and Pablo Picasso, giants of the modern art movement. Each paid homage of sorts to the other.

One did "The Dance" and "Seated Woman," then the other trans-

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Sweet Lorraine's Café, Marriott Hotel, 17100 N. Laurel Park Drive, Livonia. Opening mid-April for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Brie Portabello Melt is one sandwich that is also a dinner-time favorite.

At dinner, most popular "Starters" are Classic Quesadilla, a cilantro-chili tortilla, Monterey Jack and queso cheeses with sides of tomato-corn salsa, guacamole and sour cream. Wild Mushroom and Chevre Pizza topped with caramelized onions is a close second.

Lorraine's Special Salad with gorgonzola cheese, fresh pears, hazelnuts and dried cranberries is the top "Side." Pecan Chicken, Maple-Cured Atlantic Salmon and French Onion Steak Tenderloin are atop the list of favorite main courses.

Leave room for dessert from a presentation tray. Choose either the Apple Brown Betty or Something Wonderful, a warm triple chocolate brownie with Ray's White Russian ice cream and Kahlua Chocolate Sauce.

Sweet Lorraine's new look serves to illustrate the innate vision and spirit of its owners to offer diners flavorful, globally-inspired cuisine.

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lated it into his own. This duel plays out on the front and side of both corners. The eclectic details echo the feel and taste inside the café.

That feel, although now eight years old and scheduled for a minor makeover later this year, is upbeat and urban chic in Mediterranean yellow with dashes of deep blue and green, warmed by clothless wooden tables and colorful tableware.

French-style posters serve as stylish wall art. Planned interior remodeling will add a cozy bar and lounge area to this already comfortable bi-level eatery.

The self-trained Platman maintains she honed her skills "in an apartment at Six Mile and Woodward." She credits her art back-

ground and management of an art gallery as aiding her in viewing food as an art expression.

A diner easily picks up on contemporary approaches and twists on classics.

Meatloaf has no meat. It's soy protein served with sundried tomato sauce, roasted garlic mashed potatoes and broccoli.

Caesar Salad made without eggs is topped with crispy fried clams. Flavors and texture are extraordinary.

Lunch and dinner menus have common threads, but as might be expected, there's an expanded offering of deli-style sandwiches and burgers at lunch, along with a broad variety of lunch-size salads among the main courses.



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Vintage look: Marriage and business partners Gary Sussman and Lorraine Platman toast to the new look of Sweet Lorraine's, which underwent recent indoor and outdoor renovations.

Sweet Lorraine's Uncorked

Gary Sussman, business partner and husband of Lorraine Platman, has constructed an interesting wine list. He recommends:

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Court says adjuster stumbled

REAL ESTATE QUERIES



ROBERT M. MEISNER

Q: I have a claim against my condominium association for a slip and fall. The association's insurance carrier's adjuster contacted me in an effort to settle the case and persuaded me not to hire a lawyer but to settle directly with the insurance company, which I did. I later found out in talking to a lawyer friend that I could and should have done much better. What can I do about it?

A: In the first ruling of its kind, a Washington state trial judge has held a private insurance company guilty of practicing law without a license because one of its claim adjusters persuaded an accident victim not to hire a lawyer and to settle the claim directly with the insurance company.

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In your case, if you can establish that the insurance company was practicing law without a license in effect, you may have a basis for a successful suit against the insurance company for the damages that you have suffered.

The Washington court took the position that the adjuster's interactions with the victim were "out of the realm of the ordinary claimant-agent relationship into one mimicking an attorney-client relationship" that qualified as an unauthorized practice of law.

There are a number of class action suits which have been initiated against certain insurance companies in regard to this issue, and you are best advised to consult with your attorney in that regard.

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Emergency readiness protects employees

It's not that businesses don't have a plan to secure their employees and buildings in the event of an emergency.

It's just that too many don't practice the plan. Or put the right people in charge. Or even prepare for the most likely unsettling event.

That's what Southfield Police Chief Joseph Thomas told a recent meeting of the Building Owners and Managers Association of Metropolitan Detroit.

"An emergency is any unplanned event," Thomas said. "How can we make things work a little smoother? You've got to practice, practice, practice. I can guarantee if Tiger Woods stopped practicing, he won't play golf as well."

Thomas drew an appreciative reaction comparing emergency building management to life in general.

"We stop practicing (romance). That's why the divorce rate is so high," he said.

"Listening to me is a lot like going to church," Thomas added. "Why do you keep going back to the same buildings hearing the same people say basically the same things over and over again? Some of us don't want to follow through."

"Practice what you preach. If not, you can have an elaborate plan in place and it won't work."

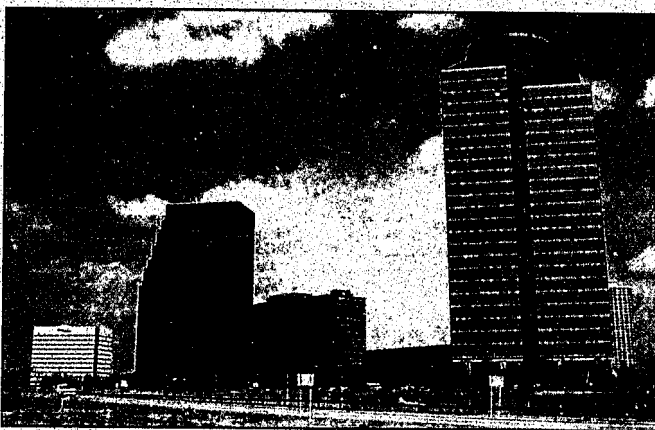
"There's a group here that has a little game they play," Thomas said. "They put a strange box around the office. Any employee who reports it to security gets 100 bucks."

A line manager rather than a top-level executive is the best person to put in charge of emergency building management, Thomas advised.

"The (managers) think differently," he said. Executives who come upon a chaotic scene may be more concerned about overtime incurred or liability instead of dealing with the emergency at hand.

And while it's good to have plans to deal with all kinds of potential problems, Thomas said, employees distraught about problems in the workplace or at home present the biggest potential for building emergencies today.

"The disciplined/terminated employee - that's the biggest threat now. What are you going to do?"



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Building management: Plans to deal with emergency situations in offices, factories and stores are effective only to the extent that they're practiced, some security experts emphasize.

Other advice offered by Thomas:

■ Appoint specific people from every unit, division and shift to communicate and coordinate an emergency action plan. Designate a single person, manager, to train all the coordinators.

■ Implement a company-wide warning system with flashing lights or phone notification to alert everyone to a problem at the same time.

■ Plan evacuation procedures. Encourage employees to learn alternate exits and not use cellular telephones to contact family during emergencies so as not to tie up communication systems.

■ Establish specific meeting places of employee groups to take head counts away from the immediate emergency site.

■ Set up a command post near - but not at - an emergency site. Have blueprints and schematics of mechanical systems readily available to bring to the command post quickly.

"What jumped out at me was practice," said Paul Beitz, vice president of Trammell Crow in Southfield and president of the Building Owners and Managers Association here.

"One of my biggest challenges is getting tenant support for devoting the time to prepare," Beitz said. "I'm amazed that large corporate tenants are reluctant to devote the time. It's a productivity issue."

Marilyn Wilbarger, vice president

and management services director with Grubb & Ellis, found that Thomas was on the mark with his presentation.

"(Building) managers typically devise a plan in conjunction with local police and fire departments; then communicate to tenants to get them involved," she said.

"The key message, I think was communication and practice,"

Wilbarger said. "They're simple. We need to be reminded periodically."

Robert Larkin, a facilities planner for Oakland County, said emergency plans prepared by the county obviously

anticipate unhappy folks having business in the courts and jail.

Perhaps other facilities need a look, he suggested.

"One thing I'd bring up for examination is the potential for a disgruntled employee, or someone's husband who's upset, that that's also part of a plan," Larkin said.

Michael Ball, director of athletic facilities for the University of Detroit Mercy, suggests that role-playing what-if scenarios is a good form of practice that doesn't involve a lot of people.

Then what?

"Communication is key - communication of a plan," Ball said.

Subprime lending is growing

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DAVID C. MULLY

More Americans own homes now than ever before, and they're doing a better job of making payments on them. As a result, lenders have money available for mortgages and are looking for borrowers.

One way to lend more money is to lend to people whose credit records are not

the best. These "subprime loans" make up a growing business.

"Borrowers are not having much of a problem meeting their monthly mortgage obligations," says economist Brian Carey. The way the economy is now "bodes pretty well for lenders who are willing to make money available for the purpose of buying a home."

Since people with poor credit are more likely to default on loans, the interest rates for subprime borrowers are higher - anywhere from 2 to 6 percentage points above the going rate, and in some cases even more. Charging higher interest rates is the way lenders cover the higher default rate on subprime loans.

More than \$200 billion in mortgage loans in 1998 were classified as subprime. And subprime loans likely will be even more popular when 1999 totals are in.

While mortgage defaults are low, bankruptcy rates are not. That gives heart to people with money to loan. But what about the people who have been filing in federal bankruptcy courts for the past few years?

Even though there is "some overlap," Carey says that the people who have filed bankruptcy are not the same people who are faithfully making their monthly mortgage payments. The bankruptcies tend to come from the other 33 percent of the population: the non-homeowners.

"The Federal Reserve is trying to slow the economy, so it raised the interest rate three times in 1999. I would expect that the delinquency rate may start trending up from here, but only a little," said economist Carey. "We do expect the economy to slow down, but nothing dramatic."

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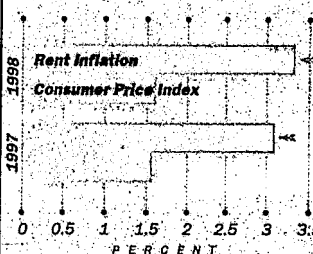
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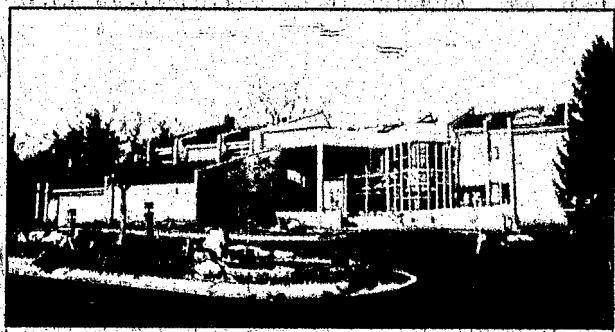
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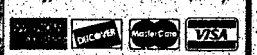
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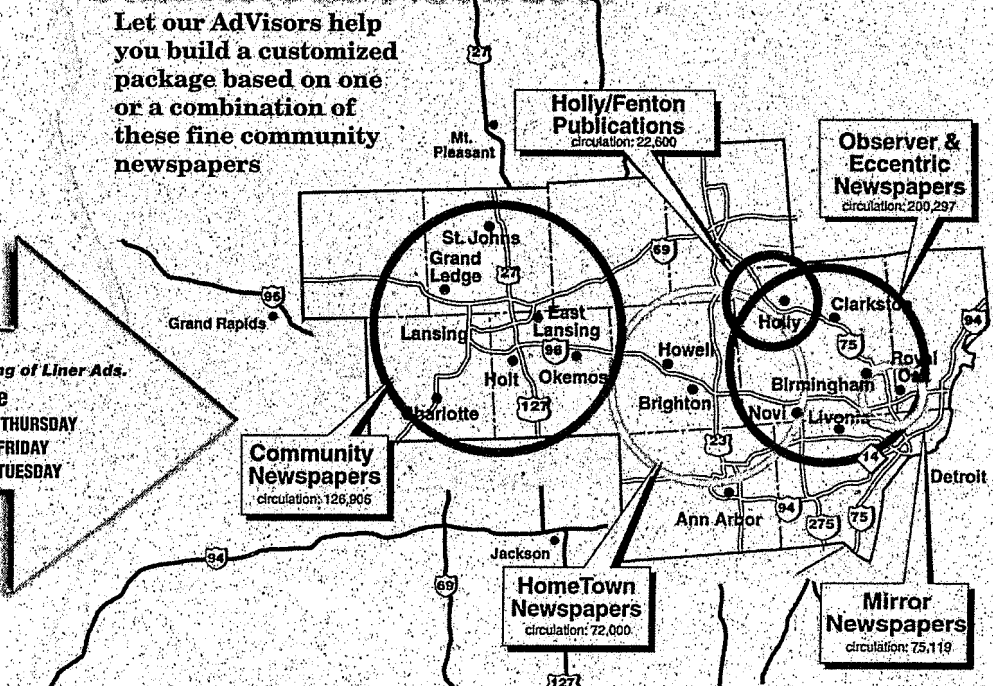


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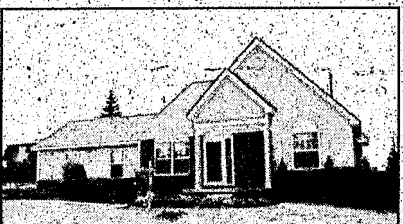
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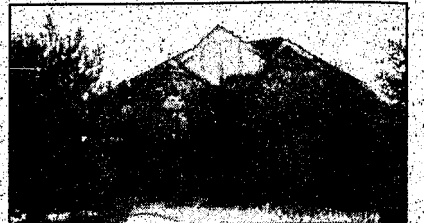


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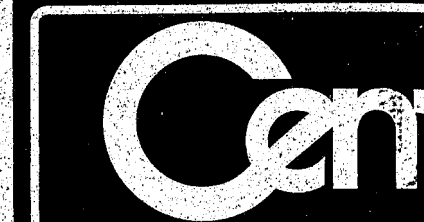
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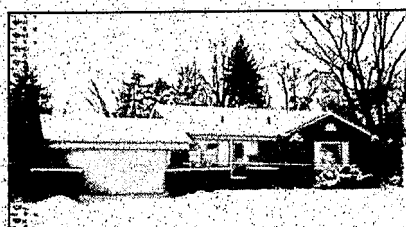


TROY. Four bedroom, 2 bath ranch on 2.7 wooded acres. Two splitable lots sold as one parcel. Basement, two car garage, all updated hardwood floors. Oak kitchen, newer carpet, 2 fireplaces. \$469,000 (75VAN) 248-524-1600

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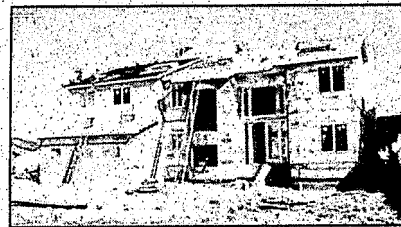
FABULOUS MIDDLE STRAITS lakefront ranch with 2 bedrooms and 1 1/2 baths. Beautiful views and oversized lots. Lots of charm. Must see. \$329,900 (74LAK) 248-626-8800



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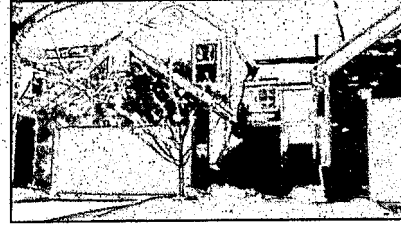
IMMACULATE 3 bedroom/2 bath colonial. Hardwood foyer, large kitchen w/oak cabinets and island, vaulted ceiling in family room w/fireplace, 1st floor laundry, deck, sprinklers and much more! \$245,000 (18ROT) 248-626-8800



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TROY. Fantastic value for this spacious four bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial in a great sub. Large kitchen with island cooktop. Updated lav, newer kitchen floor, driveway and garage doors. \$184,900 (82BRA) 248-524-1600



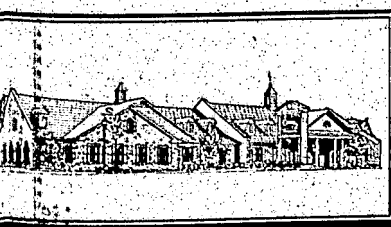
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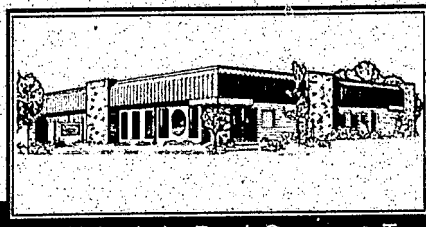
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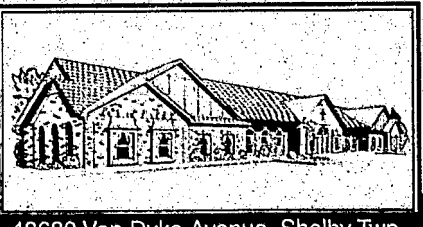
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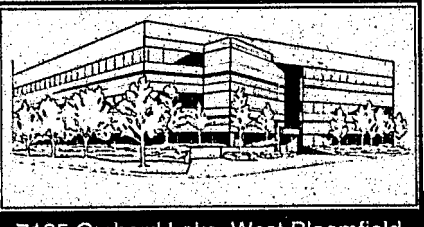
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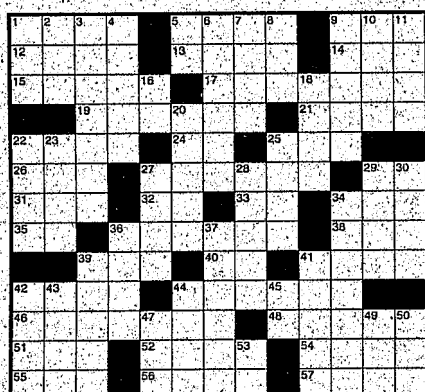
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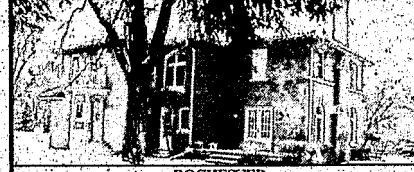
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 situated on premium lot backing to wooded stream! (BR120)
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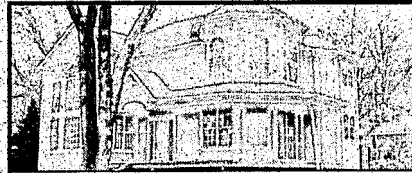
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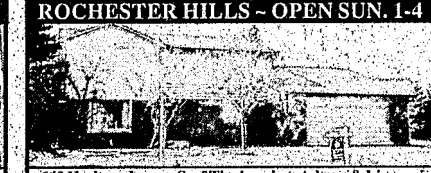
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 • Charming, well-maintained & located in wonderful neighborhood
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 • Large eat-in kitchen with hutch, three bedrooms with ample closets
 • Family room opens to deck with nice landscaping & fenced yard. (WO11)
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ROCHESTER HILLS - OPEN SUN. 1-4
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 • Firelit family room, library/study, 2.5 baths
 • Community activities in golf club sub. Must See! (HE643)
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TROY - OPEN SUN. 1-3
 • 6710 Johnathon - N. of Square Lk., W. of Coolidge
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ROCHESTER HILLS CLASSICAL COLONIAL
 • New kitchen cabinets, appliances, and flooring
 • All new carpeting, foyer accent by Wilson-Art tiling
 • Enclosed sun room & deck face private yard
 • Excellent value! (W1276)
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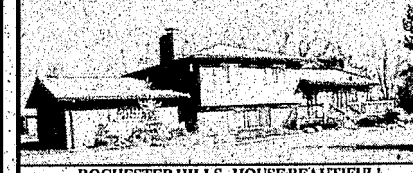
CLARKSTON
 • Stay warm by the fireplace in the living room, while dreaming
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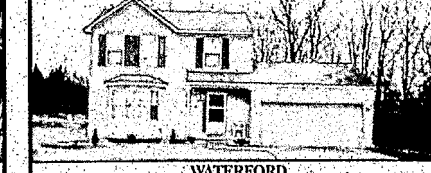
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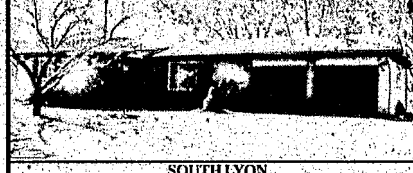
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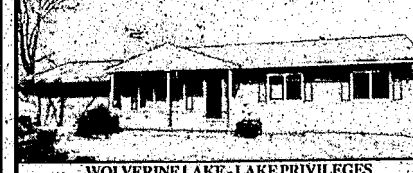
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 • Living room with bay window, large kitchen with dining area
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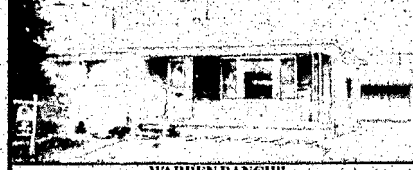
WIXOM - BEAUTIFUL RANCH HOME!
 • WOW! Gorgeous wooded scenery! Nicely landscaped yard in
 desirable neighborhood with walking/bike paths, 3 bedrooms
 • Family room with cathedral ceiling & gas log fireplace. Living
 room with bay window. Large country kitchen. Garage. (TE200)
 \$174,900 • 248 624-3015



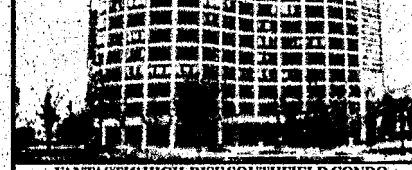
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