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IN THE PAPER **TODAY**

NEW EDITOR

On the job: *The Eccentric has a new managing editor. She is Mary Laundroche, who comes to the newspaper from The Dearborn Press & Guide. For a story , please see page* **A7.**



NO SHOW

No show: *'Burn The Floor,' a Fox Theatre show previewed on page* **E1***, was canceled after our entertainment section went to press. Refunds are available at purchase locations. For more information, call (313) 983-6611.*

VINTAGE



CLARKSTON

Our two travelers are still trying to reach Oakland County from Ionia in late fall 1835. They crossed the Red Cedar river east of Okemos, but in doing so fell into deep water, soaking themselves as well as their matches and compass. The narrator continues his story, published in the *Livingston (County) Republic* newspaper in 1864, as well as in the 1868 *History of Howell, Michigan*:

"The sky was overspread with thick clouds, the snow was falling fast, and night was near at hand. It would soon be too dark to move through the brush, but we concluded to travel down the river to the point where we were to strike into the woods, if possible. We had proceeded but a few rods, when we discovered the snow to be covered with fresh tracks. 'Look,' said I, 'We are in the midst of a large pack of wolves.' 'Is it possible?' asked my companion, his face growing very pale. 'Then we may as well resign ourselves to our fate, for nothing earthly can save us — we have no means of defense — not even a match to kindle a fire.' I hit upon a plan I thought would succeed."

Will our travelers ever reach home? Come back next week!

Vintage Clarkston is written by Kim Huttenlocher of the Clarkston Community Historical Society.

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School board ballot may be blank

■ A snafu may mean voters will have to learn how to do write-in ballots in order to elect candidates to the Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education in the June 12 election.

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Registered voters living in the Clarkston Community School District may be facing a blank ballot in the school board election June 12, requiring them to write in their favorite candidates.

Three people filed papers by the 4 p.m. April 10 deadline. They later found out they didn't have a required supplemental affidavit form required by the Bureau of Elections with the Michigan Department of State to file to have their names on the ballot.

Those who filed are school board president Karen Foyteck, school board secretary Mary Ellen McLean and newcomer Stephen Hyer. They are running for two, four-year terms.

Foyteck is seeking her third term. McLean hopes to be re-elected for her second term.

Christopher Thomas, director of elections for the Michigan Department of State, said the only way for the school district to resolve the issue is to "go to the Oakland County Circuit Court.

"We always recommend going to the circuit court to impose equity onto a situation," he said.

Oakland County Clerk and Register of Deeds G. William Caddell supports Thomas' recommendation.

"Their (school district) option is to go to the circuit court. If the judge tells us to change the situation, then we will," he explained.

Anita Banach, public relations coordinator for the school district, said the district is looking for ways to resolve the issue.

She explained the situation arose because the school district didn't receive a packet with the new supplemental form mailed by the state's bureau of elections.

"We never received the information with the supplemental affidavit form," she said.

The school district didn't find out about the situation until Independence Township Clerk Joan McCrary called the school district and told them about

Please see **SCHOOL BALLOT, A2**

Easter's Parading ON HOLCOMB STREET



Easter gargoyle: *Rabbit ears top the gargoyle.*



Staff Photos by Steve Cantrell

Cottontail convention: *Sophie Bailey-Wiegand has fun decorating her Holcomb Street home inside and out for Easter.*

Bright and beautiful

Clarkston residents decorate for Easter

By Sally Slaughter
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The Easter Bunny will have no trouble finding Sophie Bailey-Wiegand's house.

It's the house on Holcomb with the giant Easter basket on the lawn along with tall rabbits and the beautifully adorned door. More decorations peek out from inside the house where Bailey-Wiegand has lived since 1955.

"I do it weather permitting," she said of her stupendous display. "Some years I can't. One year it snowed. I did it and it snowed. I used that straw you put in children's baskets and it blew all over."

Her latest creation went up during the nice weather more than two weeks ago.

"The way it's going, I thought, I better get going," she said.

Bailey-Wiegand and her husband, Robert, have seven children, 13 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren with another one expected this year. Wiegand said her children always looked forward to the decorations. This year several of her children will be in town for Easter. This year she has an Easter egg hunt planned for both the adults and children in her family.

"I don't use candy. They get enough of that," she said.

Instead she puts coins in the eggs and certain special eggs hold a "greenback," she said.

The outdoor decorations at Bailey-Wiegand's home take less than a day to put up once she has a plan in mind. She changes things slightly each time, she said. She also has a "little bit of Easter in every room" of her house, she said. She has created a 5-foot Easter tree. She made it out of pussy willow and lilac branches. She used plaster of Paris to cement them in a clay pot and painted the branches white. She hangs all sorts of eggs, rabbits and even Easter bonnets on the tree.

Most of all she has a good time transforming her home at not only Easter time, but Halloween and Christmas, too.

"I guess it's the kid in all of us," she said.



Bunny banquet: *This tastefully decorated tree is in front of the home of Walt Gamble and Christie Shull.*

Please see **EASTER, A2**

Volunteers still needed to build playscape

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Hammers will ring out at Independence Township's Sashabaw Plains Park April 29 and 30.

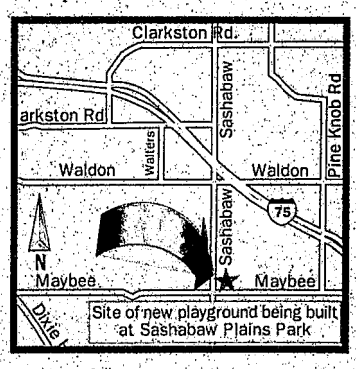
Community members will work together to build a playscape at the small park on Maybee Road just east of Sashabaw Road. Parks and Recreation Director Ann Conklin said at least 65 people have already volunteered in various capacities on the project. Residents were asked to help in the construction, make food or watch the children of the workers on site.

"They just want to be a part of creating it. A lot of people (volunteered) from the neighborhood," she said.

In the works for months, the playscape will be less than one-quarter the size of the similar structure at the township's Bay Court Park.

But there is no play equipment at Sashabaw Plains presently, and Conklin said the playscape will be a significant improvement.

The structure will include five decks, six slides, one spiral slide, one overhead climber, a climbing wall, several other climbers, a swing set and three play panels. At one panel, children can pretend to be a park ranger. Another panel has a fire truck, and the third, has a perch with a wheel.



Cost for the materials was $40,000. The bulk of it was paid for from the Parks and Recreation Department budget. Conklin said the Clarkston Rotary made a significant donation to the park. She did not want to say how much because she was not yet sure how much would go toward the play structure and how much would pay for other improvements at the park.

Donations from citizens total $500 and people may continue to donate, Conklin said. Donations will be recognized with a permanent sign at the play area.

Conklin said help is still needed for April 30.

"But if people are available on Saturday, we'll find something for them to do," she said.

For each four-hour shift, between 30 and 40 workers are needed. Conklin said many people signed up for multiple shifts. Work will begin on April 29 at 8:30 a.m. and continue until 8 p.m. The schedule for April 30 is from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. The final landscaping and grading will occur in the evenings of May 1-3. Approximately 20 people per night are needed for that part of the project. Anyone interested in helping then or anytime during the construction should call the Parks and Recreation office at 625-8223.

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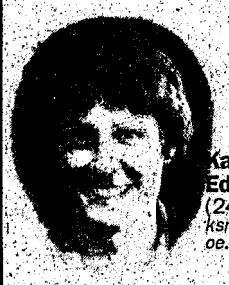

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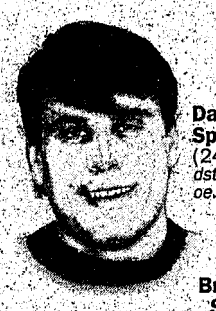

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Group offers free substance abuse prevention program

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER
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North Oakland Counseling Associates is looking for children ages 9 through 12 to join its first substance abuse education program.

The free, 10-week program begins at 9 a.m. May 13 at the North Oakland Counseling Associates office at 6401 Citation Drive, Independence Township.

Parents interested in enrolling their youngsters in the program should call the clinic at (248) 620-1019 and leave a message if the answering machine takes the call. There are eligibility requirements for the program.

"We are really excited about this new program," said Elise Finch-Sophiea, owner of NOCA. "I wrote a grant and we received funding from the Oakland County Department of Health through Substance Abuse and Community Mental Health money.

She said the 10-week sessions will be geared towards not only teaching children why they should avoid substance abuse but the feelings associated with people who do turn to abusing substances.

The social worker running the program will help them identify feelings people may have when they do turn to liquor or drugs or a cigarette so the children can see the connection between feelings and substance abuse. It's not enough to teach them just to say no anymore," she added. "They also need to learn the connection between feelings and drugs."

NOTABLE



The Colombiere Center in Clarkston has hired **Peggy Desrosier**, a Clarkston resident, as conference center manager. Prior to joining Colombiere Center, Desrosier had been with both Marriott and Hyatt hotels in sales and marketing. Desrosier is responsible for conference center operations, which include 75 overnight accommodations and 15 meeting rooms. Desrosier received her bachelor's degree in hotel, restaurant and institutional management from Michigan State University.

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the missing affidavit.

The clerk's office verifies signatures on petitions candidates must have filled out.

"We found out about this supplemental form after the filing deadline on Monday," Banach said. "We did have the candidates fill in the new form as soon as possible."

If there is no resolution to this situation, the hopefuls will have to run as write-in candidates. They, and other write-in candidates, will be required to declare their intent to be a write-in candidate for the school board election by 4 p.m. Friday, June 9.

"Frustrated, I imagine we are all very frustrated," Foyteck said. "We will certainly have to make sure our voters understand how to do a write-in ballot. That's our biggest concern right now."

Hyer said he thinks the mix-up is unfortunate for the elections race as a whole.

"This certainly complicates matters," he said. "Although this seems to make the race that more difficult, I still plan to work hard to have the people of Clarkston Community Schools know who I am and what I plan to do when elected."

"It's disappointing, especially with a small race," said McLean. "But I'm sure we'll go forward and keep a smile on our faces about it and hopefully the folks will get out and vote."

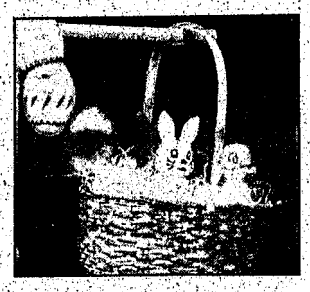
Easter *from page A1*

Her neighbors across the street, Walt Gamble and Christie Shull, also get joy out of decorating. Gamble said his wife, Shull, is the creative mind behind the carrot tree, beautiful door and bunny-eared gargoyle perched on the home's lower roof.

"She's the artistic type," he said.

He decorates the tree.

"She crawls out and does the gargoyle," he said. "In the summer time she puts sunglasses on him."



Hanging basket: *Rabbits and chicks sit pretty.*

OBITUARIES

Ardell R. Schmidgall

Ardell R. "Art" Schmidgall of Oxford, formerly of Clarkston, died April 17, 2000, at age 71.

Mr. Schmidgall was a long-time member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Lake Orion. He enjoyed golfing, bowling and playing baseball.

Mr. Schmidgall is survived by his wife, Nora; daughters, Kathy, Sharron and Joy, all of Oxford; son, Gene of Germany; and brother, Raymond (Delores) of Illinois.

A funeral service was scheduled for 10 a.m. Thursday in Good Shepherd Lutheran Church with Rev. VanDellen officiating.

Funeral arrangements were made by the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Rev. Robert C. Broome

The Rev. Robert C. Broome, S.J., of Clarkston died April 17, 2000, at age 87.

Rev. Broome was a teacher and priest for the Society of Jesus. Rev. Broome served in many capacities as a teacher, counselor and lastly as an associate pastor at Gesu Church, Cleveland, for 15 years.

Rev. Broome was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Carrie (nee. Collins) Broome, and sister, Jeanne M. Broome. He is survived by many cousins.

Funeral Mass was held Wednesday in Colombiere Center, Clarkston, with interment at Colombiere Center Cemetery, Clarkston.

Memorial tributes may be made to Colombiere Center, 9075 Big Lake Road, Clarkston.

Funeral arrangements were made by A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Directors, Troy.

Marjorie J. Brown

Marjorie J. Brown of Clarkston died April 17, 2000, at age 75.

Mrs. Brown is survived by her sons, Michael J. (Carol) of Mississippi, Patrick E. (Monica) of Florida; daughter, Bonnie McNeil of Clarkston; eight grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

A funeral service was scheduled for 12:30 p.m. Thursday, April 20, in Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Interment will be at All Saints Cemetery, Waterford.

Funeral arrangements were made by the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Lauren Marie Thibert

Lauren Marie Thibert of Clarkston died April 12, 2000, at age 42.

Ms. Thibert was preceded in death by her mother, Grace I. Thibert of Elk Rapids.

Ms. Thibert is survived by her father, Gerard J.; brother, Gerald J. (Lillette) of Rapid City; sisters, Michelle G. (Richard) Nasatir of Illinois, Linda G.T. (Charles) Lincoln of Maine, Rachel H.T. (George) Nehasil and Lisa C. (David) Slicker, all of Commerce. She also is survived by numerous nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

Ms. Thibert was a long-time resident of Oak Hill Group Home and is also survived by her Oak Hill "family."

Funeral Mass was held Monday in St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston, with Rev. Msgr. Robert S. Humitz officiating.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Michigan or Oak Hill Group Home.

Funeral arrangements were made by Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston.



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Surprise: *Magician Tom Plunkard lets a fake snake out of the can.*

Settlement may be reached in water park controversy

BY SALLY SLAUGHTER
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SPRINGFIELD

Springfield Township is attempting to negotiate a settlement with the Huron-Clinton Metropark Authority over a dispute regarding development of Indian Springs Metropark.

The township board met in closed session April 13 and afterward Supervisor Collin Walls said there was discussion about a settlement.

"There are advantages to both sides, not the least of which is a better relationship," Walls said.

Huron-Clinton Metropark Authority wants to build a 20-acre family water park, and Springfield officials believe a water park could jeopardize the serenity and natural resources of the area surrounding the park.

Walls said he could not elaborate any more on a possible settlement. The matter is still pending in Oakland County Circuit Court and Walls said since a ruling has not yet been made, there is time to negotiate a settlement. He said he did not know when to expect either a ruling or a settlement announcement.

After the closed session board members voted to offer a piece of existing park property near the corner of Davisburg Road and Dilley Road to the Department of Natural Resources. The new civic center will be built on 7.5 acres that was part of a larger purchase with state funds years ago. Part of the deal was that if any of that land was used for other than recreation, a like and equal number of acres would be set aside somewhere else in the township.

The board also approved spending up to $3,000 for an appraisal of the land.

In other business at the April 13 township board meeting, two development proposals were referred back to the Planning Commission. Walls was agitated because proposals for Ingomar Farms and Forest Hills subdivisions were not properly reviewed by the Planning Commission, he said.

Ingomar Farms developer Tim Birtsas wants to build 43 homes, but officials have insisted only 41 would be possible. He brought yet another plan with 43 units before the board Thursday for the development planned for Dixie Highway near Old Pond Road.

"I honestly don't think we'd be here if you (the planning commission) had taken the appropriate action," Walls said.

Similarly, Forest Hills developer Howard Friedlaender was asking for a special use permit to build a cluster development of 20 homes on Rattalee Lake Road between Weber and Eaton roads. His request also was sent back to the Planning Commission.

Holly Ford's request for a waiver regarding a retaining wall was tabled.

Springfield Township's next regular board meeting is 7:30 p.m. May 11 at Township Hall, 650 Broadway, Davisburg.

Golf course negotiations begin

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INDEPENDENCE

Independence Township Supervisor Dale Stuart said the board still has not made any commitments. The negotiations are exploratory at this point, he said.

Independence Township officials have entered negotiations with developer Joe Locricchio and his development team about the possible purchase of Clarkston Creek Golf Club.

Representing the entire board of trustees, Supervisor Dale Stuart and Trustee Neil Wallace had one meeting last week and another was planned for this week with Locricchio. After several public meetings where the question about whether the township should buy the golf course was discussed, the board decided to begin talking about the issue in closed session. They feared information revealed in an open forum could endanger any future negotiating positions. Board members could not agree whether to pursue the deal in concept.

Stuart said the board still has not made any commitments. The negotiations are exploratory at this point, he said. He and Wallace will talk with Locricchio to see what kind of deal can be worked out.

"We're going to go through with the whole process and steps we have to take to find the best deal possible for the township," Stuart said.

Locricchio has proposed building 121 townhomes on a portion of the golf course. The two holes displaced by that development would be relocated to the current driving range. Also envisioned is commercial and office space fronting Sashabaw Road. Access to the townhomes as well as the other amenities would require Locricchio to purchase approximately 19 acres from a private citizen and 14 acres of township property. The township land is

Please see **GOLF COURSE, A4**

Career Day

Kids learn tricks of various trades



Weaving magic: *Cullen Cappel enjoys magician Thomas Plunkard's assembly program at Independence Elementary.*

Independence Elementary students got a taste Tuesday of the variety of careers awaiting them in the marketplace.

Professionals ranging from an auto engineer to a builder to an F16 pilot, FBI agent, photographer, tennis pro, even a zoologist gave workshops at the Clarkston school for its Career Day.

The students received a lot of hands-on experience that day. The builder/developer Jack Barker even had youngsters build a miniature house, complete with a frame, insulation, plumbing and wiring.

There were three special assemblies for extra fun. These were given by magician Thomas Plunkard, the musical group The Shivvers and the yo-yo expert, Dr. Zeemo. Greg Lester entertained younger students with puppet adventures.

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

Larceny from vehicle

On April 16, someone entered vehicles parked at three addresses in the 6500 block of **Amy Drive**. Nothing was removed from a vehicle at one home. The person removed a lap-top computer and case, a cellular phone with a cord and three library books from a car at another address. A cell phone was removed from one of three vehicles at the third Amy Drive residence.

On April 16, someone entered three vehicles parked at a residence in the 7800 block of **Perry Lake Road**. The person removed a cell phone, camera, razor, compact disc player and 30 compact discs from two of the vehicles.

On April 16, someone entered a vehicle parked in the 8000 block of **Marshwood Court**. The person removed a cell phone, stop watch and sunglasses from the vehicle.

Operating under the influence of liquor

On April 14, police stopped a 19-year-old White Lake Township man who was speeding and driving erratically on **Dixie Highway** near Ortonville Road. The police noticed a strong odor of intoxicants coming from the man, according to the report. He took a preliminary breath test and scored 0.21. The legal limit for driving a vehicle is 0.10. Police impounded the man's vehicle. They confiscated his driver's license and issued him a temporary license.

On April 14, someone removed a generator valued at $4,000, a soil compactor valued at $3,000 and other items from a pickup truck parked in the **Lancaster Bay Apartments**. The items were chained and locked on the truck. The person cut the chain.

Malicious destruction of property

On April 14, someone used a double-edge knife to stab three truck tires on a Mack dump truck and to cut the seat of a bulldozer parked at **Spring Meadow Court**. The value of the damage is more than $1,000.

Springfield Township

Malicious destruction of property

On April 15, someone smashed out a window of a vehicle parked in the 9400 block of **Big Lake Road**.

On April 16, someone threw a large rock through a kitchen window of a trailer in the 17000 block of **Sleepy Hollow**.

On April 16, someone threw a mug, causing damage to the siding of a trailer in the 17000 block of **Louise**.

Clarkston Police

No major reports.

Independence Fire

Fire calls

Independence Township Fire Department responded to 29 calls from April 13-15. These included 22 medical calls, two personal-injury accidents, one mutual aid, one grass fire, one fuel spill, one investigation and one other call.

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thought to be worth at least $1 million. Locricchio also would make several improvements to the golf course, foremost among them an automated irrigation system.

Locricchio has said he would manage the golf course. While the township would have to borrow money to pay for the course, proceeds from the golf course operation would go back to the township, which it would use to pay off its debt.

Stuart said at some point, the public will be brought up to speed on the plans. But first, Stuart said he and Wallace will try to flesh out the best possible situation for the township.

"Within a few weeks we will know whether we have a deal," Stuart said.

Locricchio said the format of the talks is productive.

"I clearly feel this is a good-faith effort on their part and ours," he said.

It has been more than a year since Locricchio began working on this project, he said. Like Stuart, he said he thinks there will be only a few more meetings between the parties. He said he has to move forward in some fashion.

"That time is coming short. We've got to make some decisions," he said.

He added that he thinks he proposal has many benefits to the township, not the least of which is the stormwater drainage system.

"I truly believe we will get something done that will work for everybody."

Stuart said when he and Wallace think they have reached some sort of palatable proposal, that's when the matter would be back before the public.

■ 'Within a few weeks we will know whether we have a deal.'

Dale Stuart
Independence Township Supervisor

Wallace agreed that little could be said about the exact nature of the negotiations and said there is no deadline for a deal to be reached. He added once it's determined the best deal is on the table for the township, then the public will be involved.

He added that the entire board will be kept abreast of the negotiations and also will be able to offer input. A closed session was called at Tuesday's board meeting to discuss a property purchase.

"I would envision we would make a public statement about the nature of the transaction," he said.

He added it would be appropriate for citizens to have their opinions known in some formal way whether through a public hearing or an actual vote.

Stuart has said publicly he favored the proposal in concept, while Wallace is leery of the plan. Stuart said having people with diverse opinions on the subject doing the negotiating is a good idea.

Sub split over street-lighting plan

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Independence Township officials gave a street-lighting proposal back to a neighborhood that appeared divided on whether it wanted the decorative lights.

The township board tabled discussion on a Special Assessment District for the Spring Lake North subdivision at its Tuesday meeting. At a public hearing on the issue, opinion was almost equally divided about the lights. The subdivision is located off Maybee Road east of Dixie Highway.

Members of the subdivision association petitioned the township board to set up a SAD for the lights. Only 10 percent of the homeowners needed to sign the petitions. Kim P. Brown is on the association board and helped circulate the petitions. She said the lights are needed for the safety of children and people walking in the neighborhood at night.

"Clarkston and south Clarkston is not a rural area. We are between a major highway and a major freeway," she said.

Other neighbors echoed her concerns about children's safety. They said the older children often play at dusk or shortly after dark, and they are hard for drivers to see. Other residents, including a Sheriff's Department employee, said there is vandalism in the neighborhood. One woman said two of her family's cars have been broken into.

Residents opposing the lights said they had not been very well-informed about the proposal. Brown, however, said information was given at both association meetings and in newsletters.

■ Kim P. Brown is on the association board and helped circulate the petitions. She said the lights are needed for the safety of children and people walking in the neighborhood at night.

Opponents said the lights are too costly and not necessary.

Resident Victoria Maisano said she and her family could have lived in many cities in the metro Detroit area but chose the Spring Lake subdivision because it had more rural features than some of the other places they explored.

"One of the things that appealed to us was the rural feel, but it was also close to the freeway," she said, for easy access to work.

She does not want a street light she says is positioned to shine right in her bedroom window.

"I don't like the cost; I don't like the ambient light. I don't like the poles. I strongly object," she said.

Resident Don Cummings said he thinks people thought they were signing the petitions just to get more information about the lighting. Brown said they needed the signatures to get the process moving so they could get vital information.

The subdivision has 104 homes. The total cost would be $44,000. That means each homeowner would pay $411 over five years. Maintenance and yearly electrical costs would be assessed annually, as well.

Twenty-seven property owners came to the township board meeting. Of those, 16 were in favor of the lights and 11 were opposed. Board members felt the neighborhood needed more time to come to a consensus on the issue and tabled the SAD vote until June.

Also on Tuesday, the board tabled discussion on a campaign finance ethics proposal brought forward by Trustee Neil Wallace.

The policy would ban elected officials or those seeking elected office in the township to get donations from non-resident property owners, developers of property within the township, or individuals or companies that provide goods or services to the township.

Wallace said the idea behind the policy was to make sure there was no real or perceived conflict of interest.

"It is important that the things we do here are beyond reproach," Wallace said.

Most board member said they were taken aback by the proposal.

"Bringing this to the township board is really a slap to what I think is an honorable calling," Trustee Dan Travis said.

Clerk Joan McCrary said common sense should rule. She does not accept contributions, and Travis said he does not either.

"This is a job I want to have, I love to have and will pay to get if I have to," McCrary said.

Stuart added he gladly accepts contributions, but that doesn't mean whom they came from influences his decisions. He says he makes that clear to donors. He added that state laws governing campaign finance are sufficient. Wallace added they don't cover whom people can get funds from.

■ 'I don't like the cost; I don't like the ambient light. I don't like the poles. I strongly object.'

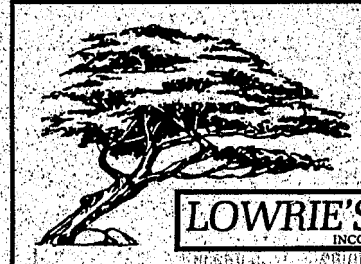
Victoria Maisano
Spring Lake North resident

Stuart added he was saddened that political issues are coming before the board, but that it should not be surprising in an election year. All seven board positions expire this year.

The board also voted to take no action on a resolution suggested by the county. The County Board of Commissioners is urging municipalities to adopt resolutions regulating safety bars on windows. Many fire officials say the bars should have release buttons on the inside so they can rescue people in case of fire. Board members said they felt the measure did not apply to Independence Township.

In other fire-related news, the board approved the purchase of six new self-contained breathing apparatus to go on new rigs that have recently been purchased. Also approved was the purchase of 50 updated alarms firefighters wear that tell people outside a building if the firefighter is down. The cost is not to exceed $18,000 and is in the 2000 Fire Department budget.

Also approved was the purchase of a $25,500 pick-up truck for the assistant fire chief. Use of a vehicle was part of the newly filled position's benefit package.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OTC students win at state contest

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER
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Five students from Oakland Technical Center-Northwest qualified for the DECA State Career Development National Competitions by taking the top scores at the state competition in March.

But spring break from school is keeping them from competing. The competition was scheduled for the same week.

That doesn't diminish the pride Tim McIsaac, Jennifer Czech and Tony Roy from Clarkston High School, Rob Egerton from Holly High School and Julius (Jay) Walker of Waterford Kettering High School have of their accomplishments.

Tim qualified for the nationals by earning first place in the comprehensive exam in the Technical Marketing Representative area. He also placed third at the state competition in Sales Presentation.

Jennifer, Rob, Tony and Jay earned their first-place title in the Decision-Making Team competition.

Other OTC-Northwest students placed in their categories. Shuan Chiodo took third place for Entrepreneurship—Participating. Bobby Masterson earned first place in Food Marketing Management, and Donnie Stein also earned a first place in Business Services Management. They're from Clarkston High School.

Bill Dungan is the marketing instructor at OTC-NW. He is one of the staff members who work with the DECA Club, which he says should really be called the marketing club.

■ 'My goal with these students is to get them to realize real-world marketing aspects.'

Bill Dungan
OTC-NW marketing instructor

"My goal with these students is to get them to realize real-world marketing aspects so when they graduate from college, they really know what they are getting into," Dungan said.

He explained the state competition in which Tim earned the honor of qualifying for the national competition.

"Tim was given the responsibility of being a sales person for a security company," Dungan said. "His task was to sell his security system to a video store. Tim had to meet with four judges who acted like owners of a video store. He had to sell them his ideas. But in order to do this, he had spent about two months beforehand doing research so he'd be prepared."

The Decision-Making Team had a different task to quality for the nationals.

"They had only 10 minutes to come up with a marketing plan," Dungan said. "They went into the competition as a team and had to present their ideas for whatever their specified problem was to solve, but they had to work together. The competition makes them work on something that could take place in real work."

Dungan said the OTC-NW teenagers competed against 4,000 other students at the state competition.

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION
AMENDMENTS TO ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 26

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a regularly-scheduled meeting held on April 13, 2000, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Springfield adopted amendments to Zoning Ordinance No. 26, which amendments are set forth herein and shall take effect seven (7) days after publication of this Notice.

SECTION ONE - AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE

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

SECTION 16.21 Emergency Temporary Structure

1. When permitted. Emergency temporary structures may be permitted upon finding by the township that the structure intended for the main or principal use has been destroyed in whole or in part by fire, explosion or natural disaster and therefore is unsuitable for use and the standards set forth in Section 16.21.2 have been met.
2. Permit application and review.
   a. An application for a permit for the emergency temporary use and installation of a mobile home, modular, or prefabricated dwelling unit or structure shall be made to the Township Clerk. The application shall be accompanied by a plot plan showing the location of each proposed structure and water supply and sewage treatment facilities.
   b. The application shall be reviewed by a committee composed of the Building Inspector and two Township Board members. Approval of the application may be granted by a majority vote of the committee upon a finding that all of the following conditions are met:
      (1) The structure intended for the main or principal use has been destroyed in whole or in part by fire, explosion, or natural disaster and therefore is unsuitable for use.
      (2) The temporary structure shall be served by and property connected to approved water supply and sewage treatment facilities.
      (3) The temporary structure shall comply with all applicable Zoning District requirements including setback, area, bulk, and other requirements, except minimum size requirements.
   c. The granting of a permit for an emergency temporary structure shall be for a period of one year from the date of approval by the committee, or as otherwise specified by the committee. Any conditions of approval shall be specified in writing on the permit. The temporary structure shall be placed in accordance with all applicable building codes and standards.
   d. No permit shall be issued until a cash bond has been posted in an amount to be determined by the committee to guarantee compliance with the provisions of the Ordinance and removal of the emergency temporary dwelling or structure upon expiration of the permit.

SECTION TWO - EFFECTIVE DATE

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

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of amendments to Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance No. 26, adopted at the Regular Meeting of the Springfield Township Board held on the 13th day of April, 2000. A copy of the entire zoning ordinance may be inspected or obtained at the office of the Springfield Township Clerk, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, MI 48350, at all times said office is open for business. Anyone need a special accommodation should contact the Clerk's Office at least two (2) business days in advance.

NANCY STROLE, Clerk
Charter Township of Springfield

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Builders, officials agree to disagree on urban woes at conference

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"One man's sprawl is another man's economic development," Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson said April 14 at the first conference of the Michigan Smart Growth Coalition.

The coalition — a conglomeration of two dozen trade associations representing builders, contractors, realtors and title companies — sponsored the conference at the Troy Marriott Hotel. Their purpose was to address the state Legislature's current concern with urban sprawl and the loss of farmland to development.

State lawmakers are attempting to devise policies that will encourage "smart growth" in the future.

"Smart growth — you gotta support it," Patterson said. "What would you favor instead? Dumb growth? So, yes, I support smart growth. But I don't want to see it interpreted to mean that someone is going to be able tell you where you can build and where you can't."

Patterson is unabashedly pro-development. In fact, he says, "we have worked overtime to create an atmosphere in Oakland County that's pro-development."

Patterson is one of those who believes that the problem of sprawl has been greatly exaggerated. In the country, he argues, only 5.4 percent of the land has been developed. The nation's growth, from an estimated four million 200 years ago to 265 million today, has used up no more land than that, he pointed out.

It looks like we are sprawling, Patterson contended, only because 90 percent of us live in 3.5 percent of the land.

More important, to Patterson, is the economic development of the county, so when recession comes, it will be "the last to feel its effects and the first to rebound."

He was not the only one to sound a pro-development note during Friday's gathering. Sam Staley, director of urban programs for the Reason Public Policy Institute, told the crowd about the "vanishing farmland myth."

Only one percent of farmland nationally was lost between 1982-92, he argued. Urbanization accounted only for 24 percent of it. Most farmland is instead converted to pasture, forest, park, and recreational uses, he said, not houses and malls.

The real reason farmland has been lost, Staley argued, is that agriculture — through technological improvements — has become more productive and therefore requires less land. The U.S. has increased its agricultural output nearly 48 percent since 1970, while the nation's crop land has remained largely stable. He noted that the U.S. exports well over 40 percent of both its rice and wheat production.

"Sure, we have lots of open land in Montana, there's just not a lot you can do with it," Karen Kendrick-Hands, of the East Michigan Environmental Action Council, said. Compared to the total amount of land available, usable farmland doesn't take up a very large percentage either. And that is also the portion where we live, and that is what we are developing, she contended.

"That's exactly right," Paul Tait, Executive Director of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, said. "What we have developed here is made up for by the wide open spaces out west. . . . The reality is that we can't go on as we have. We have to do something about the cost of infrastructure" needed to support new development in greenfield areas.

Still, Tait said he felt the conference was productive. "I was encouraged to see the building community looking at the issues of smart growth. In past years, you might not have even seen them uttering those words," he said.

The gathering provided members of the coalition a chance to put forward their proposals for addressing urban sprawl and encouraging smart growth. And as they pushed for their points of view, several state-level decisions makers were present to hear the input.

Among the proposals being considered are providing incentives for local governments to participate in regional planning efforts, reviewing state spending projects in light of their expected impact on growth, and devising statewide construction codes and sample zoning ordinances.

"I have a vision that it is about our cities. I look at our cities as diamonds in the rough," DeRossett said when addressing the conference.

Spurring redevelopment in central cities such as Detroit would take development pressure off the outer suburbs, he said. DeRossett estimated there are some 50,000 tax reverted parcels in the city of Detroit, which he said the city and state should make available to developers for new construction.

Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus was on hand as well.

"How do we protect our natural resources and have economic development and economic opportunity?" Posthumus asked. Just a decade ago, such a conference to talk about ways to control growth would not have been held. The topic would have been how to spur more growth.

"When something stops growing, it dies," he said. "I don't want to go back to those days when we were not growing."

Posthumus took the opportunity to stump for a constitutional amendment Gov. John Engler has proposed for placement on the November ballot. The amendment would change the way property taxes are levied against farms. Currently, farmland is taxed at its value based on development potential. Engler's amendment would change the constitution to allow farmland to be taxed only on its value for its use as agricultural land.

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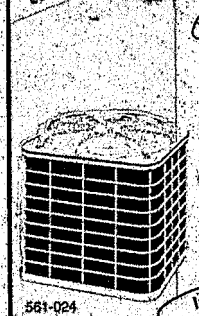

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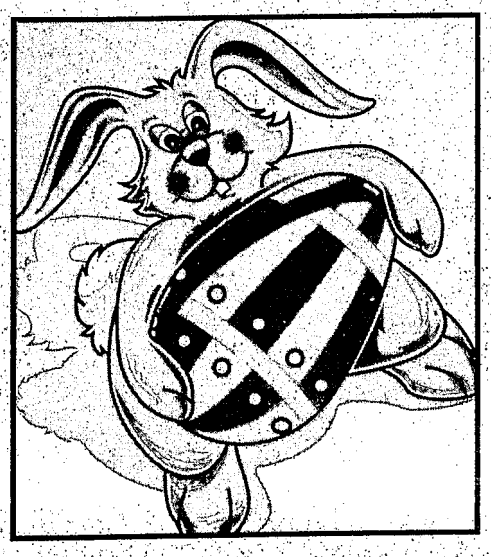

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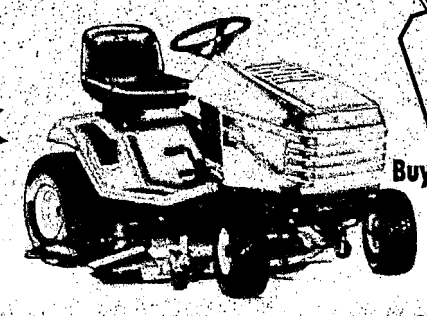

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Students say good communication is key to preventing violence

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
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As the one year anniversary of the Columbine High School shooting approached, Oakland Schools Superintendent Dr. James Redmond had good news and bad news.

"Hopefully the big headline is our schools *are* safer today than they were a year ago," he said. But, he noted, "We can't build maximum security prisons where you can guarantee everyone's safety."

Given that, Oakland County's 23 school districts have been working all year on how to live safely and comfortably and still deliver a quality educational experience in the post-Columbine era. The shootings last April triggered a flurry of threatening incidents in local schools, so last October Oakland Schools convened a summit and invited students to talk.

And they did. In a day-long meeting, teams of students from each high school in the county said that, though they generally felt safe (97 percent reported they felt "somewhat safe" or "very safe"), they knew there were a lot of issues in their schools related to how people treat each other.

On April 14, four of those students met the media, along with Redmond, Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard and others to talk about what they had accomplished since October. All agreed that improving communication —in schools, with law enforcement, with parents and the rest of the community—is the way to prevent violent situations.

The four students were Raj Bedi of Farmington High School, Duriel Smith of Avondale High School, Joyce Wu of Troy High School and Matt Zalewski of Lamphere High School in Madison Heights.

"Columbine is not representative of high schools across the country," Wu began. "The best news I can give to you is to say nothing has happened to make us feel unsafe at school . . . But the tragedy has alerted us to ways we can do better in making the school environment and community a more pleasant place to be, a safer place to be.

"So we definitely took a tragedy and turned it into something positive."

That message was echoed repeatedly during the one-hour press conference at Oakland Schools. "Each school has their own problems, but it's important to focus on the positive things, not the negative," said Smith. "But when these things do happen, you have to be ready."

Each school district has chosen its own way of doing that. Wu said Troy has begun a peer mediation program, where students help other students resolve their disputes peacefully. Over 100 students have been trained to be mediators.

Bedi said at Farmington, staff make themselves accessible to students to talk about anything. "So we can express our opinions to them without being punished, even if they're negative," he said. Seniors have also worked hard to make underclassmen feel welcome, he added.

"Farmington Public Schools is a very diverse community," he said. "Often people wonder how is there such peace? I say it's discussion."

Zalewski of Lamphere said five bomb threats this year at his school have "caused a chain reaction and have started a discussion at our school." New clubs have been started, including a diversity club.

"Unfortunately, our administration is somewhat disconnected from the student body and this has caused some hostilities," he added. "But students have not given up."

One program the school has implemented is called Helping Hands, where staff who agree to do so are put on a list saying they will be listeners for students on any topic. "That helps, knowing there are people to talk to besides counselors, who are overwhelmed with paperwork," Zalewski said. "Overall, students are feeling we can work toward solutions, but we aren't there yet. We are hopeful."

Smith of Avondale said things are a bit different at his school. "There is a very high interaction between administration and students," he said. "They're there for us as students and I think in the end that makes us feel safe," Smith said.

Smith said the school has implemented an Academic Booster Council, through which students are recognized, in front of their peers, for good things they do. "I think that's a very, very positive thing," he said. "A lot of times, kids don't feel they're important, like they're part of their school."

Absent from the discussion was talk about metal detectors or trained dogs or locker searches.

"The fundamental thing about being a teenager," Wu said, "is yes, adolescence is painful, it's hard and the most important thing is to feel connected . . . We can make people feel a part of the community before it even gets to the point of bringing guns to school."

On those occasions where threats are made or weapons are brought to schools, law enforcement officials have made it clear they will take such matters seriously.

Assistant Oakland County prosecutor John N. O'Brien II said in the past year, 25-30 charges have been issued in the county for making false bomb threats. Under a new law requiring police to report some incidents to school officials, even if they occur off school grounds, 40-50 incidents are being reported a week, O'Brien said. There have been seven known incidents of weapons in school this year, he added.

"We've recovered a number of weapons in schools in the past year, but that's because people talk to each other," Bouchard said. "When we are talking, these pieces can make a picture we can act on."

Bouchard said the county's policy of zero tolerance, announced in the wake of Columbine, will continue.


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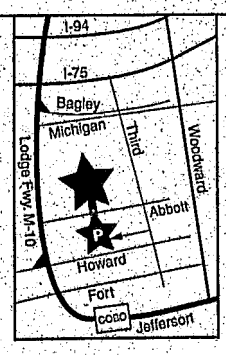

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The Eccentric fills managing editor position

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Mary Geddes Laundroche, an award winning writer and editor, is the new managing editor of *The Eccentric Newspapers* in Oakland County.

Laundroche comes to *The Eccentric* from *The Press & Guide Newspapers* in Dearborn, where she was editor of three, twice-weekly community newspapers with a combined circulation of 40,000.

■ **'Community newspapers are a vital news source.'**

Mary Laundroche —managing editor, The Eccentric

"Mary Laundroche is an experienced and talented newsperson," said Publisher Banks Dishmon, who announced her arrival this week. "She has demonstrated editorial excellence as well as a commitment to community journalism.

"Ms. Laundroche is a valuable addition as *The Eccentric Newspapers* strive to provide our readers and the community with the community news they need to know," said Dishmon.

Laundroche grew up in Garden City, where *The Observer & Eccentric* was her hometown newspaper. After graduating from Garden City West High School in 1981, she attended Central Michigan University where she majored in journalism and political science and graduated magna cum laude in 1985.

Her first job out of college in 1985 was as a feature writer with the *Press & Guide*. Except for a brief stint at *The Milford Times*, Laundroche spent her entire newspaper career with *The Press & Guide*, where she covered local government, politics and schools, in addition to general-assignment reporting.

In 1989, Laundroche was promoted to news editor. As second-in-command of the editorial department, she directed a news staff of 14 to 20 reporters in addition to coordinating business coverage and designing business pages.

While news editor, Laundroche also did in-depth stories about complex and often controversial topics, including the precedent setting Rouge Steel Tax Assessment dispute before the Michigan Tax Tribunal. The company demanded reduced assessments, including tax paybacks which would have created financial difficulty for schools and governmental entities.

"The challenge of that story," said Laundroche, "was making a complicated story — with significant relevance to the community — meaningful to the readers."

In 1996, Laundroche was named editor of *The Press & Guide*, the top editorial position that entailed managing and directing the news staff in addition to writing editorials and columns. In addition to hiring, supervising and coaching reporters and photographers, she also edited copy and did page makeup.



Pen at the ready: *Mary Laundroche, recently hired managing editor for The Eccentric Newspapers, attends a staff meeting with her community editors in Birmingham.*

As a writer, Laundroche has won first place honors from the Michigan Press Association (MPA) for feature writing. As an editor, the papers she edited have won MPA honors for page design, editorial writing and general excellence.

Perhaps the most satisfying recognition came last fall, when the Press & Guide, under Laundroche's direction, received top MPA honors for its coverage of the February boiler explosion at the Rouge Plant that killed six people.

The paper's coverage of the blast is the essence of why community newspapers exist, said one of the contest judges.

While Laundroche and her husband Tom, a free-lance photographer, have lived in Dearborn Heights for the last decade, they are no strangers to Oakland County. "We are aware of the major news stories coming out of Oakland County," she said, "and we're anxious to be part of the community."

Joining *The Eccentric Newspaper* is a major career change, said Laundroche, but one consistent with her personal and professional objectives. "Community newspapers are a vital news source," she said, "and The Eccentric Newspapers are committed to being the best."

Laundroche succeeds Philip Sherman, who left *The Eccentric* Newspapers in December.

Plant sale upcoming

The Cranbrook House and Garden Auxiliary will host an upcoming event of interest to gardeners.

On Wednesday and Thursday, May 17-18, Cranbrook Gardens will hold its Spring Plant Sale and Garden Festival 2000 near Cranbrook's greenhouse, 380 Lone Pine, Bloomfield Hills. Hours will be 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday. Michigan wildflowers and Cranbrook perennials will be featured.

As part of the plant sale, gardening expert and newspaper columnist Janet Macunovich will speak 1:30-3:30 p.m. May 17. From 10 a.m. to noon May 18, botanist James R. Wells will sign copies of his book *Wildflowers of the Great Lakes Region*.

Cranbrook's House and Gardens Auxiliary is a volunteer organization dedicated to the preservation of the home of Cranbrook's founder and its surrounding 40 acres of gardens.

Parking will be available at Christ Church across from Cranbrook with a shuttle service available. Proceeds from the sale will go to maintain and improve the area. For more information, call (248) 645-3147.

Russian attorneys headed for Oakland

Attention area attorneys: The Oakland County Bar Association will host 13 Russian lawyers Monday and Tuesday, April 24-25, at the Oakland County Bar Association offices, 1760 S. Telegraph, Suite 100, Bloomfield Hills. Each of their two-day visits will begin at 9 a.m. with various OCBA board and guest presentations.

OCBA members are encouraged to attend to answer questions the Russian lawyers might have. Brochures and other marketing materials from law firms will be extremely helpful.

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Community awards

Help honor deserving do-gooders

Each year the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce seeks outstanding members of the Clarkston community to honor during Michigan Week. These are volunteers, business people, youths and organizations that work to make the Clarkston area a better place to live and do business.

However, the chamber, which is co-sponsoring this year's community awards program with Bank One, needs help identifying who these deserving people are.

That's where *Clarkston Eccentric* readers can help. Very often, those who contribute greatly to a community do so in a quiet way, without drawing attention to themselves. Few people know about their good deeds. Yet, their dedication and commitment to the community are deserving of recognition.

If you know a friend, neighbor or coworker who qualifies for an award in one of the five categories — Citizen of the Year, Young Person of the Year, Adult-Youth Volunteer, Business Person of the Year and Community Preservation — please fill out the adjoining form and send it or fax it by May 5 to the chamber office at the address or fax number shown on the form. Or, find the Michigan Week Community Awards Nomination Form available online at: www.clarkston.org.

There is only one rule: Previous winners in an award category may not be nominated for the same effort for which they have already been recognized.

The award winners will be honored at a *most* breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 24, in Deer Lake Athletic Club.

Community Awards
MICHIGAN WEEK
Send in your nomination for the following categories:

❑ CITIZEN OF THE YEAR
An individual who has given of their time, energy and talents to improve our community. Qualifying activities do not have to be exclusively volunteer in nature.

❑ YOUNG PERSON OF THE YEAR
Young person (18 and younger) who has given of time, energy and talents to improve our community. Qualifying activities do not have to be exclusively volunteer in nature.

❑ ADULT-YOUTH VOLUNTEER
Individual who has given of their time, energy and talents, in a volunteer capacity, to help our area young people. This award seeks to recognize individuals who provide ongoing volunteer efforts for the young in our community. Only volunteer activities will qualify for this category.

❑ BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR
Local business person who has contributed to the community making this a better community in which to live and do business. Qualifying activities do not have to be exclusively volunteer in nature.

❑ COMMUNITY PRESERVATION
Individual, group or business that has make a significant contribution towards the preservation of our historical community. Qualifying activities do not have to be exclusively volunteer in nature.

Please check only one category. Use separate forms for each nomination.
Previous winners in an award category may not be nominated for the same effort for which they have already been recognized.

NAME OF PERSON BEING NOMINATED: _____

Phone number and address of nominee: _____

Why does this nominee deserve this award? *(If you prefer, you may attach a letter of recommendation not to exceed one page.)*

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Nominations must be received by May 5, 2000. Send to:
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Earth Day's spirit should shine at grass-roots level

Earth Day is coming. Isn't it? Ah yes, it's time once again to think about saving our dear, ailing Mother Earth.

According to the publicity we've seen, Earth Day 2000 will be celebrated this Saturday, April 22, the day before Easter.

And on this, the 30th renewal of Earth Day, there is good news: America seems to be getting its environmental act together. According to last week's *U.S. News & World Report*, "the nation's air is cleaner, its water purer. There is more protected open space in national parks, wildlife refuges, and wilderness areas."

Of course, there are still environmental challenges. Urban Sprawl (my, aren't we in Oakland County familiar with that particular malady!), spoilage of wetlands and global warming "are all serious problems getting worse," *U.S. News* says. "And beyond America's borders, the picture is even bleaker."

Nevertheless, on April 22 (or close to it), there will be many worthwhile goings on in our Oakland County communities. On (or close to) previous Earth Days, free seedlings were handed out, seminars on environmental issues held, arts and crafts with environmental themes presented and pheasants released (with the permission from the state DNR, of course).

One Oakland community sponsored a memorable Trash-to-Treasure contest that encouraged people to intercept something headed for a landfill and make something useful out of it.

If your town doesn't offer something for Earth Day, perhaps you and your neighbors should attend a city council/township board meeting and ask officialdom why not.

Newspaper clips of Earth Days past reminds us of one very important thing about the event and its causes: They seem to be most successful when observed at the local level.

Try as they might, the taste-makers in Washington and Hollywood never could sell Earth Day to America — not in 1970 when the whole idea was considered to be part of the communal pipe dream of dangerous radicals, not a decade ago when they rolled away to rock and tried to resurrect the concept, and not this week when *Time* magazine put out a special edition with a pretty butterfly on the cover.

Earth Day never caught on with Americans as did, for instance, President George Bush's short, successful war in Saudi Arabia against Iraq in 1991. But, after all, the Gulf War was all about maintaining a lifestyle. Earth Day is about changing it. John and Jane Q. Suburbanite scratch their heads and ask, "Why change?"

For many of us, environmental causes were never thing to do or cheer. Newspapers never printed Earth Day flags to tape in living room windows. (Remember the newsprint American flags that folks displayed to "support our boys" in the Gulf War?)

Perhaps it's not the Earth Day message that's faulty, but rather the medium. People dislike being preached at, especially by movie stars from La-La Land and tenured professors in the ivory towers of Pointyhead U.

And if there is an environmental message to be preached, let it be aimed not just at the little people who are just trying to get along, but also at the huge industries that provide the major league pollution on our planet.

Despite the apparent lack of fervor nationally about Earth Day in recent years, there is hope. And, as is so often the case, that hopes springs from the grass-roots level in communities were seedlings are planted, pheasants are released and trash is somehow turned into treasure.

Hope also springs from the volunteerism offered up by suburbanites in the annual cleanups of the Rouge River in communities along that long-polluted stream. It's a big story when ordinary people band together to tackle trash and brave toxins in an attempt to clean up what years of neglect and abuse have caused. It needs to happen more often — and it needs support from the huge industries that caused much of the damage in the first place — but it's good to see nonetheless.

And there's additional hope seen in the willingness of Oakland residents to accept recycling programs, even though it has meant inconvenience and sometimes added expense for them.

Little things like that make us realize that the spirit of Earth Day exists in our communities. The ballyhoo (or lack of it) from Hollywood, Washington and the corporate boardrooms isn't going to diminish that.

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:
Should Elian Gonzalez be returned to Cuba to live with his father?

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



"I really don't think so. His mother risked her life to bring him here and I think he should stay."
Linda McCord
Clarkston



"I think he should."
Richard Blue
Waterford



"No. I think his mother had a reason bringing him here, and I think there was a guardian angel watching over him."
Shirley Santola
Clarkston



"Yes, he should. That's his Dad, and his Dad should have the rights."
Kim Propson
Waterford

LETTERS

Volunteers find hospice care to be rewarding work

April 9-15 was National Volunteer Week. It's a week set aside every year since 1974 to recognize and celebrate the efforts of the thousands of men and women in this country who volunteer their time and energies to help others. Nationwide more than 150,000 volunteers provide more than 16 million hours of service annually to Americans with terminal illness and their families.

I am the volunteer coordinator with Home Health Plus Hospice, which covers the tri-county area. I recruit volunteers looking for a way to give back to their community. Volunteers want to feel like they are really helping someone and that their time is worthwhile. I never imagined how fulfilling it could be to help those who are going through a difficult period in their lives. Our volunteers are a part of a caregiving team of doctors, nurses, social workers, chaplains, bereavement counselors, and other volunteers.

For those of you who don't know, hospice is considered to be the model of quality, compassionate care at the end of life. It involves a team-oriented approach of expert medical care, pain management, emotional and spiritual support expressly tailored to the patient's wishes. Emotional and spiritual support also are extended to the family and loved ones. Generally, this care is provided in the patient's home, but there are times when the patient is in the hospital or a long- term care facility. The hospice team addresses all of the symptoms of illness, with the aim of promoting comfort and dignity.

Hospice volunteers make this special way of caring possible. Simply put, they are there to take care of whatever needs to be done. They are there to hold a hand and listen, or to take the patient to their favorite place in the park, or read to them. They are there to step in when the family needs a break from the caring for their loved one. And they are there for the family and friends after their loved one has passed away.

Volunteers work side-by-side with members of their own communities who devote their time — and their hearts — to the work of the hospice team. I have been witness to the work of angels, and they deserve our heartfelt appreciation.

People often ask "Isn't it depressing?" when I tell them I'm a hospice volunteer coordinator. These days, as we hear more and more about the end of life and what it means to have a good death, I tell them, "It's one of the more rewarding things I've ever done."

Sandy Hoard, Volunteer Coordinator
Home Health Plus Hospice

Senate needs to support teen tobacco prevention

The board of directors of TFMAC applauds the U.S. House of Representatives for supporting teen tobacco prevention.

The House approved an amendment to HB 5274, the career development budget, which will appropriate $10 million to the Michigan Council of Foundations for teen smoking prevention. This is the first tobacco prevention program funded with some of the $8.5 billion Michigan will receive from the tobacco settlement. TFMAC hopes the Senate will approve the House initiative.

We view this House appropriation as an important step in establishing a comprehensive tobacco prevention program in Michigan. Tobacco use robs Michigan residents of their health and is a significant financial burden on our state's economy, both in direct medical care costs and lost productivity. Let us follow the successful lead of states like California, Massachusetts and Fibrida, which have dramatically reduced smoking rates through increased funding and implementation of successful tobacco prevention programming. With Michigan ranking 4th in adult smoking rates, the time for decisive action is now.

We strongly support the efforts of the Michigan House of Representatives and the decision to increase tobacco prevention funding. We hope that we will continue to see the Legislature's use of tobacco settlement money for its intended purpose — the reduction of the smoking rate in Michigan.

Lorenzo L. Lopez,
Chair
Tobacco Free Michigan Action Coalition

Help for school project

I am an eighth-grade student at Washington Manor Middle School in San Leandro, Calif. We are working on a project, planning a vacation in another state, and I have chosen Michigan.

I was wondering if your readers could send postcards, pictures, brochures or any other information about places to visit and things to do in your area. They can send them to me, c/o Washington Manor Middle School, 1170 Fargo Ave., San Leandro, CA 94579.

Thank you for your help!

Neema Kalyan

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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Digital divide can be closed by putting a PC in every home



PHILIP POWER

To my way of thinking, the most consequential thing that happened in Michigan during the 20th Century was Henry Ford's realization early on that the gains in productivity arising from the new assembly line technology were so great that he could afford to pay his workers the unheard of sum of $5 per day.

Characteristically, Ford also figured he'd also do well by doing good. At $5 a day, he was paying his workers enough so they could eventually become customers for the cars they were making. Ford's compensation practices turned out to be an important element of his marketing strategy.

The impact of Ford's innovation on Michigan was profound. Workers were drawn from all over the country to seek this extraordinary wage. The migration thus set in motion crested during World War II, when military production made Michigan the "arsenal of democracy" and drew thousands of families, mainly from the South.

Moreover, these working families were making a lot of money, enough for them in time to move up from working class to middle class. A pretty good definition of a middle class family at mid-century was one that owned their own home. And beginning in the 1950s and continuing for a decade, Detroit boasted more owner-occupied homes than any other big city in America.

So what started out as a small but profound change in rates of pay at the Ford Motor Company wound up decades later by changing fundamentally the social structure of Michigan. Using today's buzz word, a small innovation "got to scale" within 50 years.

Now fast forward to today, the first year of the 21st Century.

The information revolution now taking place is, if anything, even more profound that the application of assembly line technology at the dawn of the 20th Century. The question is not whether this revolution will affect our economy and society as profoundly as the Industrial Revolution did in the 18th and 19th Centuries. Plainly, it will. Rather the issue is whether the gains in productivity and human potential arising from advances in information technology will be confined to a small elite at the top of the social and educational pyramid.

Some worry that the "digital divide" separating those who are technologically literate from those who are not could become as great a chasm as the gap separating working class folks from the middle class at the turn of the century.

Put simply, the question is whether and how the information revolution can be brought quickly to scale.

That's why the decision the Ford Motor Company took earlier this year to provide home computers, software and Internet access to all its 350,000 employees for $5 per week is a good candidate for the most consequential thing that has happened in Michigan so far in the 21st Century. Why? Because it's a way to overcome the digital divide by offering a way to get to scale in information technology.

First, 350,000 Ford employees is a lot of people, many of them located right here in Michigan. Second, given the tight labor market and how employers are competing for good workers, it's almost certain that other companies are going to follow suit. Delta Airlines has already done so, and I wouldn't be surprised to see other big employers such as GM and Daimler-Chrysler following along soon.

So there is a pretty good chance that subsidized access to information technology is going to become a standard employee benefit for Michigan workers. That's a good way for an entire society to get to scale.

So now is the time for an innovation in enlightened public policy. If the state of Michigan can afford to give a $2,500 scholarship to kids who pass the MEAP test, it can certainly afford to subsidize a computer and Internet access to every family in Michigan that signs up for training on the Michigan Virtual University.

All the talk about a computer in every classroom misses the point. What makes access to the information revolution ubiquitous — just like TV and the telephone — is to get computers and Internet connections in every home, where they become part of the standard experience of ordinary family life rather than something abstractly available once the digital device is crossed.

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Teens say interaction among groups, gun control will make schools safer



ANNETTE KINSBURY

Last year I was on vacation in South Carolina when I turned on the TV one morning and heard the terrible news about Columbine High School. Having covered schools for a dozen years, I couldn't help the tears rolling down my face as I imagined what it must be like there, on the ground.

Unfortunately, it was all too easy to imagine, because if it could happen there, it could certainly happen here. If there's anything we've learned in the past year, it's that no one is immune.

The good news is that in Oakland County, the warning didn't go unheeded. The county's school officials and law enforcement got together last spring, in the wake of a string of bomb-threat hoaxes at county schools, to send the message that if you get caught, you're going to pay.

Then, last fall, the school districts brought teams of students together for a day-long "summit meeting" in which students were asked to give their opinions on a long list of issues. They were also given a lot of time to talk about what was on their minds.

I always find it interesting to hear what teenagers have to say. They aren't as jaded as adults. They believe they can make a difference in the world, and they argue passionately for the things they believe in.

Not unlike earlier generations, I might add. During the Vietnam War, there were those arguing loud and long for an end to the war, and a recent PBS documentary made a convincing case that the demonstrations made a difference.

So maybe we should listen.

Count me among the many who feel that school should be a place for education; that there aren't enough hours in the school day for reading, writing and arithmetic and teaching social skills, conflict resolution and everything else we seem to expect of schools these days.

But maybe the kids have a point. If school, particularly high school, is the place where many conflicts arise, maybe they need to be resolved there, at least in part. Maybe it's smarter to teach kids how to get along sooner rather than later.

This isn't revolutionary stuff. The Southern Poverty Law Center has a program called "Teaching Tolerance," designed to be used in schools. Programs like peer mediation, where kids try to resolve conflicts between other kids, have been around for years.

As a Troy High School student reminded a room full of adults last week, we were all teenagers once. We all know about the pressures to fit in, to be accepted, to be liked in high school.

And maybe that's part of the problem. We all think we've been through it and survived, so what's the big deal? So high school is still a place where jocks are cool and computer geeks aren't; where band members are vilified and cheerleaders are revered. This much, it appears hasn't changed.

What has changed, however, is the world in which all of this is happening. As Oak Park School Superintendent Dr. Alex Bailey put it, "All too often we feel that doesn't affect us, but that bleeds back to us . . . We're in a predatory society and that comes back into our schools."

So what do kids want to see happen? After a year of thinking about school safety, they want to see more one-on-one, face-to-face contact, more reaching out, more openness among all segments of the school population. And they want to see more gun control.

They want to stop problems before they come into their schools, and they want to do that through preventive means.

At a press conference April 14 at Oakland Schools, four students made those points for all their peers around the county. As Bailey made pains to point out, those four students aren't the exceptions, they are the rule.

"The vast majority of the students in our school systems are like the ones sitting here today. All too often in our society we do the knee-jerk reaction, and what happens is the good kids suffer . . .

"We're going to have some glitches as we go along, but for now, our future's in good hands with these young people."

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Passover celebrates past, present



SUSAN B. TAUBER

One of the benefits of having children is that their parents get educated in a variety subjects.

I, for example, can recognize techno-music and the sounds of the different boy bands.

Today, after many years of sending my three children to religious school, I can even speak with confidence about my knowledge of Pesach (PAY-sach), known more commonly as the Jewish holiday Passover. It began last night at sundown and continues for eight days.

■ Later, when I moved back to the Detroit area with my parents, I developed more of a feeling of what Passover really means. I was able to celebrate it for awhile with my father's family. My grandparents escaped from anti-Semitism in Europe in about 1917. They kept their unique European ways and their deep religious beliefs.

Most people have heard about this holiday. In many ways, its history is intertwined with Christianity. Its story from the Old Testament began in about 1280 BC and resulted in the exodus of the Israelites out of the land of Egypt, where they had been kept as slaves. If you've watched the movie, *The Ten Commandments*, you know the Hollywood version of the story.

Jews begin celebrating Passover with the Seder. This is a feast with many symbols of the plight of the Jews and their flight from Egypt. It tells the story through songs, prayers, verses and symbolic foods of how Moses asked Pharaoh to "let my people go." It includes a series of 10 plagues that fell over Egypt, including the final one—the death of all first-born males in Egypt, that finally convinced Pharaoh to release the Jews from slavery. It took the death of his first-born son before he made his decision.

The angel of death "passed over" the homes of the Jews, whose homes were marked with the blood of a sacrificial lamb.

I've celebrated Passover all my life. I knew obvious things about the holiday. I could sing the songs and recite the prayers.

Having grown up in Alabama with no family around us, we either had a seder at our home or in our small Reform temple. Imagine trying to get matzo (unleavened bread) in a small Alabama town to eat during Passover's eight days. The matzah had to be special ordered weeks in advance.

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But it wasn't until my three children were born that I learned the deeper meanings behind Passover. Their questions about why God let Jews be slaves for so long; why people think it's OK to have slaves; why some religions believe in more than one God, as the Pharaoh's people believed; and why he went back on his word and tried to get the Jews back as slaves that I learned to dig deep and learn more to answer them.

I learned also I had to stand behind what I said and show them that the morals, strengths and courage of their ancestors still live on.

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OCC tuition would rise under proposed budget

Tuition rates would rise 2.1 percent at Oakland Community College in the coming year — just under the 2.2 rate of inflation seen in Michigan in the past year — under a budget presented to the board of trustees Monday.

That keeps tuition rates under the cap set by the board and the state legislature, OCC Vice Chancellor Clarence Brantley explained, in a budget that sees larger increases elsewhere.

Overall, college spending will increase 5.4 percent. Salaries are expected to rise 5.7 percent. Facility and maintenance projects will jump 26.5 percent. All that gets paid for through a 5.4 percent increase in revenues, mainly the result of increases in property tax revenue, and decreases in spending of 24 percent on technology projects and 32 percent for computer purchases, as the college wraps up its program of updating its computer technology.

The presentation of the $116.4 million financial plan begins the process of setting the college budget for the coming year, which begins July 1.

Brantley's biggest concerns with the college's finances revolve around a millage up for renewal next year. If voters fail to renew the 0.8 mills, first passed in 1995, the result would be a shortfall of $33 million in the 2002-03 budget.

A more immediate concern is the new reporting requirements placed on the college, along with all other state and local governments, by the Government Accounting Standards Board. The new financial reporting standards will require the college to depreciate all buildings and capital equipment and set aside money to pay for their eventual replacement, Brantley said. The result will be a set-aside fund to be used for those purchases.

The new GASB standards are an attempt to increase reporting of government finances to the public and apply to all local governments. Although the college is not required to adopt the changes, it would impact the college's ability to float bonds in the future, Brantley said.

New spending in OCC's budget is a $1.5 million item for initiatives, mainly for staff training and development.

Are charter schools subject to FOI?

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Does the state Freedom of Information Act apply to charter schools when the operation of the school has been turned over to a private management company?

That's the question posed in a lawsuit headed to the Michigan Court of Appeals Tuesday, May 2.

Okemos attorney Bill Young said he has received notification that he is scheduled then to present oral arguments to the court in a lawsuit he filed last year on behalf of Michigan Education Association consultant Ron Bacon against the Walter French Academy in Lansing.

And it comes just after a survey has shown most charter schools in the state aren't giving out information to such requests.

In 1998, Bacon asked the academy for a list of the names of teachers and their salaries. The request was turned down because the school is operated by a private management firm, The Leona Group, which operates 21 schools in Michigan and more in Arizona.

Under Michigan's FOI law, public schools would have to release the information. Since "public school academies," so-called charter schools, receive public money from the state to pay for operations, they too must comply with the FOI.

But when public schools contract with private sector businesses, that does not make the business' records subject to the FOI. And since Walter French has contracted with Leona Group to operate the entire school, including hiring teachers and running the administration, those records are in the hands of the private sector business.

■ 'At charter schools, all the public dollars are turned over to the private company. If it were a public school, we could see their salaries and benefits.'

State Rep. Gerald Law
—R-Plymouth

The difference, according to state Rep. Gerald Law (R-Plymouth) is that everything, the entire operation and all the public funding, is being turned over the management firm. Law agrees that when a government contracts a small portion of its operation to a private-sector firm, that firm's records shouldn't be made public.

"But at charter schools, all the public dollars are turned over to the private company. If it were a public school, we could see their salaries and benefits. At charter schools, the teachers actually work for the for-profit corporation and we don't see those records. Seventy to 90 percent charter schools have private management companies," Law said.

That lack of information from charter schools run by management companies is exactly why Law has opposed expansions in the number of charter schools in the state.

Attorney Young goes a bit further in his lawsuit.

"We are arguing that they are really running a public body. The Leona Group is a public body in that it receives public money, makes decisions about how that money will be spent, including hiring and firing and setting a budget," Young said. "We felt it met all the tests for what a public body is."

Officials from the Leona Group did not respond to phone inquiries. But briefs filed by the company in the court case show its argument is that the case seeks to make public bodies out of private companies, wherever governments have privatized some functions.

But Young said the lawsuit will not likely be settled soon. The main question before the Court of Appeals is a technicality about whether the case was filed in the correct court. And once judges do get to the main issue, both sides have indicated they will take the case to the Supreme Court.

The argument over whether the FOI applies is not an unusual one. A survey, published March 26 by Booth Newspapers, showed that most charter schools, 53 percent, rejected requests for information or answered only partially. By contrast, 95 percent of public schools responded to FOI requests.

Filing FOI requests for information, such as the names of teachers and their salaries, with all 176 charter schools in operation in Michigan, Booth found only 82 schools gave out the information. Ninety-four responded incompletely, were late turning over the information, or gave no information at all. Of those charter schools, 85 are operated by private management firms, Booth concluded.

By way of comparison, 87 public school districts got similar information requests, to which 83 responded with complete information.

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CAROLYN WALKER

Morning's gift of hope: a bird's sweet singing

How is it that we can care about an unseen thing? Be lulled by it and comforted?

I lay in my bed not so very long ago, a few hours before the break of dawn. It was early in the morning and I was wrapped in blankets and darkness, surrounded by a slumbering household and its accompanying silence. I was alone with, first, my dreams and then my thoughts, as a cool spring breeze filtered in through a window crack and brushed my skin.

My thoughts and the touch of the breeze were enough to awaken me fully. I allowed myself a sprawling stretch and then a yawn and then I rubbed my eyes and turned them toward the ceiling. It was the color of ceiling in darkness. It was a color you know: a faint and frosted expanse without stars or sun or moon or even a light bulb. It was the color of dim, reflected hope.

My hair bristled against the pillow and I let my head settle into it. The blankets gave warmth, after a fashion, but not a true embrace. The ceiling was indifferent, but at least it did not pass judgment as I allowed my mind to wander. It wandered into my children's rooms and into their

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Clarkston's young volunteers honored

■ Clarkston Area Youth Assistance recently recognized 170 young volunteers. They include a boy who coaches special-needs basketball players and a girl who's helping her friend fight cancer.

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"Outstanding." "Exemplary." "Unselfish." "Deserving."

These and many more adjectives were used by presenters last week at the annual Youth Recognition reception sponsored by Clarkston Area Youth Assistance.

The organization honored 170 youths of all ages from the Clarkston-area community. The youth were nominated because of an outstanding contribution each made to an individual or organization through volunteer work.

Two of those recognized for their volunteer deeds are Aaron Moehlig and Lisa Saunders. Aaron is the son of Tony and Julie Moehlig of Independence Township. Lisa's parents are Leslie and Rhonda Saunders of Springfield Township.

Aaron was nominated for coaching the new Adaptive Basketball program sponsored through Independence Township Parks and Recreation.

"Last fall, I tried unsuccessfully for many weeks to recruit a coach for the new Adaptive Basketball program for people ages 14-29 with mental and physical challenges," said Margaret Bartos, the parks and recreation department's senior coordinator. She nominated Aaron for the award.

Aaron's mom, Julie, works with me and knew about the hard time I was having finding a coach. She mentioned it to Aaron, and he took on the job," she said.



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A giver: *Aaron Moehlig is one of 170 students honored for volunteering. He coached basketball for people with disabilities.*

Bartos said Aaron gave up his Monday nights from October through March to coach those who showed up for fun, socialization and exercise. "Although he is young and was inexperienced in coaching, Aaron displayed great patience, understanding and expertise in teaching basic basketball skills," she added. She said those in the program respected Aaron because he showed respect for them.

Aaron reacted modestly to the attention he's received from his volunteer efforts.

"I had fun," he said. "It was kind of hard at first. I found that I had to repeat myself a lot, but I got the hang of the coaching. The people who came

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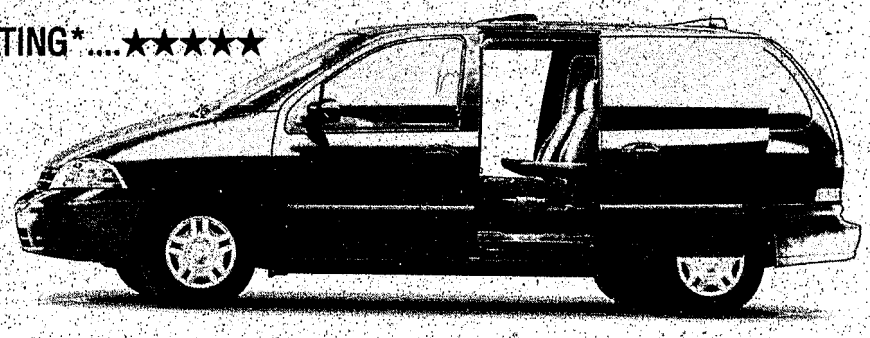

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Faith often follows fearful events



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■ The transformation of those who fled from the cross but became the fiery founders of the church is considered one of the greatest proofs of the resurrection.

The inscription on Shakespeare's tomb says, "Good friend, for Jesus' sake, forbear to dig the dust enclosed here. Blest be the man that spares these stones, and curst be he that moves my bones." In contrast, the One whose name is invoked in Shakespeare's epitaph said His tomb would ultimately be empty because He would rise in three days.

Shakespeare's undisturbed tomb issues a warning.

Our Lord's empty tomb declares a promise kept.

Strangely, the enemies of Jesus remembered His promise to rise from the grave, while His friends forgot it. Even the women who made their way to the tomb that first Easter morning had somehow missed the message. They were carrying spices to anoint and preserve the body of the One who had declared death could not hold Him in its icy grip.

"Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up," He had said. But there they were preparing to do the work of undertakers.

What changed the minds of these sincere but doubting women? An early morning earthquake (Matthew 28:2) and an empty tomb.

Moments after the earth began to move beneath their feet they discovered the stone that had been placed at the mouth of the tomb had been rolled away, ending their doubts forever. The reality of the resurrection transformed them from morticians to missionaries who were soon on their way to tell the disciples the good news that Christ had risen.

Faith often follows fearful experiences. Trust frequently triumphs after trembling times. Many have discovered the living One their source of peace and strength when the world was shaking. This was especially true of the disciples.

Peter was so fearful following the arrest and trial of Jesus that he denied he even knew Him, but after the resurrection he became the bold spokesman for the church and 3,000 doubters were shaken from their unbelief in one day as a result of his powerful preaching.

"To believe or not to believe?" Thomas questioned after hearing Christ was alive, concluding he would not believe unless he could place his fingers into the nail prints in His hands and thrust his hand into the spear wound in His side (John 20:25). But after one weak week the doubting disciple became so convinced of the resurrection that he was willing to die as a martyr in the service of his living Lord.

The transformation of those who fled from the cross but became the fiery founders of the church is considered one of the greatest proofs of the resurrection. In his book, "First Easter," Paul Maier says, "The psychological change of the disciples is certainly striking. What transformed Peter, the man who could be unhinged by questions from a servant girl into so bold a spokesman for the faith that even the entire Sanhedrin could not silence him? Had the disciples tried to spawn a new faith on the world, would they have gone on to give their very lives for it? Clearly, they were convinced that Jesus rose, for myths do not make martyrs."

At the lowest point of their lives, the disciples were shaken out of their despair by the resurrection. Now they knew this One they had decided to follow was who He claimed to be and that was enough to lift them from despair and send them out to change the world in His name and service.

Has your faith been shaken by some personal tragedy or disappointment?

Allow the good news of the resurrection to bring you back to life again.

The Rev. Roger Campbell is an Independence Township resident and author of more than 20 books. His radio program, Higher Ground, is on WUFL-AM at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sundays.

ACHIEVERS

Air Force Airman 1st Class Brent W. Golembicwski has arrived for duty at Shaw Air Force Base, Sumter, S.C. Golembicwski is an electronic warfare apprentice assigned to the 20th Component Repair Squadron.

He is the son of Bill J and Margo L. Golembicwski of Davisburg. His wife, Debbra, is the daughter of John and Janis Nelson of Waterford.

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Congratulations to these outstanding youths who were honored for their volunteer work by Clarkston Area Youth Assistance.

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had fun and that was important."

He said sometimes he'd have only two people show up to play basketball, sometimes a dozen.

"I got so much encouragement from the players and the parents. It was really great," he added.

Although Aaron is only a junior at Clarkston High School, he takes college classes at the University of Michigan, Flint campus. His dream is to be a medical doctor.

Helping a best friend

Lisa, a senior at CHS, was nominated for her unselfish dedication to her best friend, who has a rare form of cancer. Lisa asked that the friend's name remain anonymous.

"Helping this student has been a whole school effort, but Lisa has been the main student—the one who always steps forward—for many months," explained Neal Sage, the CHS counselor who nominated Lisa for recognition. "Lisa is very dedicated in assisting and volunteering her time and energy and in doing whatever it takes to help the student and her family.

"We even have a support group for the students who are helping their friend," Sage added. "I wish I could have nominated all of them who are helping."

Lisa is very matter-of-fact about what she's been doing for her friend.

"She was diagnosed with cancer in August," Lisa said. "Ever since then, I'm been helping her."

She goes with her friend for treatments, stays with her when she's in the hospital and helps out at the girl's home.

"Lisa helps at the house with cleaning, with meals for the younger children and with working with other friends to set up a monthly calendar for food and duties," Sage wrote in his nomination.

Lisa and her friend are looking forward to moving into a place together with two other friends after high school. Lisa plans to attend Oakland University in the fall.

"I'll be happier staying here for school so I won't have to wonder all the time how she is doing," Lisa said. "I just feel like I'm doing what others would do for their best friends. I don't think I deserve any recognition for it. I'm just doing what I have to do."

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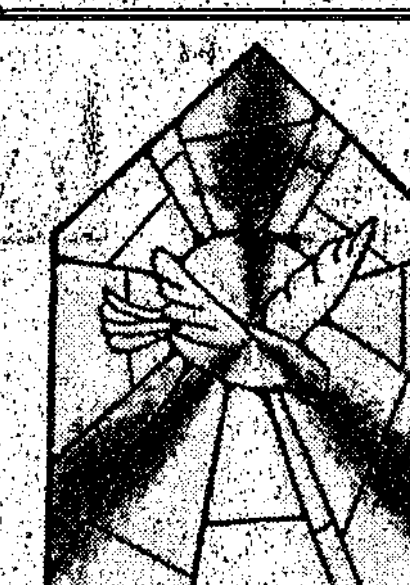

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My 'safe' career path has taken me down scary road

My oldest son is studying career pathways in his eighth- grade class. Listening to him talk about his class and why he has chosen the pathway that he has started me thinking about my own career choice.

As with many adults, I did not decide what I was going to do for a living when I was in eighth grade. I was working as a legal secretary when a pamphlet crossed my desk advertising the Legal Assistant Program at Oakland University. The timing was right for me, and I decided to become a paralegal.

During my first few classes, I was working for a public defender (an attorney appointed by the court to represent defendants who could not afford legal counsel). I only worked in that office for six months, but that was long enough for me to determine that I did not want to go into criminal work. Right or wrong, I did not enjoy being that close to people who had been accused of violent crimes.

For the past 18 years I have worked for an attorney who handles mainly general corporate work. It's a very safe area of law and I deal mostly with people from the state of Michigan or banks.

Although I've never been involved with criminals — OK, stop those jokes about politicians and bankers — I've encountered some rather anxious moments during my career.

As a member of the State Bar of Michigan, my name, address and phone number appear in the Bar Journal, a sort of phone book for attorneys. Without thinking, when I filled out the application to be a member of the Bar, I used my home address. Therefore, it was my home address that appeared in the Bar Journal. I didn't have a problem with that until one day in 1996 when a letter arrived at my house from a prison inmate. This gentleman had found my name in the Bar Journal at the prison library and, supposedly, was looking for a pen pal. I say "supposedly" because he provided information in his very first letter that a pen-pal would never need to know. Actually, I'm not sure his doctor or wife would even obtain the information during a first encounter. The idea that this inmate, in a maximum-security prison, had my name, home address and phone number made me very nervous. The fact that he continued to send several long letters, some



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advising that he wanted to meet me after his parole in a year, even though I advised that I was not interested in communicating, made me even more nervous. With help from an organization called Prisoner Fellowship, I managed to find him another outlet and his letters eventually stopped.

Last Thursday I had another experience that caused me to question the security of my "safe career." I needed to supervise movement of about 400 boxes of legal documents from a warehouse in Detroit to a location in Troy. Other than the 18 months that I worked for a law office in downtown Detroit, I have had very little reason to become familiar with the Detroit area. I was given directions to the warehouse with instructions to pull up to the front door and honk my horn.

As I approached my destination, I started to become concerned. Each turn I made seemed to lead me into a more desolate area. As I passed burned-out buildings and abandoned warehouses, I started noticing an absence of population. Mine seemed to be the only car on the street (actually, the only one with windows and tires). After a few wrong turns I finally located a little rusty sign with the name of the building that I was searching for. Unfortunately, it had a little arrow pointing down a dirt path that disappeared under a viaduct into the darkness. At first I thought, "No way! I am not going down there!" But I knew two people were supposed to be waiting for me and they couldn't do anything until I got there so I gave myself a little pep talk and turned down the dark path. As I passed under the viaduct I noticed that every inch of the cement was covered with gang graffiti, and broken glass seemed to be covering the road. Much to my dismay, as I emerged from the shadows of the viaduct, I saw a huge, dilapidated building towering in front of me. Hundreds of little broken windows littered its sides. Some had been boarded up, but most still had dirty, jagged glass affixed. A little faded note taped to the door said, "For security reasons, this door remains locked. Honk horn."

As I sat in my van and waited for someone to respond to the honk of my horn, I noticed the railroad tracks running next to the building. Although I tried not to think of it, my mind turned to the recent news reports of the serial killer whose victims were just found a few days earlier next to some railroad tracks in Detroit. About the time I was contemplating turning my vehicle around and running for my life, the door to the warehouse opened and a rather dirty looking gentleman with a frown on his face looked in my direction and, with a bit of a grunt, said "Yeah?"

To be continued on May 4.

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futures. It wandered into my friends' homes and tried to envision them in slumber. It wandered around the world and then detoured into my emotions, where it stalled.

Outside of my room — even though the sun was far from risen on this particular morning — I suddenly became aware of the sound of a single bird trilling. I did not recognize its voice or its tune or even its species. But none of that matters. What does matter is that on this particular morning there was another living thing and it was not afraid to be alone, while at the same time welcoming the day with a song in its heart.

I know, now, that it takes courage to stand and sing a cappella in the dark.

How is it that a bird — an early spring bird, perhaps after having been buffeted by winds or rain, or worn down by a long winter's flight — could know and do this? What instinct told it to perch where I could hear it, to lift its head and to hold forth so optimistically? What instinct told it to not be afraid of its own self or of what it had to offer? What instinct told it, "Sing, now, and the sun will rise to shine upon you?"

There are too many days when we do not stop to consider the small gifts of life that surround us. Too many days when a leaf's rustling or a child's laughter or an adult's cry or a bird's song go unacknowledged. There are too many days when we fail to recognize that, no matter what else we may think, there is always at least a dim, reflected hope, and that perhaps, in reality, we carry that hope within us.

I lay in my bed that morning and I closed my eyes and I reined my thoughts in from their travels and I shushed my beating heart so that I could hear, unimpeded. I allowed the bird to sing to me as I have not been sung to since my mother held me at her breast.

How is it that we can care about an unseen thing? Be lulled by it and comforted?

The bird sang once and yet it totally entranced me. I have not heard it since. Perhaps today it is singing from within the arms of a tree beside your room. Perhaps it is lulling you or giving you comfort.

Most assuredly it beckons the sun to rise and to shine upon you.

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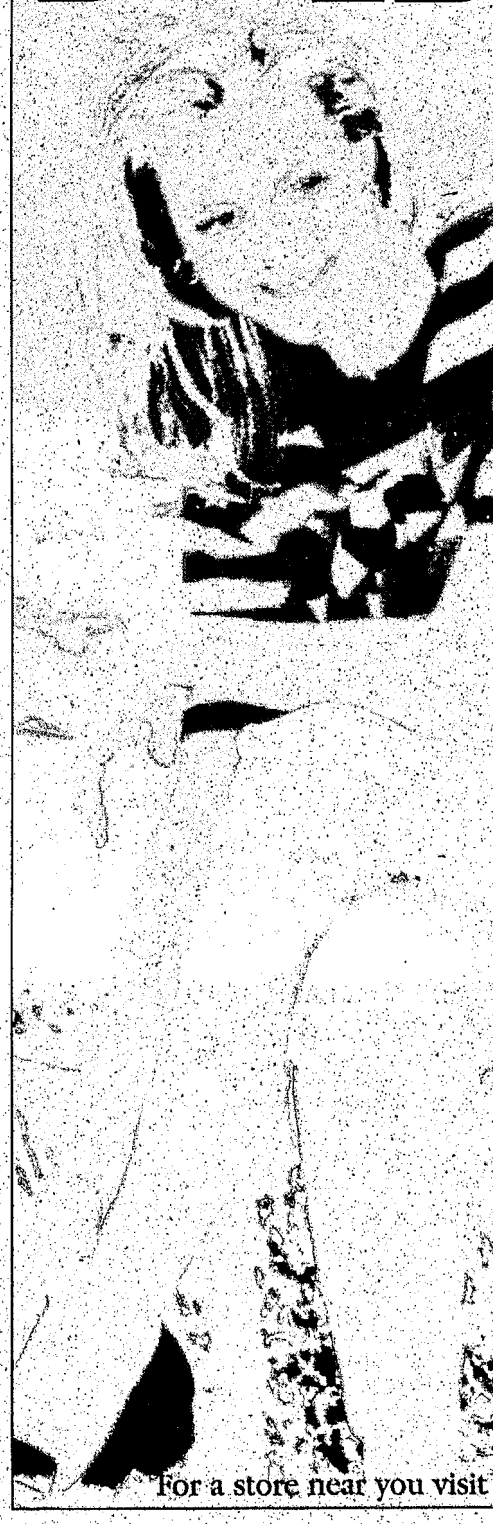

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THURSDAY, APR. 20

CLARKSTON COMMUNITY WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING
7:30 p.m., Independence Township Library. After a brief business meeting, the speaker for the evening will be Patience Beer, the adult reference librarian. She will present "Mysteries...Blood Curdling to Cuddling." For more information, call Kathey at 394-0406.

FRIDAY, APR. 21

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
12:30 p.m., Maranatha Baptist Church, 5790 Flemings Lake Rd., Clarkston. Dr. Claude Wiggins will be the special speaker. Their Good Friday service will be interpreted for the deaf. For more information, phone (248) 625-2700.

SATURDAY, APR. 22

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

CHAMPIONS ON ICE WITH OLYMPIC SKATERS—FOR SENIORS
4:15-10:30 p.m., Joe Louis Arena, Detroit. Join the Independence Township Senior Center for an early dinner at Rochester's Bill Knapp's Restaurant and this terrific show at 8 p.m. Some walking is required, but seats are located near the entrance and facilities. This trip includes motorcoach, dinner and the show. $56 Residents/$59 Non-residents. For more information, call 625-8231.

SUNDAY, APR. 23

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11 a.m., Maranatha Baptist Church, 5790 Flemings Lake Rd., Clarkston. Special music will be provided by the adult choir, ensembles and soloists. The Easter service will be interpreted for the deaf. For more information, call (248) 625-2700.

TUESDAY, APR. 25

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

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SUNDAY, APR. 30

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

TUESDAY, MAY 2

MICROSOFT WORD 7.0
6-9 p.m., Clarkston Community Education Center, Clarkston. Class runs four weeks. Cost: $95, class No. 1042-01. For more information or to register call 674-3141.

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5-7 p.m., Clarkston Community Education Center, Clarkston. Class runs six weeks. Cost: $55, class No. 3501-03. For more information or to register, call 674-3141.

OPEN WEAVE BASKETS
6:30-9:30 p.m. Clarkston Community Education Center, Clarkston. Class runs four weeks. Cost: $48, class No. 3809-01. For more information or to register, call 674-3141.

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THURSDAY, MAY 4

WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP
7 p.m., Independence Twp. Senior Center in Clintonwood Park, Clarkston. Topic: Loneliness; Objective: To discuss a way of healing by telling our stories; Facilitator: Guest Speaker, Alicia Brown, M.A., L.P.C.. No registration is required, walk-ins welcome, free of charge, for men and women recently widowed, all ages, refreshments served, all area residents welcome. For questions or information call (248)625-5231.

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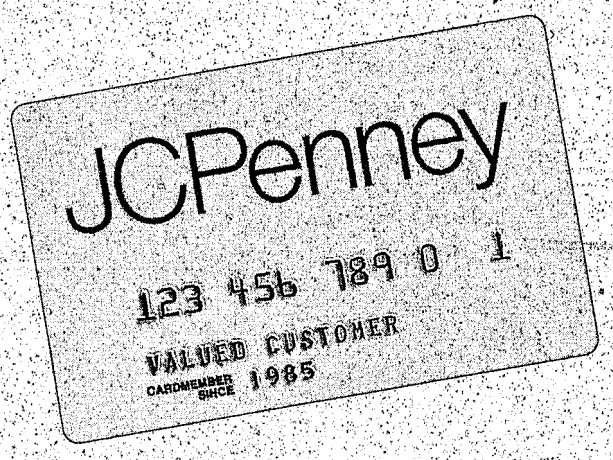

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BISHOP BORGESS
Class of 1975
A 25th year reunion is planned from 2-6 p.m. Saturday, June 17. Cost is $5.
Contact Steve Anderson by e-mail at sparky39@prodigy.net visit their Web site at http://pages.prodigy.net/sparky39/borgess or write Steve Anderson, 11418 Arnold, Redford, MI 48239.

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Class of 1975
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CLARKSTON
Class of 1960
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CLINTONDALE
Class of 1960
A reunion is planned for July.
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COOLEY
Class of 1958
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DEARBORN FORDSON
Classes of 1960
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DEARBORN HIGH
Class of 1960
A reunion is planned for Aug. 12 at Henry Ford Museum/Lovett Hall.
Call David Gordon at (313) 278-7061 or e-mail dgordon@mich.com

DEARBORN HIGH
Class of 1980
A reunion is planned for Aug. 12 from 5:15 p.m. to 1 a.m. at The Fairlane Club.
Call Mary Baker Cicala at (248) 347-4598 or visit their Web site at http://www.gbjann.com/dhs80/

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Class of 1950
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DENBY
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Class of 1950
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Call Dr. Martin Trotsky (248) 865-5012 or Rhoda Kutzen (248) 642-3135.

DETROIT CENTRAL
Class of 1960
A reunion is planned for April 8 at the Holiday Crown Plaza (near the airport.)
Ask for Ed Dodson (734) 464-1692

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Class of 1950-51
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DETROIT COOLEY
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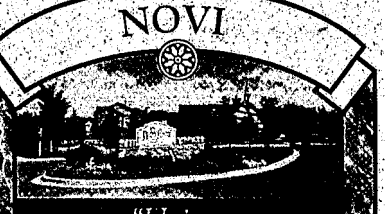

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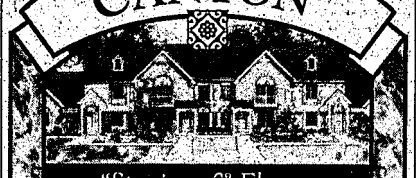

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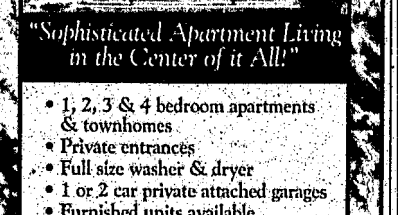

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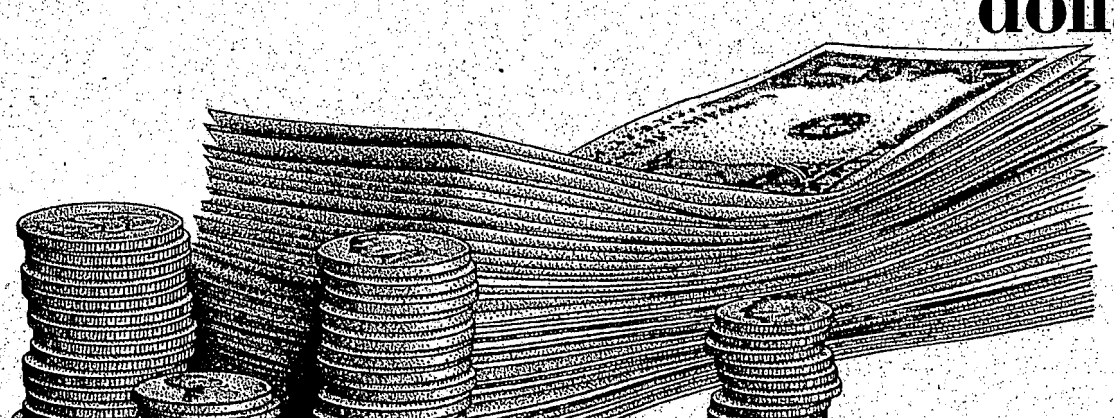

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Wolves fourth at county golf tournament

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Surprises were the norm Monday at the Oakland County Division II Girls Golf Tournament.

Auburn Hills Avondale was one schools that did the unexpected, as the Yellow Jackets won the 13-team title at Pontiac Municipal Golf Course with a four-man score of 387, marking the team's best finish in the school's 10-year history of the sport.

Oxford finished second, just two strokes behind Avondale with 389. Walled Lake Western was third with 397, Clarkston (404), Birmingham Groves (406), West Bloomfield (416), Lake Orion (417) Bloomfield Hills Andover (418), Birmingham Seaholm (455), Pontiac Central (477), Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes (488), Southfield (511) and Pontiac Northern (571) rounded out the team scores.

Avondale's only girls golf coach, Jim Maley, said he was a bit surprised but "potentially we knew we could play decent golf.

"We've got kids who hadn't been playing that well," said Maley, whose squad's best previous county finish was 10th place. "It was exciting for us. Our kids really battled. That was really great for our kids. We never won anything like this."

Southfield's April Adkins carded an 85 to earn medalist honors, as she edged Walled Lake Western's Emily Charette by four strokes. Avondale's Sarah Wood placed third with a round of 91, while Southfield's Melissa Montgomery (93), Clarkston's Lauren Benner (94), Oxford's Jillian Stork (95), Andover's Jennifer Phillips (95), Avondale's Jessica Waugh (96), and Oxford's Ann Hubbard (96) and Lauren Jacobsen (96) rounded out the Top 10 individual finishers.

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Clarkston hammers out 8-1 win over Highlanders

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If the Oakland Activities Association Division I softball league is anything more than tough, it's unpredictable.

A few days removed from getting swept by Ortonville-Brandon, Clarkston rebounded with an league win 8-1 win over Rochester Adams, who beat Brandon early last week by an 8-6 margin.

Clarkston used clutch hitting and pitching to notch the Monday afternoon win over the Highlanders at Rochester. Clarkston improves to 5-5 overall and 2-3 in the OAA I. Adams falls to 5-6 and 1-3.

Clarkston coach Al Land said he was most pleased with his team's offensive consistency in the game, and added the Wolves are swinging the bat better from top to bottom than it did last year.

"We've had that pretty much all season," Land said. "It's been a real nice improvement from last year, and we showed that in the game today."

Key for the Wolves were the contributions from hitters up and down the lineup. Eight of the 10 batters reached base for Clarkston, who pounded out 15 hits.

Adams coach Fran Scislowicz admitted this wasn't one of his team's best games, and playing in a league this good, cost the Highlanders a chance to win.

"We didn't cash in on some early chances, and they pulled away later on," he said. "We could've been even, or ahead if we had pushed those runs across."

Clarkston jumped out to a 2-0 lead by scoring runs in the first and second innings despite stranding four runners. Adams cut the lead to 2-1 when sophomore Katie Pletkovic scored on a wild pitch in the bottom of the fourth. Then, the Wolves started to pull away.

Junior Nicole Thrift, who has

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Clarkston batters up Rochester



Clarkston's baseball team continued its hot start Monday with an impressive 13-3 OAA Division I triumph over Rochester, where the Wolves exploded for eight runs in the top half of the third inning.

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Over the previous six seasons, the baseball teams in the talent-laden Oakland Activities Association Division I have been known for their dominating pitching staffs. But over the course of this season, the teams have, instead, made their presence known at the plate.

Such was the case again Monday when Clarkston paid visit to Rochester.

The visiting Wolves tagged Rochester's pitchers for a dozen hits, which led to a 13-3, five-inning OAA Division I triumph over the Falcons at Borden Park in Rochester Hills.

The win for Clarkston (11-3, 3-0) came just three days after the Wolves shut down previously nationally-ranked Troy 12-3 and it came over Rochester, which defeated arch-rival Rochester Adams 26-12 on the same day.

"From batter one through nine, we swing the bat very well," said Clarkston second-year coach Phil Price. "We've been hitting very well as of late. And that's come against some quality teams."

Clarkston and Rochester (4-4, 2-2) couldn't generate any offense during the first two innings, but the Wolves got untracked in the third.

With one out, Trevor Manuel ripped a line drive off Falcons senior starter Chris Potts (0-2). After that point, Clarkston went on to score eight runs in that frame and later chalked up three more runs in the fifth off Rochester reliever Jason Gabbard, who came on with one out in the top of the fourth.

"On some days we get good pitching and some days we don't to be quite honest," said Rochester veteran coach Bob Dieters. "We're a little thin on the mound this unlike in the past and this wasn't one of those days.

"But give Clarkston credit," he added. "They are playing just as good as anybody right now. They hit the ball really well, especially today."

Price is glad to see his team get out of the gate this season after some early-season struggles.

"We're playing well against some very solid ballclubs," he said, "We beat Troy, and they were ranked in the nation, and Rochester today. And

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Lahser too much for Clarkston

Third-ranked Knights blank Wolves 6-0 to keep OAA Division II lead



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Tuesday's girls soccer matchup between Clarkston and Bloomfield Hills Lahser featured a pair of programs on the rise in Oakland County.

Unfortunately for the host Clarkston, the Knights' rise is a little steeper, as they proved that with a 6-0 Oakland Activities Association triumph.

The win improves Lahser, ranked third in the state in Division II, to 10-1 overall and 4-0 in the OAA Division II. The Wolves, which won just two games last year, drop to 5-2-3 and 2-1-1.

■ 'I thought we marked them tightly in the first half, but they got further ahead, and we got a little bit discouraged.'
Tami Mitchell
—Clarkston soccer coach

Lahser scored three goals in each half to get the win. After the game, Knights coach Gary French said he was pleased with his team's play on all fronts.

"I like how we supported the ball. It was a good team performance," French said, emphasizing the team in that sentence. "Everyone knows their roles and their positions, which makes us better."

Lahser, who played Division I second-ranked Troy Athens to a 2-1 loss earlier in the season, controlled the play throughout, and hit three goal posts in addition to its six goals. It took the Knights 18 minutes to score, but then popped in three within nine minutes in the first half.

Senior Mari Gorga kicked off the scoring with a nice crossing shot from the left side at the 22:32 mark of the first half, with freshman Lindsay Walker drawing the assist.

Walker, one of the area's top freshman, had a big game for Lahser. She scored on a direct free kick at the 13:45 mark of the first half to give the Knights a 3-0 lead, and later scored the team's fifth goal on a rebound in the second half.

Senior Defne Altan also scored twice for Lahser, and freshman Lea Hill closed out the scoring with a breakaway tally with 5:31 left in the game.

Clarkston coach Tami Mitchell said the Knights did a good job at playing the ball and the passes the Wolves were trying to set up.

"They anticipate real well and were cutting off the passes," she said. "They made some great runs and did a better job at containing. I thought we marked them tightly in

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They meet: *Clarkston freshman midfielder Jenn Carlson and Lahser's Jessica Powers (above) fight for possession of the ball. Meanwhile, Clarkston senior sweeper Katie Tripi shields the ball away from Lahser's Mari Gorga.*

All the right stuff

All-Area Girls Volleyball team boasts versatile athlete that can play multiple positions

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This year's Eccentric All-Area girls volleyball team boasts some of the top talent in the state, and although many of the following athletes are well-versed at their individual positions, many of them became the premier players on their respective teams by mastering every position on the court.

From setting, to passing, to hitting, to blocking, this year's group of All-Area players proved that they can do it all when it counts the most. Here are this season's best in the Eccentric area, as selected by a panel of area coaches:

FIRST TEAM

COLLEEN SALDANA, Walled Lake Central — This senior setter led the way for Central by running the team's offense throughout the season.

"She was our official floor captain," Central coach Mike Lindstrom said of Saldana. "She had a very important job on this team and was probably the best pure athlete I've had in quite a while."

Garnering plenty of postseason honors, Saldana finished the season with 2,246 sets, 226 digs, 116 blocks, 151 kills. She also averaged 7.3 assists per game for the Vikings while performing as a 94 percent server. She was also the only returning starter this season, and backed up her experience with another strong year.

"She's just a super nice kid," added Lindstrom. "There's not a kid on the team that doesn't look up to Colleen."

CHRISTINA TUDOR, Walled Lake Central — Another solid performer for the Vikings this season, Tudor was a deceptively strong outside hitter.

"She has a rather slender frame but she really gets up and just beats on the ball," Lindstrom said of Tudor.

Deceptive looks she might have, but the statistics don't lie as Tudor finished as the team leader in kills with 415 for an average of four per game. She also had 290 digs and 85 blocks for the Vikings during her senior season.

According to Lindstrom, Tudor plans to attend Central Michigan University and possibly join that program as a walk-on this fall.

NADIA BEDRICKY, Rochester Adams — This senior was the heart and soul for Adams both on and off the floor, according to coach Chris Nuss. Bedricky was the team's most valuable player in both of the last two seasons and was a co-captain this year.

"This was her third year playing for us," said Nuss. "She transferred from Tennessee before her sophomore year...she was our gift." Bedricky has committed to play volleyball at Bowling Green State University this fall.

"She works hard at whatever she wants," added Nuss. "Nadia doesn't like to be second-best and I'm sure that she will work hard enough to be as good at the collegiate level as she was in high school."

SARAH CASHEN, Birmingham Marian — This junior setter impressed area coaches with an on-court intelligence that went unrivaled, being the only junior named to the Eccentric All-Area first team this year.

"Sarah was our number one setter and had great instincts on the court," said Marian assistant coach Meghan Carter. "She got to the point where she could read things in another team's offense and point out their weaknesses."

TYNDIE DUBOSE, Birmingham Seaholm — Seaholm coach Kerri Morrison said it all about Dubose when she stated: "The things she does on the court, you can't measure."

Anytime a player warrants that kind of response from a coach, you know he or she is a quality player. Indeed, Dubose was the x-factor for the Maples this season playing every position and succeeding at all of them.

"Tyndie was basically a back row player last year and I knew she wanted to be an all-around player this season," said Morrison. "I started her in the first game as an all-arounder and she ended up taking on that role."

HEATHER ROBBINS, West Bloomfield — One of the biggest hitters in the area, not to mention the state, Robbins' powerful kills were a trademark for the Lakers this season.

"Heather was just a dominant player on the court," said West Bloomfield coach Jason Gold. "She was very noticeable and was pretty much our firepower. Whenever we needed a kill, we went to her."

A three-sport athlete, Robbins will be only the second female athlete to graduate from West Bloomfield with 12 var-

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sity letters.

"That's the scariest part about her," added Gold. "Volleyball isn't even her best sport. She's got a full scholarship to play softball at the University at Buffalo."

Robbins also boasts a 3.98 grade point average, according to Gold.

BETHANY PRUETZ, Oxford — Another solid senior performer, Pruetz led Oxford in nearly all statistical categories as the Wildcats posted a 33-14-2 record.

"She was a very good server for us and was a good leader out on the court," Oxford coach Lori Campbell said of Pruetz, who will play at Division I LaSalle next season. "And she was a good team player, too. She wasn't a ball hog even though everyone knew she was our best player.

"She was our best hitter but had good net play and good defensive skills," added Campbell. "And she's a good student, academically. I hate to individualize but, obviously, we wouldn't have been where we were without her. She is definitely the best player I've ever coached."

BRITTANI BREWER, Clarkston — Brewer, a senior, played mostly at the middle blocker position for the Wolves, leading Clarkston in all the important statistical categories.

"She was our go-to person on offense," said Wolves coach Gordie Richardson. "She never came out of the game for us. She gave us a very good threat all the time on offense."

A national honor society member with a 3.92 grade-point-average, an academic All-State honoree and many other honors highlighted Brewer's senior season.

"When she was good, we were really good," Richardson said.

CO-COACH OF THE YEAR MIKE LINDSTROM, Walled Lake Central — Another strong season from Walled Lake Central and another Class A state semifinals appearance for head coach Mike Lindstrom's squad only scratches the surface why he shares this honor. This year, the Vikings accomplished the above-mentioned feats with a twist.

"Yeah, it's the same thing again. We won our league last year and again this year, we wound up third in the state last year and did it again this year," he said. "What some people don't realize, though, is that we only had one starter returning from last year's team."

No rebuilding time for Lindstrom as the Vikings have turned into a perennial power in the area.

"The coolest thing about this team was that these girls were not some of the awesome, dynamic athletes that we've had in the past," Lindstrom said. "These girls just set a goal after last season and worked at it. I really think they supplied each other with what they needed to win."

Walled Lake Central posted an impressive 44-9-2 record this winter.

KERRI MORRISON, Birmingham Seaholm — In her seventh year with the Seaholm program, Morrison guided the Maples to an impressive 44-10-3 record this season before her team lost to Walled Lake Central in the regional final.

"This team was just a terrific group to coach," Morrison said. "We didn't really have any big guns or stars on the team. We just had a group of girls who were completely committed to having a successful season. We had some difficult losses over the last couple of years, but this group stayed focused the whole season. When we won our division it was not enough for them and when we were 12-0 it wasn't enough for them."

A true testament to her team's cohesiveness came during a coaches meeting when selecting the All-Region team. Another coach told Morrison, "You don't have any All-Region players, you have an All-region team."

"We still can't believe it's over," added Morrison. "We're still feeling a loss that it had to end. When it did end, it felt terrible."

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2000 ECCENTRIC ALL-AREA GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAM

FIRST TEAM

PLAYER	SCHOOL	YEAR
Colleen Saldana	WL Central	Senior
Christina Tudor	WL Central	Senior
Nadia Bedricky	Rochester Adams	Senior
Sarah Cashen	Birmingham Marian	Junior
Tyndie Dubose	Birmingham Seaholm	Senior
Heather Robbins	West Bloomfield	Senior
Bethany Pruetz	Oxford	Senior
Brittani Brewer	Clarkston	Senior

CO-COACH OF THE YEAR

Mike Lindstrom	WL Central	19th Year
Kerri Morrison	Birmingham Seaholm	7th Year

SECOND TEAM

Birmingham Groves – Alyssa Montgomery; **Birmingham Seaholm** – Elizabeth Green, Lauren Burke; **Bloomfield Hills Lahser** – Annie Devine, Margie Vasile (coach); **Lake Orion** – Erin Oke; **Auburn Hills Oakland Christian** – Alex Compeau; **Troy** – April Killewald; **Walled Lake Central** – Kelly Henzle.

THIRD TEAM

Auburn Hills Avondale – Katie Bradacs; **Birmingham Marian** – Lauren Lamb; **Rochester** – Alison Fields; **Troy** – Magda Malinowska; **West Bloomfield** – Lisa Copeland; **Walled Lake Central** – Heather Lippert, Bridget Quinn; **Waterford Kettering** – Sharon Hunt (coach); **Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes** – Lindsay Krupsky.

HONORABLE MENTION

Birmingham Groves – Becky Thurau; **Birmingham Marian** – Katie Woch, Katie Henry, Erin Poglits; **Birmingham Seaholm** – Amy Hasler, Kristen Neff, Stephanie Springer; **Bloomfield Hills Lahser** – Megan Tupper, Jennifer Bernhart, Anne Hasell; **Clarkston** – Jennie Winn, Angela Humphreys; **Clarkston Springfield Christian** – Rachel Conner; **Lake Orion** – Dana Maynard; **AH Oakland Christian** – Leah Hamilton; **Oxford** – Dana Millard; **Rochester** – Cathrin Neugebauer, Marsha Ribay; **Rochester Adams** – Kelly McConahy, Christine Ellis; **Troy** – Katy Maloiatesi, Gosia Malinowska; **Troy Bethany Christian** – Katie Snyder, Donna Jackman, Ligia Mosutan; **Walled Lake Central** – Katie Miller, Nicole Lanthier, Jenny Crutchfield; **Waterford Kettering** – Kristin Wichtman, Andi Tomczak, Bri Durham, Erin Hunt, Katie Albert; **Waterford Mott** – Nikki Baxter, Julie Blood, Tereze Gegaj, Teresa Hupka; **Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes** – Amy Parker, Kelly Parker; **West Bloomfield** – Lauren Snedeker, Susan Trzos, Samantha Politzer, Leslie Kroger.

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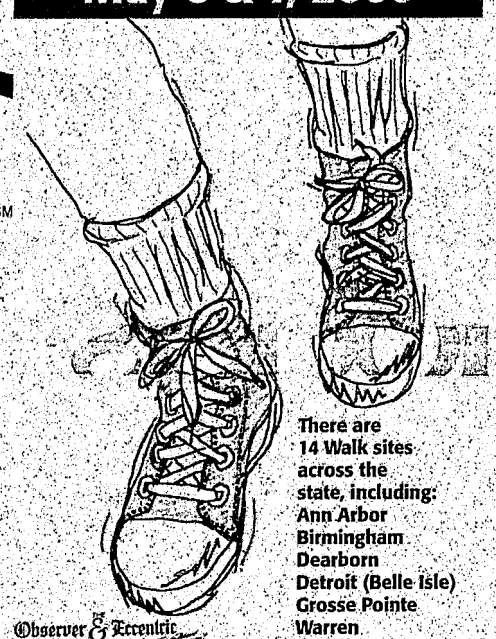
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SECOND TEAM

ANNIE DEVINE, Bloomfield Hills Lahser — After spending last season as both a setter and a front row player, Devine became a permanent setter this season and led the Knights as a two-year captain.

"She was my captain for the second year in a row and was a very good leader both on and off the court," said Lahser head coach Margie Vasile. "Her skills are amazing and an example of that is the fact that she has earned a scholarship to play volleyball at New York University."

ALEX COMPEAU, Auburn Hills Oakland Christian — A simple recipe for volleyball success could read like this: Take one Alex Compeau and add five other players. As simple as that, this senior middle hitter led Oakland Christian to an impressive 39-7-2 record this season and performed well enough to earn a full ride volleyball scholarship to the University of Tennessee this fall.

"She had about a 42 percent kill percentage and she was a 95 percent server," Lancers coach Priscilla Larned said. "Alex is a pretty quiet kid, but she leads by example."

ELIZABETH GREEN, Birmingham Seaholm — Another of Seaholm's "cross-trained" volleyball players, Green played most positions on the floor during the course of this season.

"She got stuck moving around more than she probably wanted to," said Morrison. "When we needed a setter, we moved her in to set and we would move her around to be a hitter and a blocker. We even had her play the back row after she hadn't played there in more than a year."

APRIL KILLEWALD, Troy — This senior gained notoriety on the Colts' team this season as a dynamic player that came through in the clutch.

"She was our go-to player when we needed it," said Troy coach Bob Perkins. A senior captain, Killewald helped the Colts to a 35-11-2 record including the team's first district title in seven years.

"The leadership qualities were all there," added Perkins. "She was always very spirited and did a nice job for us this season."

KELLY HENZIE, Walled Lake Central — Henzie, a senior, didn't get the attention that teammates Christina Tudor and Colleen Saldana did. But, according to Lindstrom, was just as effective at getting the job done for the Vikings.

"People would see Tudor warming up say, 'That's your best hitter?' but what they didn't realize, and maybe this hurt them at times, was that Kelly could hammer the ball pretty well herself," Lindstrom said.

Henzie served as a co-captain this season, leading the team with 60 service aces.

"She had the nastiest serve for us all year," added Lindstrom. "If you couldn't pass, she could pick up on it and she'd get it to you every time."

LAUREN BURKE, Birmingham Seaholm — This junior made an impression during the season and should be a strong offensive player next year.

"The best offensive weapon on my team without a doubt," said Morrison. "She trains year round and is very serious about volleyball."

Burke will be looked to as a senior leader next season for the Maples. "She's a very big hitter and big blocker," added Morrison. "She's played a lot of volleyball and is really beginning to understand the game."

ERIN OKE, Lake Orion — Oke led Lake Orion in many ways but most noticeably was as a strong front row player.

"She was our dominating middle blocker and was a great leader for the team," Lake Orion coach Jennifer Ohlrich said. "She kind of pulled everybody together for us this season."

Oke served as a co-captain and led the Dragons to a 20-14-6 mark, good for fourth place in the Oakland Activities Association's Division I.

"She was our lead blocker and lead hitter just about every time out this season," added Ohlrich.

ALYSSA MONTGOMERY, Birmingham Groves — In her third season on varsity, Montgomery developed into an all-around player that could take on any role on the court for Groves.

"This is a very versatile player," Groves coach Mandy Battaglia said. "A lot of kids can switch positions, but not only can Alyssa go to another position, she can excel at it."

Montgomery finished second on the team in digs and was one of the top players in kills for the Falcons this season.

"She was the one player that I never had to worry about," said Battaglia. "She was always there for us."

SECOND TEAM COACH OF THE YEAR

MARGIE VASILE, Bloomfield Hills Lahser — In only her second year as head coach at Lahser, Vasile enjoyed a successful season as the Knights captured the Oakland Activities Association's Division II title after finishing sixth last season in the seven-team division.

"It's a very big honor for me to be coaching at Lahser," she said. "This was only my second year as a head coach and my fourth as a teacher. I played four years of volleyball when I was here at Lahser, so that makes it nice, too."

Vasile said this year's group had the right attitude and was easy to work with, making the 1999-2000 season an enjoyable one.

"They were very supportive of each other and of me...it showed because I think they had a lot of fun this year," she said.

THIRD TEAM

LINDSAY KRUPSKY, Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes — A senior outside hitter, Krupsky put together the strongest season of her prep career in leading the Lakers to a Class D regional final appearance.

"She brought it all," Lakes coach Christy Bell said. "She worked hard every day in practice and she really came to play this year."

Krupsky has accepted an athletic scholarship to play volleyball at Macomb Community College this fall.

KATIE BRADACS, Auburn Hills Avondale — A four-year varsity player, Bradacs led Avondale to the OAA Division IV title this season as a strong all-around player and as an intimidating middle-hitter.

"She was a co-captain and was named first team All-Region and All-State honorable mention," Avondale coach Denice Wise said of Bradacs.

"She's just one heck of an athlete...I can't brag about her enough." According to Wise, Bradacs could be headed to Schoolcraft Community College in Livonia to play basketball.

LISA COPELAND, West Bloomfield — Not only was Copeland a strong leader for West Bloomfield this season, Gold expects her to be once again next year during her senior season.

"She is just a tremendous kid," Gold said. "Lisa is just a wonderful person to work with and a lot of fun to coach."

Like her teammate, Heather Robbins, Copeland is also a three-sport standout and boasts a 4.0 grade point average.

"Even though she was a setter nearly the entire year, she still finished as our second highest player in kills," added Gold. "That's because she's such a smart player. Anywhere on the court, Lisa was always helping us out."

LAUREN LAMB, Birmingham Marian — A transfer from West Bloomfield after her freshman year, Lamb finished her prep career as Marian's top hitter.

"Lauren is a true-blue volleyball player," said Carter. "She works as hard as possible all the time and that attitude is very contagious to the rest of the team."

Lamb leaves high school this spring with a volleyball scholarship to Sacred Heart University near Boston, Mass.

"We were very excited for her because she is such a charismatic player," added Carter. "She's a great hitter and a great defender, but she's a great thinker, too. She is very knowledgeable of the game, yet, very coachable at the same time."

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Junior Jessica Wallace came in at 97 and sophomore Maria Bartolone scored a 103 to help Avondale's winning cause.

For Clarkston, the fourth-pace finish was a welcome one as the Wolves fielded a team for the first time since the late 1980s.

"I can't say I was totally surprised, but this type of finish, being that we area a first-year program, is impressive" said Clarkston coach Larry Sherrill. "We have some talent, it's just these girls haven't had the chance to compete in these types of tournaments. This was a great experience for them."

The top two teams will move up to the county's Division I, tournament next year by virtue of their finish. Avondale, 2-0 on the season in dual meets, lost by 10 strokes to Oxford in a scrimmage at the beginning of the year.

■ **OAA Division III Tournament** — Bad weather canceled the Oakland Activities Association Division III tournament last week, so with the division's six teams all competing in the county Division II tournament, the league's six coaches agreed to count the county scores as their first of two league meets.

"We knew this was kind of a double whammy because our concentration was on the league," said Maley.

Southfield's April Adkins again was medalist with an 85, while Avondale's Sarah Wood (91), Southfield's Malissa Montgomery (93), Clarkston Lauren Benner (94) and Avondale's Jessica Waugh (96) completed the top five individual finishers.

"With the type of weather we had it was a mental exercise. I told the kids to make your own par because of the conditions. They were consistent," Maley said. The meet was played in a stiff wind in 40 degree temperatures.

Leading Avondale was senior Sarah Wood with a 91. Senior Jessica Waugh carded a 96 and junior Jessica Wallace came in at 97. Sophomore Maria Bartolone scored a 103

Baseball from page C1

Rochester always fields a very good team. I'm pleased with our start."

Senior lead-off hitter Bret Gove was 3-for-4 with three runs scored and two steals to lead Clarkston. Manuel was 2-for-3 with two RBI, Francis Hodges was 2-for-4 with an RBI, and Rob Bryan was 2-for-3 with a run scored for the Wolves.

On the mound, Hodges (3-0) picked up the win, going five strong innings while scattering just seven hits.

Ryan Good and Chris Brown each had RBI doubles and Dennis Richardson slammed two hits, including an RBI single, to lead Rochester.

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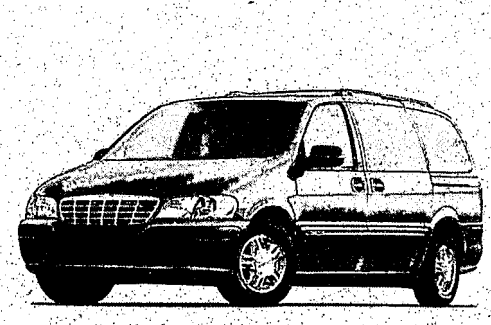

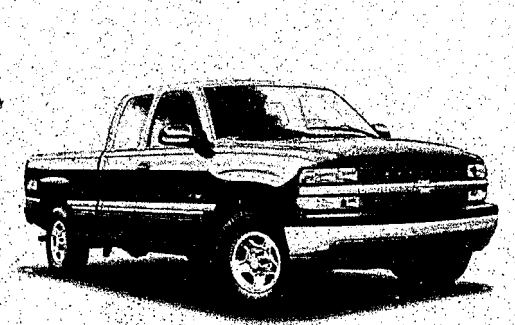

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Soccer *from page C1*

the first half, but they got further ahead, and we got a little bit discouraged."

Junior Sarah Morgan made 14 saves for the Wolves, while goalkeepers Jenny Bernhart and Anna Borovich combined on the shutout for the Knights.

Both teams are idle until after Spring Break.

All-Area *from page C3*

HEATHER LIPPERT, Walled Lake Central — A successful campaign by Lippert, a junior, has Lindstrom anxiously awaiting next year's season.

"She'll be our hammer next year," he said of Lippert. "During the last half of this year, she doubled what she was doing. She was our most improved offensive player this season and she'll be the best middle hitter in the area next year."

MAGDA MALINOWSKA, Troy — This junior took on the role of setter for the first time this season and finished it as Troy's catalyst.

"As a junior she really wasn't in a leadership role, but she knew that she was kind of the team's quarterback," said Perkins. "When Magda was having a good night, everyone was having a good night."

BRIDGET QUINN, Walled Lake Central — Quinn moved into a setting position this season for the Vikings and proved she was in the right spot, earning All-Area third team honors.

"She was our most improved all-around player this season," said Lindstrom. "She went from middle blocker to the right side and then spent the entire summer and fall setting the ball," said Lindstrom.

Quinn finished with 130 kills, and a 92 percent serving average with 40 aces. She also had 67 blocks and 216 digs for the Vikings.

ALISON FIELDS, Rochester — A good senior leader and athletic player, Fields earned third-team honors by bringing her experience to the floor for Rochester.

"Alison brought a lot of experience to the team this year," said Rochester coach Jan Bowden. "She's not a real loud person, but she did a very nice job in leading by example."

THIRD TEAM COACH OF THE YEAR

SHARON HUNT, Waterford Kettering — In her first year as a varsity coach, Hunt helped to point the Captains program in the right direction after two winless seasons.

"It's a total surprise," Hunt said of the honor. "All I did was take what they had and go in another direction with it. It all came together because I had kids on the team that were having fun again."

Hunt, who served as the program's junior varsity coach a year ago, credited her assistant coaches, Cheryl Santos (junior-varsity) and Lisa McCoy (freshman), with contributing to the team's improvement.

"I'd really like to share this with them," added Hunt. "Without them, the girls never could have had as fun a year as they did."

PREP SCOREBOARD

CO-ED TRACK

BLOOMFIELD HILLS ANDOVER RELAYS (4-15 at Andover)

TEAM SCORES — 1. Rochester Adams, 103; 2. Milford, 66; 3. Pontiac Northern, 66; 4. Rochester, 54; 5. (tie) Clarkston and White Lake Lakeland, 48; 7. Holly, 16; 7. Bloomfield Hills Andover, 14; 8. Macomb Dakota, 12; 9. Bloomfield Hills Lahser, 8; 10. (tie) Berkley and Clawson, 4; 12. Madison Heights Lamphere, 1.

NOTE – All events consist of two male and two female participants.

MEDAL WINNERS

HIGH JUMP RELAY — 1. Clarkston (Rafeal Fauza, Adam Gebus, Brittani Brewer, Lindsay Brandt) 21-10; 2. Adams 21-2; 3. Milford 21-2; 4. Lakeland 21-0; 5. Andover 20-10; 6. Dakota 20-8.

SHOT PUT RELAY — 1. Rochester (Jane Schell, Heather White, Todd Goodrich, Doug Dawson) 159-3.5; 2. Milford 151-2; 3. Clarkston 146-0.5; 4. Lahser 138-9; 5. Pontiac Northern 136-9.5; 6. Adams 134-9.5.

4x3200 RELAY — 1. Milford (Nick Kopczyk, Julia Lehning, Tom Greenless, Katie Kramer) 44:05.0; 2. Rochester 44:47.0; 3. Adams 45:15.0; 4. Holly 47:53.0; 5. Clarkston 48:52.0; 6. Andover 49:32.0.

LONG JUMP RELAY — 1. Pontiac Northern (Demetrius Proby, Aaron Herring, Kenyata Giles, Jamella Adams) 66-7; 2. Lakeland 66-1; 3. Andover 65-9; 4. Holly 65-2.75; 5. Adams 64-5.5; 6. Clarkston 63-6.

DISCUS RELAY — 1. Adams (John Metzger, Mike LaPage, Megan Stockemer, Alexis Haftka) 475-4; 2. Rochester 443-5; 3. Milford 438-8.5; 4. Berkley 406-1.5; 5. Clarkston 355-1; 6. Andover 347-4.

4x200 RELAY — 1. Pontiac Northern 1:38.8; 2. Adams 1:40.7; 3. Holly 1:42.0; 4. Milford 1:42.9; 5. Andover 1:43.0; 6. Rochester 1:43.1.

4x1600 RELAY — 1. Adams (Craig Frankland, Kellie Byrnes, Omar Youseff, Chelsea Gottshall) 20:57.3; 2. Milford 21:06.5; 3. Rochester 21:10.9; 4. Clarkston 21:16.7; 5. Lakeland 21:45.9; 6. Lamphere 22:16.7.

4x800 RELAY — Milford (John Breckenfeld, Katie Kramer, Tom Greenless, Connie Mallinson) 8:55.2 (new meet record); 2. Adams 9:03.8; 3. Lakeland 9:24.9; 4. Rochester 9:33.2; 5. Clarkston 9:37.1; 6. Andover 9:44.8.

SHOT PUT/DISCUS 4x200 RELAY — 1. Pontiac Northern (Sherrell Berlant, Nicole Greer, david Clark, Shatanda Friend) 1:52.6; 2. Lakeland 1:53.8; 3. Milford 1:54.5; 4. Lahser 1:55.8; 5. Rochester 2:00.5; 6. Clarkston 2:02.1.

4x100 RELAY — 1. Adams (Issac Williams, Debbie Kaupa, Ricky Strong, Pam Treppa 48.6; 2. Pontiac Northern 48.8; 3. Rochester 49.1; 4. Dakota 49.7; 5. clarkston 49.9; 6. Holly 50.2.

SPRINT MEDLEY — 1. Adams (Erin Taylor, Marc Glubeck, Lindsay Crocker, Jay Kline) 2:42.0; 2. Clarkston 2:48.6; 3. Dakota 2:49.5; 4. Pontiac Northern 2:49.7; 5. Lakeland 2:54.8; 6. Rochester 2:54.6.

SHUTTLE HURDLES RELAY — 1. Adams (Adam Kilkenny, Raquel Fovenesi, Keith Kelly, Melissa Kuess) 1:01.5; 2. Lakeland 1:02.8; 3. Clarkston 1:03.4; 4. Pontiac Northern 1:03.7; 5. Rochester 1:03.8; 6. Dakota 1:04.7.

DISTANCE MELEY RELAY — 1. Adams (Chelsea Gottshall, Dave Stajniniger, Katie Boyles, Dave deSteiger) 12:08.2; 2. Lakeland 12:41.6; 3. Rochester 12:42.7; 4. Milford 12:43.8; 5. Clarkston 12:46.5; 6. Holly 12:47.3.

4x400 RELAY — 1. Adams (Erin Taylor, Marc Glueck, Danitra Robinson, Jay Kline) 3:49.0; 2. Pontiac Northern 3:51.3; 3. Clarkston 3:51.7; 4. Milford 3:54.5; 5. Lakeland 3:56.1; 6. Andover 3:57.5.

Girls Golf

OAKLAND COUNTY DIVISION II TOURNAMENT (4-17 at Pontiac Municipal)

TEAM SCORES — Auburn Hills Avondale, 387; 2. Oxford, 389; 3. Walled Lake Western, 397; 4. Clarkston 404; 5. Birmingham Groves, 406; 6. West Bloomfield, 416; 7. Lake Orion, 417; 8. Bloomfield Hills Andover, 418; 9. Birmingham Seaholm, 455; 10. Pontiac Central, 477; 11. Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes, 488; 12. Southfield, 511; 13. Pontiac Northern, 571.

TOP 10 FINISHERS — 1. April Adkins (Southfield) 85; 2. Emily Charlette (WL Western) 89; 3. Sarah Wood (Avondale) 91; 4. Malissa Montgomery (Southfield) 93; 5. Lauren Benner (Clarkston) 94; 6. (tie) Jill Stork (Oxford) 95, Jennifer Phillips (Andover) 95, 8. (tie) Jessica Waugh (Avondale) 96, Ann Hubbard (Oxford) 96; Lauren Jacobsen (Oxford) 96.

NORTH OAKLAND PERFORMERS

CLARKSTON (404) — Lauren Benner, 94; Krista Rescher, 99; Anna Trim, 104; Allison Olinger, 107; Kelly Hagard, 116.

LAKE ORION (417) — Emily Butcher, 98; Rachel Fons, 103; Jillian Jeffers, 104; Jamie Englehart, 112.

OXFORD (389) — Jillian Stork, 95; Ann Hubbard, 96; Lauren Jacobsen, 96; Dawn Pinchback, 102; Kelly Wanta, 134.

BOYS TRACK

OXFORD 91, MT. MORRIS 46 (4-17 at Mt. Morris)

DISCUS — Tim Plyer (MM) 126-4; SHOT PUT — Eric Ghiaciuc (O) 50-6; LONG JUMP — Chris Daniels (O) 18-3; HIGH JUMP — Daniels (O) 5-10; POLE VAULT — Mike Huckstop (MM) 10-0; 3200 RELAY — Oxford 9:19; 110 HURDLES — Scott Davidson (O) 18.7; 100 — Kevin Alban (O) 11.8; 800 RELAY — Mt. Morris 1:48; 1600 — Mike Banachowski (O) 4:55; 400 RELAY — Oxford 47.3; 400 — Casey Murphy (MM) 56.3; 300 HURDLES — Scott Davidson (O) 43.4; 800 — Dan Nolder (O) 2:10; 200 — Casey Murphy (MM) 24.2; 3200 — Jon Zmikly (O) 11:10; 1600 RELAY — Oxford 3:48.

RECORDS — Oxford 2-0, 1-0 FML; Mt. Morris 0-2, 0-1.

LAKE ORION 108, FERNDALE 20 (4-18 at Lake Orion)

SHOT PUT — Brian Patrick (LO) 40-8.5; DISCUS — Andy Paulson (LO) 122-6; LONG JUMP — Thomas (F) 18-3; HIGH JUMP — Carroll (F) 5-10; 3200 RELAY — Lake Orion (Adam Frezza, Michael Colt, Derek Hrzek, Michael Andrews) 8:59.1; 110 HURDLES — Nick Stout (LO) 15.0; 100 — Jess Vettraino (LO) 11.7; 800 RELAY — Lake Orion (Vettraino, Brett Hewitt, Greg Haverlock, Keith Blackwell) 1:36.2; 1600 — Frezza (LO) 4:41.7; 400 RELAY — Lake Orion (Vettraino, James Johnson, Blackwell, Hewitt) 45.8; 400 — Jake Swearingen (LO) 53.9; 300 HURDLES — Stout (LO) 41.0; 800 — Spencer Aston (LO) 2:09.6; 200 — Keith Blackwell (LO) 24.8; 3200 — Colt (LO) 10:18.6; 1600 RELAY — Lake Orion (Ryan Reiss, Frezza, Vettraino, Dew) 3:41.7.

Softball *from page C1*

emerged as a consistent offensive threat early this season, lined a two-run single to center that scored juniors Mary Warchuck and Lisa Ferguson, giving Clarkston a 4-1 advantage.

Clarkston added to its lead an inning later, when it scored two runs on fielder's choices and one on a wild pitch. Senior Melanie Arnold got the rally started with a bunt single — her signature offensive weapon — as she used her incredible speed to beat the throw to first. Ferguson followed with a single, and senior Candace Morgan singled to load the bases.

Ferguson, who pitched all seven innings and scattered five hits while striking out six, said the win was a total team effort.

"Anytime we play and score a few runs, the defense plays better and more relaxed," she said. "Everyone knows their job is to get on base, and this year, we are hitting enough to get runs in."

In addition to her solid game on the mound, Ferguson reached base all five times she was at bat, and delivered three singles. Arnold went 4-for-5, stole two bases, scored twice and drove in a run.

"When a team hits and scored runs, it makes you loose," Land said. "Keeping focused on your hitting helps you there also."

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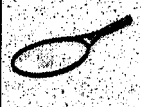

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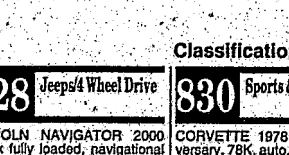
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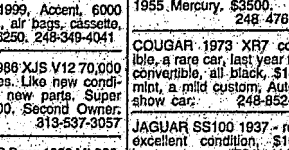
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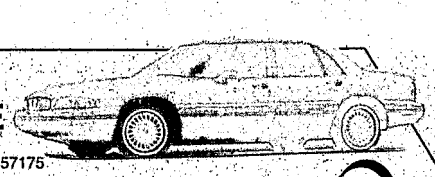

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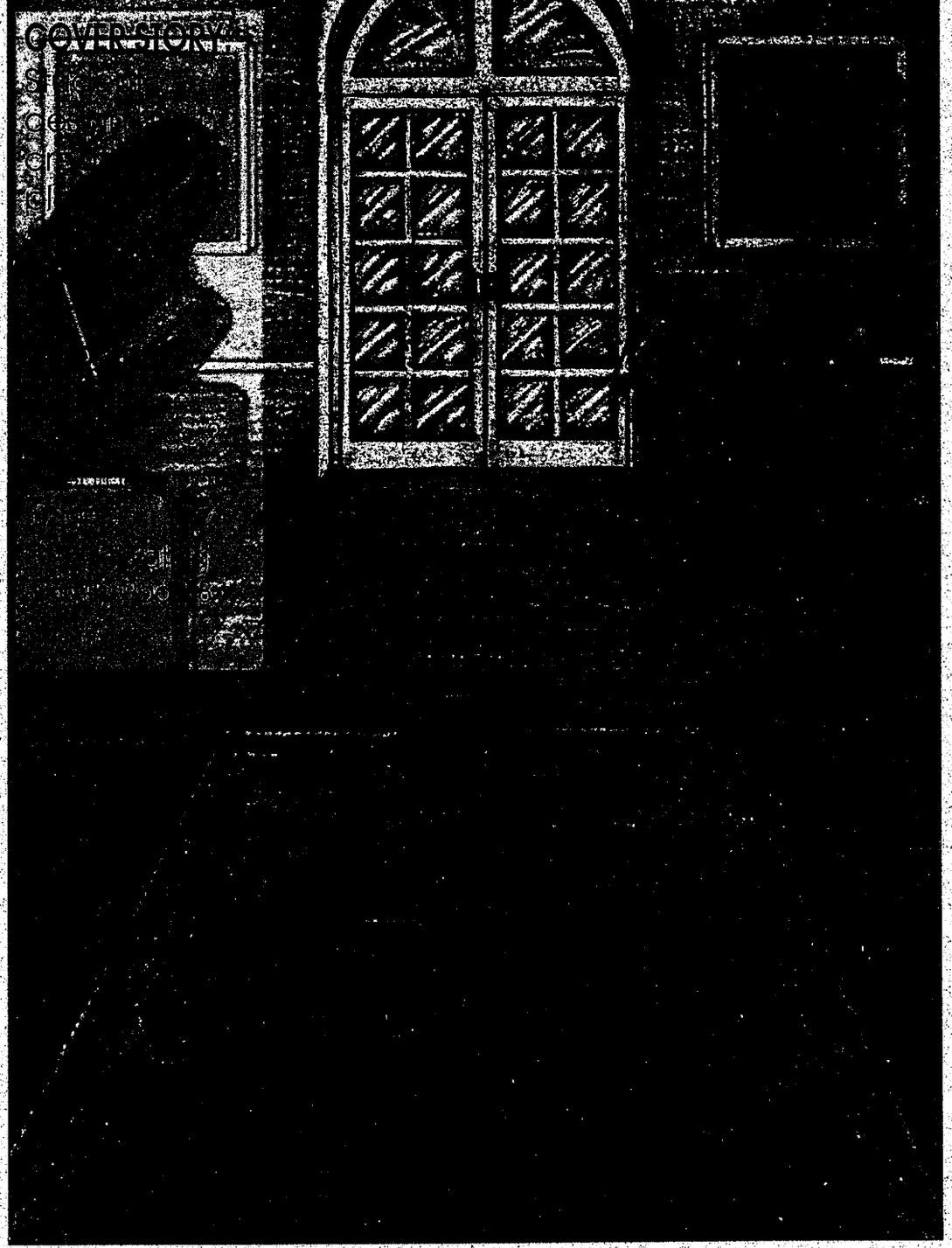

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JOE GAGNON

I recently finished the home show circuit as I call it, and I'm taking a break until next September rolls around. The last one, the DTE Energy Detroit International Bloomfest, was a four-day event filled with thousands of smiling faces. Questions were asked and answered. The table in front of the broadcast booth displayed literature for consumers and educational material.

One sheet of paper had a lot of demand — the "Tang recipe" for dishwashers. After we ran out of the first 10,000 copies, I had to keep giving the information by word of mouth. I thought if that recipe is that important, I should repeat the story over today at the end of this column. Please cut it out of this paper for reference or to show to another person.

The dishwasher in your house needs hot water to wash dishes. The water temperature must be 140° F to dissolve the detergent and unless you check the temperature with a candy thermometer, you don't know if it's hot enough. If you have to turn up the thermostat control on the hot water tank, I must caution you that many children suffer burns every year from hot water scalding. Please use caution with hot water.

Now that you checked the temperature of the hot water coming out of your kitchen sink faucet to ensure it is 140 degrees, do you let the water run until it is at the maximum hot water temperature just before you turn on the dishwasher? You must make sure the water flowing into the dishwasher is hot. If you don't, a lot of the first water entering the dishwasher is mixed with the cold water in the hot water line from the hot water tank. You must get rid of the cold water by running the faucet for a few minutes. That's not a big secret, but there are many people who do not turn on the faucet to run the hot water. By doing so, the powdered detergent you use will simply be able to do its job and as a consequence, your dishes will come out cleaner.

When this procedure is not followed, the impellers which are attached to the motor are covered with undissolved detergent. When they are covered, these impellers cannot spray strongly enough to clean the dishes. When there is not a good strong spray coming out of the wash arms you are not washing dishes worth prunes.

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3. Shut off the dishwasher and open the door.
4. Empty the whole container of Tang powdered breakfast drink directly into the water in the bottom of the dishwasher.
5. Close the door and start the dishwasher. Let it go through the cycle. (Make sure you don't drop the small silicone package that may be in the jar of Tang into the water.)

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

at home calendar

■ The Hardy Plant Society will present a class, "Drip Irrigation and Xeriscaping: Reducing Water Use in the Garden," 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 29, at the Bowers School Farm. Fee is $5. To register, call Bloomfield Hills Recreation at (248) 433-0885 and ask to sign up for Class No. 2136. For more information, call Jim Mackinder at (248) 879-3272. The class will discuss more effective ways to irrigate and retain moisture, pros and cons of different types of low-volume irrigation (including drip irrigation, weeping hose, the new pressure compensating drip hose), and landscaping and plants requiring less moisture.



Halo, there

Gardenin' angel: *This spring, get your garden started with a little help from a garden angel. These precious garden stakes are handmade with antique recycled materials – buckets, picket fences, door frames, shutters, oil cans and other found objects – and are perfect for brightening up any garden. Made by artisans from a tiny village in Quebec, the angels come in a variety of colors and are $35 each. They are among the magical treasures at The Home Accessory Warehouse, 1017 W. Maple, between Decker and Pontiac Trail in Walled Lake. Professional design consultations available. Call (248) 624-6700.*



Spring fling

In season: *Spring treats available at the Paige Stanton Handmade gift store include handmade soap with snuggle bunnies and jellybean eggs, sold by the slice at $5.95; bunny purses filled with candy flowers, $6.95; collectible bunnies, $18.50 to $29.50; and vintage mold stoneware chicks, $12. The store is at 32750 Franklin Road in Franklin. Call (248) 855-3286.*



Filling the bill

Helping out: *Meet Youcan Toucan™, who will be appearing in At Home as part of a regular feature on minor home repairs. Youcan's job is to keep At Home readers from feeling intimidated about fixing things around the house, apartment or condo. Youcan wants to show that YOU CAN, TOO replace a light switch, mend a screen, patch up a hole in a wall and handle just about any other kind of repair or replacement task. Youcan will do this by getting directions and suggestions from local experts and presenting this information in At Home, along with photos or other illustrations. What would you like to learn how to do around the home? Send in your questions by writing Youcan Toucan, c/o Mary Klemic, At Home Editor, Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009, or by e-mail to mklemic@oe.homecomm.net*

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Hoop it up with woody vine wreaths



MARTY FIGLEY

Here are some tips to get ready for the growing season. Don't go out too soon – remember the snow on April 8?

Woody vines such as honeysuckle, grape, bittersweet and the red or purple canes of wild berries can be turned into "wreath-hoops."

Just coil lengths of freshly cut vine around in a circle, frequently pulling the vine ends through the middle so that you form a tight loop of the desired size. Let the wreaths dry flat.

Before the perennials grow very tall, cut dowels or small branches (three for each hoop) and poke them through the wreaths to form legs. Set the supports around the plants' crowns; push the legs several inches into the soil.

As the plants grow the natural material will blend and be almost invisible. You can do this now, or wait until fall to be ready for next season.

Spring is an excellent time to plant shrubs so they can become established before dry summer weather arrives. If you are replacing a shrub don't use the same, or a closely related, plant. If you place it in the same spot, the new shrub may suffer "replant sickness" and fail to thrive.

Shrubs are available container-grown, containerized, balled-and-burlapped, or bare-root. If you buy them before the leaves have emerged, look at the roots and general shape. You'll want the shrub to have a healthy, well-developed root system and evenly distributed stems.

Don't hesitate to remove the pot to check the condition of the roots, if you are uncertain about the plant's condition. If the soil mix falls away, the root system is poorly developed. If the roots are a tangled mess, the shrub is pot-bound.

Container-grown shrubs should have healthy (not yellow or withered), well-spaced top growth, firm and white or pale brown roots, and stems should be free of damage, pests and diseases.

Containerized shrubs have been lifted and potted up just before sale. They may be slow to establish. Ask the nurseryman.

Balled-and-burlapped shrubs are a good choice and may be less expensive than container-grown shrubs. Squeeze the soil gently to be sure it is moist and firmly packed. If you choose bare-root ones, be sure they have a well-developed root system and evenly spaced stems. Keep the plant moist after planting.

As promised, here's how to enter the All-American Lawn Contest.

Official entry forms are at all participating Lowe's stores, the Lowe's Web site at www.lowes.com and the Briggs & Stratton Web site at www.briggs andstratton.com Or you may enter by printing your name, address and daytime phone number on a 3-by-5-inch card.

You must include color photos or a videotape of the lawn and a one-page description of how the lawn is used and the lawn care program followed. Photos and tapes *won't* be returned.

Send all materials to: All-American Lawn Contest, P.O. Box 1835, Elgin, IL 60121-1835. Official rules are at all Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse stores. You may win $5,000!

Volunteers are needed at the Rubach Sensory Garden, adjacent to the Lewis E. Wint Nature Center at Independence Oaks County Park, Sashabaw Road, 2 1/2 miles north of I-75, near Clarkston.

Gardeners of all levels are needed. Master gardener candidates can complete needed service hours. "Work bees" take place weekly throughout the warmer months and last approximately two hours. There are perks when you volunteer.

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The Spring Plant Sale and Marketplace, sponsored by the Friends of Matthaei Botanical Gardens, will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, May 6-7, at 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor. It will be open only to Friends members 3-7 p.m. Friday, May 5; you may become an MBG Friend on the spot.

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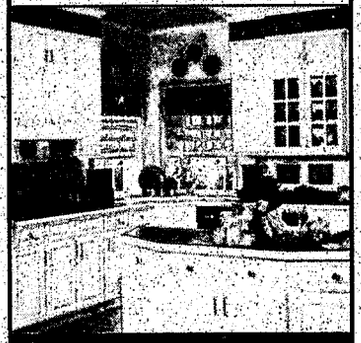
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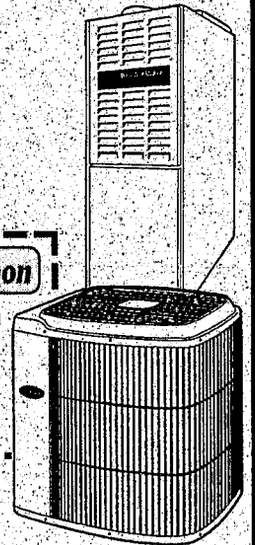
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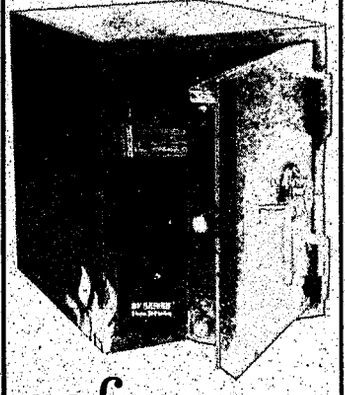
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Be self-assured over self-timer shots



MONTE NAGLER

Did you get back from Yosemite last summer only to discover that the friendly stranger who shot you and your spouse in front of Yosemite Falls "chopped off" your heads and the falls are tumbling at a hard-to-believe 45-degree angle?

Or did you just return from Europe to find that your tour guide had the jitters and all the pictures he took of the two of you in front of the famous landmarks are blurry?

There's a lesson to be learned here. You can't always trust that eager-to-help stranger or your tour guide to get the shots you want.

Solution: Take the pictures yourself by using your camera's self-timer.

You'll need a tripod or solid ledge to do the trick. Just mount your camera on the tripod or set firmly on a ledge or wall. Place your spouse in the viewfinder and allow room in the picture for yourself. If you're tall, give plenty of room at the top so you don't "lose your head" when you see the final results.

As in all good photography, check your backgrounds to include subjects you want and to eliminate things you don't. If the distant mountain makes a fine backdrop, make sure your aperture is small enough to capture it in the depth-of-field. Or if you want to zero in on just the two of you, use a wide aperture to blur an unwanted background.

Once your exposure and composition are set, you're ready to go. Set your self-timer, trip the shutter and start moving into position. You'll usually have 10 seconds to get yourself situated. Count down the seconds silently so you'll know just when to spread that smile across your face. You'll hear and see the shutter trip so you'll know when the shot is over.

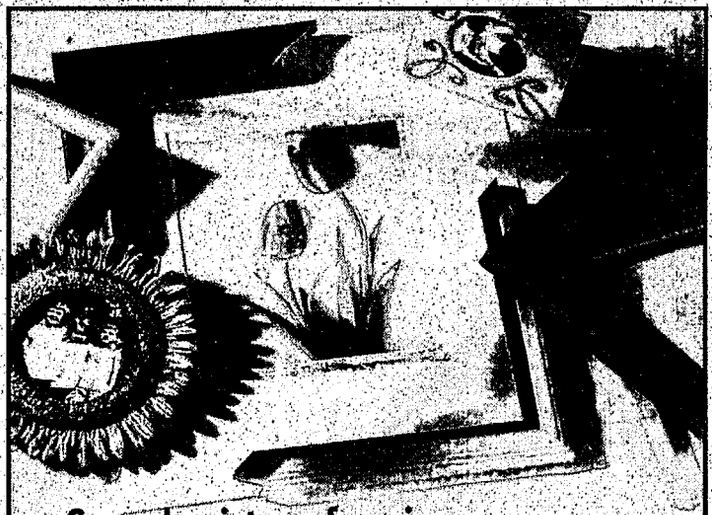
Another use for a camera's self-timer is when you forgot to bring your cable release for that scenic picture you're steadying on a tripod. The self-timer will assure a sharp, crisp picture. Also, many new cameras don't have provisions for a cable release. Here, again, your self-timer will get you the shot.

Don't always trust your photography to the potential errors of a stranger or to a camera that may not have a cable release. Proper use of your camera's self-timer will guarantee you'll bring home the photographs you want.



Tripod on a trip: *Here's a self-portrait of yours truly and my wife, Mickey, taken on a recent trip. A small table tripod did the trick.*

Monte Nagler is a fine art photographer based in Farmington Hills. You can leave him a message by dialing (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then 111, then N-A-G-L-E-R. His fax number is (248) 644-1314.



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Students wo

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Twelve years ago, when Ann Parker came to The Ghiordes Knot, mainly Oriental in design, she said. Now a vast array of rugs is ava contemporary, needlepoint and tapestry designs, to name a few, she

"It really is an art form on the floor," said Parker, manager of the sho Michigan Design Center in Troy.

The 65 entries in the 11th annual The Ghiordes Knot-American Interior Designers Student Creative Space Competition showed how carp forms – and not just on the floor.

Students took the challenge of creatively illustrating the use of a car focal point in a room setting.

The Ghiordes Knot provided photographs of two handwoven rugs the showroom: "La Sarre" by Aubousson and "Goyoe A" by Odegard entrant was to choose one of them, depicting either La Sarre as 10 by 14 or Goyoe A as 9 by 12 feet.

La Sarre features rich gold scrolls and a raisin red ribbon on a warm b ground. Goyoe A, in green, brown and yellow, features a design tak Tibetan window pane and familiar motifs in Tibetan tent windows, inclu around the border.

Student illustrations showed the carpets positioned in a variety o areas – on ceilings and walls as well as on floors, outdoors as well as in patterns, geometry and colors of the rugs often came into play with thos or furnishings.

Entries put the rugs in a swimming pool room, arranged to form a ca backdrop for a bed, between glass panels in a shower stall, on the wall o ed area of a restaurant, as a picnic site, on a bathroom floor, suspende ceiling with wires in a theater lobby, on the floor where Christmas trees and enclosed in glass to become the top of a low table, among other locat

"I think it's a wonderful way to encourage students," Parker said of t tition. "Many of them came in to look at the rugs and feel them. It made ference."

"Some were truly creative," said Valentina Katikos of Contract Source Bloomfield Hills, one of the four judges.

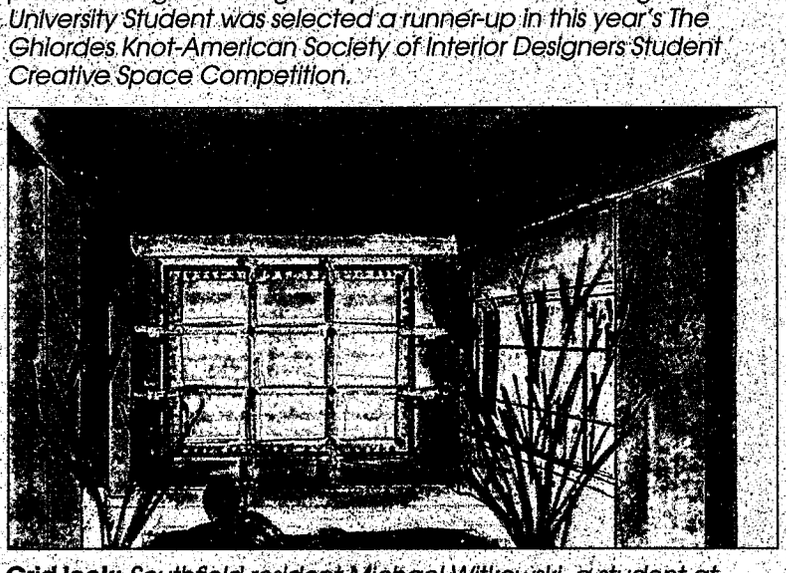
The renderings were displayed at The Ghiordes Knot during MDC Career Day last Friday.

Prizes

First place went to Shannon Turnbull of Mount Pleasant, a student Michigan University. Turnbull placed La Sarre under a table in a room graceful furnishings as a grand piano, ferns and paintings.



Noteworthy: *A carpet's design inspired Sharlene Robinson to place the rug under a grand piano. The Central Michigan University student was selected a runner-up in this year's The Ghiordes Knot-American Society of Interior Designers Student Creative Space Competition.*



Grid look: *Southfield resident Michael Witkowski, a student at Lawrence Technological University, submitted a design that suspended a rug from a wall. Entries were displayed at The Ghiordes Knot at Michigan Design Center in Troy last week.*



Step in style: *Michelle Beauregard of Troy, a student a for Creative Studies, transformed a carpet into a ben her design.*

over story

rk magic with carpet designs

"I have recently done an extensive amount of traveling," Turnbull's statement read. "This gave me new insights to the creative world, and was my biggest inspiration for this design."

Holly Holladay of Ann Arbor and Sharlene Robinson of Mount Pleasant were selected runners-up.

Holladay, a student at Eastern Michigan University, placed Goyoe A in a meditation room where someone could enjoy both cool breezes and the warmth from an outdoor fireplace pot.

"The rug's symmetrical and geometric design is perfect for this room where balance, both in the room's design and furnishings and in one's mind, is achieved," she said in her statement.

Robinson, a student at CMU, put La Sarre under a grand piano in a room with multi-paned windows giving an expansive view of the outdoors. She referred to the "organic lines" in the design of the carpet and the piano's curved lines and "mysterious" color ("as of the colors used in the carpet") in her statement.

"The pattern in the carpet flairs out, like a feather pen used when writing music," she said. "If the carpet were to be lifted upward from both ends it would see its reflection of design. Just as music lifts the spirit within us, reflecting our inner design."



Creative contemplation: *Holly Holladay of Ann Arbor, a student at Eastern Michigan University, placed a carpet in a meditation room. Holladay was selected a runner-up in the competition.*

Creative samples

In his design, Michael Witkowski, a student at Lawrence Technological University, suspended Goyoe A with metal cables 6 inches from the wall of a den or reading room and illuminated it with down lights. Wooden columns to which the cables would be connected, and floor and window grids, would follow the 3-to-4 ratio of the grid of the rug, the Southfield resident said.

Suzanne Bednarsh of Farmington Hills, a student at the Center for Creative Studies, put Goyoe A on the upper level of a cabin.

"Inspired by the Goyoe A rug's depiction of nature, through its colors and border pattern, the interior design takes on the same concept... Sharp angles and geometric shapes meet natural colors and earth tones," she said.

Goyoe A's colors and geometry reminded Troy resident Michelle Beauregard of a rug on a bench in the Saarinen House at Cranbrook.

In her design, the carpet became "a step of large proportion that could be walked on." Someone could sit on it to put on shoes before going out the nearby sliding glass door, sit on it to read, or put a toss pillow there and take a nap, the CCS student said.

The other judges were Dwane Adle of Duce Simmons Associates of Troy; Bonnie Barden, senior interior designer of DSA; and Lynette Masztakowski, architecture and design manager of Knoll of Southfield. All four judges are ASID members.

"They were very appropriate. The sizes were very realistic," Masztakowski said.

"The presentations were very nice," Adle said.

The Ghiordes Knot provided $1,000 in prize money – $500 for first place and $250 for each runner-up.



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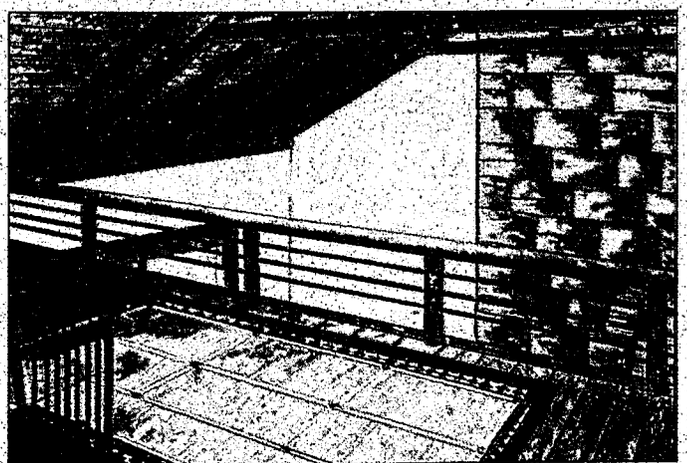
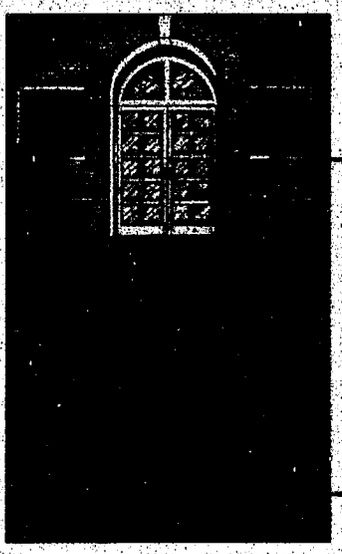


Natural: *CCS student Suzanne Bednarsh of Farmington Hills positioned a carpet on the upper level of a cabin, inspired by the rug's depiction of nature.*



On the cover:
Shannon Turnbull received first place for her design in a student creative space competition. Entries were shown at Michigan Design Center in Troy.

Work together on summer budget



LISA LUCKOW-HEALY

Brace yourself for the comforts of a school year routine to change in a matter of weeks. College finals will mark the end of winter term. Many school teachers are already beginning their year-end countdown to summer vacation.

Your teen will soon be home for the summer asking for money to do all kinds of things. As a family, you need to talk about where this money will come from.

Think about your child's financial alternatives before you succumb to financing or supplementing his vacation. Sit down together and help him establish his very own summer budget.

Work together to set up this budget on the computer or write it down on a piece of ledger paper. Organize the information into a monthly format. Establish one subhead for Income and another for Expenses. Under "Income," include:

- Allowance
- Summer job (forecasted amount based on conservative estimate; could also be figured based on child's current after school job he plans to stay at)
- Gift money (a birthday)
- Money borrowed
- Extra earnings (household projects like painting the garage, cutting neighbor's lawn)

In the "Expenses" category, include:

- Car payment (if applicable)
- Automobile insurance
- Gas/vehicle maintenance
- Transportation (other than family vehicle, if applicable)
- Clothing/accessories
- Entertainment (movies, eating out, concerts, movies, outings, sporting events)
- Personal (haircuts, etc.)
- Fun purchases (hobby supplies, bedroom accessories, music, video games, software)
- Trips
- Gifts (for family and friends)
- Money owed
- Savings (for college, a new car, etc.)

Ask your teenager to be realistic about the categories in his budget. Suggest he fill them in with a pencil so the entries can be adjusted once he has a better idea of his summer earnings and other plans. Tally both income and expenses to determine if there is anything left over to help increase his savings account or other type of investments.

If he has fallen into deficit spending, talk about what expenses he'll have to cut back on or eliminate to achieve a balanced budget.

While you're helping your teenager establish his budget, it's also a good time to re-evaluate an allowance. Is all your child's income coming from a part-time job? Are you looking for extra help around the house that would warrant reinstating an allowance?

Before you approach your teen, think about your feelings on whether he should still be receiving an allowance if he has a part-time job.

Does he continue to help out around the house in such a way that you feel he deserves an allowance? Should he strictly be receiving "bonus" money for household projects he completes such as painting the garage, cleaning the basement or washing all the windows and screens? Should he be receiving allowance or "bonus" money on a weekly or monthly basis? Is the allowance amount fair, or is it based on an amount you decided on three years ago when he was 14? Discuss your feelings on these questions with your teen.

Another financial option to a weekly allowance is to give your child a set amount of money once a month that fairly rewards him for his household responsibilities. This forces him to manage his money throughout the month while giving him a real-world perspective on the outcomes of overspending or having money left over.

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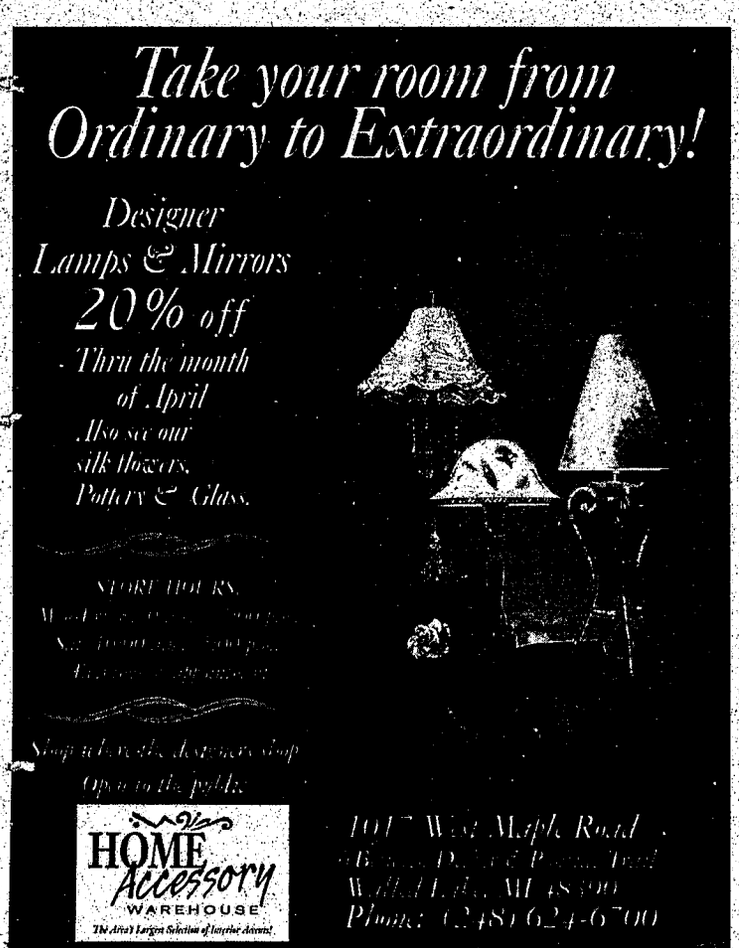

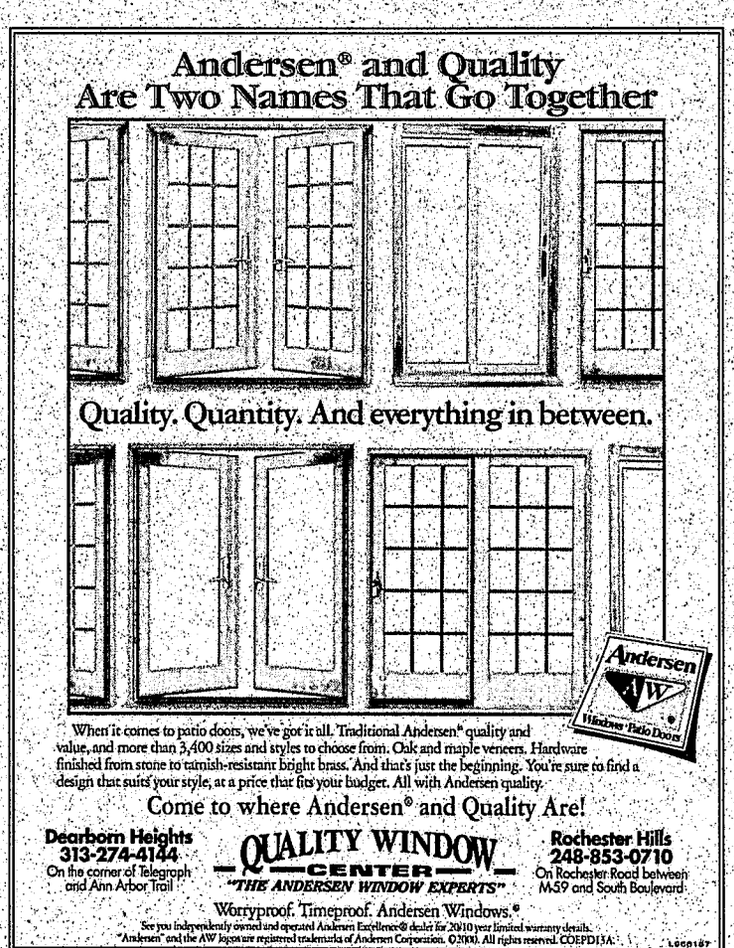

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Overcome enemies to organization



DIANA KOENIG

Q: I want to organize my life and spend my time productively but I am so busy. When I start an organization project I am constantly interrupted.

A: Several enemies prevent us from becoming organized. You must address each of these enemies individually and overcome them one at a time. Only then can you proceed successfully with your plan to be organized.

Enemy No. 1 is a busy schedule. If you are drowning in disorganization take a close look at your current schedule. Are you overcommitted?

Write down everything you do in a week. Examine your list and circle the activities you must do. See if you can delete any activities you didn't circle. If you are going to devote time to organizing your life you will need to free up some time from your present schedule.

Many people volunteer for almost every committee, class party, field trip and leadership position that they are asked to take. These people are personal organization disasters.

You will increase your level of productivity and be a greater help to others in the long run if you first get your own house in order.

Another common enemy is simply a lack of knowledge. You may want to be organized but lack the knowledge to make a good plan, much less put one into action. Read materials on organization. Consult organization experts. Talk with people who possess these skills. Educate yourself in this area if you want to be successful.

Procrastination is another enemy you face. You may want to be organized but you continually put off attempts at organization by choosing to do something else. There is no magic formula for overcoming procrastination. You need to repeat these words to yourself: "Just do it!"

The people you live with may not share your vision for becoming organized. They may undo everything you establish. In this case, you will stir up controversy by doing something as simple as organizing the junk drawer.

Perhaps you have spent a couple of hours arranging containers and grouping like items together. Your son uses the scissors and neglects to return them to their established home. When you remind him, he becomes angry because it has always been OK for him to leave the scissors on the counter.

You not only have the job of training yourself to be organized, but you must also train your family. Take time to train them using a reward or punishment system.

If you make organization a priority and ignore all excuses you will find success in this area of your life.

Both my husband and I have careers that demand hours of our time. In the late fall we made a decision to paint the outside of our house completely before Christmas even though my husband arrived home from work each night after dark. His solution was to paint by floodlight at midnight. A few months later we trenched and mulched our yard in the darkened spring night. We didn't allow our schedule or the midnight hour to prevent us from accomplishing our goal.

Choose your own timeline for becoming better organized. Choose to devote a minimum of one hour each week to work on an organization project. For a more aggressive plan spend one hour a day organizing.

I accomplish my dreams and goals by first obtaining the *knowledge* I need. Second, I *discipline* myself to work toward reaching my destination. Third, I am *determined* to succeed. Finally I package everything with *passion* for reaching my goals. I can do this with something as simple as organizing a closet. Observe the people who are successful in the things they do. They have passion!

Today's refrigerator bulletin: "Remove your enemies and apply knowledge, discipline, determination and passion to becoming organized."

Send your questions and success stories to: Diana Koenig, P.O. Box 1702, Manchester, MO 63011.

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Matzo enjoyed by many anytime



RUTH MOSSOK JOHNSTON

This is the time of year many people are buying matzo (unleavened bread) for the Passover holiday.

While matzo is eaten and bought all through the year (it comes in different shapes and flavors), it remains a symbol of the Jews' exodus from Egypt. This flat bread represents the rush to flee, having no time to wait for bread to rise.

Those unleavened boards of baked flour and water have gone a bit mainstream in the past few years. We now see matzo on all grocery shelves and in breadbaskets of upscale restaurants and country clubs. Then again, they are large rectangular versions of traditional English water biscuits.

Kosher for Pesach (Passover) matzo has its own requirements (made from wheat flour that is ground just before baking, having no time to ferment, and processed in machines cleaned and blessed for the holiday).

But keep in mind, you don't have to keep Passover or even be Jewish to enjoy this crisp cracker-type bread.

This would make for a great weekend activity for a group of friends to make and bake (and then of course eat!).

Invitations resembling matzo could easily be made from squares of corrugated cardboard, or poster board lightly washed with brown watercolor paint.

If you don't have a pizza stone, ask around to friends to see if you can borrow one. They are perfect to bake the matzo on.

Have enough aprons on hand, and supply your crowd with the ingredients needed to make the matzo and some goodies to top it off.

Topping suggestions:

- Hummus (traditional chickpea or black bean)
- Baba Ganoush
- Flavored cream cheese (lox-flavored – smoked salmon – is super!)
- Unsalted butter with freshly ground sea salt (for sprinkling)
- Nut butters and/or fruit butters
- Plain cream cheese and chutney
- Peanut butter and honey
- Spreadable crock cheese, Chèvre cheese, or Boursin
- Herbed butter (a mixture of freshly chopped herbs and softened butter)
- Chopped chicken liver or pate
- Smoked whitefish pate

Joan Nathan (the well-known writer of Jewish cookbooks) does have a recipe for matzah (that is also a correct spelling) in one of her older cookbooks, "The Jewish Holiday Kitchen," published by Schocken Books (1988). This isn't a recipe for Passover.

JOAN NATHAN'S MATZAH RECIPE

3 cups unsifted, unbleached all-purpose flour

1 cup water

Preheat oven to 550 degrees F.

Place the flour on a board and slowly add the water, kneading the dough with your hands until it is firm. Take a handful of dough and roll out into a circle, using a long rolling pin. Prick on one side with a fork.

Place in the oven on a cookie sheet for about 6 minutes for the first side, then turn over for the remaining 2 minutes.

RUTH'S OLIVE AND FRESH ROSEMARY FLECKED MATZO

This is simple to make and fun to eat (slathered with plain cream cheese is the best!). I use the green olives found in plastic barrels and flavored with lemon (the Pilaros brand is sometimes available at the Costco stores; any hard green olive will do). Instead of pitting and chopping the olives, I use a microplane grater – just watch your knuckles!

This won't look like the matzo you get out of the box. Homemade matzo looks like it did in the days of old, not of today, where it is machine made and perfectly square.

This recipe isn't kosher for Passover.

Yield: 4 boards

1 1/2 tablespoons fresh rosemary, finely chopped

1/2 cup coarsely chopped hard green olives or kalamatas (about 20 large olives)

1/2 cup yellow cornmeal

1 teaspoon sea salt (or to taste)

2 teaspoons light olive oil

1 cup water

2 cups light wheat flour (I like Better for Bread – Wheat Blend – by Gold Medal) or all-purpose flour (preferably organic), plus extra for dusting.

Additional equipment:

Pizza stone (at least a 12-inch round)

Wooden spoon

Plastic wrap

Rolling pin

Place the oven rack to the lowest position; lay pizza stone on the rack.

Preheat the oven to 450 degrees F.

In a medium-size bowl, add the fresh rosemary, olives, cornmeal, salt and olive oil; toss to mix and set aside.

In a large bowl, using a heavy wooden spoon, combine the water and flour, stirring until a soft dough is formed.

Lightly flour a clean flat work surface; place dough on board and knead for 1-2 minutes. Knead into a round ball. Tent dough loosely with plastic wrap; let dough rest for 5 minutes.

Knead olive mixture into the dough until ingredients are evenly dispersed, about 2 or 3 minutes.

Divide the dough into four equal

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■ The Detroit Area Art Deco Society's seventh annual Michigan Modernism Preview Party will take place 7-10 p.m. Friday, April 28, at the Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen at 10 1/2 Mile. Tickets are $60 in advance or $70 at the door. For advance tickets, call (248) 582-DECO or visit the David Klein Gallery (call (248) 433-3700) and Artspace II (call (248) 258-1540) in Birmingham; Knightsbridge Antiques Mall in Northville (call (248) 344-7200); Antiques on Main (call (248) 545-4663) and Deco Doug (call (248) 547-3330) in Royal Oak; and Modernage (call (248) 745-0999) and PaintSmart (call (248) 960-6700) in Pontiac. Proceeds will benefit DAADS, a private, not-for-profit organization interested in the designs and preservation of the decorative objects, architecture and style of the Art Deco period. The Michigan Modernism Exposition will be 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, April 29, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 30, at the Southfield Civic Center.

■ Learn how to make a Roman shade Wednesdays, April 26, to May 17, or Thursdays, April 27 to May 18, at Haberman Fabrics, 117 W. Fourth in Royal Oak. Fee is $60. Advance registration is required. Call (248) 541-0010.

■ The Iris Club of Southeast Michigan will meet 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 27, at the Royal Oak Senior Community Center, 3500 Marais, east of Crooks and north of 13 Mile. Call (248) 280-0848.

Paul James of HGTV to visit

BY MARTY FIGLEY
Special Writer

Paul James, popular host of the HGTV shows "Gardening By The Yard" and "Home Grown Cooking," will be the guest speaker at Goldner Walsh Nursery Inc. in Pontiac Saturday, April 29.

He will present programs at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. The fee per program is $15 per person. Pre-registration is required. Send a check, with the time you will be attending, to Goldner Walsh Nursery Inc., 559 Orchard Lake Road, Pontiac 48341.

Questions? Call (248) 332-6430, Ext. 222.

James' enthusiasm is catching and the programs promise to be entertaining as well as informative. The two shows will allow as many guests as possible to join in this fun-filled day. James will answer your gardening/cooking questions and sign autographs.

This award-winning chemist with credits in botany, plant physiology and plant pathology graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 1976. In 1983 he received his master gardener certificate from Oklahoma and has since produced nearly 500 reports covering a wide range of gardening topics.

His special interests include plant origins, wildlife gardening, shade gardening and growing unusual and hard-to-find vegetable varieties.

James' appearance is in conjunction with the nursery's spring open house, Saturday-Sunday, April 29-30. Door prizes and refreshments will be offered each day.

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sections; roll each into a ball.

Re-cover the dough balls with the plastic wrap. Work with one dough ball at a time; flatten the dough ball with the heel of your hand.

Roll it out with a rolling pin, keeping the shape round and the thickness about 1/16-inch.

Reflour the work surface if necessary. Flip the dough over; sprinkle the dough round with a small amount of flour (again, only if necessary) and dock the surface with the tines of a fork.

Fold the dough in half, then half again, for easy transporting. Place the dough round on the hot pizza stone, unfold and bake for about 4-5 minutes.

Flip the matzo over and bake for an additional 3-5 minutes, or until lightly golden brown and crisp. (The timing will vary, it may depend not only on the thickness of the dough, but also the type of pizza stone you are using.)

Remove baked matzo to a cooling rack and proceed with the additional dough balls, working with one at a time, until you have all four matzos baked.

Offer guests softened butter or cream cheese to spread on top.

Cook's Notes:

■ When dusting with flour, don't use any more than necessary.

■ To keep matzo fresh, store in Ziplock-type plastic bags when completely cool.



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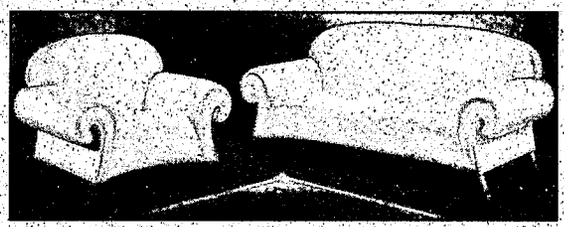

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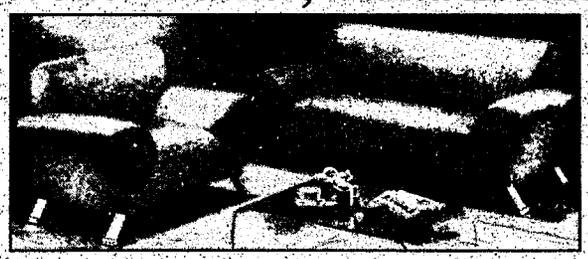

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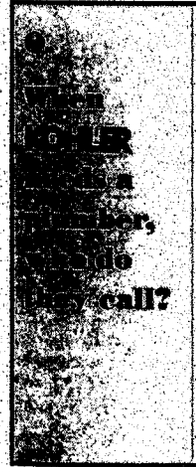

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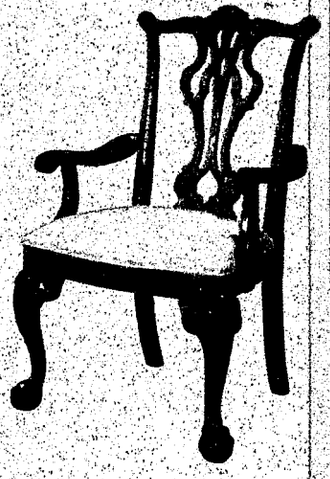



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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Stanley Tucci stars in and directs Joe Gould's "Secret," the true story of a "New Yorker" writer and the eccentric bohemian he turns into as a minor celebrity in the 1940s, opening today at metro Detroit movie theaters.

SATURDAY



Fun and entertainment await at the Detroit Zoo's annual Bunnyville event 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The Easter Bunny and several other costumed characters will be parading around the zoo grounds. Free admission for children age 2 and younger, and guests who arrive before 2 p.m. and bring a nonperishable food item, one item per person. Photos with the Easter Bunny available for $5 each. Proceeds benefit Gleaners Community Foodbank. Call (248) 398-0903 for details.

SUNDAY



Jeffrey Mickens portrays Jesus Christ in T.J. Hemphill's Easter musical "Perilous Times," 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts in Detroit. Tickets $21.50-$30, call (313) 963-2366.

HOT TICKET



The John Hancock Champions On Ice Summer Tour, featuring Brian Boitano, Elizabeth Punsalan & Jerod Swallow, Oksana Baiul and other Olympic and world figure skating champions, stops at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit 8 p.m. Saturday, April 22. Tickets $25-$55, available at the box office, or call (248) 645-6666.



White hot: *More than 40 of the world's best ballroom dancers strut their stuff in "Burn The Floor," an electrifying and fast-paced showcase of standard and Latin dance styles.*

BURN THE FLOOR

SENSUOUS, NO HOLDS-BARRED BALLROOM REVUE LIGHTS THE STAGE

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
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Ballroom dancing looks like a rising phoenix, — a rage that lit up movie screens and dance halls in the 1940s only to burn out and resurface as an exercise in nostalgia at the turn of the century.

But local instructors and aficionados of ballroom prefer to use the term rediscovery to describe the form's recent rise in popularity, a movement fueled by younger generations' attraction to swing and salsa on the night club circuit and a steady stream of Latin-inspired music in popular culture.

The fire now engulfs the stage in *Burn The Floor*, a sensuous, no-holds-barred ballroom revue that runs April 25-30 at the Fox Theatre in Detroit.

"For those of us who are hooked on it, it never died," said 71-year-old Nora Nader, a local ballroom instructor who fondly recalls when "touch dancing" flourished in the Detroit area. "What's happened is through television and movies there's been a revival," said Nader, an instructor at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

What: Detroit debut of *Burn The Floor*, dance revue featuring 44 of the world's top ballroom dancers and such dances as the tango, cha cha cha and lindy hop.
When: 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 25-Saturday, April 29; 2 p.m. Saturday, April 29; 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, April 30
Where: Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward in Detroit
Tickets: $10-$60 at Fox Theatre box office, (313) 983-6611; or through TicketMaster, (248) 433-1515

Others have simply discovered ballroom's many benefits — healthy social recreation, source for entertainment and form of physical and mental exercise, said Glenn Clark, a professional ballroom dancer and co-owner of Stardust Ballroom dance studio in Southfield.

"You can go to the gym and work out, but you can't go to a night club in a short shirt and show off your abs unless you're there to dance," Clark joked.

People also have tired of being spectators, added Nader. "We need to be participators. We need to be a part of what's going on, and not just visually," she said. "Plus, we're more health-conscience. We need other ways to work out our calories and our feelings, and dancing is a nice, safe way to express yourself."

And, while more couples and individuals are taking up or rediscovering ballroom, the 44 professional dancers who perform in *Burn The Floor* are offering audiences an opportunity to see the tango, cha cha cha, waltz, lindy hop and six other ballroom styles at their technical best.



Physical flirtations: *"Burn The Floor," a marathon of ballroom dancing, churns out lusty renditions of such dances as the tango, samba and rumba.*

The performers, some of the world's top ballroom champions, are the "black belts" of the form, said Clark, who has scheduled a *Burn The Floor* field trip for instructors and more than 40 of his studio's students, from beginners to competition-level dancers.

The show promises a high level of technical and athletic ability, but *Burn The Floor*, unlike ballroom competition, isn't bound by rules or, for that matter, image. *Burn The Floor* showcases a group of top-notch professionals "pretty much doing what they do best and just going all out ...kind of like *Riverdance* but with ballroom," said Clark.

Traditions and new twists

Inspired by a crowd-pleasing ballroom performance at Elton John's 50th-birthday party, *Burn The Floor* appropriately skirts the rules in favor of energetic theatricality, invention and individuality.

"It's anything but about rules," said Jason Gilkison, a member of the cast and the show's artistic director. "This will change people's perspective on

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Drama tells of family love and destruction

Years before Hollywood put the box-office star power of Jessica Lange, Sam Shepard and Diane Keaton behind *Crimes of the Heart*, the story appeared on the Broadway stage, where it received the Pulitzer Prize for best drama in 1981.

While the movie introduced a wider audience to the quirky and bizarre world of playwright Beth Henley, the play remains one of the best examples of the indescribable love that holds together most dysfunctional families.

Crimes of the Heart opens this Saturday and runs through May 14 at Meadow Brook Theatre on the Oakland University campus. The play is the final presentation in Meadow Brook's season.

With a story filled with the gothic and grotesque — including a horse struck by lightning, a woman who commits suicide by first hanging her cat, then herself — *Crimes of the Heart* presents itself as a tale of three rather "ordinary" sisters living in the south.

What: *Crimes of the Heart*
When: Saturday, April 22-Sunday, May 14
Where: Meadow Brook Theatre, Oakland University campus, Rochester Hills; performance times vary
Tickets: $19.50-$35
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The story, however, is anything but ordinary.

The off-center MaGrath sisters of Mississippi are as complicated as figuring out the relationships at a down-home family reunion. One sister is destined to become an old maid, another sister has returned home after a failed attempt at a singing career, and the youngest sister has recently shot her husband after he found her with a 15-year old boy.

After they sort through their emotional — and legal — entanglements, the MaGrath sisters stumble upon the truth of their lives: Life isn't too painful as long as they have each other's company.

It's a lesson delivered with plenty of off-beat humor.

Crimes of the Heart features several

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Sisterhood: *Angel Maclean (left), Kate Willinger and Lauren Dowden play the MaGrath sisters in Beth Henley's off-beat, Pulitzer Prize-winning play.*

PERFORMANCES

Jazz orchestra swings our way next Saturday

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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It's 10 a.m. California time and Rodney Whitaker is awakening to a view of the ocean outside his room at a West Coast hotel. Santa Cruz is the second stop on the 23-city tour the native Detroiter is playing with trumpeter Wynton Marsalis and the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra.

What: Dance the night away to the music of Wynton Marsalis and the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra
When: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 22. Free swing dance lesson begins at 6:30 p.m. Ticket required for entry
Where: Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center, 799 Hewitt, Ypsilanti
Tickets: $25, call (734) 764-2538

Sound grueling? Not for Whitaker who loves swinging the nights away. Together with Marsalis and the orchestra, Whitaker spends eight months a year on the road introducing audiences to jazz and swing dancing. Their *For Dancers Only* tour, named after Sy Oliver's 1937 chart for the Jimmie Lunceford Orchestra, is reawakening people to the fun of dancing to swing music.

On Saturday, April 22, the orchestra will stop at Eastern Michigan University as part of its tour. The tour will continue on to concert and dance halls including the Roseland Ballroom in New York where the performance will be broadcast by the BBC. A free lesson with national swing dance champions Janice Wilson and Paola Lanna precedes the April 22 dance concert presented by the University Musical Society. It one of Jazz at Lincoln Center's educational efforts.

Have fun dancing

"I love it," said Whitaker who plays bass with the orchestra. "Anything swing is good to me. We're trying to expose people to jazz. The best way is to have them come out and have fun dancing. When I was a kid in Detroit, I played with J.C. Heard and did a lot of dances. Growing up I thought it was a drag but now I enjoy it. It's enjoyable to

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Gilda's Club honors memory of local comedian Alyce Faye

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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Just thinking about comedian Alyce Faye makes me smile. She was kind-hearted, funny, and generous with her time and talent. Most of her phone calls to The Eccentric Newspapers were to ask if we could do something to help someone in need, not to promote her latest gig at a local club.

Diagnosed with lung cancer in August 1999, Faye kept making people smile until she died in November.

Gilda's Big Night Out II
What: A night of comedy, food and fun to benefit Gilda's Club Metro Detroit
When: 6 p.m. silent auction & strolling supper, 8 p.m. performance by comedian Jeffrey Ross, Wednesday, May 3
Where: Temple Beth El, 7400 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills
Tickets: $125 donor, $200 patron, call (248) 577-0800, Ext. 22

On Wednesday, May 3, Gilda's Club of Metro Detroit is honoring her memory by presenting the "It's Always Someone Special" award to her husband Fred Sewell at *Gilda's Big Night Out II*. The award is presented to the person who has demonstrated a strong commitment to Gilda's Club Metro Detroit.



Alyce Faye

Faye, a resident of Farmington, was one of the early supporters of Gilda's Club Metro Detroit, which opened on Jan. 28, 1998. She founded Motor City Women of Comedy with comedian Mary Miller in 1994, and hosted an annual fund-raiser for Gilda's Club of Metro Detroit. The last one was held in 1997.

Named in honor of comedian Gilda Radner, a native Detroiter who died from ovarian cancer in 1989, the club offers men, women and children and their families and friends opportunities to share experiences, develop strategies for living with cancer and make new friends. The 6,000-square-foot clubhouse in Royal Oak offers a

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home-like atmosphere where members can participate in support and networking groups, workshops, lectures and social events.

"Alyce came to us out of the blue," said Geri Lester of Franklin, treasurer of the board of directors for Gilda's Club Metro Detroit, and one of the club's founders. "She begged and borrowed from friends, and worked hard to put on a successful event to benefit Gilda's Club. She had all of her comedian friends donate their time; none of them charged a penny. They all gave of their time and talent, it was really something. She was a very wonderful person who had no trouble motivating others."

Miller, who lived in Farmington Hills, West Bloomfield Township and Berkley before moving to Ohio, met Faye at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle in Royal Oak.

"Gilda Radner was an inspiration to women," said Miller. "I heard about Gilda's Club and thought wouldn't it be cool if we all got together to make Gilda's dream come true. I immediately called my best friend, Alyce. She was already planning the event before we got off the phone."

Together, Miller and Faye enlisted the help of other comedians to host an annual benefit for Gilda's Club. In 1997 these Motor City Women of Comedy enlisted the help of a few good men, too.

Miller also commented on Faye's ability to motivate others. "When Rosie O'Donnell got her own show, Alyce and I sent her flowers to congratulate her. The card said 'You go girl,' we signed it 'Motor City of Comedy.' Alyce kept in touch with Rosie, and in 1996 when it was time to begin planning our benefit for Gilda's Club, she asked Rosie to make a donation. From watching the show, Alyce learned that Rosie had just lost a friend to cancer. You can imagine her excitement when Rosie sent a check for $10,000."

Miller – who works as a comedian throughout the Midwest, including Ohio, and books comedians at various clubs and venues – will be attending the event.

Also being honored is the memory of Linda Kozlowski, who volunteered her time to Gilda's Club and the community before dying of breast cancer in 1996.

"Linda's mission was to bring the need for breast cancer awareness and education to the community's attention," said Lester. Kozlowski's mission continues in a fund called "Women Alive."

In honoring her memory, Kozlowski's husband, Dr. Jay Kozlowski, her mother, Evelyn Kasle, and sister and brother-in-law, Lisa and Gary Shiffman, will serve as honorary chairpersons for *Gilda's Big Night Out II*.

The event will feature a performance by comedian Jeffrey Ross, a silent auction, and a strolling supper.

Ross has appeared on *The Late Show* with David Letterman, *The Tonight Show* with Jay Leno, and *Late Night* with Conan O'Brien. Comedy Central fans know Ross for his Friar's Club Roasts and stand-up specials.

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what ballroom dancing is."

Created by Harley Medcalf, promoter of *Lord of the Dance*, the show not only takes audiences on a journey through the world of ballroom but also puts a new spin on several dance styles. "We take a dance like the cha cha cha, and put the dancers in street clothes and Dock Martens, and then the nature of the dance starts to change," said Gilkison.

Likewise, the show begins with a traditional rendition of the waltz. "With the innocence between men and women. The man gently leading the woman, and the woman never looking at the man," Gilkison said. "At the end of that, one of the dancers rips his tuxedo off — the man sort of sheds off the mask of the old ballroom to reveal the opposite of that innocence."

The show's opening metaphor is an appropriate one, given ballroom's recent growth and continuing evolution.

That ballroom dance is being presented as theater for the stage and public performance is evidence of its transformation.

More importantly, technique levels are higher than in years past, and athleticism is playing a significant role in today's ballroom competitions.

Some have even dubbed competition-level ballroom "dance sport." Once more, there's a push to bring ballroom competition to the Olympics.

"Most people think of ballroom dancing and think of Lawrence Welk and the bubble machine. Ballroom dancing today is for all ages, and it's enthusiastic and very physical. It's really a new generation of dancing," said Clark.

Ballroom training has also become much more sophisticated, said Nader, who was trained at one of Detroit's first Arthur Murray dance studios in the late 40s. Likewise, interpretation of the form and specific styles has become more of an art form, she said.

Even ballroom's most basic principle — man leading woman — may gradually undergo transformation, Nader added, recalling a recent class in which a young male student asked her why he had to lead when his partner had better timing. "And, that was true," said Nader. "But tradition says the guys are supposed to lead. I think it may be whoever is the stronger of the two that will be the leader."

One thing that will never come under siege in ballroom is partnership. "That's what ballroom is about," said Gilkison. Take away partnership, two dancers engaged in a dialogue and working together to express themselves, and ballroom, by definition, becomes freestyle dance.

And, partnership is perhaps what makes *Burn The Floor* so accessible to audiences. "The audience identifies with relationships in their own life," said Gilkison. "And, it's not just happy all the time. We look at all aspects of life."

Off the stage and in the dance studio, partnership is a learning experience, Nader said of ballroom's appeal. While younger generations are discovering the form, they're also just learning that "someone has to lead and someone has to follow," she said. "I see this all the time ... a little power play, 'He can only be as good as I let him.' Then, a give and take, the considerations in life, the respect in life, the helping of each other."

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see somebody inspired to swing to your music."

At age 32, Whitaker is too young to remember the era when dancers stopped moving to the sounds of Duke Ellington, Count Basie and Benny Goodman. Nonetheless, he's glad to see people back on their feet dancing to the timeless works of the legendary Big Band leaders along with new tunes by Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra trombonist Wycliffe Gordon and others.

"People have the tendency to think bebop brought about the end of swing dance," said Whitaker. "What a lot of people don't realize is that it was rock 'n roll. People stopped dancing to jazz and started dancing to rock 'n roll."

Whitaker thinks the rebirth of swing and jazz is a good thing. A professional jazz musician since age 17, Whitaker has performed with everyone from Branford Marsalis, Joe Henderson, Joshua Redman, Stanley Turrentine, and Kenny Garrett to Marcus Belgrave and Alma Smith. He joined the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra in August of 1996 at the request of artistic director Wynton Marsalis. Whitaker had run into Marsalis in New York shortly after his *Children of the Light* album came out. He had recorded with Marsalis a few years before. Now Whitaker was asking the legendary jazz trumpeter to play on his next album *Hidden Kingdom*. Whitaker has appeared on more then 70 recordings. *Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow*, his fourth album as a leader, will be released in May. The title is taken from a poem by Khalil Gibran.

"Sometimes we try to possess life instead of living life," said Whitaker. "You have to embrace life and live it while you can. This is my coming of age album."

Early years

Bass wasn't Whitaker's first love. He began playing violin in fourth grade and "fell in love with it" but eventually switched to bass at the suggestion of his teacher Hosea Taylor at Remus-Robinson Junior High in Detroit. The only child in a family of eight to become a musician, Whitaker now is passing on his love of music not only to his five children but others as well.

Whitaker was in town in February to perform with the Lincoln Center Jazz Sextet which served a week-long residency in conjunction with the University Musical Society in Ann Arbor. Whitaker gave several master classes in Detroit-area schools and narrated a program broadcast by Wayne RESA to students in Wayne, Oakland and several other counties around the state of Michigan.

Education

Whitaker believes educating young people about jazz is one of the most important things he can do. Since September, he's been coaching students in the Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra's jazz band. Whitaker played with the civic orchestra from age 15.

"That organization has a lot to do with me being a professional musician," said Whitaker, a jazz studies professor at Michigan State University since 1995. Whitaker formerly taught at the University of Michigan. "They paid for my lessons through high school so I'm just giving back. It's great to be able to inspire these kids and it's inspiring to see someone inspired by your words. And I'm learning a lot about teaching and patience."

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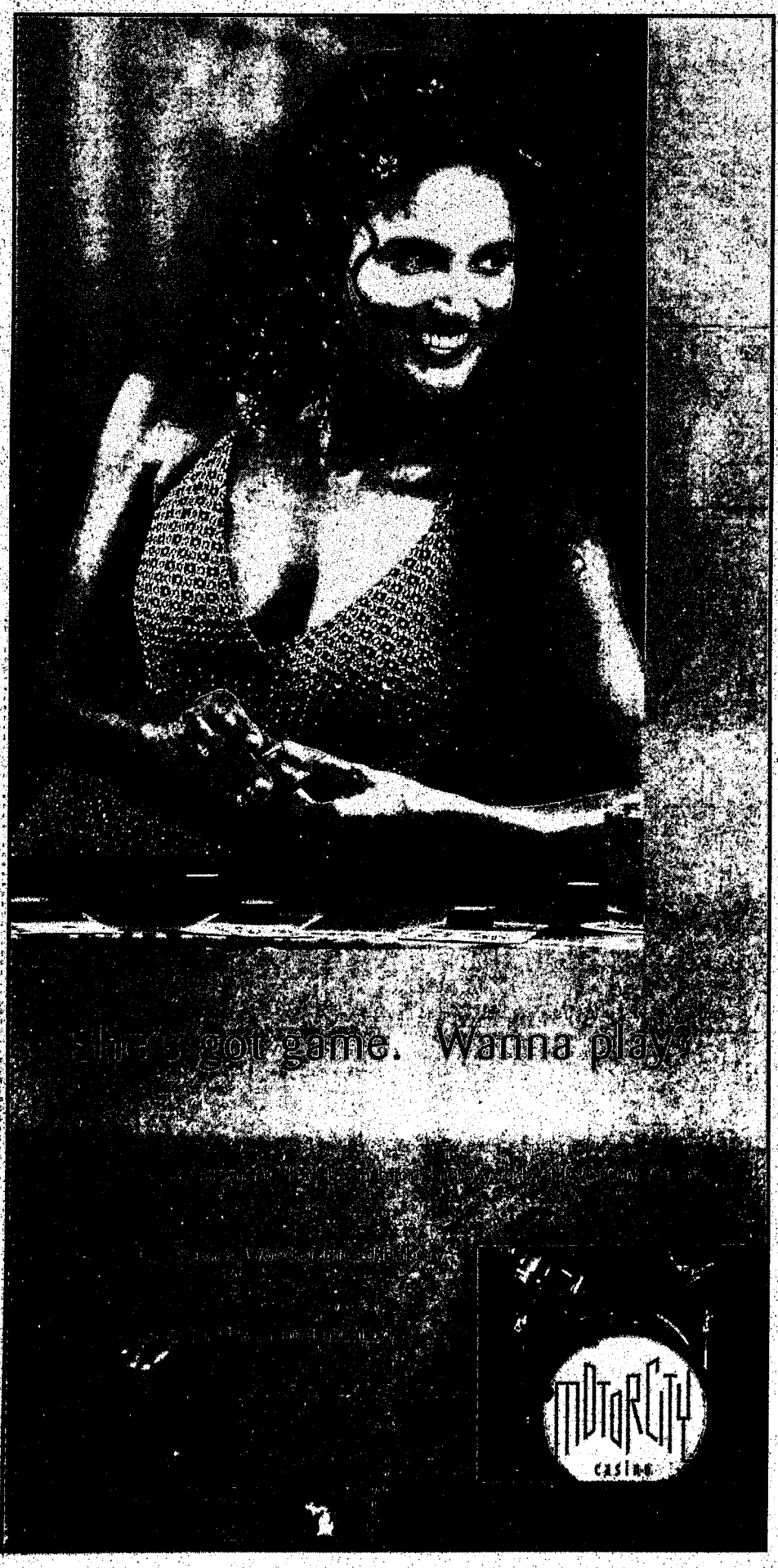
local actors, including Christopher Howe and Angel Maclean of Rochester Hills; Kate Willinger Manfredi of Auburn Hills and Denise McCauley of Bloomfield Hills.

Meadow Brook recently announced the lineup of plays for its 2000-2001 season.

Next season's schedule includes:

- *Dancing at Lughnasa* — Sept. 13-Oct. 8
- *The Diary of Anne Frank* — Oct. 18-Nov. 12
- *A Christmas Carol* — Nov. 25-Dec. 24
- *The Lion in Winter* — Jan. 10-Feb. 4
- *Killing Time* — Feb. 14-March 11
- *The Crucible* — March 21-April 5
- *Little Shop of Horrors* — April 25-May 20

– Frank Provenzano, Staff Writer





Suspended visions

Sculptor creates new worlds of expression from glass

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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The properties of glass mesmerized Richard Ritter from the first time he used the material at the Society of Arts & Crafts more than 30 years ago. Today, Ritter is one of the leading artists in the contemporary studio-glass movement.

Just gazing into one of his sculptures, it's easy to understand why the Alfred Berkowitz Gallery at the University of Michigan-Dearborn is celebrating the work of the internationally-recognized glass artist with an exhibit that continues through the end of the month.

Ritter opens windows to another world. Sea-like forms swim amidst layers upon layers of glass. Flowers and butterflies seem suspended in time inside these crystal mini-universes.

The sculptures, vessels, paperweights and wall pieces in *Suspended Expressions: Visions in Glass* span nearly 30 years of Ritter's career including his first attempt at blowing a green glass bottle at the Society of Arts & Crafts (now the Center for Creative Studies).

Back in the days when Ritter helped department founder Gil Johnson build the first furnace at the Detroit school, students used scrap glass to create vessels and goblets. Gallery curator Joseph Marks' selection of 71 pieces from public and private collections document Ritter's pursuit of his passion since that time.

Collectors

In addition to five pieces from the university's permanent collection, work was lent to the show by Jack and Aviva Robinson, Stuart and Maxine Frankel and Norman and Susan Pappas, Bloomfield Hills; Hugh and Carolyn Greenberg and Byron and Dorothy Gerson, Franklin; William and Electra Stamelos and Peter and Zoe Kokenakes, Livonia; Sophia Pearlstein, Southfield; and glass artist Fred Birkhill, Pinckney.

"Glass is such a seductive material," said Ritter in a phone interview from his studio in North Carolina. "Glass is a liquid and flowing. I like that idea. I think of it as doing a painting."

Ritter developed an interest in glass teaching metal-working and advertising design at Center for Creative Studies but the three years he spent starting the glass blowing program at the Bloomfield Art Association (now the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center) allowed him to learn the finer points of creating works from hot glass. At the time, he was living in Birmingham and teaching metal-smithing at the BBAC where he served as artist-in-residence from 1969-1972.

Reflections

"Back then there were only a handful of us working in glass," Ritter said. "Society of Arts & Crafts was the first school in Michigan to start a program. We were the second. Initially, I wanted to combine glass with jewelry."

Before long Ritter was not only making his own glass and color (something he learned at Society of Arts & Crafts), but developing the style for which he's become known. Murrini sprinkled throughout the interior signify it's a "Ritter."

Unlike bronzes viewed from the exterior, Ritter's sculpture lures viewers into the heart of the piece with imagery.

Ritter began layering crystal to incorporate murrini in sculpture after the vessel form left him cold. A time-consuming process, murrini is formed by stacking colored glass canes into a distinctive pattern inside a ceramic ring which is later sliced like a cookie. The family portrait of his mother, father and sister on a 1976 vessel took dozens of hours to complete.

Suspended Expressions: Visions In Glass

What: The works of Richard Ritter selected from public and private collections

When: Through Sunday, April 30.

Where: Alfred Berkowitz Gallery, University of Michigan-Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen, Dearborn; (313) 593-5400 or (313) 593-5087

"What attracted me to the murrini is that I can do these images that I can't do any other way," said Ritter. "The technique for murrini or cane imagery goes back to Egyptian times."

Murrini, popularized by 19th century Italian glass artists such as Franchini, came naturally to Ritter since he began his career as a graphic illustrator for a Detroit advertising firm. Those six years and several painting and sculpture classes at CCS prepared Ritter to turn hot glass into fine art.

Eventually, Ritter left Michigan to take a class with Mark Peiser at Penland School of Crafts in North Carolina. After studying with Peiser and Richard Marquis, Ritter became artist-in-residence for the next seven years. He's continued to teach glass at Penland since 1972.

"Since I liked pattern and line, it lent itself to that medium," said Ritter. "Initially I was decorating the exteriors with murrini and felt like I was putting cookies on the side of vessels. While the pieces take one day, the imagery takes over a month. Sometimes they're very personal images. Others are caricatures."

New works

Among the newest works are the Mandala bowl form. Ritter suspends lyrical strokes of green, yellow, white and red within the blown vessel.

A 1983 pocket vessel with simple interior of swirling brown canes is engulfed in translucent topaz glass. A black and white sandblasted vessel lent by Sosin is dramatic. Etching and electroforming copper onto the surfaces of some of the newer pieces adds another dimension to the work which curator Marks has followed for some time.

Marks was responsible for curating a 20-year retrospective of the glass artist's work 10 years ago at U-M Dearborn. He's not surprised that Center for Creative Studies is bestowing an honorary doctorate degree on the artist in May.

"Ritter creates entire worlds within glass," Marks said. "His work looks like a painting. I like the painterliness and the color. But what fascinates me is how were these done — how did he do that?"

Don Miller agrees the process is fascinating. A beadmaking instructor at U-M Dearborn, Miller took a workshop with Ritter at Penland.

"It's an interesting process to watch," Miller said. "Richard's work is technically intricate."

'Jazzy' describes recent church visit

BY HARRY KNITTER
SPECIAL WRITER

There was a time when we would go to church for church music and to smoky, dimly-lit nightclubs for intimate jazz offerings.

But on a recent Sunday evening, there was something unusual about the altar setting at Birmingham's First Baptist Church and something unique about the music being produced in the pastoral setting that typically focuses on the minister and his church choir.

The acoustically excellent First Baptist Church is located at the corner of Willits and Bates in downtown Birmingham.

The altar furnishings included a grand piano, a string bass, and a set of drums...all necessary ingredients of the sixth of this season's "B'Jazz Vespers" series of free concerts by notable Michigan jazz groups. The featured artists this particular week were Sunny Wilkinson and The Sisters of Jazz.

Wilkinson, a versatile and spirited singer who made a name for herself in Los Angeles and then a home for herself in East Lansing, performed a potpourri of audience-pleasing favorites ranging from Fats Waller's Honeysuckle Rose to an original composition titled Do You Understand? With a pleasantly sultry voice reminiscent of the Sergio Mendes genre of smooth jazz, Sunny treated the audience to two Brazilian pieces, including a Jobim composition perfect for her free-flowing style.

Wilkinson displays a June Christy-like quality in her voice and allows it to roam through the octaves without inhibitions or structured detours from the melodic routes she has chosen to explore. She has a natural way with jazz melodies that suggest little strain or extra effort is necessary to achieve the sounds that are so pleasing to the audience.

The ensemble playing behind her demonstrated substantial talent and solid jazz experience. It included Marion Hayden on bass, Ellen Rowe on piano, and Gayelynne McKinney on drums.

They are all active players in a new movement born in Sunny's kitchen in East Lansing five years ago. Their idea is to discover young female jazz singers and musicians and mentor them to create a new generation of Ella's, Sarah's and Carmen's.

So far, Wilkinson said, the movement has taken root in the U.S, Canada and the western half of Australia. She began her jazz experiences playing the trombone.

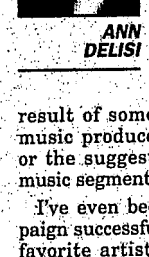
Why the instrument that has traditionally been played by males? Because she has long arms, the audience was informed.

The B'Jazz Vespers series continues on May 21 with Heidi Hepler and Michele Ramo.

This is a series that can be easily overlooked, but shouldn't be.

Diversity of talent key to show's existence

BACKSTAGE PASS



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As host of Detroit Public TV's BACKSTAGE PASS series, I'm often asked how the performers are selected to appear on the program.

The truth is there is no consistent formula that is used. It might be the result of some scouting by our music producer Ron Pangborn, or the suggestion of one of our music segment hosts.

I've even been known to campaign successfully for some of my favorite artists. With so many worthy bands and musicians to choose from, the final decision is never easy.

Standouts

During the month of April, BACKSTAGE PASS has featured in-studio performances by such standouts as Al Jarreau, Robert Bradley's Blackwater Surprise, and Marshall Crenshaw. In addition to tremendous talent, each had something special to offer.

Jarreau is coming off a hiatus from the recording industry and has released a new album. But mostly, he's Al Jarreau, and if you have a chance to book him you take it.

Bradley's Blackwater Surprise was making a return visit to the program after an astonishingly successful year for the Detroit-based rhythm and blues band. We were able to feature music from a new album, and also showcase a group that will be among the headliners at the Detroit Music Awards.

The appearance by Berkley native Crenshaw, which you can still catch on Detroit Public TV 5:30 p.m. Thursday or 1 a.m. Friday, was special to me for several reasons.

His music is outstanding, of course. It was an important acknowledgement of a gifted, homegrown artist, who contributed much to the national music scene at a time when there were few performers emerging from Detroit.

What made it especially memorable was the purpose for the Berkley High graduate's return to our area. Crenshaw was the top name on the marquee for the Stewart Francke Leukemia Foundation benefit concert at the Royal Oak Music Theatre.

Local bands

Although we've featured big names in jazz (Jarreau), blues (Bradley), and pop/rock (Crenshaw), lesser known local bands also had an opportunity this month.

Perhaps you caught the outrageous performance by Stunning Amazon last week, or are looking forward to the Atomic Numbers this Sunday at 7:30 p.m. Maybe the classical piano playing of Joel Hastings presented this week or the classical guitar and flute of the Dearing Concert Duo on this Sunday's show is more to your taste.

The criteria for selecting the music performers for Detroit Public TV's BACKSTAGE PASS? I don't know where it ends, but it starts with talent and diversity. Let us know what you'd like to see by checking out our web site at www.backstagepass.org.







8 days a week

A Guide to entertainment in the Metro Detroit area

THEATER

CENTURY THEATRE: "Always...Patsy Cline" continues to Aug. 27, at the theater, Detroit. $24.50-$34.50. (313) 963-9800/(248) 645-6666

FISHER THEATRE: "Cabaret" continues to Sunday, May 14, at the theater, Detroit. $35-$65. (248) 645-6666

GEM THEATRE: "Escanaba in da Moonlight," a comedy by Jeff Daniels, through June 25, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesday, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, 33 Madison Ave., Detroit. $24.50-$34.50. (313) 963-9800

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE: "Crimes of the Heart" continues to Sunday, May 14, at the theater, Rochester. $24-$35. (248) 377-3300

MUSIC HALL: "Perilous Times" 8 p.m. Friday, April 21, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, April 22, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 23, at the Center for the Performing Arts, Detroit. $21.50-$30. (313) 963-2366

PLANET ANT THEATRE: "555-1212," an original comedy starring Nancy Hayden and Michelle Murphy opens 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 20-21 and runs through Sunday, April 30, at the theater, Hamtramck. (313) 365-4948

COLLEGE

WSU HILBERRY: "The Marriage of Figaro" runs in rotating repertory to Saturday, May 20; "Five by Tenn" continues to May 6, at the theater, Detroit. $11-$18. (313) 577-2972

WSU STUDIO: "All in the Timing," David Ives six one-act comedies, Thursday-Saturday, April 20-29, at the theater, Detroit. $6-$8. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATER

JACK-IN-THE-BOX: "The Butler Did It," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 28-29 and May 5-6, and 7 p.m. Sunday, May 7, at the University of Michigan Dearborn School of Management Building, Auditorium B. $10 at door, $9 advance, seniors/students $8 at door, $7 advance. (734) 797-JACK

ROSEDALE COMMUNITY PLAYERS: "Guys and Dolls," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 28-29; 2 p.m. Sunday, April 30 andy May 7; 8 p.m. Saturday, May 6; and 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 12-13, Upstage Theater, 21728 Grand River, Old Redford area of Detroit. $13. (313) 537-7716 or (313) 532-4010.

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE: "The Trial of God" continues to Sunday, April 30, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, Livonia. $8-10 Friday-Saturday, $5 Sunday. (734) 464-6302

DINNER THEATER

BACI THEATRE: "Flanagan's Wake," 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. Tickets ($25 Thursday and Sunday, and $30 Friday-Saturday); and "Tony n' Tina's Wedding," 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 4:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Pontiac. (248) 645-6666

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

MARQUIS THEATRE: "The Pied Piper of Hamelin," 2:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, through April 30, and 2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, April 24-28, at the theater, Northville. $7.50. (248) 349-8110

PUPPETART: Celebrates Puppetry Month with guest artists, 2 p.m. Saturday, April 22, at the Detroit Puppet Theater, 25 E. Grand River. $7, $5 children. (313) 961-7777

TEDD E. BEAR PRODUCTIONS: Nancy Gurwin presents "Broadway Kids 2000," a new musical review, 2 p.m. Sunday, April 30 and May 7 and 14, Aaron DeRoy Studio Theatre at the Jewish Community Center, West Bloomfield. $10, $9 seniors, $8 children. (248) 352-7172/(248) 354-0545

OPERA

EVGENIJ DMITRIEV: The Russian baritone performs 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 25 at the Detroit Public Library's Main Building. Free, but reservations required. (313) 833-4042



Ice show: *Champions on Ice dancers Jerod Swallow and Elizabeth Punsalan of Birmingham are among the skaters performing 8 p.m. Saturday, April 22, in the John Hancock Champions on Ice Summer 2000 Tour at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit. The show also features 1976 Olympic gold medalist Dorothy Hamill and 1988 Olympic gold medalist Brian Boitano; the 1999 world dance champions and five-time U.S. dance champions. Tickets are $25 to $55 at all TicketMaster outlets and at the Joe Louis and Fox Theatre box offices. Call (248) 645-6666 to charge tickets.*

MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE: Der Rosenkavalier, an opera by Richard Strauss continues to Sunday, April 30, performance times 2 p.m. Sunday, April 30; 8 p.m. Saturday, April 22, Detroit Opera House, tickets $18-$98. (313) 237-3429/(248) 645-6666

JESSYE NORMAN: 5 p.m. Saturday, April 29, at the Detroit Opera House. $30-$250. (248) 645-6666

FREDERICA VON STADE: 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, at the Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, Ann Arbor. $50, $35. (734) 764-2538

SPECIAL EVENTS

BLUES CLUES LIVE: Join Blue, Steve and friends on a quest for the most spectacular place, 10 performances, times vary, Wednesday, May 3-7, Fox Theatre, Detroit. $14.50-$25.50, includes notebook and crayon. (248) 433-1515

DETROIT WALK OF STARS: 6 p.m. Thursday, April 20, at Masonic Temple, Detroit. $10, $50 VIP reception. (248) 948-9854

KING OF KINGS: An Easter musical presented by the Celebration Choir, Hosanna Choir and Drama Ministry, 8 p.m. Good Friday, April 21, at Calvary Baptist Church, Canton. (734) 455-0022

POLETOWN PILGRIMAGE: 5 p.m. Thursday, April 20, begins with mass and dinner at St. Hyacinth Parish. $28. (810) 772-2378/(248) 683-0518

BENEFITS

GILDA'S BIG NIGHT OUT II: Honors two women who helped open the doors of Gilda's Club Metro Detroit – Alyce Faye and Linda Kozlowski, Wednesday, May 3 at Temple Beth El in Bloomfield Hills. Event features a performance by comedian Jeffrey Ross, silent auction and strolling supper. Gene Taylor of Oldies 104.3 WOMC will emcee. (248) 577-0800.

CLASSICAL

CRANBROOK MUSIC GUILD: Colin J. Meek performs on violoncello, 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, in the Library of Cranbrook House, Bloomfield Hills. $25, $15 students. (810) 751-2435

DETROIT CHAMBER WINDS & STRINGS: 4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 30, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe. $18-$22. (248) 326-9329

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: All Mozart concert conducted by Carlos Kalmar; Donald Baker, oboe, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 27-28, 10:45 a.m. Friday, April 28, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 29, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. $14-$66. (313) 576-5111

NON SEQUITUR: With Tim McAllister debuting new saxophone concerto, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 27, at the Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. $15. (734) 769-2999

POPS/ SWING

JIM PARAVANTES & COMPANY: 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday through May, at Andiamo Italia West, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300

AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

HIP HOP DANCER: Needed for featured solo in June 11-6 performances. (248) 666-1971

MICHIGAN THEATER AND DANCE TROUPE: Open auditions for dancers age 16 and older. (248) 552-5001

STAGECRAFTERS: Auditions for "Sylvia" 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, April 24-25 (registration at 6:30 p.m.), at Baldwin Theatre, Royal Oak. For performances June 16-25. (248) 541-4832

SUMMER SYMPHONY OF ANN ARBOR: Auditions began Saturday, April 19 and run for three weekends at Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti. For six performances of three programs scheduled May 18 to Aug. 6. To receive an audition packet, call (734) 741-9418, general orchestra information, (734) 677-4831

TONY 'N TINA'S WEDDING: Auditions for female keyboardist/pianist who also sings, to hire as a substitute/understudy for performances at the Baci Theatre, 4-6 shows a week, Thursday-Sunday, also bass player needed for full-time. (248) 253-8843

VSA ARTS: The Southeast Michigan region committee of VSA Arts (formerly known as Very Special Arts) is looking for children and adult performers with physical and mental challenges to take part in their festival Friday-Saturday, May 5-6 at Wonderland Mall in Livonia, special needs school/community groups and solo acts from the metro Detroit area will display their dance, vocal and instrumental music achievements at the festival. Call Connie Lott at Far Conservatory (248) 646-3347. A $500 scholarship is also available to assist a person (ages 13 and up, including seniors living in Wayne, Oakland, Washtenaw, Monroe, Macomb, Livingston, Lenawee or Jackson County) with a disability who wants to further their creative talent in the visual, performing or literary arts. Deadline for application is Sunday, April 16. The scholarship must be used for independent work and not a student group project. Call (248) 543-9158

JAZZ

GEM JAZZ TRIO: Performs 7-11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at the Century Club Restaurant, Detroit. (313) 963-9800

LINCOLN CENTER JAZZ ORCHESTRA: With Wynton Marsalis perform music for dancing, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 22, free swing dance lesson begins at 6:30 p.m., ticket required for entry, at Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center, Ypsilanti. $25. (734) 764-2538

MATT MICHAELS TRIO: With vocalist Judie Cochill, 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 26, at Ron's Fireside Inn, Garden City. $5 cover in Jazz Room, waived with dinner order, $5 drink minimum. (734) 762-7756

URSULA WALKER/BUDDY BUDSON: With Dan Kolton, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, at Giovanni's, Pontiac. (248) 334-5241

DANCE

BURN THE FLOOR: Dance revue featuring 44 of the world's top ballroom dancers and dances such as the tango, cha cha cha and lindy hop, 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 25-Saturday, April 29; 2 p.m. Saturday, April 29; 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, April 30, at the Fox Theatre, Detroit. $10-60. (313) 983-6611/(248) 433-1515

FULL CIRCLE DANCE COMPANY: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 28-29, at Adray Auditorium, MacKenzie Fine Arts Building, Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn. $8, $6 students/seniors. (313) 845-6314

TANGO AND FOLKLORE ARGENTINO: Featuring Ballet Los Pampas with special guests Hugo Daniel Gonzalez and Silvia Cespedes, and Pampa Cortez and Ana Valeria, 8 p.m. Friday, April 28, in Pease Auditorium, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti ($40, $45 students); 6 p.m. Saturday, April 29, at Royal Oak Music Theater $40, $50 VIP tickets), and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 30, at the Capitol Theatre and Arts Centre, Windsor ($40 U.S., $50 Canadian, $70 VIP ticket includes afterglow). (313) 561-3236/(313) 565-3329

COMEDY

CLUB BART: Open Mic Ladies Night featuring comedienes from the metro Detroit area, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 27, at the club, Ferndale. $2 cover. (248) 548-8746

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB: J. Medicine Hat, also Rich Higginbottom, Thursday-Saturday, April 20-22, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, Livonia. 8 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday. Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sunday ($5). (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S: Darwin Hines, Thursday-Sunday, April 20-23, at the club, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE: Kevin Naughton, Thursday-Saturday, April 20-22, at the club, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900

SECOND CITY: "Paradigm Lost" 8 p.m. Wednesday–Sunday; additional shows 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday at 10:30 p.m. The 10:30 p.m. shows, and 8 p.m. shows Wednesday-Thursday, and Sunday, are followed by an improv set at no additional cost. $10, Wednesday-Thursday, and Sunday; $17.50 Friday, $19.50 on Saturday. (313) 965-2222, (248) 645-6666 or online at www.ticketmaster.com

SINBAD: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 15, at the Fox Theatre, Detroit. $27.50, $35. (248) 433-1515

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

ANN ARBOR HANDS-ON MUSEUM: WalkWorks, a self-directed exploration of the exhibit galleries that invites families and young visitors to become Super Sleuths; the museum offers more than 250 interactive exhibits intended to make science fun, at the museum, Ann Arbor. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. $6, $4 children/seniors/students. (734) 995-5439

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM: "On the Air! Michigan Radio & Television Broadcasting 1920-2000" exhibit continues through Sunday, April 30, at the museum, Detroit. Museum hours a 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; $3, $1.50 seniors/children ages 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER: IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest," "Thrill Ride: The Science of Fun," "Whales," "Mysteries of Egypt" and "Everest," at the center, Detroit. Admission to Exhibit Hall is $3 for adults, $2 for children ages 3-15 and adults ages 60 and older, free for children ages 2 and younger. IMAX films are additional $4. (313) 577-8400

DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM: Visit the newest exhibition "Folk Art of the Great Lakes" or "Racing on the Wind: Sailing on the Great Lakes," also a temporary exhibit on the construction and launch of the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald, at the museum on Belle Isle, Detroit. Regular admission $2, $1 seniors/children ages 12-18 during the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. (313) 852-4051

HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE: at the museum in Dearborn. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. $12.50, $11.50 seniors, $7.50 kids 5-12, members and children under 5 free. (313) 271-1620

MEADOW BROOK HALL: Tours of the 110-room historic mansion built by Matilda Dodge Wilson, widow of auto pioneer John Dodge and her second husband Alfred G. Wilson, 1:30 p.m. daily and 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Oakland University campus, Rochester. $8, $6 seniors, $4 children ages 5-12. (248) 370-3140

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM: New exhibit, "American Vacations & Leisure," continues through August, 7:30 p.m. at the museum, Plymouth. $3, $1 students, $7 family. (734) 455-8940

SPIRIT OF FORD: Environmental Celebration continues through April at the interactive automotive science and technology experience with exhibits and theaters for all ages, Electric Ranger test drives on weekends, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, across from Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, Dearborn. $6, $5 seniors, $4 ages 5-12. (313) 317-7474

LIVE MUSIC

ALBERTA ADAMS: 7 p.m. Saturday, April 22, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800.

THE ALLIGATORS: 9:30 p.m. Saturday, April 22, Lowertown Grill, Plymouth. Cover. 21 and over. (734) 451-1213; 9:30 p.m. Chevy Cola, Warren; 3rd Annual Blues Benefit for the Michigan Lupus Foundation, with Mudpuppy featuring Paul Randolph and Alberta Adams And Joe Weaver with RJ Spanglers All Stars, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 30, Magic Bag, Ferndale. (248) 544-3030.

APHASIC PRESS PARTY: With DJs Infinityone and Solekorea, 9 p.m. Friday, April 21, Detroit Science. 18 and over. Cover charge. (313) 438-4146.

ARIZING: With Too Many Gods, Pooch, Left, One, 7 p.m. Saturday, April 29, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. $7. (313) 961-MELT.

CHICO BANKS: 10 p.m. Friday, April 21, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, Novi. (248) 735-4011.

JOHNNIE BASSETT AND THE BLUES INSURGENTS: 10 p.m. Thursdays, Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-6368.

BEATING REASON: With Lifethread, 2 Ugly 4 Porn, Saturday, April 29, Griff's Grill, Pontiac. (248) 334-9292.

BENNY AND THE JETS: With Mitch Ryder, Noon-4 p.m. Saturday, April 22, Motown Harley-Davidson, Taylor. $5. (313) 730-1627.

BLACKMAN AND ARNOLD: 10 p.m. Sundays in April, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922.

BLINK-182: With Bad Religion, Fenix TX, 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 9, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $25. (248) 645-6666.

ROBERT BRADLEY'S BLACKWATER SURPRISE: 8 p.m. Saturday, May 20, Magic Bag, Ferndale. $15. (248) 544-3030.

BRAILLEHOUSE: With Shipwreck Union, 10 p.m. Friday, April 21, Jacoby's, Detroit. 18 and over. $5. (313) 962-7067.

BRAINMUTE: Saturday, Paychecks, April 29, Berkley Front, Berkley; Tuesday, May 2, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor.

BRANDED: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 20, Holiday Inn Southgate Heritage Center. Donations to Leukemia Foundation of America appreciated at free show. (313) 875-5925 for details.

THE BREAKDOWNS: With 3D Invisibles, CD release, 9 p.m. Saturday, April 22, Magic Stick, Detroit. $7. 18 and over. (313) 833-9700.

8 days a week

Making contact: Please submit popular music items for publication to Stephanie Casola; all others to Linda Chomin, two weeks in advance to the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150 or by fax (734) 591-7279. Items must include the date, time, venue, admission price and a telephone number.

BROCA'S AREA: With Remainder, 10 p.m. Friday, April 21, Jacoby's, Detroit. 18 and over. $5. (313) 962-7067.

BROTHERS GROOVE: 10 p.m. Mondays, Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-MENU; 9:30 p.m. Friday, April 21, Woodruff's, Royal Oak. (248) 586-1519; 10 p.m. Saturday, April 22, Berkley Front, Berkley. (248) 547-3331.

JIMMY BUFFETT & THE CORAL REEFER BAND: 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 13, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $46 pavilion/ $23.50 lawn. Includes $1 donation to SFC Foundation. (248) 645-6666.

THE CHIEFTAINS AND LOS LOBOS: 8 p.m. Sunday, June 25 at Meadowbrook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. $35 pavilion / $20 lawn. (248) 645-6666.

TERRI CLARK: 8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 27, Meadowbrook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. $15-$30. (248) 645-6666.

COUPLA FAT GUYS: 10 p.m. Friday, April 28, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, Novi. (248) 735-4011.

THE CURE: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 10, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $20-$45. Eight ticket limit per person. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100.

DENNIS CYPORYN: 8 p.m. Friday, April 21, Borders Books and Music, Auburn Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 335-5013.

D'ANGELO: With Mos Def, 8 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 22-23, Fox Theatre, Detroit. $40-47.50. (248) 433-1515.

THORNETTA DAVIS: 10 p.m. Saturday, April 22, Thursday, April 27, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, Novi. (248) 735-4011.

DJ DEADBEAT: With DJ's Ben Wu and Bassick, 9 p.m. Friday, April 21, Detroit Science. 18 and over. Cover charge. (313) 438-4146.

DETROIT ROAD RAGE: 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 21-22, Village Bar, Wayne. (734) 729-2360

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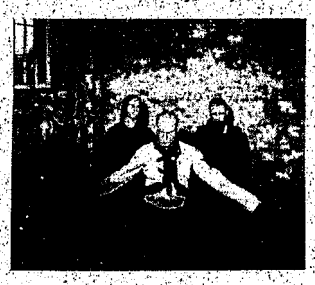

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DOMESTIC PROBLEMS: With Left Undone, Convusions, 9:30 p.m. Friday, April 28, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. $5. (734) 996-8555.

DOMINANT FACTOR: With Free Therapy, Friday, April 21, Griff's Grill, Pontiac. (248) 334-9292.

DONKEY PUNCH: With The Codependents, 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 26, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. $3. (734) 996-8555.

GLEN EDDY: 9 p.m. Friday, April 21, Ford Road Bar and Grill, Westland. Free. 21 and over. (734) 721-8609.

GLENN FREY: 8 p.m. Saturday, July 8, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. $42.50. (248) 645-6666.

FRICTION: With J. Money, Equinox, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 27, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. $4. (734) 996-8555.

GALACTIC: With North Mississippi Allstars, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 20, Magic Bag, Ferndale. $15. (248) 544-3030.

GIRLS AGAINST BOYS: With Enon, 9:30 p.m. Friday, April 21, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. $10. (248) 645-6666.

MICKEY HART BAND: Featuring Vince Welnick, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 18, Michigan Theatre, Ann Arbor. $15-$25. (734) 668-8397.

ROY HAYNES TRIO: Featuring Danilo Perez and John Pattitucci, 8: and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 16-17, Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. $20. (248) 645-6666.

CLAIRE HOLLEY: 8 p.m. Saturday, May 6, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. $10, $8 for theater members. (734) 464-6302.

JOHN LEE HOOKER: With John Hammond and Larry McCray Band, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 27, Michigan Theatre, Ann Arbor. $25-$75. (734) 668-8397.

ICH BIN EIN BERLINER: With PT's Revenge, Gutter Punx, 6 p.m. Friday, April 21, Shelter, Detroit. All ages. $7. (313) 961-MELT.

IMPERIAL SWING ORCHESTRA: 10 p.m. Thursday, April 27, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922.

INDIGO GIRLS: 7 p.m. Saturday, June 17, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $15-$27.50. (248) 645-6666.

JAZZHEAD: 10 p.m. Mondays in April, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922.

JGB: Featuring members of Jerry Garcia Band, 9 p.m. Friday, April 21, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. $15. (313) 833-9700.

JETTISON RED: With The Ottomans, 10 p.m. Friday, April 21, Jacoby's, Detroit. 18 and over. $5. (313) 962-7067.

MIA JOHNSON AND HOAGY: 8 p.m. Friday, April 26, Borders Books and Music, Auburn Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 335-5013.

JUDGE: 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 27, I-Rock Nightclub. Free. (313) 881-ROCK.

MARVIN KAHN AND KEITH VREELAND: 7 p.m. Thursdays in April, Le Metro, Southfield. (248) 353-2757 (jazz duo).

BB KING BLUES FEST: 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. (248) 645-6666.

KING SUNNY ADE & HIS AFRICAN BEATS: 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. $20. (313) 833-9700.

KISS FAREWELL TOUR: With Ted Nugent and Skid Row, 7 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, May 24-25, The Palace, Auburn Hills. $75, $25. (248) 645-6666.

KNEE DEEP SHAG: With Carl Black Fiasco, Heavy Weather, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 22, Magic Bag, Ferndale. $6. (248) 544-3030.

ALISON KRAUSS & UNION STATION: 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, Meadowbrook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. $12.50-$24.50. (248) 645-6666.

CHANTAL KREVIAZUK: 8 p.m. Thursday, May 11, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. (313) 833-9700.

SHEILA LANDIS AND RICK MATLE: 9:15 p.m. Saturday, April 22, Woodruff's Supper Club, Royal Oak. (248) 586-1519; 1 p.m. Sunday, April 30, Lily's Seafood, Royal Oak. (248) 591-5459.

KD LANG: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 22, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $20-$35. (248) 645-6666.

ANNBJORG LIEN: With Vasen, JPP, Wednesday, April 26, The Ark, Ann Arbor.

MR. LEN: Tuesday, May 16, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. (248) 645-6666.

LONESTAR: 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 1, Meadowbrook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. $15.50-$32.50. (248) 645-6666.

LOOSE STOOLS: With Pork Barrell Salamander, Saturday, April 22, Griff's Grill, Pontiac. (248) 334-9292.

LOST HIGHWAY: 9 p.m. Saturday, April 22, 29, Nankin Mill Tavern, Westland. Free. (734) 427-0622.

THE LOVEMASTERS: With Agent 009, Kill Switch, 10 p.m. Friday, April 21, Jacoby's, Detroit. 18 and over. $5. (313) 962-7067.

TARA MAC LEAN: With Verbow, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 27, Mill Street Lounge, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. All ages. $8. (313) 961-MELT.

MAD PROFESSOR AND MACKA B: 9 p.m. Thursday, May 27, Magic Stick, Detroit. $15. (248) 645-6666.

MAGNETIC FIELDS: Thursday, May 25, 7th House, Pontiac. (248) 645-6666.

MARAH: 8 p.m. Thursday, April 20, The Shelter, Detroit. $6. All ages. (313) 961-MELT.

DJ MARK E.P. OF PARADIME: 10 p.m. Wednesdays, Innisfree Irish Pub, Garden City. (734) 425-2434.

DJ MARQUIS: 9 p.m. Thursdays, Detroit Science. "The Lab." 18 and older, $10-$15 cover. Ladies free. (313) 438-4146.

RICKY MARTIN: 8 p.m. Friday, June 30, The Palace of Auburn Hills. $45-85. (248) 645-6666.

DAVE MATTHEWS BAND: With Ben Harper and the Innocent Criminals, 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 5, Comerica Park, Detroit. $46.50. (248) 645-6666.

STONEY MAZAAR AND THE WEST-SIDERS: 7 p.m. Friday, April 21, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800.

MAZE: With K-Ci and Jo Jo, Time tba, Sunday, July 23, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. (248) 645-6666.

MARTINA MCBRIDE: 8 p.m. Saturday, July 1, Meadowbrook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. $22.50-$33.50. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100.

EDWIN MCCAIN: With Pete Riley 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 3, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. $15. All ages. (313) 961-MELT.

PAT MCGEE BAND: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 27, The Ark, Ann Arbor. $10. (248) 645-6666.

M80S: 8 p.m. Friday, April 21, Magic Bag, Ferndale. $6. (248) 544-3030.

MEDESKI, MARTIN AND WOOD: 8 p.m. Sunday, May 14, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. $22.50. (248) 645-6666.

BRAD MEHLDAU TRIO: 7:30, 10 p.m. Thursday, May 4, Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. $15. (734) 662-8310.

METROPOIX: With Aunt Ralph's Recipe, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 20, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. $4. (734) 996-8555.

MOEN ALONE: 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, Hamlin Pub North, Lake Orion. (248) 814-8109; 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 20, Hennessey's, Wixom. (248) 348-4404; 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 22 and 29, Lakeview Bar and Grill, Novi. (248) 624-2800.

MONK: Featuring Ric Hordinski, 8



p.m. Friday, May 5, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. $10, $8 theater members. (734) 464-6302.

ZAK MORGAN: 2 p.m. Saturday, May 20, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. $8 theater members, $10. (734) 464-6302 (for children of all ages).

MOXY FRUVOUS: 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 20, Magic Bag, Ferndale. $15. (248) 544-3030.

MR. BUBBLES: 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 21-22, 28-29, Deer Lake Inn, Clarkston. Free. 21 and over. (248) 625-7788.

NAS: With Black Rob, Sole, 3-6 Mafia, Hypnotized Mind and 812, Time to be announced, Friday, May 5, The Palace of Auburn Hills. $35. (248) 645-6666.

NICKELODEON'S ALL THAT TOUR: With Ifo, Bewitch'd and Blaque, Sunday, Aug. 6, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $18.50-$28.50. (248) 645-6666.

NOBODY'S BUSINESS: Hosts Rockabilly Jam Sessions, Thursdays at The New Way Bar, Ferndale. (248) 541-9870.

N'SYNC: No Strings Attached Tour, Tuesday, July 18, Pontiac Silverdome. $49.75. (248) 645-6666.

OPENING ACT CONTEST FINALS: 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 23, Meadowbrook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. See the hottest local bands. Free admission and parking.

CLUB CIRCUIT

ALVIN'S: 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. 18 and older welcome. (313) 832-2355 or www.alvins.xtcom.com
ARBOR BREWING COMPANY: 114 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 213-1393 or www.arborbrewing.com
THE ARK: 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. (734) 763-8587
ANDIAMO ITALIA WEST: 6676 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300
BEALE STREET BLUES: 8 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac. (248) 334-7900.
BIRD OF PARADISE: 312 Main Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-8310
BLIND PIG: 208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. $3 in advance, $5 at the door. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com
BULLFROG BAR AND GRILL: 15414 Telegraph, Redford. (313) 533-4477
CARBON: Joseph Campau just north of Caniff in Hamtramck. (313) 366-9278
CAVERN CLUB: 210 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 332-9900
CLUTCH CARGO'S/MILL STREET: 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Free before 9 p.m. 21 and older Saturdays; 18 and older Wednesdays. (248) 333-2362 or www.961melt.com
COBO ARENA: 301 Civic Center Drive, Detroit. (313) 983-6616
CONOR O'NEILLS: 318 S. Main, Ann Arbor. Free live entertainment. (734) 665-2968 or www.conoroneills.com
COWLEY'S: 33338 Grand River Avenue, Farmington. (248) 474-5941
THE DECK AND THE FIVE HOLE: 2301 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313) 965-9500
DETROIT SCIENCE: 9 p.m.-5 a.m. Thursday-Saturday, 13090 Inkster Road, Redford. Cover $10 for 21 and over. Cover $15 for 18-20 year olds. No cover for women on Thursdays. (313) 438-4146 or www.detroitsclence.com
EDISON'S: 220 Merrill Street, Birmingham. (248) 645-2150
ELIE'S: 263 Pierce Street, Birmingham. (248) 647-2420
FIFTH AVENUE BILLIARDS: 215 W. Fifth Avenue, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922
FLYING FISH TAVERN: 17600 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hills. (248) 647-7747
FORD ROAD BAR AND GRILL: 35505 Ford Road, Westland. (734) 721-8609
FOX THEATRE: 2211 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313) 983-6611
FOX AND HOUNDS: 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 644-4800
GOLD DOLLAR: 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or www. golddollar.com
GROOVE ROOM: 1815 N. Main St., Royal Oak. Free before 10 p.m. nightly. 21 and older. (248) 589-3344 or www.thegrooveroom.com
HILL AUDITORIUM: 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. (734) 764-2538
JOE LOUIS ARENA: 600 Civic Center Drive, Detroit. (313) 983-6606
JD'S KEY CLUB: 1 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 338-7337.
KARL'S CABIN: 9979 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450
LA BOOM TEEN NIGHTCLUB: Dance night for teens ages 15-19, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, 1172 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. (248) 926-9960
LONELY HEARTS CLUB: 211 E. Washington, Ann Arbor. (734) 913-5506
LOWERTOWN GRILL: 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth. (734) 451-1213
MAGIC BAG: 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale. (248) 544-3030.
MAINSTREET BILLIARDS AND THE ALLEY: Main Street, Rochester. (248) 652-8441
MAJESTIC THEATRE, CAFE AND MAGIC STICK: (313) 833-9700
MEMPHIS SMOKE: 100 S. Main Street, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300
MICHIGAN THEATER: 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 668-8397
MOTOR LOUNGE: 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. (313) 396-0080 or www.motordetroit.com
MR. B'S FARM: 24555 Novi Road, Novi. (248) 349-7038
MUSIC MENU: 511 Monroe, Detroit. (313) 964-MENU
THE PALACE: 2 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills. (248) 377-0100 or www.palacenet.com
PHOENIX PLAZA AMPHITHEATER: 10 N. Water Street, Pontiac
PINE KNOB MUSIC THEATRE: I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com
PURE BAR ROOM: 1500 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 21 and older. Cover charge Friday-Saturday. (313) 471-PURE
ROCHESTER MILLS BEER COMPANY: 400 Water Street, Rochester. (248) 650-5080
THE ROOKIE SPORTS CAFE: 3632 Elizabeth, Wayne. (734) 729-7337
ROYAL OAK MUSIC THEATRE: 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. (248) 546-7610
THE SCARAB CLUB: 217 Farnsworth, Detroit. (313) 831-1250
ST. ANDREW'S/THE SHELTER: 431 E. Congress, Detroit. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com
7TH HOUSE: 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 335-3540
STATE THEATRE: 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and over. (313) 961-5451 or www.statetheater.com
24 KARAT CLUB: 28949 Joy, Westland. 21 and older. (734) 513-5030
313.JAC: Upstairs from Jacoby's, 624 Brush, Detroit. (313) 962-7067
TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE: 38840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. Discount for members. (734) 464-6302.
U.S. 12 BAR AND GRILL/WAYNE BREWERY: 34824 Michigan Ave. West, Wayne. (734) 722-7639
VELVET LOUNGE: 29 S. Saginaw St., Pontiac. (248) 334-7411
VILLAGE BAR AND GRILL/BEENY'S CUE & BREW: 35234 Michigan Ave. West, Wayne. (734) 729-2360
WAGON WHEEL TAVERN: 102 S. Broadway, Lake Orion. (248) 693-6789
WOODRUFF'S SUPPER CLUB: 212 W. Sixth Street, Royal Oak. (248) 586-1519
XHEDOS CAFE: Sista Otis performs 8-10 p.m. Sundays at the club, 240 West Nine Mile, Ferndale. All ages. Free. (248) 399-3946
ZIM'S IRISH TAVERN: 1350 Lapeer Road, Oxford. (248) 969-9467

ORCHESTRA MORPHINE: Featuring former members of Morphine, with Airplane Man, 6 p.m. Thursday, May 4, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. $15-$18. All ages. (313) 961-MELT.

ORIGINAL P: Featuring members of Parliament Funkadelic, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 20, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. $20. (248) 645-6666.

OZZFEST 200: Featuring Ozzy Osbourne, Pantera, Godsmack, Static X, Incubus, Methods of Mahem, POD, Queens of the Stoneage and Crazytown, 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 12, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $50.25, with donation to Lifebeat Charity. (248) 645-6666.

MARTY WILSON-PIPER: 9 p.m. Saturday, April 22, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. 18 and older. $15. (248) 645-6666.

PROJECT LOGIC: Featuring DJ Logic, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 27, Magic Bag, Ferndale. $8. (248) 544-3030.

PUNK-O-RAMA: Featuring Dropkick Murphy's, Bouncing Souls, The Dwarves, The Distillers, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 18, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. $12.50. (248) 645-6666.

DJ'S QUIG AND DARREN REVELL: 10 p.m. Wednesdays in April, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922.

REEFERMEN: 10 p.m. Thursday, April 20, Saturday, April 29, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, Novi. (248) 735-4011; Tuesdays in April, Saturday, April 22, Fifth Avenue, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922; 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 27, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450.

REVEREND HORTON HEAT: With Hank Williams III, 8 p.m. Monday, May 1, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. $15 advance/$18 day of show. (248) 645-6666 www.ticketmaster.com.

DUKE ROBILLARD & HERB ELLIS: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 10, The Ark, Ann Arbor. $25. (248) 645-6666.

DIANA ROSS AND THE SUPREMES: "Return to Love" 8 p.m. Monday, June 19, The Palace, Auburn Hills. $39.50-$125. (248) 645-6666.

TODD RUNDGREN: 8 p.m. Monday, July 3, Meadowbrook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. Ticket price to be announced.

RUTH'S HAT: With Flashlight, Hoppin' Mad, Caulfield, 5 p.m. Friday, May 5, Shelter, Detroit. All ages. $6. (313) 961-MELT.

SANTANA: With Macy Gray, 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 13, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. Tickets $25.50 lawn and $59.50 pavilion. A 50 cent donation per ticket will be given to the Milagro Foundation. (248) 645-6666.

MERL SAUNDERS & HIS FUNKY FRIENDS: 8 p.m. Friday, April 28, Magic Bag, Ferndale. $15. (248) 544-3030.

BRIAN SETZER ORCHESTRA: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 1, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $15-$27.50. (248) 645-6666.

SHIVAREE: 8 p.m. Thursday, May 4, Magic Bag, Ferndale. $10. (248) 544-3030.

SIX CLIPS: With Deathgirl.com, Atomic Numbers, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, April 22, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. $5. (734) 996-8555.

SLEATER-KINNEY: With Gossip and The Bangs, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 13, The Majestic, Detroit. $10. (248) 645-6666.

SMASHING PUMPKINS: 9 p.m. Saturday, April 22, Michigan State Fairgrounds. $29.50. All ages. (248) 645-6666.

SONIC YOUTH: With Stereolab, 5 p.m. Sunday, June 11, Phoenix Plaza Amphitheater, Pontiac. $23 advance. Anyone holding tickets for Stereolab's postponed Dec. 9, 1999 show may return them to Ticketmaster for a refund. (248) 645-6666.

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MOVIES

'Keeping the Faith' gives twist to classic love story

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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■ 'Keeping The Faith' spins an unusual love triangle in modern day Manhattan.

Imagine it: A drunken priest stumbles into an Irish pub, slumps onto a stool and recounts a journey that begins with his sixth-grade buddies and ends with the love of his life falling for his best friend, a Rabbi.

While it sounds like the premise of a joke, no one has heard this one before. Touchstone Pictures and Spyglass Entertainment's "Keeping The Faith" spins an unusual love triangle in modern day Manhattan. In the directorial debut of Edward Norton ("American History X" and "Fight Club"), the romantic comedy follows three childhood friends – Jake, Brian and Anna – from their carefree days on the basketball courts to careers inside a Roman Catholic Church, a Jewish synagogue and a boardroom.

When 12-year-old Anna must move with her family to California, the three musketeers are split apart. Years later, a sassy and refined Anna returns to the city on business, and manages to charm both of her friends. One look at Anna Riley – portrayed by the always perky Jenna Elfman ("Dharma and Greg") – and Rabbi Jake Schram (Ben Stiller) and Father Brian Finn (Norton) both fall for her.

Set against a backdrop awash with the vibrant lights of the Manhattan cityscape, Anastas Michos, director of photography, creates a place that – while it is so vast – seems only to revolve around the world of the three main characters. Yet the story, written by Stuart Blumberg, traces a congruous subtext of interpersonal relationships between a mother and her son, among two religious congregations, and throughout common perceptions of faith.

Dealing with serious issues of friendship, trust, faith and love, "Keeping The Faith" could've been a weighty film. But Norton and Blumberg kept the laughs coming with a blend of physical comedy, memorable characters and unexpected plot twists.

It's easy to feel for characters like handsome, charismatic Rabbi Jake and Father Brian, whose boyish charm and sensitivity appeals to everyone. Stiller ("There's Something About Mary") seems made for comedic roles, and runs with this opportunity to show off as the confident rabbi. In his duel role, Norton proves himself worthy as a director with a vision that helped bring the film to life, and a character exhibiting all the purity of a trusting man of God.

Known around the city as "The God Squad," and donning black leather, Brian and Jake breathe new life into their respective religions with striking speeches that use everyday pop culture references. Rabbi Jake even goes so far as to bring in a Harlem gospel choir to get his crowd on its feet. While traditional religious leaders cringe, Jake and Brian preside over packed houses and plan to open an interfaith senior center complete with karaoke.

The world they seem to hold in the palms of their holy hands spins upside-down when Anna, now a high-powered executive who's addicted to her cell phone, comes back into their lives. Elfman seems miles from her new-age television persona, Dharma, in the film. As Anna, she transforms into a woman of authority with an undeniable wit and magnetism.

Somewhere between blind dates with overly-eager women in his congregation, Jake and Anna begin a casual affair. Tensions rise as the couple hide their budding romance from Brian and from Jake's mother, Ruth (portrayed brilliantly by Anne Bancroft). Ruth has already disowned one son for marrying a Catholic girl. Jake doesn't want to risk falling out of her favor. But the truth comes out.

Meanwhile Brian begins to question his true faith with each friendly hug and kiss he receives from Anna. He reaches a point where he could envision giving up his life's work for her.



SANTE D'ORAZIO

Faithfully friends: *From left, Ben Stiller, Jenna Elfman and Edward Norton star in "Keeping The Faith," a film that tests the boundaries of friendship and religion.*

He doesn't take the news lightly: "Talk about a bad case of the third wheel," says Brian to Anna. "I feel like I'm on some Aaron Spelling show – Melrose Priest."

What happens will restore everyone's faith in love and life.

"Keeping the Faith" also introduces amusing secondary characters, including Ken Leung, as Don the karaoke salesman.

Hoping into a scene singing to Rick Springfield's hit about jealousy, "Jesse's Girl," Don earns more than a few giggles. Brian George portrays the Indian bartender that Brian confesses his strange tale to, with a steady stream of good-natured humor. Simple sight gags showing Father Brian setting himself on fire with incense lighten the drama.

In the tradition of must-see modern romance classics, like "Sleepless In Seattle," "Keeping The Faith" delights viewers with a realistic, open-minded, open-hearted look at a concept called faith.

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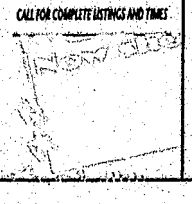

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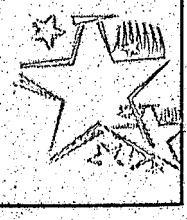

'28 Days' star Bullock tackles addiction with laughter remedy

BY CARRIE COOPER
SPECIAL WRITER

Many people know what it is like to have an addiction to something they can't control. Their addictions come in several different forms such as food, alcohol or drugs. But one thing is consistent, they tend to keep their troubles to themselves. They won't ask for help until it may be too late.

The dark comedy "28 Days," a Columbia Pictures and Tall Trees Production, stars Sandra Bullock, Viggo Mortensen, Dominic West, Diane Ladd, Elizabeth Perkins and Steve Buscemi. It takes an inside look at the consequences of living life in the fast lane.

Director Betty Thomas, producer Jenno Topping, and writer Susannah Grant use an ensemble cast to take a look at life inside a rehabilitation center during the course of "28 Days."

In the film, Gwen Cummings (Sandra Bullock) is a New York writer attracted to life on the wild side. Her life consists of bar hopping and avoiding hangovers with continuous alcohol consumption and pain pills. Jasper (Dominic West of the film "A Midsummer Night's Dream"), is Gwen's drinking partner and partner in general. He's the charming, but bad news boyfriend always there to enhance Gwen's party girl image.

Life is great for Gwen until she ruins her sister Lily's (Elizabeth Perkins) wedding and in a drunken state wrecks the limousine. This earns her a Driving While Under the Influence of Alcohol violation and 28 days in court-ordered rehab.

Not realizing that she has a problem, Gwen is shocked at the treatment she receives. She is not about to follow such rules as cleaning her room, chanting rituals, and emotional therapy sessions with an interesting mix of patients.

K.C. BAILEY

Laugh and cry: *Sandra Bullock stars in "28 Days," a Columbia-TriStar Pictures release in metro area theaters now.*

Gwen becomes very cynical, denies she has a problem, and refuses to conform. Then she meets Counselor Cornell (Steve Buscemi known for "Reservoir Dogs" and "Fargo"). Cornell, having had addiction problems in the past, forces Gwen to take a hard look at who she really is.

The cynicism fades as Gwen looks at her fellow rehab patients and starts to realize she is not alone. But the final straw occurs when she falls out of her window and injures her leg while trying to get the pain pills she threw away.

As Gwen acknowledges her addiction, she finds herself struggling with the past and a mother who drank herself to death. Gwen realizes that she is afraid of ending up like her mother. Never one to ask for help, she finally calls upon her sister.

Bullock is the perfect person to play Gwen. She has that girl next-door image, which goes to show that no matter how nice or sweet a person is they can become an addict. Bullock also has the star power to draw people into the theater to see a movie they might not normally see.

Mortensen and West portrayed the two men in Gwen's life. Mortensen does a fine job as Eddie Boone, the star athlete addicted to sex. He is able to act as a jerk, yet shows us his sensitive side. West's portrayal of Jasper shows he can be the bad boy, yet he is charming and sexy enough to be a likable addition to this cast.

But it is Gerhardt, the German stripper with a cocaine addiction, who steals the show. Alan Tudyk of the film "Wonder Boys," portrays Gerhardt and provides comic relief at just the right times.

Azura Skye, Michael O'Malley and Marianne Jean-Baptiste round out the cast. These actors provide great performances and give a wider view of the world of rehabilitation.

Addiction is a very serious matter and can be very depressing to watch. But "28 Days" takes a look this heavy situation with comedy. It does a nice job of exploring the "good" days and the "bad" in a rehab center and how it can repair your life.

Sure you can always "Just Say No," but for those who don't realize there is a problem, it's reassuring to know help is out there.

Carrie Cooper is a contributor to Observer and Eccentric Newspapers and a Troy resident.

STREET SCENE

Train taking success slowly, rolling back this way



STEPHANIE A. CASOLA

■ 'They are really dedicated. I have a lot of respect for them.'

Chris Johnston
19 Wheels

There's something to be said for word-of-mouth.

I first heard about the San Francisco-based quintet Train from a friend of a friend, who happens to be a strawberry farmer living somewhere in Florida. "If a band called Train ever comes here, you gotta see em," he said to me in a smoky Ferndale club more than a year ago. For some reason, the conversation stuck in my mind.

That's basically how the Southern folk-rock band has risen from status as San Francisco Bay-area darlings to regular rock radio rotation. Together since 1994, vocalist Patrick Monahan, guitarists Jimmy Stafford and Rob Hotchkiss, bassist Charlie Colin and drummer Scott Underwood have done it grass roots style, touring incessantly. Train didn't want to be a one-hit-wonder. Though the second single off their self-titled 1998 debut, "Meet Virginia," has since catapulted the band to platinum status, the musicians never intended to be the "Meet Virginia" band.

But hey, I'm just going by what Jimmy Stafford told me when he called April 11, over a week into the headlining tour set to stop in Detroit Thursday, April 27. "We just pulled up to the venue in a van," said Stafford, calling from what sounded like a temperamental cell phone somewhere in Sacramento, Calif. He was far from the starting point of the tour – Marquette, Mich.

"The Marquette show was at a college, in an area we hadn't played before. We flew up there. A show like that is kind of out of the way; it's a really good place to start, to get over the first day jitters. Actually, it was one of the best shows. The crowd was outstanding."

It wasn't always this way. While Train won over a strong following in its birthplace, the Bay area, it took constant work to spread the word. High profile tours with the likes of Counting Crows, Dave Matthews Band, Hootie and The Blowfish and Ben Folds Five helped. But Ferndale resident and 19 Wheels frontman Chris Johnston remembers the very first time Train went on the road. "We went on the road with them," said Johnston, calling from Boston, while 19 Wheels was on tour. "We had a record on Aware the same time they did. They had a deal that took them to Columbia (Records)." Johnston said not only is he a fan of Train's music, "they're a good bunch of guys." The last time Train made it to the metro area, they performed at Ferndale's Magic Bag and had a chance to stop in at the Woodward Avenue Brewery, which Johnston owns just a few doors down from the club. "They have really good food and stuff there," recalled Stafford of the brewery. He said he was looking forward to seeing his 19 Wheels friends.

Now headed back to Michigan as the final act to take the stage, Stafford could hardly contain his enthusiasm: "We're really excited about this tour," said Stafford. "It's the best-looking tour and the best-sounding tour."

Stafford admitted that it still took time for radio and MTV audiences to catch on to songs like "Free" and the latest single, "I Am."

"That was partly intentional and partly the way our single was released. Our plan with Columbia Records was to develop the band slowly. We didn't want to be an overnight, smash hit. Those fans buy your records up fast and forget about you."

So Train took the long track, building a core fan base one city at a time. "I think it's working," said Stafford. "Our fans are the greatest. We get hundreds of fan letters a day. We're not a band that's going to go away tomorrow."

Johnston said he's happy to see Train succeed. "I know they've done it the hard way," he said, predicting the band will have a long career. "The songs have done well. It's really the amount of touring. If you watch the charts, they've never really been in top 10 record sales. They've just had steady, steady sales.

"They are really dedicated. I have a lot of respect for them."

Chugging along non-stop since January 1998 in support of the album hasn't been easy. "In the beginning it was frustrating, in a van playing in front of 30 people every night. But it grew and we felt it grow."

The strength of Train's music lies in the way it reaches people. Stafford said one of his favorites, the sentimental ballad "Blind," "somehow hits a spot." "'I Am' is another song that really touches a nerve," he added. "It's a goose-bumps song." Train is currently working on a video for "I Am."

The focus now turns to a follow-up album. "We recorded a new record on our time off," said Stafford. "It's exciting to have new songs. Every night there's more energy for the show. It's a really diverse record, a little bit of something for everybody. We're pretty much playing the uptempo, exciting stuff off the new record. It's a hint of what's to come."

Train worked with producer Brenden O'Brien (Korn, Pearl Jam, Rage Against the Machine) on the CD, which should hit stores by this fall. The working title is "Something More," reflecting what Train fans have been thinking for about two years.

"(Brenden) is a dream come true," said Stafford. "He is *the* rock producer of the day. Everyone wants to work with him, including the Stones. He was our first choice. We weren't seriously going to ask him. Then we found out, he's a Train fan! The timing was right. He's got great ideas." A month and a half after going in, the album was recorded.

Long before its scheduled release, the only way to hear new Train material is to catch the band when the bus rolls into town next week.

And Train's looking forward to this stop. "Detroit is actually going to be a lot of fun for us," said Stafford.

My advice? I'm certainly not a strawberry farmer, but I know this – a band called Train is coming soon. You won't want to miss the show. Pass it on.

Catch Train with guests Gas Giant, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 27, at St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. $15 in advance, call (248) 645-6666.

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Tracking down Train: *From left, Scott Underwood, Charlie Colin, Rob Hotchkiss, Jimmy Stafford and Pat Monahan are Train, a sublime San Francisco quintet headed to a station near you. Train performs Thursday, April 27, at St. Andrews Hall in Detroit.*

Listen up

Are you hip to the local scene, into supporting Metro area music? Send us a photo of yourself and a list of your top five CDs from local bands, complete with band names. Then, include your list of the top five local bands to see live in the Metro area. The Observer & Eccentic will publish entries in our Entertainment section on Thursday, as space provides.

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STAY TUNED

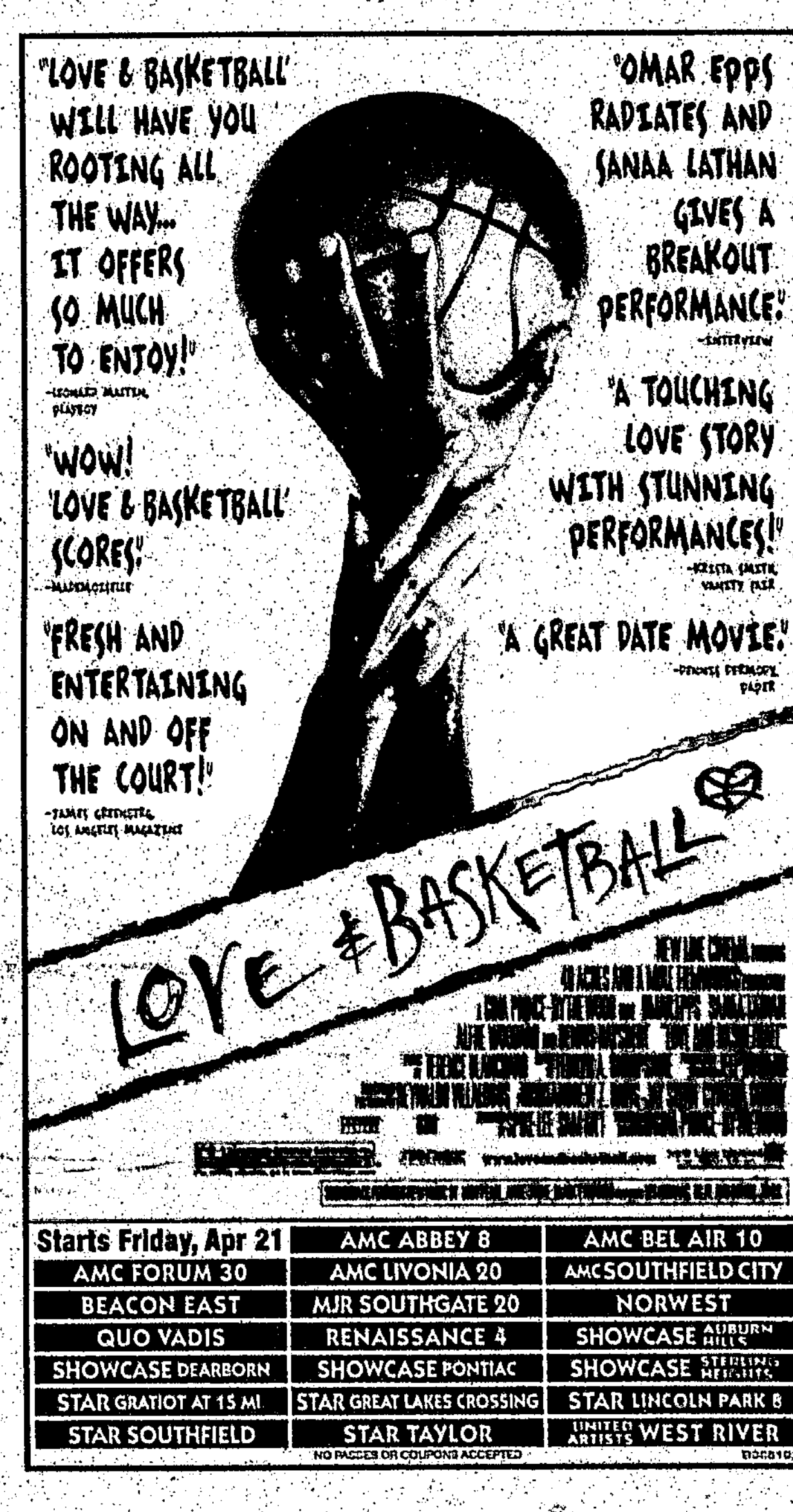


Women aloud: *Aretha Franklin is among a host of female artists on the newly released CD, "A Woman's Voice," from Universal Music Group.*

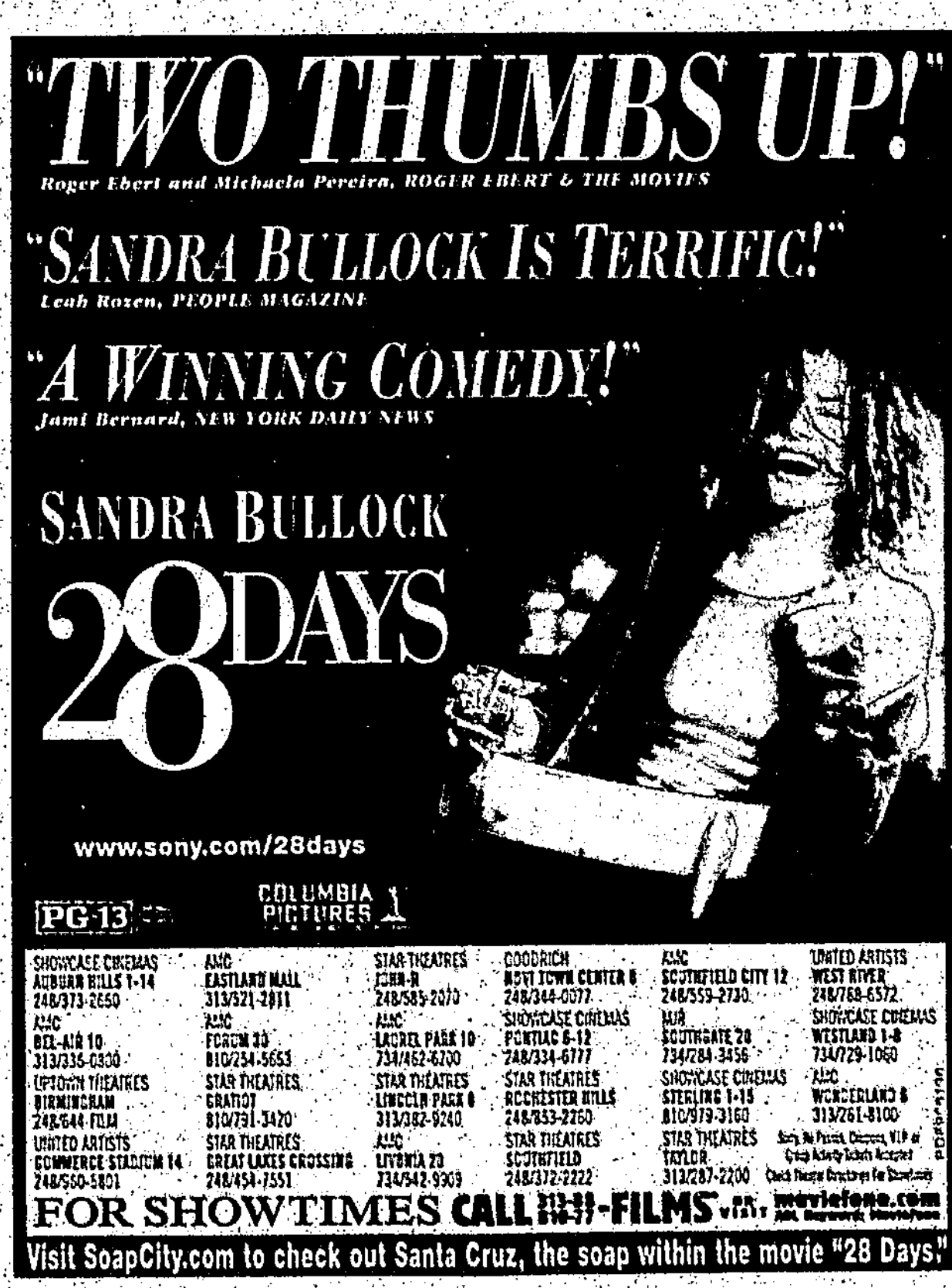
More **Mitch Ryder** you asked? Well J-Bird Records has answered with the scheduled release of seven solo CDs by the former frontman of the **Detroit Wheels**. Fans can get online May 30 and order "How I Spent My Summer Vacation" (1978), "Naked But Not Dead" (1979), "Live Talkies" (1981), "Got Change For A Million" (1981), "Smart Ass" (1982), "In The China Shop" (1986) and "Red Blood and White Mink" (1988). All previously unavailable in North America, Ryder's solo CDs were the result of an alliance between his **Seeds and Stems label** and German record label, Line. Check it out at www.j-birdrecords.com.

What would you say is the definitive women's anthem? "Respect," by **Aretha Franklin**, or maybe **Gloria Gaynor's** disco classic "I Will Survive." How about **Dolly Parton's** "I Will Always Love You," brought back to life by **Whitney Houston**, or possibly **Patti Smith's** "Because The Night." Don't forget that shoulder-shaking '80s hit "We Belong," by Ms. **Pat Benatar**. They've all made it to CD, with a host of other evocative hits by **Etta James**, **Gladys Knight**, **Patsy Cline**, **k.d. Lang** and more. Universal Music Group has released **"A Woman's Voice,"** to celebrate some of the greatest songbirds of the last four decades. Forget the **Spice Girls**, get your girl power from the divas who truly count.

—*Stephanie Angelyn Casola*







EATING OUT

Family pub has Celtic flair

BY ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

Duke Humphries, an Americanized version of a Celtic-style pub you're likely to find in Scotland or Ireland and might be surprised to find on this sod, is a good time.

Brothers Doug, Gordie and Gary Kosch have eateries and food service in their blood. Their grandfather founded the Dearborn Sausage Company. Their father owned and operated a deli.

So as each brother graduated from Western Michigan University, armed with a business degree, they began opening full-service family taverns in metro-Detroit.

Their latest and most unique is Duke Humphries in Rochester.

Add to this family background the fact that the brothers' maternal grandparents were Scottish and you understand the mannequin in full tartan offering greetings upon entering the pub. A little further on, you'll encounter the bagpiper statue.

Celtic dark woods and stained glass set the atmosphere. Bar stools and wooden tables, imported from Scotland, offer cozy smoking-section seating for 50.

Comfortable leatherette booth seating in the well-separated, no-smoking main dining room sets an upscale, unpretentious pub atmosphere. Tartan upholstered chairs at a few tables transfer the Celtic feel.

It's difficult for an eatery to pull off upscale and casual. Duke Humphries does it well.

It starts with the mature, experienced, friendly waitstaff dressed down in "Duke" logoed tees or golf shirts and khakis. Tables are covered in white linen topped with butcher block.

"We serve 250 pounds of house brined and cooked corned beef weekly," Doug Kosch said. If that's not a sign of some dandy pub sandwiches served with potato salad, pickle and fresh garnish, go on to "and over 300 pounds of fish and chips each week."

Celtic, then, describes the good eats from the British Isles, whether that's corned beef sandwiches or its evolution to Reubens and Maggies.

Duke Humphries Americanization is noted in the fact that traditional Brit fish and chips, served in newspaper and eaten while standing, is favored by the Duke served on plates and ate while seated.

More Americanization and a combo with other popular European food influences are found among the appetizers. Pan fried potato and cheese Pierogis, a Polish specialty, is the most popular.

Another score is made by french onion soup, baked in a country crock and topped with swiss cheese.

Two favorites: Stilton and pear salad and highland green salad bring you right back to the British Isles.

The larger-than-life Scottish hero William Wallace, who if you've forgotten your history was hung and head impaled on the London Bridge by English forces, has the memorial of "A Wee" Cut, six-ounce black angus filet mignon.

Not to be forgotten: Angus cattle originated in the Aberdeen and Angus shires, part of the rugged highlands of northern Scotland.

Other tastes of the Highlands are in the form of meat pie, filled with seasoned ground beef and lamb, served with whipped potatoes and buttered peas. Birds Nest Mince is the Scottish name for the Irish specialty shepherd's pie.

Food diversity is in the hands of head chef Alonzo Goodman with training from Oakland Community College culinary department and kitchen manager Mark Weiss, well-prepared with his Michigan State University degree in hotel and restaurant management.

Highland tastes can be extended to a long list of the Duke's single malt whiskies. For an introduction, the Scotch sampler, three, one-ounce selections of your choice for $20 is a good deal.

No self-respecting Celtic pub is without its drafts. The Kosch brothers have a state-of-the-art Balston nitrogen filtration system to bring out the best aromatics and tastes of its 20-ounce pours in English pub-style glasses.

Patrons favorites are Caffrey's Irish Ale from Dublin, more of which is poured at the Duke's than Guinness; Bellhaven's Scottish Ale; Harp Lager from Ireland; and Boddington's from Manchester, England.

A European Beer Sampler includes three, six-ounce pours of choice for $5.

Weekend evening entertainment starts Thursdays with the Joe & Joe band playing oldies and soft rock. The Pat McDunn trio enhances the Celtic mood on Fridays with everything that's musically Irish. Whether it's weekend, week night, or lunch, Duke Humphries has no imitation in Oakland County.

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What: Duke Humphries
Where: 1254 Walton (at Livernois in Great Oaks Mall), Rochester (248) 601-1100
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Coming attractions: May 17 Golf Outing at Blackheath in Rochester followed by prime rib dinner at Duke Humphries, $90 per person; June 1-3, second annual Scottish Outdoor Festival



On the menu: *Duke Humphries chef Alonzo Goodman shows off some of his creations, including (clockwise from top) Scottish meat pie, highland green salad and fish and chips.*

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Tribute chef earns tribute

BY ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

HONORS

This month, *Food & Wine* announced the winners of the magazine's 13th annual Best New Chefs Awards.

Those who've dined at Tribute in Farmington Hills will not be surprised to learn that Executive Chef Takashi Yagihashi was on the list of 10.

What is surprising is that Takashi, as he's affectionately called, joined an elite group of chefs from such food meccas as New York, Chicago, Miami Beach, Providence and Newport Beach. Always crediting his kitchen staff for his success, Takashi's French-inspired dishes with an Asian twist have brought recognition to the fine dining scene in metro-Detroit.

Food & Wine magazine's annual selection spotlights the most exciting young culinary talents in the country today. Winners are chosen by the magazine's editors through an exhaustive nationwide research process.

Takashi's culinary journey from a small town 100 miles from Tokyo, where he had his first experience as a dishwasher in a French restaurant at age 16, is an inspiration in determination.

After graduating from the Tokyo Design School in 1981, he came to America to assist with the opening of a Japanese restaurant outside Chicago. Seizing the opportunity to combine various styles and cooking techniques, impossible in Japan where tradition rules, he spent the next 17 years working under some of the finest European and Asian chefs in the U.S.

Having risen to Chef de Cuisine at Chicago's famed restaurant Ambria, he came to launch Tribute in 1996 as its executive chef.

The Best New Chefs of 2000 will cook together for the first time in June when they prepare a meal for 800 guests at the Food & Wine Magazine Classic in Aspen, Colo. They will be featured in the magazine's July issue.

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Insurer liable for 'losing' the evidence

REAL ESTATE QUERIES



ROBERT M. MEISNER

■ **QUESTION:**

We live in a duplex and my neighbor controls the sump pump, which overflowed and flooded my basement. The neighbor had the responsibility to maintain the sump pump but gave my claim to his insurance company for review. In the mean time, the insurance company replaced the old pump and threw it out. How can I prove my claim, since the insurance company is now denying any responsibility for the loss?

■ **ANSWER:**

In a recent ruling, a court stated that where an insurance company mistakenly destroyed what was in that case a mini-van before it could be inspected for a product liability claim, it can be sued for "spoliation" of evidence.

The court reasoned that when a third party has knowledge of a pending potential lawsuit and accepts responsibility for evidence that will be used in that lawsuit, it should be held liable for damage resulting from the loss or destruction of that evidence.

SPOLIATION OF EVIDENCE

The court reasoned that the loss of evidence due to the acts of a third party added injury to an already injured plaintiff by eliminating his opportunity to seek a remedy. The fact that the insurance company is a third party shouldn't deprive a plaintiff of his day in court.

Obviously, if you can no longer prove that the sump pump was defective, and the insurance company denies liability, you may have a claim not only against your neighbor but its insurance company.

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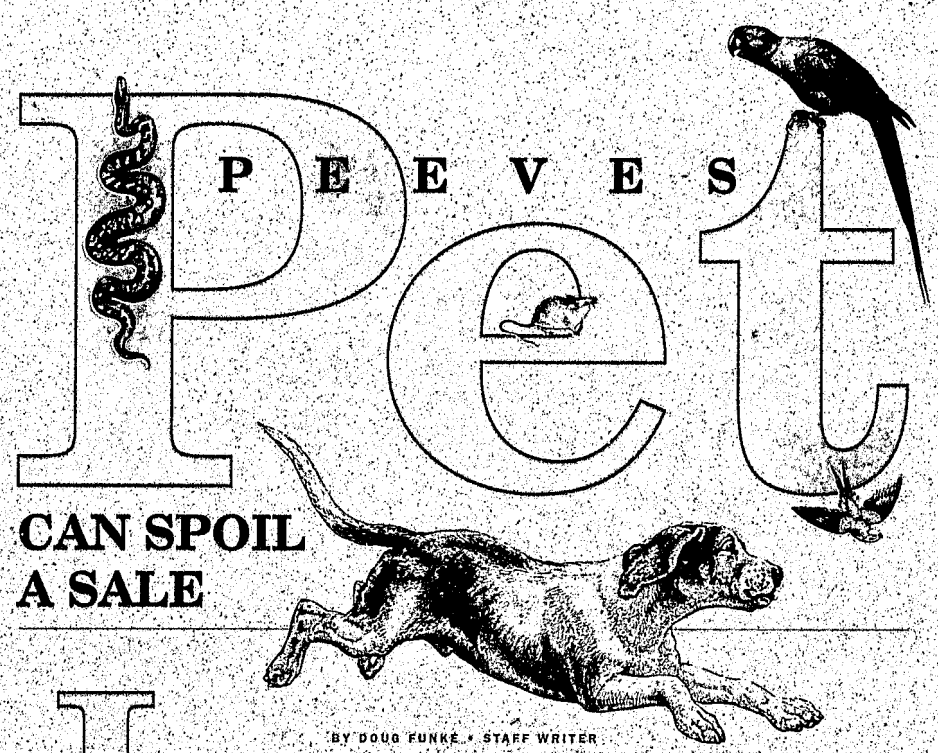

CAN SPOIL A SALE

BY DOUG FUNKE • STAFF WRITER

Jeff Decker still can't believe it. The associate broker with Wilhelm & Associates in Clarkston remembers taking the family of prospective buyers to the million-dollar house on the lake.

"It was a beautiful home ... breathtaking," he said.

Then they went inside and saw cat hair everywhere. Then they found about a dozen cats tucked away in a back room. Then to the garage area where they came across "a horse-size mound of dog dirt" and a huge dog in a pen, Decker continued.

Finally, it was down to the basement, where a lizard several feet long was rattling inside an aquarium.

In the end, it was no sale and no dice, again, when Decker later took other prospects to take a look.



He was just dumfounded.

"I think there are people out there who just don't see," Decker said. "How much does someone really want to sell the house?"

A dog may be man's best friend but not necessarily when he's trying to sell his home.

That goes for cats, snakes, guinea pigs and some birds, too.

Unrestrained, threatening, odorous pets can distract, intimidate and irritate prospective buyers. And a nervous buyer probably isn't going to come across with a purchase offer.

"Pets have a definite impact, no doubt about it," said Mike Creswell, an associate broker with RE/MAX in the Hills in Bloomfield Hills.

"I've been selling for 31 years," he said. "It's very common a purchaser will be petting the dog or cat and they won't even see the kitchen. Where there's a cat, the litter box can stink and drive people right out of the house."

Not all visitors will be afraid of animals, said Rejeanne Buckley, a Realtor with Real Estate One in Rochester. But, she figures, why chance it?

"I always advise sellers to contain animals – dogs, keep in the laundry room maybe with a note on the door, in other instances, put the dog in a cage and, if they're willing to be accommodating, take the dog out," Buckley said.

Especially with dual working couples, it's important to have a plan for Fido when unplanned showings arise.

"A dog recently met me at the door with teeth, barking. I just closed the door and wouldn't show it," Buckley said. A potential lost sale? Who knows, she conceded.

Barking dogs and houses tainted by animal smells and stained carpeting are big turn-offs, said Ed Routzahn, a Realtor with Century 21 Row in Livonia.

"Realtors are reluctant to come in when a dog is barking, even if it's penned," he said.

"Sometimes, they (sellers) put a dog on the landing and say, 'The dog's down there, don't open the door.' That's a no-no. People want to see the basement," Routzahn added.

Decker has a simple suggestion.

"Let's keep it an animal-less experience. I don't care if it's a turtle in a bowl in a child's room. Say the turtle dies. Now a kid comes through with his parents, sees the turtle and doesn't want the room. Then the mother gets involved in a conversation about death," he said.

And the house tour suddenly becomes secondary.

"The best showings in the whole world are when the owners aren't there and especially their pets," Decker said.

Odors can be just as off-putting as the animals, themselves.

"When potential clients come in, if it smells, they turn back immediately and say, 'Let's get out of here,'" Routzahn said.

"It's important that the house is kept so there's no spotted carpeting at all. That indicates the dog has the reign of the house," he said.

Stained carpeting should be replaced before listing a house for sale, Buckley said. Deodorizing products are available at pet supply stores, she added.

With so many allergies out there, a thorough, professional cleaning may be in order for houses where pets have lived for a long time.

And don't forget the back yard, either.

"It's like anything else in real estate – you have to put your best foot forward," Buckley said. "I tell them (sellers), 'You have to walk through like a buyer ... you have to be tough on yourself.'"



Federal FHA rehabilitation mortgage loans

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DAVID C. MULLY

■ ***PART 1 OF 2***

David Blatt, president of First Alliance Mortgage, recently brought me up to speed on how the federal FHA 203 (k) program works.

This program enables homebuyers and homeowners to finance both the purchase (or refinancing) of a house and the cost of its rehabilitation through a single mortgage. Existing homes can be rehabilitated through the same program.

The program insures mortgage loans – and thus encourage lenders to make mortgage credit available to borrowers who would not otherwise qualify for conventional loans on affordable terms (such as first-time homebuyers) and to residents of disadvantaged neighborhoods (where mortgages may be hard to get).

Buying a house in need of repair usually means following a complicated and costly process, first obtaining financing to buy the property, then getting additional financing for the rehabilitation work, and finally finding a permanent mortgage after rehabilitation is completed to pay off the interim loans. The interim acquisition and improvement loans often have relatively high interest rates and short repayment terms.

Section 203(k) helps both borrowers and lenders by insuring a single, long-term, loan that covers both the acquisition and rehabilitation of a property.

Section 203(k) insured loans save borrowers time and money, and also protect lenders by allowing them to have the loan insured even before the condition and value of the property may offer adequate security.

Insurance commitments for 17,000 homes were made in 1996; the estimated number of homes to be insured under Section 203(k) for 1997 is 19,000, and 15,000 for 1998. For housing rehabilitation activities that do not also require buying or refinancing the property, borrowers may also consider HUD's Title I Home Improvement Loan program.

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FYI

Condo activity

Here's the median sales price of existing condominiums and co-ops as of year-end 1999 by region.

Northeast	$120,000	10%
Midwest	120,000	11%
South	83,900	14%
West	126,500	–
U.S.	110,400	8%

Source: U.S. Housing Markets

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Auburn Hills
841 Bloomfield Villg Blvd $78,000
3007 Carly Ct $102,000
2743 James Rd $102,000
2061 Matt Lu Dr#2063 $155,000
1890 N Opdyke Rd. $40,000
3151 Oxford W $287,000
3348 Primary St $100,000
929 Provincetown Rd $126,000
3745 S Shimmons Cir $235,000
1256 Vinewood St $100,000

Clarkston
7605 Allen Rd $300,000
7230 Bluewater Dr # 33 $88,000
10490 Country Jct $31,000
7221 Deerhill Ct $390,000
7815 Deerhill Dr $299,000
9009 E Bluewater Dr $115,000
6588 Eastlawn Ave $166,000
9982 Forest Ridge Dr $68,000
10130 Hadley Rd $268,000
10265 Hadley Rd $200,000
8750 Hunters Creek Dr $112,000
5275 Iroquois Ct $281,000
9233 Lake Ridge Dr $103,000
9760 Ortonville Rd $184,000
4752 Rattek Rd $180,000
4924 Sashabaw Rd $155,000
5856 Shore Ct $143,000
4943 Spring Meadow Dr $250,000
4954 Spring Meadow Dr $243,000
5013 Spring Meadow Dr $35,000
5013 Spring Meadow Dr $39,000
6887 Vail Ct $285,000
8620 Waumegah Rd $162,000
6972 Woodlyn Ct $87,000

Commerce Township
421 Anaconda St $190,000
3237 Arbutus St $150,000
400 Austin St $65,000
1880 Ayrshire Dr $249,000
1807 Big Trail Rd $162,000
9394 Boncrest St $130,000
1775 Chateau Rd $150,000
1884 Dorchester Dr $235,000
2780 Duffers Ln $420,000
2812 Duffers Ln $90,000
5034 Fairgrove Ln $296,000
2721 Greenlawn Ave $301,000
4882 Halberd St $134,000
361 High Bank Ct $65,000
1812 Morgan Rd $131,000
5185 Oakwood Ct $249,000
264 Oriole St $152,000
1156 Penarth Ct $100,000
8439 Pine Cove Dr $110,000
3070 Ravinewood Dr $330,000
8904 Shadypoint St $305,000
8240 Vandell St $125,000
309 Whippoorwill Way $183,000
142 Winslow Cir $216,000

Davisburg
9922 Boulder Ct $430,000
10008 Creekwood Trl $438,000
11366 Ember $20,000
6820 Tamcyn Dr $266,000
8529 Tindall Rd $78,000

Farmington Hills
37701 Amber Dr $275,000
30211 Astor St $151,000
22087 Atlantic Pointe $112,000
29972 Berwell Rd $264,000
34920 Bridgeman St $130,000
25544 Brookview St $339,000
35987 Charter Crest Rd $279,000
29490 Chelsea Xing $473,000
31166 Country Blf $135,000
24650 De Phillipe Dr $186,000
24808 De Phillipe Dr $200,000
25170 Dunham Ct $161,000
37082 Dunstable Ct $370,000
23670 E Newell Cir $173,000
34016 Edmonton St $138,000
30059 Fernhill Dr $242,000
21128 Flanders St $134,000
23134 Fox Crk $350,000
28160 Gettysburg St $232,000
28279 Gettysburg St $200,000
38430 Glastonberry $204,000
29435 Glen Oaks Blvd E $173,000
29386 Glen Oks Blvd W $168,000
29398 Glen Oks Blvd W $199,000
23565 Glencreek Dr $190,000
29910 Green Acres $164,000
32770 Hearthstone Rd $224,000
37255 Howard Rd $418,000
21001 Hugo St $153,000
21506 Jefferson St $91,000
38057 Lantern Hill Ct $359,000
28633 Lincolnview Dr $195,000
29710 Linden St $162,000
24050 Middlebelt #1 5 $86,000
22743 Montclair St $145,000
30157 Muirland Dr $250,000
30382 Nantucket Dr $129,000
28423 New Castle Rd $191,000
29941 Northbrook St $245,000
32259 Old Forge Ln $168,000
23567 Paddock Dr $280,000
30886 Pear Ridge Rd $225,000
23089 Potomac Cir $249,000
33811 Ramble Hills Dr $398,000
21345 Randall St $157,000
33817 Rhonswood St $120,000
21830 River Ridge Trl $243,000
30856 Rockdale Ave $75,000
21539 Rockwell St $86,000
28011 Rollcrest Rd $250,000
21314 Saint Francis St $122,000
37020 Sandalwood $270,000
23500 Sans Souci St $65,000
29450 Stockton Ave $185,000
31385 Stonewood Ct $325,000
35291 Stratton Hill Ct $132,000
37915 Sunderland Ct $363,000
29186 Sunridge $300,000
37836 Thames Dr $233,000
23150 Tulane Ave $134,000
29840 W 12 Mile #405 $74,000
29860 W 12 Mile #608 $60,000
29860 W 12 Mile #608 $90,000
29870 W 12 Mile #702 $83,000
30038 W 12 Mile # 45 $90,000
21025 Willow Ln $125,000
35460 Woodfield Dr # 6 $310,000

Franklin
32526 Haverford Rd $348,000
32831 Haverford Rd $150,000

Keego Harbor
3033 Cass Lake Ave $50,000
1647 Cass Lake Rd # A $114,000
2845 Knowlson St $105,000
2475 Pine Lake Ave $119,000

Lake Orion
129 Franklin Wrght Blvd $445,000
360 Hauxwell Dr $152,000
888 N Long Lake Blvd $151,000
3872 Red Root Rd $361,000
1118 Ridgeview Cir $243,000
2643 Thornbrier Ct $95,000
544 Wellsley Ct $310,000
936 Wildbrook Ln $238,000

Novi
43050 12 OksCrscDr#3 $195,000
24730 Apple Crest Dr $210,000
47578 Baldwin Ct $775,000
24211 Bashlan Dr $125,000
22156 Chase Dr $451,000
39483 Country Ln $161,000
22643 Cranbrooke Dr $123,000
1409 E Lake Rd $235,000
22250 Edgewater $137,000
46871 Grand River Ave $85,000
47453 Greenwich Dr $349,000
25690 Groveland $380,000
24512 Hampton Hill St $160,000
45678 Marlborough Pl $338,000
108 Maudlin St $194,000
23460 Meadowbrk Rd $163,000
23546 N Rockledge $118,000
22270 Pondview $133,000
47323 Somerset Ct $840,000
26550 Taft Rd $120,000
26560 Taft Rd $81,000
40737 Village Wood Rd $190,000

Oakland Township
3553 Mountain Lauri Ct $764,000
3440 N Century Oks Cir $891,000
1777 Rochester Rd $120,000

Orchard Lake
5944 Seville Cir $638,000

Orion Township
3389 Chalice Rd $132,000
3705 Galnesborough Dr $114,000
4411 Joslyn Rd $110,000
2618 Regency Dr $145,000
4135 Villager Dr $281,000

Oxford
560 Doral Dr $46,000
77 E Oakwood Rd $188,000
1684 Eagle Trl $340,000
924 Glenmoor Dr $262,000
977 Keith St $121,000
1750 Mill Pond Dr $235,000
35 N Washington St $140,000
363 Pobahontas Trl $134,000
63 Pontiac St $158,000
4269 Ramsey Rd $280,000
3470 Ray Rd $56,000
3831 Sandbar Ct $220,000
899 Tanview Dr $367,000
7 Willow St $140,000

Rochester
1972 Beaver Creek Dr $320,000
1602 Boulder Ct $304,000
3927 Briarbrooke Ln $258,000
3931 Briarbrooke Ln $267,000
4236 Calumet Dr $430,000
1151 Churchill Cir $231,000
1163 Churchill Cir $234,000
1206 Churchill Cir $236,000
3862 Crestwood Ct $249,000
4620 Deer Springs Ct $390,000
143 Drace St $162,000
1863 Dunham Dr $311,000
792 E Gunn Rd $198,000
1731 E Gunn Rd $141,000
2080 E Gunn Rd $310,000
525 E University #1005 $96,000
4150 Holly Ln $332,000
4221 Holly Ln $358,000
5642 Kirkridge Trl $650,000
433 Miller Ave $75,000
1143 Miners Run $90,000
1161 Miners Run $90,000
329 N Castell Ave $160,000
810 Plate St Unit 105 $63,000
1280 Putnam Cir $349,000
625 Rewold Dr $156,000
1363 Ross Ln $323,000
665 Sheldon Ct $135,000
511 Springview Dr $510,000
520 Springview Dr $553,000
307 Taylor Ave $285,000
1905 Watson Cir $90,000
1918 Watson Cir $90,000
291 Wyngate Dr $500,000

Rochester Hills
1898 Allenway Ct $169,000
645 Ashley Cir E $160,000
1377 Barneswood Ln $226,000
38 Bellarmine Dr $160,000
1950 Brookfield Rd $225,000
665 Camden Ct $164,000
524 Castlebar Dr $250,000
3760 Cedar Brook Dr $275,000
3754 Cherrywood Ct $600,000
1112 Clopton Brg $235,000
3440 Cone Ave $153,000
1431 Courtland Blvd $121,000
1571 Crooks Rd $268,000
951 Croydon Rd $215,000
2235 Crystal Dr $180,000
2619 Culbertson Ave $125,000
415 Drexelgate Pkwy $273,000
1118 E Fairview Ln $185,000
3051 Eastern Ave $162,000
2103 Elkhorn Dr $219,000
659 Glasgow Ct $178,000
1261 Greenleaf Dr $234,000
1114 Kings Cove Dr $133,000
1293 Lamplighter Ln $150,000
649 Lexington Dr $252,000
1688 Lodge Pole Ln $198,000
3091 Mapleridge Ct $475,000
111 Meadow Lane Cir $127,000
2941 Midvale Dr $195,000
451 Miller Ave #211 $78,000
1995 N Fairview Ln $224,000
1633 Newcastle Ct $640,000
2491 Norton Lawn $50,000
167 Old Perch Rd $186,000
789 Redwood Ct $218,000
2812 River Trl $450,000
3340 Rockhaven Ave $130,000
2789 Roseview Dr $246,000
1933 Ruby Ave $167,000
1158 Sandy Ridge Dr $313,000
158 Shagbark Dr $15,000
1844 Streamedge Ct $145,000
1547 Surrey Ln $153,000
2886 Tallahassee Dr $172,000
2566 Topsham St $335,000
2470 W Tienken Rd $168,000
2898 Woodelm Dr $131,000

Sylvan Lake
1414 Glenwood Dr $170,000

Troy
1678 Apple Dr $285,000
5573 Aster Dr $225,000
1220 Beattie Dr $195,000
2810 Bolingbroke Dr $195,000
5290 Breeze Hill Dr $136,000
1494 Brentwood Dr $156,000
4870 Butler Dr $228,000
4876 Carlson PrkDr#40 $361,000
5304 Cheltenham Dr $254,000
5330 Church Hill Dr $180,000
3595 Crooks Rd $160,000
5881 Dawn Ridge Dr $286,000
2851 Devonwood Dr $160,000
2400 E Maple Rd $155,000
2666 E Maple Rd $153,000
406 E Square Lake Rd $20,000
1117 E Wattles Rd $380,000
6737 Emerald Lake Dr $210,000
1833 Freemont Dr $245,000
2194 Hempstead Dr $161,000
3099 Heritage Dr $146,000
3099 Heritage Dr $176,000
4708 Holland Dr $315,000
3732 Horseshoe Dr $178,000
3770 Kent Dr $215,000
303 Kenyon Dr $123,000
795 Kirts Blvd $130,000
913 Kirts Blvd $132,000
5864 Larkins Dr $219,000
6214 Malvern Dr $193,000
2154 Milverton Dr $92,000
6579 Northpoint Dr $284,000
5045 Prentis Dr $232,000
2023 Prescott Dr $175,000
2971 Quail Run Dr $405,000
3919 Raintree Dr $186,000
627 Redwood Dr $169,000
4417 Reilly $254,000
804 Robinwood Dr $94,000
2736 Roundtree Dr $110,000
2792 Roundtree Dr $93,000
2848 Roundtree Dr $105,000
6085 Saint Paul Rd $525,000
209 Sheffield Dr $110,000
2975 Thales Dr $313,000
4575 Tipton Dr $279,000
2649 Valleyview Dr $172,000
2600 W Big Beaver Rd $203,000
1896 Welling Dr $285,000
4052 Wentworth Dr $298,000
1142 Winthrop Dr $195,000
4052 Worthington Dr $298,000

Waterford
2810 Adlake Dr $83,000
1165 Airport Rd $141,000
2924 Burgess Hill Dr $228,000
5056 Cheyenne St $300,000
6428 Cloverton Dr $125,000
1069 Cobblers Rd $208,000
4914 Cooley Lake Rd $280,000
659 Deer Path Trl $50,000
710 Deer Path Trl # 125 $50,000
2220 Denby Dr $165,000
3770 Dorothy Ln $155,000
2301 Ellery St $75,000
1022 Forest Bay $105,000
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7634 Woodview Dr $105,000
3500 Yarrey Rd $165,000

West Bloomfield
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5706 Applegrove Dr $310,000
6294 Branford Dr $100,000
4167 Breckenridge Dr $221,000
2441 Burleigh $135,000
6548 Chelsea Brg $630,000
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BUY HOME CLASS

Real Estate One of West Bloomfield, Nationwide Insurance and Dynasty Funding Corp. present a free, no-obligation seminar for home buyers 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, at Hope Lutheran Church, 39200 W. 12 Mile, just east of Haggerty, Farmington Hills.

To register, call (248) 204-7111.

BUY HOME CLASS II

Karen Minicilli-Codd of Old Kent Mortgage presents a free, no-obligation seminar for home buyers 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, at Century 21 Dynamic, 6900 N. Wayne, Westland.

To register, call (734) 462-0071.

FAIR HOUSING

The Property Management Council of the Apartment Association of Michigan hosts a fair housing seminar for property managers 9 a.m. to noon Thursday, April 27, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, Livonia.

Cost is $39 for property council members, $49 for apartment association and Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan members and $59 for nonmembers.

To register, call (248) 862-1004.

DRY BASEMENTS

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan presents a seminar on basement foundations 12:30-3 p.m. Wednesday, May 3, at the Detroit Edison Communications Center, 26802 Northwestern Service Drive, Southfield.

Presenter: Gary Hendrickson, Benchmark Insulated Concrete Walls.

No charge for BIA and Apartment Association of Michigan members, $25 for nonmembers. To register, call (248) 862-1004.

ACCESS RECORDS

Oakland County offers a free workshop to show Realtors how to use its for-fee records Web site 8:30-10 a.m., 1:30-3 p.m. and 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 3, and 8:30-10 a.m. and 1:30-3 p.m. Thursday, May 4.

Classes will be held at the Oakland County Department of Information Technology at the county office complex in Pontiac.

To register, call (248) 858-0755.

SELL HOME CLASS

Approved Mortgages and Sellerssave.com sponsor a free, no-obligation class on how to sell your house 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 4, at Summit on the Park, Canton Center between Cherry Hill and Michigan Avenue, Canton.

To register, call Ben Hendricks at (734) 455-2219 Ext. 215.

REMODELING CLASS

Clarenceville Community Education and Oakland Builders Institute offer a nine-hour basement remodeling class 6:30-9:30 p.m. Mondays, May 8, 15 and 22, at Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, Livonia.

Topics include planning, building codes, permits, estimating materials and the basics of home construction.

Cost is $75, plus a textbook fee of $8.

To register, call (248) 473-8933.

CONDO CLASS

Robert M. Meisner, a lawyer who writes a real estate column for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, teaches a course, "Condominium Operation: Introduction to the Essentials for Success," 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays, May 16-June 6, at the Bingham III Office Park, 30200 Telegraph , Bingham Farms.

Cost is $95. To register, call Oakland Community College at (248) 471-7729, or Meisner's office at (248) 644-4433.

MORTGAGE BANKERS

The Mortgage Bankers Association of Michigan hosts Sen. Spencer Abraham as keynote speaker at its membership luncheon program noon Monday, May 22, at DoubleTree Hotel, 27000 Sheraton Drive, Novi.

Cost is $30 for members, $35 for nonmembers. To register, call Joanne Misuraca at (248) 945-3875.

MARKETING HOMES

A Novi firm has started a new venture, Home Network Online, a national Web site exclusively for homes for sale by owner.

Sellers pay $99 to list their homes with up to 12 photos on the Internet until sold. Buyers browse and access free.

The site is www.homenetworkonline.com The firm can be reached at (248) 347-2295.

HOME INSPECTIONS

Consumers may obtain materials describing the importance of a reputable home inspection or receive a copy of the National Association of Home Inspectors Standards of Practice and Code of Ethics.

For information, call the NAHI hot line at (800) 448-3942.

LEADERSHIP AWARDS

The Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit is looking for nominees – individuals or businesses – for its third annual Fair Housing Leadership Awards.

Judges will consider positive attention to and support of fair housing laws/opportunities.

Phone the center at (313) 963-1274 for nomination forms. Submission deadline is June 1. Recognition reception is Sept. 27.

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Michael J. Deming, RA, of Neumann/ Smith & Associates in Southfield, passed the National Council of Architectural Registration Board examination and is registered as an architect in Michigan.

Deming earned master of architecture, bachelor of architecture and bachelor of science in architecture degrees from Lawrence Technological University in Southfield.

He joined Neumann/ Smith in 1997.



Frericks

Sharon Frericks, an associate broker with Goldwell Banker Schweitzer Real Estate in Clarkston, joins the company's International President's Circle for sales performance.

Frericks holds the professional designations of Graduate Realtor Institute, Certified Residential Specialist and Certified Buyer Representative.

She lives in Clarkston.

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Aaron G. Sprague, P.E., **Gregory P. Kacvinsky**, P.E., and **Glen R. Wiczorek**, P.E., recently earned state of Michigan Registered Professional Engineer licenses.

All are affiliated with Ayers, Lewis, Norris & May, a consulting engineering firm with offices in Canton.

Sprague and Wiczorek hold bachelor's degrees in civil/environmental from the University of Michigan. Kacvinsky has a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Wisconsin.

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	15 yr Fix	7.625	0.00	30 day	$290	7.750 apr
	1 yr Arm	6.750	0.00	30 day	$290	8.411 apr
	3/1 Arm	7.375	0.00	30 day	$290	8.441 apr
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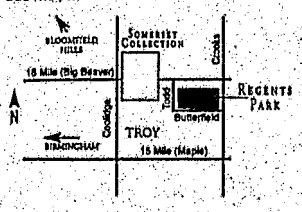

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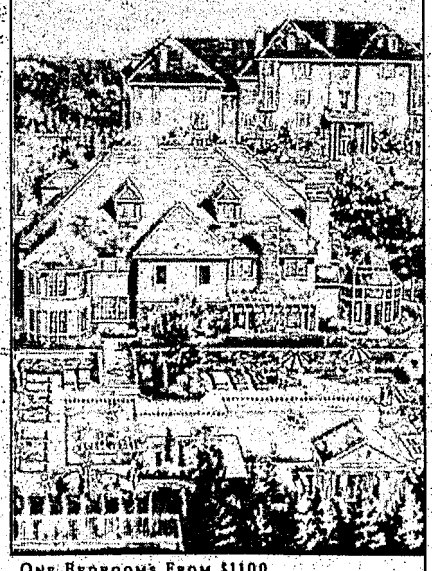

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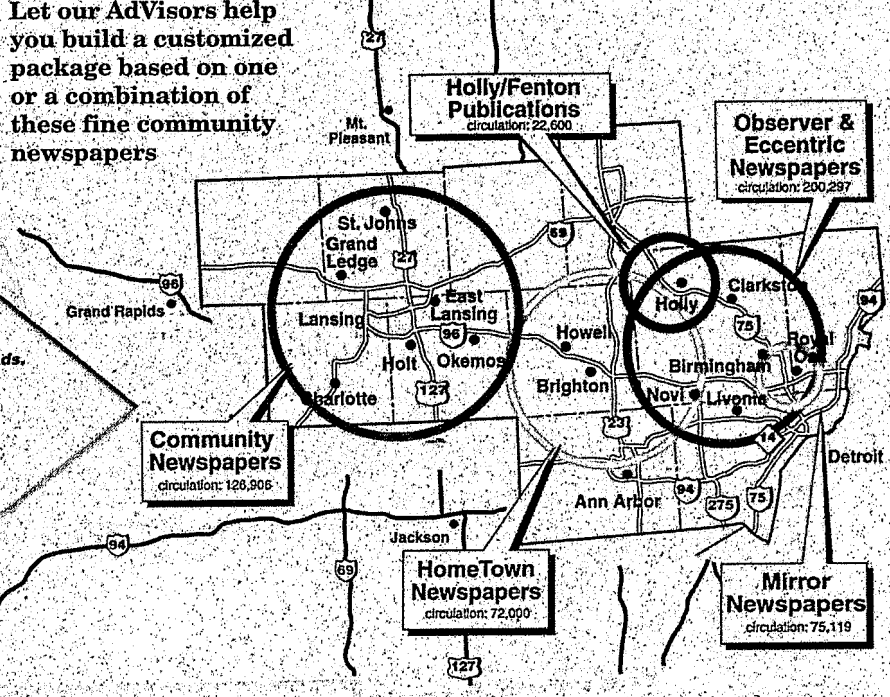

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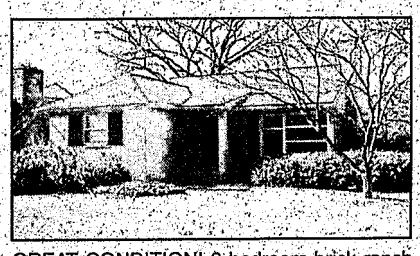

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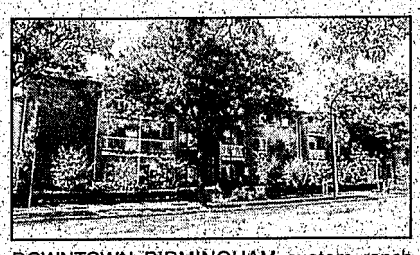

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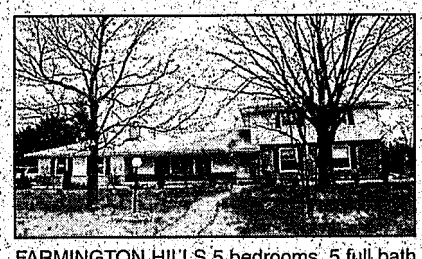

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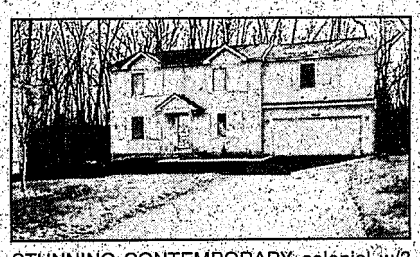

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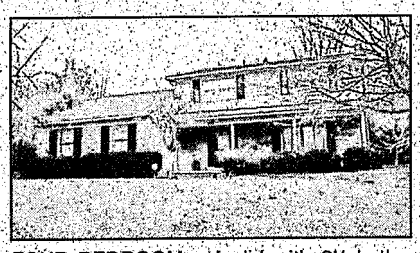
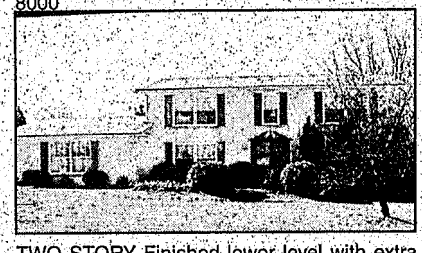
PREMIUM TREED LOT 2800 sq. ft. home backing to commons w/walking paths. Dramatic bridge/loft overlooks 2 story great room, den, french doors, large master, walk in closet and private bath. Immediate possession. $289,900 (71PEM) 248-652-8000



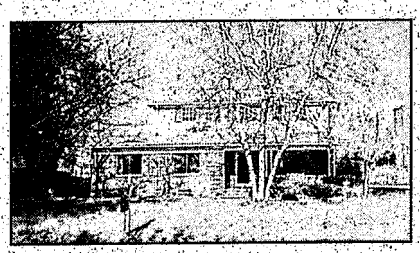
FOUR BEDROOM colonial with 2½ baths. Finished basement. Newer carpeting & updated kitchen. West Bloomfield schools. Lake privileges. Absolute move in condition. $279,900 (55TEQ) 248-626-8800



ROCHESTER HILLS Beautiful colonial with three spacious bedrooms built in 1988. Hardwood floors, curved wood stairs. Oak cabinets in huge kitchen. Formal Dining room, library, first floor laundry. $279,900 (16PAR) 248-524-1600



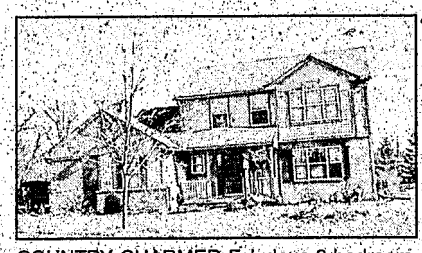
TWO STORY. Finished lower level with extra bedroom, formal dining room, 1st floor laundry, large family room, 4 bedrooms, 2 full, 2 half baths, all appliances included, immediate occupancy. $249,900 (15CHA) 248-652-8000



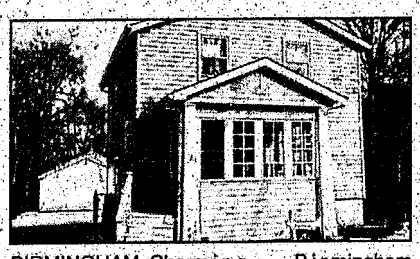
THIS ONE HAS IT ALL! Fantastic 4 bedroom, 2½ bath family home. Lake access. Fenced backyard, (35x11) great room. Ready to move into! Terrific value. $239,900 (49SHO) 248-626-8800



TROY Charming Troy ranch w/three bedrooms and 2½ baths. Formal dining room, first floor laundry, family room with fireplace. Full basement, attached garage, central air, sprinklers. Troy schools. $214,900 (32FED) 248-524-1600



COUNTRY CHARMER Fabulous 3 bedroom, 2½ bath colonial on nearly an acre and cul de sac. Cathedral ceiling, fireplace with light and cheery interior. Finished basement with office or possible 4th bedroom $229,000 (95FOX) 248-652-8000



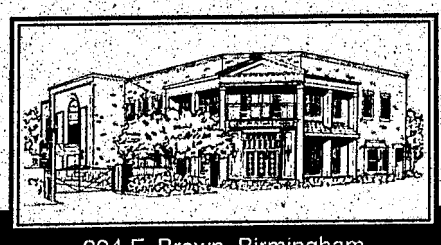
BIRMINGHAM Charming Birmingham bungalow with three bedrooms, 1½ baths, basement and garage. All hardwood floors and natural woodwork. Newer vinyl siding. Formal dining room. $174,900 (39HUM) 248-524-1600



TROY Spacious West Troy ranch w/three bedrooms and two full baths on a 1½ acre wooded lot. Huge Great Room, formal dining room, country kitchen, library, fieldstone fireplace, Bloomfield schools. $309,900 (15ARL) 248-524-1600



WONDERFUL 1st floor master suite, beautiful kitchen with white cabinets, vaulted ceilings and many unique windows thru-out. Large deck, full basement, minutes from M-59 & I-75. $224,900 (98SIL) 248-652-8000



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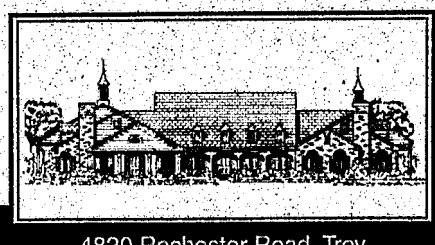

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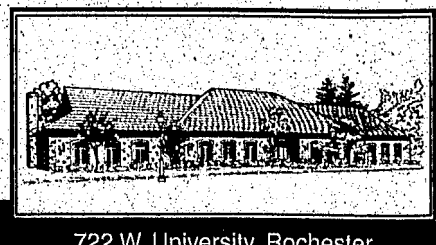

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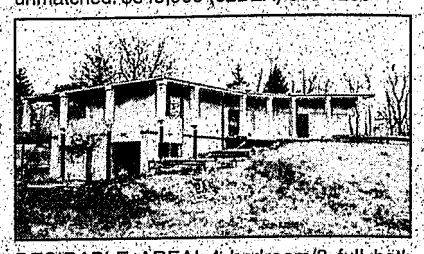
PAMPER YOURSELF Quiet elegance describes this executive retreat. Stunning 4 bedrooms, 6/2 bath custom built masterpiece. Two story foyer w/dual stairs, situated on a magnificent lot, walkout lower level unmatched. $849,900 (62BEA) 363-1200



DESIRABLE AREA! 4 bedroom/3 full bath contemporary Bi-level. Finished walk out lower level. Bloomfield schools. Could be a tear down or renovation property. Value in the land. $349,900 (15SOD) 248-626-8800

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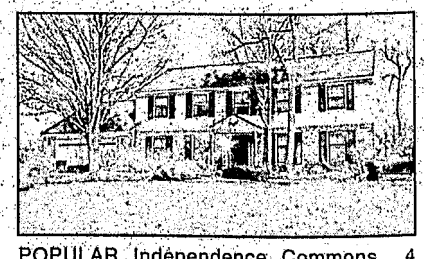
SUPER CLEAN 4 bedroom, 2½ bath colonial. New front door, ceramic floor, hardwood floors, desirable kitchen & nook layout. Family room w/fireplace. Includes one year home warranty. $260,000 (35DEW) 248-626-8800



SPOTLESS 3 bedroom/2 bath contemporary with very open floor plan. First floor laundry, cathedral ceilings in master bedroom & great room. Finished basement w/fireplace. Fabulous value! $220,500 (43WOO) 248-626-8800



POPULAR Independence Commons. 4 bedrooms, 2½ bath colonial. Family room includes fireplace & wet bar. Backyard has in ground pool & separate Jacuzzi. Wine cellar in basement. $299,900 (25LIV) 248-626-8800

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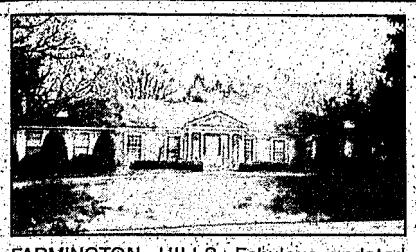


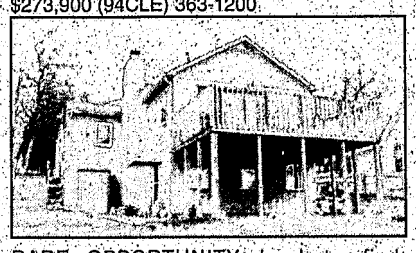
FARMINGTON HILLS Fabulous updated ranch with 4 bedrooms, 4½ baths on spectacular acre setting. Custom quality throughout, newer kitchen and butlers pantry and marble bath suite. Family room, library, basement. $819,900 (30FAI) 248-642-8100



DREAMSCAPE HOME Dramatic 2 story entry leads you into a fabulous kitchen, 9 ft. ceilings, vaulted in family/living room, 4 bedrooms, 2 year old home nestled in woods with view of cul-de-sac. $329,900 (89ACA) 248-652-8000



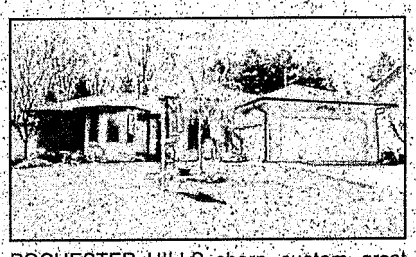
LAKEFRONT SPLENDOR In move in condition. Certain enjoyment for all seasons from 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with furnace, carpet, wood floors and updating all 1999. Garage has second story for extra storage. Beautiful treed lot with western exposure. $273,900 (94CLE) 363-1200



RARE OPPORTUNITY hard to find, affordable all sports lakefront home on the main part of the lake with an unfinished walk-out basement, 2 car garage, doorwall to deck, sandy beach and doesn't need to be bulldozed! $189,900 (75HIL) 363-1200



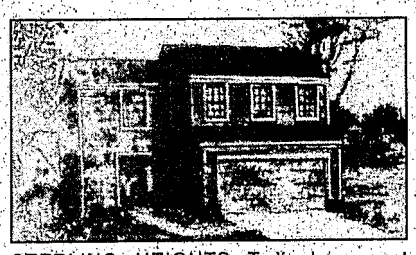
TROY West side colonial with 3-4 bedrooms and three full baths on huge lot. Three car side entry garage, basement, cedar deck. Fireplace, sprinklers, Andersen windows. New Troy High School. $319,900 (53MUE) 248-524-1600



ROCHESTER HILLS sharp custom great room ranch with three bedrooms, two full baths and finished basement. Vaulted ceilings throughout. Solarium. Hardwood floors in foyer & kitchen. $247,600 (74TEN) 28-524-1600



TROY Super clean and neutrally decorated colonial with three bedrooms and 1½ baths. Many improvements including updated kitchen. Nice interior treed lot two blocks from elementary school. $195,900 (19FOR) 248-524-1600



STERLING HEIGHTS Tadian's newest community. Woodbury floor plan new construction with 4 bedrooms and 2½ baths. Great room with fireplace, full basement. All kitchen appliances & central air included. $205,000 (41DIC) 248-524-1600



CHARMING In town bungalow. Everything has been updated. Oak cabinets, ceramic back splash, hardwood floors, chair rail and wainscoating, Kohler fixtures, 1st floor laundry. $189,900 (23FIR) 248-652-8000



DOWNTOWN 2 bedroom brick ranch with den/3rd bedroom without closet, eating space in kitchen, formal dining room, living room with wood burner stove, first floor laundry. $185,000 (18MAI) 248-652-8000



BLOOMFIELD HILLS 4 bedroom, 2½ bath brick home on large lot. Hardwood floors in bedrooms, marble floor in entrance way and Birmingham Schools. Home warranty. $269,900 (64KIN) 248-642-8100



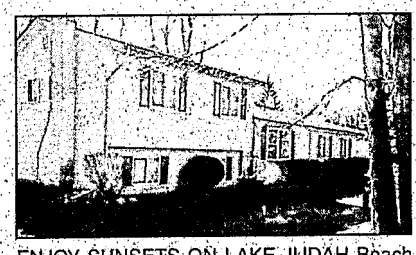
WEST BLOOMFIELD well maintained 4 bedroom, 2½ bath home with neutral decor. Living room, dining room, family room with fireplace, vaulted ceilings. Master bedroom suite with shower, tub and walk in closet. Basement prepped for bath and 2 car garage. (60HER) $254,900 248-642-8100



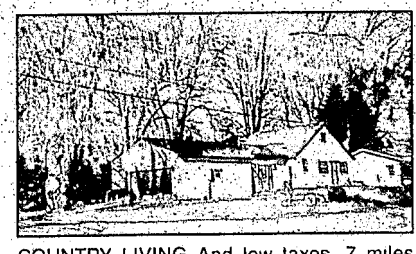
BEVERLY HILLS Sharp traditional Colonial with 4 bedroom, 2½ bath, family room with fireplace and 2 car garage in Birmingham School District. Numerous updates include: roof, furnace, CA, humidifier, air cleaner, siding and gutters. (03HUN) $249,900 248-642-8100



SPACIOUS ROOMS for growing family. 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, oversized family room, natural fireplace, views of private fenced yard with mature trees. White kitchen/breakfast nook. $173,000 (95PHI) 248-652-8000



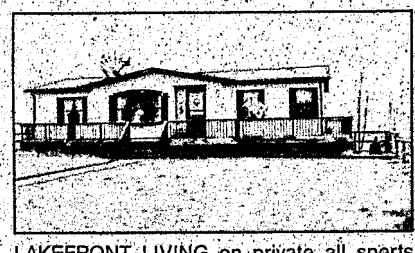
ENJOY SUNSETS ON LAKE JUDAH Beach and boat launch privileges on Carpenter Lake. Spacious 4 bedroom, nice kitchen and dining room area, 2 car garage, basement. All this on large treed fenced yard. $179,900 (91JOS) 248-652-8000



COUNTRY LIVING And low taxes. 7 miles North of Rochester, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, big living room w/doorwall to fun sized deck. Cranberry Lake privileges w/recreation park area. $167,500 (66CHE) 248-652-8000



WEST BLOOMFIELD 2 bedroom, 2 bath ranch condo with neutral decor. Perfect floor plan, library, breakfast room with doorwall to private deck, kitchen with built-ins and 2 car garage. (22PEB) $238,000 248-642-8100



LAKEFRONT LIVING on private all sports lake don't miss this 10 year old home on spacious lot with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 baths, finished walkout, fireplace, garage and dock. Wrap around porch and cedar deck to. $179,900 (73CED) 363-1200



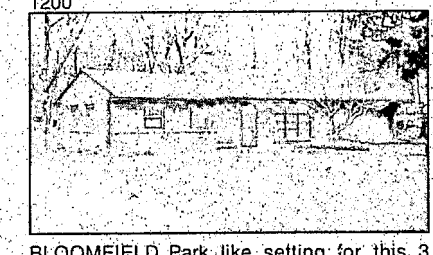
WEST BLOOMFIELD Fabulous floor plan. This great home, features lovely eat in kitchen w/doorwall to deck, spacious family room with brick fireplace, new air condition, roof, windows & doors plus privileges on desirable Middle Straits Lake. Award winning Walled Lake Schools. (10ECH) $154,900 363-1200



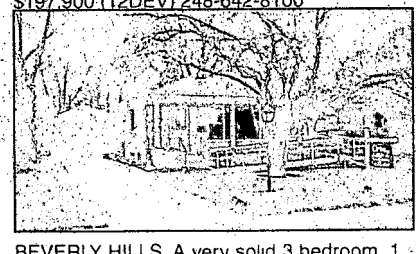
EASY CONDO LIVING! End unit 2 bedroom, with 2 car attached garage. Location at end of street for quiet privacy. Lots of extras! Natural fireplace, finished basement, large deck, central air. Easy access to M-59. One Year Home Warranty. $143,900 (59MEA) 363-1200



THE WATERS GREAT EAGLE Lakefront condo ranch style ground level unit. Bring your boat and have a great summer. Two bedrooms and two baths frame this sensible accomendation. One car garage, a gold medal performance. $139,900 (14ASH) 363-1200



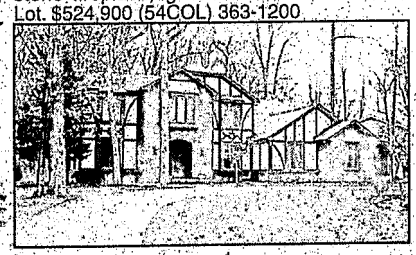
BLOOMFIELD Park like setting for this 3 bedroom, 1½ bath home in the Bloomfield School District. Living room with fireplace, family room leading to deck, hardwood floors, double closets in bedrooms and french doors to 3rd bedroom. Home warranty included. $197,900 (12DEV) 248-642-8100



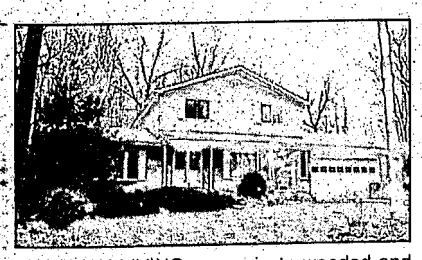
BEVERLY HILLS A very solid 3 bedroom, 1 bath ranch. Updates include roof and windows. Finished basement with rec room and 2 car garage. $194,900 (61WET) 248-642-8100



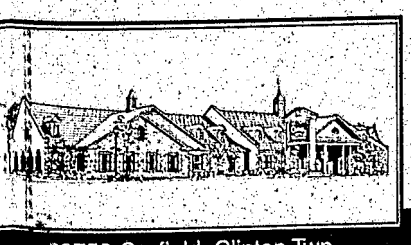
TOP OF THE LINE quality home in West Bloomfield Prestigious Chelsea Park in the heart of West Bloomfield, this home has a fabulous open floor plan with dramatic 2 story foyer & cathedral ceilings. Features gorgeous stone fireplace, gourmet kitchen. Premium Lot. $524,900 (54COL) 363-1200



SPACIOUS TUDOR on wooded lot with beach private on all sports Middle Straits. Gourmet kitchen, 2 story great room, finished w/o basement & much more. $374,000 (35OAK) 363-1200



COUNTRY LIVING very private wooded and park like setting. Immaculate 4 bedroom colonial w/2 story barn. Come see. $284,900 (20HID) 363-1200



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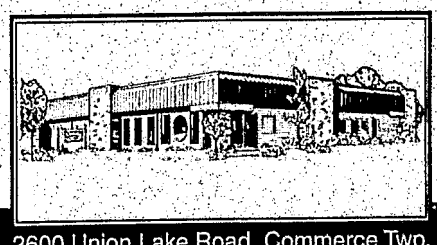

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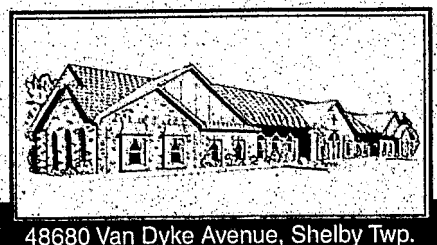

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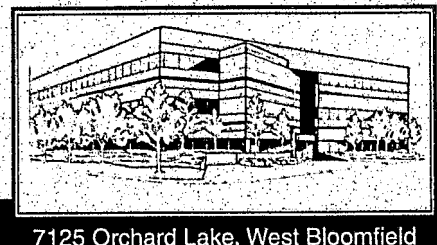

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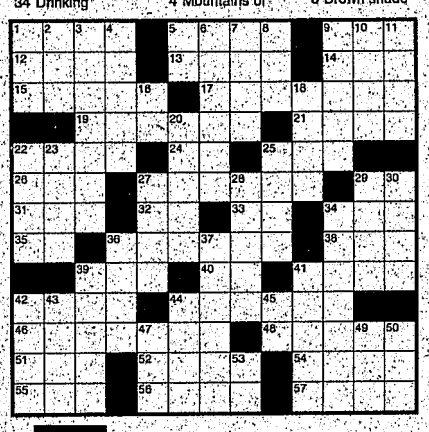

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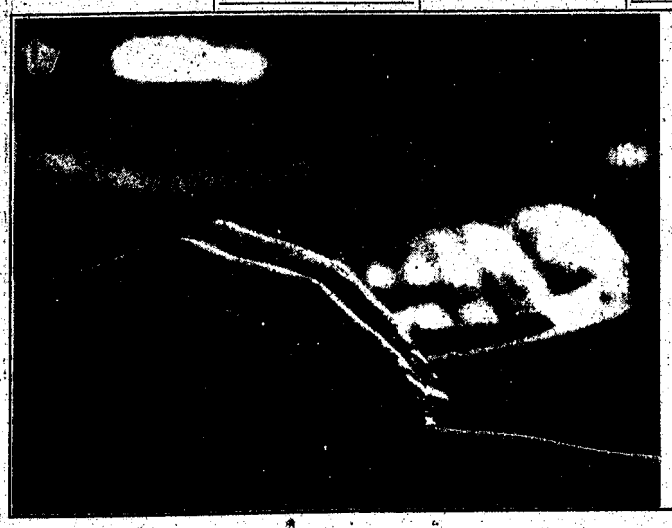

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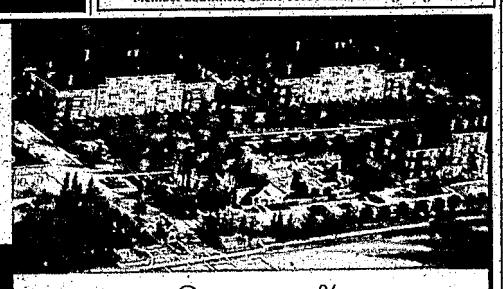

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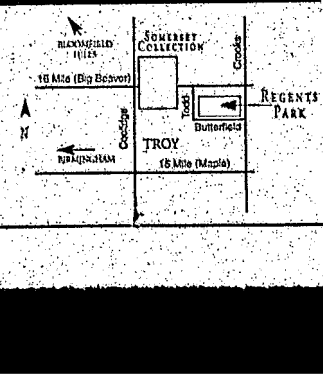

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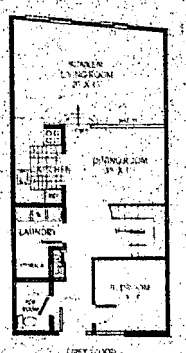

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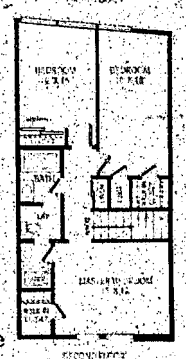

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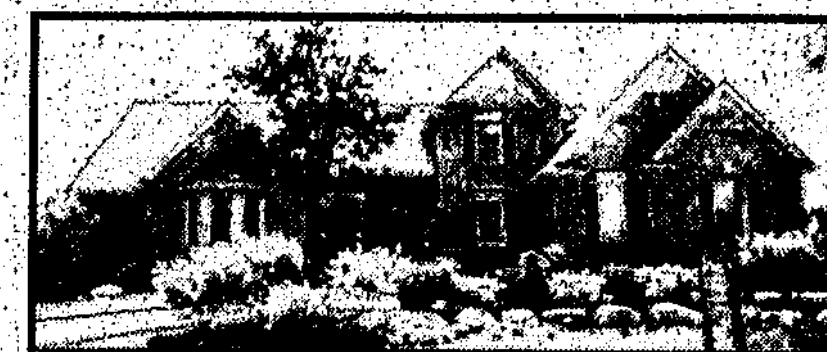

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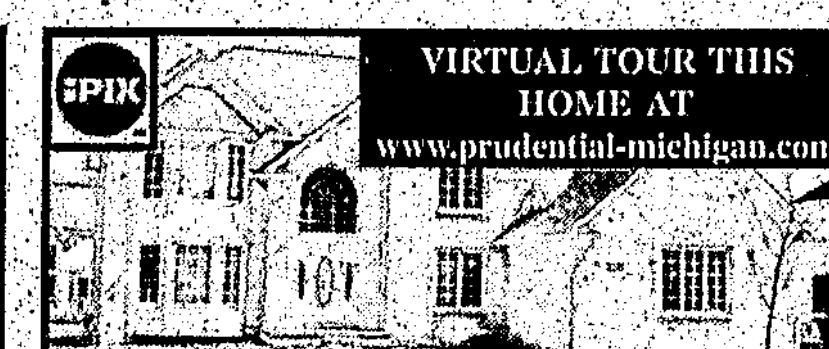

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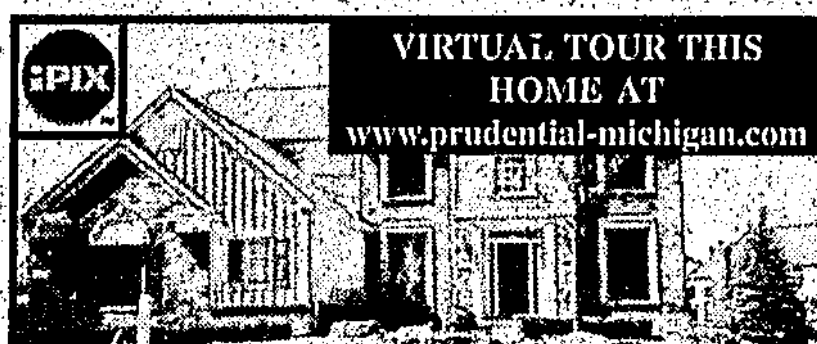

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- Nice wooded corner lot professionally landscaped
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- Quad-level home with 4 bedrooms & 2.5 baths
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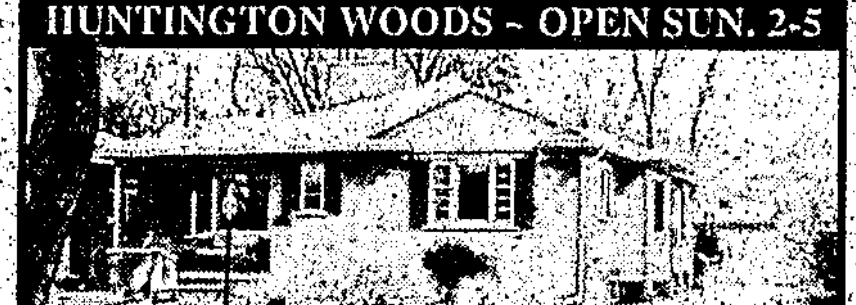
HUNTINGTON WOODS - OPEN SUN. 2-5



10754 Vernon - S. of Lincoln bet. Wyoming & Scotia
- Open floor plan boasts large rooms, 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths
- Master with half bath & walk-in closet with built-ins
- Formica kitchen with breakfast area, appliances included
- Formal dining room, marble foyer & hearth, warm classic interior. (VE107)

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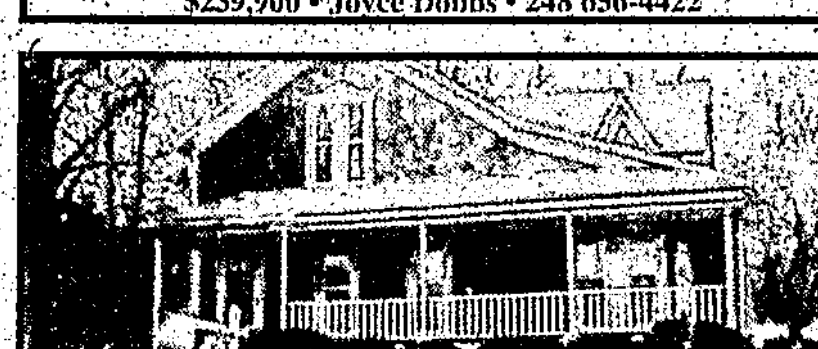

HARTLAND SCHOOLS
- Lovely 2 story home in quaint & quiet country setting
- 3 bedrooms, formal dining, living room with gas log fireplace, 1st floor laundry, 3 full baths, including master
- Basement, deck. Close to x-ways. Landmark location! (LI549)

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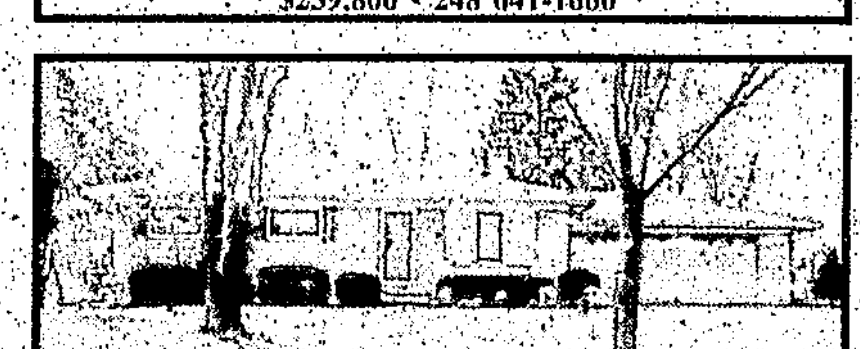

INSTANTLY APPEALING - ROCHESTER HILLS
- Original 3 bedrooms on entry level & 2 additional on lower level, large family room with fireplace in addition
- Newer vinyl siding, windows, roof, furnace, central air
- Original living room & 3 bedrooms with hardwood floors. (OK234)

$224,900 • 248 651-8850



BLOOMFIELD RANCH
- New carpet, windows, paint, updated kitchen and bath
- Sits on oversized lot. Two car garage. Fireplace
- Home warranty. (BA176)

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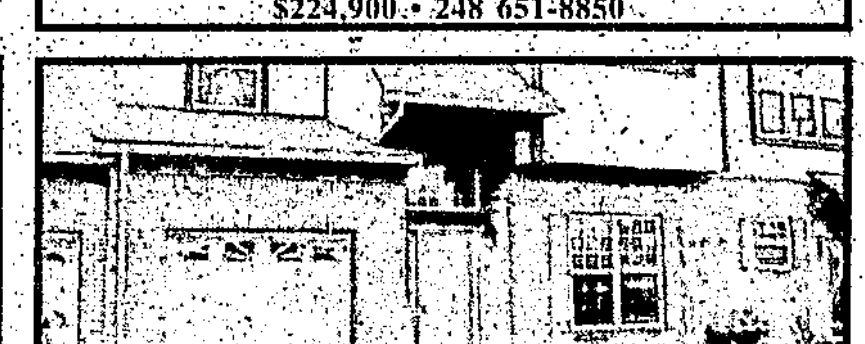
STUNNING 3 BEDROOM RANCH - LIVONIA
- Cathedral ceiling in master bedroom, plus access to deck
- Huge dining room with hardwood floor, 2 fireplaces
- Updated kitchen, roof, furnace & Andersen windows
- Private yard with brick pavers. (HU145)

$209,900 • 248 324-3800



OXFORD TOWNSHIP LAKEFRONT
- Newer windows through-out, updated kitchen
- 60 feet of frontage on all sports Clear Lake
- Large master bedroom with deck overlooking lake
- Three bedrooms, 2 full baths. (MA584)

$189,900 • 248 625-5700



JUST LIKE NEW - 1997 BUILT IN CANTON
- Custom fixtures & hardwood throughout this lovely 2 story condo, fireplace highlights living room
- Wonderfully designed kitchen, attached garage
- Beautiful views from every window. (CO711)

$188,900 • 248 547-2000



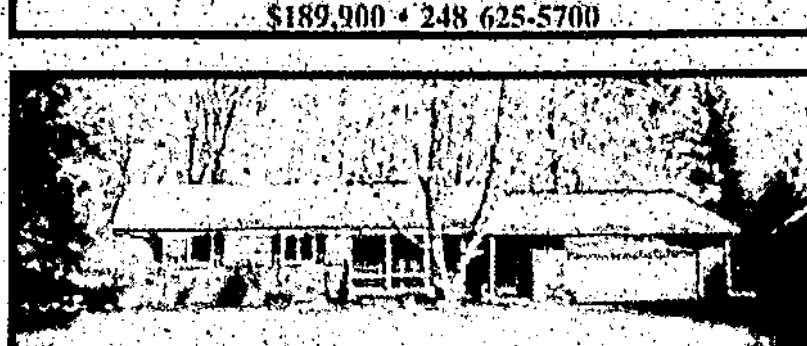
STATELY SOUTHFIELD COLONIAL HOME
- This beautiful site condominium is located in the Plum Hollow Subdivision
- First floor master bedroom with bath. Spacious kitchen
- Neutral decor. VERY, VERY CLEAN! (RO218)

$183,000 • 248 547-2000



WATERFORD
- Thousands spent on extras & upgrades on this 1997 home
- Family room offers fireplace with gas logs & glass doors
- 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, country kitchen, berber carpeting
- Newly painted, designer patio, all on a premium lot! (RE274)

$179,500 • 248 547-2000



TROY
- Sparkling three bedroom ranch on large treed lot
- Well maintained and decorated in neutrals
- Natural fireplace in family room, new kitchen
- A great home, close to schools & shopping. (WE50)

$178,900 • 248 641-1660



WIXOM - WOW!!
- Beautiful 3 bedroom ranch home with gorgeous wooded scenery!
- Family room with cathedral ceiling & gas log fireplace. Living room with bay window. Large country kitchen. Garage.
- Nicely landscaped yard in family neighborhood w/ walking/bike paths. (TE200)

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