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High Expectations: With seven starters returning, Clarkston's softball program enters the 2000 season with hopes of contending in the tough OAA Division I/C1.

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Fickle Michigan weather

It was either a bunch of brave souls, or people desperate to get rid of junk cluttering their garages, but either way some Springfield Township residents took advantage of Clean-Up Day April 8 even though it was snowing like crazy.

Township Clerk Nancy Strole said 35 mph winds made the snow blow horizontally. Participation in Clean-Up Day was down a little, she said. The blowing wind was so strong it plucked a bill right out of one resident's hand.

"I don't know if it was a \$1 or a \$20," she said, but added it was probably in Lake Huron in a matter of minutes.

Community races for a cure

Clarkston will be well-represented at today's Race for the Cure event at the Detroit Zoo.

About 110 Clarkston Community Schools staffers, their families and other community members will head to Royal Oak for the annual run/walk to help fight breast cancer. Clarkston parent Sandy Turner said some people are actually boarding a bus at 6 a.m. to get to the zoo and help out the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

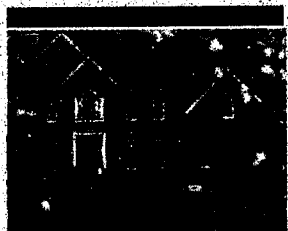
Pastors get a pick-me-up

First Baptist Church of Davisburg hosted a pastors' conference April 11 with the Revs. Jerry Falwell and Jerry Thorpe. The Davisburg church's pastor, the Rev. Dale Peterson, worked with Falwell in the late 1970s and maintains a friendship with the nationally known televangelist. Thorpe also is a widely known pastor, whose ministry focuses on teens.

Falwell and Thorpe spoke to the group of pastors to inspire them in their often-difficult jobs.

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School tax query eyed for June ballot



■ Clarkston School District voters may be asked in June to approve an additional tax levy for non-homestead property owners only. It would offset previous rollbacks, bringing the total non-homestead tax rate to 18 mills.

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Administrators for Clarkston Community Schools are considering asking the board of education to go to voters for additional millage levied against non-homestead property only.

The question could be on the ballot during the annual school election June

12.

Craig Kahler, the school district's director of business services, said he doesn't have the ballot language or exact information on the amount of the millage or length of time finalized just yet.

He'll be presenting that information to the school board for feedback at its May 8 regular meeting.

But he explained the need for the

additional non-homestead millage, which would only affect property owners of commercial and industrial properties and second homes, not primary residences.

"The millage is being considered due to the fact that property values in Clarkston have been rising at a rate higher than the rate of inflation and the Headlee Amendment has been doing what it's supposed to do. It's rolled back the 18 mills that was approved by voters in 1996 for 10 years," Kahler said.

The Headlee calculation has reduced the rate of the 18 mills by 1.1625 mills. Kahler stated the rate could decline

again for several more years. Voter approval of a 2-mills levy against non-homestead property would counteract this rollback.

Regardless of how many mills the voters might approve in June, the difference will cost the non-homestead property owner an additional \$116 a year for property with a \$100,000 taxable value. It can't cost any more than that, since the mills levied are held to 18.

Right now, due to the Headlee rollback and Proposal A, which holds the school district to 18 mills, the district receives less than the 18 mills for its

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A pooch patient: Julie McClellan (left) and Jennifer Perry show students how to restrain a dog for a shot.



Test time: Debra Ouzts helps get urine from a cat.

Vet helpers Class trains aides for animal clinics

Students in the Veterinary Assisting Classes are dog-gone happy when they're over.

They come out of these Clarkston Community Education classes with skills that enable them to move into entry-level positions at veterinary clinics.

Although Veterinary Assisting I and II classes were geared for people working on their general education

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Treats-to-go: While veterinary-assisting students were taking their break, this dog decided it deserved one, too.

Debate centers on dirt versus paved roads

BY SALLY SLAUGHTER
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Bumping down a dirt road with the dust flying and the rocks spitting up behind the car used to be a sure sign you were up north.

Not anymore.

And while years ago Independence and Springfield townships were considered vacation land by many people, today the same gravel roads that served people when cars were first motoring along remain unpaved. With the area's rapid development, what to do about heavily used gravel roads is an issue public officials and residents continue to struggle with.

"It's a real challenge and a dilemma for the community," Independence Township resident Tom Stone said.

Some residents favor paving roads because many of them are extremely busy and their condition can deteriorate rapidly. Paving also cuts down on dust. Others, however, think gravel roads are part of the rural character of the area. They also oppose paving because it usually involves cutting down trees. It disturbs the tree canopy that gives the area a sense of peace.

Stone, who is past president of the North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy, said he is worried that paving will continue without regard to the number of trees that are cut. He said he hoped the Road Commission for Oakland County would consider modifying its approach to paving.

"I don't know of any effort to, in fact, work toward that compromise," Stone said.

But the road commission has specific standards it follows and the biggest reason why is safety, said Therese Gillis, head of the programming division at ROCC.

"We try so hard to be sensitive to the community needs," Gillis said. "Our goal is not to obliterate everything. Our goal is safety."

She said one of the main reasons a zone clear of trees is needed is to be sure no one drives into one. She also explained how road widths are determined. A normal two-lane road has 24 feet of driving width. Add onto that 3-5 feet of shoulder on each side. Safety, again, is the motivation. A shoulder gives people a place to pull over in an emergency, small or large.

Most people seem to prefer open ditches for drainage because it looks more natural. But Gillis said that only adds to the width of the road project. The slope of the ditch has to be gentle in case a car were to drive off the road and into the ditch. It could be as far as 3 feet to the center of the ditch and another 3 feet back up again.

All of that adds up to a 46-foot swath that has to be cleared. Installing curb and gutter cuts the swath to about 30 feet because there are no ditches to consider, Gillis said.

Until about two years ago, the road commission had no funding to pave gravel roads. Now it gets some limited federal funding but it is only enough to pave a mile a year. Gillis said it costs \$1 million to pave a mile of roadway. Oakland County has about 800 miles of gravel roads.

Stone said he had heard talk that Waldon Road east of I-75 is to be paved

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STAFF PHOTO BY LAWRENCE R. MCKEE

Will it hurt? This sad-eyed dog prepares for a shot.

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degree, Marilyn Allyn said a majority of the people taking the classes are high school graduates.

"They either want to learn how to take care of their own pets or are looking at veterinary assisting as a career," said Allyn, community education director. "When they graduate from the two classes, they've completed

120 hours of training." Melissa Iacobelli Moore and Jennifer Perry teach the classes. Class one covers terminology and anatomy, laboratory set-up, kennel care, basic restraint, basic grooming, nutrition and client education.

In class two, students learn skills for employment in a veterinary clinic. They study animal

behavior, pathology, nutrition, equine, surgical assistance, oncology and laboratory and office procedures.

Clarkston Community Education will offer the 15-week veterinary assisting classes again in the fall. The classes for this session end in May. Call 674-0993 for more information.

OBITUARY

Jan Louise Leitsinger

Jan Louise Leitsinger of Clarkston died April 11, 2000, at age 45.

Mrs. Leitsinger had an interest in art and was continuously evolving and expanding, including painting, carving, metal-

smithing, jewelry making, clay and beading. She focused on blending multiple art forms to produce unique items that were appreciated by major corporate clients as well as individuals.

Mrs. Leitsinger is survived by her husband, Ralph; daughters, Miranda, Claire, Lindsay and

Rachel; mother, Jane; sisters, Bonnie KOs, Mary Gantzios and Liz MacDowell; and brothers, David, Pete and Mark MacDowell.

Funeral service was held Saturday with interment at Lakeview Cemetery, Clarkston.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Funeral arrangements were made by Coats Funeral Home, Waterford.

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Clarkston school events

April 17: SMS PTA, NS PTO, Market Day, PK PTA, CHS Athletic Boosters. Sports—CMS and SMS track, CHS freshman girls soccer, varsity girls golf, junior varsity baseball and softball, varsity baseball, boys tennis and softball.

April 18: NS, CE Arts Information. Sports—CHS freshman baseball and softball, varsity girls soccer.

April 19: SP, CE Market Day, BL PTA General Meeting, CHS PTSA. Sports—CMS and SMS track, CHS varsity girls golf boys tennis and softball, junior varsity golf.

April 20: CHS varsity girls golf. Track.

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

Clarkston Community Schools Elementary Lunch Menu

April 17: Taco salad with spice bread, hot dog on a bun, garden peas, diced pears.

April 18: Stuffed crust pizza square, hot dog on a bun, carrot sticks with dip, orange wedges.

April 19: Create your own salad with meat, cheese, veggie toppings and a roll, hot dog on a bun, tossed salad, pineapple tidbits.

April 20: Spaghetti with meat sauce and breadstick, hot dog on a bun, golden corn, cherry shape-up.

April 21: No school. Start of spring break.

Clarkston Middle School Lunch Menu

April 17: Little Charlie pizza, hamburger on a bun, tator tots, diced pears, salad bar.

April 18: Cheesy breadsticks, club sandwich, seasoned fries, pineapple, salad bar.

April 19: Taco, chicken patty, tossed salad, applesauce, salad bar.

April 20: Little Caesar's pizza, hot dog, carrot sticks, fruit cup.

April 21: No school. Start of spring break.

Sashabaw Middle School Main Course Lunch Menu

April 17: Little Caesar's pizza,

taco boat with churro, bologna and cheese sandwich.

April 18: Chicken nuggets with roll, tuna in a roll-up, submarine sandwich.

April 19: Specialty pizza, cheese-stuffed breadsticks, chicken salad in a roll-up.

April 20: Nachos with a roll, hot ham and cheese on a bagel, Italian chicken crisp, chicken patty.

April 21: No school. Start of spring break.

Independence Township Library

April 19: Storytime—10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Navigating the World Wide Web—second class. 3 p.m.

Independence Township Recreation

In-line hockey league registration begins April 17. The league plays at Clintonwood Park. Call the Recreation Department for a registration form.

Registration for spring break programs is ongoing until April 20. Activities are planned for the week children are out of school. Call for more information.

Summer swim lesson registration begins May 20.

Information is available at the Parks and Recreation office for adult sand volleyball.

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

Independence Township Senior Center Lunch Menu

Monday: Veal cutlet with gravy. **Tuesday:** Chicken, broccoli casserole.

Wednesday: Breaded pork chop. **Thursday:** Macaroni and cheese. **Friday:** Closed.

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

A trip to see Champions on Ice is planned for April 22. For more details, call the senior center.

A Spring Fling Party is set for 11:30 a.m. April 19. The cost is \$4 and includes a ham dinner with all the trimmings. The Clarkston High School Chorus will perform. Participants need to register ahead of time.

Springfield Township Parks and Recreation

An Easter Egg Hunt is set for 1 p.m. Friday, April 21, at Mill Pond Park. Cost is \$3 for the hunt and

\$3 for a picture with the Easter bunny. The event is for children age 12 and younger. Pre-registration is required by calling the Parks and Recreation Department at 634-0412.

A Total Body Conditioning workout class for adults begins May 1 and runs through June 26. Classes are 8-9 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Pre-registration is required.

Everyone is invited to Shilawassee Basin Preserve from 3:30 p.m. May 2 for "Go Fly A Kite Day." People must bring their own kites and can learn kite-flying tips. Pre-registration is required.

An American Girl Tea Party is planned from noon-3 p.m. May 6. Cost is \$13. Mothers and daughters can dress like their favorite character and girls can bring their dolls along. A skit will be performed and light snacks and tea will be served. Pre-registration is necessary.

Independence Township General Information

The township offices will be closed April 21 in observance of Good Friday.

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

Library — 625-2212.

Parks and Recreation — 625-8223.

Department of Public Works — 625-8222.

Senior center — 625-8231.

Police, non-emergency — 858-4911.

Fire, non-emergency — 625-1924.

Springfield Township General Information

Township Hall — 625-4802.

Library — 625-0595.

Parks and Recreation at Hart Community Center — 634-0412.

Police, non-emergency — 858-4950.

Fire, non-emergency — 634-6766.

City of the Village of Clarkston General Information

City offices will be closed April 21 in observance of Good Friday.

City Hall — 625-1559.

Library — Residents use Independence Township.

Parks and Recreation — Residents use Independence Township.

Department of Public Works — 625-1265.

Police, non-emergency — 625-0088.

Fire, non-emergency — 625-1924.

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Comedian delivers laughs, inspiration

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Only a funny man could get away with pulling students' shoes off in search of the Spring Queen, dancing with moms and making fun of the school principal.

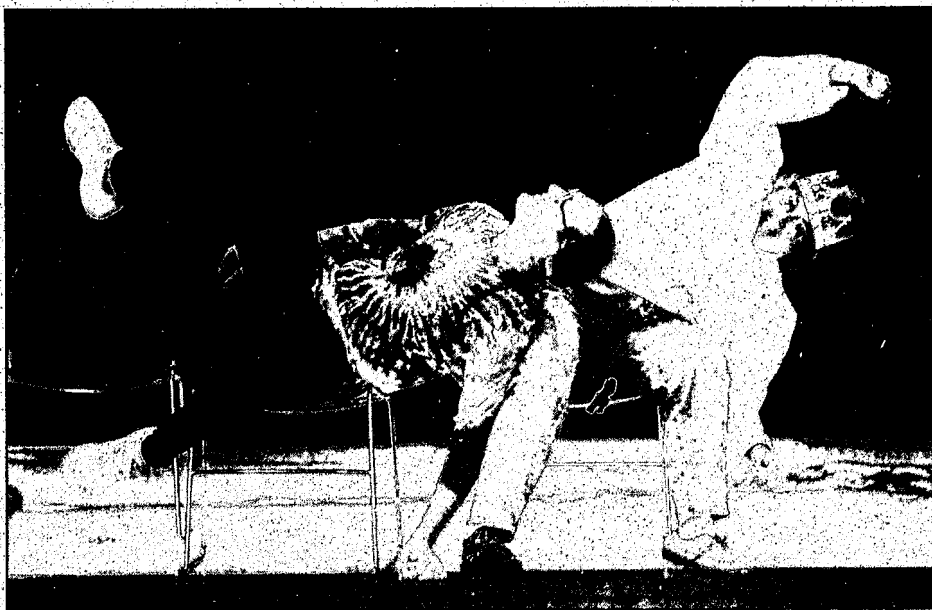
Kid comedian O.J. Anderson of Ann Arbor pulled off all those antics and more in his show for Clarkston Elementary School's Festival of the Arts 2000 Friday. The day was dedicated to learning more about the arts, including culinary, performing arts, arts in nature and art in the workplace. The children chose three workshops to attend. Chefs, artists and performers were invited to share their knowledge.

Anderson's performance was one of three the students enjoyed during the day.

Physical comedy is Anderson's forte, and he showed the students how he "warms up" for his act. Silly faces and a gyrating body brought giggles from an audience of kindergarten through second-graders.

Anderson, 48, has been performing for 28 years, he said. He received a degree in performing arts from the University of Detroit. His voice has brought Sesame Street characters alive. He was in near the beginning of that project, he said.

"I got out of it because I didn't think it would go anywhere," he said.



STAFF PHOTOS BY STEVE CANTRELL

Crazy driver: After crowning special education paraprofessional Carrie Jesse Spring Queen, O.J. Anderson gave her a "car" and pretended to take a wild ride with her.

Also to his credit are stints with the Michigan Opera Theatre, the Cleveland Opera and the New York City Opera. Ever silly, however, he couldn't resist putting down the phone during an interview and breaking into song.

In addition to touring Michigan, performing for K-12 students, he also trains clowns for the Ringling Brothers Circus.

Beneath the zany contortions and crazy dancing, Anderson has a mission. His idea came when his son was born. Tired of traveling all over the place, he decided to stick closer to home.

His son Jack, now 11, was the reason he decided he didn't want to be away so much.

"We created shows that would make his world a better place," Anderson said.

The whole family is artistic. His wife, Noonie Anderson,

heads the dance department at Washtenaw Community College.

Anderson does some homework before he heads to a school. He asks the staff and parent organizers what issues the children have at that particular school. Whether it's disrespect, vandalism, peer pressure, smoking or substance abuse, he will integrate it into his act.

"I'm just a Dad telling kids what their Dads should be telling them," he said.

The difference is sometimes children will listen better to a zany character than to a loving parent.

"We get them on our side, then we make them listen to core values," he said.

His theme at Clarkston Elementary was "Hard Work, Simple Joy."

"If you work really hard, you get simple joy," he told the students.

He had them imagine how they feel when they study hard for a test and then get a good grade. He also told the students that failure is a part of learning.

"We can't be afraid to fail," he said.

Never doubting the value of humor, however, Anderson had the children squealing with laughter as he danced with several moms and teachers, played pretend catch with Principal Charles Rowland and even crowned special education paraprofessional Carrie Jesse Spring Queen. She was presented with a "new car," which she proceeded to "drive" quite out of control.

Anderson began his performance by showing some of his singing talent. Operatically, he sang, in a pretend Italian accent, "Don't you call me that clown a Bozo."

Bozo would have been proud.

Independence plans to acquire vacant lot

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Independence Township is trying a different tactic to buy a lot near Little Walters Lake from the state.

The ultimate plan is to sell the property to the North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy, Township Clerk Joan McCrary said. The parcel is a Michigan Department of Transportation right of way. The Department of Natural Resources is involved in it because wetlands exist on the property. It is located near Little Walters Court.

McCrary said attempts to acquire the property from MDOT a couple of years ago failed so now they are trying to go through the DNR. The township board has to pass a resolution showing its intent to buy the property, and the subject is on the agenda for Tuesday's regular meeting. McCrary said once the township applies to get the land, she doesn't know how long it will

take or how much it could cost to get the property.

"They say (the cost will be) nominal. Who knows what nominal is," she said.

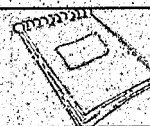
The township has to hope both the DNR and MDOT agree to the transfer, McCrary said. If the township is able to buy it, it plans to sell it to the conservancy. The cost would likely be whatever it cost the township to acquire it.

"We can't make any money on it," McCrary added.

The conservancy couldn't buy the parcel first-hand. The process had to go through the township, conservancy member Tom Hall said.

"It came to our attention through a DNR person who talked to (fellow conservancy member) Tom Stone," Hall said.

McCrary said if the township is successful in securing this lot, there are a few others owned by MDOT scattered throughout the township they will pursue.



School Notes

Deserved recognition

The following school district employees received Employee Recognition Awards for April: Timothy Berquist, head custodian at North Sashabaw Elementary; Joseph Palace and E. Thomas Smith, teachers at Springfield Plains Elementary; Holly Stephens, teacher at Clarkston High School; Carol Leech and Deborah Rowe, paraprofessionals at Clarkston Ele-

mentary, and the following multiage teachers from North Sashabaw Elementary—Mary Skorupski, Jill Santola, Kathy Maier and Amy Randolph.

New stage curtains

Sashabaw Middle School will be getting a new stage curtain. The school board approved spending \$5,166 with Tobins Lake Studios from Brighton for the new curtain.



Smiles abound: Clarkston Elementary student Taylor Smith enjoys the antic of comedian O.J. Anderson.

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

Possession with intent

On April 12, police were called to Oakland Technical Center Northwest at 8211 Big Lake Road. A 17-year-old student was in possession of three baggies of marijuana, equaling about one-eighth of an ounce.

Larceny-vehicle

On April 12, someone broke into the cap of a pickup truck locked and parked in a driveway in the 4600 block of Clearview. The person removed several tools valued at about \$2,200 from the cap.

Liquor law-use and possession

On April 12, a 20-year-old Independence Township man received citations for a minor in possession of liquor, for using a false identification and for disorderly conduct. A 22-year-old man from Tujunga, Calif., received a citation ticket for furnishing alcohol to persons under age 21. Police saw the 20-year-old man walking out of a Marathon gasoline station at 5465 Sashabaw Road carrying a case of beer towards a vehicle. Police asked for his identification, and he said he didn't have any. The man told police he was carrying the case for the 22-year-old man inside the gas station. The younger man ran away from the gas station but later came to the substation. There also was a 20-year-old female from Orion Township inside the vehicle.

Larceny from vehicle

On April 11, someone entered a vehicle parked in the 5800 block of South Marsh Bank. The person removed several items, including a commercial

sewing machine valued at \$3,200.

Larceny from building

On April 11, someone removed lumber valued at \$1,500 from a site on Oakhurst Ridge.

Malicious destruction of property

On April 10, someone drained water out of a hot tub and turned on its pumps at a residence in the 5500 block of Northcrest Village Drive.

Larceny of a dog

On April 10, someone removed a pit bull dog from a vehicle parked at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 5660 Maybee Road.

Home invasion-first degree

On April 10, a homeowner in the 4800 block of Clarkston Road returned home and found the front door open. Someone had kicked in the door and removed several items, including stereo equipment, a digital video disc player and a jewelry box.

Springfield Township

Unlawful driving away with automobile

On April 10, an employee from Town and Country Dodge at 8700 Dixie Highway reported someone drove the dealership's parts van off the lot some time during the weekend. Both sets of keys to the van were still at the dealership. The vehicle was recovered in Detroit.

Clarkston Police

No major reports.

Independence Fire

Fire calls

Independence Township Fire Department responded to 17 calls from April 10-12. These included 12 medical calls, one personal-injury accident, one building fire, one automatic alarm, one lock out and one grass fire.



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The Rev. Emery F. Gravelle, Vicar

GOOD FRIDAY - 12:15 & 7:30 p.m. Prayer Book Service

HOLY SATURDAY - 7:30 p.m. The Great Vigil

EASTER DAY - 7:30 & 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

He is Risen as He Said

Alleluia



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Main & Church Streets • Plymouth

HOLY THURSDAY

8:00pm Communion

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE

8:00pm

EASTER MORNING

8:00, 9:30 & 11:00am Worship

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

574 S. SHELDON • PLYMOUTH

Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday, Apr 20
 6:30 p.m. - Agape Meal
 7:30 p.m. - Holy Eucharist & Foot Washing
 Good Friday, April 21
 11:30 a.m. - Stations of the Cross
 Noon - Solemn Collect
 7:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross
 7:30 p.m. - Solemn Collect
 Holy Saturday, April 22
 7:30 p.m. - Great Vigil of Easter
 Easter Sunday, April 23
 9:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist
 11:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

16360 Hubbard Road, Livonia, Michigan 48154

734-421-8451 Web Site: www.StAndrewsChurch.net

Maundy Thursday

April 20 7:30 p.m.

Foot Washing, Eucharist

Stripping of Altar

Good Friday

April 21 12 Noon & 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday Liturgy

Easter Eve

April 22 5:00 p.m.

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

First Eucharist of Easter

Easter Sunday

April 23 7:45 & 10 a.m.

Flowering of Cross, Eucharist

Easter Egg Hunt for Children at 9 a.m.

ST. MATTHEW'S

United Methodist Church

30900 Six Mile Rd., Livonia

(Between Middlebelt & Merriman)

(734) 422-6038

Maundy Thursday Communion

Service, April 20, 7:30 p.m.

Community Good Friday Service

Noon: Church of the Savior (Reformed)

EASTER SERVICES, April 23

8:00 a.m. Youth Sunrise Service with

Communion

10:00 a.m. Joyous Formal Service

(Nursery to 3 years Child Care)

First United Methodist Church

6443 Merriman Road

Garden City, MI 48135

734-421-8628

Holy Thursday Service, 7 p.m.

Good Friday Community Service

Merriman Road Baptist Church, 12 noon

Easter Celebration Services

Sunrise, 7:30 a.m.

Worship, 9:30 a.m.

Worship, 10:45 a.m.

We Invite You to Jesus! Remember Passion and Celebrate His Resurrection with Us

April 16 Palm Sunday Worship Service 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
 April 20 Maundy Thursday Worship and Communion 7:30 p.m.
 April 23 Easter Sunrise Service 8:00 a.m.
 Easter Breakfast 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.
 Easter Worship Celebration 10:30 a.m.

BEVERLY HILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 20000 W. 13 Mile Road (at Evergreen Rd.), Beverly Hills, MI
 (248) 646-9777

CELEBRATE EASTER AT CHRIST CHURCH CRANBROOK

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 16

5 pm Saturday Service of Palms

8 am Liturgy of the Palms & Eucharist

9:15 & 11:15 am Liturgy of the Palms & Eucharist

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 22

2 pm Children's Service & Flowering of the Cross

7:30 pm The Great Vigil of Easter (with incense)

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 23

7 am - Sunrise Service

9:15 am & 11:15 am -

Easter Services

Nursery provided during

9:15 & 11:15 services.

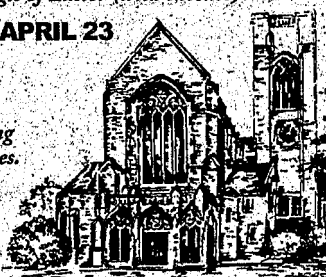
Bloomfield Hills, MI

248-644-5210

(corner of Lone Pine &

Cranbrook Roads,

one mile west of Woodward)



3633 West Big Beaver Road
 (Located between Adams and Coolidge
 on the south side of Big Beaver)
 Co-Pastors: Judy and Henry Borchardt

Easter Celebration Services

Maundy Thursday 7 p.m. Communion Service and Potluck Call to reserve

Easter Sunday:

6:45 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service in the outdoor sanctuary with Continental Breakfast

10:30 a.m. Easter Service and Communion

During the 10:30 service there are education classes for ages 3 through

Senior High and a nursery is provided for infants and toddlers.

VISITORS ARE ESPECIALLY WELCOME!

Geneva Presbyterian Church

5835 Sheldon Road, Canton, MI (USA)

Located on Sheldon Road, just north of Ford

Telephone: (734) 459-0013

Web site: www.genevachurch.org

Maundy Thursday Service.....8:00 p.m.

Good Friday Service.....8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday Services.....7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

NEWBURGH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

36500 Ann Arbor Trail • 734-422-0149

MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:30 p.m. Dramatic Portrayal of the Last Supper

and Holy Communion: Music by Chancel Choir

Child Care up to 3 years old only

GOOD FRIDAY

12:15 - 1:00 p.m. "Tenebrae: A Service of Darkness"

A new and unique musical service with readings by our

Chancel Choir: Child Care up to 3 years old only

EASTER SUNDAY

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service - Greenmead, (8 Mile and Newburgh Rd.)

9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Bell Choir and Chancel Choir

Sunday School - Nursery provided at 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Clarenceville United Methodist Church

20300 Middlebelt Rd.

Livonia, MI 48152

Rev. M. Jean Love, Pastor

248-474-3444

April 20 - Maundy Thursday

7:00 p.m. - Communion Service

April 21 - Good Friday

12:00 Noon - 1:30 p.m. - Prayer & Meditation

7:00 p.m. - Good Friday Service

April 23 - Easter Sunday

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service

8:00 a.m. Breakfast (reservations required)

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages

10:15 a.m. Easter Morning Service - 6:00 p.m. The Gathering

BIRMINGHAM'S

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1669 W. Maple Road

www.fpcbirmingham.org

Holy Week and Easter

Maundy Thursday, 7:30 p.m.,

Holy Communion

Good Friday, 7:30 p.m.

"Drama of Tears"

Saturday, 5:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday the Resurrection of the Lord

7:00 a.m., Sunrise Service, East Lawn

8:30 a.m.

9:45 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

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NORTHBROOK

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

22055 WEST 14 MILE AT LAHSER, BEVERLY HILLS, MI 48025

(248) 642-0200 WWW.NORTHBROOKPRESBYTERIAN.ORG

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, April 16 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship

and Confirmation.

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship and

Confirmation

Holy Thursday, April 20 7:00 p.m. Dessert in Fellowship Hall

7:30 p.m. Cantata and Communion

in the Sanctuary

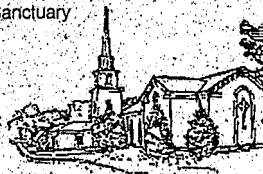
Easter Sunday, April 23

Celebration of the Resurrection with

Special Music for Choirs and Brass

9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship



"Living the Love of Jesus Christ"

Plymouth First United Methodist Church



Welcomes you and your family to

Celebrate Easter with us

Thursday, April 20

7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Communion Service*

Friday, April 21

1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

to be held at First Baptist Church (across the street)

Sunday, April 23 - Easter Sunday

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service

8:00 a.m. Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Easter Worship Celebration*

11:00 a.m. Easter Worship Celebration*

4:30 p.m. Contemporary Easter Worship Celebration*

*indicates childcare is available

45201 N. Territorial Rd. (west of Sheldon)
(734) 453-5280

Has the True meaning of Easter Gotten a little fuzzy?



Give your children bunnies & baskets -
 But give them the Miracle too!
 Join us on Easter as we celebrate the
 Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church (USA)

27475 Five Mile Rd.

Livonia, Michigan

(one block west of Inkster Rd.)

(734) 422-1470

Lent & Easter Schedule

Maundy Thursday

April 20, 2000

Communion Service 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday

April 21, 2000

12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Continuous Service

Easter Sunday

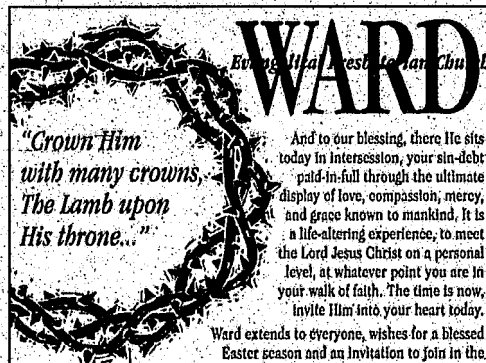
April 23, 2000

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Easter breakfast will be served

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

in the Social Hall



"Crown Him
 with many crowns,
 The Lamb upon
 His throne..."

And to our blessing, there He sits
 today in Intercession, your sin-debt
 paid-in-full through the ultimate
 display of love, compassion, mercy,
 and grace known to mankind. It is
 a life-altering experience, to meet
 the Lord Jesus Christ on a personal
 level, at whatever point you are in
 your walk of faith. The time is now,
 invite Him into your heart today.
 Ward extends to everyone, wishes for a blessed
 Easter season and an invitation to join in the
 celebration of God's holy love.

Holy Week Schedule

Thursday, April 20

7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Service of the

Shadows with Communion

Friday, April 21

Noon - 3:00 p.m. "The Seven Places Around

The Cross" by the Ministerial staff

of Ward EPO with special music

Saturday, April 22

Sunrise Service, 7:00 a.m. (Chapel)

Celebration Services, 8:30, 10:00,

and 11:30 a.m.

Contemporary Service, 8:45 a.m.



40000 6 Mile Rd., Northville

(N.W. corner of Haggerty

& 6 Mile Rd.)

248-374-7400

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Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
28000 New Market Road • Farmington Hills, 48334 • (248) 553-3380
(Next to the YMCA - 12 Mile & Farmington Road)
www.poplms.org

MAUNDY THURSDAY - April 20
Worship Service - Institution of the Lord's Supper.....7:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE - April 21
Sanctuary will be open for a time of prayer Noon-3:00 p.m.
during the 3 hours Christ was on the cross

Tenebrae Service - Service of Darkness.....7:00 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY - April 23
Sunrise Service - Darkness to Light!.....6:30 a.m.
Traditional Celebration Service.....8:15 a.m.
Family Celebration Service (stuffed nursery available).....10:45 a.m.
(All three services will have the Lord's Supper)
HE IS RISEN, ALLELUIA!

Breakfast with the Apostle John
8:15 a.m. Easter Sunday
Meadowbrook Christian Church
Located on Walton Blvd.,
Just East of Adams Road
9:15 - 10:30 a.m.
Brunch for the Adults,
Sunday School for the Kids
10:45 a.m. Service

GRACE CHAPEL (E.P.C.)
27996 Halsted
Farmington Hills, MI 48331
Easter Worship
11 a.m.
"He Still Moves Stones"
248-488-0151
www.graceepc.org

THE LORD IS RISEN!
Come, Worship With Us
Easter Sunday
10:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
Covenant Alliance Church
15858 W. 13 Mile Rd.
(1 block west of Greenfield)
(248) 644-9009

COMMUNITY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
27800 Southfield Road (at 11 1/2 Mile)
Lathrup Village (248) 557-0044
Rev. Kenneth A. Brown
April 20 7:30 p.m.
Maundy-Thursdays Communion
April 21
1:00 p.m. Good Friday Service
4:00-7:00 p.m. Fish Fry Supper
April 23 10:00 a.m.
Easter Sunday Service

FAMILY VICTORY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

Join us as we worship
The Risen King
Good Friday Service
Friday, April 21, 2000 at 12:00 noon
Special Women's Fellowship Meeting
With Special Guest: Evangelist Priscilla Norman
Friday, April 21, 2000 at 7:00 p.m.
Easter Worship Service
Sunday, April 23, 2000 at 7:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Nursery, Children, and Youth Ministry available.
19421 W. Ten Mile Road - Southfield - (248) 354-1990

COME CELEBRATE EASTER WITH US
Embury United Methodist Church
1803 East 14 Mile Rd., Birmingham
(1 block east of Woodward Ave.)
MAUNDY THURSDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE - April 20, 7:30 p.m.
GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER VIGIL - April 21, 12 Noon to Midnight
EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE - 10 a.m.
with Easter Anthems by Chancel Choir
Nursery Care provided.
Children's Sunday School for all ages - 10 a.m.
EVERYONE WELCOME
248-644-5708

ORCHARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
30450 Farmington Road
Farmington Hills, MI
(Between 13 and 14 Mile Roads)
ORCHARD
MAUNDY THURSDAY - April 20
7:30 p.m. - Sacrament of Holy Communion
- Service of Healing
- Opportunity to walk the labyrinth
- Nursery for Crib thru 3 years
COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE - April 21
12:15 p.m. - Covenant Baptist Church
5800 West Maple Road
(west of Orchard Lake Road)
Message by Rev. Carol Johns
EASTER SUNDAY - April 23
8:00 a.m. - "SON RISE" Service
9:30 and 11:00 a.m. - CELEBRATION OF RESURRECTION
- Regular Sunday School and Nursery Schedule
Pastors: Carol J. Johns - Jim Braid
Diaconal Minister: Margo Dexter
www.orchardumc.org
248-626-3620

Good News! Jesus Lives!
We invite you to celebrate with us this Easter
Faith Covenant Church
35415 14 Mile Road (at Drake)
Farmington Hills
(248) 661-9191

NARDIN PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
29887 West 11 Mile Road • Farmington Hills
248/476-8860
Holy Thursday Communion
Thursday, April 20 at 7:30 p.m.
"Saturday at the Park"
Contemporary Easter Worship
Saturday, April 22 at 6:30 p.m. in our Chapel
Easter Worship
Sunday, April 23 at 9:15 and 11:00 a.m.
The Easter message with brass and choir!
Come to Celebrate the Joy of the Resurrection!

Franklin Community Church
United Methodist in Affiliation Ecumenical in Spirit
26425 Wellington, Franklin (248) 626-6606
Between 13 & 14 Mile Roads, west of Franklin Road
Easter Services
7:30 a.m. • Sunrise Service
(4th & 5th Graders will lead in Franklin Cemetery)
Breakfast at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. (between services)
9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Easter Cantata presented by the Chancel Choir
with String Quartet
Nursery Available
Ministers Karl L. Ziegler and Murphy Ehlers

Make Holy Week holy, Come to...
Aldersgate United Methodist Church
10000 Beech Daly • 313-937-3170
2 blocks south of Plymouth Road
April 20 at 7:30 p.m.
Maundy Thursday
"Lord is it I?"
Each Disciple shares his thoughts on why he may be the one to betray Jesus. Special lighting & music make this a very moving experience.
Good Friday
April 21, 7:30
Tenebrae Service
Candles are extinguished as Mary the Mother of Jesus reflects on the life of her son. Candles are lit as a Narrator interprets meaning for our lives.

Easter Sunday Morning
at 8 and 11 a.m.
Chancel Bells & Choir
Dialogue Sermon:
"I am the Resurrection and Life"
Homemade Cinnamon Rolls Between Services
at 9:30 a.m.
Youth Play:
The Verdict
(The Trial of Judas)

"Were You There?"
A Journey to the Cross
This powerful presentation of music and drama will be presented by:
Plymouth Church of the Nazarene
45801 W. Ann Arbor Road
Plymouth, Michigan 48170 • (734) 453-1525
Good Friday, April 21, 7:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday, April 23, 8:00 p.m.
Maundy Thursday Service, April 20, 7:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.

Harvest Temple Worship Center
23233 Drake Road
Farmington Hills • 248-478-1511
Good Friday Service April 21 at 12:00 Noon
Choir Musical "I Will Follow Christ" Easter Sunday Morning
April 23 at 10:00 a.m.
Casual Worship & Word, Friday, April 28 at 7:00 p.m.

DO YOU NEED PEACE, JOY, HOPE, REFRESHMENT OR HEALING? GOD IS TOUCHING LIVES AT LIVING ROCK CHURCH!



EASTER SERVICES:
GOOD FRIDAY, April 21, 2000, 7 p.m.
EASTER SUNDAY, April 23, 2000, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.
We invite you to come and worship with us at:
LIVING ROCK CHURCH
291 E. Spring Street, Plymouth, MI 48170
(734) 453-0323
2 blks. N. of Main Street (Plymouth Road)
and 2 blks. E. of Mill Street (Lilley Road)

COME AND SEE HOW THE POWER OF GOD CAN CHANGE YOUR LIFE!

Historic Mariners' Church
Since 1842 • Independent Anglican
At House of Prayer for all People
The 1928 Book of Common Prayer
Holy Week and Easter Day
Maundy Thursday, April 20
12:10 p.m. - The Holy Communion in commemoration of the first Lord's Supper.
Good Friday, April 21
12:00 Noon - 3:00 p.m.
Psalms, The Stations of the Cross, and the Good Friday Liturgy, with choral music throughout the Three Hours. Enter when you can; leave when you must.
Easter Day, April 23
8:30 and 11:00 a.m. - The Easter Liturgy
Festival Choral Communion at both services.
Regular Services of Holy Communion
Sunday at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Thursdays at 12:10 p.m.
Mariners' on Hart Plaza at the Tunnel
Free Secured Parking in Ford Garage
Enter on Jefferson at Woodward
The Rev. Richard W. Ingalls, Rector
Kenneth J. Sweetman, Organist & Choirmaster
(313) 259-2206

Saint John's Armenian Church of Greater Detroit
22001 Northwestern Highway, Southfield (248) 569-3405
Father Garabed Kochakian, Pastor
April 18 - Great & Holy Tuesday - Vespers.....7:30 p.m.
April 20 - Great & Holy Thursday - Divine Liturgy
commemorating the Last Supper.....10:30 a.m.
Washing of the Feet.....7:30 p.m.
Betrayal & Passion of Our Lord.....8:30 p.m.
April 21 - Great & Holy Friday - Divine Liturgy
commemorating the Crucifixion of Our Lord.....11:30 a.m.
The Entombment of Our Lord.....7:30 p.m.
April 22 - Church School Holy Communion & Easter Supper.....5:00 p.m.
April 23 - Easter Sunday Matins.....9:00 a.m.
Divine Liturgy of the Holy Resurrection of Our Lord.....10:00 a.m.

Salem United Church of Christ
33424 Oakland Ave.
Farmington, MI 48335
(248) 474-6889
4/20 MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE, Communion/Tenebrae 7:30pm
EASTER SUNDAY
Breakfast serving at 9:15am followed by Hymn Sing
Divine Worship/Communion 10:45am

First United Methodist Church
1589 West Maple Road, Birmingham (248) 646-1200

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 6:00 P.M.
Holy Week Services of Worship
Monday - Dr. Doug Vernon
Tuesday - Rev. Faith Fowler
Wednesday - Dr. Carl Price
Maundy Thursday 7:30 P.M.
"Look at My Hands and Feet" - Dr. William A. Ritter
Good Friday Ecumenical Services 12:00-3:00 P.M.
In our Sanctuary
Easter Sunrise 7:00 A.M.
"Figuring Out When Easter Comes" - Dr. Carl Price
Easter 8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 A.M.
"I Will Bet My Bottom Dollar" - Dr. William A. Ritter
Easter Sunday Night Alive 5:00 P.M.
"Revelations from the Tomb" - Rev. Matt Hook

Pastors
William A. Ritter Matthew Hook Rodney Quainton Liss Melivenna Carl Price



North Congregational Church
36520 Twelve Mile Road, Farmington Hills
(between Drake and Halsted Roads)
(248) 848-1750
Gathered 1866 for the Worship of God and Service to Humanity
MAUNDY THURSDAY - APRIL 20
7:30 p.m. Worship, Communion
"Remembrance"
Scripture: Matthew 21:28-32
EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 23
10:30 a.m. Easter Family Worship
"When the Lillies Bloom"
Scripture: Mark 16: 1-8
Rev. Dr. Mark P. Jensen, Rev. Mary E. Biedron, Ministers
Steven Kosinski, Director of Music

**Farmington First United
Methodist Church**

 33112 Grand River (1 block east of Farmington Rd.)
(248) 474-6573 e-mail - furncfarm@rcj.net

Maundy Thursday Communion - 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday - 12:00 Noon

Easter Sunday - 9:30 & 11:15 a.m.

Nursery & Child Care Provided

Pastors: Rev. Dr. Wayne T. Large

& Rev. Sondra B. Willabee


Ascension of Christ Luth. Church

(Lutheran Church Missouri Synod)

16935 W. Fourteen Mile Rd.

Beverly Hills, MI 48025

248-644-8890

Ronald R. Farah, Pastor

April 19 7:00 p.m. Sedar Supper

(Attendance by reservation only - call by 4/17)

April 20 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

April 21 7:30 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae Service

April 23 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Easter Festival Services

Easter Breakfast served between services

Resurrection Catholic Church

48755 Warren Road • Canton, Michigan 48187

Rev. Richard A. Peretto, Pastor

734-451-0444

Individual Reconciliation: Monday & Tuesday • April 17 & 18 - 7:30-8:30pm

Wednesday • April 19 - Group Celebration with Individual Confession of Sins - 7:30pm

Monday • Tuesday • Wednesday Of Holy Week: Mass 9:00am

Holy Thursday: April 20 - Mass of the Lord's Last Supper - 7:30pm. Adoration in the Day

Chapel until 11:00pm following the Liturgy.

Good Friday: April 21 - Noon - Good Friday Meditative Service; 12:45pm • Rosary; 1:00pm

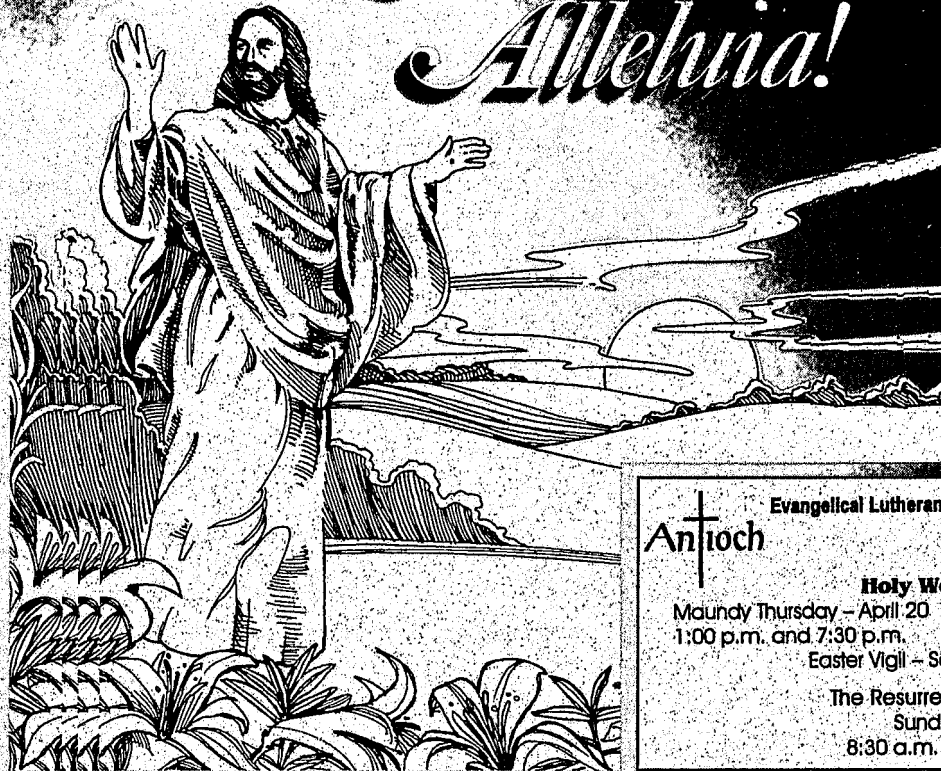
Stations of the Cross; 1:30pm • Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday: April 22 - 1:00pm - Blessing of Food; 8:00pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday: April 23 - 8:30 & 10:30am Mass in the Church and 10:30am Mass

All Saints School Gym. (Blessing of Food after all Masses.)

He is Risen as He Said Alleluia!


ST. ANDREW ELCA

 6255 Telegraph Rd. • Bloomfield Hills
just north of Maple

caring & serving

Fred Overdten, Pastor

248-646-5207

Telephone

Maple Rd.

EASTER April 23

8:30 a.m. Breakfast

9:15 a.m. Children's Egg Hunt

10:00 a.m. Festival Service

Maundy Thurs. 6:30 Meal - 7:15 Communion

PEACE

EVANGELICAL

LUTHERAN

CHURCH & SCHOOL

9415 Merriman Road • Livonia

Maundy Thursday Service

April 20 at 7:00 PM

Easter Sunday

April 23 at 7:00 & 10:00 AM

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Former senator rethinks association with FAIR

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Republican icon Alan Simpson is reconsidering his association with FAIR, a Washington-based organization for immigration reform, because of its attacks on Michigan Sen. Spencer Abraham.

"I'm appalled," Simpson said Friday in a telephone interview. "I don't want my name associated with any organization that would make attacks like that."

Simpson, who as a U.S. Senator from Wyoming served in the Senate with Abraham, was referring to a series of advertisements sponsored by FAIR (Federation for American Immigration Reform). The radio and newspaper ads claim Michigan's junior senator is "giving Ameri-

'I have worked with Spence (Abraham), and I know him to be a honorable and truthful person.'

Alan Simpson
—former U.S. Senator

can jobs to foreigners" by sponsoring legislation to increase the number of high tech visas granted to foreign workers.

Most disturbing, Simpson said, was the comparison of Abraham with Osama bin Laden, the man U.S. authorities say has sponsored terrorists attacks against the U.S. and its citizens. Like Abraham, bin Laden is of Arabic descent.

"I don't necessarily agree with Spence on immigration policies," said Simpson, who is quoted on FAIR's website as saying the organization played a construc-

tive and important role on the highly sensitive issue of immigration.

"But I have worked with Spence, and I know him to be a honorable and truthful person," said Simpson, who since leaving the senate almost three years ago has been teaching at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

"I've campaigned for Spence before," Simpson said, "and I'd do it again."

Since hearing about the ads attacking Abraham, Simpson said he is considering a total dis-

avow of FAIR and its tactics. "I'm contacting Spence," he said, "and I'm contacting FAIR. If those attack ads are representative of FAIR, I will disavow it (the organization)."

At a press conference on March 31, Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson characterized FAIR as "a racist hate group that engages in scurrilous scare tactics."

"We're seeing some real nasty gutter politics here, and it has to be challenged," said the executive, who is supporting Abraham in his re-election bid against Debbie Stabenow this fall.

Patterson's assessment was supported by David Gad-Harf of the Metro Detroit Jewish Community Council, Dean Shaska of the Albanian American Association and Manuel Megia of the Hispanic Leadership Forum.

In response to comments that some highly regarded individuals — including Simpson, former U.S. Senator Eugene McCarthy and Helen Milliken, the wife of former Gov. William Milliken — support FAIR, Patterson invited the media to contact those people. "I'll bet they disavow any connection," Patterson predicted.

Like Abraham, Simpson has served on senate subcommittee on immigration, and he has studied the issue carefully.

"I'm not convinced the United States needs to increase the number of foreign workers to be

admitted on high tech visas," Simpson said. "I'd rather see programs to upgrade American workers."

"If more high tech workers are granted work visas," he continued, "they should be paid the going wage rate."

Among other things, FAIR challenges the need for more foreign workers. The organization claims Abraham wants to increase their numbers because his corporate contributors can pay foreign workers lower wages.

3 join OCC Foundation Board of Directors

Three new members have recently joined the Oakland Community College Foundation Board of Directors. They are Dr. Alexander E. Bailey, Leon LaBrecque and Joan E. Trusty.

Bailey, a Lathrup Village resident, has been superintendent of the Oak Park School District since 1991. His career includes service as a teacher, counselor and administrator. He is also an author and speaker on education-related issues, including team building, motivation and teaching strategies.

LaBrecque, a Rochester resident, is vice president of academics at Educational Technologies, Inc. of Troy. He is a nation-

ally-recognized authority on financial planning, and speaks on a variety of education-related financial issues.

Trusty, a Birmingham resident, is regional director of state and local government affairs for EDS. She frequently speaks on management, Y2K, and other information technology-related issues at regional and national conferences. In 1999, Trusty was chosen president of Automation Alley, the high technology business, government and educational consortium dedicated to promoting Oakland County as a

world-class center for technology research, trade and manufacture.

The OCC Foundation was formed in 1988 to obtain financial support to advance the mission and goals of Oakland Com-

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this year. A 1.2-mile stretch will be paved by Mansur Real Estate Services, which is developing Oakhurst. About 100 of the 520 homes are under construction or occupied, said Ken Davis, director of project operations for Mansur. However, the paving will not be done this year, Davis said. A more likely date is spring 2001, he said.

Independence Township Supervisor Dale Stuart said paving Waldon Road was part of the Oakhurst site plan. He added that road paving isn't something the township deals directly with a lot because it is expensive. It is normally a project done by the road commission. The township does not set aside any money for paving, either.

"The feeling in the public is about 50/50," Stuart said of those who favor gravel over pavement.

Independence Clerk Joan McCrary, who lives on a gravel road, said she opposes paving.

She said while some people who live on gravel roads would like to have them paved, others who feel it adds to the rural feeling or who have horses and can't ride them on pavement would rather keep dirt.

"I'm an advocate of preservation," she said. "Not just old buildings, but of rural character. I would not be in favor of paving unless residents insisted."

When it comes to paving in subdivisions, Springfield Township Trustee Elaine Field-Smith has a different, yet specific reason for advocating private gravel roads some of the time. She said if developers are encouraged to install gravel roads, that lowers the cost. If their cost is decreased, they can lower the density. She said time and again, Springfield residents have said they want low-density housing developments.

Paving main roads is out of the township's jurisdiction, she added.

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A change at Oakland Technical Center-Northwest promises to be a change for the better for teachers, staff and students, but not all sides agree.

Presently union employees at the four Oakland Technical Centers located within the school districts of Clarkston, Pontiac, Royal Oak and Walled Lake are under the contracts of those local school districts. Administrators are not included in these contracts.

At OTC-Northwest, for example, the teachers and support staff (secretaries, custodians, security and paraprofessionals) are employed by Clarkston Community Schools. Their contract is negotiated between Clarkston Community Schools and various unions.

The OTC-Northwest employees are Clarkston employees with full rights to the Clarkston Community Schools Master Labor Agreement. Clarkston schools pay them, then gets reimbursed for salaries and benefits from Oakland Schools.

All that is changing. Up to now, the Clarkston school district operated OTC-Northwest and owned the buildings while Oakland Schools paid for all program costs and the maintenance of the buildings and equipment.

Clarkston teachers working at OTC-NW were asked to let OS know if they'll continue working at the northwest center under the new contract or if they want to remain within the Clarkston school district.

Teachers were paid through their individual school districts.

Oakland Schools is one of the 57 intermediate school districts in Michigan. It works with public and nonpublic schools and academies to help bring education programs to the more than 200,000 students in the county.

OS is negotiating with the Oakland Technical Center Education Association along with the Michigan Education Association to develop a union only for OTC teachers, counselors, support staff and custodians—everyone but administrators—from the four school districts' unions that have technical centers.

The reason for the change in overall administration is to make the career and technical centers more cohesive, according to Oakland Schools, and to move OTC-Northwest into a starship—a leader in technology that will offer students educational

opportunities not available anywhere else.

"We feel that it's in the best interest of all Oakland County students for Oakland Schools to implement a more contemporary countywide system for career and technical education," said James G. Redmond, OS superintendent.

He explained OS is striving for a settlement that's both equitable and fair to new and current OTC employees and flexible in encouraging innovative programs at the centers.

"We recognize the challenge inherent in merging five different cultures—Oakland Schools and the four school districts, but we're also excited about offering new opportunities to the students," Redmond added.

Both the Clarkston Community Schools and Oakland Schools boards of education support the transition. The Clarkston school board unanimously approved the transfer of OTC-NW programs and teachers to OS at its March 13 meeting. It transferred the deed of the property last July 1.

Clarkston teachers working at OTC-NW were asked to let OS know if they'll continue working at the northwest center under the new contract or if they want to remain within the Clarkston school district. If they choose to leave OTC-NW, they'll have a job with the Clarkston Community Schools district.

"The teachers have an oppor-

tunity to go into the new group formed around Oakland Schools," said Patricia Brumback, assistant superintendent of Student Support Services and High School Operations. She said the school district will welcome teachers who want to stay.

"We have a wonderful staff at OTC-Northwest. They are wonderful teachers. They now have an opportunity to go into a new group formed directly around the technical centers or they can stay with the Clarkston schools," she explained.

Dave Johnson is a math teacher at OTC-Northwest, a job he's had for 11 years. He's also on the negotiating team that's working with the intermediate school district.

He said 23 of the 28 employees affected by the impending changes submitted their commitment form to OS as a way of keeping their options open. They still have until June 30 to decide if they want to remain as part of the OTC team or remain in the Clarkston school district.

The negotiating teams have been meeting since June 1999 to create a master agreement, according to Johnson.

He said the dilemma for OTC teachers and staff was they felt without a contract for reference, they couldn't make a decision about their futures by March 31.

"In effect, teachers are wrestling with a career decision with little information to go on," he said.

Johnson said the intermediate school district gave the OTC teachers and support staff a two-page summary of a proposal—not enough information on which to base their decisions.

"Last June the bargaining team representing the teachers and support staff handed Oakland Schools an 80-page contract proposal filled with traditional contract language," Johnson said. The staff and teachers have only gotten back the two-page summary, which included proposed wages and health benefits for the 2000-01 school year.

"The employees were told these are the minimums and that there may be improvements as bargaining continues," Johnson added.

But without an approved contract in hand, there are so many unanswered questions for the employees who have to make a decision whether they should remain at OTC-Northwest or with the Clarkston School District.

As a result, Johnson said while teachers and staff have worked hard to maintain a positive outlook, many have been experiencing stress from the uncertainties of their future.

"I will not be surprised in the least if we are still at the bargaining table a year from now," Johnson added.

Others on the OTC-Northwest bargaining team are Adamine Michelsen and Tom Cain Lee Longfield of the MEA, who is the chief negotiator.

OTC-NW draws 583 students for a portion of every school day from the Clarkston, Brandon, Holly and Waterford school districts.

Students take classes that often give them college credit and career experience in different areas of arts and communications; business, management, marketing and technology; engineering, manufacturing and industrial technology; health services, human services, and natural resources and agriculture.

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operating expenses.

"The state of Michigan has provided a foundation allowance of \$6,142 per Clarkston pupil. A portion of that amount represents the taxes generated locally via an 18-mill levy on non-homesite property. Thus, if the school district doesn't generate the full 18 mills, the state doesn't make up the difference," Kahler explained.

For example, this school year the district didn't receive approximately \$375,000 it was eligible to receive, due wholly to the effect of the Headlee Amendment, according to Kahler.

"Last year we lost roughly \$200,000," he said. "By considering an additional millage and assuming it were approved by the voters, the district would be able to receive the full amount of the foundation allowance and continue our efforts to provide outstanding educational and extra-curricular opportunities to our students."

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Uphill battle

Mother inspires her son's climb to battle breast cancer

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Curtis Cozier was 28 years old and 400 miles away when he learned his mother — Oakland County resident Eileen Cozier — had breast cancer.

He couldn't do much then, at least not as much as he wanted. All that changed when Cozier decided to turn his passion for mountain climbing into a fundraiser to help organizations hunting down a cure for the disease, which will affect one in eight women during their lifetime, according to the American Cancer Society.

"It never really hit home until my mother went through it," Cozier said from his office in Aurora, Colo. "The toughest thing for me was a feeling of helplessness, where you can't do anything."

Well, he's doing something now.

In May, Cozier will join a group of climbers who will attempt to reach the summit of Alaska's Mt. McKinley, also known as Denali. At 20,320 feet, it's the highest mountain in North America, a summit reached by only 47 percent of those who attempt the climb.

Tough odds. Cozier thinks he can beat them. And he's had a pretty good role model.

Eileen Cozier, who lives in Farmington Hills with husband Chuck, began cancer treatment four years ago. She had watched her sister die of breast cancer, and all four of Curtis' grandparents suffered some form of the disease.

Today, Eileen is cancer-free.

"So far, so good," she said. "You're always waiting for that magical fifth year, but so far everything looks good."

According to his mother, Curtis has always been the kind of kid who wasn't afraid to challenge himself. He started rock climbing while studying international business at the University



For love: Curt Cozier will try to climb Mt. McKinley as a fund-raiser for the fight against breast cancer, a disease his mother has battled.

of Colorado, then moved into mountaineering, which involves more exploration.

When he started looking into the Denali expedition, Curtis realized he wanted this climb to be more than something he was doing for his own personal satisfaction. He called his mother and asked her what organizations she considered worthwhile.

She gave him a few names, then asked why he wanted them. "When he told me, it was very

'It actually brought tears to my eyes that he cares so much he would be willing to do that. It was a very special time.'

*Eileen Cozier
—son climbing Mt. McKinley*

emotional," Eileen recalled, admitting the memory still affects her deeply. "It actually brought tears to my eyes that he cares so much he would be willing to do that. It was a very special time."

For Curtis, calling his mother seemed only natural.

"If she hadn't have gone through what she went through, I probably wouldn't have done this," he said.

One of the organizations his mother suggested, the Karmanos Institute for Breast Cancer Research, latched onto his idea of having people donate for every foot Curtis climbed. They hooked him up with the Komen Race for the Cure, the largest series of 5 kilometer races in the country. Over 700,000 runners participated in 1999 alone.

The Karmanos Institute is a designated Comprehensive Cancer Center for research, patient care, education and community outreach. All funds raised will go to those two organizations; Curtis is paying for the costs of the climb out of his own pocket.

And that's a fairly steep price to pay, considering he and his wife, Jennifer, are expecting their first child in July.

While he faces the challenge of high winds and temperatures that plunge to more than 40 degrees below zero, Curtis is challenging donors to pledge a penny a foot, for a total donation of \$203.20 when he reaches the summit. Of course, any amount would be appreciated, he said.

A website — www.cancerclimb.org — provides more information.

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Kayla Rolland had one lifeline the morning she was shot by a classmate. That was the cellular phone her teacher brought to school.

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FOCUS ON WINE



RAY & ELEANOR HEALD

California has its chateau wineries, too

Time was when "chateau" applied exclusively to French wineries, particularly those in the Bordeaux region. That's no longer true. Especially not in the case of French-born Marketta and Jean Noel Fourmeaux, owners of Chateau Potelle, a Napa Valley winery on Mount Veeder.

The original Chateau Potelle in northern France is owned by Jean Noel's family. No wine is made there, so legally, the name could be used as a winery name in the United States.

An artist's rendition of the original is on the bottle label. As with all French chateaux, this story of an American one speaks to hard work and skill with as many interesting twists and turns as the road leading to the mountain winery.

Marketta and Jean Noel came to the United States in 1980 as official tasters on assignment for the Bordeaux wine commission heading up appellation controls.

While Marketta jokes that they "came to spy," she said "it was official business to taste California wines and learn all aspects of winemaking and vineyard management."

After six months and tasting about 2,000 wines, their telegram to France read, "Looks good, we stay." They did return to France, but only to pack up their family of four and move to California.

In 1982 they made their first wines from grapes grown in the Napa Valley and the Alexander Valley of Sonoma County. Because they were friends of owner Donald Hess, they used his

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Wine Picks

For Passover beginning April 19, there are many new wines on the market. Gone are the days of only sweet kosher wines. Today's choices are dry wines from quality producers spanning the globe including California, Israel, Australia, Chile, Italy, and France.

■ From California: 1998 Baron Herzog Chenin Blanc \$8, was the Sweepstakes Award White Wine in the 1999 West Coast Wine Competition.

■ Baron Herzog "Selection" wines are French origin. There's Beaujolais Villages, \$13; Merlot, \$9, and Syrah, \$9.

■ The Alfasi label has wines from Chile's Maule Valley. A 1999 Chardonnay, 1997 Merlot, and 1997 Cabernet are \$8.50. A step up in Chilean wines are Winestock Reserves, a Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon, both \$13.

■ Teal Lake is an exceptional new line from the respected Normans Winery in South Australia. Very fruit-forward 1999 Teal Lake Shiraz and 1999 Teal Lake Chardonnay are both \$12.50.

■ Bartenura is the popular kosher wine from Italy. Barbera d'Asti, Moscato d'Asti and Malvasia are about \$10 each.

■ Yarden and Gamla wines made at the Golan Heights Winery in Israel are solid examples of chardonnay, merlot, and cabernet sauvignon at \$8-12.

As we've said a number of times, you don't have to be Jewish to enjoy flavorful kosher wines, which at these price points are among the best value wines on the market.



Top of the wine world: Jean Noel and Marketta Fourmeaux at the entrance to their winery, Chateau Potelle on Mount Veeder, high above California's Napa Valley.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Turn off the TV and cook
- Tea time



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Celebrating Seder: Monica Stein lights candles as her children, Stephanie and Steve, and her husband, Gerry, watch before they eat a traditional Seder dinner. Below, foods form a circle on a Seder plate, including a shank bone, horseradish, lettuce, parsley, egg and Haroset, which is a relish of red wine, chopped nuts, apples and pears.

One 2 SACRED holidays

BY SANDRA DALKA-PRYSBY • SPECIAL WRITER

Pope John Paul II's recent visit to Israel to promote respect and acceptance of various religious beliefs was followed with interest by the Gerald Stein family of West Bloomfield.

The family of four knows the importance of respecting others' beliefs. "When I married Gerry, a podiatrist, 21 years ago, I knew that the only way we could thrive as a couple was for me to accept my husband's Jewish background," said Monica. "He, in turn, has respected my Roman Catholic upbringing."

According to Monica, her husband has never pushed his religion on her. "I, myself, chose to attend services at Temple Shir Shalom in West Bloomfield. "Together we made the choice to raise our children in the Jewish religion. This decision has provided less confusion and more unity in our family."

While Gerry endorses Monica's involvement in the temple, he also enjoys celebrating Christian holidays with her family. Monica's relatives, in turn, have celebrated Jewish holidays with the Steins.

Customs

"My extended family has become more knowledgeable in Jewish customs and traditions," said Monica. "Also, our children, Steven, age 20, and Stephanie, age 15, have benefited from attending celebrations marking Christian holidays."

Steven, a student at Oakland Community College, said that although he's been raised Jewish, he experiences a comfort level with individuals of other religions.

"I've been taught to respect others' values and beliefs and I've been able to have the best of both worlds — Judaism and Christianity."

Stephanie, a freshman at Groves High School in Birmingham, agrees with her brother that the awareness of the two religions they have obtained from both sides of the family has allowed her to relate to all her friends — Jewish and Christian.

The Steins look forward to two religious holidays, Passover (sundown April 19-27) and Easter Sunday (April 23).

"One of our most sacred observances during Passover, which is the celebration of the liberation of the Jewish people thousands of years ago from Egyptian slavery, is the Seder," Monica said.

"We invite my extended family to share in this special meal with us."

Seder

The Seder meal, which is celebrated at sundown on the first two nights of Passover, requires special plates and foods. Matzah, which is unleavened bread, is central to the celebration.

"Because the Jews left Egypt in such haste, there was no time to wait for the bread dough to rise, so they ate matzah."

The other Seder foods include roasted lamb shank and hard-cooked egg (to represent the pascal sacrifice); raw horseradish or bitter herbs (to commemorate

the bitter suffering of the Jews in Egypt); an apple, pear, walnut and red wine relish, called Haroset, (to symbolize the mortar used by the enslaved Israelites to make bricks); and parsley, which is dipped in salt water, which symbolizes the tears of the enslaved Jews.

Other foods are also served during this meal, including gefilte fish, matzo ball soup and Passover Perfect Sponge Cake, a family favorite made by Gerry's aunt, Sarah Weiss of Southfield.

Easter

While the Steins are preparing for one of the most sacred Jewish holidays, Monica's aunt, Winifred Kubisz of New Baltimore, is busy cooking and baking, including Babka, a Polish sweet bread, for a lavish Easter Sunday dinner.

As is her custom, she puts some of the food into a basket and takes it to church on Saturday, the day before Easter, for the priest to bless.

"We all enjoy going to my aunt's to share in the Easter meal," said Monica.

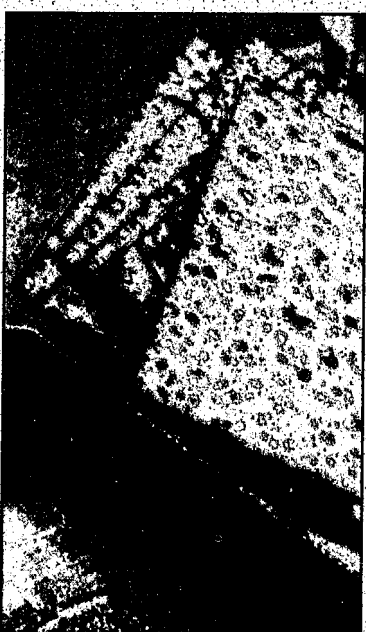
According to her children, another thing they enjoyed growing up was searching for their Easter baskets early Easter Sunday.

"Gerry and I have raised our children with some of the same customs and traditions that were part of our own lives growing up."

The Steins are a testament that interfaith marriages can work and bring a richness of both religions and traditions to the family.

"It only works, however, when both partners are open to and respect the other's beliefs and values," Monica said. "We are fortunate to be members of a temple which has many interfaith couples. Because of this, there is total acceptance of all our members."

Sandra Dalka-Prysky is a Beverly Hills resident and writes about food for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.



Tradition: Foods for Seder include matzah, an unleavened bread considered central to the celebration.

For potlucks, these meatballs are a hit

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Marie Promo of Westland enjoys potlucks, using a recipe she received more than 30 years ago in a way friends traditionally share recipes and the way lives cross.

Her daughter, Joyce, made friends with Cathy Michelini in Girl Scouts, who was "delightful," Promo said.

Cathy's mother, Agnes, "was such a nice person," Promo said.

Both mothers raised children and shared stories. Promo's daughter joined the Women's Army Corps upon graduation and received a recipe from the woman for Creole Meat Balls with Applesauce.

"I've made it for many occasions. Please see MEATBALLS, B2

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Taste of the Nation Detroit will help raise money for non-profit organizations to battle hunger and poverty.

The event is scheduled from 6-9:30 p.m. Sunday, May 7, at the Somerset Collection in Troy. It features the area's best 50 restaurants, caterers and purveyors.

Tickets are \$75. About 70 percent of the proceeds will go to Gleaners Community Food Bank, The Food Bank of Oakland County, Forgotten Harvest and Detroit Entrepreneurship Institute.

Statewide organizations will

benefit from 10 percent of the funds, while international grant recipients will receive 17 percent and the remaining 3 percent to Share Our Strength's Operation Frontline, a direct service nutrition education program.

Sponsored nationally by American Express and Williams-Sonoma, Taste of the Nation is the nation's largest culinary benefit in which the restaurant community shares its strength in the fight against hunger and poverty. Since 1988, Taste of the Nations events in Detroit have raised more than \$800,000.

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since and have always received many compliments on the flavor," Promo said. "I have used turkey as well as ground beef, or a mixture of both, with equal success."

Promo likes it for potlucks, but always checks first with a host before bringing it, as it is a meat dish.

"The applesauce gives it a different flavor," Promo said. "The kids were happy to have it. They love it."

The recipe's longevity remains a great symbol of the relationships and shared memories between families and friends.

CREOLE MEAT BALLS WITH APPLESAUCE

- 1 pound ground beef or turkey (or combination)
- 1/2 cup applesauce
- 1/2 cup soft bread crumbs
- 1 egg
- Salt and pepper
- Flour
- 3 tablespoons cooking oil
- 1/2 stalk celery, sliced thin
- 1/3 cup green pepper, finely chopped
- 1/2 cup carrot, sliced thin
- 1 small onion, diced
- 1 cup tomato juice

Mix beef, applesauce and bread crumbs. Add egg, 1 teaspoon salt, 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Shape into rounds.

Roll in flour and brown in hot oil. Place balls in a 1-1/2 quart casserole after draining oil from pan.

To a small amount of the drippings, add celery,

green pepper, carrot and onion. Add tomato juice, then season with salt and pepper. Heat to boiling and pour over meat balls.

Cover and bake at 350° F for 40 minutes. Serve as is or over rice. Serves 6.

Everyone knows the best recipes are the ones you share. Send us your favorite original recipe, and if it's chosen to be featured in the Recipe to Share on the third Sunday of the month in Taste, we'll send you a cookbook.

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winery, Hess Collection, to make an initial 1,000 cases of sauvignon blanc, chardonnay and cabernet sauvignon.

"Back then, our style of wine moved away from big, oaky, overly alcoholic wines," Marketta said. "We tried to fashion them in a more subtle style, somewhere between the prevailing goals of California at that time and France - not too rich and not too austere because they are wines to complement food."

"It pleases us that today's California wine styles have moved in the direction we chose nearly 20 years ago."

Distinctive style

Understanding the distinctive

■ 'It pleases us that today's California wine styles have moved in the direction we chose nearly 20 years ago.'

Marketta Fourmeaux

—owners of Chateau Potelle, a Napa Valley winery

character of mountain-grown grapes, in 1988 the Fourmeaux purchased a 273-acre property with home and winery on Mount Veeder, 1,800 feet above the Napa Valley floor. Wines produced from their mountain-side vineyards are packed with intensity and flavor.

Most ironic is the fact that Chateau Potelle's first world-class success came with the 1990

vintage, not with a French-origin grape, but with America's heritage zinfandel. It put the winery on the map and fast track to recognition. "This made us very happy," Marketta said. "We fell in love with zinfandel during our 1980 business trip."

Such success required that Chateau Potelle expand production of zinfandel. More was planted on the Mount Veeder estate and Marketta and Jean Noel found a grower in California's Amador County, zinfandel heaven, willing to let them farm his vineyard to their specifications and buy the grapes.

After an intensive search, a 90-acre parcel was discovered in Paso Robles and purchased in 1997. Both zinfandel and syrah are planted there. This year,

grenache, mourvedre and eight acres of cabernet sauvignon, merlot, and cabernet franc will be added.

Additionally, this year, 20 more vineyards acres of cabernet sauvignon and merlot will be added to the Mount Veeder estate.

Proof in the tasting

All Chateau Potelle wines grown from estate grapes carry the VGS (Very Good SH-T, no joke) designation. Try:

■ 1997 Chateau Potelle Sauvignon Blanc, Napa Valley, \$13;

■ 1996 Chateau Potelle Chardonnay, Central Coast, \$17;

■ 1996 Chateau Potelle Chardonnay VGS, \$44;

■ 1997 Chateau Potelle Zinfandel, Amador County, \$17;

■ 1995 Chateau Potelle Cabernet Sauvignon VGS, \$46, available in very limited quantity, but worth a search.

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Try roasted asparagus for Passover

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Any dish without meat or milk is known as "pareve" and may be eaten with either meat or dairy dishes in accordance with Jewish dietary laws.

This recipe for Roast Whole Asparagus is adapted from "Red, White and Greens," by Faith Willinger. It is included in "The New York Times Passover Cookbook" edited by Linda Amster (William Morrow & Co., \$25) which has more than 200 holiday recipes from top chefs and writers.

The lemon and orange enhance the delicate flavor of the asparagus.

WHOLE ROAST ASPARAGUS

1 pound fresh asparagus of medium thickness and uniform size, trimmed and peeled, if necessary

necessary

2 to 3 tablespoons olive oil
Salt and freshly ground pepper
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
1 tablespoon orange juice

Place the asparagus in a single layer in a large nonstick skillet and drizzle with 1 tablespoon of olive oil. Shake the pan to coat the asparagus with the oil and place over medium heat. Cook the asparagus, shaking the pan every few minutes to brown evenly. Lower the heat and continue cooking until asparagus is tender, about 10 to 15 minutes (time may vary, depending on size of asparagus). Test by poking asparagus stems with a toothpick or knife. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Drizzle with 1 to 2 tablespoons of olive oil. Combine the lemon juice and orange juice and sprinkle over the asparagus.

Carrot dish can be served for Seder

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"We'd as soon eat an entree without a vegetable and starch as a stack of pancakes without butter and syrup."

In other words, no Passover Seder is complete without a couple of veggies and at least one or two starches. Carrots With Honey, Fruit and Nuts is among 160 recipes in "The Second Avenue Deli Cookbook," by Sharon Lebewohl and Rena Bulkin (Villard, \$24.95).

Abe Lebewohl's 10-seat East Village deli, run by his family since his death in 1996, remains a New York institution. For more than a half-century, it has rescued many Jewish families from the kitchen by catering Passover Seders, bar mitzvahs, weddings and other festivities.

CARROTS WITH HONEY, FRUIT AND NUTS

1 1/2 pounds carrots, peeled and sliced into 1-inch sticks, about 3/8-inch wide
2 tablespoons butter or margarine

8 pitted prunes, chopped into 1/2-inch pieces
1/2 cup raisins
3/4 cup coarsely chopped pecans or walnuts
1/4 cup honey
1 teaspoon finely grated lemon rind
1 tablespoon sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt

Place carrots in a saucepan, cover with water and bring to a boil. Reduce heat, and simmer for 15 minutes. While carrots are simmering, melt butter in a large skillet and saute prunes, raisins, and nuts on moderate heat for 2 minutes, stirring constantly. Drain carrots and return them to saucepan. Add fruit-nut mixture, honey, lemon rind, sugar and salt and stir to thoroughly combine. Cook 2 more minutes, stirring frequently. Serve hot.

Makes 6 servings.

NOTE: If you grease your measuring cup with vegetable oil, the honey will slide right out.

Scones help celebrate Easter holiday

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A pot of coffee, a pitcher of juice and an Easter basket brimming with scones is a cheerful wake-up call on Sunday morning.

COCONUT ALMOND SCONES

3 1/2 cups unbleached flour
1/2 cup sugar
1 tablespoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon grated lemon rind
2 ounces (1/2 stick) butter
7 ounces almond paste, chilled
1 cup flaked sweetened coconut
1 cup coconut milk
1 egg
1 teaspoon almond extract
1 egg, lightly beaten with 1 tablespoon water

Preheat oven to 375 F.

Grease and flour a large cookie sheet, or line the sheet with parchment paper.

In a large bowl, sift the flour with the sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Add the lemon rind. Using two knives or a food processor, cut the butter into flour mixture until the butter is evenly incorporated and there are no large chunks. Grate the almond paste and mix it into the flour mixture with 1/2 cup of the flaked coconut.

In a medium bowl, beat the coconut milk, egg and almond extract until well combined. Add the dry ingredients and beat with a spoon until the dough pulls away from the sides of the bowl and forms a ball. Knead 5 or 6 turns to get a nice consistency. The dough should be firm enough to roll out but still delicate, not stiff or dry.

On a lightly floured surface roll the dough out to a 3/4-inch thickness. Using a 2 1/2-inch-diameter cookie cutter, cut out the scones and place on prepared cookie sheets about 2 inches apart. Brush with the egg wash and sprinkle with the remaining 1/2 cup of coconut.

Bake for 18 minutes, or until they are a light golden brown and spring back to the touch.

Makes about 22 scones.

Recipe from: Andre Proust Inc.

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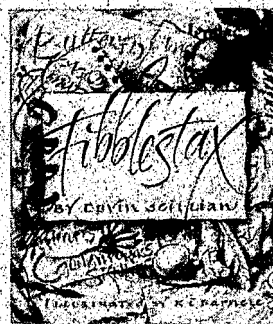
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MY TURN



JOE BAUMAN

DIA trip yields more treasures than just art

So there we were last Saturday, standing in line for the much-bally-hooded *van Gogh: Face to Face* exhibit at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

My oldest daughter Megan was about to turn 9 and has shown an interest in the arts, so I thought a special trip with dad would be a good, early birthday present.

Plus, given all the hype that has engulfed the exhibit and the crowds that have swarmed to the DIA to catch a glimpse of it, I wanted to see how kid-friendly the show is to help our readers decide if it would be a complete waste of time for those of us with small children to include them in the trip.

I didn't tell my daughter where we were going, only that I was taking her to a place where she had never been and that it was a special surprise. Unfortunately, I made the mistake of telling her about two weeks before the trip and was subjected to a regular interrogation about our special day.

As we sped down the Jeffries Freeway toward our destination, I asked Megan if she remembered the name of the famous artist she learned about who cut off his ear. She answered "Vincent van Gogh" and asked why I wanted to know.

I told her there was a very famous display of his art and we were very lucky to have the show in Detroit and that we were on our way to see some of the most famous paintings in the world.

Silence. After a few seconds, I asked Megan what she thought of her surprise. She feigned excitement, or at least interest. After I assured her she was in for a real treat, she warmed to the idea and said she thought it would be fun.

Megan was impressed with the number of people in line when we arrived, and I told her that thousands of people were coming to the museum every day just for a chance to see the paintings.

We strolled through the community portrait gallery, examining the dozens of drawings and paintings children had done as part of a related arts-education class being offered.

Five minutes before our appointed entrance time, we joined the line and waited. Megan looked around, took in the sight of more than a hundred people lined up in a maze of red, velvet ropes and guessed the show must be pretty special because the lines reminded her of Disney World.

High praise indeed from a kid. Then came the moment of truth. We were fitted with our audio-tour devices, and ushered into the first room of drawings. We went from piece to piece, organized in a series of rooms, listened to the audio for the designated images and I did my best to answer her questions.

Megan especially liked the self-portraits and the paintings of Joseph Roulin and his family, and was amazed when I told her that some of the paintings were worth literally tens of millions of dollars.

She also was impressed with the brush-stroke technique employed by van Gogh, and surmised that some of the pieces probably took "at least a whole day" to complete.

Megan's biggest reaction was reserved for when we were funneled into the gift shop at the end of the tour. She was dazzled by the dizzying array of merchandise being offered, from sale, and at some point begged for just about every item being offered.

After much agonizing, she eventually settled on a self-portrait book, a van Gogh pen and a hard-cover drawing book featuring van Gogh's *Starry Night* on the front and back covers.

I again was reminded of a child's amazing capacity for memory when Megan correctly named several replicas of van Gogh's works being offered for sale in the gift shop, including *Starry Night*, which she proclaimed her favorite van Gogh.

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Riding on Faith

T.J. HEMPHILL'S SPIRITUAL ODYSSEY ARRIVES AT MUSIC HALL

BY FRANK PROVENZANO

• STAFF WRITER •

PHOTO ILLUSTRATIONS BY JIM JAGDFELD

Believer: T.J. Hemphill, pastor at Riverside Christian Church in Southfield, wrote "Perilous Times," a play inspired by the story of Jesus which he also directs and co-produces.

Around dusk, cast members of *Perilous Times* begin to arrive for rehearsal. They gather in an expansive, empty warehouse, once home to a spacious furniture showroom and jewelry store, located a block west of Northland Shopping Center.

With little fanfare and plenty of muscle stretching, there are few clues about the spiritual revival set to commence.

By rehearsal time, however, the lead character is nowhere in sight.

So, the play's creator, T.J. Hemphill of Southfield, searches for a script, and prepares to stand in for the absent actor. Before a line is recited and a note is sung, Hemphill calls the group together in a circle. They hold hands, pray and listen to Hemphill's deep, soulful whisper. For a moment, preparing for this week's performances

at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts gives way to the real business at hand — inspiring faith.

Long stage life

Hemphill's ministry is inseparable from the musical play he wrote in 1991. That year, the play premiered at St. Paul's Life and Praise Church in Palmer Park. Three years later, *Perilous Times* was staged at the Fisher Theatre.

Since 1995, *Perilous Times* has played to sold-out audiences at the 1,700-seat Music Hall. This year, Music Hall is co-producing the play, perhaps a sign that Hemphill's time-travel rendition of the birth, death and resurrection story of Jesus may have longer stage life outside of metro Detroit.

The play, which follows the spiritual journey of a drug user, Bobby, who is transported to the times of Jesus, has become a tradition for many that honor the Christian Easter holiday.

"We have a loyal following, and the appeal is growing," said Hemphill, who noted that about two-thirds of audiences at a show haven't seen the play before.

To illustrate how faith can transform a nonbeliever, Hemphill devised an unlikely "angel with an attitude" to guide Bobby in an up-close examination of the founding events of the Christian faith.

It's a lesson delivered with plenty of high-energy, street-inspired choreography and an eclectic 13-song score, highlighted by the searing performance of Lisa Scott Bailey's ethereal soprano.

What: *Perilous Times*
When: Tuesday-Sunday, April 18-23
Where: Music Hall for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison, Detroit
Performance times: 8 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; 3 p.m. & 8 p.m. Saturday & 3 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. Sunday
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Rhythm: Tamara Walters (left), and Felicia Wilson warm-up before a rehearsal of "Perilous Times."

REVIEW

'Loopholes' a seamless case of pure dedication

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
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Nearly five years after the initial draft of their film, *Loopholes*, was written, co-producers David Stern and Michael Grogan have a polished cut of 104 minutes to share with friends, supporters, and finally, public audiences.

The 16mm film debuts on a digital video projection this Saturday at the Michigan Theater in Ann Arbor. Stern, formerly of Birmingham, also wrote and directed the film. Grogan is an Orchard Lake resident.

The project was made possible through the support of family and friends, pro bono contributions and a never-say-die attitude.

In fairness to Stern and Grogan, the artistic and technical limitations of *Loopholes* are inseparable from the lack of options dictated by a shoestring budget.

Perhaps that's why foremost the film succeeds as an admirable case of perse-

What: Premiere of *Loopholes*, an independent feature film written and directed by David Stern, produced by Stern and Michael Grogan
When: 5 p.m. Saturday, April 22
Where: Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor
For information, call (888) 477-9273

verance and dedication to a goal.

With a relatively paltry budget of about \$50,000, the shot locations were restricted to a friend's apartment, a producer's basement, a makeshift office in Farmington and the Starlite Diner in Southfield.

However, with a script that reaches to answer the timeless question, "What is a worthy life?", the discrepancies amount to a series of irreversible dramatic stumbles.

In the tradition of Barry Levinson's *Tin Men*, Stern's intent is to uncover the humanity of a rather simple-motivated character, Wallace (Robb Rucker), a replacement window salesman who shows up to work with one goal: To sell windows and keep his sales manager off his back.

When his egomaniacal boss apparently commits suicide, it forces Wallace to rethink the purpose of his own life.

The twisted plot has Wallace investi-

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EXHIBIT

Hilberry Gallery introduces two up-and-coming artists.

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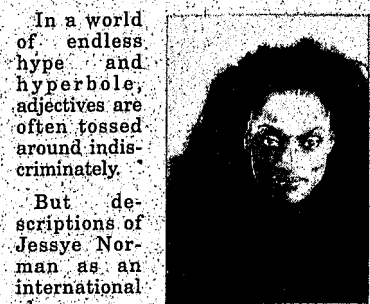
Like her tenderly rendered paintings, Suzanne Walters presents herself in a subtle and unassuming manner.

The recent work of the Wayne State and Cranbrook Academy of Art graduate is featured along with the intricate organic patterns of painter Megan Parry.

The exhibit, "Introductions," opens this weekend and runs through the end of May at the Susanne Hilberry Gallery in Birmingham.

Both painters offer a refreshing examination of the intensely personal and the microcosmic forms that infuses abstract painting with a sense of the natural.

Using cast resin figurines with a lacquer finish, Walters' small-scale sculptures look part lamb,



Jessye Norman

In a world of endless hype and hyperbole, adjectives are often tossed around indiscriminately.

But descriptions of Jessye Norman as an international phenomenon with immense vocal power and stage presence are hardly exaggerations.

In less than two weeks, Norman and her thunderbolt vocal eruptions will fill the Detroit Opera House in a benefit for the Chamber Music Society of Detroit, which, in its 56th season, makes it one of the country's oldest and most prestigious presenters.

The legendary Norman will perform an eclectic program, including arias, traditional spirituals and jazz songs from her latest CD, an album of Michel Legrand compositions.

Initially, Norman was considered as one of the featured performers on the Chamber Music Society's current season. When Comerica Private Banking and the Detroit Edison Foundation stepped up and covered Norman's performance fee, the recital became an ideal fund-raising event, said Lois Beznos, president of the Chamber Music Society.

The recital is not part of the society's subscription series.

Like Pavarotti and Maria Callas, Norman's talent transcends the operatic stage where she has gained her fame. She has not only performed at the world's most famous opera houses, but she's often a featured performer at historic events.

In 1989, she was on hand when France celebrated the 200th anniversary of the French Revolution. Norman also sang at the Olympic Games opening ceremonies in Atlanta in 1996 and President Clinton's second inauguration.

Norman will attend an afterglow fund-raising reception at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History. Proceeds will benefit the museum.

Tickets to the reception are available by calling (313) 494-5854.

— Frank Provenzano

What: Jessye Norman
In Recital, a fund-raiser for the Chamber Music Society of Detroit
When: 5 p.m. Saturday, April 29
Where: Detroit Opera House, corner of Madison and Broadway, Detroit
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Animated: Suzanne Walters' paintings of her self-styled figurines depict a sense of vulnerability.

dog and doe. She manipulates her self-styled figurines to a near-animated position, then takes photographs and uses them as a reference for her paintings.

The result is an unflinchingly honest portrait of vulnerability. To her credit, Walters creates a sense of drama around the figurines, and doesn't slip

Please see HILBERRY, B5

What: Paintings of Suzanne Walters and Megan Parry
When: Through May 27
Where: Susanne Hilberry Gallery, 555 S. Old Woodward, Birmingham
Hours: 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; call (248) 642-8250

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gated for possibly murdering his boss. But ultimately, that proves to be an ineffective way to place Wallace's life "on trial."

Instead of focusing on the implausible murder mystery, Stern would have had better luck if he had looked more closely at Wallace's friendship with a woman who shares his dream to escape to Brazil, and an uncle whose grasp of reality is slipping away.

While the film is billed as a dark comedy with Kafkaesque overtones, *Loopholes* suffers from an identity complex, never demonstrating a plausible story or mastery of a dominant sensibility. Frankly, there are one too many, clever close-ups, and sophomoric references, not to mention the starchy dialogue and uneven pacing.

Yet again, the sheer doggedness to complete the project should overshadow the obvious weak points of the film.

There are several worthy moments that beg the question:



Secrets: Rob Rucker (Wallace), left, and Bill Sinischo (Uncle Issy) in a scene from "Loopholes." The film premieres Saturday at the Michigan Theater in Ann Arbor.

What could Stern accomplish if given a bigger budget and an

editor capable of trimming the dramatic slack.

Hilberry from page B4

into Disney-like mawkishness.

While she accomplishes her goal of painting a subject with an implied narrative, the most impressive feature of Walters' work is her empathy.

In mid May, Gyan Shrosbree, a recent graduate of Cranbrook, will be added to the "Introductions" exhibit.

Shrosbree's fiber work defies easy classification. Among the

materials she uses are faux furs, vinyl, satin and heavy felts.

— Frank Provenzano
Staff Writer

BBC eyes next Destination

The Birmingham Concert Band continues its 1999-2000 season with *Destinations*, including WYUR classical radio personality Dick Wallace as master of ceremonies, at 8 p.m. today at the Groves High School auditorium.

Wallace, WYUR's *Classical Encore* host, will join BBC Director and Conductor Grant M.

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Come back Thursday for At Home

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Word and melody

For a kid from the same Brewster-Douglas public housing projects where many of Motown's greatest talents grew up, Hemphill isn't filled with high hopes of a national tour as much as he sees *Perilous Times* as a means to spread the Word.

Make no mistake. The former record-setting high jumper and basketball star during his days at Wayne State in the early 1970s is steadfastly grounded.

"If you're going to change the direction of a person's life, you have to change his spirit," said Hemphill, pastor of the Riverside Christian Church of Southfield, which he established two years ago.

"Writing this play, I intended to bring in people who don't get to church," he said. "People who are selling drugs, maybe women who are selling themselves. People who aren't taking care of their spiritual lives."

For Hemphill, spiritual awakenings start with preaching the Word, then delivering an irresistible melody that inspires a belief that song and faith are bound together like love and family.

The play's eclectic music of Gospel, jazz, rhythm-and-blues and rap is a reflection of Hemphill's nontraditional theological approach at Riverside, a place he refers to as a "down-to-earth church."

A student of other religions, such as Judaism and Islam, Hemphill preaches an appreciation for various perspectives along with a common sense message of personal responsibility and integrity.

"We teach from the Bible, but not about 'controlling issues,'" said Hemphill, who insisted that his sermons focus on mutual respect between men and women.

At the small congregation of Riverside, Sunday celebrations have an unmistakable intimacy. It's not unusual for Hemphill to offer a sermon, then sit down at the piano to lead the congregation in song.

Church of life

Raised in a Baptist Church and later in a Pentecostal Apostolic faith, Hemphill's spiritual journey hasn't followed a traditional course.

After graduating from Wayne State, he said he had a tryout with the Detroit Pistons who were impressed by his scoring and rebounding average.

Although Hemphill didn't make the team, he eventually "played" for the Pistons as the club's organist during the mid 1970s. He went on to teach elementary school and had a career as a commodities broker before turning to preaching.

Stints as a pastor in churches in Detroit and North Carolina

prepared Hemphill to establish his own down-to-earth place of worship.

Choosing to integrate the performing arts with religious worship is a central tenet at Riverside.

What Hemphill has created through the ongoing success of *Perilous Times*, according to his wife, Kristina King, is tantamount to founding a school where talented dancers and singers take a step toward a professional performance career. King handles marketing and advertising for the play. The couple's 4-year old twins appear in the play.

"We've gotten up to 300 people at auditions," she said. "We try to groom local talent like Motown did, and to infuse integrity in their lives."

Although *Perilous Times* operates on a relatively small budget, each of the 46-member cast is paid. From year to year, Hemphill and King recast the show to keep it fresh.

"Every year I say, 'I'm not going to do this again,' but every year people expect it," said Hemphill, who usually begins rehearsals in early February.

"The play has the potential to inspire people," he said. "I'm not talking about converting people. You just can't preach. You have to give them their money's worth, too."

Treasures from page B4

Unbelievable, I thought to myself. My 9-year-old has a favorite van Gogh. And when I asked her where she knew the pieces from, she said she remembered them from her first-grade Masterworks lessons.

And later, as we leisurely strolled through another gallery exhibiting the works of 19th-century European artists, Megan walled right up to a painting and correctly proclaimed it a van Gogh. When I asked her how she knew it was a van Gogh, she said she recognized it from the "attacking" brushstroke technique I had explained to her earlier.

But the most precious moment came in the way of a simple, honest observation. My

daughter was curious why so many artists wanted to paint naked women. I told her that many artists consider a naked body — and particularly a curvaceous female body — to be one of the most beautiful things to paint.

As I was finishing my explanation, Megan approached a bronze statue of a small, naked boy with his hand outstretched toward his mother. She motioned me over and, pointing to the boy's uncovered privates, whispered into my ear, "Daddy, I think some artists show a little too much detail."

After I stopped laughing, I realized our trip was an unqualified success.

The DIA deserves high marks for making the tour child

friendly by using kids as narrators on the audio tour and for making the explanations understandable. I listened to the children's narrative and found it to be both informative and entertaining.

And instead of making the narration a continuous loop of dialogue, children can walk up to any painting, tap in the corresponding number and listen to the explanation for just that piece.

If you aren't one of the 200,000 or so people who already have gone through the exhibit then grab your kids, if you have them, and head down to the DIA.

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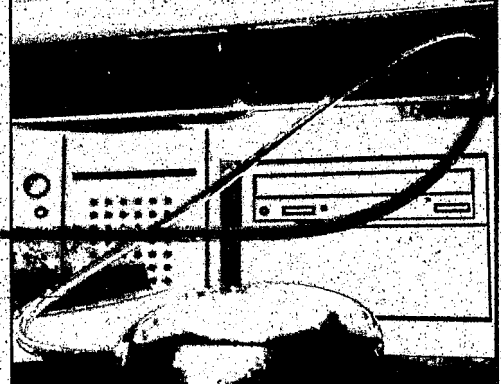
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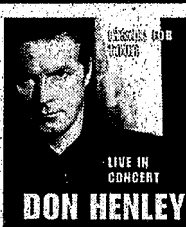
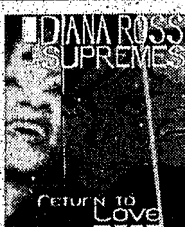
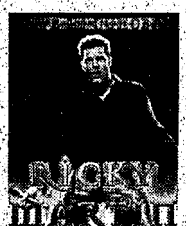
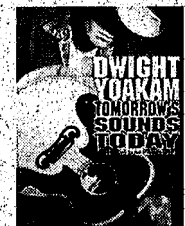
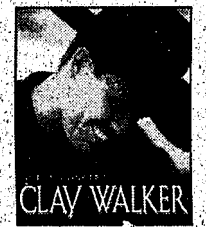
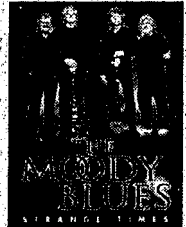
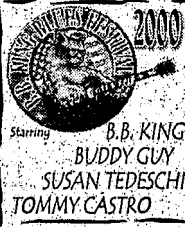
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TRAVEL

San Antonio combines old, new

BY PAT RITNER
SPECIAL WRITER

San Antonio is a colorful mix of big city glamor, cultural excitement and small-town warmth. I loved the Spanish flavor and multi-cultural heritage of San Antonio when we first visited the HemisFair in 1968. Just recently, however, I was delighted to see that this grand old city just keeps getting better.

San Antonio is the No. 1 visitor destination in Texas. There is something for everyone to do. Whether you are a history buff, an art or gourmet lover, or family who enjoys theme parks, you'll find your niche in San Antonio.

Our three-day visit was planned as a reunion with old friends from Michigan who now live in Arlington, Texas. The only agenda was "let's stay near the River Walk and just hand out." We did that and a lot more.

What to see

The Alamo — most people think of the Alamo and the city of San Antonio simultaneously, and that is how it should be. Spain established Mission San Antonio de Valero (later called the Alamo) more than half a century before the founding of the United States. It was the first of five Spanish missions founded in San Antonio to Christianize and educate resident Indians.

The Alamo became known as the "Cradle of Texas Liberty" based on 13 days of siege in 1836

when 189 Alamo defenders fought a Mexican army of thousands led by General Santa Anna. The Alamo defenders including Davy Crockett, Jim Bowie, and William Travis, all perished.

The church structure and Alamo Museum are open daily, but don't make a common visitor mistake of going there first. It is helpful to see the 45-minute IMAX docudrama *Alamo - The Price of Freedom* before you visit the Alamo site.

The IMAX Theater is at Rivercenter on Crockett Street just around the corner from the Alamo. The story of the fight for Texan independence puts you visually in the middle of the historic action with dramatic sight and sound. For IMAX ticket information, call (210) 247-4629.

Military Bases

Since its founding as a presidio in 1718, the military has been an integral part of San Antonio. There are four Air Force bases and the historic Fort Sam Houston. In addition, you can visit one of four military museums.

Fort Sam Houston is two miles north of the city between I-35 and the Harry Wurzbach Highway. The museum is in building 123. This would make a nice follow-up to the Alamo since the museum chronicles the history, uniforms, and equipment of Fort Sam Houston from 1845 to the

present.

Botanical gardens

We spent a delightful afternoon at the San Antonio Botanical Gardens just north of Fort Sam Houston. The gardens consist of 33 acres of formal gardens, pools, fountains, and natural areas and the Lucile Halsell Conservatory, a 90,000 square foot complex of below ground greenhouses.

If you visit the gardens be sure to allow plenty of time to tour the conservatory which could be easily missed since only the pyramidal glass roofs are visible from above ground.

You can visit the botanical gardens online at www.sabot.org

Interesting stops

La Villita is a restored Mexican village beside the river in the heart of downtown San Antonio. The buildings along the shaded cobblestone walkways consist of authentic adobe houses, small restaurants, arts and craft shops and a museum complex of early American culture.

Picturesque El Mercado at Santa Rosa and Commerce Streets is the largest Mexican market outside of Mexico offering imports of clothing, jewelry, pottery, wood carvings, wrought iron and leather.

For great Mexican food, Mariachi music and unsurpassed people watching, try La Margarita. But just go to eat and laugh; it is

much too noisy to talk. You can reach El Mercado (Market Square) by streetcar from the Alamo for 50 cents or just walk the 10 blocks if you are feeling peppy.

River walk

San Antonio's premier visitor experience is actually one level below the busy streets of downtown. The walk meanders for 2 1/2 miles alongside the San Antonio River (called Yanaguana by the Indians and Paseo del Rio in Spanish). The natural beauty of the area and formal design includes giant cypress trees, tropical foliage and flowering shrubs. A scenic riverboat cruise called the Yanaguana Cruise is well worth the small fee.

The River Walk was designed in 1921 by a brilliant and visionary architect named Robert Hugman. It was not until the late 1960s that the walk began to flourish commercially with hotels, restaurants, sidewalk cafes, and art and gift shops. It is possible to spend a whole mini vacation at the River Walk.

Other neat stuff

If you have the time and interest, check out San Antonio Museum of Art housed in the historic Lone Star Brewery, the San Antonio Zoo with the largest animal collection in Northern America, HemisFair Park, Sea World of Texas, or Six Flags Fiesta Texas.

If you still have some energy



Visiting Mike and Sara Cramer (left to right) formerly of Troy, join Nelson Ritner of Troy for lunch on the River Walk.

after a full day of sightseeing, walking, shopping and dining, San Antonio has plenty of nightlife. Go see a sporting event featuring the defending NBA champion Spurs; visit the Rivercenter Comedy Club, or hear the finest jazz.

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Rice, Groves pace All-Area Boys Swimming & Diving Team

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The Eccentric area can always be counted upon to produce quality swimmers, but the amount of talent in the pools this past winter was staggering. The domination at the boys Lower Peninsula Class A state meet in Ypsilanti illustrates the point perfectly.

Birmingham Brother Rice edged out Ann Arbor Pioneer by five points to win the school's sixth state championship since 1994. Rochester Adams, Birmingham Groves, Bloomfield Hills Lahser, Rochester and Troy all placed among the top 12.

Two individuals, Jefferson Moors of Brother Rice and Larry Kennedy of Groves, each collected a pair of state titles, and another individual, Christian Vanderkaay of Adams, captured a state crown, while one relay team from Brother Rice finished first.

The 2000 Eccentric All-Area Boys Swimming Team showcases that talent. The first team features two Brother Rice relays and a Groves relay, while the individual events are represented by competitors from Brother Rice, Adams, Groves, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, Rochester and Lahser.

The coach of the year is Brother Rice's Mike Venos.

Following is a brief profile of each first-team selection. Swimmers were restricted to one individual event — this rule did not apply to relays — in order to accommodate as many student-athletes as possible.

200 MEDLEY RELAY: Birmingham Groves (Larry Kennedy, Matt Schaffer, Brian O'Rourke, Kevin Svik) — This relay, featuring two seniors (Kennedy and Svik) and two sophomores (Schaffer, O'Rourke), clocked a second-place time of 1:36.15 at the Class A state meet much to the delight of Falcons coach Jon Teal. The foursome posted a 1:36.27 in the Class A preliminaries.

"We were pleasantly surprised to place second in this event this year," Teal said. "I think our team typically focuses on relays because of the point allocation, and these four guys were excited to have the opportunity to be there and compete. We knew what time they could go and they did a great job."

200 FREESTYLE: Jefferson Moors, Birmingham Brother Rice — Brother Rice's talented senior captain swam to victory in the 200 freestyle at the Class A state meet (1:40.09) and the Oakland County Meet (1:42.81). The four-year varsity performer, who has signed with Brown University, also became a three-time Class A champ in 500 free by winning this year's event in 4:32.87.

"Jefferson captured five individual state titles during his high school career," Rice coach Mike Venos said. "He had been nothing but a distance swimmer, but he knew in order to get to the next level he had to develop some speed. He did that this season and it paid off. That speed can take him to another level next year."

200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY: Christian Vanderkaay, Rochester Adams — One of the most prolific swimmers in school history, Vanderkaay was deserving of all the accolades that came his way this past season. The talented senior captain and four-year letterwinner touched fourth at the Class A state meet in a time of 1:52.40. Vanderkaay dominated the 200 IM at the local level, placing first at both the Oakland County (1:55.94) and Oakland Activities Association Division I meets (1:56.67).

Vanderkaay's accomplishments at the state level also included a first-place performance in the 100 breaststroke. A top-notch student, Vanderkaay is considering Michigan and Harvard.

"Like any good (individual medley) swimmer, Christian doesn't have a weak stroke," Adams coach Tim Hickley said. "And he's such a versatile swimmer."

50 FREESTYLE: Larry Kennedy, Birmingham Groves — Kennedy, who's headed to the University of Michigan, made the most of his chance to swim the 50 freestyle this season. The versatile senior placed ahead of the competition at the Class A state meet (21.25) and the Oakland County meet (22.12). His accomplish-

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Wolves rock nationally-ranked Troy

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The Clarkston-Troy athletic rivalry just got a little more interesting.

The Colts' baseball contingent, who came into the game with an undefeated record and a No. 23 national ranking by USA Today, were humbled by the hard-hitting Wolves 12-3 in a Oakland Activities Association Division I contest Friday at Clarkston.

Troy falls to 3-1 and 0-1 on the season, while the red-hot Wolves improve to 8-2 and 3-0.

The game marked the first time

Clarkston has toppled Troy on the baseball diamond in several years, and sent notice to the rest of the OAA Division I not to hand the crown over to the Colts just yet.

Clarkston coach Phil Price said it was a game where the entire team came together and did everything well.

"The biggest thing was, we came to play," Price said. "We weren't intimidated playing the number one team in the state, like we have been in the past. We came in thinking we can win, and we played that way."

Sparking the win were senior pitcher Chris Mitchell and senior left fielder Francis Hodges, who both came up

huge in every aspect of the game. Hodges went 3-for-4 including a 3-run home run and two runs scored. He also provided the big defensive play of the game when he threw out Troy's Kris Krstich from left field when Krstich was trying to score on a single by Tony Cribari.

"This game shows we can beat anyone, anytime," Hodges said. "We just came together as a team today. Even the guys on the bench got into it, and that's something we hadn't had."

Troy coach Paul Diegel credited Clarkston for playing well, but added the loss might be a long-term positive for his team.

"It's a good thing a loss like this came so early (in the season). I think it was good in the respect it was a wake up call for us," Diegel said. "We made a lot of mistakes today, and you can't make those mistakes and hope to beat a team like Clarkston."

The game started off well enough for the Colts, who hung three runs on the Wolves in the top of the first. Jim Geldhof sacrificed Kevin O'Donnell home for the game's first run. Krstich later walked, and scored on a double to center by David Turner that also brought Cribari home.

The Wolves committed three errors

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Mel-in-motion

Clarkston's senior Melanie Arnold earns respect on softball diamond as one of state's best

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Blink, and you'll miss her beating the throw to first.

Turn your head, and you'll miss a steal of second base without even a throw from the catcher. Dig into the cooler for a drink, and you miss that navy and gold flash streaking past home plate for another Clarkston run.

Yes, Clarkston senior softball player Melanie Arnold is that fast. It's her speed which sets the table for a big inning by the Wolves, and keeps their opponents on their heels anytime she's on the field.

That speed and her on-base percentage of over .800 got Arnold a spot on last year's Division I All State First Team. Now Arnold is back for her senior year, and is planning on beating out throws and stealing bases more than ever.

"My coaches, especially Mr. (Al) Land have always said, all I have to do is get bunts down, and I can beat throws to first base," Arnold said from the Clarkston dugout recently. "I was always fast when I was young, and I would win a lot of races. At first, basketball was my main sport, but I found that I could use my speed a lot better in softball, and now that's my favorite sport."

Her slender frame and lightning quick feet allow Arnold to be among the fastest softball players in the state. As her career has progressed, Arnold's bunting has steadily improved, getting to the point where as long as she doesn't pop the bunt into the air, she's almost guaranteed of getting to first.

"Mel will get on base," said Clarkston coach Al Land. "She really is amazing, because other teams know she's going to bunt, but they can't throw her out because of her speed."

Arnold, entering her third season on the varsity team, wasn't always the base-stealing speed demon she is now. At the beginning of that season, she was relegated to ninth in the batting order. She didn't judge pitches very well, and her bunting was still raw. But as the season wore on, her confidence grew and her play improved. She was hitting leadoff by the time the Wolves entered the state playoffs.

Last year, Arnold was a force from the start. Her



FILE PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

Speed demon: Sights like the one above are common-place, where Clarkston senior outfielder Melanie Arnold beats out a throw to first in a softball. Arnold, also known for her gold glove on the field, was Division I First-Team All-State in 1999.

defense in centerfield evolved from being a pleasant surprise to a given. She could chase down almost any ball hit in her general vicinity.

Last summer, Arnold took her game to another level, playing for Land's Computware summer ball team.

"I brought her on my team, because she had never really seen competition at that level before," he said. "She learned a lot last summer, especially that she

can compete at that level and compete well. She's starting to slap the ball better, and that will only make her a better player for us."

Land said having a player like Arnold bat leadoff means instant run production for the team.

"With Mel hitting first, there's no reason we can't score a run in the first inning of every game we play," he said. "Her presence puts pressure on the

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Experienced Clarkston has high hopes for softball season

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With the return of seven starters, Clarkston could be a contender in the 2000 Division I spring softball season. Along with Waterford Kettering, Lake Orion, Orionville, Brandon and Rochester Adams.

Kermit the Frog is not easy being green. Apparently, he never had the luck that the Clarkston softball team has had the past two years.

Despite excellent regular seasons that saw the Wolves eclipse the 25-win mark, the Wolves have been eliminated in the postseason by two teams which call green their home color — Waterford Kettering in 1998 and Lake Orion in 1999. Clarkston hopes to change all that in 2000, thanks to a young, but veteran group playing in arguably the best league in the state.

The Wolves enter the new season as one of the darkhorses in the Oakland Activities Association Division I, considered by many to be the best in the

state. With the return of seven starters, Clarkston could be a contender in the 2000 Division I spring softball season. Along with Waterford Kettering, Lake Orion, Orionville, Brandon and Rochester Adams.

Clarkston coach Al Land likes his team's chances against anyone. "Overall, players come and go, but it seems like there are always a number of teams that are very, very strong," Land said. "Every team seems to be competitive, and all the teams are well coached and have good systems in place."

The Wolves, who finished 26-18-1 last year, return seven of nine starters this year, including their entire outfield and both pitchers. Taking the ball to the mound for Clarkston will be senior Candace Morgan and junior Lisa Ferguson.

Land said he loves Morgan's comfort level on the field, saying he has never seen her more confident.

"Candace is so much more relaxed this year," he said. "Last year, she felt like she had to prove some things after taking the year before off. She is swinging the bat like she did when she was a freshman, which is outstanding."

Morgan was the Wolves' offensive MVP after her freshman year in 1997, but took the 1998 season off. This year, Land plans on having Morgan hit third in the order, and catching when Ferguson pitches.

Ferguson made tremendous strides last year as a pitcher, starting with a win over rival Brandon. She gained better command of her pitches and threw with much more confidence. She also has excellent speed and will be a valuable pinch runner for the Wolves.

"Her pitching has improved even over last year," Land said. "I see her having a breakthrough year, and

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Dan Fife to coach girls basketball at Clarkston next season

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There will be a familiar face roaming the sidelines this fall at Clarkston girls basketball games, but it won't be three-year coach Ann Lowney.

Dan Fife, coach of Clarkston's boys basketball team for 18 years and the school's athletics director, will fill in as head girls coach for the 2000 season. Lowney will miss

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Lake Orion receives green light for hockey program

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In an unexpected move, Lake Orion's Board of Education voted Wednesday by a 5-1 margin to add varsity boys ice hockey to the district's list of sports programs, however, the additional budget costs will not rest on the shoulders of the district itself.

The board agreed with the requests of several student-athletes and their parents to add the sport at the varsity level, but the pay-to-play price tag will be left entirely on the athletes and parents themselves.

"Hockey is officially part of our athletic department, but it will be on the pay-to-play basis for the first two years. Then the board will re-evaluate the situation," said Jim Wood, Lake Orion's athletics director. "There are about 50 kids and their parents that have been interested in starting the hockey program, so the interest is definitely in the school."

Although the funds for equipment, ice time, transportation and coaching staff salaries will not come from Lake Orion's athletics budget, the coaches will be hired and evaluated by the Wood and his staff, and the

students will still be required to follow the school's athletic code of conduct, according to Wood.

In preparation for the possibility that the hockey proposal passed, Wood went ahead and scheduled a 17-game schedule for the Dragons, who will begin their inaugural season next November in the Oakland Activities Association Division II.

"I went ahead and put together a schedule and told each school that if this didn't pass, then they would have to drop us from their schedules," said Wood.

With ice hockey being the most expensive prep sport in Michigan, each student-athlete will have to pay up to an estimated \$2,000 to participate. Wood said roughly 18-20 students will make the team in its inaugural campaign.

Lake Orion will practice and play its home games at the Polar Palace in Lapeer, which is currently under construction, an arena which will also host several other schools from the area. Lake Orion is the third Oakland County school that has announced that it will add boys ice hockey to its athletics program since the beginning of the year, along with Auburn Hills, Avondale and Ortonville-Branch.

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Several other schools in the area, such as Oxford, Rochester, Rochester Adams, Romeo and Utica are currently negotiating with their respective school boards about the possibility of adding ice hockey.

With the addition of ice hockey, Lake Orion now sponsors 23 of the 24 sports sanctioned by the Michigan High School Athletic Association, the governing body for about 85 percent of Michigan's high schools. The only sport not sponsored by Lake Orion is girls gymnastics.

"To be considered a varsity sport and not a club at Lake Orion, the sport has to be sanctioned by the MHSAA," added Wood. "Hockey does fit under that rule."

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in the inning, but settled down after and didn't commit one the rest of the game. Not coincidentally, the Wolves didn't allow any more runs the rest of the way either.

Clarkston struck back in the bottom of the first for four runs, three coming on Hodges' blast. Josh Rigg, pinch running for Derek Casper, scored when Ryan Marino reached first on an error, giving Clarkston a 4-3 lead.

The Wolves picked up where they left off in the bottom of the

second. Junior Trevor Manuel led off the inning with an infield single, and advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt by senior Bret Gove. The hit parade then began.

Senior Brett Crawford, who went 4-for-4 on the day, doubled Manuel home with a single. Mitchell followed with an RBI double, and Hodges hammered a double to left, upping Clarkston's lead to 7-3.

The trio of Crawford, Mitchell and Hodges were at it again in

the bottom of the fourth. The three combined for two doubles and a single and three RBI as Clarkston leaped out to an 11-3 advantage.

Crawford, Mitchell and Hodges combined to go 11-for-12 with five RBI and six runs scored, a fact not lost on Price.

"We were driving the ball, not just getting slap singles," Price said. "When we would get a called strike on us, we didn't hang our heads. We hung in there and drove pitches."

Eagles soar in opener with rout of Juniata

Clarkston Springfield Christian's baseball team picked up right where it left off in 1999.

The Eagles, who captured the Michigan Association of Christian Schools Division I state title last May, opened the 2000 season with a 18-6 road win over Vassar Juniata Christian.

Sophomore right-hander Ben Munce picked up the win on the mound, pitching four solid innings with 10 strikeouts against just two earned runs. Mounce, meanwhile, helped his own cause by batting 3-for-4 with a three-run homer.

Senior Matt Christie was also 3-for-4 with a RBI double, as was senior Adam Armstrong, who also drove in three.

Fife

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the season because she is pregnant with triplets. Her due date for the babies is Nov. 20.

Fife said the main reason he wanted to fill in for Lowney was to ensure Lowney maintains ownership of the program, say-

ing it wasn't fair to bring someone else in for one year and then hand the reins back to Lowney.

Lowney will still be in charge of the program, but is under doctor's orders not to be on her feet after July 1.

Arnold

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other team's defense, because they know how fast she is. The catcher has to worry, and the pitchers have to worry about what she can do, and it's nice for us to have that."

Arnold said she played better against the elite competition than she expected.

"There's good pitching everywhere and I wasn't sure if I could get on base against that, but I did better than I thought I would," she said. "Everyone is more advanced, and I think I can play at that

level."

Arnold gained confidence in herself from her play, but she is also one of the most popular girls on the softball team. In each of her three years on the team, she has always been a frequent recipient of encouraging words, hugs and high-fives from teammates and parents.

"I used to hang out with Tiff (1998 Clarkston graduate Tiffany Honey) a lot, and she would help me out a lot. She would always

encourage me and give me a ride to practice when I needed one," Arnold said. "Jennie Winn first got me into softball. She kept telling me to come out and play. My friends help me a lot with my grades and make sure I can still play."

The girl they call "Mel" or "Melon Head" can certainly play. With blazing speed, quick reflexes and a natural feel for the game, the sky is the limit for Melanie Arnold.

Softball

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becoming a real dominant pitcher her senior year."

Ferguson is part of a junior class that has terrific talent. Mary Warchuck, Tricia Brewer, Tracey Honey and Lindsay Simko all joined Ferguson as freshmen on the 1998 contingent that won a district title and was a squeezed-glove away from defeating eventual Class A state champion Waterford Kettering in the regionals.

All of those players will be counted heavily on this year. Simko takes over at shortstop for the graduated Mandie Harrison, and has a very strong arm and reliable glove. Warchuck will hit cleanup and play first base, and might have the most offensive potential of anyone in the Wolves' lineup.

"Mary hit one in our scrimmage to the base of the fence," Land said. "That's the kind of hitting she can give us."

Brewer will see significant time in the outfield and behind

the plate, and few players have her kind of work ethic. Honey will split time between third base and catcher and should be a big contributor offensively.

Anchoring the outfield is a player Land called "the fastest I have ever coached." Senior Melanie Arnold starts her third year on the varsity after being named First-Team All-State as a junior. She has unbelievable speed, and will beat out just about any throw to any base.

Arnold's specialty is laying down a drag bunt, then beating the throw to first. Over the summer, she improved her slap hitting, making her an even bigger threat because defenses can't play in on the infield, looking only for the bunt.

"I think with Mel, there's no reason we can't score at least one run in the first inning of every game we play," Land said. "She became an outstanding high school player her junior year, plus she has more confi-

dence in herself this year. She puts pressure on a defense with her speed and will force them to make mistakes."

One of the team's most improved players since last season is sophomore Stacey Giroux, according to Land. The third of four Giroux softball-playing sisters — older sisters Stephanie and Aimee were all-stars for Clarkston — Giroux has improved all aspects of her game in the offseason, and Land said he is very excited to see her compete this year. She will split time at third base with Honey.

Providing valuable senior leadership will be second baseman Jennie Winn. She is one of the most enthusiastic players on the team, and is a big part of one of the best defensive infields in Oakland County.

Freshman Missy Parsons is the team's youngest player, but one who should contribute regularly this year.

"I didn't bring her up to vari-

ty not to play," Land said. "She's got very quick hands, makes contact with the ball, and has decent speed and a decent glove. Just practicing with the varsity will make her much better."

Land said Kettering and Lake Orion are the favorites in the league this year. Last year, the two teams played a controversial regional semifinal game where the Captains benefited from an umpire's call in edging the Dragons in a hotly contested game.

"I think there are five real good teams in the league, with Lake Orion and Kettering battling it out for first," Land said. "Lake Orion should be very tough. We always compete well with them, and I'm looking forward to facing them again this year."

If the Wolves can compete — and beat — some of those teams, it could be Orion, Kettering and the like who are green with envy towards Clarkston in 2000.

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2000 All-Area Boys Swimming and Diving Team

200 MEDLEY RELAY: 1. Birmingham Groves; 2. Birmingham Brother Rice; 3. BH Lahser.

200 FREESTYLE: 1. Jefferson Moors, Birmingham Brother Rice; 2. Matt Bowman, Birmingham Brother Rice; 3. Jimmy Ohngren, Rochester Adams.

200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY: 1. Christian Vanderkaay, Rochester Adams; 2. Chris Brede, Brother Rice; 3. Kurt Schoenhals, Bloomfield Hills Lahser.

50 FREESTYLE: 1. Larry Kennedy, Birmingham Groves; 2. Justin Zumsteg, Rochester; 3. Andrew Taylor, Rochester Adams.

DIVING: 1. Tony Holt, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood; 2. Chris Gawronski, Walled Lake; 3. Dusty Garwood, Bloomfield Hills Lahser.

100 BUTTERFLY: 1. Matt Holcomb, Birmingham Brother Rice; 2. Brian O'Rourke, Birmingham Groves; 3. Todd Webster, Troy.

100 FREESTYLE: 1. Matt Bowman, Brother Rice; 2. Elliott Seguin, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood; 3. Chris Lutz, Rochester Adams.

500 FREESTYLE: 1. Jimmy Ohngren, Rochester Adams; 2. Peter Vanderkaay, Rochester Adams; 3. David Lutz, Rochester Adams.

200 FREESTYLE RELAY: 1. Birmingham Brother Rice; 2. Birmingham Groves; 3. Rochester Adams.

100 BACKSTROKE: 1. Justin Zumsteg, Rochester; 2. Kurt Schoenhals, Bloomfield Hills Lahser; 3. Matt Holcomb, Birmingham Brother Rice.

100 BREASTSTROKE: 1. Andrew Kurtz, Bloomfield Hills Lahser; 2. Aaron Kuess, Rochester Adams; 3. Matt Schaffer, Birmingham Groves.

400 FREESTYLE RELAY: 1. Birmingham Brother Rice; 2. Rochester Adams; 3. Troy.

COACH OF THE YEAR: 1. Mike Venos, Birmingham Brother Rice.

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ments in this event also included a 21.22 in the Class A preliminaries.

If that wasn't enough, Kennedy touched first in the 100 free at the Class A state meet.

"This was really the first year Larry had swam in the 50 free and he really showed what a versatile athlete he is," Teal said. "The 50 was a pretty wide open event this season and we could have used him in a number of other events. But Larry said he wanted to swim the 50 and he said he could win it."

DIVING: Tony Holt, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook — A talented junior making his second consecutive appearance on the first team, Holt overcame a knee injury to place second at the Class B-C-D state meet with a score of 453.80. He sat in third place following the preliminaries and third after the semifinals.

"Tony is a really good kid with a good head on his shoulders," Cranbrook diving coach John Hovey said. "He works extremely hard and he's very competitive. He knows what he has to do and he goes after it."

Holt's first-place score of 508.40 at the Oakland County meet was 12 1/2 points off the record of 520.90 set by Renaldo Castro of Groves in 1979.

100 BUTTERFLY: Matt Holcomb, Birmingham Brother Rice — Holcomb's accomplishments in the 100 butterfly included a first-place effort at the Catholic League meet, a third-place showing at the Oakland County meet (54.88) and a seventh-place performance at the Class A state meet (52.69).

"His swim at the state meet completely jump-started the second half of the meet for us," Venos said of Holcomb, a senior captain.

100 FREESTYLE: Matt Bowman, Birmingham Brother Rice — Another talented senior captain for the Warriors, Bowman placed fifth at the Class A state meet with a 47.62 clocking after a 47.55 in the prelims.

Bowman, who has committed to Yale University, added a victory in the 100 free at the Catholic League meet and a runner-up showing at the Oakland County meet (48.48).

Said Venos: "Matt is by far one of the top captains, if not the best captain, I've ever coached. He believed in doing everything as a team and he was willing to sacrifice in order to help the team."

500 FREESTYLE: Jimmy Ohngren, Rochester Adams — A senior captain and four-year letterwinner, Ohngren was a consistent performer in the 500 freestyle for the Highlanders. He swam to victory at the OAA Division I meet (4:40.06), touched second at the Oakland County meet (4:45.97) and placed fifth at the Class A state meet (4:42.15).

"Jimmy's biggest strength is that he's so mentally tough," Hickey said. "If he's at the 400-yard mark and he's within a body length of anyone, he's going to turn it on."

Ohngren has signed with Michigan State.

200 FREESTYLE RELAY: Birmingham Brother Rice (Chris Brede, Mike Parrish, Josh Davidson, Matt Bowman) — Consisting of three seniors (Brede, Davidson and Bowman) and a junior (Parrish), this relay placed second at the Class A state meet (1:26.43).

"It was somewhat of a surprise," Venos admitted, "considering the only proven sprinter in the group was Bowman. This was one of those events where I really thought we could have done anything."

100 BACKSTROKE: Justin Zumsteg, Rochester — Rochester's versatile junior excelled in a number of different events, highlighted by noteworthy efforts in the 100 backstroke. Zumsteg placed third at the Class A state meet with a time of 51.98 — he clocked a 51.70 in the preliminaries — and second at the Oakland County meet with a 53.18.

Zumsteg also registered OAA Division II championships in the 50 free and 100 free this season and swam legs on Rochester's victorious 200 medley and 400 free relays at the league meet.

100 BREASTSTROKE: Andrew Kurtz, Bloomfield Hills Lahser — Another of the area's many talented juniors, Kurtz turned in a solid fourth-place performance at the Class A state meet (59.78) after clocking a 1:00.02 in the preliminaries.

Kurtz's efforts in the event also included a runner-up finish at the OAA Division I meet (1:01.67) and a third-place performance at the Oakland County meet (1:02.81).

400 FREESTYLE RELAY: Birmingham Brother Rice (Jefferson Moors, Josh Davidson, Chris Brede, Matt Bowman) — These four seniors joined forces to clock a first-place time of 3:08.08 at the Class A state meet, helping the Warriors secure a well-deserved state title.

"I knew that Jefferson was a very strong leadoff leg, but it was up to Josh and Chris," Venos said. "Matt has the biggest heart in the world, but

our second and third swimmers swam out of their minds. The whole relay stood up to occasion."

COACH OF THE YEAR: Mike Venos, Birmingham Brother Rice — Venos' second year as coach couldn't have resulted in a more satisfying outcome.

The Warriors edged out Ann Arbor Pioneer by five points to gain the top spot at the Class A state meet. Venos wasn't sure what to expect from his team this past season, but the Warriors rose to the challenge.

"I'll be real honest, I figured we could finish anywhere between first and fifth this season, because we lost some very key swimmers," Venos said. "We came in focusing on just swimming fast. The last five years here the talk was about state championship, state championship, state championship. State championship wasn't in our vocabulary at the start of this season."

The Warriors wound up placing second behind Rochester Adams at the Oakland County meet. The runner-up showing, albeit impressive, was somewhat disappointing and served as a wake-up call for Rice.

"We got beat that day by a better team in Rochester Adams and our kids knew they had to step it up," Venos said. "They did just that and it was probably the most satisfying finish to a season since I've been coaching. We had to overcome some adversity and we did it through a total team effort."

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Men, too, should protect their skin

DISCOVERING BEAUTY



MARY ANNE TOCCALINO

Hey men, in between coaching the soccer team, ripping golf balls, investing in the stock market and pounding the pavement, have you ever stopped to think about your skin?

Yeah, your skin, the outer layer of your body that protects everything else. You, too, (not just women) need to protect it from external and internal influences.

Both the environment and what happens inside your body affect your skin. An active lifestyle and abusive diet that includes alcohol and cigars can add years to your face. However, you can prevent premature aging by cleansing, toning and moisturizing your skin.

What does that mean, you ask. Well, cleansing the skin is just that. Instead of using a bar of deodorant soap, which strips the skin, I suggest trying a gentle foaming wash. You can even shave with a cleanser. Better yet, it will reduce twisting of the skin caused by shaving.

Then tone the skin. That means apply a mild astringent to remove anything the cleanser may have missed. The two-part cleansing system insures clean skin.

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After, you will move on to protecting your skin with a moisturizer. Before you proceed, though, you'll want to evaluate your lifestyle and determine your skin type. For example, if you're often outdoors, you'll need to use a moisturizer with a strong sun block. If, on the other hand, you sit at an office computer all day, you will probably want to apply a lighter, hydrating moisturizer to alleviate dryness.

For men who work-out daily and take more than one shower a day, I recommend a moisturizer with a gel consistency. Showering depletes the skin of natural oils, and a gel protects the skin without feeling greasy.

Since many men are unfamiliar, not to mention uncomfortable, with skin care products, I'd also like to simplify matters, by making a few specific recommendations. By the way, there are plenty of products on the market that won't insult even the toughest guy's masculinity.

Pevoria for Men, for example, offers everything from a gentle cleanser to an exfoliating gel mask, a skin care treatment that gives facial skin a healthier, more rugged appearance. A good product for the eye area, which is without oil glands and shows age prematurely, is Cell X & Eye Contour Cream. It's available at major department stores and Todd's Room in downtown Birmingham.

Mia Pelle is another skin care line that's user-friendly to men. Available at Red The Salon in downtown Birmingham, Mia Pelle's holistic skin care products are herbal and include cleanser, toner, moisturizer and eye cream. They're also light and refreshing without being heavily perfumed.

Available at Sephora stores, Hemp Works is another group of products that I recommend for men. They're gentle, all-natural and environmentally sound. And, the company makes soaps and shampoos, in addition to products for the face.

Whether you choose a skin care regime made for men or a unisex product line, the point is you only have one skin. Take care of it! You can still take on the world. Your face just won't bear the signs.

Please send your beauty questions to Mary Anne Toccalino: c/o Toccalino Cosmetic Studio, 470 N. Old Woodward, Suite 200, Birmingham, Mich. 48009. Or, call her at (248) 203-9477. Toccalino is a professional make-up artist and skin care consultant at RED The Salon in downtown Birmingham. The owner and founder of Toccalino Cosmetics, she studied at Joe Blasco's School of Cosmetics in Hollywood where her training included work in special effects and make-up for film and print.



Season's trends with classic looks

Ellen Tracy's collections presented at Saks Fifth Avenue



Jackets and other classics: A series of jackets paired with skirts and cropped pants made for an elegant finale of Saks Fifth Avenue's runway show of clothing designer Ellen Tracy's looks for the season, above. Jackets were in abundance and lent a classic look to the collections. And, many of the jackets were classic designs such as trapeze and double-breasted. At right, a simple linen wrap dress in true red was a show stopper. Ellen Tracy's color choices were equally classic - white, Navy, red and khaki.

Fashion trends do lend themselves to classic looks. Saks Fifth Avenue's runway show of current collections by designer Ellen Tracy, held Tuesday at the Somerset Collection in Troy, was case in point.

The show followed a presentation of the Matilda R. Wilson Award to local philanthropist Maggie Allesee and was a benefit for the Boys & Girls Clubs of South-eastern Michigan.

From cropped pants to wrap-fronts to gingham prints, the season's trends had a strong presence, but never overwhelmed Ellen Tracy's signature style - casual, classic and luxurious.

"Very classic - that's what I liked," said attendee Doreen Bull of Bloomfield Hills. "You know what I loved," she added. "The colors."

Though Ellen Tracy primarily relied on classic shades like Navy, red, khaki and white, small doses of apple green, pale jade, bright yellow and lilac were injected into the collection.

And, overall, color had a crisp, vibrant quality. A simple matte jersey tunic and matching drawstring pant in solid red, for example, inspired a burst of applause. Another look favored by the audience was a simple linen wrap dress, again, in true red.

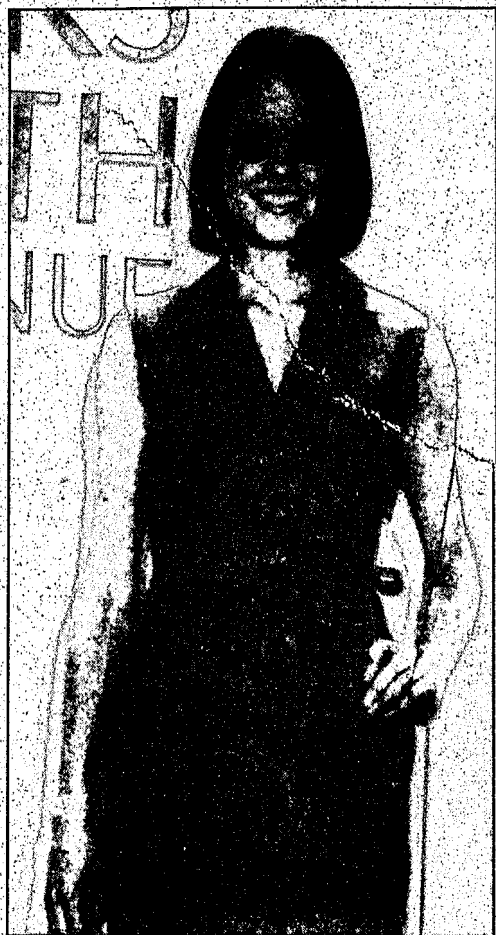
Tops were mostly V-necks - another season trend - and came with and without collars.

Cropped pants were shown just below the knee, at the ankle and everywhere in between. Skirts, too, were shown in a range of lengths with shorter skirts hitting just above the knee.

Sparkle and embellishment were kept to a minimum. And, with beading, sequins and embroidery virtually absent, the collection relied on luxurious materials, such as organza, paisley print on silk, metallic shantung and iridescent knit for a dash of elegance.

Beyond the absence of ornamentation, perhaps what gave the collection its classic, clean finish was the plethora of linen and strong presence of tailored jackets from trapeze to double-breasted designs.

- Nicole Stafford



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SUNDAY, APRIL 16

GOWN SHOW

Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, presents a selection of designer evening wear through April 21, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Designer Salon, second floor. To make an appointment with a representative, call (248) 614-3393.

CRAFTS SHOW

Tel-Twelve Mall in Southfield hosts a spring arts and crafts show featuring handmade gifts and seasonal Easter items, noon-5 p.m., throughout the mall. For details, call (248) 353-4111.

PRIVATE TRUNK SHOWS

View the Elana collection for fuller-figured women at the home of a local representative through April 20, by appointment only. Call Jean at (248) 335-1204.

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

ST. JOHN FOCUS DAY

Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, hosts a representative from St. John and pieces from the designer's spring and summer collections through April 19, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., St. John Boutique, second floor. To schedule an appointment, call (248) 643-9000 ext. 491.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

SCHOOL JAZZ BAND

Farmington High School's jazz band performs at Livonia Mall as part of the shopping center's celebration of the arts, 11 a.m. Also, several art exhibits will be on display in the mall through April 20. For additional information, call (248) 476-1160.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

TRISH MCEVOY TEAM VISITS

Meet Trish McEvoy's team of national makeup artists and experiment with the cosmetic company's spring color line at Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset

Collection in Troy, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Cosmetics and Fragrances, first floor. For information, call (248) 643-9000.

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

MAGIC SHOW

Northland Center in Southfield hosts magic shows for children and adults, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., J.C. Penney Court. For details, call (248) 569-6272.

MOVIE PASS GIVEAWAY

Art Van Furniture in Southfield gives away passes for a preview of the new Flintstones movie, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. (movie passes are available for preview at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 25 at the Star Southfield). For more information, call (248) 569-3770.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

BATTLE OF THE SEXES

WNIC's Breakfast Club radio show hosts its popular Battle of the Sexes competition at Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills. Team entries of either two men or two women will be accepted through April 26. Winners will receive a trip to Chicago. Competitors also will be entered into a prize drawing. For additional information, call (248) 454-5010.

WHERE CAN I FIND?

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

WHAT WE FOUND:

- Noritake china in the Polonaise pattern may be available through Replacements, 1089 Knox Road, P.O. Box 26029, Greensboro, N.C. 27420, (800) REPLACE.
- The doll Rosie & Rags is sold by the QVC home shopping television network, (800) 345-1515 or www.qvc.com on the Internet.
- A reader has a copy of the children's book "Tipity Jebbit."
- Shoe stretchers can be bought at Craftsman Shoe Repair in Canton, (734) 451-7463.
- Earring backings can be purchased at Joanne Fabric and Target stores, and at Unique Accessories in Plymouth, (734) 459-3040.
- The following items can be purchased on the Internet at www.ebay.com: old issues of "Life" magazine, the book "Proud Breed," My Sin perfume, "My Little Margie" videocassette tapes, "Polly Pockets" and Showboat posters.
- Hiller's Markets in Southfield, Walled Lake and West Bloomfield sell Howard Johnson clam strips.
- Chicago Old Telephone Company in Sanford, N.C., (919) 774-6625, will repair a GFX phone.
- Carter's address is P.O. Box 523, Stituate, Mass. 02066.
- A charitable organization that would take donated fabric remnants, patterns and other sewing

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FIND & SEARCH NOTES:

- A reader called to say Faygo Diet Sensation soda pop has been discontinued. She suggested calling Faygo, (313) 925-1600, and asking them to manufacture it again.
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 - An instruction manual for an Elna sewing machine made in the 70s.
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 - An extended, wood porch swing that attaches to the ceiling for Maxine of Bloomfield Hills.
 - A recipe for old-fashioned steam pudding.
 - A store where 1/2 wood barrels can be purchased.
 - A store that carries Carlotta perfume for Bea.
 - A videocassette tape of the 1970 Disney movie "Dad Can I Borrow the Car?" for Billy and Jimmy of Livonia.
 - A compact food processor by Moulinex for Marilyn.
 - A store that sells nylon wind bonnets that tie for Marguerite.
 - A street guide for Detroit and its suburbs.
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 - A store that sells lead testers for use on china and other dish ware for Cam.
 - A store that sells pop-up coffee filters by the box for Dan, a resident of Westland.
 - A 1951 St. Hedwig High School yearbook for Betty of Dearborn.
 - A store that sells men's Royal Lime all-purpose lotion by Royall Ltd. of Hamilton, Bermuda for Richard.
 - A store where Penny Brite paste

copper cleaner can be purchased for Eunice.

- A ribbon for a 30-year-old Royal manual typewriter.
- A Selectric typewriter for Nell.
- A store that sells Jennifer curtains, formerly carried by Hudson's, for Rose, a resident of Plymouth.
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- A Bausch & Lomb slide projector tray for Wright, who lives in Livonia.
- A used artist's air brush with compressor for Elaine, a Clarkston resident.
- The cookbook "Sweet Miniatures" for Marcie, who lives in Farmington Hills.
- A Panasonic color kit for a color printer (KX-PCK11) for Peter.
- The card game "Chronology" for Mary of Redford Township.
- An item from the product line Paintings by Peg called "A Special Event for Baby's First Year" for Tina.
- A store that sells Little Tyke's outdoor houses for Catherine.
- A store where soft-sole, house slippers (size 12) can be bought for Mrs. Amato.
- A business or craftsperson who will make a quilt that is already designed for Stephanie.
- A store that sells 100-percent petroleum jelly lip treatment (3.5 oz. tube) for Anne of Redford.
- A store that sells Chicklets chewing gum for Ron of Troy.
- A videocassette tape of "Mickey Goes to a Circus" for Dee.
- A store in the Canton area where mother-of-the-bride dresses are sold.
- An appraiser for a John Lennon lithograph.
- A copy of a poem that's typically inserted in a handkerchief baby bonnet given to new mothers.
- Collectible "Flying Pigs" statues for Julie of West Bloomfield.

— Compiled by Sandi Jarackas



Easter Events will keep you informed about Easter Bunny appearances and other activities for children and families being offered by local retailers and shopping malls in April.

STROLLING SPRING BUNNY

A festive spring bunny hops around Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills to visit with children, noon-6 p.m. Sunday, April 16 and noon-8 p.m. Friday, April 21 and Saturday, April 22. For details, call (248) 454-6010.

EASTER BUNNY AT NORTHLAND

The Easter Bunny visits children at Northland Center in Southfield, noon-7 p.m. Monday-Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday now through April 22. Boy and the Bear Court. For additional information, call (248) 569-6272.

LIVONIA MALL'S BUNNY

The Easter Bunny has taken residence in Value City Court at the Livonia Mall to visit with children and sit for photos, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, now through Easter. For more information, call (248) 476-1160.

EASTER BUNNY PHOTOS AT WESTLAND

The Easter Bunny visits with children and sits for portraits at Westland Shopping Center in Westland, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon-6 p.m. Sunday, now through Easter. The Easter Bunny

sets up residence in the mall's East Court. For details, call (734) 425-5001.

PETER RABBIT AT TWELVE OAKS

Peter Rabbit and Mr. McGregor's Storybook Garden, as well as, other displays of Beatrix Potter characters await young visitors at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi. Dozens of spring flowers are on display for shoppers of all ages. More importantly, Peter Rabbit visits with children and sits for portraits during the event, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, now through April 22, Center Court. For details, call (248) 348-9411.

EASTER BUNNY AT TEL-TWELVE

The Easter Bunny sits for photos and visits with children at Tel-Twelve Mall in Southfield. The bunny will wait for visitors in the mall's Center Court, noon-8 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday, now through April 22. Photo packages and a free gift for children are

available.

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a giant

Easter basket filled

with toys

and candy.

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Peter Rabbit

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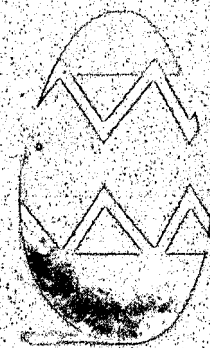
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in the mall's Fountain Court. Several

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LET'S GET TOGETHER

Attractive, energetic, friendly, honest SWF, 40, 5'3", 110lbs, blonde/brown, enjoys art, long walks, gardening, biking, nature, some sports. Seeking an open, communicative, caring SWM with similar interests, for friendship LTR. #11222

THIS IS ME

SWF, 5'11", 100lbs, long blonde hair, has children, loves boating, concerts, movies, dining, boating. Seeking SWM with similar interests, for friendship LTR. #11554

GROWN-UP BOY

Classy, very attractive, down-to-earth, slim SWF seeks intelligent, financially secure SWM, 40-55, brown or dark hair, who likes to have fun. #11339

ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME?

Good-looking, slim SWF, 40, 5'3", brown/brown, loves boating, concerts, movies, dining, boating. Seeking SWM with similar interests, for friendship LTR. #11554

TOMATO GROWER

Good-looking, down-to-earth, caring, compassionate SWF, 51, seeks companion, 50-60, who likes sunsets and gentle rain, for committed relationship. #11388

GRIEK GODDESS

Attractive DPCF, 42, mother of two, enjoys cooking, the outdoors, and more. Seeking a mature, loving, moral SWM, 35-50, for LTR/possible marriage. Sense of humor a +. #11999

LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT

Easygoing and honest SWF, 6', blonde/blue, H/W proportionate, two children, NS, social drinker. Seeking DPCF, 20-30, for possible LTR. #11755

SLIM PERFECTIONIST

Catholic SWF, 35, 5'7", 135lbs, blonde/blue, NS, never married, seeks attractive, educated, romantic, physically fit, successful Catholic SWM, 30-35, NS, never married, for friendship first, possible LTR. #11750

BLUE-EYED BEAUTY...

So I've been told. Down-to-earth, not materialistic, slim, pretty SWF, 25, 5'5", 115lbs, seeks tall, short, rich, poor SWM for friendship and possible more. Oakland County. #11876

HORSEMAN WANTED

SWF, 35, 5'11", blonde/green, tall, athletic, 12 years old, loves horses, enjoys horseback riding, horse shows, music, family time, seeks horseman SWM, 30-40, for companionship, possible LTR. Kids ok. #11421

ADVENTURESOME

SWF, 28, enjoys traveling, reading, world, loves hiking, seeking family-oriented, outgoing, commitment-minded SWM, for romance and monogamous LTR. #11718

LOVES TO DANCE

Light-skinned SWF, 5'5", 145lbs, no kids, loves dancing, skating, reading, and more. Seeking SWM with similar interests for dating, possible LTR. #11976

ATTRACTIVE/PAISONATE

Brunette NS, never married, NS, with great smile, and zest for life, likes to travel. Seeking sincere, intelligent, caring, gentleman SWM, 37-43, with a graduate degree. #11591

ROMANTIC & PASSIONATE

Attractive, plus-sized SWF, 35, enjoys long walks, comedy, reading, and animals. Seeking honest, committed, caring SWM to enjoy time with. #11911

GENTLEMAN BIKER

SR, 39, H/W proportionate, long reddish-brown hair, grey eyes, enjoys Harley, outdoor, fishing, travel. Seeking gentleman with similar interests. #11859

WHAT SPECIAL YOU

SWF, 35, seeks WM, 32-39, 5'6", who's tired of the bar scene, likes to travel, for committed relationship. #11634

SECOND TIME AROUND

Fun-loving, attractive, widowed WM, 60, 5'3", 120lbs, blonde, loves to travel, loves hiking, long drives, good books, PBS specials, and more. Seeking outgoing, family-oriented SWM, 50-60, NS, who can relate to life's ups and downs. #11929

SEEKING

Ultra-feminine, petite, slim, European blonde, with very sophisticated tastes, seeks highly successful SWM, 50-60, for possible LTR. #11800

A NEW START

Cute, honest, caring, secure, old-fashioned SWF, 49, 5'11", blonde, loves holding hands, laughing, walks, boating, dining, travel. Seeking nice-looking, slim SWF, 50-60, NS, who can relate to life's ups and downs. #11919

LET ME BE YOUR SUNSHINE

Intelligent, easygoing, widowed WM, 61, 5'11", blonde/blue, NS, social drinker, financially/emotionally secure, enjoys playing cards, movies, dining, long walks, and fireplaces. Seeking SWM, 55-65, for companionship. #11929

BOPHISTICATED HAPPY

Flirty, bubbly, outgoing SWF, 5'6", blonde/brown, zest for life, enjoys golf, biking, travel, theater. Seeking fun, friendly, emotionally secure gentleman, 40-55, who exhibits qualities of a true friend. #11860

SEEKING MY SOULMATE

Energetic DPCF, young 46, 5'2", blonde/blue, likes nature, waterfalls, baseball, tennis, alternative medicine. Seeking SWM, 35-45, NS, for friendship. #11860

LIFE IS GRAND

Pretty SWF, 5'7", 130lbs, spiritual, non-religious, degreed, energetic, very youthful, 40ish, childlike delight. Seeking similar SM, to share pleasures of emotional intimacy, joy, hiking, meditation, yoga, pranayama, communication, mutual trust, LTR. #11213

STARTING OVER WITH YOU

Easygoing, overweight DPCF, 44, 5'10", NS, N/D, enjoys outdoors, walking, bowling, cards, golf, traveling. Seeking honest, loyal SWM, NS, N/D, for relationship leading to marriage. #11580

A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR LOVE

SWF, 52, 5'6", medium build, brown hair, enjoys fine dining, wedding, jazz music, family gatherings, walks in the park. Seeking degreed SWM with similar interests, for monogamous LTR. #11205

SINCERE AND CURVY

DPCF, 5'6", blonde, two grown children, seeks romantic white gentleman, 40-50, fairly successful, financially/emotionally secure, interested in fun times and sports. #11112

STILL SEARCHING

Attractive SWF, 5'7", brown, brown hair, fun to be with, enjoys movies, dining out, the outdoors, and having fun. Seeking attractive SWM, 30-40, with similar interests, for friendship, maybe more. #11478

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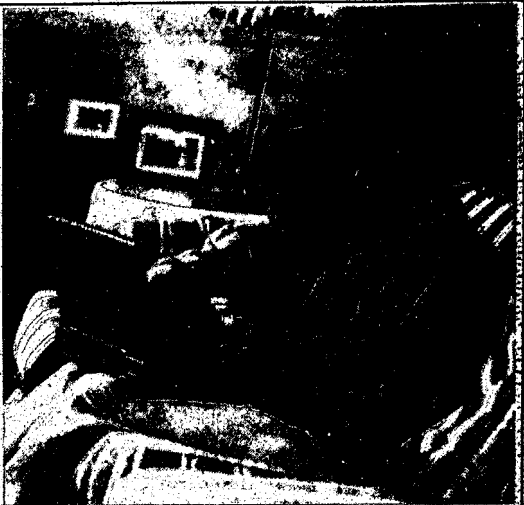
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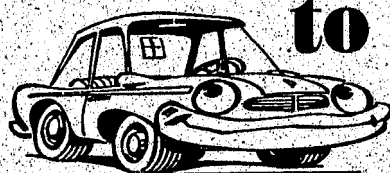


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Falls like a glove... It's irresistible. Two expressions I heard myself saying every day, as I belted myself in for a ride of sheer pleasure.

Once you slip behind the wheel of the new Mercedes SLK, there is harmony. I will address the sound system later, but I am talking about harmony of woman, machine and nature.

As I experienced the beautifully designed five-speed manual two seater, I felt my adrenaline get all fired up. The 185-horsepower, super-charged engine cranks out over 200 ft-pounds of torque, which equals a fun, fast, and fantastic ride. You do have to be careful though. As the double-wishbone front suspension and five-link rear axle give such excellent handling, it's easy to get carried away and forget occasionally to read your speedometer. The jarring ride that can often be expected with a sports car has been replaced

with a smooth, tight and lightweight sensation.

And despite my fast driving, I averaged 23 mpg. Not bad in regard to fuel expense, and a small price to pay for being the hottest thing on the highway.

It had been raining all week, but finally the day I planned to take a trip to the Wine Country brings gorgeous weather. Yes, this is a roadster type of day. Pushing one button in the center of the console triggers a sequence of events that transforms the SLK from a closed coupe to a fully open convertible. You can have a dual personality in just 25 seconds.

It's so easy to fall in love. With the top down it creates a feeling of freedom, independence, and individuality. I really, really like it. Time to push the button again, and 25 seconds later, we have a hard top, ready to go with an optional carrier system that can accommodate anything from bicycles to sailboards.

A brilliant plus to the SLK, this novel design of the roof racks. The

clever folks at Mercedes have created a quick-change artist, two cars for the price of one, & it's fun to watch the top go up and down!

With the SLK hardtop there is good visibility, so no worry about blind spots. The trunk gets pretty small when housing the top, but otherwise there is a lot of room with some neat little compartments. To my surprise, I found stored away in the trunk this synthetic fabric of fine mesh that acts as a draft-stop when you're driving with the top down. It is secured to the roll bar, and makes a virtually draft-free experience for driver and passenger.

The color connoisseur has eight interesting hues to choose from. I personally would like the yellow. It fits so perfectly well in the fantasy world of this car. The soft leather that adorns a Mercedes interior naturally comes from the Swabian mountains, the Allgau region of upper Bavaria. The inside blends modern design, classic touches and functional luxury.

Please see MERCEDES, C

Car Talk chooses 10 worst cars of the millennium

It's been referred to as "the world's first disposable car." Now, the Yugo can be officially referred to as the "Worst Car of the Millennium," a distinction bestowed by National Public Radio's Car Talk and its audience of millions.

The Yugo and nine other "Worst Cars of the Millennium" were revealed today at the cars.com Web site, www.cars.com, under the Car Talk icon. More than 25,000 people voted and more than 5,700 tales of automotive woe were submitted via mail and the Car Talk section of cars.com.

The finalists for "Worst Car of the Millennium" were chosen by Car Talk hosts Tom and Ray Magliozzi, after reviewing the submitted nominees.

The Yugo garnered 34 percent of the votes. The Chevy Vega placed second, with 16 percent of the votes, and the Ford Pinto, AMC Gremlin and Chevy Chevette followed in close succession. Closing out the top 10 were the Renault Le Car, Dodge Aspen, Cadillac Cimarron, Renault Dauphine and the VW Bus.

Said one less-than-impressed Yugo voter, "I once test drove a Yugo, during which the radio fell out, the gear shift knob came off in my hand, and I saw daylight through the strip around the windshield."

"Having worked on all of these cars," said Ray Magliozzi, "I can personally attest to the fact that every one of them deserves to be on this list."

Mechanical problems factored heavily in the results. Noted one voter, "My Chevy Vega actually broke in half going over railroad tracks. The whole rear end came around slightly to the front, sort of like a dog wagging its tail."

The survey also found customer satisfaction to be a world-class oxymoron with the ten "Worst Cars of the Millennium." As one Cadillac Cimarron owner commented, "When we traded it

Please see WORST, C

Meritor Automotive to sponsor Karmanos Cancer Institute dinner

Meritor Automotive, Inc. will sponsor the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute's 18th annual dinner, one of the area's largest annual charitable events. The event raises funds for Karmanos cancer research and patient programs.

Meritor has committed \$100,000 to be the title sponsor of the event, to be held Saturday, May 6, at 6 p.m. at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth.

As part of the event partnership, Meritor CEO and chairman of the board Larry D. Yost, and his wife, JoAnn, of Rochester Hills, will co-chair the event.

"We are proud to be part of such a worthwhile cause," said Yost. "JoAnn and I are personally

dedicated to supporting the exceptional efforts put forth in this crusade against cancer. We are committed to the challenge of reaching out and encouraging support for the incredible advancements that the Institute has made and the aggressive goals they have to finding a cure in the future."

Production company Events and Entertainment of Michigan, Inc. of Southfield will transform Compuware Sports Arena into an 1860s-era French opera house for the event, to be themed, "Phantom of the Institute." Draped velvets and gold trim, candelabras and fog will create the aura of fantasy mixed with reality. Broadway actors Sandra Joseph will play Christine, Ron Bohmer will be The Phantom and Lawrence Anderson will play Raoul.

WOMC radio personality Dick Purtan, and his daughter, TV anchor JoAnn Purtan, will serve as the Masters of Ceremonies.

Tickets are \$250 to \$750 each. For more information or tickets, call 800-KARMANOS (800) 527-6266, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays.

Last year, the Institute's dinner netted more than \$750,000 for Institute programs. Crain's Detroit Business named it the Detroit-area's 6th largest annual charity event during 1999, a ranking based on event proceeds. The event partnership is in keeping with Meritor's generous support of the Institute. Meritor has recently donated \$500,000 to the Institute's Cancer Care and Cure Campaign.

The campaign supports innovative developments at the Institute, including:

■ Cancer research, such as a study that shows tomato consumption might prevent cancer and another that could link breast cancer recurrence and body weight.

■ State-of-the-art medical treatment and screening, including breast cancer screen-

ing at the Institute's Walt Comprehensive Breast Center in Detroit; the Institute's Somerset Prevention Center; and its Berkley Prevention Center.

■ Patient care programs at the Institute's Bone Marrow Transplantation Unit, which is ranked among the top three centers of its type in the United States for quality of care.

■ An innovative "brain trust" of physicians, researchers, bio-

statisticians and economists at the Institute's Center for Economics, Technology Assessment and Innovative Development (CETAID). Opened in 1998, the center's experts analyze cancer from new angles as a measure to hasten the eradication of cancer.

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Mercedes from page

There's a lot of nostalgia in the styling of this car that hints of several glorious classic Mercedes models. I've even heard the word "retro," and comparisons to the 1950s 190SL and 300SL models. Well, I tuned into memories from the past just listening to Janis Joplin sing about Mercedes-Benz on the superb Bose sound system. The SLK becomes a small concert hall on wheels with the integrated CD player.

One of the few buyer options is a five-speed automatic transmission for an additional \$900. Other options on our test car included the highly recommended heated seats and the rather pricey sports package that adds wider wheels and tires, stiffer suspension and some subtle body cladding.

Suggested retail was \$40,000. With options and delivery, our tester came to \$46,575.

856 Lincoln

CONTINENTAL 1990, full power, silver interior/exterior, \$2500. 248-417-7771.

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858 Mazda

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862 Nissan

NISSAN 1988 - black, 4 door, excellent condition, only 30,000 miles, best reasonable offer over \$9500. 734-464-8662.

864 Oldsmobile

ACHIEVA 1994 - 4 door, air, auto, 4 cylinder, silver, \$3800. (734) 464-7477.

ACHIEVA 1996, 5 sp., 64K, black, \$4200, or best offer. 248-656-0183.

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INTRIQUE 1998 GL - moonroof, fully loaded, 31,000 miles, \$17,500/best. (248) 475-4404.

OLDS - 1998 86 Luxury Sedan, Senior owned, under 10,000 miles, \$14,000. 734-729-5541.

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Not all advice is worth taking



GEORGE HAYES

The great H. L. Mencken frequently used the word "mountebank" in his newspaper reports and political essays. A mountebank is a huckster, technically the kind that sells phony medicines to people from atop a soapbox or wagon. But the word as Mencken used it meant any person promoting a false, unsound or unnecessary set of remedies for his own gain.

This occurred to me when I heard a fellow on the radio peddling an expensive career development program. It was good advertising in that it articulated the universal need to take control of life and get ahead financially. This particular mountebank held the keys to that power in the form of unique job search and boss management techniques. He offered to share these with me for a price. Of course, if I didn't take him up on this opportunity I was fated to remain a middle class loser.

Now, this employment minister isn't a bad person. In fact, he really knows his stuff and, as far as I know, is considered a fine and ethical professional. And there's the rub. Can a knowledgeable and honest person also be a mountebank? I think so. It may be a function of our age that many of us have inadvertently and unconsciously become humbugs to one degree or another.

Lots of folks earn a portion of their daily bread by repackaging old and simple truths as cures for business, physical, mental or financial ailments? I saw a guy on Public Television putting on a seminar in which he was essentially extolling the virtues of spending less and saving more. Wow. He apparently makes a living offering this kind of advice. Many best-selling health books have, as their central premise, the profound idea of eating more fruits and vegetables while cutting down.

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LANDSCAPING

FERTILE OPPORTUNITIES

BY THERESA L. MCFARLAND
SPECIAL WRITER

Building and construction industry affluence has meant fertile ground for all related businesses, including nurseries, horticultural enterprises and a booming landscape industry.

While Michigan boasts numerous, award-winning commercial projects like the Ford Estate and Dow Gardens, residential beautification also is rampant.

Consider new homes alone. An additional landscape cost to cover lawns, sprinklers, shrubs, gardens, decks and pavers, usually runs a minimum of 10 percent of a new home's value. The latest plants, products and technology have improved the quality and the durability of our residential landscapes.

People with more expendable income are making residential landscaping the norm. However, fewer people than ever before have time to weed and feed, cut and prune, never mind maintain lush perennial gardens. Who will fill these "greenery" needs depends on the size and scope of the project.

Lawn service

Countless door-to-door fliers and yellow page ads reveal ample burgeoning lawn service companies. Even with all the competition, there is "no lack of customers," said Scott Ray, owner of Redford's Scott's Green Grass. Many of the smaller companies, however, are suffering from a lack of laborers. "No one seems to want to work the longer summer hours anymore," said lawn service



STAFF PHOTO BY MARY TAPLIN

Landscape artistry: Landscapers, (left to right) Robert Watson, Brian Randall and Dan Bywalec of D&B Landscaping in Livonia examine a decorative pool.

veteran Ray. Many companies offer between \$10 to \$15 per hour for the seasonal work, but often cannot afford to include benefits.

Landscaping

"It really isn't as much a problem to find laborers, for us," said Dan Bywalec of D & B Landscaping Inc. in Livonia. He added, "The most difficult part of our operation (of 100 plus employees) is finding foremen or supervisors for the middle management positions."

The reason is simple: many who would normally fill these jobs are opting for self-employment in this "high demand" climate. To attract supervi-

sors, some companies are offering \$30,000 to \$35,000 for starting positions, complete with full benefits, holiday pay and a vacation plan. At D & B Landscaping, they maintain their supervisors year-round, and attempt to keep the busy seasonal workweeks to no more than 50 hours, Monday through Friday.

Bywalec explained, "We consider people's family life as very important, and try to keep their weekends available for them."

There are great opportunities as a foreman or manager for those with some or even no college, if they have

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Job Search

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on booze, smokes, grease and sloth. The driver and first cousin of such quackery is over-analysis. Whenever the most basic new idea comes along, a horde of aficionados will dissect and categorize its properties. There is a mad dash to establish procedures, rules and, most importantly, an arcane parlance so that only the anointed can claim understanding. Later, only the properly trained can disseminate, apply or give access to the answers. It would be just too dangerous or intricate for the layman. And it's not just consulting. Entire disciplines and specialties have grown, at least in part, by wowing the public. To save space, let's not talk about the legal or medical professions. Instead, let's focus on trying to recognize when "professionals" have a vested interest in the fixes they are promoting or the status they are trying to maintain. Who is funding this poll, survey or "finding"? Why does getting this simple matter resolved seem so complex? Why is this person interpreting reasonable questions and suggestions as attacks on his or her credibility? There is certainly nothing wrong with honest selling. In fact, we might even excuse the

most blatant mountebanks since many of us are engaged in some form of mild fraud ourselves. We have all participated in obfuscating simple facts and zooming our customers, associates and friends. We need to think of ourselves as unique or special. We like to appear larger than life. Unchallenged, we even start believing our own gobbledygook. Sometimes, it's just part of making a living. But be careful out there. Be critical in your buying decisions. Should you build a job-hunting library? Does it require weeks of study and practice before launching? Of course not. This column has always been devoted to a straightforward and common sense discussion of the subject. The goal has been to untangle issues rather than create them. Granted, everyone will have unique experiences while searching and most of us bring a personal agenda to the effort. But it still isn't rocket science. Next time, I'll provide a basic job search blueprint.

Send questions or comments to George Hayes, Job Search, P.O. Box 2497, Southfield, MI 48037 or visit www.emplexcorp.com.

Landscaping

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experience. Candidates who have completed training and obtained a state certification, such as certified nurserymen (MCN), are really in high demand. And, if a candidate can speak Spanish, it is a huge management advantage. In some companies, up to 90 percent of the laborers are Hispanic workers. The landscaping industry may prove an ideal career path if you prefer the outdoors to working behind a desk, as these managers spend about 85 percent of their time in the field. As industry services expand, some companies now offer employee continuing training: from landscape design, construction and maintenance, to lighting, hardscape contracting (like retaining walls and patios), to sprinkling systems and hydroseeding, to the newest phenomenon - Aquatic Landscapes. The onset of water features, which took hold about five years ago, has "really spawned a mega-business," according to Dan Byvalec. "People want that 'up north' feeling of serenity offered by ponds and waterfalls in their back-

yard," he added. **Landscape architects** There is also "a shortage in landscape architects," said Ludwig and Associates owner James Ludwig, also president-elect of the Michigan Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects. To use the title of landscape architect, you must comply with a Michigan title act that "is an elaborate system of requirements to become licensed and registered by the State of Michigan," explained Ludwig. Although most landscape architects do have college degrees, it is not mandatory. If a person has adequate experience working under a registered landscape architect, and completes the necessary requirements, they can earn a license. Offering degrees in Horticultural and Design/Build Landscape Construction, Michigan State is a pre-eminent school in providing a foundation for this career. In fact, MSU is the only one in the state to offer an undergradu-

ate degree in Landscape Architecture. Unfortunately, this year's graduating class is less than 20 students. An entry-level salary for a landscape architect might start in the low 30s, and go as high as nearly six figures in some very large corporations. Landscape architect and design positions can be found at ASLA's Michigan Chapter website: www.michiganasla.org/joblist.html Enormous diversity exists within the broad definition of landscape architect. For example: there are environmentalist concerns - such as wetlands conservation, horticulturalists, soil specialists, art and design, as well as civil engineering aspects dealing with drainage, retaining walls, and hardscape designs. Other elements include working with cities and site planning, layout, and zoning ordinances. Who knows ... a summer job "working with nature" might just lead to a rewarding, lifelong career in landscaping or landscape architecture.

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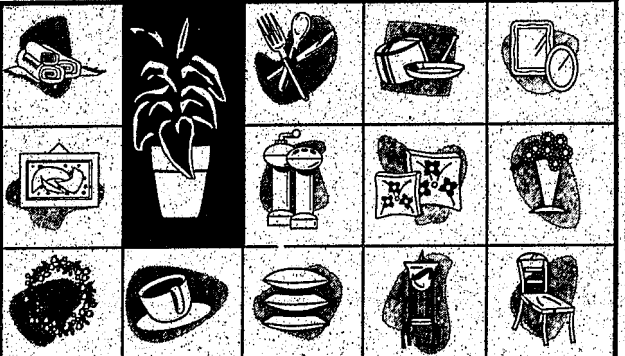
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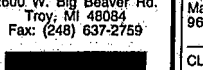
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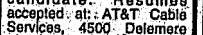
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The Trowbridge Retirement Community is looking for full-time Customer Service Representative to work at the front desk. Qualified candidate will have exceptional customer service experience. Flexible work hours, days, afternoons, and weekends. Must possess excellent communication skills. Generous benefit package including paid vacation, medical insurance, and 401K. Applicants may faxmail resume, or apply in person. Monday through Friday between 9:00AM and 4:00PM at:

The Trowbridge 24111 Civic Center Drive Southfield, MI 48034 Fax: 248-352-0344 EOE M/F/V/H

DELIVERY DRIVER/DRYWALL STOCKER

Minimum 18 yrs old w/chaufeurs license. Apply Ulica Drywall Products, 5600 Auburn, Ulica. 810-739-3100.

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Growing florist looking for contract drivers for Pontiac, Detroit, Westland, Dearborn. Contact Mary Kay at 248-203-2984.

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Afternoons, midnights, weekends, Oakland County areas. Full or part-time, \$7.75/hr. Call: 248-674-5662

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Group home openings for afternoons, midnights. Valid driver's license, 18 yrs old. Competitive wage & benefits. Call Sharon 734-946-4971 Brenda 734-942-9166

Direct Caregiver

For multiple impaired individual in Livonia. Group home experience helpful. Must have good driving record and character. \$7.30-\$7.80 per hour. Call Patty at 313-304-4875.

500 Help Wanted General

Customer Service/Sales CALL CENTER

The Home Depot's new centralized Special Order Center is exploding with growth and opportunities. We need enthusiastic and professional people with strong interpersonal skills to assist our store employees and customers who are calling to place special orders. Full-time evening/part time weekend only shifts available. Candidates must have 6 months customer service experience working knowledge of computers and a stable work history of at least 1 year.

EXPERIENCE

Excellent benefits including tuition reimbursement, excellent advancement, everyday casual dress, monthly customer service incentives

Our brand new state of the art call center is located in the Galleria Office.

Fortune 100 company.

Fax resume with income history to: Dept. OE 41600 (fax) 248-204-3734

CALL: 248-351-5630

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Direct Care Staff

For group homes in Plymouth, all shifts. \$7.20-\$7.80 to start. Good benefits & a hiring bonus. Make a difference in someone's life. Call Garin 313-304-4877 or Ruth 734-420-0876

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ELECTRICAL & Telecommunications Contractor seeks experienced electricians, terminators & splicing, utility locators, directional drill operators, & locators for SE Michigan.
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ELECTRICIAN
LICENSED, commercial experience. Send resume with wage requirements to: Electrician, P.O. 154, Northville MI 48167

ESTHETICIAN OR SKIN CARE SPECIALIST
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Field take-off experience helpful. Blueprint take-off experience a must. Looking for highly motivated, self-starter for fast growing insulation company. Please email resume to: johnson@insulation.com. Employment drug screen required. Benefits after 60 days. 401K at 1 year.
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Operators and Laborers. Start immediately. Great pay. Full benefits. 248-852-9400.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT
\$25,000 plus
Birmingham Realtor seeks executive assistant. Qualified applicants will possess strong organizational, word processing, and communication skills. Will coordinate schedules, multi task, interact with clients, full mortgage experience preferred but not required. Fantastic opportunity for financial growth. Luke Johnson 248-645-8831

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Working from home.
Call 248-988-1385 (24 hrs)

FABRICATOR/WELDER'S HELPER - some experience, misc. grinding, drilling, welding, cutting, etc. Insurance, W/comm area
(248)669-9886

FACILITIES MANAGER AND HVAC ASSISTANT

Needed for new facility in Ann Arbor Area. Must have 5 to 10 years of experience or hands on with all of the following: HVAC (Siemens), Chillers, pneumatic controls, Power backup & generator support. Please call (800) 828-4410 ext. 63. Sunday calls welcomed!
Fax: 734-853-1401

FIELD SERVICE

Manufacturer of electric tools and assembly systems has immediate openings for motivated individuals in our Field Service Department based out of Troy. Exciting opportunities available to individuals who possess:

- Strong mechanical/electrical aptitude
 - Experience in field service
 - Willingness to travel
- Excellent compensation and comprehensive benefits. EEO and ADA compliant. Interested applicants should fax resume to: ATTN: Technical Support Department (248) 583-7115

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Start in sales as ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE. Fast advancement to Management. Some College a plus; SALES experience ANY KIND essential. Great Benefits, tuition, 401K plan. Employment Center Agency (248) 569-5082

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Auburn Hills Co. has need for individuals to locate, repair and install industrial fire alarm systems. \$14-18/hr.
PCS GROUP - 248-340-9220
Fax - 248-340-9222
resume@pcsgroupinc.com

FIREPLACE INSTALLERS

earn up to \$1,000 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

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, YPSILANTI

is accepting applications for the part-time positions of Minister of Music, Chancel Choir Director, Organist & Youth Music Minister. Salary to low teens with continuing education funding. 1928 Lewis & Hitchcock (11/122). Submit resume (tape if available) to: Lucinda Martinelli, Music Search Committee, First United Methodist Church, 202 Western Ave, Ypsilanti, MI 48197.

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Experienced for busy upscale shop. Excellent pay and benefit. Confidential. reply: Blossoms 3886 Woodward Ave, Birmingham MI 48009-0914

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

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Belleville Area - \$8.50/hr. Plenty of overtime
Heavy lifting
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@ 13 Mile

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Beaver Aerospace & Defense, a division of PSL is a leader in the manufacture of precision ball screws and actuators. We are seeking a professional with a degree in Mechanical Engineering to join our team in Livonia!

- Must be able to set up and run Fellows type gear shapers, Barber Coleman gear hobbers.
 - Must be able to do own inspection, lead, involute and spacing.
 - Must have own tools.
 - Should be able to train and oversee apprentice.
 - Knowledge of gear grinding and bevel gears a plus.
- Excellent pay rate commensurate with experience and full benefits. Refer to job code when replying.

JOB CODE BV-GCL
PSI Inc. - HR Dept.
11878 Hubbard
Livonia, MI 48150
734-666-3047 FAX
humanresources@psi-corp.com

GENERAL ENTRY LEVEL

ACO hardware has a detail oriented position available for placing orders and maintaining stock for merchandise; proof reads ads; processes paperwork for price changes; works with merchandisers and vendors. The person applying for this position must have good communication, and organizational skills, knows and understands the importance of priorities and deadlines, accuracy in working with numbers, flexible, can work with many different people, and can handle multiple tasks. Send confidential resume and salary requirements to:
ACO Hardware
23333 Commerce Drive
Farmington Hills, MI 48335-2764
FAX: 248-815-2696 EOE

GENERAL LABOR

Glass fabricator in Plymouth is looking for motivated individuals to work fulltime. Openings on 2nd & 3rd shifts only. Experience in tempering, cutting or loading glass is helpful, but not necessary. Full benefit package plus \$1000 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: PGC Glass of Michigan, 300 Dunn St., Plymouth, MI.

GENERAL LABOR/MACHINE OPERATORS

for metal industry. No experience necessary. 40 hrs. per week. Benefits. W/comm. Township.
(248)684-0555

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Warehouse \$10/hr. Shipping/Receiving \$10/hr. Machine Operators \$8/hr. ARBOR TEMPS 734-459-1166

SHEPHERDS HOLLOW GOLF CLUB

HIRING DAYS
Every Saturday beginning: 4-29-00, 10AM - 2PM

GOLF COURSE (PRIVATE) Seeks:

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Flexible Schedule
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Up to \$18.35 hour, now hiring for 2000. Free call, application/examination information. Federal Hire-Full Benefits. 1-800-568-4204 ext. 1055 (8-6pm est. 7 days) (SCA Network)

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Come join a progressive, growing and exciting company. HomeTown Newspapers is in need of a person to complete illustrations and design work for our weekly newspapers and shoppers. Candidates must be proficient in Macintosh, Freehand and Quark knowledge a plus. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent with special or post secondary art related courses in addition to 1-3 years related experience. Great benefits, 401K, and excellent opportunity for advancement. No phone calls please.

Send Resumes to Attn:

Human Resources
HomeTown Newspapers
323 E. Grand River
Howell, MI 48843
Fax: (517)548-6545
EOE/ADA

GRAPHICS

Needed entry-level Typesetter. Must have experience using PageMaker or Quark Express software. Good wages/benefits. Call Jim at: 734-461-6300 or Fax resume to: 734-942-0920

GRAVEL TRAIN drivers

Hayes Trucking Inc., Novi, MI. Contact Lew Hayes
(248)64-6805 ext. 12

500 Help Wanted General**GRINDER HANDS**

wanted. Blanchard Wit-O-Matic surface and form grinders plus Eweg. Experienced or w/ train. Full benefit. Apply at 22635 Hesp Dr., Novi.
(248)348-0010

GROUNDS ASSISTANT

Seasonal
\$8/hr. Mon-Fri 8am-4pm. Must be 18 yrs. of age. Apply in person Mon-Fri 9-5 at Brookwood Farms Community, 200 Brookwood Dr., S. Lyon.
(248)437-9593

GROUNDS KEEPER

Rochester Hills Apartment community is seeking a GROUNDS KEEPER responsible for maintaining the exterior of the community, ability to lift a minimum of fifty (50) pounds and possess a TEAM player attitude. Paid vacations/holidays.
Apply in person at: ESSEX AT HAMPTON Apartments, 64 Village Circle Drive, Rochester Hills, MI 48307 or call for an appointment: (248) 852-7500; EOE.

HAIR ASSISTANT

Full or part-time, flexible hours. Busy upscale salon on the Franklin/River Club. 248-352-4884

HAIR DRESSER'S ASSISTANT & SHAMPOO PERSON

Position available for busy Bloomfield Hills Salon. Must be success oriented.
Call 248-642-2882

HEALTHY START / HEALTHY FAMILIES OAKLAND FAMILY SUPPORT SOCIAL WORKER

High school diploma required, BSW preferred. Two years experience working with at-risk families, teaching parent-child development, using community resources, and employing professional intervention. Call CLSHA at (248) 209-2611 to schedule an interview.

Hotel

Attn: Personnel Control, Nancy 23333 Commerce Drive, Farmington Hills, MI 48335-2764
FAX: 248-815-2696 EOE

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(Mon-Thurs, 3-11pm Shift)
Bring your guest service & front office skills to CANDLEWOOD SUITES TROY! Hotel experience a plus. Attractive salary, benefits & growth opportunities. Apply in person: 2550 Troy Center Drive, Troy, MI. For directions call (248) 269-8600. Or fax resume to: (248) 269-8449. EOE-M/F/D/V.

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Where Value Stays

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Seeking friendly outgoing staff personnel for our senior apartment community in Canton. Must have reliable transportation. Apply in person: EEO. WATSONWOOD OF CANTON 2000 Canton Center Dr., Canton, MI 48106 (eastside of Canton Cir. Rd., S. of Ford Rd.)

Housekeeper START with a BONUS PACKAGE!

ASK ABOUT OUR 30-60 DAY BONUS PACKAGE! Full-time position for Luxury Retirement Community. Generous starting wages, bonus paid after 30-60 and 90 days. Great benefit package including health insurance and 401K. Must have excellent customer communication skills. Please apply in person: Monday thru Friday, between 9AM & 4PM at:
The Crowbridge
24111 Civic Center Drive
Southfield, MI 48034
Fax: 248-352-4444
EOE M/F/D/V

HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER & OFFICE CLERK

Heartland Health Care Center - Plymouth Court is currently seeking an experienced HR Manager as well as an office clerk to join our team.

HR MANAGER

This is an excellent opportunity for the Human Resources Generalist with the ability to manage multiple priorities, including recruiting, training, employee relations, benefits and safety.

The successful applicant will possess a minimum of 2 years HR experience. Excellent communication and organizational skills are a must.

OFFICE CLERK:

Candidates must have good computer skills and knowledge of third party billing and insurance.

We offer a competitive compensation package, including a 401(k), medical/dental/life and educational assistance.

For consideration, please fax your resume to:

Heartland Health Care Center
Plymouth Court
105 Haggerty Road
Plymouth, MI 48170
Tel: 734-455-0510
Fax: 734-455-7359
EOE

HUMAN RESOURCES

West Suburban staffing service. Entry level CSR position. Excellent growth opportunity! Competitive salary, full benefit package. FAX or mail resume: ATTN: HR 734-467-1638 or 3927 4th St., Wayne, MI 48184.

HVAC/SHEET METAL SHOP FOREMAN F/M

Experienced, excellent opportunity. Call: 1-800-245-9080

500 Help Wanted General**HVAC**

WE are in need of 2-3 skilled & motivated installers for new construction. Top dollar will be paid to qualified individuals. (734) 655-1360

INSPECTOR

(CROSS Connection)
Requires high school grad or GED and 4 yrs. Full-time plumbing experience including at least 2 yrs. experience as Journeyman level. Requires State of Michigan Cross Connection inspection certification within 6 months of hire. \$36,480-\$54,720/yr. Applications available now until 4 pm, June 9, 2000 at: Human Resources, 500 W. Big Beaver, Troy, EOE.

National Communication Company

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* Satellite Technician
* Network Installers
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INSTALLERS

DIRECTV or DishNet
** \$400-\$1000 weekly **
Satellite and/or cable experience necessary. Must have working van or truck. 1-800-459-7357

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Must be 18, have valid driver's license. Top pay, over-time, benefits after 60 days. 401K after 1 yr. Will Train. Fiber Glass Insulation
29769 Anthony Dr., Wyom., MI.
248-669-0660

INSURANCE ADJUSTER

Southfield Insurance company seeks adjuster to handle liquor liability & general negligence cases. May represent company at settlement conferences and other proceedings. Full benefits & competitive salary. Please send resume to: B. Wright, P.O. Box 223, Southfield, MI 48037 or fax to 248-357-3895

INSURANCE

Looking for professional commercial and Personal Lines CSR's. Applicants must have at least one year of experience. License a plus.
Please fax resume to:
(248) 355-0633

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Seeking a Commercial Lines CSR with 2+ yrs. experience. 248-349-5533 ext 24

INSURANCE PERSONAL LINES MANAGER

Replying growing P & C Insurance company is seeking a personal lines manager. Excellent customer service & communication skills. STRONG management background. Eager to grow & excel within our company. Full benefits & competitive salary. Send resume to: B. Wright, P.O. Box 223, Southfield, MI 48037 or fax 248-357-3895

INSURANCE

Professional Claims adjusters for both the Work Comp. and P&C areas. Applicants must have at least one year of experience. Please fax resume to:
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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.

JANITORIAL & Office Cleaning

W/comm area. Part-time positions. Mon. - Fri. approximately 4 hrs/night. \$8/hour. Apply or send resume to:
JANITORIAL - Shop Clean up. Janitor Area. Mon. & Thurs, 9pm-11pm; Sat. 4pm-8pm; 2 people needed. \$8/hr. (248)388-7578

JANITOR/MAINTENANCE

Full or part-time. Experience helpful but not necessary. \$8-\$10/hr. Must have MI drivers license & good record. Call for interview appt. 248-948-8500, ext. 304.

JANITORS - FULL-TIME DAYS

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General maintenance in the Water/Sewer Department or the Department of Public Works. Lawn mowing, general landscaping, road trash collection, minor road maintenance tasks, reading water meters, repairing fire hydrants, general housekeeping and painting at the maintenance facility. Must be 18 yrs. of age or older. College students preferred, some knowledge of lawn maintenance equipment. Good driving record. April thru early September, Mon. through Fri. 7:30am to 4pm, (40 hours per week) \$7.75 - \$8.25 hr. Apply at Human Resources, City of Novi, 45175 W. Ten Mile, 48075.
(248)347-0452

LANDSCAPE HELP

Full time, year round with benefits. Part-time also needed. Call 248-643-6663, ext. 106.

LANDSCAPE / LAWN MAINTENANCE

HELP NEEDED. Please call (734) 453-4005, if interested.

LANC LANDSCAPING

HELP WANTED. Good pay. Experienced not necessary. Call (734) 524-0785

LAWN CARE APPLICATORS

Experienced or will train. Excellent pay package, healthcare, retirement plan. 313-538-4500

LAWN CREWS

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Needed. Flexible hours. Full or part time. 734-525-0980

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3 yrs. Foreman experience. WCDL & references. \$400-\$500 + benefits. 248-628-0212

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Singh Associates is seeking to fill Full Time position in Westford Townships of Novi. Must be able to work weekends. Offer competitive salary, commissions and health insurance. FAX resume to: 248-689-6440 or call 248-689-1050. EEO

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S & S Leasing Management company is seeking an individual with enthusiasm, organizational skills, and computer experience. The position is full-time and medical benefits are offered. Please contact Cristina at 734-451-5212 www.ssmgmt.com

MAC ARTIST/ ASSISTANT

Production Manager
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Excellent working environment with a comprehensive benefit package. Medical, dental, vision, eligible after 30 days. Vacation and 401K.

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Auburn Hills, Michigan 48326
Or fax to: 248-276-1937
Or e-mail to: cclarkins@fischerUS.com

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Plymouth, MI 48170
Fax: 734-739-5604.

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Experienced machine tool days/Livonia area 734-522-7822

MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT

No experience required. Morning, Monday thru Friday. Farmington Community Library (248) 553-0300

500 Help Wanted General**Plastic Injection Molding Co.**

Seeks Experienced PROCESS TECHNICIAN/ SUPERVISOR (2nd shift) Moving to Shelby Twp. June 2000
This position will be responsible for establishing and maintaining processes for Van Dorn presses ranging in size from 85-300 tons. Experience should include press set-up, Close Loop Process Control, Maintenance and Employee Supervision. (Insert making experience a plus). Apply in person or send resume to:
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69235 POWELL RD.
ROMEO, MI 48065
Fax: (810) 336-1102

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Large temple in West Bloomfield needs a supervisor to oversee maintenance staff on evenings & weekends. Good salary, excellent benefits. In coding paid holidays and sick days, vacation, 403b and more. Call Marc Nelson at Temple Israel
248-661-5700

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H.R. Dept./Doe400
9300 Dix Ave.
Dearborn, MI 48120
(313) 849-9272
Fax: (313) 849-9447
EOE/AA

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Immediate opening! Full-time opportunity for energetic, honest person. Wage commensurate with ability. Willing to train. Competitive hourly rate & benefits. Apply: 1382 S. Main, Plymouth; (734) 455-3332

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It's time to check air conditioner



JERRY GOETZ

Each spring, as part of your seasonal housecleaning, it is important to check your home air conditioning system to help ensure it will operate when you need it most—during the hot, sticky days of our Michigan summer.

First, clean away any leaves or other debris that may have collected around the outdoor unit during the winter. Next, the unit's fins should be cleaned. Usually spraying them with a medium mist from your garden hose will be sufficient to wash away any dust and particles that have collected. Removing debris from the unit and cleaning the filters will ensure the unit has an unobstructed flow of air, critical to the system's efficient operation.

Your indoor furnace or air handling unit filters should also be checked. If the filter appears dust-covered, clean or replace them immediately.

Remember your science class discussions about how cold air falls? Cold air falls because it's heavier, denser and more difficult to move than warm air. By maintaining your system filters, the unit's motor and fan will be able to move the heavier air more efficiently.

During the season, continue to check both the indoor and outdoor units monthly. My experience shows that homeowners who check their air conditioning system's filter monthly will have a system that operates more efficiently, experiences fewer service calls and operates longer.

If you have a question or comment regarding this article or would like to discuss a particular energy subject, give me a call at my toll-free number (877) 949-4130.

Jerry Goetz of Detroit Edison's Residential & Small Business Marketing group has been with the utility for more than 40 years and is an expert adviser in home energy efficiency.

Homes going up in hot new area

Stuart Michaelson, whose Walden Woods Development Co. acquired 150 acres off Tyler Road between Morton Taylor and Belleville roads nearly a decade ago, has big plans for the property.

"I had a feeling Van Buren would become the next hot area," he said.

Now those plans are starting to take form with phase one at Walden Woods—69 houses—in a mixed-use community that ultimately projects 300 houses, 200 multiple-family residences and a neighborhood shopping center.

"Canton was so expensive and built out," Michaelson said. "Van Buren has Belleville Lake. That's a big attraction. And it's close to the downtown Belleville area, which has upgraded considerably. It's well located near I-94 and I-275, easy to get to."

Then there's the site, itself.

"We'll keep open spaces, park areas... an enhanced detention (drainage) pond," Michaelson said. "We took out one lot and plan to put in a swim club."

Two building entities will construct homes in phase one.

Michaelson's company, Walden Homes, and Winnick Homes will build common plans on an alternating basis on half the lots in phase one.

RDK Homes has gobbled up the other half.

The Walden/ Winnick tandem offers four plans.

They range in price from \$184,900 for a two story of 1,609 square feet with three bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths to \$214,000 for a two story of 2,194 square feet with four bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths.

Standard features common to all plans include two-car garage, first-floor laundry, basement, range and dishwasher, wood foyer and carpeting throughout.

The floor plans also allow for upgrades like a deluxe master bath (separate tub and shower plus a two-sink vanity), sun room and three-car garage.

Primary exterior materials are brick, vinyl siding and wood accents.

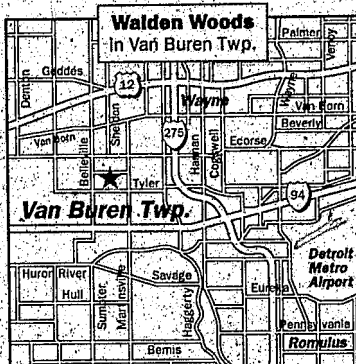
Two models are under construction.

The Walden, the largest, features a library/ computer room, dining room, great room, kitchen/ nook with sink oriented toward the great room and the optional sun/ media room downstairs.

The master with deluxe bath, three other bedrooms and a second full bath are upstairs.



Walden model: This two-story house from Walden/ Winnick Homes features four bedrooms and an optional sun/ media room.



Merrimack Model: This colonial designed by RDK Homes offers a side-entry garage option on corner lots.

The model, as is with upgrades, carries a price of \$228,000.

The Ashbury, 2,194 square feet, features a great room with sloped ceiling, dining room, library/ computer room and kitchen/ nook on the first floor.

The master with deluxe bath, three other bedrooms and a second full bath are upstairs.

The model, as is with upgrades, goes for \$226,000.

"We kind of mix and match here," said Kathy Adams, sales director for Walden/ Winnick. "Front elevations are well thought out. We're centrally located, five minutes from anywhere. Taxes are very low here."

RDK Homes offers five floor plans ranging in price from \$176,990 for a

colonial of 1,500 square feet to \$209,990 for a colonial of 2,400 square feet, each with three bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths.

Three plans offer a four-bedroom option.

Standard features in all include two-car garage, first-floor laundry, basement, hardwood foyer, carpeting throughout, range and dishwasher and separate tub and shower in the master. Two models have been built.

The Merrimack, a colonial of 2,400 square feet, features a living room, dining room, kitchen/ nook with island and pantry and family room on the main floor.

The master with cathedral ceiling, two-sink vanity, walk-in closet and

compartmentalized commode is up, along with three other bedrooms and a full bath.

Base price is \$212,490, the model with upgrades \$235,000.

The Concord, a colonial of 2,200 square feet, includes a living room, dining room, family room with sloped ceiling down, a loft, master with cathedral ceiling, dual-sink vanity and walk-in closet, two other bedrooms and a second full bath up.

Base price is \$203,990, the model with upgrades \$220,000.

"We're doing a step up from most builders in Van Buren—four-sided brick, full basement... really large kitchens," said Bob Kime, RDK president. "We're offering a dream house to some people at a price they can afford."

"People tell us our quality is second to none," added Greg Kime, sales manager. "They really like our elevations."

Walden Woods is served by city water and sewers. It's within the Van Buren school boundaries. There will be sidewalks.

The property tax rate is \$28.38 per \$1,000 of state taxable value, half of sales price for new construction. That means the owners of a \$200,000 house there would pay about \$2,850 the first year.

The annual association fee for common areas, including the swim club, is projected at \$300.

The RDK Homes office/ models, (734) 699-8346, is open 1-7 p.m. weekdays, 1-6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, closed Thursdays.

The Walden/ Winnick office/ models, (734) 325-7000, are open 1-6 p.m. daily, closed Thursdays.

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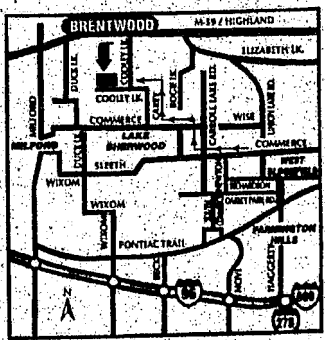
Priced at \$269,910, located on a golf course lot, this 2300 sq. ft. home offers a two story foyer with hardwood flooring, loft on second level, great room with two sided fireplace, hardwood flooring in kitchen & nook, 3 bedrooms with 1st floor master

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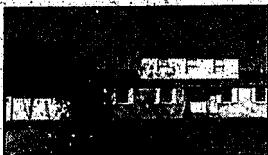
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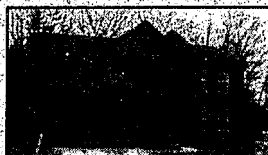
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A NEW WAY HOME

Selecting a new roof involves several decisions

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When putting on a roof, you have a few decisions to make.

You must consider cost, durability, fire resistance, ease of maintenance and manufacturer's warranty.

Take a look at some of the different types of roofing.

Asphalt shingles are used on more than 80 percent of American homes. There are two main types — organic base and fiberglass base.

The organic kinds have a base

of felt made from wood and paper. They cost about \$40 to \$50 per square (a square is 100 square feet of roofing) for standard-grade shingles and \$50 to \$80 per square for premium grade. They are attractive, widely available, durable and easy to install.

Fiberglass base shingles are as economical and as easy to use as organic base but they can last five to 10 years longer because they don't absorb water, so they resist warping and cracking better.

Wood roofing, although time consuming to install, is naturally beautiful and can give your home a rugged outdoor look.

There are two types, shingles and shakes. Shingles are usually sawn and have a smooth, finished appearance. Shakes are usually split first and then sawn to a taper on their backs. Because they are split, the face has a rough texture.

Wood roofing costs about \$60 to \$100 per square. Flammability is a big worry. Fire retardants can help reduce, but do not elim-

inate, this danger. Untreated wooden shingles are prohibited in certain areas, so check your local building codes.

Tile roofing made from clay and concrete is used on many Mediterranean and Spanish-style homes. It's relatively inexpensive at about \$50 to \$90 per square, but it's heavy.

Your roof framing must be strong

enough to support its weight, and shipping costs from a distant manufacturer can make it prohibitively expensive.

Slate is fireproof, attractive and extremely long-lasting but, at \$275 to \$370 per square, expensive. It also requires strong framing.

Relatively flat roofs that slope less than two inches of rise per 12 inches of run can have drainage problems. Aluminum or steel panels at \$50 to \$200 per square, asphalt roll roofing (\$25 to \$35), and tar and gravel (\$35 to \$45) produce the extra waterproofing needed.

Mortgage loan rates drop slightly

Mortgage rates dropped in the Detroit area last week, according to a survey of local lenders by www.HomeLoanUpdate.com.

■ 30-year fixed mortgages averaged 8.21 percent with 0.8 fees and points last week, down from 8.26 percent with 0.9 fees and points the previous week.

■ 15-year fixed mortgages averaged 7.82 percent with 0.9 fees and points last week, down from 7.88 percent with 0.9 fees and points the previous week.

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One Year Ago the average 30-year loan was at 6.92 percent and 1.0 points and fees, 15-year loan at 6.53 percent and 0.9 points and fees and one-year ARM at 5.59 percent and 1.1 points and fees.

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continue to see housing as a real investment option for their money, said Robert Van Order, chief economist for Freddie Mac.

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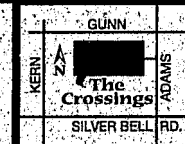
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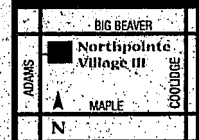
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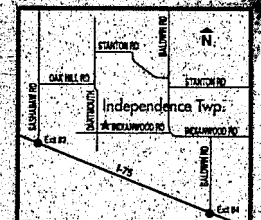
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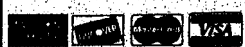
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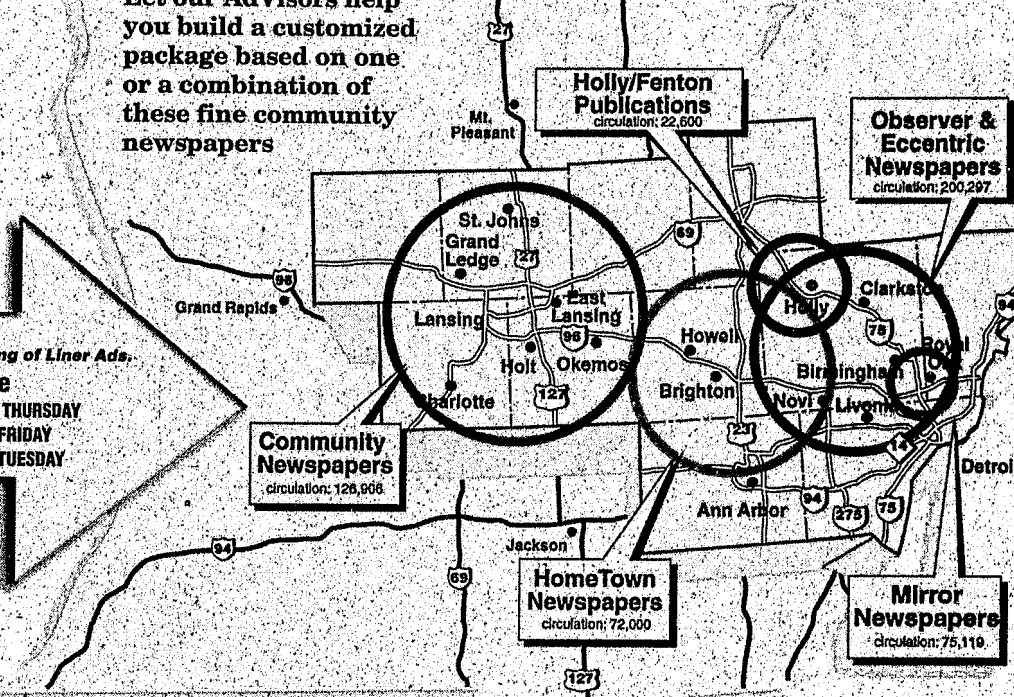


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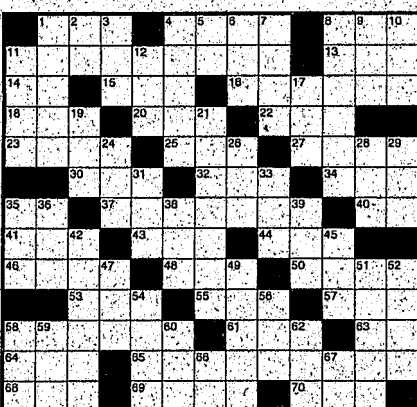
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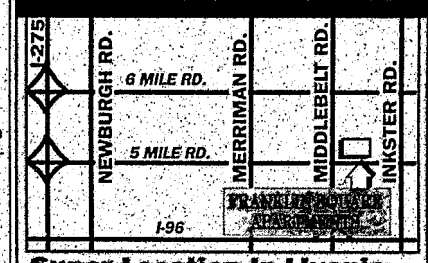
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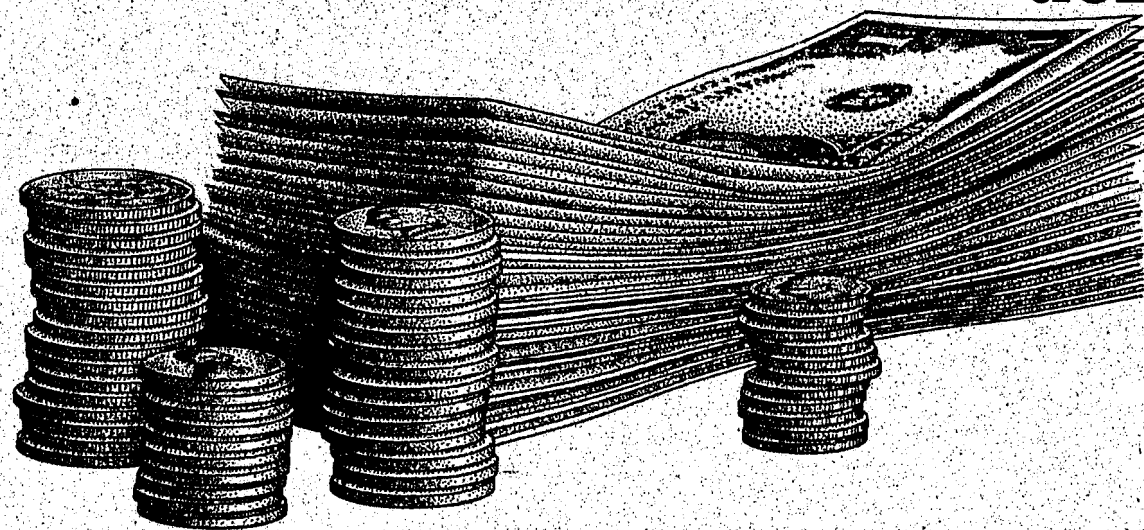
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Sweet, lovable, innocent SWF, 20, looking for a loving guy for friendship, dating, and more. #2011

SEEKS

Good-looking, down-to-earth, caring, compassionate SWF, 51, seeks gentleman, 50-60, who likes sunsets and gentle rain, for committed relationship. #1998

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Attractive DFW, 42, mother of two, enjoys cooking, the outdoors, and more. Seeking a mature, loving, honest SWM, 35-50, for LTR/possible marriage. Sense of humor a +. #1999

LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT

Attractive DFW, 37, blonde/blue, two children, N/S, social drinker. Seeking SWM, 28-38, for possible LTR. #1750

SLIM PERFECTONIST

Catholic SWF, 35, 5'7", 135lbs, blonde/blue, N/S, never married, seeks attractive, educated, romantic, physically fit, successful Catholic SWM, 32-38, N/S, never married, committed first, possible LTR. #1750

BLUE-EYED BEAUTY...

I've been told. Down-to-earth, not materialistic, slim, pretty SWF, 25, 5'5", blonde/blue, short, rich, poor SM for friendship and possibly more. Oakland County. #1997

HORSEMAN WANTED

SWF, 35, 5'1", blonde/green, full-figured, one 13-year-old son, enjoys horseback riding, horse shows, music, tennis, and more. Seeking SWM, 30-40, for friendship, dating, possible LTR. #1997

ADVENTURE SOME

SWF, 28, enjoys reading, traveling, dancing, family times, seeking family-oriented, outgoing, commitment-minded SWM, 30-40, for romance and monogamous LTR. #1778

LOVES TO DANCE

Light-skinned, blonde, 145lbs, no kids, loves dancing, skating, reading, working with people. Seeking SM with similar interests for dating, possible LTR. #1978

PASSIONATE DR.

Brunette, 30s, never married, N/S, with great sense of self, likes to travel. Seeks sincere, intelligent, successful, financially secure, gentleman, SWM, 31-43, with a graduate degree. #1996

ROMANTIC & PASSIONATE

Attractive, plus-sized SWF, 35, enjoys long walks, comedy, reading, and animals. Seeking honest, communicative SWM to enjoy time with. #1911

GENTLEMAN WIKER

SWF, 33, N/S, proportionate, long reddish-brown/blue-green hair, enjoys Harley's, outdoors, fishing, travel. Seeking gentleman with similar interests. #1959

SEEKING

That special you SWF, 30, blonde/blue, 22-30, 5'6", who's tired of the bar scene, likes sports, for special committed relationship. #2034

SECOND TIME AROUND

Fun-loving, attractive, blonde, 40, 5'6", 120lbs, blonde/blue, loves dogs, dancing, camping, long drives, good books, sports, and more. Seeking outgoing, family-oriented SWM, 40-50, N/D, short in stature but in heart. #1999

LET ME BE YOUR SUNSHINE

Intelligent, easygoing, widowed WF, 61, 5'1", blonde/blue, N/S, social drinker, financially secure, enjoys playing cards, movies, dining, long walks, and fitness. Seeking SWM, 58-65, for companionship. #1928

SOPHISTICATED HAPPY

Fun, bubbly, outgoing, SWF, 37, blonde/blue, 145lbs, N/S, enjoys golf, biking, travel, theater. Seeking tall, financially/emotionally secure gentleman, 48-55, who exhibits qualities of a true friend. #1709

SEEKING MY SOULMATE

Energetic DFW, young, 40, 5'3", blonde/blue, likes nature, waterfalls, baseball, tennis, alternative medicine. Seeking SWM, 38-49, N/S, #1960

FOXY SENIOR

Youngful, fit: SWF, 60, 6'2", 135lbs, blonde/blue, loves traveling, reading, political awareness, all aspects of entertainment. Seeking an outgoing, lively, honest, healthy, financially secure, good-looking, youthful SWM with high morals; for monogamous LTR. #1770

LET'S GET TOGETHER

Attractive, energetic, friendly, honest SWF, 40, 5'3", 110lbs, blonde/blue, enjoys art, fair, long walks, gardening, hiking, nature, some sports. Seeking an open, communicative, caring SWM with similar interests, for friendship first. #1222

THIS IS ME

SWF, 51, 110lbs, long blonde/blue, has children, loves bowling, movies, dining, with similar interests, for LTR. #1504

GROWN-UP BOY

Classy, very attractive, down-to-earth, SWF, 35, 5'10", intelligent, financially secure SWM, 48-54, brown or dark hair, who likes to have fun. #1339

ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME?

Good-looking, slim SWF, 40, 5'3", brown/brown, good sense of humor, one daughter, likes movies, dining, comedy clubs, dining out, reading, plays, fishing, animals. Seeking SWM with time for a relationship. #1939

ABC'S

Attractive, bubbly, curvaceous DFW, 49, blonde/blue, professional musician with passion for life, seeks intelligent, romantic, emotionally/financially secure SWM, 40-55, 5'10", N/S, for possible LTR. #1999

WANTED: ONE

Attractive DFW, 5'10", blonde/blue, passionate about life, is searching for that one special man, 48-58, financially/emotionally secure, who loves life, sports, and romance. #1979

HONEYCUCUMBER

SWF, my age is vintage wine, 5'6", slender, blue eyes, Jewish and a coal-miner's daughter. Too enjoys cooking, baking, and about a sample? Seeking best friend, real and fun conversation. #2002

ATTRACTIVE WIDOW

Intelligent, slender, tall WF, 53, blonde, warm-hearted, smoker, seeks tall gentleman, 50-65, with traditional manners, who's intelligent, charming, and shares romantic dinner, conversation, and laughter with me. #1601

COMPANION

SWF, 6'4", 135lbs, blonde, N/S, seeks SWM, 45-58, who's young-looking and energetic like myself. A little bit of humor, a bit rock-n-roll can be humorous as well as serious. #1995

LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT

SWF, 35, 5'7", HW proportionate, blonde/blue, likes hiking, tennis, camping, outdoors, dancing, and animals. Seeking an honest, successful, family-oriented man for possible LTR. #1918

SEXY REDHEAD

Easygoing, fun-loving DFW, 49, 5'3", 135lbs, great legs, no kids, blonde/blue, loves nature, animal love, enjoys gardening and nature. Seeking DFW, 50-60, N/S, social drinker, for LTR. #2497

A RARE FIND

Attractive lady seeks companionship of professional gentleman, 40+, who enjoys (hobbies), cars, museums, exhibits, excursions. Lost messages 1710/1711, please call me. #1257

HOCKEYOWN GIRL

SWF, 57, brown/brown, heavily married, Catholic, loves hockey, movies, concerts, dining, dancing. Seeking SWM, 30-45, similar interests, for friendship, dating, possible LTR. #1977

THE ICON IS LOVE

Very pretty, curvaceous, professional SWF, 36, varies interests, seeks handsome, loyal, passionate, fit SWM of integrity, 30-40, N/S, for one-on-one dating and friendship. Serious only. #1995

SEEKING HONEST GUY

SWF, 59, 135lbs, blonde hair, student, no kids, loves basketball, hiking, swimming, movies, reading, cooking, walks. Seeking sweet, honest, romantic, laid-back guy for serious relationship. #1951

SEXY SINGLE

SWF, 40, 5'10", 165lbs, black/brown, light caramel complexion, self-employed, 2 kids, loves singing, dancing, jazz, cooking, having fun. Seeking dark, handsome, single SWM, 40+, 6'2", for friendship first, possible LTR. #1999

BRIGHT & CHARMING

Intelligent, inquisitive SWF loves movies, dancing, singing, writing poetry, meeting new people. Seeking open-minded man who wants to be with a nice person, for friendship. #1971

FIRST TIME

Attractive DFW, 40, 5'2", 115lbs, blonde/green, college-educated, enjoys movies, reading, beaches, traveling. Seeking honest, caring SWM, 40+, 5'10", for friendship first. #1960

FRIENDSHIP COMPANION

Friendly, kind-hearted SWF, 46, 5'5", 200lbs, enjoys simple things in life: pizza, walks in the park, movies, television. Seeking SWM, 35-60, for friendship possible LTR. N/S, N/D. #1874

ENJOY LIFE WITH ME

Fun-loving SWF, 41, no dependents, seeks fun-loving, affectionate gentleman, N/S, over 40, to share interests. Race open. #1958

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Easygoing, overweight DFW, 44, 5'10", N/S, N/D, enjoys art, long walks, hiking, nature, some sports, traveling. Seeking loyal SWM, N/S, N/D, for relationship leading to marriage. #2750

A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR LOVE

SWF, 52, 5'8", medium build, down hair, enjoys fine dining, reading, jazz music, family gatherings, walks in the park. Seeking degreed SWM with similar interests, for monogamous LTR. #1205

SINCERE AND CURVY

DFW, 5'9", blonde, two grown children, seeks romantic white gentleman, 48-50, fairly well educated, financially/emotionally secure, interested in fun times and sports. #1999

STILL SEARCHING

Attractive DFW, 5'6", brown/brown, thin, fun to be with, enjoys movies, dining out, the outdoors, and traveling games. Seeking attractive, tall SWM, 33-40, with similar interests, for friendship, maybe more. #1478

BEAUTIFUL SMILE

Attractive, young-looking DFW, 51, 5'7", HW proportionate, blonde/blue, college-educated, great sense of humor, enjoys sports, dining out, concerts, movies, travel, golf, etc. Seeking tall, healthy, family-oriented SWM, 50-55, N/S. #1989

HOPELESS ROMANTIC

Energetic, beautiful SWF, 5'5", 145lbs, honey brown complexion, enjoys dancing, reading, entertaining, movies. Seeking prosperous Christian gentleman with similar interests, N/S, HW proportionate, for friendship. Southfield area. #1874

YOUNG ATTITUDE

SWF, pretty, sincere, and compassionate, enjoys hiking, dancing, and shopping. Seeking loyal sensitive, good-looking, classy SWM, 50-60, Let's enjoy the finer things in life together. #1872

TOO CHARMING

Hard-working, intelligent DFW, 37, 5'7", HW proportionate, blonde/blue, enjoys hiking, dancing, and shopping. Seeking loyal sensitive, good-looking, classy SWM, 50-60, Let's enjoy the finer things in life together. #1872

SENSUAL

Pellucid DFW, 38, looking for a young man with romantic, trustworthy, very fit, emotionally/financially secure, non-smoking SWM, 35-45, for friendship first. #1873

ARE YOU READY FOR AN AFFAIR?

Active, open-minded, pleasantly plump, widowed SWF, 58, red/blonde, enjoys concerts, plays, talk shows, enjoys traveling, humorous SWM, 45-60, for dating. LTR. #1835

SEEKING

Tall, teddy bear SWF, 45, 5'10", 130lbs, loves and trusts God, who understands the purpose of life, and has the glory of God. Seeking a young man, 30-40, who is a Christian, church, enjoys camping, canoeing, fishing, waterfowl. #2555

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DANCING THROUGH LIFE

Energetic, fun, passionate, secure DFW, 46, seeks SM with similar attributes, for friendship and romance. #1769

LOOKING FOR LOVE

Attractive, emotionally/financially secure, honest, caring DFW, young, 50, 5'4", blonde/blue, N/S, looking to love again. Seeking SWM for concerts, dining, movies, sports, travel, together. For friendship leading to LTR. #1755

SHARING TIME

Attractive SWF, 5'2", 110lbs, blonde/brown, N/S, down-to-earth, with great humor, enjoys golfing, dining, theater, seeking Handsome SM, 45-52, to spoil and pamper me, North Oakland area. #1765

BE MY VALENTINE

Cute DFW, 41, full-figured, smoker, financially secure, seeks SWM, 40-50, who likes beach, Vegas, traveling, for LTR. Serious only. #1711

LOOKING FOR LOVE

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

IT'S YOURS

SWF, seeks Mr. Right, 45-55, who likes golfing, movies, dancing, quiet dinners at home or on the town, and has a fair for spontaneity. Could it be you? #1700

HONEST FUN, CARING

Widowed SWF, HW proportionate, likes doing just about anything, music, books, dining, movies, theater, sports. Seeking a SWF for companionship, possible LTR. #1487

STARTING OVER

Attractive DFW, 48, 5'5", blonde/blue, likes dining out, movies, walks in parks, television, and evenings in. Seeking somebody to have some fun with. #2021

NEW SPECIAL GUY

Clean-cut, down to earth DW, 46, 6'10", 160lbs, brown/green, smoker, automotive professional, wears glasses, enjoys golf, bowling, movies, walks, romance. Seeking new best friend, 37-48, for loving, caring, sharing relationship. #1757

ATHELETIC JOCK TYPE

Rugged, athletic, muscular, DFW, 40, 6'3", 235lbs, brown/blue, clean-cut, degreed, enjoys Las Vegas, road trips, outdoors, good sense of humor. Seeking friendly SWF for companionship. Aalarea open. #2018

SEEKING

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ITALIAN STALLION...

47, attractive, muscular, versatile, romantic, seeks classy, slim, very attractive, selective SWF, under 45, for friendship, possible relationship. #2155

RELUCTANT LATINA

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

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DFW, 48, 5'10", 160lbs, very giving, honest and sincere, loves animals and kids. Seeking slim, WFAF, cat, feminine, sweet-hearted, romantic, for LTR. #1913

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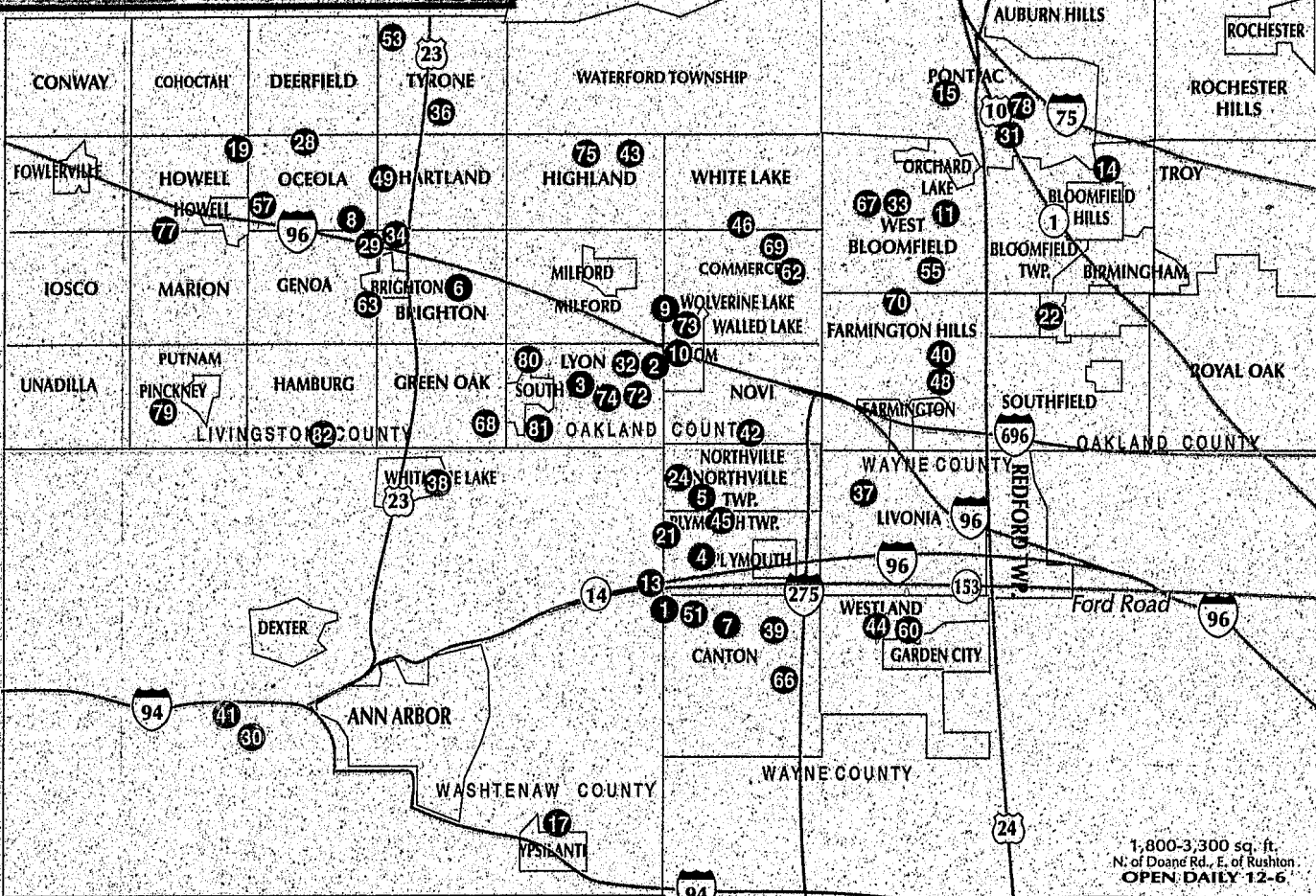
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