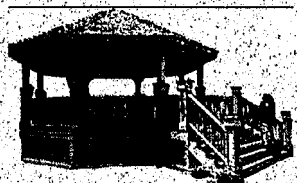


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Chamber Chat: Look inside for this month's Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce newsletter.

VINTAGE



CLARKSTON

Pioneer life was difficult, and each story from that era reinforces that fact. This story, originally printed in the Livingston Republic newspaper in 1864, was written by Caroline Hitchcock as told to her by a friend. This friend had quite an adventure in trying to travel from Ionia to Howell (then known as Livingston Centre) in late fall around 1835. The friend had spent the summer working in Ionia and was returning to Oakland County.

He met a young lawyer who was in the area buying land and wanted also to return to Oakland County by way of Livingston County so he could look at more land near Howell. The lawyer, being unaccustomed to traveling through the woods, asked the first man to accompany him. The man begins his story as he and the lawyer leave a tavern where they had spent the previous night. The tavern was full of people and had run out of food.

"We found that we were rather poorly supplied for our tramp through the woods, having no breakfast to start with and no provisions to carry along. But as it was 40 miles back to where we would be likely to obtain supplies, we concluded to push ahead. Providing ourselves with a compass and some matches, we made a start, feeling in good spirits, for we were homeward bound and our pockets well-lined with money. We crossed the (Looking Glass) river at Scott's (tavern), and guided by our compass, took as straight a course as practicable for Livingston Centre. The first day we reached the Red Cedar River, at a small Indian village called Okemos. From this place we followed up the river, as our maps informed us that we would have to pass through a swamp if we crossed here."

Next week, the river crossing and other dangers...

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

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School start time topic of public hearing



■ The Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education is having a public hearing at 7 p.m. Monday to hear comments about proposed later starting times for elementary and middle schools.

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Complacency and indifference are nowhere to be found concerning the proposal to change start times at Clarkston elementary schools and two middle schools by next school year.

The proposal, which is still a draft, is to change elementary start times about

a half hour later to 8:50 a.m. and to start middle schools at 9:15 a.m. That's one hour 35 minutes later for Clarkston Middle School and one hour 25 minutes later for Sashabaw Middle School.

The proposal keeps the high school start time at 7:25 a.m.

Staffs, parents, students and even the community are questioning the effects later start times would have at

the middle school. Questions include:

■ If parents have to go to work before the students catch the bus, who will make sure they get up and go to school?

■ Who will baby-sit younger siblings if the middle school child isn't home from school yet?

■ How will the 6-8 grade students participate in after-school sports when those in other districts get out of school about 2:20 p.m.?

■ How will this affect their after-school activities such as dance or religious training?

■ How will they adjust to getting up so much earlier when they start high

school?

And then there's the biggest question of all: How will this benefit the middle school children?

In order to help the community learn more about the proposal and get answers to questions, the Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education is having a public hearing during its April meeting.

The public hearing begins at 7 p.m. Monday at Clarkston High School, 6093 Flemings Lake Road. It will be in the performing arts center.

The regular public board meeting begins at 6 p.m. in the Large Group

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■ "We're like a second home to these students and their families."

Bonita Laudeman

Clarkston Christian School principal and kindergarten teacher



Another side to school: Abby Jensen hangs upside down during a break from her studies at Clarkston Christian School.

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Clarkston Christian

'One-room school' teaches old-time values



Happy in class: Katie Blaski talks to a classmate.

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

(Editor's note: This story is third in an occasional series on private and parochial schools in the Clarkston area.)

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER
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Christian Education Pastor Bonita Laudeman refers to Clarkston Christian School as a one-room schoolhouse. A look around tells why.

There are only 42 students at the school inside the Clarkston Community Church building at 6300 Clarkston Road in Independence Township. The students are divided into separate kinder-

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Assisting: Lydia Sherwood (left) helps Nobel Baird at Clarkston Christian School.

M-15, I-75 work to yield safer roads

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A bright and cheery shade of orange will greet users of M-15 and I-75 this spring and summer, but the traffic tie-ups that will likely result from those familiar striped barrels will leave travelers in anything but a sunshiny mood.

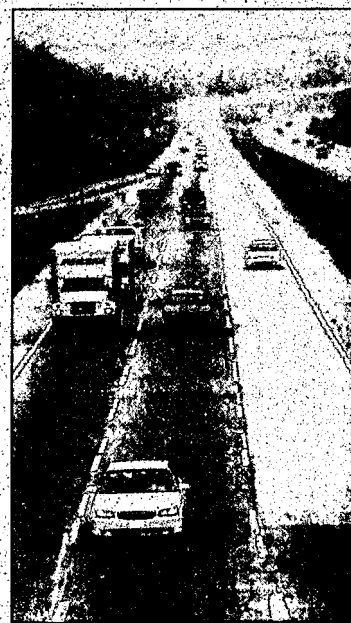
The inconvenience of traveling through a construction zone will give way to a new traffic light, better shoulders, more turning lanes and a smoother surface on Ortonville Road. I-75 is scheduled for resurfacing.

Both jobs are being done by the Michigan Department of Transportation.

MDOT resident engineer Jim Natschke is a realist, however.

"It's going to be a mess all summer," he said.

Natschke is in charge of the M-15 project. The work is a continuation of



STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

Construction is coming: Cars whiz down I-75 at Ortonville Road. Both thoroughfares will be under construction this summer.

last summer's construction on M-15. The road will be resurfaced from I-75 north to the Genesee County line. Last year's work went from the county line to I-69.

Locally, the small concrete barrier just north of I-75 will be taken out and be replaced by a left turn lane to Cranberry Lake Road. A new traffic light will be installed at the intersection of M-15 and Cranberry Lake Road, too. The shoulders also will be replaced, and the roadway will be milled and resurfaced.

The \$6.7 million state project will begin in late April or early May. The completion date is set for Oct. 1. Workers will be allowed to leave one lane open in each direction, with flaggers at specified times. Those times are from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. daily and from 7:30 p.m. until 5 a.m. each day. Crews will

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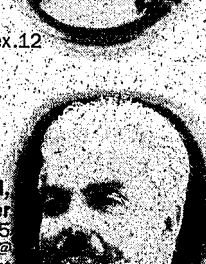
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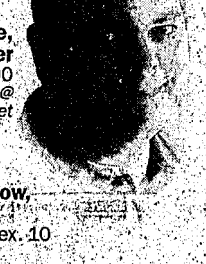
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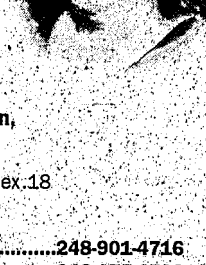
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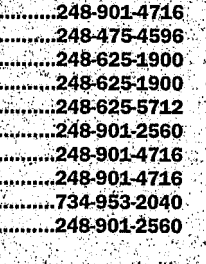
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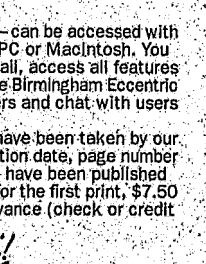
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Former supervisor plans to run again

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INDEPENDENCE

Gary Stonerock has taken out petitions to run once again for Independence Township supervisor.

Stonerock, 63, was supervisor from 1971 until 1972. At that time, terms were two years long, he said. Now terms are for four years. The supervisor position as well as all the other township board positions expire this year. Supervisor Dale Stuart has already announced he will seek re-election.

Stonerock owns a 1.73-acre parcel of land along M-15 just north of I-75. He said when the township rezoned the area from commercial to office-service two years ago, it set him up for what turned out to be substantial financial losses. The property is

worth more with a commercial designation because many different and more profitable enterprises can be built on the land that way.

"What they've done is implode the values of this whole area," he said.

Stonerock has sued the township over the zoning issue. Mediation is set for May 1 and a trial date of Sept. 11 has been set before Circuit Court Judge Nancy Grant, according to the Circuit Court assignment desk.

According to the Michigan Township Association, having a lawsuit pending against a municipality does not preclude a person from running for office. Because Independence is a charter township, if Stonerock were

to win, he would have to vote on all matters unless his request to abstain was approved by an unanimous vote of his colleagues on the board.

Stonerock said the first thing he would do if elected would be to change the zoning back to commercial on the more than 10 parcels that were rezoned. He said near the freeway is where commercial zoning belongs. He is dissatisfied with the township's governing. He thinks he should have been compensated for the value his property lost in the rezoning that was part of the township master plan.

"I don't want to be part of their plan," he said. "They know what they are doing. This is going to sit (undeveloped) for another 15 years."

Stonerock said he would do away with the current Planning Commission and also fire the

township attorney and planner. "I would clean house," he said.

The supervisor, however, appoints the Planning Commission with the approval of the entire township board. The attorney and planner are consultants and their firms are under contract with the township.

Another change Stonerock said he would make would be to appoint a township administrator. He said he thinks the supervisor and the consultants have too much power and too much falls through the cracks over time as different people are elected. A manager would keep a cohesiveness in the township and keep things moving forward.

He also would move along plans for a new township hall and try to secure more funding for the M-15/I-75 interchange.

"People are fed up right to their eyeballs," he added.

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Schools superintendent Al Roberts will review how the proposal came about and the results of parent and teacher surveys, of e-mails on the subject and the results of dialogue sessions with students.

He'll explain the reasoning behind the proposal, which came about when the Transportation Task Force was searching for ways to solve many bus transportation problems. Roberts will also take comments from the

audience, according to Anita Banach, public relations coordinator.

"He genuinely wants to hear people's comments. We need them in order to put the best plan forward," she said.

The timetable right now is for a final draft of the proposal to be presented to the school board for its consideration at the May 8 board meeting.

Two parents who plan to be at the public hearing are Susette Hart and Andrea Sorrentino.

Sorrentino doesn't support the proposed time changes for the middle schools. Her concern is that changes will be made based on the wrong or inconclusive information.

"I don't want them making decisions based on emotions," she said. She's encouraging parents to do their homework on later school starting times prior to coming to the public hearing.

Sorrentino did research on the Internet. She found several articles addressing the impact of school starting times on students and families from the publication Phi Delta Kappan.

Her conclusion is that more research is needed.

"I think the school district is doing a good job educating our children," said the parent of a sixth-grade student. "I usually never question the school board, but this time I am. I want to

know more, and I want to know that they have facts based on knowledge before they make a decision."

Susette Hart is the mother of children at every school level as well as adult and preschool children.

She said she hopes the community will be open enough to realize that the proposal has what's best for students at the heart of it.

"I believe if the school board determines these time changes are in the best interest of our children, then the changes will work out," she added. "The students will ultimately be in school the same amount of hours in the day; they will just be shifted around. Maybe they'll have to have club meetings in the mornings. I think we can work around that."

OBITUARY

OLIVER WOODROW WOODY SLADE

Oliver Woodrow "Woody" Slade of Ortonville, formerly of Clarkston, died April 1, 2000, at age 81.

Mr. Slade previously owned and operated several service stations in the area. He served as a U.S. Marine during WWII and was a member of the American Legion and Masonic Lodge. He also served as past president of the Oakland County Archery Club.

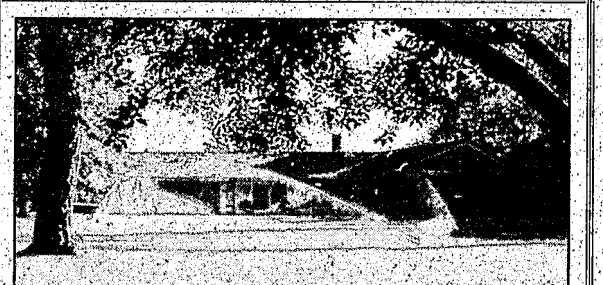
Mr. Slade is survived by his wife, Carmen "Connie," three daughters, Gloria (Dan) Warden-Day of Metamora, Pauline Tanner-Brown of Ortonville, Pam

Morris of Highland; and one son, Greg of Waterford. He is survived by 11 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren and several other family members. He is also survived by a sister, Kay Sammons of Illinois, and sister-in-law, Theresa Slade of Waterford.

A memorial service was held Tuesday in Dixie Baptist Church with Pastor Tigg Vanaman officiating.

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 2. Swain Builders 3070 Detroit Drive, Waterford, MI 48329 to allow 1736 square feet of necessary floor area where 1500 square feet are permitted. Parcel Address: 9631 Andersonville Rd., Clarkston, MI 48346. P.I. #07-26-376-005.

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NANCY STROLE, Clerk
Charter Township of Springfield

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be working at night, too.

"The majority of flagging will be done at night," he said.

Natschke added the I-75 ramps will not be affected.

I-75 is getting milled, ground and resurfaced with blacktop from M-59 to M-15 beginning May 1. The eight-mile \$3.2 mil-

lion project should be done in early to mid-October, MDOT Spokeswoman Brenda Peek said.

One lane could be closed at any time and there may be instances when two lanes are blocked. The freeway could be shut down on selected weekends from 10 p.m. Friday to 5 a.m. Monday.

"Probably for any grinding they would have to do," Peek said.

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CHS speaker: 'Create your own destiny'



Good advice: Christine Colby tells Clarkston High School girls to consider the automotive industry for careers.

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Don't wear short skirts and strong perfume to a job interview.

Don't act prissy when asking someone at work to do something for you.

Employers don't care if you're cute; they want to know you will get your job done.

Christine Colby knows what she's talking about when she gives advice to young women about the working world.

Colby, who grew up and lives in Clarkston, spent a class period with about 30 Clarkston High School teenage girls last week through the Clarkston Careers Connections program and the high school. The Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce is a Careers Connection sponsor with the school district.

She talked openly about what it was like joining the automotive industry directly out of high school and how she worked her way up to being the first woman

sales manager at a car dealership where most of the men working there were older than she was.

She didn't get that far by acting coy and helpless, she said. She did it through hard work, by networking, by learning about other peoples' jobs where she worked. She did it with the help of a mentor, by sticking to her moral values and by making short- and long-term goals that kept her reaching for the stars.

"I remember the feeling I had when I was still in my 20s and I was able to buy my first house," Colby said. "When I reached that goal, I was on a high for at least 18 months because I worked for that goal and reached it by myself."

Now Colby has her own business, World-Wide Auto Sales, that operates out of her home. She's still in the automotive industry. She buys cars from dealerships and leases them to small businesses.

"I can earn as much money as I want," she said. "I am the creator of my own destiny, and you

can do that, too."

She advised the young women to follow their passions and desires in life when choosing a career and to base their career on the type of person they are.

"I never thought I could be a saleswoman," Colby told them. "I was in a job where they gave me an extensive personality test. It showed I could do sales. The first time I received a commission check from selling a car to a customer, I was hooked. I can do this," she remembered saying.

She encouraged her audience to consider joining the automotive industry. She said with Detroit being the automotive capital of the world, it offers many choices. There are jobs at dealerships, manufacturing plants, supply dealers and at the corporate level.

"There are great careers for women in the automotive industry," she said, "and many strong, dynamic women have paved the way for you."

Colby, who is only 20 years older than a typical CHS senior, shared what she's learned with

the students who have so many choices to make in the next few years.

■ Don't be afraid of change. You may change your career a number of times until you find the right one.

■ Have a mentor.

■ Develop and follow a strong work ethic based on your personal values.

■ Grow and learn from personal crises and hardships. Don't be afraid of adversity and challenges.

■ Remember, there is a cause and effect to all your actions. What you do will always have an effect on someone else, even down to the simple things, such as how you answer a telephone at work.

■ Keep an open mind. Investigate different careers.

■ Always be a learner.

"Whatever your mind can conceive, you can achieve," she said in closing.

Tina Chambers, a CHS counselor, is in charge of the Clarkston Career Connections program at the high school. She schedules speakers as often as twice a month. Students sign up to come hear the advice and information they get from these professionals.

Those who have come to talk this school year are dentist Bruce Mercado, accountant Janet Thomas, physical therapist Stuart Seigner, firefighter Brian Kanigowski, entrepreneur Susan Settington, pilot Hans Bolte, mechanical engineer Scott Meyland and investment representative Scott Hazelton. Interior decorator Suzanne Czar is the next scheduled speaker.

"The speakers have been wonderful," said Chambers. "They've shared such valuable information with the students about their careers. They've been honest and up-front with them about the good sides and the bad."

Chambers said many teachers in the high school bring in speakers throughout the year as well. The idea is to encourage students to look at and beyond traditional jobs.

As Colby said, "You can be anything you want in this world today as a woman. I'm an example of that."

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

OUIL, first offense

On April 2, a 17-year-old Clarkston male was cited for improper lane use, for having open intoxicants in the vehicle and for operating under the influence of liquor and unlawful bodily alcohol levels. Police found the teen slumped over the wheel of his vehicle on Dixie Highway at Ortonville Road. The vehicle was still running. The teen had a strong odor of intoxicants, according to the police report. His preliminary breathalyzer test result was .18, which is above the zero tolerance limit for people under 21 years. Police also confiscated his license and issued him a temporary one.

Injury accident

On April 1 at 11:55 a.m., three vehicles were involved in a traffic accident at Dixie Highway and White Lake Road. A 17-year-old driver from Clarkston was turning left from Dixie onto south-bound White Lake Road on a yellow signal. Two vehicles entering the intersection from eastbound Dixie Highway struck the vehicle. The driver of the first vehicle and the passenger, a 16-year-old Clarkston teen, were taken to PQH Medical Center. The passenger was examined and released Saturday. The driver was released Monday. The teens weren't wearing seat belts. The driver of the second vehicle, a 30-year-old woman from Clarkston, was taken to and released from Genesys Hospital. The third driver refused medical treatment. The first driver received a ticket for failure to yield. The other two drivers were ticketed for disregarding a traffic control signal.

Home invasion, second degree

On March 31, someone kicked in the front door of a home in the 9600 block of Ortonville Road, damaging the door jam and frame. The person caused other damage and removed several items from the home, including a television set, VCR, boom box, shot gun and jewelry.

Springfield Township

Stolen vehicle

On April 2, someone removed a 1996 Chrysler Concorde parked on Dixie Highway at Norman Road. The vehicle had a sign stating it was for sale.

Home invasion, second degree

On April 1, someone entered a vehicle in the 9900 block of Pebble Creek Court and removed a phone and a briefcase. Someone

also removed a compressor from the garage.

Larceny of mail box

On April 1, someone removed a mailbox and its base from a residence in the 8800 block of Foster Road. The mailbox is valued at \$150.

Clarkston Police

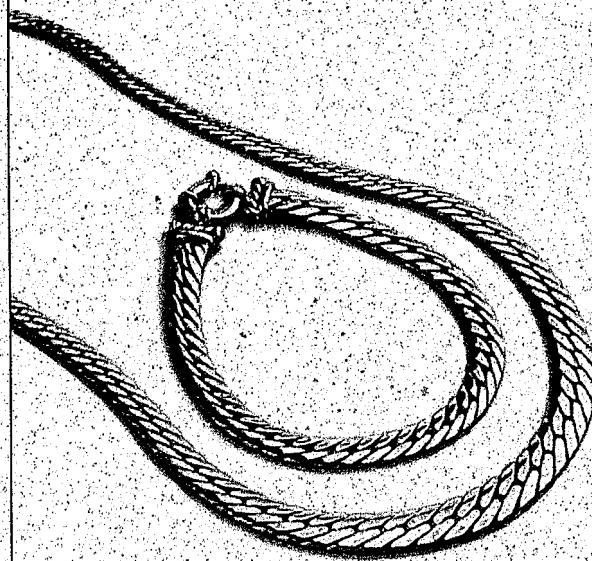
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Fire calls

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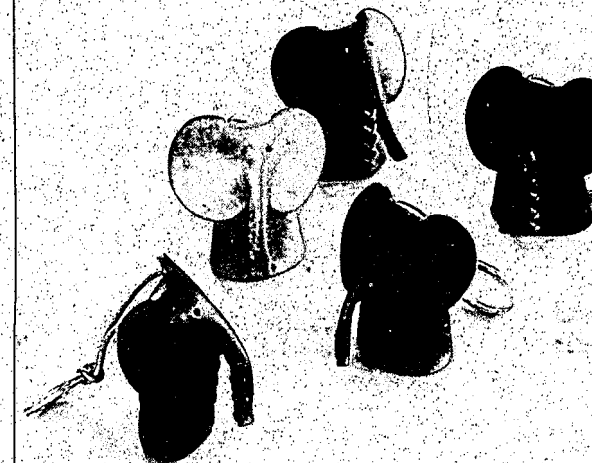
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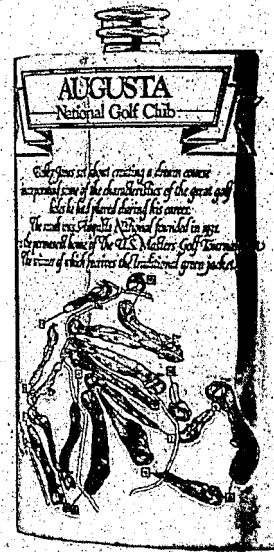
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Back home:
Brian Brotemarkle returns to his former elementary school and looks over poetry with Nikol Wilmot.



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Clarkston mother to discuss dangers of alcohol poisoning

BY DEBRA PASCOE
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Alcohol killed Brad McCue. Literally.

Now, his family and friends want others to know that alcohol can be a killer, even if the imbibing isn't behind the wheel.

McCue, 21, of Clarkston, died Nov. 5, 1998, of alcohol poisoning after consuming several drinks while celebrating his 21st birthday at Michigan State University. What happened to him could happen to anyone.

That's why after her son's death Cindy McCue helped form BRAD — Be Responsible About Drinking — to spread the word to students and parents that alcohol poisoning can be deadly. She will be the featured speaker at an alcohol awareness program for both students and parents sponsored by the Lake Orion High School Parent Advisory Organization on Tuesday, April 11.

McCue will speak to all juniors and seniors that morning and to parents of Lake Orion and surrounding communities that evening at 7 p.m. in the lower level Kiva at the high school, 495 E. Scripps Road.

When addressing students, McCue, among other issues, will share her personal pain, discuss underage drinking laws and encourage abstinence for those under 21.

"Students are not abstaining; they need more information than just being told not to drink," McCue said. "They are making choices contrary to the law, and they need to understand what's dangerous and what the law says."

She will also detail the signs and symptoms of alcohol poisoning, when medical treatment is necessary and what students should do if their friends have been drinking and are exhibiting those signs.

McCue will also clear up several misnomers about alcohol poisoning, including what "passing out" really means and if vomit-

ing remedies the problem.

Based on information she's obtained from the National Council of Alcoholism and Drug Dependency, McCue said "passing out" isn't just "sleeping it off."

"Being passed out is a coma from alcohol," McCue said. "You don't let people go to sleep if they've had a lot to drink."

McCue explained the body begins to reject the alcohol poison from the body when the alcohol content reaches about 0.2 to 0.25. But vomiting, she said, doesn't mean the body has expelled enough alcohol to reach a safe level.

McCue also quickly pointed out that basic medicines, such as aspirin and cold medicine and prescription medications taken for asthma and other common illnesses, also impact the body's reaction to alcohol. Even birth control pills have an effect, as does the person's size, mood, what they've eaten that day and personal history.

When McCue reaches out to parents that evening, the focus of her presentation will include all she discusses with the students, with a few extras.

McCue said her aim is to make parents understand that there is a problem with teenage drinking and how to discuss alcohol with their children, regardless of their age.

The availability of alcohol will also be discussed.

"They don't have to steal the beer out of mom's refrigerator," she said, adding some parents give alcohol to their children or allow them to throw parties where alcohol is served.

"Not only is that illegal and ethically and morally wrong, I don't want someone to make parenting decisions for my child," she said.

Parents will have an opportunity to ask questions after the hour-long presentation.

For more information about BRAD and alcohol poisoning, contact the organization's website at www.brad21.org.

High school students aid in elementary classes

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER
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A dozen Renaissance High School students are getting top grades at another school.

Twelve members of the Renaissance High Student Council walk across Maybee Road to North Sashabaw Elementary School where they help in and out of the classrooms twice a week.

This is a new partnership for the Renaissance-North Sashabaw schools.

"It started with a talk about what the student council members could do," said Jackie Pascoe. She works with student support services at Renaissance High and in the learning resource center at North Sashabaw Elementary. "The Renaissance students liked the idea, and the elementary school teachers did, too, so we decided to give it a try."

While the teenagers may not be as quick to admit they enjoy the admiration they get from the younger kids, the opposite isn't true.

"My students love to have the big grown-up boys in the class with them," said fourth-grade teacher Kathryn McMurtrey.

"I'm finding the older students are very patient and understanding with the younger ones."

Seniors Erick Schmidt and Brian Brotemarkle assist in McMurtrey's class. They spend a lot of time either listening to youngsters read or reading to them on a one-to-one basis.

"It works best when I send them out into the hallway to work with my students individually. Otherwise, everyone is trying to get their attention," McMurtrey added.

Schmidt and Brotemarkle were looking a little out-of-place sitting in the elementary student-size chairs as they listened to students read, but they certainly didn't appear uncomfortable.

"I'm getting a lot of satisfaction in seeing them learn," Schmidt said.

"I like working with the little kids," added Brotemarkle, a former student of McMurtrey's.

Misha Jenzen and Amy Gates, both juniors, assist in the kindergarten room.

"I'm proud of myself that I'm coming over to help the kids," Jenzen said. "They are so sweet. They come over and give us hugs."

Gates said she would continue



Partners:
Clarkston Renaissance High School volunteer Jayme Nesbitt reads to North Sashabaw Elementary students Hayley Hopkinson and Jordan Smith.

volunteering next school year, too, if the student council decides to do the partnering program again.

Pascoe said this program benefits students from both schools.

"The teenagers are placed in an almost work-like situation," she said. "They have to deal with different situations and learn how to handle things appropriately."

She's heard nothing but praise, she said, from the North Sashabaw teachers about the

Renaissance High School students who are helping them out.

The other students are Libby Jenzen, Shannon Kott, Jayme Nesbitt, Lisa De Leon, Mandy Willis, Nikki Johnson, Tricia Taylor and Christopher Mersino.

They're assisting in the classrooms of Natalie Schroeder, Mari Ann Pace-Bleau, Angela Sprague, Joan Weglarski, Kathryn Maier, Amy Randolph, Loretta Gagnon, McMurtrey and Donna Dick.

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SEMCOG plan outlines area's road, transit needs to 2025

Over the next 25 years, state and local governments will spend \$17 billion resurfacing and rebuilding 6,800 miles of roads in southeast Michigan.

But of the 22,576 million miles of roads here, only 417 will be widened. And only 13 miles of roads will be newly constructed.

Those are the figures offered by the current draft of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments' 2025 Regional Transportation Plan. The plan coordinates the efforts of state and local transportation agencies in the region, covering everything from roads and bridges to airports, mass transit and bike paths.

The plan is scheduled to be adopted June 22 at SEMCOG's general assembly meeting. In the meantime, SEMCOG is seeking public comment on the plan. A draft is available through SEMCOG's information services, at (313) 961-4266. Comments can be made by phone, at 1-800-961-3334; fax (313) 961-4869; or e-mail at Comment2025RTP@semcog.org. "The plan strives for balance in sup-

porting economic vitality and the movement of freight and improving traveler safety, while at the same time considering environmental quality of life issues," according to SEMCOG.

"A continuing need is public transit. The plans call for a vision that would provide a basis for growing transit beyond the status quo, including a continuing need for local operating subsidies."

Among the projects included are:

In Oakland County:

- Major rehabilitation on seven miles of I-75 north of Holly Road, worth \$30 million.

- The addition of merge and weave lanes on I-75 from Square Lake Road to M-59, worth more than \$19 million.

- An interchange upgrade at Beck and Wixom Roads along I-96, for almost \$84 million.

- Almost \$10 million worth of bike paths throughout the county, funded by various city governments.

- Relocation of the Adams Road interchange on M-59, for \$23 million.

In Livingston County:

- Reconstruction of the interchange at US-23 and I-96, for \$14.9 million.

- Interchange improvements at US-23 and M-59, worth \$15 million.

- Major rehabilitation along five miles of US-23, worth \$14 million.

- Addition of an interchange on I-96 at Latson Road/Lake Chemung Area, totaling almost \$47 million.

In Wayne County:

- Reconstruction of I-75 south of the Rouge River Bridge for \$46 million.

- Improved access to and from the Ambassador Bridge to I-75 and I-96 for \$123 million.

- Concrete patching and overlay on seven miles of I-96 from Newburgh to Telegraph, worth \$14 million.

- Operating assistance to DDOT for transit service worth almost \$480 million.

Former astronaut at OU for presentations

Col. Richard A. Searfoss, United States Air Force (retired) and former NASA astronaut will visit Oakland University Monday, April 10.

He will share his experiences as pilot of three space flights at a lecture titled, "Human Spaceflight — Perspectives of a Space Shuttle Commander," 3:30-5 p.m., Room 201, Dodge Hall on the university's campus.

In the evening, Col. Searfoss will speak at the Sigma Xi dinner at Meadow Brook Hall, and present, "The STS-90 NeuroLab Space Life Sciences Mission" as an after-dinner lecture.

ence research mission aboard the Space Shuttle Columbia in 1993.

In 1996, his second mission was as a pilot aboard the Space Shuttle Atlantis, which included the docking of the spacecraft on a Russian space station, the first spacewalk from a shuttle-space station complex, and several scientific investigations.

His final mission with NASA was in 1998 to find scientific results on the effects of microgravity on the brain and nervous system.

For more information or for reservations, visit the Oakland University website at www.oakland.edu/research or call (248) 370-2101.

NASA record

Col. Searfoss became an astronaut in 1991. His first flight was as pilot of a seven-person life sci-

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Oakland welfare cases hit Project Zero goal

The number of people in Oakland County who can work but are drawing public assistance without a job or at least some earned income has dropped to zero.

Project Zero, the state's welfare-to-work program, brought down to zero the number of "targeted cases" in Oakland County as of March 30, according to Gov. John Engler.

"Target cases" include those who receive public assistance for at least 60 days and are

required to participate in the state's Work First program. Exempt from the requirement, so not considered "targeted cases," are those with deferments due to recent childbirth, disabilities or who otherwise cannot work.

When the program began here last October, the county had 1,248 targeted cases, 431 of which had no earned income. By the time Oakland County

reached zero cases without earned income, some families had earned enough to achieve self-sufficiency and have their cases have been closed, Engler reported.

"In a relatively short period of time, the Oakland County (Family Independence Agency) and its partners have moved a significant number of individuals into the workplace and guided

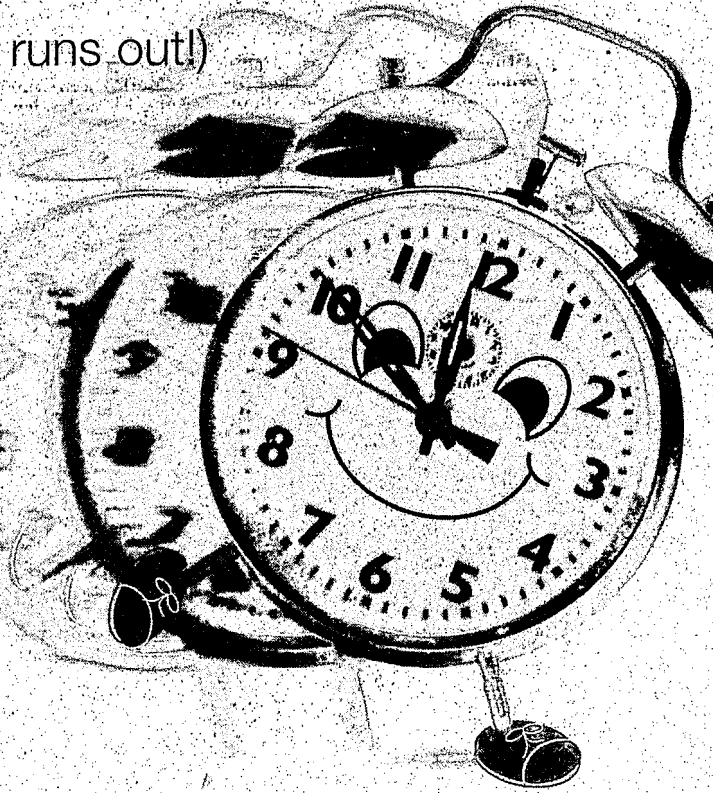
many more families toward self-sufficiency," Engler said.

Project Zero began in 1996 as a collaboration of state and local agencies with a goal of putting all targeted cases into the workforce and having them show earnings.

Currently there are 70 sites in the program in 49 counties. Oakland is the 42nd to site to reach zero.

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Church play focuses on forgiveness, mercy

The original three-act play, "The Alabaster Vial," is returning to the Clarkston area. The Mount Zion Theater Co. of Waterford will present six productions of this play at its performing arts center at 4453 Clintonville Road. Performance times and dates are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, April 21-22 and April 28-29. There also are 2 p.m. matinees on Saturdays, April 22 and 29. Tickets are \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door and \$7 each for students, seniors and groups of 20 or more. The price includes refreshments during intermission. Tickets are available from

the box office one hour prior to show times. They also can be reserved by calling (248) 673-5432 or (248) 391-6166. Mount Zion's Fine Arts Minister Rick Bruderick wrote the play that explores the fictional relationships and lifestyles of several biblical characters. These include Lazarus and his two sisters, Mary and Martha. The script revolves around Mary's life and the choices she makes. There are 15 people from the 4,000 church congregation in the cast. The play is directed by Monika Christensen of Waterford.

Clarkston Christian

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garden and first-grade classes. The second- and third-grade students are combined.

In the afternoon after the kindergartners have gone home, the school transforms into one big multi-age classroom, where the first- through third-grade students study and learn together.

"We're like a second home to these students and their families," said Laudaman, the school's principal and kindergarten teacher.

She said the continuity of the school, which opened in the early 1980s, is due to the devotion of the church to education and Christianity. The Rev. Greg Henneman is the church's senior pastor.

"We provide a Christian education here where we add scriptures to our teachings. We reach the children by reaching out to their physical, mental, spiritual sides, all with a loving spirit," she added.

The teachers at the non-denominational Christian school sacrifice a lot in salary and benefits that they'd earn in a public school district, Laudaman said. First-grade teacher Pamela



STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

Willing learners: Teacher Beth Paul's students are eager to contribute to the class.

Albright and second-third grade teacher Beth Paul said teaching at CCS is worth it, however.

"I like teaching here where I can share my faith and give that part of education to the children," said Albright, whose father, BG Dale, brought the Clarkston Community Church to Independence Township from Pontiac more than 20 years ago.

"Teaching at CCS is an answered prayer for me," added Paul. "We take care of more than the three Rs here. I like the way parents and staff work together and that our students get more individual attention."

Mallory Morell is a former CCS student. She's in grade seven at Sashabaw Middle School. Her parents are Mark and Anna Morell.

"I loved going to Clarkston Christian School," she said. Her brother, Max, is in the second grade there.

"Mallory did really well making that transition to fourth grade in public school. We found she was so far ahead in many subjects," said Anna. "For parents who can afford to send their children there, I feel it is well worth it. CCS is very underpriced for what the students get."

Paulette and Richard Knight have lots of experience with CCS.

"We've sent three of our children there," said Richard. "We like the total commitment the staff has with the children. The overall environment is committed to the same kind of environment we try to have at home. When you leave your children there, you feel like you are leav-

CLARKSTON CHRISTIAN FAST FACTS

- Name:** Clarkston Christian School, 6300 Clarkston Road, Independence Township
- Phone number:** (248) 625-1324
- What is it:** A parochial school for kindergarten through third grade. It's adding grade four next school year. The school is an educational outreach ministry of Clarkston Community Church of God.
- Number of students:** 42
- Student/teacher ratio:** 14:1
- Year opened:** Early 1980s
- Tuition:** \$2,600 for the 1999-2000 school year

ing them with a favorite relative. Daughters Brynne and Mycalann Janeway are now in other private schools. Janae Knight is at CCS in the 3-year-old childcare program.

CCS is making some changes for the upcoming school year. It's eliminating its infant and toddler childcare program and using that space to add a fourth grade.

"It was a hard decision to do that, but we've done it over a three-year period to accommodate our students," Laudaman said. "The vision of the church initially was to provide quality child care. But because of our current space limitations, we decided we could better serve people by adding another grade to our curriculum."

She said ground breaking to expand the church/school building should take place in about a year.

Laudaman is proud that the school is licensed by the state of Michigan and its teachers are state-certified.

"We follow the same requirements other state-certified schools follow," she said. "We give the MEAP test and offer a variety of academic courses, including French, music and gym. Our students give two major musical productions a year, one in the fall, another at Christmas time." She said some of the students join home school and community recreation programs for other activities.

Children aren't forgotten during the summer months. CCS provides a child care program from 6:45 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Knight gave a good example of the success of the Clarkston Christian School.

"When parents both work, a lot of time the education system spends more time with your child than you do so it's important they spend time at a quality place. The commitment of the Clarkston Christian School's staff to our children is equal to our own."

It's hard for a parent to ask for more than that.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS

Jeffrey M. Long pledged the Albion College chapter of Alpha Tau Omega during the 2000 spring semester.

Alpha Tau Omega is a social fraternity founded at Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Va., on Sept. 11, 1865. The "ATOs" support the American

Heart Foundation.

Long is a sophomore majoring in economics and management and psychology. He is the son of Robert W. Long and Connie L. Walker, both of Clarkston, and a graduate of Clarkston High School.



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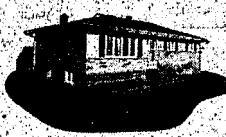
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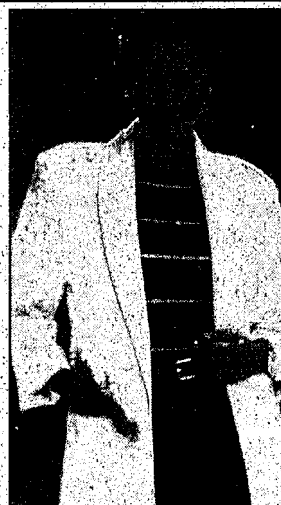
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'Reps for Ramps'

Politicians 'build' program for the disabled

BY MIKE MALOTT
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The tools of choice for lawmakers are usually legislation and votes. But this summer, some will be picking up hammers and saws to build wheelchair ramps for 15-20 Michigan residents who need them.

Rep. Laura Toy (R-Livonia), along with Rep. Sandy Caul (R-Mt. Pleasant) and Joanne Voorhees (R-Grandville), kicked off a "Reps for Ramps" program last week to raise money for ramps for disabled Michigan residents who need them — and actually construct them on site.

"Many people in wheelchairs are virtually prisoners in their own homes," Toy said. "This effort reaches out to people who are permanently disabled and unable to get in and out because they don't have the means or extra funds for a wheelchair ramp. This is about state lawmakers giving back to their communities by not only raising funds, but working up a sweat to build the ramps and get the job done."

Toys said the Lions of Michigan Service Foundation volunteers will work with the representatives to get the ramps built. Tools and supervisors will be supplied by Dykhouse Construction of Byron Center.

Wheelchair access is an issue near and dear to Toy's heart. Her brother was severely disabled. Her moth-

er has had to depend on a wheelchair.

But there are also an estimated 1.7 million disabled people in the state, Toy pointed out.

"Quite frankly, they tend to be seniors and low income people who haven't the ability to exit or enter their homes," she said.

The Lions are now identifying those residents who will receive the ramps that the volunteers build during June, July and August. Construction of each is expected to take about a day. The cost of each ramp is estimated between \$400 and \$1,000.

Funds are still needed for materials, including lumber. Anyone interested in volunteering or donating money can contact Toy's office at (517) 373-3920.

The announcement of the program came as the state Senate approved a bill by Toy, applying penalties to those to block wheelchair access aisles or ramps with their cars.

House Bill 4995, already approved by the House, makes it a civil infraction, with a fine of \$100, to block wheelchair access. An access aisle is the yellow- or blue-lined space next to a handicapped parking spot that allows room for the operation of a wheelchair lift.

Senators voted unanimously to adopt the bill last week and sent it off to the governor for approval. Gov. John Engler has indicated to Toy's office that he will sign the bill.

Task force wants old laws taken off books

BY MIKE MALOTT
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Spartan fans could have gotten in big trouble with the law over the past month as they rooted Michigan State University's basketball team on to victory in the NCAA tournament, according to state Sen. Thaddeus McCotter.

It's illegal in Michigan to wear the logo of a sports team or to display that team's emblem, as on a bumper sticker, unless you are actually a member of that team, says McCotter (R-Livonia).

That's just one of a long list of archaic, out-of-date, no-longer-enforced laws the Michigan senator is hoping to get rid of.

Also on the chopping block are:

- Prohibitions against walkathons.

- A ban on using the image of a deceased president to promote alcoholic beverages.

- Requirements for the use of bells on sleighs in the Upper Peninsula.

- Requirements that every county government have an official dairy cream tester.

- Requirements that "weather modifications services" be licensed. That's right, rainmakers have been licensed in the state of Michigan.

Senators voted, nearly unanimously, for a series of dozens of repealer bills, aimed at cleaning up Michigan's code books.

"We only had a couple of dissenting votes. One was (Sen. Phil) Hoffman," McCotter said. "He liked the rat bounty."

Nonetheless, that law — providing residents with a 10 cent bounty when they present the head of a rat to the local municipal clerk — also bit the dust. So did the Sparrow bounty, a 2 cent reward for turning in a dead English Sparrow.

McCotter headed up the State Law Revision Task Force, assigned to the job of reviewing old laws still on the books in Michigan. Also on the panel were Sens. Alma Wheeler Smith (D-Salem Township) and Mike Góschka (R-Brant). The task force was formed last June.

According to McCotter, senators took care of about 50 repealer bills last week, sending them to the House for approval. And he said he has many more repealers to go, sponsored by a variety of lawmakers.

How seriously the House will

take the job of cleaning up the law books is not clear, the senator said. But action on these bills should take little time and fit easily among the House's other priorities, he said.

"Neglect of the law is just as dangerous as outright defiance of the law," McCotter said. "You can't take the attitude that these are just old laws, just words on paper. We are supposed to enforce all the laws equally. For one, what if, forbid, one were enforced against you, a law you have no reason to know exists. Secondly, getting rid of these old laws is less for our law enforcement to pay attention to. Thirdly, it should serve as a warning to lawmakers today that actions you take may make you look stupid 100 years from now."

state Sen. Thaddeus McCotter
(R-Livonia)

ment to pay attention to. Thirdly, it should serve as a warning to lawmakers today that actions you take may make you look stupid 100 years from now."

Like the 1931 law banning "immoral advertising," ads that refer to "the restoration of 'Lost Manhood.'"

Or old Michigan laws regulating conduct in a duel or being a second in a duel.

Gov. John Engler is supportive to the effort to clean out the old laws, McCotter said.

"This would be a small but important part of the governor's legacy," he said.

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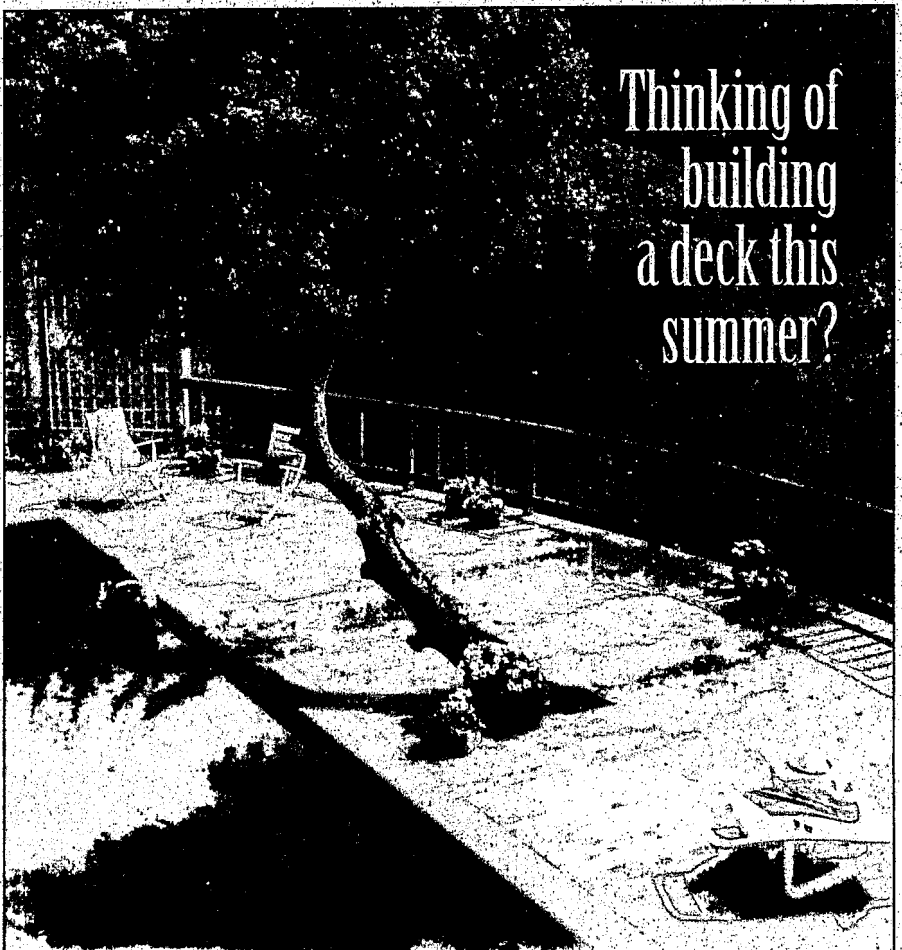
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Time to query

Give us your questions for candidates

As the August primary and November general elections approach, major television networks and daily papers will devote massive amounts of airtime and newspaper space to covering the state and national races.

You, as a viewer and reader, undoubtedly will be overloaded with information about the presidential and other national and statewide candidates.

But how do you find about the person who is running for township supervisor, county commission or Clarkston mayor? It is unfathomable to think a network like ABC would give five minutes to every local candidate in every local race. This is the job of the local newspaper. Nobody else is going to take the time to sit down with each candidate — challenger and incumbent alike — to bring you their views on what is important in your own neighborhood.

This is what the *Clarkston Eccentric* will be doing over the next several months. Once the filing deadlines have passed, we will begin to interview candidates for all contested positions on the Independence and Springfield township boards and the Clarkston City Council. We will talk with candidates vying for the 2nd, 3rd and 4th county commission seats, and for the 46th District State Representative seat.

But, what do we ask these prospective public servants? We will come up with our own ideas of what we think is important. However, residents are the ones who will live each day with the election's outcome. What you value in a prospective candidate may vary from our thoughts. That is why we want to hear from you.

Independence and Springfield townships are growing quickly. Controversial developments like the Holiday Inn Express proposed for M-15 at I-75 are going to become more commonplace. The people who will be elected in November will play an important role in shaping the future of the Clarkston area. And we want to know what you think is important during this critical juncture in time.

What qualities should these individuals retain? What vision should an incumbent have to remain in office? What would justify favoring a challenger over a proven public official?

These are the types of questions we will mull over. We take this task very seriously, and our ability to help you select who will lead your local government is best done with your input. Please take the time to think this over with us. Send us your suggestions and comments. Let us know what is important to you.

Send your comments to 7073 Dixie Highway, Clarkston, MI. E-mail us at ksmith@oe.homecomm.net

At your disposal! Oakland County needs more hazardous waste days

It happens every spring: An opportunity for Oakland County residents to get rid of dangerous household wastes — properly.

Many Oakland communities sponsor something called a Household Hazardous Waste Day every spring about this time. On these days, usually Saturdays, residents (and they'll have to prove it!) can dispose of lots of crud that really shouldn't be put out with the regular trash.

Over the winter, your average suburbanite will have collected the usual assortment of motor oil, antifreeze, car and household batteries, drain and over cleaners, gasoline mixtures, carburetor cleaners, strippers and removers, adhesives, glues, pesticides and herbicides.

Yes, that stuff can harm people, pets and plants, so it shouldn't be dumped down the drain or stuffed into garbage bags that'll end up in landfills — and eventually back in the air.

Instead, they should bring that stuff to the town's Household Hazardous Waste Days (watch your *Eccentric* for dates, times and locations), or call an outfit known as SOCRRA (Southeast Oakland County Resource Recovery Authority). Technicians — some dressed in protective "moon suits" — will be on hand to show proper disposal techniques.

Hazardous Waste Days are great, and we're glad they're so well-attended. However, it is our thinking that there should be even more disposal days. There used to be two of them, spring and fall, in many Oakland communities, and then came the unfortunate budget cuts.

Expansion of the program is something our communities should consider.

And, of course, we'd like to see a longer list

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of things acceptable for collection. In the past, some chemical waste management firms would not accept: latex and water-based paint, compressed gas cylinders, radioactive material (including some smoke detectors), explosives, shock sensitive compounds and medical wastes.

Anyone in possession of the taboo items might just shrug and say to himself, "Well, I tried to do the right thing" — and then stuff them in garbage bags or dump them down the drain.

Also, the program is for residents, not commercial and industrial businesses.

But, all things considered, Oakland County's waste disposal days are well worth the effort and expense. Please, local officialdom, give us more of a good thing.

For those who live in communities without a waste disposal day, there is always the aforementioned SOCRRA, a tax-supported recycler that accepts the bad stuff by appointment or from 8 a.m. to noon every other Saturday at its facility on the west side of Coolidge Highway, between 14 Mile and Maple roads.

Call SOCRRA at (248) 288-5153 for appointment or more information. The group's website is: www.socrra.org

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

Do you plan to go to Comerica Park this year to see the Detroit Tigers?



"Probably not. I'm not a big baseball fan."

Howard Johnson
Independence Township



"Yes. We've talked about it. We went last year for the final game at Briggs Stadium."

Steven Hoffman
Clarkston



"Yes. We'll go just because we want to see the park."

Gall Hoffman
Clarkston



"I doubt it."

Barbara Ragatz
Waterford

LOCATION:

This question was asked at Kmart on Dixie Highway in Waterford.

LETTERS

Keep an open mind about proposed school start times

Open letter to the Clarkston School Community.

Did you know there was a parental outcry over the bus situation this school year and the Clarkston School District heard and responded by taking a very serious look at your concerns and comments? A proposal is now being recommended addressing these transportation safety issues and bus concerns about overcrowding, long bus rides, middle school and high school students riding the same bus, shortage of bus drivers. In addition, the proposal addressed results from multiple studies concerning optimal learning time of all students, research about sleep patterns and brain function and high-risk behavior associated with the unsupervised hours after school when students are home alone.

We have listened and read many of the comments being made about the proposal and have a few thoughts we hope the community will consider. Set aside your personal needs for a moment, putting kids first and consider the following:

■ Should 11- to 14-year-old children be considered the primary caregivers of younger children everyday after school?

■ How much time on a daily basis do 11- to 14-year-old children need to be engaged in school sports? Is 1 to 1 1/2 hours sufficient? Certainly each individual is welcome to spend as much personal free time to improve his or her skills at home and among friends.

■ Children ages 11 to 14 need adults available to dialog, model, support and encourage them. If more adults were available after school when children get home, the major concerns about high-risk behavior that we need to look at would not be a factor, but the fact is too many youngsters are home alone.

■ When research points out peak times of learning and how sleep deprivation can affect academic performance for this age group, we would be wise to apply that information. Creating a healthy learning environment should always include what works best for the students.

Our kids have got to be our first concern. We need to do what is in the best interest of our children and their learning environment (even if they don't like it).

That's our job! It isn't always easy and often requires sacrifice. It may not be convenient for us, students, the athletic program or even the school staff as the initial change is made, but we should all look at the long-term benefit of this proposal.

We encourage everyone to keep an open mind when examining the proposal.

Express your support or recommend other solutions which address the many issues our school district and community must focus on concerning all 7,258 students in the district.

Tim and Susette Hart
Parents of elementary, middle and high school students
Clarkston

No need for pope to apologize

I must protest the distorted and erroneous coverage accorded the message of Pope John Paul II while in Israel. Journalists, without exception, repeated the old cabal that Pius XII was silent during WWII.

Please note: After the Nazis invaded Poland in September 1939, Hitler imposed a news blackout on Poland. This blackout was pierced when Pope Pius XII revealed horrible Nazi atrocities against Jews and Catholics. A New York Times editorial (Jan. 24, 1940) confirmed the Vatican's public condemnation of the Nazi atrocities. These Vatican condemnations told the world in detail that what is now called a Holocaust had begun! New York Times articles reporting the January 1940 denunciations by Pius XII on Nazi atrocities were carried on Jan. 23, 1940 ("Vatican Reveals Terrors in Poland"), on Jan. 25, 1940 ("Vatican Continues Atrocious Charges"), on Jan. 26, 1940 ("Atrocities on Poles Denied in Germany"), on Jan. 29, 1940 ("Mass Shootings in Poland Laid to Nazis by Cardinal, Memorandum Presented to the Pope"), on Jan. 30, 1940 ("The Text of Cardinal Hlond's Report to the Vatican on Persecution by the Nazis") and an editorial on Jan. 30, 1940, ("In German Poland"), saying the atrocity reports "were presented to Pope Pius and published with his authority."

Protests by Pius XII by Nazi persecution of the Jews were published by The New York Times throughout the Holocaust years. For example, on the front page of the Aug. 6, 1942, Times it was stated: "Pope Pius has protested through his nuncio against mass deportations of the Jews from occupied France."

The Catholic Church and the popes in particular have nothing for which to apologize. Convents and monasteries all over occupied Europe gave shelter to Jews and provided them with documents to enable their passage out of Nazi-occupied countries. If I ever read a newspaper that checks the authenticity and historical accuracy of what they print, I shall probably die of shock. It isn't just the Detroit papers: I have noticed the same flaws in Minneapolis/St. Paul, Des Moines, Arlington, Va., and Indianapolis. All newspapers have libraries and hopefully degreed librarians. Do any reporters seek out such resources before printing lies?

Irene Rauth
Clarkston

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POINTS OF VIEW

Campaign 2000 could be start of a Republican dynasty in State House



MIKE MALOTT

Imagine for a minute how it would work if the Michigan State Spartans got one little additional perk for winning the NCAA tournament — they could redraw the basketball court.

Coach Tom Izzo would sit down and try to adjust the dimensions of the court just a tad to give an edge to next year's returning Spartans, guys like Charlie Bell and Andre Hutson.

With MSU's ability to shoot the long ball, Izzo might bring in the three-point arch just a few inches. To minimize the impact of guys like Florida's Udonis Haslem, who like to work underneath the basket, Izzo could widen the key, maybe even raise the hoop a few inches.

It would certainly make it easier for the Spartans to win a return trip to March Madness next year. But it hardly sounds fair, does it?

Believe it or not, that is exactly how politics works. Every ten years, immediately after the census is taken, politicians set out to redraw congressional and state legislative district boundaries. It's tantamount to redrawing the playing field. And that's the field politics in Michigan will be played on for the next decade.

So the ability to draw those districts to your liking is exactly the prize of this year's November Mayhem. The winner will be in a very good position to build a political dynasty through the year 2010.

Rack up three pre-season victories for the GOP team. The Pachyderms have already shown their political muscle up and down the court. It promises to be a long hard tour for the Michigan Dems.

The first pre-season match up between the players came at the U.S. Supreme Court over the design of the U.S. Census. You may recall all the talk in the 1990 census of an "undercount," which hit Detroit particularly hard. Census enumerators have a difficult time counting all the residents in inner city areas. Specifically, minorities and immigrants shy away from the population tally. The poor are more difficult to find, the homeless even tougher.

There is good reason to believe an undercount really does occur. In 1940, three percent more young men overall registered for the draft than had been counted in that year's census. But for African Americans, 13 percent more showed up at the draft board than had been tallied. And in the 1990 census, later research showed blacks were undercounted by 5.7 percent compared to an undercount of

1.3 percent for the rest of the population.

Even the National Academy of Sciences has concluded that the population cannot be accurately counted using traditional census methods.

So the Census Bureau this year wanted to use "statistical sampling" to adjust the numbers. Republicans took the issue to court, arguing that, philosophically, an actual count should be more accurate than a statistical sample. The justices agreed. Philosophically correct or not, you'll notice that the undercount occurs where Republicans have been the weakest on the political playing field, in the inner cities. But the GOP argued that it feared statistical adjustments would artificially boost numbers in Democratic strongholds.

The second pre-season victory came when the teams again met on the floor of the state Senate. Earlier this year, Sens. Bill Schuette (R-Midland) and Thaddeus McCotter (R-Livonia) spearheaded a six-bill package outlining the rules for next year's reapportionment process. Although most of the rules are pretty neutral in their impact, the state did pick up the U.S. Supreme Court's logical regarding census counts. If the numbers were adjusted statistically, state lawmakers concluded, they can't be used in legislative reapportionment, only actual head counts can.

The third pre-season contest was a slam dunk. GOP coach John Engler has had an opportunity to make a number of appointments to the Michigan Supreme Court over his tenure. So it is pretty conservative now. That's significant because lawsuits have been filed in every one of Michigan's redistricting processes since the state Constitution was adopted in 1963 and the justices have ended up drawing the new districts every time.

Three justices will be up this November, Clifford Taylor, Robert Young and Stephen Markman. And Democrats are already targeting those seats.

The season gets underway in earnest with the campaigns this fall for election to the House of Representatives. Democrats will lose 14 incumbents, who have been term limited out, and have to find replacements. Think of them as non-returning seniors. Republicans lose only seven.

If the odds-makers were to set the line now for who will win Michigan's political championship this November, they'd have to pick the Republicans by a wide point spread.

And that puts the GOP on track for a political dynasty in the years to come.

Mike Malott reports on the local implications of state and regional events. He can be reached by phone at (248) 634-8219 or by e-mail at mmalott@homecomm.net

It'll take teamwork to find winning solution to school busing problems



AL ROBERTS

As I watched the Final Four extravaganza this weekend, I noticed the differing styles of the regional winners. Florida, Michigan State, North Carolina and Wisconsin certainly approach the game differently; yet they all display what it takes to be a team that can compete with the best in the nation. While I personally could do with a little less bravado

and a little more humility from some of the players, there is no doubt that they all did everything in their power to reach the top! The goal was to win. While each coach used dissimilar strategies, they all utilized the differing skill sets of their teams to their advantage. They all worked with their players to develop a clear understanding of their "system," and they all labored tirelessly to build unity in that purpose.

I think our approach to the issue of school start times is much like the "Final Four." The goal is to create a plan that will be a winner. Yes, there are probably a wide variety of strategies that could be employed to reach that goal. However, before any real progress can be made, it is important for us to understand the current realities, to examine all the possibilities and to find some solutions that will serve to build a genuine sense of teamwork. The challenge is to develop a plan that is the best one for the youngsters of the Clarkston community and to do so within the available resources.

Allow me to provide you with an update of our progress thus far. First of all, the random survey has been completed and Oakland Schools (an impartial third party) is analyzing the data. We hope to have their analysis back within the next few days. Secondly, the principals at both middle schools and the high school are meeting with a sampling of our students to get their input. I expect to have those results sometime this week. In addition, I have received approximately 75 e-mail messages addressing this topic. The overwhelming majority of those messages did not support the draft proposal. The two biggest obstacles seem to be childcare and concern about extra-curricular programs at the middle schools. As far as optimal learning opportunities are concerned, the feedback indicates that later high school start times would be better than later starts at middle school.

It is probably worth pointing out a few misunderstandings that seem to persist.

■ **Misunderstanding No. 1** — *The Draft Plan was the final product, not something that called for reaction and revision.* I have been quoted time and time again as saying, "When everyone thinks alike, no one thinks very much." It is my hope that no citizen will feel uncomfortable in helping us to form a better plan. Ideas can and should be expressed so that a sense of teamwork will exist after the public meeting. The best solution isn't likely to be one that is borne of anger. It is in everyone's best interest that such a decision be based upon reason and trust.

■ **Misunderstanding No. 2** — *The district gains significantly from the extraordinarily expensive homes that are being built.* Proposition A changed the way schools are funded. Our foundation allowance is among the lowest in the county and it is based upon the number of students we serve, not property value. Judicial use of our financial resources is therefore a must!

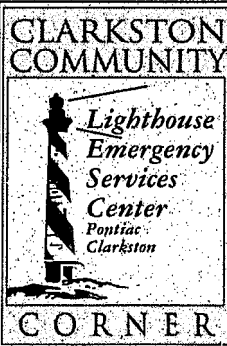
■ **Misunderstanding No. 3** — *The Draft Plan will result in fewer intramural, interscholastic and extra-curricular opportunities for students.* The truth is that no matter what time schedule becomes the final plan, our intent is to expand opportunities for students, not curtail them.

■ **Misunderstanding No. 4** — *The Initial Draft Plan is the result of a carefully devised research study.* We have looked at this issue from several perspectives and there are some research implications. However, we have not conducted an extensive research study. We have reviewed the anecdotal data from the perspective of our building leaders, analyzed the results of locally administered assessments (Search Institute Survey), and studied the trend analysis (Western Michigan Study).

So, where do we go from here? The next step is to listen to our citizens at the public hearing from 7-8:30 p.m. April 10 in the high school cafeteria. The public forum will provide us with a chance to openly share the data, including the random sample survey results and the perspectives of our teachers and students. We also want to identify new concerns or suggestions. The coaches mentioned above have worked tirelessly to develop a clear understanding of their "system" and to build a genuine sense of unity. You can expect no less from the Clarkston Community Schools administration.

Al Roberts is superintendent of Clarkston Community Schools. His hotline number is 623-5454. You may also e-mail him at: superintendent@clarkston.k12.mi.us

Easter basket donations brighten up springtime for children, senior citizens



The Clarkston office of Lighthouse Emergency Services is preparing for its annual Easter Basket sign-up for children ages 2-12. Baskets and Easter items are already being received from individuals in the community. The majority of the baskets are made and brought to

■ **The Caregiver Program is looking for persons to help drive seniors and disabled persons to doctor appointments and deliver fresh fruits and vegetables to the homebound.**

Lighthouse from many local churches along with service organizations, such as scouting troops and ladies auxiliaries. Lighthouse Emergency Services is very grateful for the generosity of its community supporters. If you are aware of a child who could benefit by receiving an

Easter basket, please contact Lighthouse Emergency Services, Clarkston office at (248) 673-4949 for further information.

The children's Easter basket program has been such a positive project for many churches and service groups. This year, St. Daniel's Catholic Church and Calvary Lutheran Church will provide Easter baskets to the Clarkston Caregiver Program. The seniors and disabled residents of the program will receive personal care products. Many of our senior and disabled

clients have very limited incomes and personal care products often must be sacrificed to purchase necessary or basic food items. To everyone involved helping to brighten the springtime for a senior citizen, disabled resident or child, thank you so very much.

Lighthouse Emergency Service Clarkston Branch would like to extend a warm welcome to Al Roberts, superintendent of Clarkston Schools. Dr. Roberts has agreed to chair the Hunger Walk from the Clarkston service area. The Hunger Walk will take place at 9 a.m. May 20 at the General Motors Centerpoint Campus. Thank you to Dr. Roberts for taking the time from your busy schedule to help feed the hungry in our community. If you would like to participate, please call (248) 673-4949.

The Caregiver Program is looking for persons to help drive seniors and disabled persons to doctor appointments and deliver fresh fruits and vegetables to the homebound. If you are willing to commit one half-day per week, have a good driving record and enjoy working with people, please call the Caregiver Department at (248) 673-4949. Lighthouse Emergency Services can always use volunteers in other areas as well. If you would like to volunteer or learn more about how you can help, please call (248) 673-4949.

This column space is shared by local community groups. Up next week: Clarkston Community Task Force for Youth.



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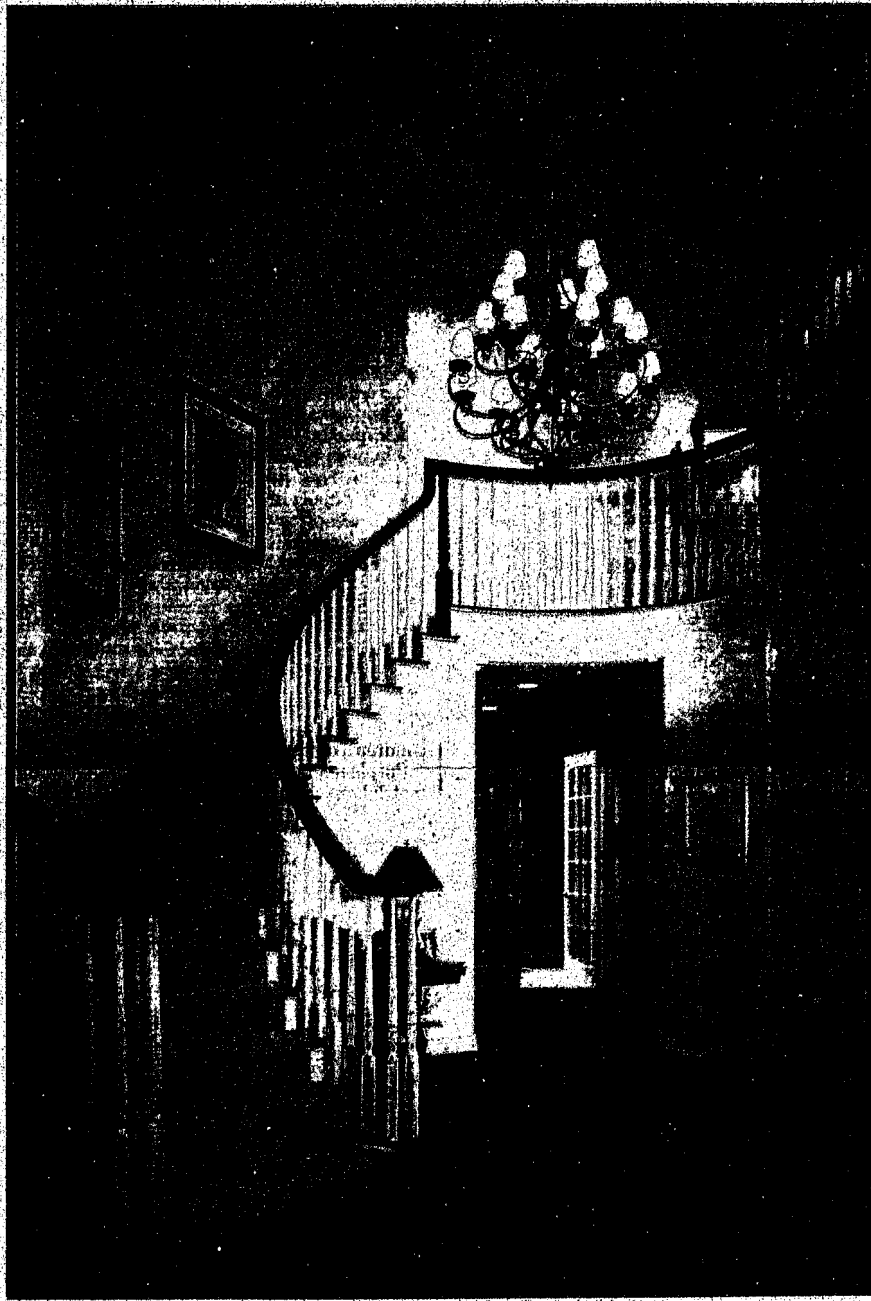
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PURPLE REIGN

Local woman fills her life with vibrant shades from lavender to lilac



CAROLYN WALKER

I'm having a real hard time today not making any purple plays on words. I want to say something here about "The Color Purple" or about "When I am old I shall wear purple" or, at the very least, something about that 1950s song hero "the flying purple people eater."

I'm not going to, though. I'm going to stay true-blue to my subject.

Several weeks ago, I wrote a column about personalized — or vanity — license plates. In that column I mentioned the "Purple1" — my favorite among a long selection seen on the road — and I wondered about the purple passion that license plate most assuredly implied.

It was, after all, attached to a vehicle that was an exotic shade of purple — somewhere between lavender Easter egg and millennium grape.

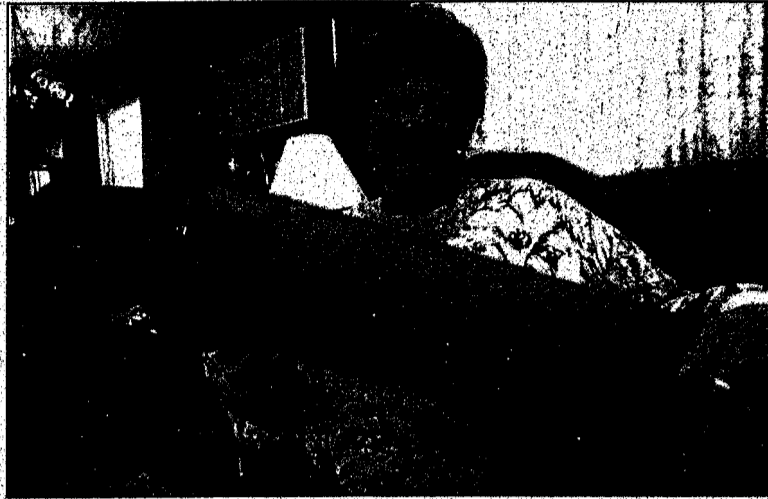
I wanted to know: What drives a person into a, presumably, purple lifestyle?

I got my answer a short time later when a hairdresser from Rod's Hair Pizzaz on Dixie Highway e-mailed me to say she knew who the Purple1 was.

Turns out the Purple1, who answers to Purple but who is legally named Barbara Morin, lives just north of us all in Brandon Township. In a home that is filled with purple decorations. With a husband who is color-blind.

And why not? Purple agreed to a meeting with me, despite her husband LaVerne's (Pee Wee's) misgivings.

"Nobody knows my name. Everybody just calls me Purple," she said to me by way of greeting when I phoned her. "Our mail comes to Pee Wee



Purple with crayon: Barbara Morin, who goes by the nickname "Purple" poses in her living room with one of her purple collection pieces, a giant, purple rubber crayon.

■ 'Purple just makes me feel good. Everybody always says, "Don't you ever get sick of it?" and I say, "No. It makes me feel good.'

—Barbara Morin

and Purple Morin."

According to Purple, she fell in love with the color when she was a little girl, aged 7 or 8 years old. She had a dress — an especially favorite dress — that was purple. As she began to out-grow it, her mother threatened to throw the dress away.

When the little-girl Purple insisted on wearing it anyway, she told me, her mother gave it the heave-ho.

Talk about your childhood trauma with long-lasting ramifications!

"It just killed me," Purple remembered. "I adored it. I was still trying to wear it when I was 10. I just know I loved it and I wanted to wear it all the time.

"I thought my mother wouldn't do that to me and I wore it and my mother threw it away. I was so upset and now I just can't get enough."

Purple went on, of course, to grow up and flaunt her color in every conceivable way. She dresses only in purple (from the inside,

out). She decorates in purple (her husband has forbidden her painting their home purple on the outside). She married in purple. She brought her babies home from the hospital in purple.

(Her three grown children hate purple, she admitted, adding of their childhoods: "I filled the washing machine with purple and threw everything in. I brought all three of them home completely in purple. My daughter rebelled when she was old enough to buy her own clothes.")

And, of course, Purple collects purple. She keeps her car a shade of 1969 purple that is hard to come by. She has 163,000 miles on her 1985 purple Cutlass Supreme, which she has repainted every so often.

"It was black cherry," she recalled of the car's original color. Its color now is called "Plumb Crazy."

Getting her hair to match was even harder.

"At first it came out a Barney color," she said, remembering the various dyes — from raspberry to mahogany — that she had tried and how she eventually came to look like the famous children's dinosaur. "Then it was bluish."

Purple managed to find a hair dye that would match her car while sitting — where else? — in traffic. She looked across a lane and saw a young punk rocker wearing hair the color she coveted. Flaggging the punker down, she found out the

Purple with hairdresser: Purple's hairdresser at Rod's Hair Pizzaz is Tomi Edens. Tomi deserves credit for alerting the columnist to Purple's whereabouts.



type and then set her hairdresser on a quest. "Her whole hair was the color of my car so I made a U-turn and went back," Purple recalled. "She said, 'I got it at Sally's and it's called 'Manic-Panic.'"

"I have not been able to get away from it ever since my mother threw away that dress," she

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7 p.m. Independence Twp. Senior Center in Clintonwood Park on Clarkston Road, Clarkston. Facilitator: Christine Spencer, M.A., L.P.C., director of bereavement services at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home. Walk-in; no registration, for men

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SATURDAY, APR. 8

PANCAKE BREAKFAST
7-11 a.m., Hart Center located at the Mill Pond in downtown Davisburg. The Springfield Township Fire Department will be sponsoring this event. Proceeds from the breakfast will go to the "Renee Pryzbylski Leukemia Fund." Renee is the daughter of Ralph Pryzbylski, who was with the Springfield Twp. Fire Dept. for 19 years and is currently on the Independence Twp. Fire Dept.

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TUESDAY MUSICALS

7:30 p.m., Central United Methodist Church, 3882 Highland, Waterford. Tuesday Musicals of Greater Pontiac will present its nationally known Bellissima Hand Bell Choir and vocalist Karen Eldred in a program of international music. The program is open to the public, and refreshments will be served. For more information, call (248) 673-517.

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7:30 p.m. Clarkston High School Performing Arts Center. 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.

TUESDAY, APR. 18

LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP
6:30-9:30 p.m., Clarkston High School. A Myers-Briggs Indicator (MBTI) Leadership Workshop will be conducted. This three-hour workshop will provide individual awareness and provide an application to a variety of leadership aspects including: communication, conflict resolution, problem solving, decision making, motivating others and working in teams. Cost: \$45/adult. Call (248) 674-0993 to register for class No. 8016-01 by Apr. 10.

SATURDAY, APR. 22

EARTH DAY 2000
2-4 p.m., Lewis E. Wint Nature Center, Independence Oaks County Park. This program includes a two-mile hike. The program is not suitable for preschoolers. Cost is \$2/person.

TUESDAY, APR. 25

JUNIOR NATURALISTS-TERRIFIC TREES MINI CLASS
1:30-4 p.m., Lewis E. Wint Nature Center, Independence Oaks County Park. Ages 9-13 will explore trees through a hands-on learning session. To celebrate Arbor Day, youth will learn the benefits, products, care and planting of trees. Activities include games, crafts and a snack. Parent attendance is not required. Cost is \$10/youth.

SUNDAY, APR. 30

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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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Even grandma's vanity didn't reflect tough life she lived

What is vanity? You may first think of egotism or futility, but I'm thinking of beauty and strength. The vanity in my life right now is a beautiful piece of furniture filled with memories and love.

When my grandmother passed away in 1982, her bedroom furniture was moved to my mother's house. Included in the set of furniture were a beautiful, ornate vanity and vanity chair. The furniture, eventually, ended up in my mother's basement.

Having an interest in antiques, each time I noticed the abandoned furniture sitting in the dusty basement covered with boxes and cans, I told my mother, "Don't get rid of grandma's bedroom furniture. Someday I'll want it." Over the years I slowly refinished and put to use the rest of the bedroom set, but I could never find a spot for the vanity with its huge flamboyantly curved back adorned by decorative woodwork and massive mirror with delicate flower groupings etched into each corner.

When my mother passed away seven years ago and my brother inherited her house, he started inquiring about the vanity and when it would be moved. Somehow I managed to procrastinate until last week-

end, when, after 18 years of waiting, I finally got the vanity out of its long-standing post in the basement.

The evening it was brought to my house — and placed in my basement — I wondered what I was going to do with it. It was filthy and slightly dilapidated from its long engagement in its damp and dirty dungeon. As I took a moist rag and started cleaning some of the layers of dirt off the old wood, I began to remember how lovely the vanity had been. As the beautiful inlaid wood adorning the front started to show through the dingy layers of dirt, I remembered being a young girl at my grandmother's house. I can still remember looking into her room with its pretty lace curtains and seeing the delicate lace doilies and pretty perfume bottles and brushes on the shiny wood vanity.

As a child, I was often allowed to spend the night at my grandmother's house as a special treat. I can remember her sitting at the vanity, in the pretty little vanity chair, wearing a long white nightgown and brushing her long, long brownish gray hair. Very few people knew that she had beautiful flowing hair that hung past her knees because she never wore it down. It was always in a very



ROCHELLE SMITH

respectable braid twisted into a very tight bun, pinned neatly on the crown of her head.

If the vision of her sitting at her vanity in her pretty dressing gown, with her brushes and mirrors spread on the low surface of the vanity, between the two banks of drawers, had been my only memory of my grandmother, I might have thought her to be a pampered woman. With that one picture in my mind, it would be easy to forget the difficult life she lived. The years of struggling in poverty through the Great Depression to raise six children almost single-handedly. The many difficult years as the sole caregiver to her first son, who was struck with disease at the age of 3 and remained an invalid until his

death at age 60. The grief of having a husband who preferred to stray and the challenge of keeping his memory pure in his children's eyes. The sorrow of outliving two of her sons and watching helplessly as a daughter became a widow.

Although my grandmother had a very difficult life, you would never have known it to talk to her. She was a woman of courage and strength. The 57 years of daily labor caring for a child, and then a man, who could not walk, talk or feed himself, was not a task that got her down. It was a labor of love about which she never complained. The many years of struggle to clothe and feed her six children were never mentioned by her. Instead she preferred to tell of their accomplishments and proudly displayed pictures of her 16 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Although my mother had nothing good to say about her father, my grandmother honored his memory 'till the day she died, refusing to listen to any disparaging words.

The generations of small children growing up in my grandmother's neighborhood spread stories that she was a witch. My invalid uncle was a large man and he loved to sit, on sum-

mer days, in the swing on my grandmother's screened-in porch. She would rope him in so he wouldn't fall out and he would grunt at the children as they ran past. If they stopped to torment him, my grandmother was always close by to scare them off. She was in her 80s when my uncle died and many generations of young scoundrels had tried to torment the "neighborhood witch" and her handicapped son.

My grandmother's vanity has now been repaired, refinished and is sitting in my family room with pretty lace doilies and delicate figurines adorning its surface. The large ornate mirror has become discolored and no longer provides a clear reflection, but the vanity still shows me a clear picture of my grandmother. A strong woman who endured a life of struggle and torment, but kept her troubles as well hidden as the long flowing hair that no one ever guessed was hiding in that tight little bun on the back of her head.

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reiterated. "I can spot it five miles away. Even if I go to a garage sale, I can spot it before I get out of the car. And I buy it no matter what it is. I finally found a purple colander. Heart-shaped even."

According to Purple, the color purple (there I go, breaking my own true-blue vow!) has come into its own of late. There was a time, she said, when it was hard to find purple things. She now adorns herself in purple nail polish, purple underwear, purple sandals, purple shoes andoccasians, purple blouses, purple dresses, purple nightgowns, purple gloves and scarves, purple socks, purple rings and on and on.

She has a purple stuffed-animal collection. A purple lava lamp. Even a — guess what? — purple passion plant!

Purple said her husband's color-blindness has made being a purple freak somewhat easier.

"I can do anything I want," she joked, remembering one purple incident: "I left him to paint the bathroom. It's a wonder it didn't glow in the dark. I said, 'Why did you keep painting?' He said, 'It looked green to me.'"

"He likes it too," she admitted. "And he likes the attention."

Speaking about her purple adventures, Purple, now 60, went on to describe the time she had a purple purse, full of purple cosmetics, eyeglasses and the like, stolen from a conveyor belt at an airport.

At one point during that trying time, Purple went to a holistic doctor who put some type of acupuncture-type gizmos against her ears.

"All the paint (in the room) turned purple and I said, 'I don't know what you did, but I feel terrific.'"

Sufficiently healed, Purple went off on a quest of her own, which involved a convoluted

series of escapades, including the thief's illegal use of her ATM card. She eventually found the crook through a man who was doing car repairs.

"I told them get a search warrant, go to his house and if there's anything purple, it's mine. I want it," Purple said.

Unabashedly and with complete conviction, Purple told me her decision to live life in her own shade has paid off.

"Purple just makes me feel good," she said. "Everybody always says, 'Don't you ever get sick of it?' and I say, 'No. It makes me feel good.'"

Here is the kind of colorful story that makes me go flush all over!

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Four Oakland University professors from the School of Engineering and Computer Science were awarded grants to continue their research.

Professor Robert Loh received an award for \$169,980 from the DaimlerChrysler Corp. for his research on "Speed Control Systems."
Professor Brian Sangeorzan received an award from FEV Engine Technology, Inc. for his research, "Motoring Engine Friction Study." This award is presently for \$60,000 through Sept. 30, and renewable for \$90,000 per year thereafter.

Professor Andrew Rusek received an award from DaimlerChrysler Corp. for "Development of Models, Simulations, and Tests for the CAN Data Communication Buses, Phase I." This award is for \$37,500.

Professor Gautam B. Singh also received an award for "Ergonomic Evaluations of New Pilot Builds." This award is for \$12,246 from DaimlerChrysler Corp.

Bill would keep genetic info away from insurers

BY MIKE MALOTT
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Health insurers won't be able to view genetic information about prospective policyholders before deciding whether to sign them up, under a bill approved by the Michigan House and Senate and now awaiting final approval by the governor.

"We don't want people to avoid getting the medical tests they need out of fear that the DNA information could be used against them later. They should not be afraid to have the genetic tests they need so that they can start getting the treatment they need, if there is a treatment that would be helpful to them," Rep. Gerald Law (R-Plymouth) explained.

Fear that genetic tests conducted to identify future health problems might later be used as grounds for denial of health care coverage had Michigan residents concerned, according to the Governor's Commission on Genetic Privacy. When the commission, created in 1997, reported back to the legislature last year that the fear could cause residents to begin avoiding getting genetic tests, it also recommended the pending legislation.

The commission also heard from researchers who said that fears DNA information might fall into the hands of health insurance companies was already having a "chilling effect" on state residents signing up to participate in genetic research projects.

The four-bill package, sponsored chiefly by Sen. John

Weeding out prospective policyholders based on a predisposition to certain genetic diseases would defy the purpose of health insurance.

Sen. John Schwarz (R-Battle Creek)

Schwarz (R-Battle Creek) would prohibit Blue Cross/Blue Shield, health insurance companies and health maintenance organizations from reviewing genetic information prior to issuing policies and from selecting customers based on genetic information.

Federal legislation has already been enacted barring the use of genetic information for group health care providers, but the law does not apply to insurance companies when customers are seeking insurance individually. Schwarz' package would take care of the issue in Michigan.

Weeding out prospective policyholders based on a predisposition to certain genetic diseases would defy the purpose of health insurance, says Schwarz.

"That's what insurance is about - shared risk," he said. Law, who shepherded the bills through the state House, agrees. Insurance premiums might be lower for some but prohibitively expensive for those who have DNA markers for genetic diseases, whether they actually develop the malady or not.

The bills have seen little opposition, Blue Cross supports the package, as does the Michigan State Medical Society.

The main bill, Senate Bill 591, passed in a 37-0 vote in the Senate and a 106-0 vote in the House.

Some think the bills don't go far enough. The Michigan Jewish Conference has argued the rules should be extended to bar insurance companies from considering all aspects of family medical history. The American Civil Liberties Union argues genetic information in patient's medical records could still fall into the hands of the insurance companies.

Other pieces of the package also address the storage and disposal of genetic samples. When genetic tests are taken in a criminal investigation, in paternity cases, or in blood testing of newborns, the law currently is not clear how or for how long the samples will be retained. The bills give the Department of Community Health orders to create rules regarding how long such records are to be retained and when they will be destroyed.

While the bills address health insurance, they do not prohibit life insurance companies from considering DNA information. "That's a whole 'nother issue," Law said. "Life insurance companies do look at a number of factors that affect how long you will live. They look at medical history and whether or not you smoke. That's different. Medical insurance is seen as a necessity. Life insurance is not seen as the same thing."

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Naked green-skinned aliens, with big moist eyes and long thin toes kept me entertained all night.

I think I will leave that tidbit off my resume. And I probably should not confess that I wandered about the weedy edge of a secluded wetland, boldly watching those amorous alien creatures mate. Were they ever noisy!

And had an Oakland County Sheriff's deputy asked me why I was stealthily-slinking about the shoulder of that dirt road very late at night, I would have fibbed just a bit. Walking my dog was the planned unspoken cover story. But a naturalist has to do what a naturalist has to do, and for those of you wise to the ways of nature, you have already surmised correctly that I was simply observing the time-honored tradition of watching the tiny frogs of early spring do what frogs do in spring puddles - mate.

"Officer, I'm just watching frogs mate." Not the thing to say if you want to be left alone on a desolate country road to practice the delicate art of frog voyeurism.

Why do I call these frogs aliens? Check your Websters. Aliens need not be from another galaxy. They need only be "different in culture from one's own." When thousands of spring

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JONATHAN SCHECHTER

peepers - frogs about the size of your thumbnail - emit high-pitched "peeps" about once a second and inflate puffy vocal sacs in the process. I think they deserve the alien title. The melody? Imagine hundreds of tiny jingling bells.

Perhaps you should be a voyeur too, for there are only a few nights left before three frog species make the transition from seductive song to celibate silence. But, even as I write, the grand orgy of frog song down in the wetlands is approaching the final musical climax. From the wooded wetlands along the West Bloomfield Trail Network, to the wet meadows along the Paint Creek Trail, to flooded swales and marshes around the county and throughout our natural area parks, it is time to bear witness to nature's way.

Courtship behavior of spring frogs is the kind of stuff that could make for an X-Files inves-

tigation. But beware, for if your swamp tromping actions are misinterpreted by the law, you might be fumbling for ID to satisfy a befuddled officer not familiar with wild sounds of the amphibian kind. On warm, damp nights, as it was during my most recent frog-spying expedition, the peepers were encouraged into song by high-humidity.

Just the facts

This is a family column, so I must stick to the basic facts of frog courtship and skip the tempting adjectives and descriptive verbs. In sanitized and censored terms, the female peeper selects the male peeper with the loudest and fastest peeps. The frog equivalent of mating follows. A thousand or so eggs are then deposited among aquatic vegetation. The month of May brings tiny "froglets" hopping on shore.

If you've been hearing chorus-

es of dry-sounding "clucking" from your wetland and see no ducks, suspect the wood frog. The frantic clucking of the tiny male wood frogs attracts the females. According to M.S.U. herpetologist Jim Harding, the eager males will grab anything that "even remotely resembles another wood frog." Perhaps their aggressive grab attitude is because they spent all winter frozen in earth - protected by a natural antifreeze - doing nothing. And striped chorus frogs, a species that makes a melody similar to a fingernail being pulled along the teeth of a comb, are also busy down in shallow wetlands they share temporarily with spring peepers and wood frogs.

Clip this column and stuff it in a pocket if you go swamping at night in search of frogs doing the froggy thing. That might make it easier to explain your actions if a spotlight sweeps over you and a voice with authority beckons,

Naturescapes

■ **Huron River Steelhead Trout Fishing**
Oakwoods Metropark near Flat Rock; Saturday, April 8 at 1 p.m. Members of the Flat Rock Fishing Association will share tips and tricks used to catch these prized fish at the Nature Center of Oakwoods Metropark near Flat Rock. Pre-registration is required. Information (734) 782-3956.

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■ **Bear Scouts Sharing Your World With Wildlife**
Indian Springs Metropark near White Lake; Saturday, April 8 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Bear Scouts will learn about the plants and animals that call the Huron Swamp home. It may surprise you how many venomous creatures and plants are living next to you. Pre-registration is required. No siblings, please. (800) 477-3192 or (248) 625-7280.

"You want to step over this way a moment." Just don't mention naked green-skinned aliens. Not ever.

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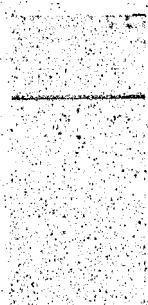
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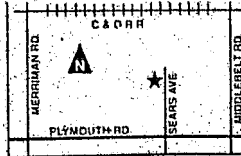
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Women seeking Men

GOOD GIRLS LOVE BAD BOYS SF 43, blonde/blue, seeks attractive SM, 35-45, who's ready for LTR. Truck owner. A class. Let me rock your world! #2012

DARE TO DREAM Feminine, attractive, young-looking DWPF, 52, 5'10", blonde/blue, NS, single, moor, independent, creative, sincere, loves adventure, travel, outdoors, fun, entertaining, intelligent conversation. Seeking tall, attractive SWPM, single, dad, similar, in area/interests. #2024

HOPEFULLY WE CAN MEET Sweet, sincere, honest, hard-working SWF, 37, 5'4", blonde/green, enjoys camping, walks, candlelight dinners, cuddling, movies, and sports. Looking for SM, 33-55, to share good times and romance. #1992

LOVES ALIVE Sweet, lively, honest SF, 20, looking for a loving guy for friendship, dating, and more. #2021

TOMATO POWER Good-looking, down-to-earth, caring, compassionate SWF, 51, seeks gentleman, 50-60, who likes sweeties and gentle fun. Committed relationship. #1998

GREEK GODDESS Attractive DPOF, 42, mother of two, enjoys cooking, the outdoors, and more. Seeking a mature, loving, moral SM, 35-50, for LTR/possible marriage. Sweet of humor. #1999

LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT Easygoing and honest SWF, 5, blonde/blue, HW proportionate, nice children, NS, seeking a caring SWDM, 28-38, for possible LTR. #1758

SLIM PERFECTIST Catholic SWF, 37, 135lbs, blonde/blue, NS, never married, seeks attractive, educated, romantic, physically successful Catholic SWPM, 32-38, NS, never married, for friendship first, possible LTR. #1750

BLUE-EYED BEAUTY, so I've been told. Down-to-earth, easygoing, and honest SWF, 5, blonde/blue, HW proportionate, nice children, NS, seeking a caring SWDM, 28-38, for possible LTR. #1758

ROMANTIC SOULMATE Tall, attractive DWPF, 5'10", blonde/brown, passionate about life, is searching for that one special man, 40-55, financially secure, SWM, 40-55, 5'10", NS, for possible LTR. #1876

HONEYBUCKLE ROSE SF, my age is vintage you, 53, ladylike, warm-hearted, snazzy, a cool-mannered, daughter-to, enjoys cooking, baking-how about a sampler? Seeking best friend and fun conversation. #2602

ATTRACTIVE WIDOW Intelligent, slender, tall SWF, 53, ladylike, warm-hearted, snazzy, a cool-mannered, daughter-to, enjoys cooking, baking-how about a sampler? Seeking best friend and fun conversation. #2602

YOUNG ATTITUDE SWF, pretty, sensual, and compassionate, enjoys arts, music, dancing, and shopping. Seeking a loyal, sensitive, good looking, classy SWM, 50-60. Let's enjoy the finer things in life together. #1872

TOO CHARMING Hard-working, intelligent DWPF, 40, 5'6", HW proportionate, cute, sexy, fun-loving, physically active, seeking an honest, sincere, affectionate SWM, 37-55, for friendship first. #1873

SENSUAL SPIRITED SWEET Petite DWF, 60s, 5'2", looking for a guy who's fun, intelligent, financially secure, non-smoking SWM, 55-65. Let's enjoy dancing, dining, travel, heater, weekend getaways. #1831

ARE YOU READY FOR? An attractive charmer? Active, open-minded, likes to travel, widowed WPF, 58, red/blue, enjoys concerts, plays, talk movies, seeking tall, passionate, financially secure gentleman, 45-60, for LTR. #1835

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ENJOY LIFE WITH ME Fun-loving SWF, 41, no dependents, seeks fun-loving, affectionate gentleman, NS, over 40, to share interests. Race open. #1828

FOXY SENIOR Youthful, fit SWF, 60, 5'2", 135lbs, blonde/brown, loves traveling, reading, political awareness, all aspects of entertainment. Seeking an outgoing, lively, honest, healthy, financially secure, good-looking, youthful SWM, 50+, high morals, for monogamous LTR. #1770

LET'S GET TOGETHER Attractive, energetic, friendly, honest SWPF, 40, 5'2", 110lbs, blonde/blue, enjoys arts, long walks, gardening, biking, nature, some sports. Seeking an open, communicative, caring SWM with similar interests, for friendship first. #1222

THIS IS ME SF, 51, 110lbs, long blonde hair, two children, loves bowling, concerts, movies, dining, boating. Seeking SM with similar interests, for LTR. #1504

GROWN-UP BOY Classy, very attractive, down-to-earth, slim SWF, seeks intelligent, financially secure SWM, 45-54, brown or dark hair, who likes to have fun. #1339

THE ONE FOR ME? Good-looking, 5'2", 5'9", brown/brown, good sense of humor, one daughter, likes movies, dancing, comedy clubs, dining out, reading, plays, fishing, animals. Seeking SWDM with time for a relationship. #1939

ABC'S Attractive, bubbly, curvaceous DWPF, 46, blue-eyed blonde, professional musician with passion for life, seeks intelligent, romantic, emotionally/financially secure SWM, 40-55, 5'10", NS, for possible LTR. #1876

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STARTING OVER WITH YOU Easygoing, sweet DWPF, 44, 5'10", NS, ND/ugs, enjoys outdoor sports, walking, bowling, cards, etc. Seeking honest, loyal SWM, NS, ND/ugs, for relationship leading to marriage. #1780

A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR LOVE SWF, 52, 5'6", medium build, brown hair, enjoys fine dining, reading, jazz music, family gatherings, walks in the park. Seeking degreed SWPM with similar interests, for monogamous LTR. #1222

SINCERE AND CURVY DWPF, 56, blondish, two grown children, seeks romantic like gentleman, 45-65, emotionally/financially secure, interested in fun, times and sports. #1112

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SHARING TIME Attractive SWPF, 52, 110lbs, brown/brown, NS, down-to-earth, with great humor, enjoys golfing, dining, theater, seeking Handsome SM, 45-52, to spoil and pamper me, North Oakland area. #1724

BE MY VALENTINE Cute DWF, 41, full-figured, smoker, financially secure, seeks SBWMM, 43-53, who likes beach, Vegas, and fun. For LTR. Serious only. #1711

LOOKING FOR LOVE Plus-sized woman, 51, brown/hazel, enjoys movies, long walks, Seeking kind, friendly, good-hearted man to share laughs and life with. #1721

COULD IT BE YOU? SWPF, seeks Mr. Right, 45-55, who likes golfing, movies, dancing, quiet dinners at home or in town, and has a fair for spontaneity. Could it be you? #1700

HONEST, FUN, CARING Widowed SF, 59, 5'2", light brown/hazel, HW proportionate, likes doing just about anything, music, books, dining, movies, theater, sports. Seeking SM for companionship, possible LTR. #1487

STARTING OVER Attractive retired SM, 49, 5'8", brown/blue, enjoys sports, movies, walks in parks, television, and evenings in. Seeking lady to have some fun with. #2021

NEW SPECIAL GAL Clean-cut, down-to-earth DWF, 46, 5'6", 180lbs, brown/green, smoker, automotive professional, wears glasses, enjoys golf, bowling, movies, walks, romance. Seeking new best friend, 37-45, for loving, caring sharing relationship. #1757

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ITALIAN STALLION 47, attractive, muscular, versatile, romantic, seeks classy, slim, very attractive, sensitive SW/AF, under 45, for friendship, possible relationship. #2155

SEEKING LATINA SWM, 35, 6'3", dark/brown, great sense of humor, enjoys sports, movies, and concerts. Seeking attractive SWF with no children, for dating and possibly more. #1944

EDUCATED ATHLETE SWPM, 44, 6'1", 180lbs, red/blue, NS, athletic build, likes golfing, tennis, biking, movies, dining. Seeking PF, 35-45, 5'6", HW proportionate, to share interests, for mutual enjoyment, possible LTR. #1669

OLD-FASHIONED ROMANTIC DWPF, 52, 5'11", NS, seeks a gentleman, 45-55, who is fun, honest and sincere, loves animals and kids. Seeking slim, W/HAIF, soft feminine, sweet, kind, and soulmate. For LTR. #1915

FORTHRIGHT AND FAITHFUL Handsome, professional DWCM, 39, 5'10", 180lbs, with brown/dark brown, enjoys travel, skiing, golfing and dining out. Seeking a fun-loving and family oriented SWCF, 28-36, for dating. Potential LTR. #1870

LOVAL HONEST, NICE GUY College-educated, spontaneous, fun-loving DWCM, 53, 6'1", 180lbs, believes in loyalty, integrity, honesty. Seeking attractive SW/AF, 35-49, physically fit, for LTR. Must also prefered. Kids ok. #1834

LEVEL-HEADED College-educated, athletic, attractive SWM, young, 47, 6'1", professional, intelligent, interested. Seeking fit, intelligent, W/ SWF, 20-40, for possible relationship. #1912

FREE TO A GOOD HOME Financially/emotionally stable, humorous, honest, loyal, romantic SWPM, 55, 5'11", NS, soccer, drinker, enjoys the simple things in life, nature, laughter, variations, love. Seeking SF, for movies, amusements, and more. #1920

LOOKING FOR SOULMATE SWM, 55, enjoys singing, walking, card games, board games, Seeking SW/AF, 35-45, possible LTR. #1920

LET ME LOVE YOU Friendly, caring, funny, good-looking SWM, 62, 245lbs, brown/blue, NS, 10 kids, enjoys meeting new people, spending time with friends. Seeking fun, intelligent, W/ SWF, 20-40, for possible relationship. #1912

MR. SUNSHINE Easygoing DWPF, 44, loves children, seeks SW/AF, 30-50, who enjoys going to movies, walks in the park, holding hands, for possible relationship. #1225

HAPPY-GO LUCKY Handsome, witty, sweet SM, 47, seeks SW/AF, 40-50, NS, for dating, dining, dancing, friendship, possible LTR. #2170

CHRISTIAN TO CHRISTIAN 6'1", 165lbs, 42, developed, playful father, devoted in top ten, bible study, enjoys golf, walks, climbing. Seeking gentle, kind, playful woman, HW proportionate, 30-45, for marriage, all replies answered. #1691

INTELLECTUAL CONVERSATION Intellectual, very humorous, active, outgoing SWM, 40, 5'10", 150lbs, enjoys reading, writing, outdoor activities, theater, movies. Seeking friendly, outgoing SW/AF, 34-45, NS, same build, for possible relationship. #5519

LET'S GO CAMPING DW dad, 41, 5'7", brown/hazel, custodial parent, homeowner, enjoys camping, barbecuing, Cedar Point, carnivals, motorcycling, fishing, etc. Seeking outgoing DW mom with same interests, for monogamous relationship. Novi area. #1796

ROCK N' ROLL HOOTIE COO Down-to-earth SWM, 43, 5'6", has a wide variety of interests. Seeking humorous, very affectionate, fun-loving W/ for friendship, possible relationship. #1909

EDUCATED! Handsome SWM, 44, enjoys sports, travel, dining, and friends, longs for hugs and kisses, love and marriage, seeks relationship-minded, attractive SWF. #1910

HERE TO MAUI! DWPM, 55, 5'9", 180lbs, semi-retired, NS, no dependents, enjoys travel, dining out, movies, theater, boating, quiet evenings. Seeking attractive, affectionate woman with sense of humor, for travel, LTR. Western suburbs. #2421

ROMANTIC MAN A very romantic SWM, 49, 5'10", 175lbs, well-built, seeks fun-loving, easygoing, intelligent, very communicative-minded SWF for friendship, companionship and a LTR. #1767

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LOOKING AT YOU Attractive, very caring, outgoing, giving SWM, 46, with a variety of interests, loves to be romantic and cook. Seeking same in petite SWF, 35-45, for friendship. Maybe more. #3983

UNION LAKE AREA Adventurous, honest, slim, romantic DW/AF, 38, 5'10", NS, light hair, Catholic, enjoys boating, amateur theater, bowling, travel, outdoors, dancing, etc. Seeking LTR. #1364

WAITING IN WESTLAND Hard-working, financially secure SWM, 28, 6'1", 175lbs, brown/blu, seeks attractive, outgoing SWF, 22-35, HW proportionate, who enjoys sports and ice skating. #5377

VERY ATTRACTIVE Very outgoing, employed SWPM, 28, 6'11", 175lbs, brown/blu, seeks attractive, outgoing SWF, 22-35, HW proportionate, who enjoys sports and ice skating. #5377

YEAH, BABY! Easygoing, honest, enjoyable SWM, 38, 5'8", 165lbs, brown/brown, no dependents, happy, homeowner, likes sports; dining, pool, bowling, and having fun. Seeking pretty SWF, 23-45, slim-medium, no dependents, for possible LTR. #1980

COUNTRY GIRL DESIRED... LTR, possible marriage, DWPM, 58, 180lbs, single father of eight-year-old son, enjoys rodeos, horse shows, family time. Seeking SWF, 28-42, with similar interests. Children ok. #1325

ATHLETIC JOCK TYPE Fit, athletic, tall, muscular SWM, 40, 6'3", 235lbs, brown/blu, clean-cut, degreed, enjoys Las Vegas, road trips, outdoors, good sense of humor. Seeking friendly SF for companionship. Area/Area open. #4018

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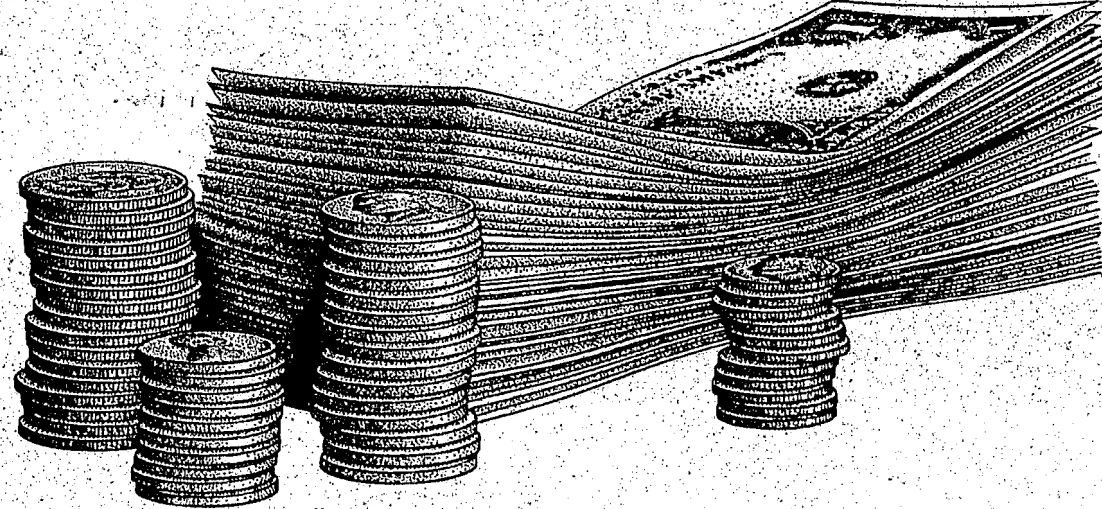
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Troy Athens' Laskowski tops among area players

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The more things change, the more they stay the same.

That certainly best describes the talent found among girls high school soccer programs in the Eccentric area. Each year great players graduate to the college ranks — more than 30 local players who finished their prep careers in 1999 played at the collegiate level last fall — and new faces emerge and quickly grab the spotlight.

This talent-laden region again boasts not only some of the state's premier players, but some of the best in the Midwest as well.

Following is a brief profile of the top area players, as proposed by coaches, college scouts and officials, heading into the 2000 campaign.

FIELD PLAYERS

1. TIFFANY LASKOWSKI, Troy Athens, senior, forward — There's little that this fourth-year starter doesn't possess. Headed to Michigan State on a soccer scholarship, Laskowski — voted the fifth best player in the state last year and a member of the Michigan Hawks club team — has a knack of exposing any mistakes made by the opposing defenses. She can strike within 30 yards and has the ability to move through traffic and find her teammates when the path is blocked. She's the top player on the state's No. 1 team and a top candidate for Miss Soccer.

2. LAUREN ZACHARSKI, Troy, senior, forward — Zacharski, a first-team all-stater last season and a fourth-year starter, made quite a statement last week when she notched a hat trick against Madison Heights Bishop Foley, the defending Division II state champion, in the Colts' opener. Zacharski, who is known for scoring clutch goals in big games, is another player who can score from anywhere on the field. She is deceptively quick, possesses great ball-handling skills, and is the type of player who can take over a game single-handedly. Last season, she collected 14 goals and 11 assists, and just missed a spot on the All-State Dream Team — an honor many feel she will gain this season.

3. MICHELLE PERUN, Rochester Adams, senior, midfielder — Another fourth-year starter, Perun notched the game-winning goal in Adams' overtime victory over Livonia Stevenson in last year's Division I title match. Those type of heroics will be expected again this year as the Highlanders must reload, meaning Perun will be the go-to player. Perun, who notched 17 goals and five assists last year, is a great playmaker in the middle and a relentless worker. She's one of many players in the area who hail from the Michigan Hawks club program and will also play at Michigan State next season.

4. ERICA WHATLEY, Lake Orion, senior, midfielder — The past three years Whatley has led Lake Orion in scoring and garnered All-State Third Team honors in each of the last two years. This season she will be counted on for at least that as the Dragons are in the midst of replacing 10 players lost to graduation. Whatley, who signed with Michigan State and is also a product of the Michigan Hawks, possesses phenomenal ball skills, especially with her back to the goal, and has the ability to unleash a shot with either foot within 25-30 yards. Whatley will also handle a lot of Lake Orion's restarts, which should help her rack up points.

5. JESSICA LAFEVERS, Auburn Hills Avondale, junior, midfielder — At 6-foot-1, LaFavers is a physical nightmare alone for the opposition, but add to that frame superior skill, speed, and the ability to score and set teammates up, and she becomes one of the state's best juniors. LaFavers, an All-State First Team selection last season after scoring 27 goals with 13 assists, is the type of player who can carry her team on her shoulders deep into the state tournament.

6. KERRY DOMAN, Birmingham-Detroit Country Day, senior, midfielder — This four-year starter was the engine in the middle who helped the Yellow Jackets capture the Division III state championship last season. Doman has all the tools that makes her a top-notch player — she

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A new hope



With the return of six starters and with the addition of four freshmen, Clarkston has high hopes for the 2000 girls soccer season. Last year the Wolves finished a disappointing 2-13-5 and in fifth in the OAA Division II.

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The way Tami Mitchell see it, there's only one direction that Clarkston's girls soccer team can head this season.

"We can only get better," said Mitchell, now in her second season with the Wolves. "The girls don't want to go through another season like last year."

Clarkston struggled on the offensive end last year and the result was a disappointing 2-13-5 record. With those five ties, the Wolves finished in a three-way tie for fifth place in the seven-team Oakland Activities Association Division II along with West Bloomfield and Waterford Kettering.

It was very disappointing last season, recalled Mitchell. "We just struggled scoring goals. No matter where we played people, we just couldn't get any consistency offensively."

Clarkston counts six returning starters among their nine returning letter-winners, and a highly-touted freshman class has helped taken the Wolves off the endangered species list.

A total of four freshmen should see plenty of playing time and two have already started this season — midfielder Jen Carlson, who also played varsity basketball last fall, and forward Megan Renda. The other two freshmen prospects are midfielder Kristen Brundage and fullback Megan Mutz.

"They should help out," said Mitchell. "Carlson has looked really good in the midfield. She's a great athlete and aggressive with the ball. And Renda gives us some speed up top."

The midfield should be a strong point, with Carlson joining forces with senior Katie Kennedy, a fourth-year starter

playing who will play next fall at Division III Westminster College in New Wilmington, Pa., sophomore Lauren Wilbourn and senior Mercedes Combs.

Perhaps Clarkston's best player is junior goalkeeper Sarah Morgan, an all-league selection last season. At 5-foot-11, Morgan is a large presence in net and her range and aggressive style makes her tough to beat. Last year she averaged just under 20 saves a game while posting three shutouts.

"She had a great season last year," said Mitchell of Morgan. "She made a lot of huge saves and kept us in many games."

The Wolves also have some experience in front of Morgan, as senior sweeper Katie Tripi returns as a fourth-year starter, while senior fullback Jen Yeager started most of last season. Junior Angela Humphreys slides into the stopper position after coming off the bench last year as does senior Heather Combs, a fullback.

"Defense will be our biggest strength," said Mitchell. "We were pretty strong there last season and we return a lot of experience in the back."

Up front, senior Kelly Plante, junior Brooke Petrinc and Jessica Thomas are all hopefuls to end Clarkston's scoring drought.

In Clarkston's first three games this season, including wins over Clawson and Waterford Kettering, and a loss to Grand Blanc, the Wolves only tallied three goals.

"That could be a problem again this season," said Mitchell of scoring goals. "But it's too early to tell. We have to get accustomed to playing with each other again. Once we gel as a unit, then

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Knees up: Clarkston senior forward Kelly Plante (right) is one of nine returning letter-winners for the Wolves and will be counted on to help provide some much-needed scoring punch this season.

Springfield Christian hopes to repeat in FBAC race

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For a program that is entering just its fourth season, Clarkston Springfield Christian's girls soccer team has already enjoyed tremendous success on the soccer pitch.

The Eagles, under the direction of coach Dennis Hopkins, have advanced to the state title game of the Michigan Association of Christian Schools each of the past three years, where they lost to Davison Faith Baptist, and last year also captured the inaugural Fundamental Baptist Athletic Conference title in the first season that the league sanctioned girls soccer.

Overall, the Eagles were 11-5-1 last year and 4-0 in the FBAC, which will have seven of 11 schools fielding teams this spring, although only six will play a league schedule.

This season, Hopkins is cautiously optimistic about

the Eagles' chances as he returns several players but is quite young with six freshmen on a roster of 18.

"We are young with the six freshmen," he said. "But some of those freshmen are our top players."

Two of those freshmen, forward Sarah Beardslee and marking-back Kaitlyn Armstrong, actually started as rare eighth-grade players last year under the sub 100-student rule. Beardslee was last year's leading scorer, while Armstrong was usually found marking one of the opposition's top offensive threats.

There are a total of seven starters back for the Eagles, which includes three seniors, a junior and one sophomore and the above-mentioned freshmen. Springfield Christian only graduated three starters, but senior midfielder Suzanne Rydman elected to forgo her senior season, which could hurt the Eagles in the early going.

Junior Holley Vanaman, an all-league pick last year, is one of Oakland County's better goalkeepers and is primed for another strong year after posting a school record 10 shutouts last year with a 1.10 goals-

against-average and a .900 save percentage. Playing in front of her will be sophomore sweeper Amanda Vanaman, Holley's cousin, Armstrong, and senior fullback Kelli Fornwall.

Two seniors return to the midfield in Kelli Fornwall and Keri Dockery and they'll be joined by promising freshmen prospect Alicia Weiler.

Up front at forward will be Beardslee and sophomore Crystal Thorpe, who came off the bench last season.

"We have some talent," said Hopkins, whose squad opens Friday at Flint Valley School. "But overall, we're not going to outskill anyone. We're going to have to outwork them."

The other two starting positions, plus other spots in the rotation, are still up for grabs.

"We still have some question marks and a lot of things to work out right now," he said. "We could potentially be a good team, but it's going to take some time and a it's going to take a lot of hard work for the girls to get there."

Troy Athens is area's team to beat

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There's something to be said about tradition, and in the sport of girls soccer, the Eccentric area has plenty of it. Seldom over the past 15 years has this talent-laden region gone without a state champion or runner-up.

Last year, there were two area teams that won state titles. This season 13 area schools have opened the season either in the top 10 or as honorable mentions in the state rankings.

Following is a look at the area's top teams heading into the 2000 campaign. (Last season's records are in parentheses.)

1. TROY ATHENS (17-2-2) — The Red Hawks grabbed a No. 1 ranking late last season only to see themselves knocked from that perch in the district finals by rival Troy. This season Athens, which finished second to Adams in the Oakland Activities Association Division I race last year, is not only favored to win the state's premier conference, but also a strong contender for the Division I crown. The reason? Veteran coach Tim Storch, now in his 19th season, returns 17 letter-winners and nine starters from last season. His team is deep in talent and tradition. Leading the way is senior forward Tiffany Laskowski, a Miss Soccer candidate who scored 17 goals last season. Behind her is a great supporting cast

as sophomore Nina Mastracci, who garnered All-State Second Team accolades last year as a sweeper, is in the midfield along with sophomore Linsey Laskowski, an honorable mention all-stater, and junior third-year starters Erin Brown and Mandi Jasky, who may also spend time at forward. Senior Kristen Weidle will miss most of the regular season due to a knee injury and her absence may be felt, but sophomore Allison Epple has done a terrific job at sweeper thus far, and seniors Laurie Ewald and Sarah McMasters are solid marking backs. Storch has several other players who should see plenty of time this season, including senior fullback Melis Mandal, senior midfielder Katie Weber, junior midfielders Jessica Martin and Cathy Rein, junior fullback Andrea Weslosky and sophomore forward Jessy Barrett. Sophomore Andrea Przybyz will try to fill the goalkeeping void, while sophomore Alex Williams, a transfer from Texas, will serve as the understudy and will also play in the midfield.

2. TROY (14-5-2) — A mainstay in the Division I top 10 all last season, the Colts' campaign came to a stunning end in the regional finals by unranked Grosse Pointe South, 3-0. Troy, however, quickly regained some respect in its season opener last week by topping defending Division II state champion Madison Heights Bishop Foley, 4-2. In that game senior forward Lauren Zacharski, an All-State First Team

performer last season and one of the state's top players this year, recorded the hat trick. Second-year coach Henry Steinwisher has several other key players back this season, including All-State Third Team sweeper Katie Poole, a senior, sophomore midfielder Katherine Peters, junior midfielder Adrienne Tredo and two highly-touted goalkeepers in juniors Kate Perz and Jessica Schmiel. Another player to watch is sophomore forward Ashley Huber.

3. ROCHESTER (9-9-3) — The Falcons were plagued with injuries last season, having as many as nine players on the bench at one time. But during that span, coach Erick Pfeifer played several different lineups and welcomes back 16 players with varsity experience, including eight who started at least half of last season. The Falcons have looked sharp in the early going with wins over Utica Eisenhower and Lapeer East. Rochester boasts a four-some of fourth-year starters, including versatile Kimberly Raetz, who will play numerous positions, midfielders Sarah Kilborne and Kelly McDermott, and fullback Lauren Chutorash, known for dangerous throw-ins. The Falcons also bring back senior forward/stopper Katie Freels and senior midfielder Marianne Murry, who were called up late in their freshman campaigns, senior stopper/forward Erin Socks, senior midfielder Caren Bieterman and junior sweeper Janeen O'Toole. Rochester has also added three talent-

ed freshmen in midfielders Allie Lockhart, Julie Johnson and fullback Michelle Dauzy, while junior Pam Dybowski inherits the goalkeeper position after seeing limited time the past two seasons as a third-string keeper.

4. BLOOMFIELD HILLS LAHSER (13-3-3) — An OAA Division II title and a trip to the state Division II regional finals in 1999 highlighted the Knights' best season in school history and all signs point to Lahser being stronger this season as 13 letter-winner, including eight starters, return. Second-year coach Gary French has added talented freshmen into the mix, which has led to a fast 5-1 start for the Knights, ranked No. 3 in Division II. Lahser's strength is up front at forward as seniors Mary Beth Burns, Mari Gorga, who missed most of last season with injuries, and Dene Altan return, while freshman Lindsey Walker is a solid addition. In the midfield, sophomore Anne Hafeli, senior Molly Danner, junior Casey Walker and senior Jessica Powers form a formidable tandem, while in the back, senior Jamie Chioni, who was lost to a torn ACL midway through last season, senior stopper Erin Galloway and juniors Lindsay Ferris and Lindsey Humenny will anchor the defense. The Knights also boast one of the county's top goalkeepers in athletic senior Jenny Bernhart, who had a 0.89 goals-against average last spring. Another player who could emerge from this

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can score, set others up, has a great work ethic and has better than average speed. Last season, Doman scored 22 goals and assisted on 14 others. Those types of numbers are attainable once again.

7. KATIE POOLE, Troy, senior, midfielder/sweeper — This four-year starter, whose older sister, Shannon, was an All-State Dream Team player for the Colts, is smooth and steady in the middle, regardless of position. She's an intelligent player who rarely makes mistakes, and does a great job setting up Zacharski. But what also makes her so valuable is her ability to play defense. Poole is a threat on both ends of the field, and that should help her gain higher honors than the All-State Third Team award she gained last season.

8. NINA MASTRACCI, Troy Athens, sophomore, midfielder — Last season, Mastracci held down the sweeper position for the Red Hawks and garnered All-State Second Team honors in her high school debut. This year, she will move to either center or

outside midfield, where the Red Hawks can benefit more from her play-making and scoring abilities, speed and aggressiveness on the defensive end. Mastracci is the next in line of many great players to come through Athens' heralded program.

9. KIMBERLY RAETZ, Rochester, senior, midfielder — This four-year starter, who signed with Division III Case Western, is the area's most versatile player, and one of the state's most underrated. Depending on the opposition, she can play forward, center-midfield, marking back or stopper. Last season, the All-OAA performer was Rochester's leading goal scorer with eight goals and eight assists, and half of her time was spent on the defensive end marking the opposing team's top offensive threat.

10. ERIN KONHEIM, West Bloomfield — Konheim, a national team pool player in her age group, blasted onto the scene last year by scoring 25 of her team's 36 goals to go along with eight assists. And that type of performance has earned her

plenty of respect, as she has drawn a double mark in each of the Lakers' first three games. Konheim has a knack for the goal and her work ethic is rarely found in other players. Although she may struggle against more talented teams as West Bloomfield faces a rebuilding year, she's a natural talent and one of the state's premier sophomores.

GOALKEEPERS
1. ALLISON HIGGINBOTHAM, Birmingham-Detroit Country Day, junior — When it comes to pure athleticism, Higginbotham is one of the best in the state. Also a No. 1 singles player in tennis and a state qualifier in skiing, Higginbotham really excels on the soccer field. Last year, she posted a 1.00 goals-against average and eight shutouts in 22 games, which helped her gain All-State First Team honors for the second straight year and lead DCD to a state title. She has great range and field awareness and is aggressive on the line. And because of her athleticism, Higginbotham will also see time on the field this season, likely in

DOD's attack as a forward.
2. JENNY BERNHART, Bloomfield Hills Lahser, senior — The Knights enjoyed their best season in school history last season and Bernhart, who is now in her fourth season as a starter, was one of the reasons by notching nine shutouts, a 0.89 goal-against average and an .815 save percentage. Bernhart's leaping ability gives her great range. She is very aggressive between the pipes, rarely failing to come off her line on cornerkicks or on breakaways. She is definitely one of the state's most underrated keepers, as she did not garner all-region or all-state accolades last year, despite an impressive season.

OTHERS TO WATCH
Forwards — Define Altan, BH Lahser, sr.; Lauren Anderson, BH Kingswood, jr.; Latasha Bonds, AH Avondale, sr.; Angela Bushor, WL Western, sr.; Betsy Cotton, BH Roeper, jr.; Molly Danner, BH Lahser, sr.; Ashley Ellis, Oxford, soph.; Jacki Gatt, Country Day, jr.; Katie Freels, Rochester, sr.; Kristen Majeke, RH Lutheran Northwest, soph.; Sarah Poisson, Lake Orion, jr.; Megan Salina, Rochester Adams, soph.;

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Goalkeepers — Katie Bradacs, AH Avondale, sr.; Emily Crisman, Birmingham Groves, jr.; Pam Dybowsaki, Rochester, jr.; Jodi Fox, BH Andover, soph.; Sam Kopacz, BH Kingswood, sr.; Sarah Morgan, Clarkston, jr.; Katie Perz, Troy, jr.; Holley Vanaman, Springfield Christian, jr.; Terri Zbyrad, Waterford Mott, jr.;

Impact Freshman — Erin Ashenfelter, Rochester Adams, mf; Melissa Balmes, AH Avondale, mf; Sarah Beardslee, Springfield Christian, fwd; Andrea Bungart, Oxford, mf; Jessica Cummings, Country Day, mf; Michelle Dauxy, Rochester, mf/fwd; Jenne Jackson, Seaholm, gf; Julie Johnson, Rochester, mf; Lauren Knudson, Birmingham Groves, def; Allie Lockhart, Rochester, mf; Megan Renda, Clarkston, fwd; Jen Russart, West Bloomfield, swp; Mallory Tomaro, Seaholm, mf; Lindsay Walker, BH Lahser, fwd; Lauren Willobee, Southfield, mf.

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depth-laden team is freshman midfielder Lia Hill.

5. ROCHESTER ADAMS (21-2-2) — The Highlanders soared to a lofty national ranking and to the Division I state title last season, but gone from that team are seven starters and 10 players overall to graduation. Therefore, it comes as no surprise that first-year coach Juan Delgado faces a rebuilding year, although Adams still has plenty of talented, but unproven players. There are eight carryovers from the championship squad, including senior midfielder

Michelle Perun (Michigan State), senior fullback Julia Boyles, junior fullback Tina Males and sophomore forward Megan Salina. Four other players who saw varsity action last year were senior fullback Amanda Hutchinson, junior midfielder Medea Kanagawa, senior forward Emily Borths and sophomore midfielder Caitlin Harrison. Although the rest of the roster is made up of 12 newcomers, Delgado, who guided the Adams boys team to the state title last November, is high on freshmen midfielders Erin Ashenfelter and

Caitlin Gill and fullback Heather Males.

6. AUBURN HILLS AVONDALE (16-6-1) — Under Dave Muczynski, the Yellow Jackets have turned from a struggling program into a team consistently ranked during the past six years. This season, Avondale is ranked No. 1 in the Division III polls and for good reason as they welcome back 14 players, including eight starters. The Yellow Jackets are strong in every facet of the game. Senior Katie Bradacs is a fourth-year starter in goal and has earned all-state

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maybe we'll be able to catch a break here and there."

One foreseeable advantage this season is the addition of a freshmen team, which will make for smaller rosters and create the opportunity for more players to develop. "It's going to help," Mitchell predicted. "We have around 18 on each team, which means more kids will get playing time. And that will help us in

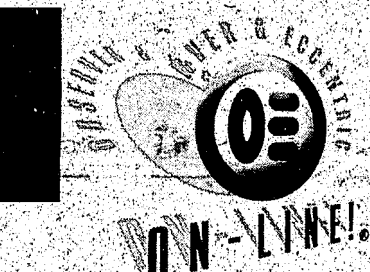
the future, now question hope on the horizon about it."

'Things do look a lot better right now.'

Tami Mitchell
—Clarkston soccer coach

With a good mix of experience and youth, Mitchell sees

"Things do look a lot better right now," she said. "We've already won two games and that's a plus. Those early wins might give us some confidence for the rest of the season. And we're hoping to add a few more wins to that list."



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honors each of the past three years by setting nearly every school goal-keeping records. Senior sweeper Lisa O'Gowa; senior stopper Heather Sinclair, senior fullback Michelle Mowry and junior fullback Nicole Carter return on defense. The three-time defending OAA Division III champions, who are 33-0-3 in the league in that span, also return 6-foot-1 junior, Jessica LeFevers, one of the state's top mid-fielders. She will play alongside junior Amy Grünz, senior Jasmine Lo and promising freshman Melissa Balmes. Up front, senior Latasha Bonds, two years removed from being an all-state sprinter in track, is back, as well as sophomore Rose Hall. Junior forward Diana Walters, sophomore forward Melissa Walker and freshman midfielder Christine Hall should provide depth.

7. BIRMINGHAM MARIAN (8-10-1) - The past two years Marian has hovered around the .500 mark, but coach Christopher Courage has a team that is quite capable of a winning season despite early-season losses to Athens and Bishop Foley. Of the 14 returning letter-winners, seven were full-time starters and that experience will be crucial as the Mustangs again play a top-notch schedule. The seven returning starters are senior midfielder Kathleen Conway, senior sweeper Larissa Hotra, senior fullback Kim Hart-trick, senior stopper Jackie LaDuke, junior fullback Katie Jannausch, junior midfielder/stopper Marisa Ballas and senior midfielder Christina Endress. Also back are senior forward Megan Dale, senior fullback Lindsey Haubenreich, sophomore forward Megan Lendo, junior midfielder Lauren NeFouse and senior midfielder Jessica Bibbee. Junior Kelly Kinggo will start between the pipes.

8. BIRMINGHAM SEAHOLM (10-7-2) - In terms of players lost, no team graduated more than Seaholm as 13 players, including seven starters, need to be replaced. Third-year coach Jeff Shuk has four quality players who return to the starting lineup in junior sweeper Sue Smokevitch, an All-State Third Team selection last spring, along with senior stopper Kristen Neff, senior midfielder Andrea Carone and junior midfielder Jill Bennish. Two freshmen, goalkeeper Jenae Jackson and midfielder Mallory

Tamoro, have already made an impact, as well as junior defender Natalie Shaheen, who missed last season with an injury. Junior midfielder Joe Chrostek and junior forward Katie Bankert will also see plenty of time for the Maples, who struggled to score goals last season but were impressive in a 10-0 shutout last week of West Bloomfield.

9. BIRMINGHAM GROVES (4-16-1) - Two years ago, the Falcons captured the Division II state title and last year, after their promotion to the talent-laden OAA Division I, the Falcons struggled for wins (two) in the regular season. But in the districts, the Falcons won two straight before giving eventual state champ Foley everything it could handle in a 4-3 district finals loss. This year, Derek Williford is out and Dave Morgan is in as head coach, but six starters still return which should help the transition period. Back are sophomore midfielder Jaywe Godlew, senior sweeper/midfielder Jennifer Knudson, senior stopper Natalie Szykiel, senior forward Jackie Rodney and sophomore midfielders Caitlin Glazer and Megan Merritt. Junior Emily Crissman will be the No. 1 goalkeeper after serving as the back-up last season, while senior midfielder Hellen Pearson, junior midfielder Katie King and senior midfielder Shahrnaz Shifteh have also stepped into starting roles. Freshman full-back Lauren Knudson has also been impressive in the early going.

10. (tie) BIRMINGHAM-DETROIT COUNTRY DAY (18-6-2) - The Yellow Jackets captured the Division III state crown last season, and with the expansion of a fourth division, all scopes are pointed in the right direction as DCD is currently the top-ranked team in Division IV. A total of eight starters are back for veteran coach Bob Bukari and that group is the reason why the Yellow Jackets are among the best in the area. The backfield is where Country Day's strength lies, as junior two-time all-state goalkeeper Allison Higginbotham is back behind the wall of senior sweeper Ashley Porritt, juniors Andrea Cendrowski and Libby Turner and sophomore Laura Babinski, who came on strong during DCD's title run. Senior Kerry Doman will again anchor the mid-field along with freshman Jessica

Cummings, while junior Jacki Gatt, who scored Country Day's goal in the championship match, and sophomore forwards Sherin Khan and Molly Ferguson hope to provide some scoring punch. The development of senior goalkeeper Lindsay Smith may also free up Higginbotham to play in the attack, which could help DCD's chances.

10. (tie) BLOOMFIELD HILLS ANDOVER (5-6-2) - Perhaps no team in the area has grown up more the past couple of years than Andover, which is currently ranked 10th in the Division III state polls. The Barons, under the direction of Brad Seng, were third in the OAA Division III race and could be in the hunt this season if Avondale falters. A total of 11 players, including eight starters are back for Andover and there is plenty of optimism surrounding the program. Sophomore Jodi Fox has emerged as a talented goalkeeper, while junior Bri Ranney and senior fourth-year starter Lindsey Fox, a sweeper, are back to lead the defense. Seniors Maran Maguran and Danielle Sheak and sophomore Darya Orandi are a solid unit in the midfield, while sophomores Danielle Gursky and Sarah Lipton are capable goal-scorers up top. Depth shouldn't be a problem this season for the Barons as four freshmen should make an impact - forward Emily Taxe, midfielder Kristin Colella and fullbacks Kristine Urbas and Kathleen Miller.

Other Area Teams
Auburn Hills Oakland Christian (7-7-2) lost three all-state players to graduation and first-year co-coaches Wayne and Brenda Firmann will work with a youth movement as an amazing 13 freshmen are on the roster against only eight returning letter-winners. As for key returnees, the Lancers welcome back senior fourth-year starter Sandy Bongiorno, a midfielder, senior sweeper Debbie Reamer, junior midfielder/forward Katie Firmann, junior fullbacks Michelle Jackson and Leah Hamilton, and sophomore forward Katie Luxon. Midfielder Tarah Gayford, a sophomore transfer from Troy Athens, should make an impact as well as three talented freshmen in goalkeeper Mary Ann Doyle, midfielder Nicole Docken and fullback Megan Jones.

Adams dominate all-area gymnastics

Due to space restrictions, the 1999-2000 All-Area Girls Gymnastics team is not published in Thursday's editions of the Clarkston, Lake Orion and Oxford Eccentric newspapers, although the complete story can be found in Thursday's Rochester, Troy Birmingham/Bloomfield, West Bloomfield/Lakes and Southfield editions, or on our various web-sites.

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Kristen Kochajda	Troy	Senior
Katy Luxton	Rochester Adams	Senior
Caroline DiMaria	Troy	Sophomore
Ravin Raleigh	Troy Athens	Freshman

FIRST TEAM (DIVISION II)		
GYMNAST	SCHOOL	YEAR
Kacie Cantley	Troy	Sophomore
Sheila Orosey	Rochester Adams	Freshman
Jessica Gladys	Rochester Adams	Junior
Amanda Luxton	Rochester Adams	Sophomore
Kelly Baldwin	Rochester Adams	Junior

SECOND TEAM		
Sue Mussat	Rochester Adams	Coach

Rochester - Stephanie Hamner; **Troy Athens** - Jackie Hancock; **Troy** - Shannon O'Neil; **Birmingham Groves** - Julia Richards; **Waterford/Clarkston** - Katie Vitasiniski; **Rochester Adams** - Katie Michalik, Stephanie Wong, Danielle McLean.

THIRD TEAM
Troy - Maggie Wider; **Birmingham Seaholm** - Kristen Eggl; **Troy Athens** - Brooke Pedersen; **Rochester** - Meghan Glessi, Kelly Esper; **Rochester Adams** - Chelsea McLean, Tricia Hilton, Sarah Viges.

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Honorable Mention - Petoskey, Vicksburg, Bloomfield Hills Kingswood, DeWitt.
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Seeking a warm, gentle and energetic person to supervise residential home in Lakeland. Assist and coordinate all services with 5 developmentally disabled adults. Requires prior experience with mentally challenged and completion of Direct Care Part 1 training. We offer competitive wage, full benefits, and support. Send resume to: Ms. Donahue, P.O. Box 507, Almont, MI 48003, or fax to: 734-458-8195.

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Direct Care Staff For group homes in Plymouth; Afternoon Shift. Call Garin 313-304-4877

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DISPATCHER NOW! Police Department is accepting applications for the position of Dispatcher. This is a career position, not an entry level, for police or fire candidates. Duties include: dispatching police, fire and EMS. Extensive phone work, computer experience and typing skills desired. Starting salary \$25,266 plus a comprehensive fringe benefit package, shift work. Obtain and submit an application to the City of Novi, Human Resources Dept. at 45175 W. 10 Mile, Novi, (248)347-0452. Previous applicants need not re-apply. Open until filled. EOE

DISPATCHER Trucking company looking for a full-time dispatcher. Successful candidate must possess flatbed/over dimensional experience. Must be aggressive & be able to balance multiple priorities. Send resume and salary history to: PO Box 549, Wayne, MI 48184 Or fax: 734-728-2818

DISPATCHER THE TRANE COMPANY is seeking to fill the position of SERVICE DISPATCHER. Individuals applying should have two years' college or technical school, three year related experience or equivalent combination of education and experience. Responsibilities will include use of computer, customer, phone interface and the day-to-day dispatching of Trane HVAC service vehicles. Please send or fax resume to: Jim Mitte The Trane Company, 3725 Interchange Drive Farmington Hills, MI 48335 Fax: 1-248-477-3921

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500 Help Wanted General DRIVER

SEPTIC service company looking for driver w/CDL to operate tank truck & do service work. Start at \$15/hr. + benefits. (734)453-0488 (248)437-9615

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DRIVERS-LABORERS - quality driven international moving & storage co. seeking responsible individuals for Ypsilanti, & Romulus locations. Excellent benefits, 401k, profit sharing, will train. Main: (734) 484-1717, ext. 1207

DRIVERS Livonia based distribution company needs dependable peddle drivers with CDL class A with Haz.Mat and driver with CDL Class B. Drivers must be willing to upgrade to CDL class A with combination, and Haz.Mat with company assistance. Position offers full medical, dental and optical benefits along with company matched 401k and excellent starting wage. Apply in person at: 31750 Enterprise Dr., Livonia (North of Plymouth, West of Merriman)

DRIVERS Livonia steel company seeks experienced tractor/trailer steel haulers. This is a day job with no overnights. Our tractors are new, leased and well maintained. A CDL license is required. We offer an excellent benefits program and a starting wage of \$14.00 an hour. 734-522-1100.

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DRIVER \$11,000/hr. + Expanding Air Cargo Company. Must have 3 years experience driving a 24 foot straight truck for pick-up and delivery in the air freight industry. Industrial Chauffeur license required. Metro Detroit Airport location. WE OFFER: *Company Paid Retirement *Company Paid Medical/Dental/Vision Care *Safety Bonuses Bring current MVR. Apply 8-5pm Mon-Fri. 11600 Metro Airport Center Dr., Suite 106 Romulus, MI email or web: fernandez@machair.com www.machair.com An Equal Opportunity Employer

FIREPLACE INSTALLERS Earn up to \$1000 per week. Year round work, full time, paid vacations & workman's comp. Must have own truck & tools. Call: ask for Mr. Franks (248)446-8334

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GATE ATTENDANT A Farmington Hills apt. community hiring motivated individuals for Sat-Sun, afternoon & midnight shifts. Seniors welcomed. Apply in person: MUIRWOOD Management Office 35055 Muirwood Dr. Farmington Hills, MI N.W. corner of Grand River & Drake.

GENERAL LABOR Glass fabricator in Plymouth is looking for motivated individuals to work full-time. Openings on 2nd & 3rd shifts only. Experience in tempering, cutting or loading glass is helpful, but not necessary. Full benefit package plus dollar for dollar match on 401k. Competitive wages based on experience. Expanding company with room for growth. Must pass physical and drug screen. Send resume or apply in person at: PDC Glass of Michigan, 300 Dunn St., Plymouth, MI. No America

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GENERAL OFFICE Administrative, property management, part-time. Southfield. 248-352-2550

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Journeyman/apprentice with 3 yrs. plus experience & documented time. Excellent benefits & retirement plan. Please call 810-983-5147

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ELECTRICIAN LICENSED commercial experience. Send resume with wage requirements to: Electrician, P.O. 154, Northville MI 48167

ESCHOW PROCESSOR Southfield title company is in need of experienced escrow personnel. Advancement opportunity to an escrow manager position. Please send/fax resume to: Resource Title Agency of Michigan, 26200 Lahser, Suite 330, Southfield, MI 48034, Attn: Personnel; Fax: (248) 789-5554 or e-mail: jloriani.com

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EXPERIENCED CARPENTER FOR busy RV dealer. Full time position with benefits. Apply in person at General RV Centers, 48500 Twelve Mile, Rd., Wixom, see Loren

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HAIR DRESSERS Thinking of making a change? Come in & see if our salon is right for you. We offer high commission, full company paid health insurance, company matched 401K, vacation & education reimbursement. Apply at: CHARISMA SALON, NOVI, in the Novi Town Center (248)344-0005

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HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATORS Experience a must. Residential work. \$16 an hour & benefits available. (248)380-1338

HOSTESS For new home construction site in Wixom & Van Buren. Must work weekends. (248) 699-4200

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HVAC SHEET METAL FABRICATOR for residential job. Excellent pay, benefits, retirement. Quality Heating & Cooling, Inc. 734-591-3310

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Auburn Hills Book printing plant needs general laborers, on 2nd & 3rd shift. All air-conditioned, 100,000 sq.ft. plant. Starting wage is \$8.00/hr. Our Blue Cross/Blue Shield health insurance - 100% company paid. The printing industry offers the opportunity to learn marketable skills to those that qualify. 1-75 Top Lapeer Rd. (Exit 81), North on Lapeer to Brown, West on Brown to Glenmeade, South on Glenmeade. Apply at: Data Reproductions Corporation 4545 Glenmeade Lane Auburn Hills, MI 48326

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GRINDER- HANDS wanted. Blanchard, Wil-O-Matic surface and form grinders plus Ewg. Experienced or will train. Full benefits. Apply at: 22835 Hesp Dr., Novi (248)348-0010

Grounds Needed for Farmington apartment community. Don't miss this chance to join our team! For further information Call Renee 248-569-8880

Exciting opportunities are immediately available in our fast growing industrial distribution company. We have been servicing the metalworking industry for nearly three decades and continue to experience constant growth and expansion. Positions are immediately available in our Livonia headquarters facility.

If you enjoy phone contact, are customer service oriented and have excellent people skills, we'd like to hear from you! (Knowledge of the metalworking industry is a plus, but not required.) We offer an excellent benefit package. For immediate consideration, send/fax your resume to:

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INSURANCE AGENCY desires experienced personal lines adjusters. Send resume by fax (248) 540-4663 or mail to: 4036 Telegraph, Suite #4, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302.

INSURANCE NORTHVILLE AGENCY Seeking a Personal Lines, CSR with 2+ yrs. experience. 248-349-5533 ext 24

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INTERIOR DECORATOR/DESIGNER Farmington Hills showroom seeks individual familiar with furniture, carpet, window treatments, kitchen/bath etc. Working with new construction/modelling. No selling. Call UCC TotalHome 248-476-2982 or fax 248-476-2988

JOURNEYMAN/ELECTRICIAN Professional home office. Brighton. 800-293-5959

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500 Help Wanted General HYDRAULIC PIPEFITTER TRAINEE

Become a skilled trades person. Opportunities in Washtenaw county area to earn while you learn. Great wage & benefit package. If you have machine shop experience or vocational training and want the opportunity to learn a skilled trade, call us daily 9am-4pm 1-(800) 552-5728

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IN-HOME CARE PROVIDERS Caring and patient individuals needed to provide personal care and leisure activities to persons with disabilities in Wayne, Oakland counties. Rewarding work with opportunities for advancement. Trained individuals preferred for full and part-time afternoon shifts. Full benefit package & paid time off. Please apply to: Life Center Inc. 15419 Middlebelt Rd. Livonia, MI 48154 Attn: Carrie, 734-281-1094

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LANDSCAPE CREW LEADER/ Hydro-Seeder Operator/ J-Land Lakes Landscaping 560 S. Telegraph Road Pontiac, MI 48341 248-338-8088, FAX 338-6705

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LANDSCAPING CREW on Bloomfield based co. Flex hrs. Excol pay. Eric 248-682-4584

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LEASING AGENTS Property Management company seeking to fill FULL TIME leasing positions for apartment community in Oakland county. Position duties require weekend work. We offer competitive wages plus commissions. Call: 248-651-1888 or Fax resume: 248-651-0610

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MACHINE OPERATOR/GENERAL Laborer, will train, 1-967 Millford Rd. area. (248)855-3711

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Great Opportunity! Wednesday, April 12th 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. 35155 Industrial Dr. Livonia. Come visit MediaOne on Wednesday, April 12th at its Livonia office to help find qualified candidates for:

CABLE, TELEPHONE AND HIGH-SPEED DATA (INTERNET) TECHNICIANS Technicians will be responsible for installing, reconfiguring, relocating and disconnecting cable and internet services in a professional and courteous manner. Successful candidates must be ambitious, committed to providing quality customer service, possess a valid driver's license, have the ability to lift 75 pounds, climb poles and work in small crawl spaces indoors and outside. This full-time, hourly position is located in the Wayne County area and offers comprehensive training as well as a competitive benefits package. Individuals interested in applying to attend. Please bring a current resume and be prepared to interview. If unable to attend the Job Fair please fax your resume to: (734) 254-1812. Attention: D&T, E.O.E.

MediaOne IRRIGATION PERSON For large Farmington Hills apt. community. Must know Rain-Aid System. 40 hr. wk. Must have reliable transportation. Apply in person: MUIRWOOD Management Office 35055 Muirwood Dr. Farmington Hills, MI N.W. corner of Grand River & Drake.

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500 Help Wanted General LEASING AGENTS

Singh Management Co. is seeking to fill FULL TIME position for West-Townhomes of Novi. Must be able to work weekends. Offer competitive salary, commissions and health insurance. FAX resume to: (248) 669-0540 or call (248) 669-1050 E.O.E.

LEASING AGENTS Singh Management Co., Inc. is seeking to fill immediate positions for highly motivated individuals to work at our Brand New townhouse community in Canton. Preference for candidates to have experience working with the public, and some sales experience. Call Marilyn at (248) 865-1600. www.SinghApartments.com An Equal Opportunity Employer

Leasing Agent Weekends For luxury townhouse apartment community in Farmington Hills. Experience required. Fax Resume To: (248) 352-6737

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MAINTENANCE HELPER Mechanically inclined with some welding knowledge. Ability to work with maintenance man in Millwright trade. Having your own tools is a plus. Competitive wages and excellent benefits. Send resume to: Human Resources PO Box 787 Novi, MI 48376-0787 Fax resume: 248-349-0244 Call Temporm Corporation in Novi: (248) 349-5230, ext 210

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MAINTENANCE PERSON needed for apt. complex. Full-time. Experience preferred. Wage based on experience. Must have reliable transportation. Call: (248)382-0290, Mon-Fri., between 9-3

500 Help Wanted General MAINTENANCE/MECHANIC

Needed for industrial manufacturing company. Mechanical, electrical and basic hi-lo maintenance experience required. Day shift, 7am-3:30pm. Own tools a plus. Excellent benefits. Salary negotiable related to experience. Please send resume & qualifications to: Human Resources PO Box 74037 Romulus MI 48174

MAINTENANCE PERSON Property management company seeks maintenance person for southfield apartment community. Must be experienced in all phases of apartment maintenance and be a certified pool operator. Competitive wages and full benefits package. Send resume to: Box #2554 Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 36251 Schoolcraft Rd. Livonia, MI 48150

Tired of being under paid? Excellent opportunity for an experienced handyman/supervisor for an apartment community in Canton. Must have experience supervising a large staff, communication skills, coordinating projects, interacting with contractors and be knowledgeable in all aspects of apartment operations including HVAC, plumbing and electrical. Permanent position with top salary, health insurance, excellent benefits and paid vacations. Send resume to Box #2449 Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 36251 Schoolcraft Rd. Livonia, MI 48150

Seeking full-time, take charge person to post & maintain ads in local Restaurants & Night Clubs. Good starting wage & benefits. Contact Willis at: A.J. Indoor 1-800-498-6860

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Accountant Will supervise the A/P function and have some CA. responsibility. Experience in cost accounting required. Financial Analyst Will be responsible for the general ledger. Previous analyst experience required. Both positions require a background in a distribution or manufacturing environment. Strong computer skills, 5-10 years exp. in an accounting function and a degree are required; CFA a plus. NTSC employees enjoy a business-casual environment, competitive compensation/benefits package and a fast-paced team-oriented atmosphere. For immediate consideration, send cover letter & resume to: Director of Human Resources National Tile + Stone 5208 Airport Freeway, Ste. 210 Fort Worth, TX 76117 Fax: 817-831-7787 or E-mail: dduffy@ntsc.com An Equal Opportunity Employer.

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MAINTENANCE TECH ON-SITE Singh Management Co., Inc. is seeking maintenance tech for Rivergreen apartment community in Riverview. Ideal candidate will live on-site. MUST HAVE EXPERIENCE in apartment community maintenance and have tools. Competitive salary and health benefit packages. Call Jaime @ 248-865-1600 or FAX resume 248-865-1630

MANAGEMENT U-Haul is now hiring hard-working career minded individuals into Management Training positions. Some experience in retail sales or dealing directly with the public preferred. Salary, Bonus & Benefits: Apply in person U-HAUL 29600 Michigan Ave. Inker, MI 48141 (Rear of Building) No Phone Calls, E.O.E.

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lingerie & clothing at home. Shows no risk. No obligation. No investment. Free 90 day trial period. Free kit. 248-349-8225.

500 Help Wanted General

VP of Construction Operations
for 40 yr. 6rd residential construction company building in multiple subdivisions. Candidate should have ten years experience, be self-motivated and direct all aspects of construction operations including bidding, negotiation, overseeing superintendents, cost control and quality control. Computer experience required. Excellent salary plus incentives, 401(k), health care and other benefits. Send resume with salary requirements to: Raymond James Financial Inc., 344 North Old Woodward, Birmingham, MI 48009

500 Help Wanted General

WAREHOUSE MANAGER
Do you have the ability to successfully manage a team? Are you a highly motivated self-starter, competitive person? Would you like to join a team dedicated to being #1 in their industry? If you answered yes to these questions, we are fast growing a team of supply wholesalers. In the industry we are seeking a Warehouse Manager for our Detroit area warehouse. Knowledge of HVAC, electrical and mechanical hardware is helpful. Benefits include: competitive wages, health, dental & life insurance, paid vacation and a 401(k) plan. Mail or fax resume to: 12056 Merriman Rd., Livonia, MI 48150 Fax: 734-466-9880

500 Help Wanted General

WAREHOUSE OPPORTUNITIES
LIVONIA facility of national wholesaler with 36 warehouses in U.S. seeks self-starters with general warehouse experience to grow with us! Forklift/tyre picker experience a plus. Offer full time, good pay, 9pm day raise, tuition plan & more! Apply Sat. (4-8) 8am-12pm at Barmat Inc., 32713 Schoolcraft Rd., #100, Livonia. Phone: 734-427-3370, Fax: 734-427-8316. A Drug Free Workplace.

500 Help Wanted General

SMALL GEAR Manufacturer in this Brighton area looking for trainees in all departments. Experience a plus. Days & afternoons available. Benefits include: 401k, 401k, 401k, 401k, 401k. Send resume to: Gear Shop, PO Box 297, Brighton, MI 48116

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STATE & FEDERAL GOVT JOBS - \$22.50/Hr. Postal, Wildlife, Conservation, etc. at 4221, 8AM-9PM. DAYS fds, inc. (SCA Network) Ext. 9017 (EST) 1-800-883-0316

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SOL LABORERS
Experienced & own transportation & tools. Great pay (paid per job or per hour). Cash bonuses paid bi-weekly. Benefits after 6 mos. 734-427-2889

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WELDERS
Experienced, for production work. Good pay and benefits. Apply in person: Michigan Rail Car Repair, 4338 Delamere, Royal Oak.

500 Help Wanted General

WILDLIFE JOBS to \$21.60/HR. INC. BENEFITS GAME WARDENS, SHERIFFS, WILDLIFE ENFORCEMENT, PARK RANGERS. NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED. FOR APPROXIMATELY AN EXAM IN P.O. FORMATION. Call 1-800-883-0316, 8AM-9PM. DAYS fds, inc. (SCA Network)

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TEACHERS AND ASSISTANTS
We're looking for dedicated, reliable child care professionals who love working with toddlers. We have the most loveable bunch in town. We need 2 full time teachers for our program. Immediately in West Bloomfield. Experience and a degree is required. Competitive wages & benefits available. Generous hiring bonus. Call today for an interview (248) 661-7606 ext. 200

500 Help Wanted General

TELEMARKETER
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500 Help Wanted General

TITLE PROCESSOR/CLOSER
Full-time. Immediate opening with health benefits. Title experience preferred. Please call and ask for Darcy or Brendan: (248) 540-9200

500 Help Wanted General

TRAVEL AGENTS WANTED
For agents in W. Bloomfield, Detroit, Dearborn, Farmington Hills, Troy, etc. Call Terry 248-855-3600. Fax: (248) 340-5525 EOE-M/F/D/V

500 Help Wanted General

Home EVERY NIGHT TRUCK DRIVERS
Flat rolled steel service center is in need of experienced, semi-truck/trailer drivers to work out of our Melvindale facility. CDL-A license, excellent driving record, and positive attitude are required. Send resume and experience is preferred. Home Every Night Incentives: \$12.00 per hour plus incentives. Comprehensive benefit package. Please send resume & salary requirements to: Applications are being accepted Monday-Friday, 8:30am-3:00pm. If you are unable to come in, leave your name and address on our hotline extension. We will mail you an application. Mill Steel Company 18000 Magnolia Metaldale, MI 48122 1-800-247-1111 extension 2104

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full time, home every night. Top pay, insurance & benefits. Contact Bill at (313)582-1780

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WAREHOUSE / DELIVERY person needed immediately. Full-time. Good benefits. Bloomfield. 248-338-8192

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PAINT SALES
Retail & contractor sales person. Good people skills. Salary commensurate with experience. Will train. Technicians, a paint store & more! (248) 738-9693 or fax resume: (248) 738-9677

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SELL UNDERCOVER WEAR
lingerie & clothing at home. Shows no risk. No obligation. No investment. Free 90 day trial period. Free kit. 248-349-8225.

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VP of Construction Operations
for 40 yr. 6rd residential construction company building in multiple subdivisions. Candidate should have ten years experience, be self-motivated and direct all aspects of construction operations including bidding, negotiation, overseeing superintendents, cost control and quality control. Computer experience required. Excellent salary plus incentives, 401(k), health care and other benefits. Send resume with salary requirements to: Raymond James Financial Inc., 344 North Old Woodward, Birmingham, MI 48009

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WAREHOUSE MANAGER
Do you have the ability to successfully manage a team? Are you a highly motivated self-starter, competitive person? Would you like to join a team dedicated to being #1 in their industry? If you answered yes to these questions, we are fast growing a team of supply wholesalers. In the industry we are seeking a Warehouse Manager for our Detroit area warehouse. Knowledge of HVAC, electrical and mechanical hardware is helpful. Benefits include: competitive wages, health, dental & life insurance, paid vacation and a 401(k) plan. Mail or fax resume to: 12056 Merriman Rd., Livonia, MI 48150 Fax: 734-466-9880

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WAREHOUSE OPPORTUNITIES
LIVONIA facility of national wholesaler with 36 warehouses in U.S. seeks self-starters with general warehouse experience to grow with us! Forklift/tyre picker experience a plus. Offer full time, good pay, 9pm day raise, tuition plan & more! Apply Sat. (4-8) 8am-12pm at Barmat Inc., 32713 Schoolcraft Rd., #100, Livonia. Phone: 734-427-3370, Fax: 734-427-8316. A Drug Free Workplace.

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SMALL GEAR Manufacturer in this Brighton area looking for trainees in all departments. Experience a plus. Days & afternoons available. Benefits include: 401k, 401k, 401k, 401k, 401k. Send resume to: Gear Shop, PO Box 297, Brighton, MI 48116

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SOL LABORERS
Experienced & own transportation & tools. Great pay (paid per job or per hour). Cash bonuses paid bi-weekly. Benefits after 6 mos. 734-427-2889

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WELDERS
Experienced, for production work. Good pay and benefits. Apply in person: Michigan Rail Car Repair, 4338 Delamere, Royal Oak.

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WILDLIFE JOBS to \$21.60/HR. INC. BENEFITS GAME WARDENS, SHERIFFS, WILDLIFE ENFORCEMENT, PARK RANGERS. NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED. FOR APPROXIMATELY AN EXAM IN P.O. FORMATION. Call 1-800-883-0316, 8AM-9PM. DAYS fds, inc. (SCA Network)

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We're looking for dedicated, reliable child care professionals who love working with toddlers. We have the most loveable bunch in town. We need 2 full time teachers for our program. Immediately in West Bloomfield. Experience and a degree is required. Competitive wages & benefits available. Generous hiring bonus. Call today for an interview (248) 661-7606 ext. 200

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TELEMARKETER
LIVONIA area window company seeks experienced telemarketer. Salary plus commission. Call: (734) 522-9555

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TITLE PROCESSOR/CLOSER
Full-time. Immediate opening with health benefits. Title experience preferred. Please call and ask for Darcy or Brendan: (248) 540-9200

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TRAVEL AGENTS WANTED
For agents in W. Bloomfield, Detroit, Dearborn, Farmington Hills, Troy, etc. Call Terry 248-855-3600. Fax: (248) 340-5525 EOE-M/F/D/V

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International auto supplier has new immediate openings in executive offices. Temp to hire. Benefits. Call Sandra to hire. email: birm@astaff.com Livonia 248-473-2933 Birmingham 248-646-7663 Taylor 734-284-6457 Clinton Twp. 810-226-9642 Advantage Staffing

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Administrative Assistant
Healthcare business. Good interpersonal, communication and organizational skills. Knowledge of MS Word, basic accounting skills, multiple tasks. \$13-18/hr. Excellent benefits. Fax resume and salary history to: 248-641-9338

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Excellent opportunity with growing personal placement firm. Seeking high energy, self-directed individual. Internet experience a plus. Great work environment in exciting brand new facility, will train.

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
We are seeking an individual to assist Human Resource Manager with all HR related tasks. Must be proficient with Microsoft Word and Excel. Must have excellent organizational, communication and phone skills. Send resume to: Human Resource Manager 2629 Southfield Rd., Lathrup Village, MI 48076 Fax: (248) 557-8912 Email: lathr@msouthfield.com

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
OPENINGS THIS WEEK
Advertising - creative and media staff support. Hi-tech support - Visio 2000 experience a plus. Consumer services - Power Point, Income Pro, etc. Executive - flexibility and initiative. Call Shelly or Email: birm@astaff.com Birmingham 248-646-7661 Livonia 248-473-2933 Clinton Twp. 810-226-9641 Advantage Staffing

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Builder/Developer seeking ENTRY level Administrative Assistant for office in West Bloomfield. Must be organized and be computer literate (Microsoft Word and Excel). Variety of tasks including but not limited to calling on contractors, use of computerized purchase orders, spreadsheets and word processing. Opportunity for advancement in this fast paced, dynamic workplace. Send resume with SALARY REQUIREMENTS to: GCK, P.O. Box 255005, West Bloomfield, MI 48325 or FAX to: 248-352-5930 An Equal Opportunity Employer

502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

Administrative Assistant/ Law Office - Part-Time
Suburban area lawyer and author seeks a bright, energetic professional-minded person. This is a part-time position. Flexible hours. The ideal candidate will have strong writing and word processing capabilities. Will train. Inquiries to Julie Fershman: (248) 644-8645.

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASST./RECEPTIONIST
Growth oriented, established property management company seeking a motivated individual for a multi-task position. Requires word processing and other computer proficiency. Salary and benefits. Mail or fax resume to: York Properties, 100 Galleria Officentre #400, Southfield, MI 48034. Fax: (248) 358-3779

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ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT/ BOOKKEEPER
Must have accounting background in construction field. Knowledge of Quick Books Pro & ability to complete multiple tasks. Please send resume & salary requirements to: Kneisel Construction Co., 3265 Orchard Lake Rd., Keego Harbor, MI, 48320

502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMPANY seeks Accounting/Supervisor/Accounting degree holders as well as accounts receivable, accounts payable, computer experience with Skyline and Timberline. Supervisory experience a PLUS. Send resume and cover letter to: KJM, P.O. Box 255005, West Bloomfield, MI 48325 OR FAX: 248-865-1630 Equal Employment Opportunity

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LITTLE VALLEY HOMES
Need organized person with good computer skills to handle Accounts Receivable. Fax resume to (248) 349-4519 attn: Regina

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ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
One of the area's best companies seeks an individual with some bookkeeping, accounting or AP experience. Tasks include matching invoices to P.O.'s, data entry and vendor communications. Excellent benefits and compensation package.

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Major company offers excellent career growth opportunity. Seeking detail oriented, computer literate individual with strong background and knowledge of accounting principles. Top benefits.

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Top Property Management firm has excellent opportunity for a multi-task oriented individual. Must have strong written & verbal skills to work in a friendly environment. Previous experience with AP, AR preferred. Computer and customer service skills required. Competitive salary & benefits package. Fax resume with salary requirements to: (248) 649-2450

502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
The Charter Township of Oxford is seeking resumes for the position of Administrative Assistant. Knowledge of Microsoft Word, Excel and general office procedures is essential. Also with the ability to be bonded. This position is responsible for assessing, tax and general phone inquiries, along with serving as the recording secretary of planning committee on zoning board appeals. Some evening meetings are required. Previous government experience helpful, but not required. This hourly position has a starting wage of \$11.75 per hour along with medical, pension and life insurance plans. Please send all resumes to: Oxford Township Treasurer, P.O. Box 9, Oxford, MI 48371. Deadline to apply is Friday, April 21, 2000, at 5pm. The Charter Township of Oxford is an equal opportunity employer.

502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

RECEPTIONIST/CUSTOMER SUPPORT
JHA/Allianz Group, a Manufacturer's Representative of electronic components, seeks a full-time qualified Receptionist/Customer Service Representative to support our sales office in Novi. Qualifications include a college degree in Business/Marketing or related experience, along with excellent customer service, organizational skills & team enthusiasm. Working knowledge of Office 97 & Lotus Notes helpful. We offer a competitive salary, attractive benefits, package and a friendly, professional work environment. Please send a detailed resume with relevant experience and salary requirements, in confidence to: JHA/Allianz 39555 Orchard Hill Place, #500 Novi MI 48375 Resumes will be accepted until the position is filled. Please, no phone calls.

502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT
Novi based Diesel Engine distributor seeks a results oriented individual professional to support our sales office in Novi. Successful candidates must have excellent communication skills, be highly organized and able to work independently. Ability to perform in a multi-task environment is critical. Company offers competitive salary & excellent fringe benefits. Fax resume to: Judy, 248-478-1570, EOE

502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT
President and CEO of a fast growing company in Birmingham needs an Executive Assistant with at least 3 years experience. Must be extremely organized and able to handle multi tasks; have experience in Word, Excel & PowerPoint. Right person must be able to work independently. Must be proficient in their writing and telephone skills. The position will also require the individual to travel. This is an excellent career opportunity for the right person. Fax your resume to: Charlene: 248-988-9353

502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

EXECUTIVE OR LEGAL SECRETARY
Bloomfield Hills
Fax resume 248-594-1189

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FINANCIAL PLANNING
A Real Opportunity! Very successful firm has opening for an energetic, experienced Financial Planner. We pay more than the market. Great environment, opportunity to learn & work independently, interesting work. Full health benefits, pension, top pay. Resume & references to: R.A. & Assoc., 3115 Big Beaver #125, Troy, MI 48064. Fax: 248-643-4906 Please, no phone calls.

502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

FULL TIME OFFICE help needed for busy snack food plant in Brighton. Good phone and computer skills necessary. General office duties. We seek a very dependable, organized person who is friendly, enthusiastic, excellent pay and benefits for right person. Fax resume and salary requirements to: (248) 486-9135

502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

RECEPTIONIST - New salons in Lifetime Fitness. Needed in Troy & Novi. 248-642-9960 or fax resume: 248-642-9962.

502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

IF YOU have a pleasant & bubbly personality, you are wanted immediately. Part-time day Receptionist for a prominent Plymouth Real Estate Office. Fax resume to: (734) 455-6721 Attn: Cindy.

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INSURANCE
CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE
Part-time. Experienced LIFE INSURANCE C.S.R. wanted for busy Southfield insurance office. Must have experience with Windows 95, Word, and Excel. Must possess excellent organizational skills and attention to detail. Enjoy client interaction and have excellent writing and phone skills. Friendly atmosphere. Fax or email your cover letter and resume to: Kelly Rowe. Fax: (248) 357-0112 Email: rowe_kelly@nival.com

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LEGAL SECRETARY
Birmingham PI Law firm
Great working environment, free parking, benefits, WP 5.1, salary commensurate w/experience. Call Kim for interview: (248) 644-4529

502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

LEGAL SECRETARY
Expanding office needs experienced Secretary/Patient Experience Specialist. Excellent wage and benefit package. Fax resume to 248-649-3338 or mail to 3001 W. Big Beaver, Ste 624, Troy, MI 48064

502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

LEGAL SECRETARY
Fast-paced north Oakland County law firm seeking full-time legal secretary with knowledge of WordPerfect/Windows, litigation, and real estate to keep up with us. We're busy, but happy. Send your resume to: Office Manager, 1760 S. Telegraph, Ste. 300, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302-0183 or fax it to us at: (248)335-3346

502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

LEGAL SECRETARY
For busy litigation office in Auburn Hills, must have 3 years experience in litigation work. Call Diana (248) 371-1700.

502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

Legal Secretary
For Southfield P.I. & malpractice law firm. Minimum 3 years experience. Windows/MS Word knowledge a must. Send resume to: 24422, Northwestern Highway, Southfield, MI 48075

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LEGAL SECRETARY
For large Farmington Hills law firm with minimum 2 years experience. Excellent benefits. Send resume to: Office Administrator P.O. Box 1271, Huntington Woods, MI 48071 Fax: (248) 566-1888

502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

LEGAL SECRETARY
Full-time. Legal experience. WordPerfect preferred. Sole Practitioner-litigation. 13 Mile & Telegraph. Salary & fringes. Fax resume to: 248-540-4738 (248) 540-4665

502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

LEGAL SECRETARY
For fast-paced Dearborn law firm. Must be highly organized, professional, self-starter, & proficient in WordPerfect 9. Proficient in Lotus Organizer & PCLAW helpful, but will train. Full-time position includes benefits. Salary commensurate with experience. Please fax your resume to: Office Manager at: 313-278-4710 or mail to: 18855 W. Water Drive, Suite 201W, Dearborn, MI 48124

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LEGAL SECRETARY
needed for AV rated law firm in Downtown Birmingham. Great organizational skills a must. We are in litigation. Top wages and benefits for the right candidate. Mail resume. Attention Human Resources, P.O. Box 1750, Birmingham

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DENTAL RECEPTIONIST/FRONT DESK
Do you enjoy work, believe in yourself, have an outgoing personality, cheerful smile, feel you can coordinate schedule & reception area in ultra modern office? **WE WANT YOU!** Full-time. Dentech experience a plus. Excellent pay & benefits. Great working conditions in Livonia. Call: 734-591-3636

DENTIST
Part-time position in dental specialty practice for licensed general dentist to provide auxiliary services. Call: 248-357-9100

FRONT DESK PERSON
Filing, answering phones & other clerical duties. Part-time possible full-time. 248-642-3800.

HYGIENIST
Part-time. Progressive, quality & people-oriented person needed in Rochester office on Monday, Thursday & Saturday. Call: 248-650-2440

ORTHODONTIC
Full-time orthodontic assistant is needed for our progressive and reputable practice. Prior orthodontic or dental experience is preferred but not required. We offer an office training, excellent benefits & upbeat atmosphere. If you are enthusiastic and highly motivated this is a unique career opportunity. Please call: (248) 844-8400

ORTHODONTIC office in Bloomfield Hills seeking experienced person in X-Rays and Impressions. Call: 248-647-0696

RECEPTIONIST/INSURANCE BILLING - Perio office. Experience only. Part/full-time. Benefits, Farmington Hills. 248-851-1034.

WE WANT YOU... a dedicated meticulous hygienist who wants more than scaling teeth. Join our team in Farmington Hills. Full time. Call Claudia (248) 428-0077

506 Help Wanted-Medical

APPOINTMENT CLERK
Busy Intermittent. Mornings only. Mon - Fri. Call Delores 248-354-8668 ext 9200.

BOOKKEEPER
to manage accounting division for health care company in corporate office. Must be experienced, mature, competent in variety of computer programs & diversified in accounting skills. Send resume with salary requirements to: P.O. Box 7160, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302-7160.

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For Afternoon shift. Assisted living facility in Livonia. Apply in person: 15775 Middlebelt Rd.

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CMA, LPN or RN
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Do you have the stamina of an athlete, the memory of an elephant and the communication skills of Dale Carnegie? Our pediatric practice is searching for a patient-oriented person with medical office experience to work 2-4 days a week. If interested, fax resume 248-658-5504

CMA OR MA - full time for Southfield plastic surgeon's office. Must have experience w/insur. HMO's. Fax resume w/salary requirements to: 734-762-0273

CUSTOMER SERVICE
Full-time. Computer & strong communication skills. Flexible hours. Optical experience a plus. Call: 1-888-842-2894. Fax: 248-324-1450.

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Southfield based HME Co. has full-time position available with benefits. Experience preferred. Call Alert Medical 248-258-9965

EXERCISE PHYSIOLOGIST
Full-time for a busy physical therapy clinic located in Troy. Excellent salary, full benefits, bonus opportunity & flexible schedule. Call 248-649-2323 ext 127 or fax resume: 248-649-2324

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appliance doctor

Ice maker adds to maintenance



JOE GAGNON

Recently a reader complained about his refrigerator's ice maker and ice cube dispenser. The ice cubes tasted terrible and sometimes contained little flecks. Soon the machine stopped making cubes altogether. The reader wanted to know what to do to resolve these problems.

Well, you could always stop by your local hardware store and spend \$4 on those old-fashioned ice cube trays...OK, OK, I'm just trying to add a little humor to this depressing situation.

Seriously, ice makers added onto the cost of a refrigerator increase not only the price but many times they add to the cost of "after market" service. They are known to have an average lifespan of five to seven years. When and if you want to maintain this ice-making luxury, quite often you will have to purchase a new ice maker. If you can't install the new one by yourself, then you call the

service technician who will do it for you at a cost almost equal to the cost of the ice maker. All in all, the ice maker in a refrigerator is a gadget that adds cost to a refrigerator and many times, service as well.

Speaking of service, I can imagine that many thousands of "after market" ice makers are sold each year in this country, but even more so, the water valves used to deliver water to the unit and to the cold water dispenser move even faster off the shelves in the service business. These valves are basically the same as the ones supplied 25 years ago. I've not seen the needed improvements in the water valve to prevent flooding in homes that happens so frequently. You would be surprised at how many thousands of dollars are paid by insurance companies for this part failure.

Regarding the problem with the little dark chips in the ice cubes, sometimes it can be attributed to something as simple as the flaking of paint in the mold of the ice maker, which can be corrected with the installation of a new ice maker. The foul-tasting water from the dispenser often can be corrected with the installation of an in-line filter on the connec-

tubing that supplies water to the rear of your refrigerator. If you spend the extra money to do that, keep in mind that you need to purchase a new filter every six months or so, or the water will taste worse than not having one at all.

When the unit is not producing any ice, the problem is usually the ice maker valve. You can remove the valve and take it to a reputable service company for testing before you purchase a new one. Some original water valves cost almost as much as a new ice maker. Now you understand why I wanted to add a little humor at the beginning of the column, as there is not any at the end.

After you spend 30-plus years charging consumers for repairs on this luxury feature of a refrigerator, it gets to you after awhile. What's wrong with four plastic ice cube trays and a bucket to fill up once in a while? It's good for the muscles in your wrists and easier than reaching for your wallet.

I have a six-year-old refrigerator in my house that has an ice maker and the parts I wrote about today. The last few weeks, the ice maker makes almost

when it is activated. I purchased this unit because I love my wife and that's what she wanted. Soon I will have to replace it, or buy a bag of ice from the corner store and keep it in the freezer. Either way, it's coming out of her checking account (at least I hope it does). Stay tuned.

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

at home calendar

■ Prize-winning quilt artist Meena Schaldenbrand of Plymouth will be guest speaker for the Needlework and Textile Guild of Michigan 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 11, at First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple in Birmingham. Guest fee \$5. For more information, call (734) 475-5851 or (248) 363-5697. The program will be a trunk show reflecting 20 years of work - personal story quilts, computer-generated quilts, group quilts, three-dimensional quilted clothing.

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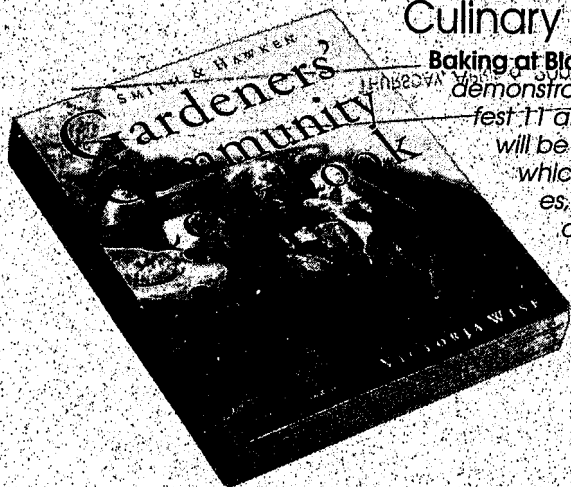
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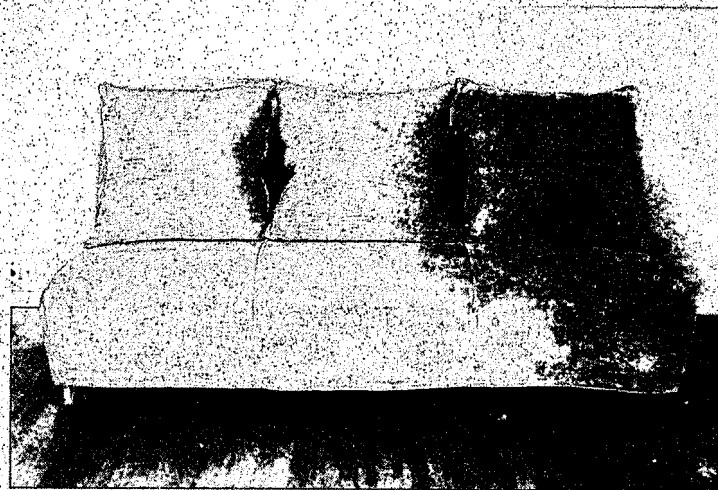


Baking at Bloomfest: Smith & Hawken, 284 W. Maple in Birmingham, will host cooking demonstrations with organic elements at DTE Energy Detroit International Bloomfest 11 a.m. Saturday, April 8, at Cobo Convention Center in Detroit. The recipes will be taken from Smith & Hawken's "Gardeners' Community Cookbook," which presents gardeners' favorite recipes for soups, main courses, side dishes, sweets and relishes. Portions of the proceeds from book sales go to Second Harvest, the nation's largest charitable hunger relief organization. Bloomfest will take place Thursday-Sunday, April 6-9. Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$10 at the door, \$8 for seniors (ages 60 and older), free for children (ages 12 and younger). Same day free re-entry. Call (248) 646-2990.



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Spring into cookie exchange



RUTH MOSSOK
JOHNSTON

The spring season, and connected "bunny-related" holiday, is the perfect time to have a cookie exchange - after all, there are loads of baskets ready for the filling!

Your cookies don't have to have a specific theme,

pattern or cut-out shape. Call a group of friends or co-workers, pick up some inexpensive baskets or tins (they can buy their own), and make the cookies you love and would be willing to share.

Get inspired, get baking and keep track of who's making what. Stress variety, and offer some suggestions for friends who need a little creative nudge.

Some ideas for lining those baskets:

■ Fun and festive paper napkins.

■ A clean fabric napkin or new tea towel.

■ If you have any sewing ability, make a set of napkins to include as a gift. Be sure to make an even amount - two, four, six or eight. Line your basket with a larger piece of the same fabric.

■ Line your basket with some bright colored cellophane - use one color or some different colored strips. Make sure to leave enough of an overhang to cover the cookies as well.

THE "NEIMAN MARCUS CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE RECIPE" - BIG BATCH

Makes about 6 1/2 dozen cookies
(depending on the size of the cookies)

Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 cups (3 sticks) unsalted butter, softened
- 3 cups brown sugar - spooned into cup, not packed
- 9 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 3 large eggs
- 6 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
- 5 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 4 1/2 teaspoons instant espresso powder or cappuccino powder (found in the coffee aisle at the grocery store)
- 24 ounces semi-sweet chocolate chips

Directions:

Place oven rack to middle position. Preheat oven to 375 degrees

In the bowl of an electric mixer, cream the butter with the sugars until light and fluffy. Beat in the eggs and the pure vanilla extract.

In a medium-size bowl, combine the flour, baking soda, baking powder, salt, and espresso or cappuccino powder; beat into the butter mixture. Gently stir in the chocolate chips, making sure the chips are incorporated throughout the batter.

Drop by large spoonfuls or use a cookie scoop, placing cookies about 2 inches apart onto two greased cookie sheets, or baking sheets lined with silpat liners.

Bake for 10-11 minutes, or until the bottom of the cookie is golden brown (the tops of these cookies won't appear too brown). For even browning, rotate the cookie sheets halfway through baking.

Remove from baking sheets to wire racks; let cool slightly.

Cook's Notes:

■ Silpat liners can be found at Kitchen Glamor stores or Williams-Sonoma shops.

■ Store any uneaten cookies in an airtight container or Ziplock type bags.

Maida Heatter, the American Dessert Guru, probably put rugelach in a category of its own, using her grandmother's recipe.

Maida is by far one of the most gracious women in the business. She is open to phone calls from authors and bakers alike, and is always willing to share her expertise and wisdom. Here is another twist on her famous recipe.

APRICOT-ALMOND RUGELACH A LA MAIDA HEATTER INSPIRATION

Yield: about 5 dozen cookies

Ingredients for the dough:

- 8 ounces cream cheese, or neufchâtel cheese
- 2 sticks (1 cup) unsalted butter
- 1/2 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 teaspoons lemon zest
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 extra large egg
- Granulated sugar

Ingredients for the apricot filling:

- 1 cup apricot jam
- 3/4 cup toasted slivered almonds

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at home calendar

■ 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; The Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary/Marygrove College; and numerous other estates and private collectors.

■ English Gardens conducts free weekly seminars for the public at its five locations, including 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the Royal Oak/Troy store, 4901 Coolidge, between 14 Mile and Maple (call (248) 280-9500), and 7 p.m. Thursdays at the West Bloomfield store, 6370 Orchard Lake Road at Maple (call (248) 851-7506). Topics include "What's New in Annuals" by Heather Tomlinson or Michael Boron, April 6; and "Container Gardening" by Sharon Petrucci or Tom Theoret, April 11 and 13. Call (800) 335-GROW for the nearest English Gardens.

■ Members of the Herb Study Group from the Troy Garden Club will present "Herbs R Us" - featuring all aspects of herbs, including harvesting, drying, crafts, cooking and herbs in the garden - noon to 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, at the Troy Community Center, 3179 Livernois, north of Big Beaver Road. Guest donation \$3. Refreshments will be

served at noon. Reservations aren't required. For more information, call Doris at (248) 641-7904.

■ Senior interior designer Linda Thomas will present a free seminar, "Working With An Interior Designer," 2 p.m. Saturday, April 8, in the furniture department of Hudson's at Westland, Wayne and Warren roads. Seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

■ English Gardens will celebrate the spring planting season with a special garden party open house Saturday-Sunday, April 8-9, at all five stores (including at 6370 Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield; call (248) 851-7506; and 4901 Coolidge, north of 14 Mile in Royal Oak, call (248) 280-9500). The free event will include Detroit Rose Society representatives 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days, Detroit Zoo docents presenting animal "bio-facts" 1-4 p.m. both days, free photos with the Easter Bunny 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days, and free popcorn and lemonade. Nancy Szerlag will present a seminar, "The Secrets to Growing Great Tomatoes," 1 p.m. Saturday at the Royal Oak store. For the nearest English Gardens, call (800) 335-GROW.

■ The Metropolitan Rose Society will meet 7 p.m. Friday, April 7, at the Royal Oak Senior/Community Center, 3500 Marais, east of Crooks and south of 13 Mile. Guest speaker Jerry Carney will talk about "Growing Great Roses Organically." The public may attend. Admission is free.

Johnston

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Directions:

In a food processor, cream together the cream cheese and butter. Add the confectioners' sugar, salt, lemon zest, and vanilla.

Add the flour in small portions, and pulse, until a very soft dough is formed.

Remove the dough from the bowl of the processor; wrap in plastic and refrigerate for at least an hour.

In a small skillet, dry-roast the almond slivers; stir frequently and watch carefully to avoid burning. When nuts are golden brown, remove from heat. In a medium-size bowl, mix together the jam and the toasted slivered almonds. Set aside.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

Remove dough from the refrigerator; divide the dough into 4 balls of equal size. Roll the balls out into 4 circles, about 1/8-inch thick.

With a large chef's knife or pastry wheel, cut each circle into pie-shaped sections; each section about 1-inch wide at the outer edge. Spread each wedge with the apricot-almond filling. Roll each wedge

up from the wide side to the center.

In a small bowl, beat the egg. With a pastry brush, lightly spread egg on top of rolled cookie; sprinkle with sugar and place flat-side down, on a lightly greased baking sheet or baking sheets covered with a silpat liner.

Bake 22-25 minutes, or until golden brown. Remove from baking sheets to wire racks; let cool slightly.

Cook's Notes:

■ Any favorite filling can be used - from fruit, nut and cinnamon-flavored options to mini-chocolate chip-infused mixtures.

■ Instead of using granulated sugar for topping, you can use crystallized sugar.

■ Homemade jams make for wonderful fillings. Try kiwi or mango for a modern twist!

■ Let guests know if nuts are in the filling (just in case of nut allergies).

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

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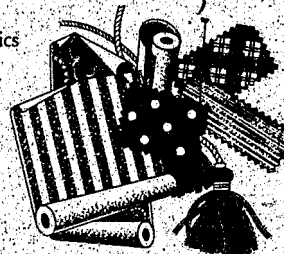
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Totally hooked': Schweizer grew orchids for an exhibit at the Palm Sunday Mid-America Orchid Show Friday-Sunday, April 14-16, at Laurel Park Place Mall in Livonia. When plants start blooming into beautiful orchids, "you're totally hooked" on growing them, Schweizer said. Photos by Paul Hurschmann



Orchids in bloom: Sue Schweizer of Plymouth examines her orchid plants in her growing room she maintains in her basement. With that room Schweizer keeps orchids blooming all year round. Photos by Paul Hurschmann



Orchid show blo

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Sue Schweizer loves her orchids. So much so that the Plymouth resident installed a room with grow lights, glass doors and a ceiling fan for the flowers she has loved to grow for the past 15 years.

With that room Schweizer can keep orchids blooming all year round. It's a big help for her, as she will have plenty of blossoms for the Palm Sunday Mid-America Orchid Show Friday-Sunday, April 14-16, at Laurel Park Place Mall in Livonia.

"There are a lot of different things that are attractive about the orchids," Schweizer said. "The first thing is your attachment to the flowers. You realize that you've got a plant or two, and when it blooms for you, you're totally hooked."

Schweizer will be part of the Michigan Orchid Society's exhibit. The society will have a 100-foot display at the show.



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In bloom: These orchids (above, at right and on the cover) were grown by Dr. Richard Wagner, a Farmington Hills resident, in his greenhouse. Photos by Bill Bresler



Orchids next weekend

Butcher, a Birmingham resident and show chairman, said this will be a special one and expects several thousand people to attend. There will be 35 tables of vendors selling orchids and 22 societies visiting from the Mid-America region, including Minneapolis, Atlanta, New Orleans, Chicago, Cleveland and Cincinnati," Butcher said. "It's not just people at this show."

The Michigan Orchid Society often has a great show, she added. "They really do a great job of displays," Butcher said. "We insist if they sell, they have to display."

Dr. Richard Wagner, an American Orchid Society judge and Farmington Hills resident, designed and built greenhouse at his home to grow more than 100 different orchids. Wagner was asked what is so appealing about an orchid.

"Is it the appeal of a diamond?" he asked. Besides the variety of species and colors, "it offers you a hobby, it offers you travel, it offers you a challenge," Wagner said.

Wagner said he travels around the world to view the various orchid species.

"Orchids come in various colors, shapes and sizes and require a variety of growing conditions," Schweizer said. "They're fascinating," Schweizer said.

Beautiful site: The Mid-America Orchid Show will feature orchids like these Friday-Sunday, April 14-16, at Laurel Park Place Mall, 37700 W. Six Mile Road, in Livonia. The show will offer a variety of orchid-related activities, including creative displays of orchids, floral arrangements and educational displays. Photos by Paul Hirschmann

Schweizer grows orchids that require little water, about once a week, though that can vary with the species. Some varieties grow in little sunlight, others can thrive in window sills.

Schweizer likes the orchid species of phalaenopsis, pluralthalids and phragmepediums. Phalaenopsis or moth orchids have big sprays, "like a big moth," Schweizer said. "You will probably see a lot of the big white ones at the show," Schweizer said. "They give off a lot of flower and are fairly easy to grow." Yellow and pink moth orchids also are popular.

Pluralthalids are attractive because they are small and a novelty orchid. They bloom all year round, Schweizer said. Phragmepediums are a "slipper" orchid, because it grows a pouch that resembles a woman's slipper. Flowers can range from one inch to several inches, and colored in pastel or light green.

In growing orchids, "you have to be dedicated," Wagner said. "You have to take care of it, especially if you pay \$500 for one. You have to have knowledge, you have to have space and you have to be dedicated."



Schedule of Events

The Mid-America Orchid Show is Friday-Sunday, April 14-16, at Laurel Park Place Mall, 37700 W. Six Mile Road, in Livonia.

Sponsored by the Michigan Orchid Society and the Mid-America Orchid Congress, the show will offer a variety of orchid-related activities, including creative displays of orchids, floral arrangements and educational displays. Commercial orchid growers will have plants for sale, and educational materials will be available.

The show is open and free to the public. Lectures require registration and a \$50 fee, which includes an opening reception 9:30 p.m. Friday, April 14, at the mall. Second family members will be charged a special registration fee of \$35.

Eric Christensen from Florida; Emily Siegest, an accredited orchid judge from St. Louis; and Noriko Hasagawa from Papanatics will discuss orchids.

The Michigan Orchid Society and Mid-America Orchid Congress also has scheduled a banquet for Saturday, April 15, at the Greek Hellenic Cultural Center at Newburgh and Joy Road in Westland, which will include a tour of the adjacent Greek church. An auction of items will be conducted. The banquet costs \$50 and requires a separate registration from the lectures package.

The Marriott Inn, next to the mall, has provided special rates for this event.

The Michigan Orchid Society meets 2:30-5 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month at the First Baptist Church in Birmingham. Membership fees are \$15 for a single or family membership. Membership applications will be available at the show.

For information about joining the society or registering for the show, call Gail Lift at (734) 971-4117.

Bulb care lights up yard with tulips



MARTY FIGLEY

Tulips are beginning their bloom now. As I write this on March 23, a bright red early tulip is blooming in my garden!

Earlier in the season, just as the foliage was starting to appear on the crocus and other early bulbs, I sprinkled some fertilizer on the ground and watered it in well. Now I'm reaping the rewards of that little bit of boost.

Many experts advise to dig the tulip bulbs up after they have bloomed and the foliage has ripened to feed the bulb. This is because these plants don't usually give as good a show as they had in their first season of bloom.

I have left some bulbs in the ground for several years and see little difference in bloom size, but each person has to make their own decision about that.

It has been recommended that if you do leave the bulbs in the ground from bloom time to bloom time, to grow them in a mixed border or someplace other than a focal spot, so the diminished size may not be as noticeable.

If you choose to pull the bulbs, you'll need to store them properly in dry conditions. Store them in paper bags that have holes punched in them — one kind and color of bulb to a bag. Write this information on the bag to avoid mix-ups next fall when you replant them. Temperatures should be about 45 degrees F.

When you plant in the fall, add a "bulb food" to the planting hole and mix it in well before setting the bulb. A small amount of a fertilizer containing a little bit of nitrogen and a lesser amount of phosphate or potash, such as an 8-5-5 ratio, will stimulate them into making growth.

Also in the fall, mix some 0-10-10 fertilizer into the soil in established beds. Always follow package directions and be sure tulips are listed on the bag as suitable for that fertilizer.

Interesting history

The book "The Tulip," Anna Pavord (\$40, Bloomsbury USA), relates the intriguing history of the flower that drove men mad, was involved in political intrigue and had much economic impact. Fortunes were made and lost on one bulb as tulip fever spread.

Many interesting facts fill the pages of the book. For instance, tulips were brought to Europe in the 16th century from the Asian steppes where they first grew as wildflowers. In 1451 the tulip was cultivated in the garden of Sultan Mohammed II.

The popularity of the shape of the flower seemed to be as fickle as fashion, and the way they were planted became very important. For instance, in France they were set in strict grid formation. The flower also became very popular in England where it arrived between 1558 and 1602, or perhaps earlier.

When Dutch growers got into the act the flower increased in popularity. Now that country exports billions of the bulbs annually.

Pavord spent six years researching the reasons why the tulip has had such

an impact on the lives of so many people through the centuries.

Much of its mystique, its charisma had to do with the mysterious process of "breaking," whereby a plain tulip could change into a fabulous multicolored one, feathered and flamed in contrasting colors," Pavord says. "In 17th century terms, this was nothing less than magic."

As we now know, the scientific reason for the breaking is a virus spread by aphids.

This is quite a story to read and to marvel at the influence it has had over so many people and over so much time. Descriptions of 80 wild-species tulips and several hundred garden varieties make this book a must for tulip fanciers.

Anna Pavord will present a lecture and slide presentation 7 p.m. Monday, April 10, at Goldner Walsh Nursery in Pontiac. She will autograph her book.

The cost for the evening is \$7.50, with \$5 redeemable toward a purchase of \$25 or more. Reservations are required as space is limited. Call (248) 332-6430, Ext. 222, to reserve your place.

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GOODGARDEN TIPS

■ Be ready with something to cover planted beds if frost is predicted. Old sheets work well.

■ When soil temperatures reach 50 degrees, about the middle of this month, grass seed can be sown.

■ If you're in the market for a crabapple tree, look for a scab-resistant variety. If you have a crabapple tree, a fungicide to protect it against scab can be applied.

■ It's time to decide which houseplants will go outside. Look for Plantera's Colonnade pot with a wicking system that draws water and nutrients from the reservoir to the roots.

■ A bit about fertilizers: You will see N-P-K on each bag. The symbols stand for N - nitrogen (for vigorous growth and dark green leaves), P - phosphorous (primarily for the development of roots, flowers and seeds) and K - potassium (for development of flowers and fruits and to help make sturdy plants resistant to wind, cold, drought and other stresses). The numbers represent the ratio of minerals in the order given.

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

at home calendar

■ Rose expert Doug Bima of Milford will present "Planting, Pruning and Fertilizing in the Rose Garden" at a meeting of the Roses-West Rose Society 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 6, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile (call (248) 347-0400). Miniature roses from Bridges Roses and Williams Roses, of the Carolinas, and NorEast from the East Coast, will be for sale. A refreshment hour will be featured. For more information, call Pat at (248) 449-4626.

■ Gently used women's business attire is being collected now through Sunday, April 9, at all Art Van Furniture stores. Residents are asked to drop off clothing - in all sizes - including dresses, suits, skirts, dress slacks, blouses, blazers, shoes and scarves. Donors will receive a coupon for special savings on accessories at Art Van, and receipts for tax deductions will be available.

■ Learn how to make square or rectangular pillows with flange or border variations, perfect-match mitered corners, and more, in "Advanced Designer Pillows," Thursdays, April 13-27, at Haberman Fabrics, 117 W. Fourth in Royal Oak. Advance registration is required. Fee is \$45. Call (248) 541-0010.

■ Detroit Energy Detroit International Bloomfest, the largest indoor flower show in the region, will take place Thursday-Sunday, April 6-9, at Cobo

Convention Center in Detroit. Bloomfest covers four acres with landscapes featuring botanical art and sculpture; a children's village; cultural events and programs; exhibits; presentations and a marketplace. Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$10 at the door, \$8 for seniors (ages 60 and older), free for children (ages 12 and younger). Same day, free re-entry. Call (248) 646-2990 or

visit www.bloomfest.com

■ The fourth annual Spring Home & Garden show will take place Thursday-Sunday, April 6-9, at Novi Expo Center, I-96 and Novi Road. Show hours are 2-10 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors and ages 6-12, and free for under age 6. Call (248) 862-1019 or visit <http://www.builders.org>

Job fair set at design center

Job Fair 2000 was created to bring together design professionals and recent graduates of interior design programs with employers in the design and architectural fields.

Sponsored by Michigan Design Center and the American Society of Interior Designers/Michigan Chapter, Job Fair 2000 will take place 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 18, in the Mid-America Room at MDC.

MDC is at 1700 Stutz in Troy, north off Maple between Crooks and Coolidge.

A number of design industry employers will be on hand to collect resumes and conduct interviews, including Hud-

son's Interior Design Studio, H.J. Oldenkamp, Virginia Tile Co., Scott Shuptrine and Custer Office Environments.

Employers wishing to participate as recruiters should contact Erin Hammond at (248) 649-4772 or erin@michigandesign.com for registration details by Friday, April 7.

Resume access and private interview sites will be available.

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Year-end parties and high school senior activities probably run a close race for first place. After a school year full of hard work, it's logical that children retain the memories of the rewards for their efforts.

Start planning year-end events now. If you haven't already signed up to help



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out at the year-end party, now is the time to put your name on the list or contact the person in charge and let him or her know you are anxious to help.

If you are the one responsible for organizing the activities, contact other parents who have volunteered to help. Don't assume you can do it all by yourself. The more help you have, the more fun you can concoct for the youngsters.

Talk to your child's teacher. Don't just run off and plan what you think everyone will want to do at the party.

Your child's teacher has probably experienced more year-end parties than you have. Take advantage of his or her knowledge of what went right and wrong. Ask the teacher what ideas he or she has for the party. Perhaps the teacher would prefer a theme that coincides

with a unit the class is finishing at end.

Talk to your child and other parents about themes and age-appropriate activities. Ask your child what she would really enjoy doing at her year-end event. Discuss what is truly realistic in terms of cost, time allotment, location and overall theme.

Set up or attend a kick-off meeting to discuss other committee members' ideas. Share your child's input. Make a list of the ideas everyone feels work. Agree on who will tackle the responsibilities to bring the event to

Pirates ahoy

Make the event age-appropriate. One idea might be to throw a "Pirates Ahoy" party for younger children.

Ask them to pretend they are pirates stranded on a deserted treasure island. Put on your pirate hat and duce yourself or the teacher as Captain Clue, the one in charge of distributing treasure maps to all the pirates (parents). Post clues around the class

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of playground. Ask the pirates to follow you in search of clues to the treasure.

One clue might be a bright colored note in the classroom mailbox or inconspicuously tied to the playstaps that reads, "Take 20 giant steps to the next clue."

When Captain Clue and the pirates find the hidden treasure, the search is over. You might have chosen to bury small treasures such as miniature toy cars, pencils, key chains or treat bags in a playground sandbox or the one in the classroom.

Continue with your Pirates Ahoy theme by asking the students to create their own treasure in a bottle.

Have the children fill pint-size plastic milk containers with rice and small toy trinkets (plastic rings, cars, animals and pennies). Glue the lids on the containers. Now the children can turn and shake their treasure in a bottle all summer long.

Carnival

Grade school children enjoy year-end carnivals packed with a variety of activities. This is a big undertaking that requires the help and support of the faculty and parents to provide both fun and proper supervision.

Contact special event vendors who specialize in carnival-type activities.

You'll need to consider what game booths, prizes and extras (bouncer, dunk tank, food machines, disc jockey, balloons, decorations, food and beverages) fit into the budget and where you will need to look for donations.

Once the parent/school committee agrees on the parameters of the carnival, coordinate the event promotional materials. Ask students to design posters and flyers to hang around school and send home with every student. Include a sign-up area on the flyer asking parents to volunteer for the set-up or clean-up committee.

On the day of the carnival, don't forget to take pictures and record the events on video!

Trips

Most, if not all, middle and high school students are just happy to be getting out of school for the summer to hang out with friends. Many of the schools plan year-end events that take place days or weeks before the last days of school typically reserved for final exams.

Contact your parent-teacher organization president if parent input on year-end trips isn't generally a school tradition.

You might suggest organizing a group of parents, students and teachers

to come up with new trip ideas to take the place of the same old trip the faculty has planned for the last 10 years. Discuss the budget, transportation needs, supervision and time constraints. Once everyone has narrowed down the list of ideas, approach the principal with the final list of suggestions.

Remember the year-end school party, trip or event is for the students, not the parents. Try to help plan what the children will enjoy, not what the parents think they themselves will like. The keys to the event's success are the smiling faces of the children as they have fun in a safe, festive, memorable environment.

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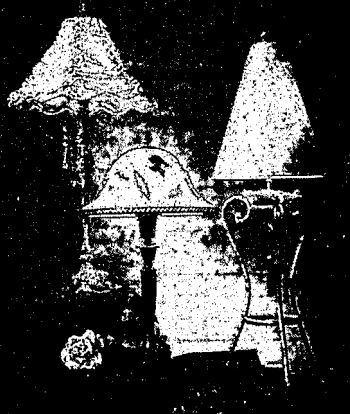
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SATURDAY



The Birmingham Temple's Vivace ushers in its spring concert series with Matt Watroba (left) and Robert Jones, a folk and blues duo, performing at 8 p.m. Admission is \$15 for members, \$18 for non-members. The Birmingham Temple is at 28611 W. Twelve Mile in Farmington Hills. Call Joyce Cheresch at (248) 788-9338 for tickets and information.

SUNDAY



"The Puck Stops Here," a spoof about hockey produced by The Second City Touring Company, is held at The Second City in downtown Detroit. Shows are 8 p.m. through Sunday with 10:30 p.m. shows on Friday and Saturday. Call The Second City box office at (313) 965-2222 or TicketMaster at (248) 645-6666 for tickets.

HOT TICKET



The Royal Hanneford Circus, featuring ringmaster Billy Martin, comes to The Palace of Auburn Hills for eight performances, Thursday-Sunday, April 6-9. Tickets \$12, \$8, and \$5. All seats opening night are \$4. Call (248) 645-6666 for show times and ticket information.



Helping hand: Stewart Francke founded The Stewart Francke Leukemia Foundation in hopes of helping others receive successful bone marrow transplants.

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
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Rock 'n roll star Marshall Crenshaw grew up in Berkley, within walking distance of the old Berkley Theatre, a landmark that's still selling candy and soft drinks but no longer showing movies.

Or making popcorn, for that matter.

The Berkley name remains on the marquee for city recognition but the building is now a drug store.

"It's disgusting," said Crenshaw, interviewed over the phone from his home in Brooklyn, N.Y. "It was a real nice theater with a natural echo and comfortable. They used to have two drug stores a half mile apart (on 12 Mile Road). Now there's one right in the middle."

It's no wonder Crenshaw has a great appreciation for historic sites that remain as they were intended, like the Royal Oak Theatre — his next stop in hopes that others can go on.

Crenshaw's band is the headliner of a second-annual benefit concert for the Stewart Francke Leukemia Foundation, on Thursday, April 13, sponsored by General Motors Corp. and aided by the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Crenshaw, who counts *Television Light, Someday, Someway* and *Whenever You're On My Mind* among his hit songs, was eager to play.

"They explained to me what it was about, what their foundation does and I was impressed

with it," Crenshaw, 46, said. "Their intentions are honorable and what I know about it is it's extremely well organized. I said 'that sounds cool and penciled it in.'"

Francke is a local musician who was diagnosed with Leukemia in June 1998. He received a successful stem cell bone marrow transplant from his sister, Kit Reece, months later.

Francke started the foundation to raise money for research and awareness on the importance of bone marrow donors, especially among African Americans and Hispanics who have a smaller chance of finding matches.

Francke and "Commissioned," an award-winning

What: Benefit concert for The Stewart Francke Leukemia Foundation

When: Thursday, April 13, beginning at 6 p.m. with sample complimentary tastings from Royal Oak's D'Amato's Restaurant. A concert, featuring gospel group Commissioned, hometown favorite Stewart Francke and native Berkley rocker Marshall Crenshaw starts at 7 p.m.

Where: Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth between Washington and Lincoln.

Why: To raise money for research and awareness of the importance of blood marrow donors.

Tickets: \$75, includes food and entertainment and silent auction. Call (248) 828-2865 or TicketMaster at (248) 645-6666 or log on to www.sffl.com for tickets. Cash bar.

Please see **FRANCKE, E2**



Marshall plan: Marshall Crenshaw, originally from Berkley, is the headline act at the upcoming benefit for The Stewart Francke Leukemia Foundation at Royal Oak Music Theatre.

Trinity House takes God's silence to task

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Elie Wiesel's only play is one Thomas Malcolm Olson has been wanting to direct for some time. Written by the Nobel Peace Prize winner in 1979, *The Trial of God* opens in a village where nearly all the Jews have been exterminated.

Wiesel speaks from experience in the play and three dozen books he's written on the horrors which Holocaust victims suffered during World War II. Deported with his family from Transylvania (Romania) at age 15, Wiesel survived Auschwitz and Buchenwald. His mother, father and youngest sister did not. A persistent literary witness to the Holocaust, Wiesel recalls his own struggle with God in the play and several of the

books including his memoirs. "It questions the silence of God when human beings are suffering," said Olson. "Wiesel originally set the play in a village in 1649. We're not doing it in period but more the French bohemian era of the 1950s because these are timeless questions."

Mark Hammell of Lathrup Village plays Berish, the innkeeper. He and his daughter are the only Jews to survive the brutal raid on Shamgorod, a village in Ukraine.

"It's based on a real life event," said Olson. "When Elie was 15 he was a

What: Trinity House Theatre presents the play, *The Trial of God*, by Nobel Peace Prize winner Elie Wiesel.

When: Opens Friday, April 7 and runs weekends to Sunday, April 30 (except for Easter, April 23), 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday.

Where: 38840 W. Six Mile, between I-275 and Haggerty, Livonia.

Tickets: \$8-10 Friday-Saturday, \$5 Sunday. Call (734) 464-6302.

Please see **TRINITY, E2**



Questioning God: Guy Snyder (left back), Mark Hammell, Hannah Riddell, Art Collings (left front), P.W. Henry, and Anessa and Scot Martin put God on trial in the Elie Wiesel play based on a true story.

PERFORMANCE

Wiggles give kids the giggles

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Barney will have a quartet of special guests wriggling, squiggling, and wagging their way onto the stage of his Musical Castle as the Australian children's group "The Wiggles" comes to Detroit, Thursday-Sunday, April 6-9.

During the April 2000 tour of *Barney's Musical Castle*, The Wiggles will perform during intermission at all of the Barney shows at Cobo Arena.

The Wiggles will also appear locally at FAO Schwarz in Troy on April 6, at Noodle Kidoodle in Northville on April 7, and Noodle Kidoodle in Rochester Hills on April 8.

Group

The Wiggles are the most successful children's entertainment group in the history of Australia, performing more than 500 shows a year to sold-out crowds. The group of four Australians and four whimsical, costumed characters combines lives action with audience participation for a giggling good time!

The Wiggles have captured the

attention and hearts of children of all ages as they sing and dance to such favorites as *Wake Up Jeff!*, *Romp Bomp A Stomp*, *Can You Point Your Fingers* and *Do the Twist?*, and *D.O.R.O.T.H.Y. (My Favorite Dinosaur)*. The sing-a-longs are performed by Anthony Field, Murray Cook, Greg Page and Jeff Fatt, four men from the Sydney area who are accompanied by costumed characters Dorothy the Dinosaur™, Wags the Dog™, Henry the Octopus™, and Captain Feathersword™.

Formed in 1991 by three "mates," Field, Cook and Page, who were studying Early Childhood Education at Macquarie University in Sydney, the group became a foursome after Fatt joined following graduation.

"We never ever thought of touring the world with what we do," said Page who dons a bright yellow shirt in all the Wiggles videos. "It is certainly very satisfying to think that what we do has been so well received by people in Australia, and is now starting to gain some recognition in other parts of the world."

Page said in 1991 the group took a leap of faith by giving up their regular jobs to become entertainers — nearly 10 years later they're the hottest children's group down under and have been gaining momentum in the U.S. since their first appearance in Sept. 1998.

"We first came to the U.S. to perform ... at Disneyland in California and then Sea World in Florida. It was a very brief stay, only about six days, but we still played to over 18,000 people while we were there," said Page.

Please see **WIGGLES, E2**



Meet the Wiggles: Australian performers Anthony Field, Murray Cook, Greg Page and Jeff Fatt make up the group — The Wiggles. The quartet is considered the most popular children's entertainment group Down Under.

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prisoner in Auschwitz when a rabbi took him under his wing. They met everyday to study and then with three other rabbis they put God on trial. Elie was the only witness to this."

In real life, God was found guilty of crimes against humanity. In the play no verdict is ever reached. Wiesel's own works consistently pose the question, how is it possible not to believe in God after these atrocities?

"You don't have to be religious to enjoy this play," said Olson. "Anyone who's struggled with evil will find resonance with these words. Elie describes it as a tragic farce. This is the biggest challenge to find out the humor in these lines and to find out what he means."

Olson's found himself doing a lot of soul searching in the eight weeks since rehearsals began for the play produced by Tim Dunham. More than ever, he believes theater makes a significant contribution in a variety of ways ranging from entertainment to social commentary.

"I'm realizing what an important art this is to be asking these questions," said Olson. "For me personally, the reward is to be participating in the asking of these questions. Trinity House's mission has always been to present brave, truthful and necessary works of art. It's not a play that can be easily dismissed. This is a play that's going to haunt."

Hammell finds himself examining his own beliefs as does his character. Berish is a man without answers after indicting God for his silence in the face of evil.

"It's been a test of Berish's will," said Hammell, a big, burly man who began acting in 1976. "The play doesn't answer any questions but inspires a lot of thought."

P.W. Henry, a Westland resident, plays one of the wandering minstrels who come to town hop-

ing to perform a Purim play. Instead, Berish challenges them to put God on trial. The innkeeper is all too willing to serve as prosecutor but first they must find a defense attorney. That's when Sam, a mysterious stranger, arrives in town.

"We want to perform and get free drinks and food when suddenly we're in the midst of this," said Henry. "A year before they had a massacre and only two Jews are left. My lines set me up to be preachy. I'm dealing with the attitude that I'm supposed to be wiser than I am. This play is pertinent to what's going on in the world even today. You look around at what's happened in Sarajevo."

Art Collings, a member of the minstrel troupe, plays Avremel. "He was a jester and is the professional actor of the band," said Collings, a Livonia resident. "He's seen it all so it's old to him. Being in the play has been a learning experience. It's made me think about things. How I would answer some of the questions — where is God when tragedy happens?"

Anessa Martin provides comic relief with her role as the barmaid who's somewhat of a gruff mother-figure. Her lines prevent the characters from sounding like they are in a debate.

"It's been a learning process," said Martin of Redford. "The play is very wordy. Our challenge as a cast is to make it interesting."

Guy Snyder's character symbolically portrays the Catholic church. As the priest he asks, "what is the true nature of God?"

"Another massacre is on the horizon," said Snyder, a Livonia resident. "He wants Berish to get out or to pretend to convert to Christianity. Every time we rehearse we discover something new about what Wiesel is trying to say. There's a lot of substance to the play."

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Stage show

The live stage show of *Barney's Musical Castle* will feature Barney and his friends Baby Bop™ and BJ. *Barney's Musical Castle* is a "whimsical journey born of a child's imagination." Through Barney's guidance a day of fun building sandcastles turns into an adventure that ends up at a real castle. Barney, BJ and Baby Bop, along with several new friends, begin an

excursion through an enchanted forest where sunflowers dance and a bunny, fox and bear are on hand to pave a path to a castle on the horizon.

Approximately 30 songs and dances will be played during the show.

Wiggles members Page says their success can be attributed to several things including their training as early childhood teachers.

They score

New Second City production plays tribute to 'Hockey Town'

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The Puck Stops Here at Second City Detroit through Sunday, April 16, where you can see the touring company in action.

"We tried to make it a hockey show, but we put together scenes anyone would enjoy," said Kirk Hanley of Farmington, one of the players. "We think the show will please both camps — diehard hockey fans who don't go to the theater much, and those who do."

The show, which opened Tuesday, is a mix of madcap skits, some of them musical, that are sure to score with fans.

"We've been working on it for about two months," said Hanley who described the show as a mix of original skits, and material from Second City archives.

During a preview performance on Tuesday, the company tried out some of their skits on a small, but enthusiastic audience. There's the wife who argues with her husband, the

referee, about the calls he makes, and an old hockey coach who tries to teach intellectuals at the University of Detroit how to play football.

"A health club is a paradise where every man is free ... and look at all these towels" — is an entertaining musical number. You'll get a kick out of their dance — imagine an Esther Williams-style synchronized swimming routine, on stage.

There's the husband who wants to "commit" to season Red Wings tickets, and his wife who isn't sure she wants to. A young boy wonders what it's like to watch a baseball game with the crowd, instead of sheltered with his wealthy parents in their sky box. The butler, played by Hanley, to the horror of his parents, prepares a hot dog for the boy.

The cast also includes Carey Crim who has performed in shows at Meadow Brook Theatre and the Jewish Ensemble Theatre.

"I heard a song on the radio, and the lyrics were 'do some-

thing every day that scares you.' I was thinking about that when I called the Actor's Equity Audition hotline," said Crim explaining how she landed at Second City-Detroit. "There was an audition for the Second City-Detroit, and I was hired for the touring company."

She describes *The Puck Stops Here* as definitely hockey heavy, but also a lot of fun.

"Hockey is a metaphor," she said. "We try to build on themes of life. It's a marriage of the two. It's for the player and someone who doesn't get it. Hockey's not her thing, but it's part of her world."

Hanley, Crim and the other members of the group — Jeff Fritz, Cheri Johnson, Topher Owen and Kiff Vanden Heuvel — have been working together for a year.

"This is the finest ensemble that any of us have worked with," said Hanley. "They're the most giving, cooperative, and talented people. It's always a joy to work together."

Hanley and the other touring company cast members are delighted to be performing on the mainstage in their first two-week show.

While the touring company is onstage, the mainstage cast will start working on their next show.

"Second City is always a work in progress," said Hanley. "Toward the end of the run, they'll start putting in new scenes to try them out for the new show."

Former mainstage cast member Margaret Exner is directing *The Puck Stops Here*.

"Paradigm Lost" will return to the Second City-Detroit mainstage on Wednesday, April 19.

The Second City-Detroit Touring Company presents "The Puck Stops Here," 8 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, April 6-9; and Tuesday-Sunday, April 11-16. Additional shows 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday. Tickets for Tuesday-Thursday and Sunday shows \$10-\$17.50 on Friday, and \$19.50 on Saturdays. Call (313) 965-2222.

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Gospel group from Detroit, are also scheduled to perform.

"It's a tremendous gift on the part of Marshall and 'Commissioned' to donate their time," said Francke, whose fifth CD, *Swimming In Mercury*, includes some songs about his diagnosis and recovery.

Crenshaw has lived in New York for the better part of 20 years, including quite a long stint in Woodstock, the site of some legendary outdoor concerts.

He said he enjoys playing in theaters the size of Royal Oak's. More importantly, he enjoys its cleanliness.

"The dressing rooms are clean, there's no 'BS' on the walls," said Crenshaw, who wrote the Gin Blossoms recent hit song *Till I Hear It From You*.

"I don't like to play in 'Rock toiles.' A lot of places I used to play prided themselves on being 'grungy.' Royal Oak Theatre is

classy, cool. I used to go to movies there when I was a kid. There's a lot of nice theaters in Detroit."

Ironically, it was a concert by Crenshaw back in 1981 at the Royal Oak Theatre that convinced Francke to quit his first job after college and go into music full time.

"Marshall's a terrific guy, one of the great rock 'n' rollers, a big favorite of mine," said Francke, who has two children with his wife Julia. "If I could have a wish list of people to play he'd

be at the top of it."

Francke considers himself fortunate to have found a bone marrow match in his family. There is a one in four chance of a family member being a match.

A search outside an immediate family costs Leukemia patients \$10,000 and Francke's organization wants to defray the costs.

"I woke up one morning and absolutely knew I was going to match, had a ton of faith going in," his sister said. "We realized how lucky we were that I was a match; then heard horror stories about people who don't have a match, couldn't find matching donors."

Francke said the foundation has raised more than \$100,000 since its inception. General Motors Vice Chairman Harry Pearce, the recipient of a successful stem cell transplant in 1998, has worked closely with

Francke for the cause.

About 800 attended the inaugural event, according to Francke, and he anticipates 1,000 this year. He's hoping for a higher minority turnout.

"We're trying to change the face of the audience," Francke said. "Our mandate is to try to help people who need it the most. The chances of white people finding a match are twice as great as minorities."

"I'm lucky I had a match and lived. I depend on people. It's how I feel about the world, about life."

Crenshaw recently released a new CD, titled *Number 447*, a name he said he picked for no particular reason.

"It's a watershed record for me," said Crenshaw, who has two small children with his wife Jone. "I couldn't think of a snappy name to give it."



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Animator brings El Dorado to life

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Not many people make a definite career choice at age 9. But Dreamworks animator Kent Culotta took one look at *Sleeping Beauty* and knew just what he wanted to do.

"I loved the way that one looked," said the Plymouth native. "I saw everything that came out at that time. It was a cumulative effect."

Culotta studied graphic design at Michigan State University where he learned to use an animation camera. After earning his bachelor of fine arts degree, he moved to California and completed graduate school coursework in animation at UCLA.

Now a Glendale, Calif., resident, Culotta has had a hand in *Pinocchio* and *The Emperor of the Night*, and recent favorites like *Who Framed Roger Rabbit*, *The Little Mermaid*, *Rescuers Down Under* and *Beauty and the Beast*. He adds characters like Roger Rabbit and Droopy, Ariel and Ursula, and Belle to his list of experience with character model clean-up and assisting other animators.

Truly realizing his longtime dream, Culotta became an animator for Dreamworks' *The Prince of Egypt* and furthered his skill with Dreamworks' latest release *The Road to El Dorado*.

The City of Gold

The Road to El Dorado, which opened locally Friday to packed houses, tells the story of two wide-eyed friends, the discerning Tulio (Kevin Kline) and the free-spirited Miguel (Kenneth Branagh), who in 1519 stumble upon the legendary city of gold known as El Dorado. Mistaken by High Priest Tzekel-Kan (Armand Assante) for revered gods, the bumbling con men

A way out:
The Chief, animated by a team including Plymouth's Kent Culotta, speaks to Miguel and Tulio, who are eager to take their gold and leave El Dorado.



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believe they've found the road to fortune and glory.

But their lies begin to unravel and time runs short as Spanish explorer Cortes approaches and Tzekel-Kan threatens an evil takeover of El Dorado. It's the pure-hearted ruler, known as the Chief (Edward James Olmos), who's onto their scheme but aids them every step of the way.

"With the help of Chel (Rosie Perez), a stunning and smart native, good triumphs over evil. Like Elton John sings, "All will be revealed/On the trail we blaze," and friendship becomes more valuable than all the gold in El Dorado.

The comedic adventure-fantasy is brought to life by a host of animators like Culotta. From the streaming fivers and rushing ocean waves, to the lush rain forest and sparkling city of gold, the latest in high-tech animation

draws fire from the sketches of imagination and colors it in with vibrant, realistic movements, heart-felt emotions and life lessons.

"I just think it's a great way to tell a story," said Culotta, who worked on the animation for the Chief. "There's just so many things you can do... It's a very rich medium."

Paving his own road

In the mid 1980s when he was beginning his career, animation was in sort of a slump, confined to television cartoons like *He-Man* and considered to be "kiddie stuff." Culotta didn't realize then that he was on the cusp of a cartoon renaissance spurred by companies like Walt Disney Feature Animation.

"When I started it was very difficult to get a job," he said. Now film and television are flooded with traditional and

computer animation.

It isn't just restricted to Saturday morning cartoons anymore.

While computer animators also worked on *The Road to El Dorado*, Culotta draws by hand. His only contact with computers is shooting his drawings with a computer-operated camera. While he sees the industry moving closer to computers, he said,

"I love having a pencil in my hand."

That pencil did not serve as lead animator for the character, so Culotta did not set the tone and mannerisms of the Chief. But he did help bring the Chief to life on-screen. "My job is to try to assimilate (the lead animator's) version of it and make it my own as well."

"I just think it's a great way to tell a story. There's just so many things you can do... It's a very rich medium."

Kent Culotta
—Animator

A shining example

Culotta said it takes patience, craftsmanship, acting ability and an observant eye to become an animator. It can take as long as four years to complete one animated film — from the spark of the idea to the time it hits theaters. Animators don't begin working until a story is worked out and production has begun.

Culotta finally saw the completed version of the film about two weeks ago and enjoyed it. "It's interesting," he said. "When you work on a film, usually you can see only the faults."

Once the story, animation and background music come together, what seemed to be lacking works out in the end.

Culotta is already working on his next project with Dreamworks. What began with one sleeping beauty has led down a long road for the animator, a road that seems to be paved in gold.



Ruling powers: *The Chief (left) and Tzekel-Kan believe ancient gods have arrived in El Dorado in a scene from The Road to El Dorado.*

Trio earns stage career after acting on whim

BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

When most of us think back to a silly moment in our lives, we usually don't recall it as a life-altering event.

With time, you may realize some significant things were happening when life was at its most crazy and comical. Silliness has been known to create deep, lasting friendships, reduce stress and provide free entertainment.

In the case of Arthur J. Beer, it even gave him a career.

A half-century ago, Beer and a pair of buddies from Warren High School formed The King Korn Trio, figuring their pantomimes of tunes from the immortal Spike Jones was a

great way to impress girls.

To their surprise, the act won the school's talent show, and the good fortune began to snowball.

"The King Korn Trio's timing couldn't have been better. Ted Mack's Original Amateur Hour was in town for a Boysville U.S.A. benefit, and the local competition at Olympia (stadium) earned us a trip to New York to appear on the show," says Beer.

Next came the group's selection to join the USO Tour of Europe.

The unlikely chain of events triggered a lifetime of stage work for Beer, who serves as associate director of the Theatre Company at the University of Detroit Mercy.

Now, those madcap moments from the early 1950s are being recaptured for audiences in The Theatre Company's production of *The King Korn Trio*, which

runs through April 16 at UDM's McAuley Theatre.

"My wife convinced me that the story is so ridiculous and unbelievable that it would be perfect for the stage," says Beer, who wrote and directs the play, that features Mary F. Bremer and David Jeffrey in key roles.

Committed to the belief that silliness is always good for the soul and occasionally an artistic discipline, The King Korn Trio production will be featured on Detroit Public TV's BACKSTAGE PASS series, in an edition that airs 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 9.

Even though my silly moments wouldn't be worthy of Ted Mack's *Original Amateur Hour* or even the recent *Star Search* showcases, I value them.

Life isn't all high drama. Sometimes it is at its best when it's like a *Gong Show* revue.

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THEATER

CENTURY THEATRE:

"Always...Patsy Cline" continues to Aug. 27, at the theater, Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800/(248) 645-6666

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," April 6-9, 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Sunday, 8 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, 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 Karl 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

EMU THEATRE:

"Wuthering Heights," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 7-8 and Thursday-Saturday, April 13-15; and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at Quirk Theatre, Ypsilanti. \$8 Thursday, \$13 Friday-Saturday, \$11 Sunday. (734) 487-1221

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE:

"Cactus Flower," theater performance only 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 7-8, in the Liberal Arts Theatre, Schoolcraft College, Livonia. \$8. (734) 462-4596

UD MERCY THEATRE:

"The King Korn Trio," continues to April 16, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, in the McAuley Theatre on campus, Detroit. \$10, \$8 seniors/students. (313) 993-1130

U-M THEATRE:

"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:

"Five by Tenn" continues to May 6, at the theater, Detroit. \$11-\$18. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATER

PARK PLAYERS OF NORTH ROSEDALE PARK:

"The Wizard of Oz" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 7-8, at the North Rosedale Community House, Detroit. \$15/\$13. (313) 835-1103

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

TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS:

Presents "A Little Princess" 2 p.m. Sunday, April 9 and 16, and 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 14-15 at the Masonic Temple Cathedral Theatre, Detroit (park in back of facility, use rear entrance). \$7-\$12. (313) 535-8962

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

DINNER THEATER

BACI THEATRE:

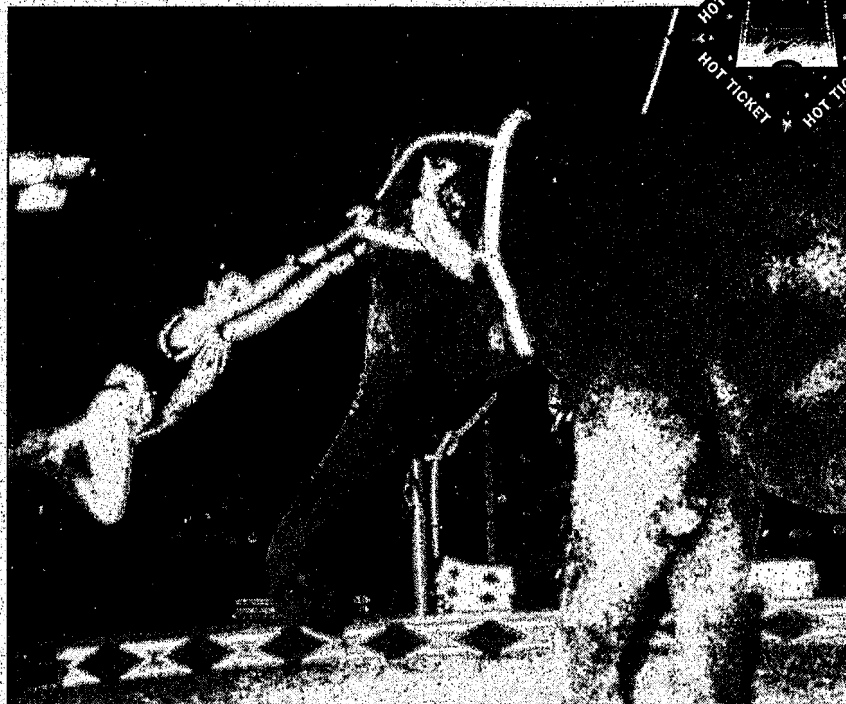
"Finagani's Wake," 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. Tickets (\$25 Thursday and Sunday, and \$30 Friday-Saturday); and "Tony n' Tina's Wedding," 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 4:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Pontiac. (248) 645-6666

FOX LAIR 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 Nell Simon, on alternate Thursdays, 7 p.m. dinner, show follows, at the theater, Southfield. \$25. (248) 544-0283



Royal treatment: *The Royal Hanneford Circus swings into action for eight stunning performances, Thursday, April 6, through Sunday, April 9, at The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Drive in Auburn Hills. Look for "Elephant Leaps" and Mark Karoly the "horse riding fool." The Moroccan Connection of acrobats will perform the human pyramids and Olga and Vladimir present acts of magic and illusion. Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. Thursday; 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Friday; 10:30 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday. Tickets \$4-\$12 are on sale at The Palace box office and all Ticketmaster outlets. Discounts are available for children 12 and under, senior citizens 65 and older, and groups of 15 or more. Call the group sales office at (248) 371-2055 or Ticketmaster at (248) 645-6666, or visit www.ticketmaster.com. Call (248) 377-0100 or visit www.palacenet.com for more information.*

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

LIVONIA YOUTH CHOIR:

Presents a spring concert with guest singers Churchill High School's Chorale, 4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 16, at Churchill High School, Livonia. Free.

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 8, 15 and 22, at the Detroit Puppet Theater, 25 E. Grand River. \$7, \$5 children. (313) 961-7777

THURSTON HIGH SCHOOL HONORS BAND:

Under conductor Edward Lucius, will give a Pre-Carnegie Hall Concert 3 p.m. Sunday, April 9 in the school's gymnasium. Admission is free to the concert which previews the bands late-April performance at Carnegie Hall in New York City. The program includes music by Morton Gould, Tschesnokoff, Sousa/Schissel, and Bennett's "Suite of Old American Dances."

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: Join Blue, Steve and friends on a quest for the most spectacular place, 10 performances, times vary, Wednesday, May 3-7, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$14.50-\$25.50, includes notebook and crayon. (248) 433-1515

CELEBRATION BASH:

Party planning event features hands-on activities for kids, and puppet shows every 30 minutes, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at the Southfield Civic Center. (248) 352-0990

FRIENDS OF POLISH ART:

Celebrate Easter with a traditional "Swieconka" 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) 849-4527. If you wish to participate in the art of Easter palm weaving bring scissors and some palms for braiding.

KING OF KINGS:

An Easter musical presented by the Celebration Choir, Hosanna Choir and Drama Ministry, 11 a.m. Palm Sunday, April 16 and 8 p.m. Good Friday, April 21, at Calvary Baptist Church, Canton,

(734) 455-0022

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

U.S. ARMY FIELD BAND AND SOLDIERS' CHORUS:

8 p.m. Monday, April 10, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. Free.

FAMILY EVENTS

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

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE:

"Celebrate the Dance," 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 14, silent and live auctions, formal dinner, and performance by ensemble members, at The Community House, Birmingham. \$75, \$125, \$200. (248) 362-9329

POP FOR ART:

Winefest to benefit the Ann Arbor Art Center, Saturday, April 15, in eagle Crest at the Ypsilanti Marriott. (734) 994-8004, ext. 106

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 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

AUSTRALIAN CHAMBER ORCHESTRA:

With pianist Anne-Marie McDermott perform 8 p.m. Friday, April 14, at Rackham Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$16-\$34. (734) 764-2538

BIRMINGHAM MUSICALE:

Flavio Varani, piano; Nadine Deleury, cello and Velda Kelly, violin, 7 p.m. Sunday, April 9, in Varner Recital Hall on campus, Rochester. \$15-\$25, proceeds go to Birmingham Musicale's scholarship and philanthropic programs. (248) 738-9827

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA:

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

GRAMERCY TRIO:

8 p.m. Saturday, April 8, at Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$10-\$25. (734) 769-2999

JOEL HASTINGS:

An evening with Chopin, 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, at Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$5-\$15. (734) 769-2999

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY CHAMBER ENSEMBLE:

3 p.m. Sunday, April 9, in Varner Recital Hall on campus, Rochester. Free. (248) 370-3013

POPS/SWING

DETROIT SYMPHONY POPS:

"A Musical Journey Through the Golden Age of Radio," 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, April 13, 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 14-15, and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 16, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$18-\$47. (313) 576-5111

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.

THE SPRING SWING:

Pops Concert featuring Barry Baker playing the music of Gershwin, Ellington and more on the Barton Theatre Organ 8 p.m. Saturday, April 8, at the Redford Theatre, Detroit. \$10. (313) 531-4407

AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

MACOMB BALLET COMPANY:

Open auditions for male and female ballet dancers, 10 a.m. Saturday, April 15, at Ann Parsley School of Dance, Clinton Township. \$10. (810) 286-8300

MICHIGAN THEATER AND DANCE TROUPE:

Open auditions for dancers age 16 and older. (248) 552-5001

SUMMER SYMPHONY OF ANN ARBOR:

Auditions begin Saturday, April 19 and run for three weekends 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 Bagel 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 visual, performing or literary arts. Deadline for application is Sunday, April 16. The scholarship must be used for independent work and not a student group project. Call (248) 543-9158

JAZZ

JOHNNY BASSETT & THE BLUES INSURGENTS:

9 p.m. Friday, April 7, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

THE BROTHERS GROOVE:

9 p.m. Saturday, April 8 and 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 13, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

THE COURIERS:

And the Eastern Michigan University Jazz Ensemble, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 8, at Pease Auditorium at Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti. \$12, \$8 seniors, \$5 students, proceeds to benefit for the jazz ensemble. (734) 487-1221/(734) 487-2282

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

STEFON HARRIS QUARTET:

8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Thursday, April 6, at the Bird of Paradise, 312 S. Main (new address), Ann Arbor. \$15 advance. (734) 662-8310

DAVE HOLLAND QUINTET:

9 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 7-8, at the Bird of Paradise, 312 S. Main (new address), Ann Arbor. \$15 advance. (734) 662-8310

RAMSEY LEWIS TRIO:

8 p.m. Thursday, April 6, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$16-\$62. (313) 576-5111

MARIAN MCPARTLAND:

With Paul Keller, bass and Pete Slers, drums, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday, April 7, at the Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$25, \$40, to benefit the U-M Marian McPartland Jazz Piano Scholarship Fund. (734) 769-2999

MATT MICHAELS TRIO:

With vocalist Harvey Thompson 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, at Ron's Fireside Inn, Garden City. \$5 cover in Jazz Room, waived with dinner order, \$5 drink minimum. (734) 762-7756

WAYNE NEWTON:

8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 14-15, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Clinton Township. \$35-\$44. (810) 286-2222/(800) 585-3737

EVAN PARKER/NED ROTHENBERG:

8 p.m. Thursday, April 13, at Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$10-\$25. (734) 769-2999

CAMILLE PRICE & THE BECHET BLUES BAND:

9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 7-8, at Tom's Oyster Bar, Southfield. (248) 356-8881

URSULA WALKER/BUDDY BUDSON:

With Dan Koltun, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, at Giovanni's, Pontiac. (248) 334-5241

SWAN'S OLDEST LIVING SAXOPHONE SECTION:

Perform music of the Big Band era, 10 a.m. Thursday, April 13, in the Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$25, \$40. (734) 764-2538

FOLK/ BLUEGRASS

SHARON ISBIN/SUSANNE MENTZER:

Perform French and American folk songs, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 13, at the Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$25, \$40. (734) 764-2538

WORLD MUSIC

CHULRUA:

The trio, named after the favorite wolfhound of an ancient Irish hero, play traditional Irish music 5 p.m. Sunday, April 9 at Conor O'Neill's Irish Pub & Restaurant, Ann Arbor. (734) 665-2968

ORGAN

JAMES KIBBIE:

Bach Recital, 4 p.m. Sunday, April 9 and 16 (Infor-

mal talk begins 3:30 p.m.), Blanche Anderson Moore Hall at U-M School of Music, Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 764-0583

CHORAL

MUSIC AT MEMORIAL:

Concert of sacred music by Duruffe, Britten, Ravel and Bloch, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, \$15, \$10 students/seniors. (313) 882-5330

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY CHORALE/UNIVERSITY CHORUS:

8 p.m. Friday, April 7 in Varner Recital Hall on campus, Rochester. \$10, \$8 seniors, \$6 students. (248) 370-3013

U-M MEN'S GLEE CLUB:

8 p.m. Saturday, April 8, at Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$12, \$10, \$7, \$5 students. (734) 764-1448

POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD

MUSE ALIVE:

Charleen Berels, 8-10 p.m. Saturday, April 8, at Tucker's Cafe, Ypsilanti.

THE WRITER'S VOICE:

Novelist Rebecca Brown and poet Aaron Shufin, 8 p.m. Friday, April 7, at the Scarab Club, Detroit. Free. (313) 577-2450/(313) 267-5310, ext. 338; 4th annual Poetry Month Reading Wednesday, April 12, on the third floor of the Language Arts Dept., Detroit Public Library's Main Branch, 5201 Woodward. Free. (313) 267-5310, ext. 338/(313) 833-1470

DANCE

AVODAH DANCE ENSEMBLE:

The Cohn-Haddow 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" featuring the Avodah Dance Ensemble 2:30-4 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. (313) 577-2679/(248) 851-6880; also the Cohn-Haddow Center for Judaic Studies and the dance department at Wayne State University will present a dance workshop featuring JoAnne Tucker, artistic director of the Avodah Dance Ensemble, 2 p.m. Monday, April 10, at the Maggie Allesee Dance Studio on the campus of Wayne State University, Detroit. Reservations required (313) 577-4273/(313) 577-2679

DANCE GALLERY:

Mambo workshop 4:30-6:30 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at the dance studio, Ann Arbor. \$35/couple. (734) 747-8885

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(248) 669-1444
JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB: Kerry White Thursday-Saturday, April 5-8; Nick DiPalo; also Elliott Branch, Wednesday-Saturday, April 12-15, 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: Pablo Francisco, Thursday-Sunday, April 6-9; Joey Kola, Friday-Saturday, April 14-15, at the club, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885
MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE: Lewis Black, also Ben Konstantin, Thursday-Saturday, April 6-8; Jimmy Pardo, also David Bell, Thursday-Saturday, April 13-15, at the club, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900
SECOND CITY: "The Puck Stops Here," touring company presentation, 8 p.m. April 6-9 and April 11-16. Tickets \$10 Tuesday-Thursday and Sunday; \$17.50 Friday, and \$19.50 Saturday. (313) 965-2222; (248) 645-6666 or online at www.ticketmaster.com
SINBAD: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 15, at the Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$27.50, \$35. (248) 433-1515
THE COMEDY CASTLE: Rick Rockwell, Tuesday, April 11, at the club, Detroit. (248) 542-9900

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM: Cynthia Canty is tour guide for "On the Air: Michigan Radio & Television Broadcasting 1920-2000" 1-3 p.m. Sunday, April 9, exhibit continues through Sunday, April 30; at the museum, Detroit. Museum hours 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; \$3, \$1.80 seniors/children ages 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805
DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS: T.G. Oops!, an evening of art, music, friends and fun 7:30-11 p.m. Thursday, April 6 (\$35 non-members), (248) 691-1800, ext. 1077. First Friday, 6:30-9:30 p.m. April 7. Drop-in portrait workshop, recital by member of Michigan Opera Theatre's "Der Rosenkavalier" production, drawing in the galleries. African weaving demonstration, lecture on Paul Gauguin 2 p.m. Saturday, April 8, at the museum. Free with donation of \$4, \$1 children. (313) 833-7900
DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM: Visit the newest exhibition "Folk Art of the Great Lakes" or "Racing on the Wind: Sailing on the Great Lakes," also a temporary exhibit on the construction and launch of the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald, at the museum on Belle Isle, Detroit. Regular admission \$2, \$1 seniors/children ages 12-18 during the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. (313) 852-4051
PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM: New exhibit, "American Vacations & Leisure," continues through August, 7:30 p.m. at the museum, Plymouth. \$3, \$1 students, \$7 family. (734) 455-8940
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN MUSEUM OF ART: Annette Lawrence's installation fills the Apse of the museum with wonder, the paper and string work continues through Sunday, April 16. A free, docent led tour will be held 2 p.m. Sunday, April 9, hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, until 9 p.m. Thursday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday; at the museum, Ann Arbor. Free, but a \$5 donation is suggested. (734) 764-0395

LIVE MUSIC

THE ALLIGATORS: 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 7-8, The Carriage House, Detroit
LORI AMEY: 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
JAMES ARMSTRONG: 10 p.m. Thursday, April 13, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, Novi. (248) 735-4011
ARSONISTS: Friday, April 21, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. (248) 645-6666
PATO BANTON AND REGGAE REVOLUTION: 9 p.m. Friday, April 21, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. \$15-\$20. (313) 833-9700
BEENIEMAN: With Kirk Davis and Silver Cat, Juggling by Strictly Roots, 9 p.m. Friday, April 7

Majestic Theatre, Detroit. \$20. (313) 833-9700
THE BIHLMAN BROTHERS: 10 p.m. Friday, April 14, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, Novi. (248) 735-4011; 10 p.m. Saturday, April 15, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922
BLACKMAN AND ARNOLD: 10 p.m. Sundays in April, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922
BOTTOM: With 500 Ft. of Pipe, 8 p.m. Sunday, April 16, The Shelter, Detroit. \$6. All ages. (313) 961-MELT
THE BREAKDOWNS: With 3D Invisibles, CD release, 9 p.m. Saturday, April 22, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$7, 18 and over. (313) 833-9700
BROTHERS GROOVE: 10 p.m. Mondays, Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-MENU; 9:30 p.m. Friday, April 7, 21, Woodruff's, Royal Oak. (248) 586-1519; 9 p.m. Saturday, April 8, 15 and 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, Edison's, Birmingham. (248) 645-2150; 10 p.m. Saturday, April 22, Berkley Front, Berkley. (248) 547-3331
LJ BUKEM: Friday, April 7, Motor Hamtramck. (313) 396-0080 or www.motordetroit.com
CALAMITY JANE: With South 65, Lucid Jones, 8 p.m. Friday, April 7, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$6. (248) 544-3030
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
CITIZEN KING: 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$10. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com
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
DENNIS CYPORYN: 8 p.m. Friday, April 21, Borders Books and Music, Auburn Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 335-5013
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: 7 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
DETROIT MUSIC AWARDS: Featuring Kid Rock and Twisted Brown Trucker, 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 14, State Theatre, Detroit. 18 and older. \$15. (248) 645-6666
DISTURBED: Saturday, May 6, Harpo's Detroit.
DOMESTIC PROBLEMS: With Heilo Dave, Nadas, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 6, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$6. (248) 544-3030
DRIFTERS/COASTERS/MARVELETES: 8 p.m. Friday, April 7, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Clinton Township. \$22-\$26. (810) 286-2222/(800) 585-3737
CHRIS DUARTE: 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$12. (248) 544-3030
ELM: With Pure Suspension, 10 p.m. Saturday, April 15, Jacoby's, Detroit. 18 and over. \$5. (313) 962-7067

EUPHORIC: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 13, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com
THE FLOW: With Cloud Nine, Jlant, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, April 15, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com
GLENN FREY: 8 p.m. Saturday, July 8, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. \$42.50. (248) 645-6666
CHARLIE GERRINGER: 8 p.m. Friday, April 7, Borders Books and Music, Auburn Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 335-5013
GHETTIBILLES: With the Original Brothers and Sisters of Love, Church of Betty, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, April 8, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com
GIRLS AGAINST BOYS: 9:30 p.m. Friday, April 21, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$10. (248) 645-6666
GIVE: With Jill Jack, Scott Fab, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 15, Magic Bag, Ferndale. (248) 544-3030
GORDON BENNETT: 10 p.m. Sunday, April 12, 19, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, Novi. (248) 735-4011; 10 p.m. Friday, April 7, 21, Fifth Avenue, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922
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 11, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800



COREY HARRIS: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 9, State Theatre, Detroit. \$27.50-\$35. (313) 961-5450
STEFON HARRIS: 8, 10:30 p.m. Thursday, April 6, Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$15. (734) 662-8310
MICKEY HART BAND: Featuring Vince Welnick, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 18, Michigan Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$15-\$25. (734) 668-8397
DAVID HOLLAND QUINTET: 9, 11:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 7-8, Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$20. (734) 662-8310

CLUB CIRCUIT

ALVIN'S: 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. 18 and older welcome. (313) 832-2355 or www.alvins.tcom.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
CARBON: 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
CONDOR O'NEILLS: 318 S. Main, Ann Arbor. Free live entertainment. (734) 665-2968 or www.condoroneills.com
COWLEY'S: 33338 Grand River Avenue, Farmington. (248) 474-5941
THE DECK AND THE FIVE HOLE: 2301 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.detroitsscience.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) 647-7747
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 LOUIS ARENA: 600 Civic Center Drive, Detroit. (313) 983-6606
JD'S KEY CLUB: 1 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 338-7337
KARL'S CABIN: 9979 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450
LA BOOM TEEN NIGHT CLUB: 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: 75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.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 Farmworth, Detroit. (313) 831-1250
ST. ANDREW'S 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



CLAIRE HOLLEY: 8 p.m. Saturday, May 6, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$10. \$8 for theater members. (734) 464-6302
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
ICH BIN EIN BERLINER: With PT's Revenge, Gutter Punx, 6 p.m. Friday, April 21, Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$7. (313) 961-MELT
IMPERIAL SWING ORCHESTRA: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 16, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$6. (734) 996-8555; 10 p.m. Thursday, April 27, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922
NIKKI JAMES AND THE FLAMETHROWERS: 9 p.m. Friday, April 14, Ford Road Bar and Grill, Westland. Free, 21 and over. (734) 721-8609
THE JAZZ BUTCHER: Featuring Pat Fish, Max Eider, Kevin Haskins and Owne Jones, 9 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, Magic Stick, Detroit. 18 and over. \$12. (248) 645-6666 or (313) 833-9700
JO NAB: 10 p.m. Friday, April 14, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922; 10 p.m. Saturday, April 15, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, Novi. (248) 735-4011
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)
KINA: With DJ Papa Ron, 9 p.m. Saturday, April 22, Shelter, Detroit. All ages. Free
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; 10 p.m. Saturday, April 8, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, Novi. (248) 735-4011
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
TONY LEVIN & CALIFORNIA GUITAR TRIO: With Richard Leo Johnson, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 13, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$20. (248) 544-3030
MARAH: 8 p.m. Thursday, April 20, The Shelter, Detroit. \$6. All ages. (313) 961-MELT
DJ MARQUIS: 9 p.m. Thursdays, Detroit Science. "The Lab." 18 and older. \$10-\$15 cover. Ladies free. (313) 438-4146
STONEY MAZAAR AND THE WESTSIDERS: 9 p.m. Friday, April 7, Ford Road Bar and Grill, Westland. Free. 21 and over. (734) 721-8609
JIM MCCARTY AND MYSTERY TRAIN: 7 p.m. Friday, April 14, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800
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
IAN MOORE BAND: With The Hot Rod Sinners, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 8, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$10. (248) 544-3030
MORSEL: With Lovesick and Tribe of Zoe, 9:30 p.m. Friday, April 14, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$5 (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com
MUDPUPPY: 9:30 p.m. Friday, April 7, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, Novi. (248) 735-4011; 9:30 Saturday, April 8, Memphis Smoke, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300; 9:30 p.m. Saturday, April 15, Cavern Club, Ann Arbor.
MPX: With The Hippos, 7 p.m. Sunday, April 16, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. \$12. All ages. (313) 961-MELT
NEGATIVLAND: 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.
ORIGINAL HITS: 7 p.m. Monday, April 10, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800
ORIGINAL PI: Featuring members of Parliament Funkadelic, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 20, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$20. (248) 645-6666
PINEHURST KIDS: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 6, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com
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
PORK TORNADO: 8 p.m. Sunday, April 9, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$15 (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com
DJ'S QUIG AND DARREN REVELL: 10 p.m. Wednesdays in April, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922
RACHEL AND KAPP: 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800
REFERMEN: 10 p.m. Thursday, April 6, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, Novi. (248) 735-4011
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 15, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, Novi. (248) 735-4011
THE RIPPINGTONS WITH RUSS FREEMAN: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 16, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. \$37.50. (248) 645-6666
RUSTY LUNCHBOX: 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 7-8, US-12/Wayne Brewery, Wayne. (734) 722-7639
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
SMOKEHOUSE: 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 7-8, 14-15, Village Bar and Grill, Wayne. (734) 729-2360
SNAPCASE: With Grade, Ensign, and Turmoil, 7 p.m. Saturday, April 8, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$10. (248) 645-6666
SOLID FROG: With Red Dye #9, 9:30 p.m. Friday, April 7, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com
SOOT: CD Release, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 8, Shelter, Detroit. \$7. All ages. (248) 645-6666
STUNNING AMAZON: 9 p.m. Friday, April 7, Jacoby's, Detroit. \$6. Benefit for Dylan Sinnott, featuring Audra Kubat, Allison Lewis Band, The Ziffelz and The Incurables. (313) 962-7067; 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 9, "Backstage Pass" with Channel 56; 10 p.m. Sunday, April 9, Interview on 89X Homeboy's Show with Kelly Brown
THOM: 9 p.m. Saturday, April 8, Nankin Mill Tavern, Westland. (734) 427-0622
TWISTIN TARANTULAS: 10 p.m. Saturday, April 8, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922
WATTS PROPHETS: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 8, at the Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor. \$14-\$26. (734) 764-2538
MARTY WILSON-PIPER OF THE CHURCH: 9 p.m. Saturday, April 22, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. 18 and older. \$15, on sale March 11. (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, 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
500 FEET OF PIPE: With Braillehouse, 10 p.m. Saturday, April 8, Jacoby's, Detroit. 18 and over. \$5. (313) 962-7067

MOVIES

Too much talk weighs heavily in 'Waking The Dead'

BY CHRISTY LEMIRE
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

A.P. — "Waking the Dead" begins in 1974. Fielding Pierce (Billy Crudup) learns from watching the news that his girlfriend, Sarah Williams (Jennifer Connelly), has died in a car bombing.

Flash forward to 1982. The governor hand picks Fielding, an up-and-coming young lawyer in the district attorney's office in Chicago, to run for Congress. Fielding has good looks, a Harvard education, a socialite girlfriend and powerful political backing. He's on the verge of attaining everything he has ever wanted.

But Fielding can't get Sarah out of his mind. He thinks he sees her and hears her voice everywhere. He slowly starts losing his mind and wonders whether she ever really died.

Through flashbacks to a snow-covered New York City in 1972, we see Fielding and Sarah meet and fall in love. Both are liberal and idealistic.

Fielding wants to make a difference by becoming part of the political system. Sarah favors revolution, and her activism is what leads to her early demise. She dies while helping a group of Chileans flee their country.

Director Keith Gordon flashes back and forth in time — too much, really — to reveal their

passionate, rocky relationship. It's hard to get emotionally involved with the movie, though, because it skips around so often.

Robert Dillon bogs down his script, which he adapted from a 1986 novel by Scott Spencer, with tedious, talky speeches. Fielding ruins dinner with Sarah's church friends by spouting his political beliefs. Sarah makes a similar scene at one of Fielding's stuffy cocktail parties.

As the two overanalyze their relationship, she also gets to say things like, "You have to love me,

too, not in image and not in idea." Granted, Sarah is a philosophical woman caught up in the idealism of the Vietnam era, but do people really talk like this?

The movie, which Jodie Foster executive produced, also wastes Janet McTeer in a poorly developed supporting role. The Tony

winner, who was nominated for a best actress Oscar for "Tumbleweeds," plays Fielding's older sister, Caroline. She pushes his campaign, and, like the rest of Fielding's working-class family, has pinned her hopes on his success. But that's all we learn about her.

Crudup and Connelly, who also worked together in 1997's "Inventing the Abbotts," manage to muddle through, however, and deliver strong performances.

They look great together and have terrific chemistry. Connelly shows warmth and vulnerability as Sarah. She is alternately sultry and strong-willed. Crudup looks every bit the ambitious young politician. He also does a good job of making his character's agonizing grief seem real. If only the rest of the film were as compelling as his performance.

Flash Gordon: Director Keith Gordon moves back and forth through time with his drama "Waking The Dead." It stars Billy Crudup (left) and Jennifer Connelly (right).



Farmington resident wins O&E Academy Award contest

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This year's *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers'* "Oscar" award goes to Libby Lucas of Farmington.

Lucas was one of two readers to pick the winners of this year's Academy Awards for Best Picture, Best Actor/Actress in a Leading Role, Best Actor/Actress in a Supporting Role, Best Directing, and Best Original Screenplay. Her name was chosen in a random drawing. Over 300 readers submitted ballots for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers'* annual Academy Award contest.

Lucas won an annual movie pass for two from AMC Theatres. She was surprised and happy to win.

"I love movies. I go once a week," she said. "I like good stories."

"The Cider House Rules," was her favorite movie of the year, but she chose "American Beauty," because she thought it would win.

Her strategy for choosing this



Oscar winners: Lester Burnham (Kevin Spacey) is enjoying the changes he has made in his life, to the complete exasperation of his wife Carolyn (Annette Bening) in "American Beauty."

year's winners included watching the Golden Globe Awards and People's Choice Award shows.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

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.

WEST BEIRUT
Directed by Ziad Doueiri and showing exclusively at the Detroit Film Theatre April 7-9, the story of a Christian girl and two Muslim boys who are doing their best to survive adolescence in 1975 Beirut despite a civil war.

RULES OF ENGAGEMENT
Military suspense drama tells story of a decorated officer on trial for rescue mission gone wrong. He chooses a fellow officer to represent him, but the officer begins to doubt the story of this man who saved his life decades before. Stars Samuel L. Jackson, Tommy Lee Jones and Blair Underwood.

RETURN TO ME
A widower falls in love with the woman who received his wife's heart. Stars David Duchovny and Minnie Driver.

Scheduled to open Friday, April 14

KEEPING THE FAITH
Ed Norton directed and stars in this romantic comedy about two men who fall for the same woman. The twist is that one man is a Catholic priest and the other an Orthodox rabbi. Also stars Ben Stiller, Jenna Elfman and Anne Bancroft.

AMERICAN PSYCHO
Chilling tale, based on a Brad Easton Ellis novel, of a Wall Streeter who goes



One heartfelt story: Minnie Driver and David Duchovny fall in love in "Return to Me," opening in metro area theaters Friday.

on a rage-fueled killing spree. Stars Christian Bale, Willem DeFoe, Jared Leto, Reese Witherspoon and Samantha Mathis.

TITUS
At the Landmark Maple Art Theatre, this take on Shakespeare's "Titus

"Andromedus" has a surreal, time-bending fusion of costumes and settings from many eras. Written and directed by Julie Taymor, it stars Anthony Hopkins, Jessica Lange, Alan Cumming, and Jonathan Rhys Meyers.

WHERE THE MONEY IS
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EATING OUT

Clientele stays loyal throughout Rock's evolution

BY ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

While retaining its modern, eclectic, energy-driven dining atmosphere, catering to a variety of moods since opening in 1997, Big Rock Chop and Brew House in Birmingham has evolved.

Big Rock's dining room atmosphere has masculine appeal. It always has. That's not to say that women don't like it because I definitely do and so did many women I found "doing lunch" a few days ago. Yet, with its dark woods and Up North lodge feel, complemented by hunting trophies as wall art, there's no question, it's manly. So are its Fred Flintstone-size, hand-cut aged steaks and chops.

At Big Rock's debut, the soul of the hungry man was satisfied by a male executive chef. Here's the evolution. Now, simultaneously attentive to the light and right attitudes of female diners, while grilling up the best steaks this side of Kansas City, is the duo of Executive Chef Nina Scott and Pastry Chef and culinary consultant Carolyn "Carol" Haskins.

Only a handful of the area's best restaurants are captained by women. At age 15, Chef Nina started as a line cook for the C.A. Muer Corp. Leaving after 12 years, she had risen to the ranks of a sous chef. She perfected her skills out of state and from 1990 to 1998 wore her toque (actually not; it's a baseball cap) in the kitchens of the Unique Restaurant Corp.'s Morels and No. VI Chophouse before coming to Big Rock eight months ago.

Chef Carol was on board when Big Rock opened. Her leadership in area kitchens such as the Village Club, The Money Tree, Jacques, and the Townsend Hotel is legendary. Today, she considers herself semi-retired, working about 20 hours whip-

ping up a bevy of fabulous Big Rock desserts.

"It's weird sometimes," Chef Nina said. "When we exchange ideas about the menu or how to prepare a certain dish, Carol often finishes my sentence, or I finish hers. Our cooking styles, based on the idea of blending flavors, and our presentations are so similar. I don't know who should be more frightened, me or Carol."

Insider information

Nothing frightening at all! Here's the insider info on Chef Nina's favorites from her own menu. For starters and a dynamic presentation, it's Oriental Seared Tuna, seared rare with oriental citrus glaze and wasabi mayonnaise. It's a twist on sashimi, unexpected on a chophouse menu. For a principal plate, Big Rock Bone-In 14-ounce Filet Mignon tops the list. Order it with Chef Nina's third most favorite offering, Roasted Garlic and White Cheddar Mashed Potatoes.

"We make these three to four times daily," she said. "Mellow, homey, comfort food."

From the daily-changing dessert tray, Chef Carol said key lime pie, formerly served only in warm weather, was such a hit that it's now served year round. She's partial to flying buffalo stout cheesecake made with Brewmaster Dean Jones' Stout.

If you order espresso or cappuccino, she suggests the biscotti. When pressed, she revealed, the most popular is her warm chocolate soufflé cake, "where warm chocolate rolls out of the center." It's served with strawberry coulis and ice cream. Death by chocolate never tasted so good!

"But I have my own dessert favorite," Chef Nina said. "It's Dean's Stout Ice Cream Float."

And that's more evolution at



STAFF PHOTO BY JERRY ZOLYNSKY

Female touch: Pastry Chef and culinary consultant Carol Haskins (left) and Executive Chef Nina Scott help make Big Rock Chop and Brew House a neat experience.

Big Rock. The talented Brewmaster Dean Jones is an accomplished cook and is now revealing this talent. He not only makes the stout for this dessert, he makes the ice cream. He makes a beer chorizo sausage (to die for) that can be ordered for a party. Jones' recipe won the 1999 State of Michigan-BBQ Championship. I think if you ask for it, it could become a frequent special, or even better, make it to the regular menu.

"Chef Nina and I are working closely to create menu items that pair well with my brews," Jones said. "Big Rock Blonde Light was brewed to better suit female beer

preferences and to pair with some of our lighter dishes. It's a real favorite with our new wrap sandwiches at lunch."

There's a great saying, "Never trust a skinny brewmaster. He doesn't like to eat and he doesn't drink his own beer." Jones can be trusted! He's a great complement to Big Rock's culinary artistic evolution and its leading lady chefs.

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BLUE PLATE SPECIALS

Elie's Mediterranean Restaurant & Fresh Juice Bar in Birmingham has been remodeled to include fine dining and also has changed some of its cooking methods.

The fresh juice bar, formerly outdoors, has been moved inside. Private seating sections also have been added to create a fine dining atmosphere from what was formerly a cafe look.

Customers also now have the opportunity to view the chef staff preparing some of the food on the menu.

For more information, call (248) 647-2420.

Matt Prentice's Morels, A Michigan Bistro, hosts A Celebration for Cabernet Lovers on Friday, April 14. The event features eight world-class Napa Cabernet Sauvignons hand-

selected by URC Master Sommelier Madeline Trifon, an elegant culinary ensemble designed by Chef Jim Barnett and guest speaker Tom Hyland, a Chicago-area wine educator.

The cabernet begins with a reception at 6:30 p.m.

Hyland, a free-lance journalist and instructor at Chicago's North Shore Wine Education, has collaborated on past Morels feasts and demonstrated an unparalleled expertise in the industry.

Hyland will lead guests through the Napa variety that put America on the international wine map. Three courses will be served, plus dessert.

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REAL ESTATE QUERIES



ROBERT M. MEISNER

Recently you had a column suggesting that a homeowners association articles of incorporation should be amended to take advantage of certain changes in the non-profit corporation act that insulate directors, officers and committee persons from certain types of liability.

Does that mean that we don't have to pay for insurance to protect our directors?

Absolutely not! You should always have adequate directors and officers liability insurance, as well as other general liability insurance necessary to properly protect the interests of the association.

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However, the fact that the directors, officers and committee persons may be exempt from liability in certain instances can only enhance the ability of the association to fend off potential lawsuits and, in some cases, to obtain a reduction in the insurance premium.

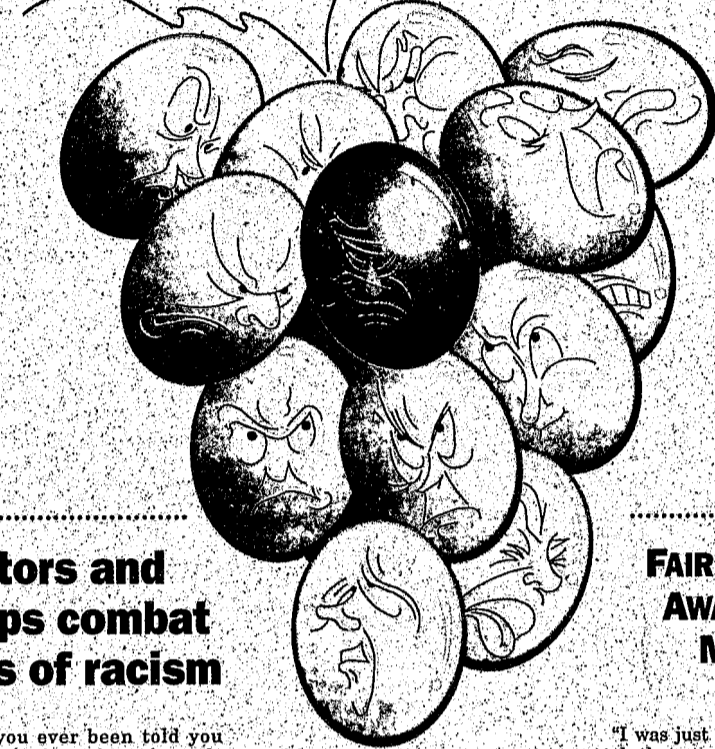
You are best advised to consult with an experienced condominium association attorney to assist you in those endeavors.

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HOME SEEKER'S CHECK-LIST

- ✓ Seller Disclosure Payment (Required by law)
- ✓ Lead Disclosure Statement (Required by law)
- ✓ Home Summary Feature Sheet (Room dimensions, etc.)
- ✓ School district serving neighborhood (Where exactly are buildings, bus stops)
- ✓ Age of major mechanical/structural components (Furnace, water heater, shingles, windows, etc.)
- ✓ Appliances Included?
- ✓ Property taxes (Based on current selling price, NOT current records)
- ✓ Municipal services provided (Trash collection, leaf pick-up, snow removal, library)
- ✓ Condition of neighboring properties

Sour grapes



Realtors and groups combat fruits of racism

Have you ever been told you were too old or too young to do something? How about too short or too tall? Or too stupid?

Maybe you were advised, 'Boys don't do that.' Or girls.

Do you remember the disappointment, the anger?

That's what Fair Housing Awareness month, observed nationwide in April, is all about.

It's about equal opportunity to rent or buy regardless of skin color, sex, age, marital status, national origin, religious preference, familial status or physical handicap. It's about avoiding hurt feelings. And it's the law.

Sometimes, a simple personal experience is worth more than a ton of pontification to illustrate a point. Here's how several professionals who work in the field on a daily basis have been touched by the issue.

Also, their takes on what the typical person — Larry Livonia, Betty Birmingham or Carol Clarkston — can do to promote fair housing.

Clifford C. Schrupp has been director of the Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit for 23 years.

"I've been involved in civil rights activities a long time, since college days back in the 1950s. What probably helped focus me on issues relating to fair housing occurred in Saginaw.

"We were able before fair housing laws in the early '60s, before they became effective, we were able to do picketing outside the home of an owner who was refusing to sell the home to a black doctor and his wife.

"We eventually were able to get enough public pressure on the person to make the sale. That suggested we probably can have progress in this area."

There's a lot individuals can do to get more directly involved in fair housing, Schrupp said.

Things like join the Fair Housing Center, (313) 963-1274, read its newsletter, consider becoming a volunteer tester in discrimination complaints.

"They certainly can avoid the kinds of negative reinforcement, neighbors are likely to make about people different from themselves — disabilities, marital status, different

race or national origin," Schrupp said.

"When someone different moves in, there needs to be friends. That's an opportunity for people to stand up and be counted ... welcoming them," Schrupp said.

Mickey Galvin, Realtor, Cranbrook Associates, Bloomfield Hills, is a member of the equal opportunity in housing committee, Birmingham Bloomfield Rochester South Oakland Association of Realtors.

"Early in my career, 1978 or '79, I had a client, customer, who wanted to buy a house in Bloomfield Hills. He made a few remarks I chose to overlook at the time that pointed at him as being less than tolerant.

"I found them a house with everything they wanted. The day before the closing, he decided to introduce himself to the neighbors across the street. The neighbor was a minority gentleman. My customer was absolutely horrified.

"He called me and said he wasn't buying, wasn't coming to the closing. He was also furious with me and hung up on me.

"I waited about an hour, called back and said, fine, if that's the way he felt, but told him he would be suffering a large lawsuit for non-compliance and based on his reason, a huge discrimination lawsuit, probably.

"He hung up on me again. A couple hours later, his wife called back and apologized for him, said he wasn't sophisticated and said he would show up for the closing. And he did.

FAIR HOUSING AWARENESS MONTH

"I was just surprised that anyone took that stance. I was very disappointed."

So what can ordinary people do today to promote fair housing?

"Don't make any assumptions about anyone or anything," Galvin said. "If you have a problem with any ethnic group at all, become educated. Learn more about people you think you dislike. You'll find we have more similarities than differences."

Lynn Kacy, Realtor, Coldwell Banker Schweitzer, Clarkston, is chairwoman of the cultural diversity committee, North Oakland County Board of Realtors.

"I'd been showing houses in Pontiac, a lovely, lovely old neighborhood, vintage homes. This was a friend of mutual friends, a divorced lady, 40ish to 50ish.

"She wanted her folks to see a house (she was considering buying). She had warned me, 'You may hear some strange things from dad.'

"When we got out of the car, his eyebrows went up and down, up and down like an elevator. In the house, he got me off in a corner and said, 'I don't like this neighborhood.'

"I said, 'Pardon me?' He said, 'I'm very concerned about it.' I said, 'I think it's charming.' He said, 'Things can happen.' I said, 'Things can happen anywhere.' I just dismissed him."

His concern, Kacy said, was really about the racial make-up of the neighborhood.

Kacy's client didn't make an offer on that house, citing structural concerns. But Kacy is heartened that the client has since returned to the area as her search continues.

Discrimination is learned and can be unlearned, Kacy believes, but better not to learn it at all.

"The first thing that comes to mind is people just have to open their hearts. It's such an easy thing to say, so hard to do. When they're put on the spot, it suddenly becomes an emotional thing. It shouldn't be.

"We need to open our minds," Kacy said. "You cut any one of us, we all bleed the same. The cut can be literal or figurative.

"We have to change peoples' thinking. I guess in many instances, you have to start with children."

Getting a 23-year or an 18-year mortgage

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DAVID C. MULLY

Part 1 of 2

Just because the vast majority of fixed-rate mortgages are for 30 or 15-years doesn't mean that those are the only types of mortgages available. Nor does it mean that you have to pay off your home in 30 or 15 years.

You can get a 29-year mortgage, an 18-year mortgage or 10-

year mortgage, even a one-year mortgage, and one for every other number between 1 and 30.

People do get them. The question is, why?

Kathryn Colebrook, a branch manager and underwriter for Countrywide Home Loans says she recently wrote a 10-year mortgage. "It was for a retired couple. They were refinancing, and they just wanted to get their home completely paid off." In another case she says that homeowners refinanced to combine what was left of their mortgage and their outstanding loans into a six-year mortgage.

Nagy Henein, president of the Greater Mortgage Corp. of New City, points out that the reason there are 30-year mortgages is simply that "30 years is the longest period of time people will loan money on a home. There are 40-year mortgages, but they are few and far between."

How the common 15-year mortgage? A 15-year mortgage requires a much larger monthly payment, but it also cuts the length of the loan in half and takes a major amount out of the total amount of interest you will pay over the life of the loan.

Few first-time buyers take out a 15-year mortgage, Colebrook says. It's usually used, however, by people getting a second, third, or fourth house who have a lot of equity for the down payment. As an added benefit, a 15-year mortgage is usually a quarter to three-eighths of a point below the 30-year rate, Colebrook says.

A 20- and a 30-year mortgage are usually at the same rate, while a 10-year mortgage is often at the same rate as a 15-year one, although it might be an eighth of a point lower in some cases.

Let's look at what the difference in the length of a mortgage means in terms of dollars and cents.

For a \$100,000 mortgage at 7.5 percent over 30 years, the monthly payment is \$700. We're talking about the principal and the interest. This does not include any taxes, insurance or assessments. The total payments over 30 years would be \$252,000 and of that \$152,000 would be interest.

If you were to take same loan for 20 years, at the same interest rate, you'd pay \$805 a month, and your total interest costs would be around \$93,000. Now let's look at the differences.

You are paying an additional \$105 a month. If you do it every month for 20 years, you'll own the house 10 years sooner and save about \$58,000 in interest payments. If you were to take a 15-year mortgage, your monthly costs and your savings would be higher.

Continued on Thursday

David Mully's company, Mortgage Detroit, provides mortgage rate updates and useful information daily for consumers who are shopping for home financing in Michigan. For daily lender updates, go to www.MortgageDetroit.com. Mully is a member of the Mortgage Bankers Association of Michigan, Michigan Mortgage Brokers Association and the National Association of Real Estate Editors. To contact him, call (248) 305-7337 or e-mail dmully@mortgagedetroit.com.

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156 Oakland \$119,000	8080 Pine Ridge Dr \$125,000	4279 Rebecca Cir \$240,000	958 Hidden Valley Dr \$308,000	Sylvan Lake 4934 Lake Pl \$98,000	1891 Auburndale Ave \$195,000	7599 Pinewood Dr \$627,000
656 Provincetown Rd \$152,000	4999 Rockaway Dr \$180,000	4750 Riggwood Ln \$295,000	492 Hoag Dr \$117,000	3608 Lakeshore Dr \$740,000	4855 Bonnie Ct \$400,000	6517 Pleasant Lake Ct \$585,000
126 Rosetta Ct \$148,000	7751 S Eston Rd \$225,000	1610 Sallisian Ln \$320,000	2200 Indianwood Rd \$134,000	705 Ladybug St \$155,000	6276 Branford Dr \$472,000	4241 Portland Ct \$325,000
3550 S Shimmings Cir \$215,000	8175 S Eston Rd \$144,000	1889 Twin Sun Cir \$250,000	3350 Woodlark St \$350,000	3967 Letart Ave \$130,000	2943 Branford Dr \$100,000	5252 Potomac Run E \$167,000
Clarkston 7210 Bluewater Dr #53 \$91,000	6552 Scenic Pines Ct \$233,000	8789 Wier Bonnet Dr \$218,000	210 N Broadway St \$194,000	106 E Walled Lk Dr #B \$165,000	2943 Branford Dr \$338,000	7586 Promontory Pnt \$600,000
8051 Caribou Lake Ln \$145,000	9084 Spring Meadows Dr \$110,000	257 Winslow Cir \$198,000	3930 Red Roof Rd \$313,000	1485 Harbor Dr \$102,000	7391 Brookridge Dr \$187,000	5421 S Piccadilly Cir \$246,000
8281 Caribou Ln \$282,000	4983 Spring Meadow Dr \$289,000	2803 Woodbury St \$120,000	849 S Long Lake Blvd \$193,000	2167 Hidden Midw Dr \$102,000	3216 Shadydale \$452,000	7586 Promontory Pnt \$600,000
7177 Chapel View Dr \$195,000	6550 Transparent Ave \$139,000	Davidsburg 8369 Pine Lake Dr \$485,000	149 Stratford Ln \$171,000	3919 Lotus Dr \$154,000	5312 Camburton Pl \$170,000	2145 Shore Hill Dr \$380,000
9055 Cherokee Rd \$172,000	6840 Woodcrest Rd \$364,000	6735 Rolling Meadow Dr \$55,000	Oakland Township 3060 Arts Ct \$252,000	187 N Winding Dr \$135,000	6226 Cedarhurst Dr \$222,000	7409 Silver Leaf Ln \$352,000
9251 Cherrycreek Rd \$119,000	2000 Blue Stone Ln \$285,000	11884 Rusty Ln \$280,000	2616 Pebble Beach Dr \$120,000	3465 Melniad Dr \$136,000	5206 Charles Dr \$441,000	1492 Stauch Dr \$281,000
4840 Clinton Dr \$257,000	5322 Buell Dr \$363,000	12247 Windmill \$200,000	2410 Pebble Creek Dr \$611,000	179 Appoka St \$50,000	4950 Countryside Dr \$300,000	7041 Stonebrook Rd \$349,000
4525 Clintonville Rd \$55,000	571 Cranbourne St \$184,000	Keego Harbor 2445 Hesler Ct \$110,000	Orchard Lake 5645 Shore Dr \$325,000	752 Appoka St \$50,000	7215 Creeks Bend \$260,000	5405 W Maple Rd \$97,000
4731 Edgewood Dr \$122,000	2974 Gabriel Dr \$40,000	Lake Orion 820 Alan Dr \$139,000	Orion Township 3650 Grafton St \$125,000	770 Appoka St \$50,000	6337 Golden Ln \$156,000	6484 W Oaks Dr \$577,000
7489 Fen Ridge \$190,000	1855 Dorchester Dr \$40,000	2950 Aldrin Ct \$185,000	3644 Green Meadow Ln \$249,000	779 Appoka St \$50,000	3993 Highway St \$199,000	6166 Wellesley \$252,000
6582 Forest Ridge Ct \$303,000	2979 Gabriel Dr \$40,000	531 Beechwood Way \$289,000	3371 Pasadena \$137,000	3086 Bay Front Ct \$270,000	5764 Hobnal Cir \$218,000	White Lake 10232 Ellizabeth Lk Rd \$330,000
6586 Forest Ridge Ct \$323,000	3215 Janelle Dr \$180,000	757 Bosco Dr \$195,000	3761 Rolling Hills Rd \$238,000	43 Baycrest St \$130,000	130 Pine Tree Ridge Dr \$115,000	9046 Julia St \$2,000
9764 Forest Ridge Ct \$285,000	2619 Kingstowne Dr \$113,000	220 Cayuga Rd \$203,000	Oxford 758 Augusta Blvd \$46,000	3688 Breaker St \$142,000	4740 Pontiac Lake Rd \$72,000	8115 Kenwick St \$166,000
3266 Genoa \$150,000	2675 Kingstowne Dr \$106,000	2077 Cedar Key Ct \$184,000	121 Babo Rd \$135,000	280 Briscoe Blvd \$110,000	385 Rivera Ter \$126,000	11350 Lakeshore Dr \$168,000
9530 Gibbs Rd \$210,000	8180 Newton Rd \$147,000	1123 Cottonwood St \$295,000	5038 Coshobuck St \$157,000	3840 Cass Elizabeth Rd \$120,000	7092 Rolling Hills Dr \$170,000	10060 Lakeside Dr \$180,000
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			280 Briscoe Blvd \$110,000	7060 Villa Dr #1 \$32,000	7610 Park Meadow Ln \$310,000	
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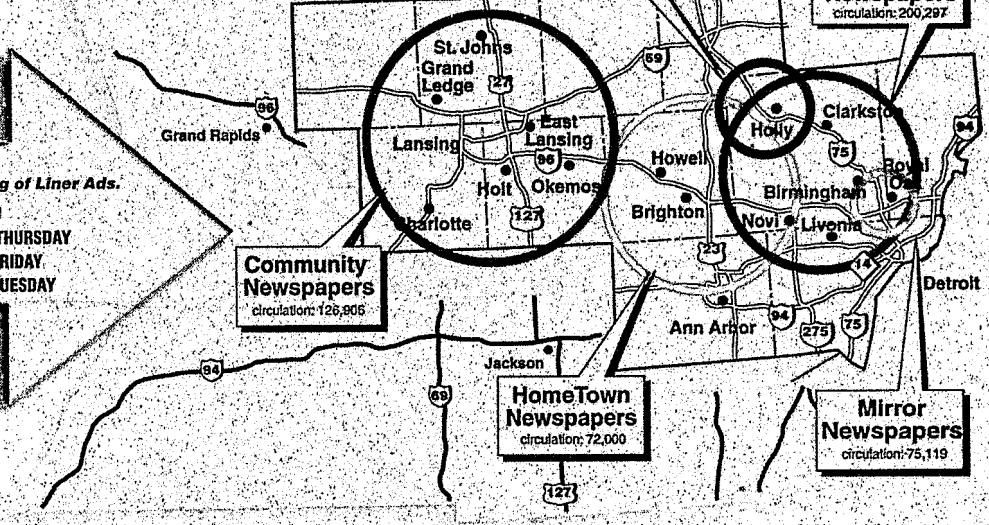
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LIVONIA - Kimberly Oaks, Open Sun. 1-5. 32521 Lyndon, S of 5 Mile/E of Farmington Rd. 4 bed, room, 2000 sq ft colonial, central air, \$200,000. (734) 421-3563

LIVONIA SCHOOLS - Westland, Open Sun. 12-4, Brick ranch, 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, family room w/gas fireplace, finished basement, 1/2 car garage, completely updated, \$159,900, 20855 Cooley, N. of Merriman, S. of Joy Rd. 734-427-3288

Macomb - OPEN SUN. 1-5 5278 MAURICE S. of 24 Mile, E. of Hayes 2200 sq. ft. 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath colonial. 2 1/2 car garage, central air, large deck, sprinklers, finished basement, \$264,000. (810) 788-1949

OPEN SUN. 1-4 PM SOUTH LYON - 7500 Chalmers Trail, Front Porch Trail to 11 Mile Rd. - E. on 11 Mile to Village Way, Prestigious S. Lyon Condo - 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, \$189,900. Call, Ruby Rorabacher or Patricia Pfaffner 800-458-9400

ROYAL OAK - Open Sat. Sun. 1-4, Charming brick bungalow, completely updated, hardwood floors throughout, remodeled bathroom, 1200 sq. ft., new windows, \$185,000, 4323 Elmwood, 13 1/2 & Woodward. * (248) 649-9094

305 Birmingham/Bloomfield

BIRMINGHAM - By Owner, 1 bed room bungalow w/basement & garage, Lot 40x115, 1187 Webster, \$110,000, Open Sun. 1-3 or by appt. (248) 694-0007

BIRMINGHAM - Charming bungalow near Pembroke Park, 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, 1350 sq. ft., lots of updates, MUST SEE! \$239,900. 2124 Pembroke, Open Sun. 12-4. 248-643-7017

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308 Canton

BACKS TO WOODS BETTER THAN NEW CALL DAN MULLAN Absolute mint 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home featuring 2500 sq. ft. Open floor plan, loft overlooking family room w/cathedral ceiling & fireplace. Living room, formal dining room, eat-in island kitchen, 1st floor laundry, full basement, newer home in newer sub. Just listed \$265,000. MAYFAIR REALTY (734) 522-8000

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Clawson OPEN SATURDAY 12-3PM 242 Walpole Oil Main between 13 & 14 Mile. 4 bedroom, 2 bath bungalow with lots of updates. Call Dave for more information (248) 866-2435 or (248) 625-0200 Real Estate One

Commerce Twp. - Sun 1-4 quad, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, decks, air, \$214,900. 1476 Roc Dr, N. Maple off Welch. 248-669-7512

COMMERCER/ W. Bloomfield. Open Sun 1-4, 2042 Alpha. 3 bedroom 2 bath lake privileges on Union Lake. 20K under value, 2 streets N of 46th Rd off Union Lake Rd. \$199,900. (248) 380-2184

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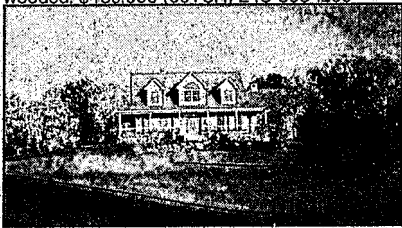
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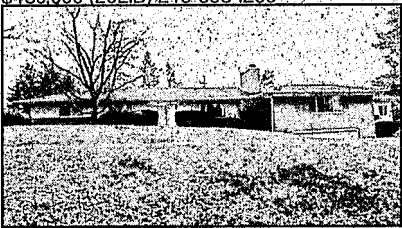
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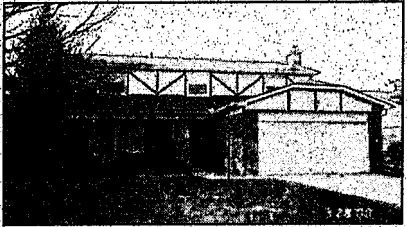
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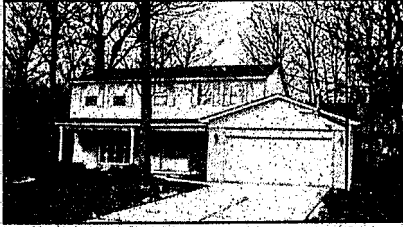
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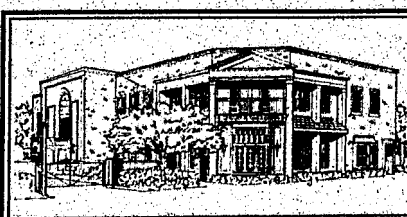
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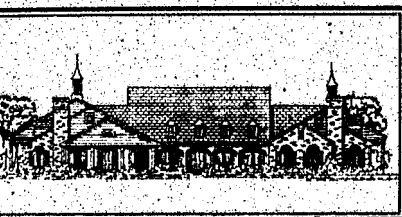
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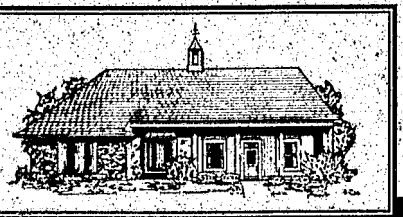
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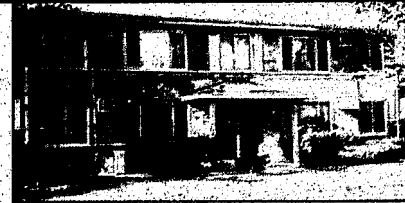
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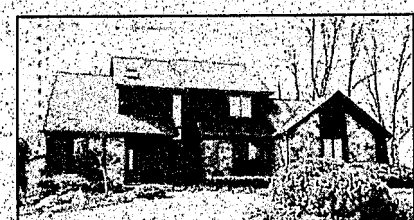
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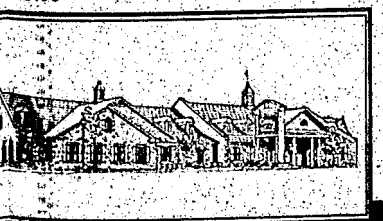
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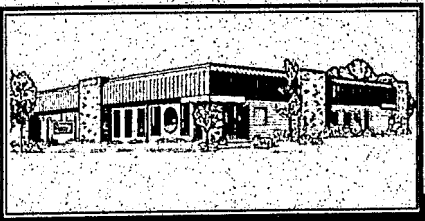
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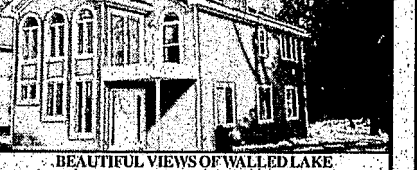
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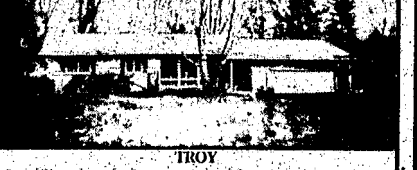
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