

Coffee Chats

Join Clarkston Eccentric editor Karen Smith for free coffee and dessert 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 2, in the Clarkston Eccentric office, 7073 Dixie Highway.

VINTAGE



CLARKSTON

Last week our two friends, damp and cold, faced a pack of hungry wolves. The story, published in the 1868 *History of Howell, Michigan* continues:

"Let us cut some long, slim whips," said I, "and strike them around this beech tree. They will make a noise resembling a pistol; and will, perhaps frighten them away." While I was cutting the whips, the yelp and whine of the hungry wolves broke upon our ears from every direction — some of them being very near us in the brush. It was now quite dark, and yet we could distinguish the moving forms of the voracious animals, skulking among the trees. We each seized a whip and commenced beating the tree and ground. But this did not have the effect anticipated. Nearer and nearer came the hungry beasts, sometimes within reach of our whips, dodging from side to side, and watching their opportunity to spring upon us. We renewed our exertions with all the energy and determinations of men working for dear life. And by whirling around and keeping our whips continually going, we kept them at bay. During all the long night we continued — suddenly the noise of our tormentors was hushed. The wolves had disappeared — daylight had come and our cowardly enemies had fled.

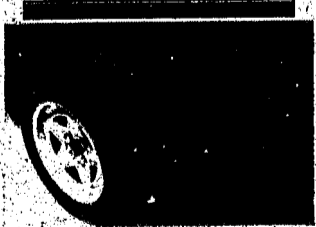
"Seating ourselves on a log, we endeavored to decide what course it was best to pursue. We should probably reach a settlement sooner by continuing on our intended route, but our compass would not work, and we were left without a guide in a trackless wilderness... Our lively exercise through the night had warmed our bodies, and partially dried our clothes. There was no chance for our lives but to push ahead..."

(To be continued next week.)

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

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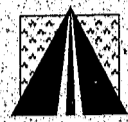


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Friends, family mourn loss of 2 teens



Two teens died and another was critically injured in a traffic accident Monday afternoon on White Lake Road in Independence Township. Police are still investigating the cause of the collision.

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER
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Winnie the Pooh and teddy bears. Fresh flowers and candles. Family pictures and a hand-made poster saying, "We love and miss you Aaron and Erikka."

These are reminders left after a vigil Tuesday night at the site of a fatal traf-

fic accident that occurred at 2:57 p.m. Monday in Independence Township.

Erikka Marie Stanisha-Neff, 17, and Aaron Robert Suddeth, 15, died at the scene. Jared Kinkle, 18, was in critical condition at POH Medical Center in Pontiac as of Wednesday afternoon.

The accident happened on White Lake Road, south of Dixie Highway. Erikka, who lived in Goodrich, was driving a 1997 Honda Civic. Aaron,

who also lived in Goodrich, was a passenger in the front seat. Jared, formerly from Lake Orion, was a passenger in the back seat.

Oakland County Sheriff's Deputy Robert Batzloff from the Traffic Investigation Division said the Honda was traveling westbound on White Lake Road when it suddenly crossed the center line into the eastbound lane of traffic. The Honda struck a Ford M-150 pick-up truck head on.

The driver of the Ford was a 36-year-old Madison Heights resident. He was treated at POH Medical Center and released.

The crash remains under investiga-



Aaron Suddeth



Erikka Stanisha-Neff

tion. No one in the Honda was wearing a seat belt.

Please see ACCIDENT, A2

A TASTE OF HEAVEN

FAMILY GEARS UP FOR SUMMER BY TASTE-TESTING ICE CREAM AT AREA SHOPS

BY SALLY SLAUGHTER • STAFF WRITER
PHOTOS BY STEVE CANTRELL

Ice cream, in some people's minds, is food sent straight from heaven. It's creamy, refreshing and sweet. It's something many people just can't seem to get enough of —

summer or winter. In the interest of the upcoming summer season, however, a taste-testing trip to ice cream parlors in the Independence/Springfield township area seemed in order.

Recruited for this important, but completely unscientific experiment were four members of the Walker family. Mom Barb Walker was joined in the test by her children, Jessica, 12; Blair, 10; and Madison, 8. Dad Chris Walker declined the invitation to join in. He had to work.

Members of the Independence Township family are self-professed ice cream lovers, Barb Walker said. They are fans of ice cream parlors.

"We go out once a week," she said, during the summertime. Winter trips are less frequent.

Barb limits what she buys at the grocery store to what she could use as an ingredient in Boston coolers, for example.

"I only buy vanilla so I won't eat it," she said.

Son Blair said ice cream has many qualities other desserts lack.

"I like it because it's cold. You can set it down. I like it because it's portable," he said.

Barb admitted that her favorite place is Dairy Queen/Brazier, 5890 Ortonville Road. She loves the blizzards. The kids like Frosty Boy, 9263, Dixie Highway.

Those are two of the six places the panel sampled on Monday afternoon. They also tried out Dairy Dream, 5510 Sashabaw Road; Cooks Farm Dairy, 2950 Seymour Lake Road; Scoops Inc., 12719 Andersonville Road; and Union General, 50 S. Main.

The assignment went from a taste competition to a what's available where competition. It seems all the ice cream was delicious. Blair couldn't even decide which of two flavor he liked best. It was between coffee heath crunch at Union General and muddy sneakers at Frosty Boy.

"I have to say it's a tie because I couldn't decide," he said.

He was the most anti-chocolate person in

the group. His sisters both loved the bear claw flavor available at most stores. It has a dark chocolate base with caramel and nuts mixed in.

"It's probably the richest one we have," Scoops manager Ron Course said.

Scoops serves ice cream made at Cooks. Course said vanilla is the most popular flavor at Scoops. That was true at Cooks and at Dairy Queen. However, Dairy Queen only has three choices in ice cream — vanilla, chocolate and twist.

Most kids, it appears, go for the brightest-colored concoction they can find. Scoops and Cooks reported mint chocolate chip as a favorite among children; everywhere else it was the citrus flavor of Superman and blue moon that dominated.

Although Frosty Boy owner Mike Troshinetz said moose tracks, a chocolate and peanut butter concoction, is the favorite at his store, the taste-testing bunch still preferred bear claw and muddy sneakers. The sneaker flavor is his most unusual, Troshinetz said. It's white chocolate ice cream with chocolate-covered peanuts and caramel and fudge swirls. Frosty Boy serves Ashby's brand ice cream.

Over at Cooks, the ice cream is made on site with milk from the cows they raise on the farm, production manager Bob Love said.

They get the prize for the biggest scoop, but they also have several creative combinations. Some of the 18 varieties they make include caramel apple, raspberry chocolate torte and cotton candy.

Barb thought the cotton candy was creative. But was it too much of a good thing?

"I don't think I've ever found something that was too sweet," she joked.

While Barb thought the ice cream tasted just like cotton candy, daughters Jessica and Madison disagreed. The ice cream also had little chocolate chips in it.

"I like the blue moon better," Jessica said. "You smelled the cotton candy, but you tasted the chocolate chips."

After one giant cone each at Cooks and tastes at five other ice cream places, even the diehard ice cream-loving Walker kids were feeling the pressure, so to speak.

"Everytime we get out of the car, they get out a little slower," observed Barb.

The whirlwind tour perhaps has cured them of their ice cream cravings for a couple of weeks, at least, she added.



Yum yum: There is nothing like creamy cold ice cream on a hot summer's day...or any other day. Michael Bloomfield (above) licks his way through a cone from Cook's Farm Dairy.

THE PANEL



Mom Barb Walker



Jessica Walker, 12



Blair Walker, 10



Madison Walker, 8

OBITUARY

Avis J. Sullivan

Avis J. Sullivan of Germfask, Mich., formerly of Clarkston and Royal Oak, died April 22. She was 69.

Mrs. Sullivan was a member of St. Timothy's Catholic Church in Curtis.

She is survived by her husband, Loren J. Sullivan; children, Vicki (Roger) Miller, Gail (Ron) Lewis and Barry Sullivan, all of Oxford; grandchildren, Tammy, Tina, Tanya, Aron and Trevor; great-grandchildren, Victoria, Lorin, Alyssa and Vanessa; and sisters, Sylvia Bosgoletti, June Engan, Phyllis Brannamen and Sonia Jarrett. She was preceded in death by a son, Daniel.

A funeral Mass was held April 25 at St. Daniel Catholic Church with Monsignor Robert Humitz officiating. Rite of committal was at Lakeview Cemetery. A memorial service will be held at a later date at St. Timothy's in Curtis. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Michigan.

Arrangements were handled by Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home.

Accident from page A1

Until recently, Aaron was a sophomore at Clarkston High School. He lived with his father, Jeff Suddeth, and his sister, Amanda Suddeth, 11, in Independence Township.

His father, Jeff Suddeth, remembered his son as a very independent teenager who wanted to create his own life, yet was a caring, loving brother to his sister.

"Amanda looked up to her brother as a role model," Suddeth said. "He was a good brother to her, and she loved him."

Suddeth said Aaron had just transferred to Goodrich High School and lived with his mother, Karen (Jeffrey) Short. The brown-eyed teenager who liked to wear hats was working to save money for a car, was a game-station maniac and was very interested in computers, according to his father.

"If we had any questions or problems with computers, we went to Aaron," he said.

Father and son enjoyed riding four-wheel recreational vehicles together. Aaron also was a natural athlete and played soccer on teams through Independence Township Parks and Recreation Department.

"He also was a good driver," Suddeth recalled. "He had his learning permit and drove home from Easter dinner. He put his seat belt on without my having to say anything to him."

Suddeth attended the vigil given by friends of both Aaron and Erikka.

"It was nice to hear what their friends had to say about them," he said. "They mentioned they could always count on him to help them out. That was so touching."

Pastor Dan Niewoit is the youth pastor at Mt. Zion Church in Independence Township. He knew Erikka well through her participation in the church's youth group and through her attendance at Clarkston Christian Association, where he's the director.

"Her family belongs to the church. They are very active," he said.

He recalled Erikka as someone with a lot of friends who was energetic, intelligent and quick to ask questions and to give her opinions.

"She wanted to be a lawyer ever since she was a little girl," he said. "She would have been a stellar lawyer."

Niewoit also remembered that Erikka was a good sister to her sisters and brothers, Alexa, Michael, Briana, Hunter and Timmi Neff of Lake Orion and Nicholas and Nina Stanisha of



Crash site: A couple roses mark the spot on White Lake Road in Independence Township where two teens died and one was critically injured in an accident.

Pennsylvania. Her parents are Suzann (Michael) Neff of Lake Orion and Chaz (Dianna) Stanisha of Pittsburgh.

The pastor said Erikka was home-schooled for awhile. She had finished high school and was talking about going to college.

"This tragic accident is a wake-up call for many of Erikka and Aaron's friends," Niewoit said. "Teenagers take life for granted. I hope they will remember that we're not promised a

tomorrow."

Visitation times for both Aaron and Erikka are from 3-5 p.m. and from 7-9 p.m. today in Lewis E. Wint and Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, 5929 S. Main St., Independence Township.

Funeral services for Erikka are at 10 a.m. Friday at Mt. Zion Church, Clarkston. Interment is at Ottawa Park Cemetery.

Funeral services for Aaron are at 12:30 p.m. Friday in Wint Funeral Home. Interment is at Lakeview Cemetery.

Other survivors for Aaron are brothers Ryan and Nick, grand-

parents Bob and Janet Hillier of Goodrich, Joanne Ottmar of Oxford and the late Don Suddeth; great-grandparents Jenny Stokes of Goodrich and Sophie (Ozzie) Hagopian of Detroit and his father's fiancé, Susan Gavin.

The Suddeth family requests donations be made for a marker in Aaron's memory.

Erikka's other surviving family members include grandparents Mary-Joan and Louis Stanisha and Jackie and Jack Robertson of Pennsylvania and Dr. William and Cecile Neff of Clarkston.

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NOTICE SECOND READING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Springfield will hold a **SECOND READING** at its Regular Meeting on Thursday, May 11, 2000, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Township Hall, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, MI to consider the following proposed amendment to Ordinance No. 51, Consolidated Fee Ordinance:

SECTION ONE - AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE

Item D of number III, Plat Review, of Schedule II of Ordinance No. 51 is amended as follows:

D. Engineering (Construction) Plans \$1000 plus \$60 per lot

SECTION TWO - EFFECTIVE DATE

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

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

NANCY STROLE, Clerk
Charter Township of Springfield

Published April 27, 2000

Charter Township of Springfield

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
April 13, 2000
SYNOPSIS

CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 P.M. by Supervisor Walls.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Approved minutes for March 9, 2000 Regular Meeting as submitted
- Accepted March report of Treasurer
- Received March reports: Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical, Litigation, Fire, Ordinance
- Authorized payment of bills
- Approved three-month extension of Special Land Use for Green Lake Park plan
- Approved hourly rate increase by Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment for Inspections only
- Authorized increase in liability insurance coverage to \$1 million for Regulatory Taking of Private Property
- Approved six-month extension of Special Land Use for Wooded Hill of Jamestown
- Adopted budget amendments for General Fund and EPA Grant Fund
- Adopted resolution recommending approval of state gaming license to Children are Precious Respite Care Center
- Support resident's petition to RCOC for reduction of speed limit and passing restriction on portion of Davisburg Rd.
- Communications: Received and placed on file
- Authorized traffic control mini-contract with Sheriff's dept. for Bordine's Nursery

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Forest Hills, Special Land Use Request: received verbal comments

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Ingomar Farms: Approved request for reconsideration; referred revised density and concept plans to Planning Commission

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Forest Hills, Special Land Use and Site Plan: referred revised density and concept plans to Planning Commission
2. Westwood Hills
 - a) Approved Landscape Plan and Berming as set forth in consent agreement
 - b) Conditionally approved Final Plat
3. Holly Ford - Site Plan: Tabled request for waiver of retaining wall; directed site to be brought into compliance; authorized action by Township Attorney
4. Hummingbird Ridge Construction: Conditionally authorized limited clearing/grading
5. Adopted Resolution authorizing Cable franchise transfer to Comcast.
6. Zoning Ordinance: Adopted amendment to Section 16.21
7. Consolidated Fee Ordinance #51 Amendment: adopted amendment; authorized Second Reading of III.D. of Schedule II
8. Clarkston Motors: Adopted request for retention basin depth waiver

Additional Business:

Convened to Closed Session at 9:55 pm

1. HCMA Litigation Update
2. Property Conversion/Condemnation

Reconvened to Open Session at 10:15 pm

Civic Center: Authorized possible substitution parcel to address state property conversion requirement; authorized appraisal

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: 10:20 pm

NANCY STROLE, Clerk

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Robotics team proud of its winning record

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER
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FIRST Robotics may not sound like a team sport, but it has many similarities.

(FIRST means For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology.)

It's a team activity that requires 20-plus hours a week in team preparation. And while it doesn't take place on a traditional sports field, it's played against other teams on an intellectual playing field.

The FIRST Robotics Team from Oakland Schools Science, Mathematics and Technology Academy North has made everyone associated with it proud this season. The academy is housed at Oakland Technical Center-Northwest in Springfield Township.

The team is made up of teens from the Clarkston, Waterford, Lake Orion, Oxford, Holly and Brandon school districts who attend OTC-NW. The members recently placed 60th out of about 300 teams in the national competition, seventh in the Great Lakes Regional competition and fourth in the Chicago/Motorola regional contest. They have one competition in May.

These students worked as hard as a team as they would for any traditional sport. They worked under the guidance of their school coordinator and engineers at DaimlerChrysler,



Award winner: OSM Tech Academy North teacher and FIRST Robotics team coordinator Kyle Hughes (left), winner of the Woodie Flowers Award, works with Clarkston student Don Craner.

STAFF PHOTOS BY STEVE CANRELL

engineering is all about," explained Kyle, also a teacher at OSM Tech. "It's to make engineers their heroes, not athletes. The founder of this competition, Dean Kamen, once called FIRST the 'Super Bowl of Academics.'"

Don Craner, a senior student from Clarkston, has been on the FIRST team for three years.

"It's helped me decide on a career," he said. He's always liked doing things with electrical components and now that he's had hands-on experience with engineering and animation, he's going to continue studying engineering at Michigan Technological University.

Twins Pam and Sara Barclay of Oxford are second-year FIRST members. Pam is going on to Central Michigan University; Sara to Northern Michigan University.

Both have gotten more out of their FIRST experience than learning about engineering. They've honed different skills, such as leadership and teamwork.

Lyron Maxey returned from the national competition in Orlando with more than memories of Disney World. The Rose Township resident received a \$20,000 scholarship towards four years at Kettering University. He's planning on studying mechanical engineering.

Bo Zhao and Matt Burgess of Lake Orion said they have a strong sense of accomplishment from the FIRST team.

"I got to program the robot this year. It was exciting to see it in its final stage," said Bo, who is headed for Massachusetts Institute of Technology in the fall.

Matt worked on the FIRST team's animation project for two years. He's going to get additional hands-on robot experience at Michigan Technological University.



A leader: FIRST Robotics team member Lyron Maxey won a \$20,000 scholarship to Kettering University.

Will Freed of Clarkston thinks he'll major in a field other than engineering at the University of Dayton-Ohio on a scholarship.

"I'm so glad Mrs. H. (Hughes) got me involved in the FIRST team," he said. "It got me into animation. It was a lot of work, but it was worth it. I met some great people."

Others on the team are Chris Karnes, Chris Freed, Stephen Hardy and Stephanie Freiwald of Clarkston, Carrie Markesino of Waterford, Becky Sherman and Nick Rutledge of Lake Orion; Ben Timm, Ken Anderson and Seth Henderson of Holly and Veronica Clinton, Katrina Charais and Seve Barteloni of Brandon Township.

"These students are incredible," Shoulders added. "Whatever they choose to do, they will succeed. They devoted themselves to hard work, and they didn't quit. They are great."

Team coordinator awarded top honor

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER
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Kyle Hughes of Clarkston recently received the highest award given by the non-profit organization, FIRST.

FIRST stands for For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology. Its Woodie Flowers Award is the highest honor awarded to a teacher or engineer for that person's individual effort to inspire and motivate students.

"You'd have thought I was a star," said Hughes, coordinator for OSM Tech Academy North's FIRST Robotics Team, where she teaches integrated math and calculus.

She and her FIRST team were at the national FIRST competition in Orlando in April when she learned about her award.

"The best part is that my students nominated me for the award," she said. "Afterwards, they stayed right around me as though they were so very proud of me."

"Winning that was like winning an Academy Award," she added. "I got to say thank you to

more than 20,000 people. "These are an incredible group of kids," she said about her FIRST team.

She said people question her about why she spends so much time working with the FIRST Robotics Team when she and her husband, Dennis, have three young children at home.

"I look at this as an investment," she said. "I'm putting money in the bank. If these students do something good for society, they will change the world I and my children live in," she said.

FIRST Team member and student Don Craner of Clarkston described Hughes as a very inspiring person. "She's touched everyone on the FIRST team and helped them to achieve more," he said.

"Mrs. Hughes is a hard teacher and makes you work, but it's worth it when you can look back and see how much you learned over the year," added student and FIRST team member Will Freed. "She knows how to relate to students. She doesn't just stand up and lecture. She talks and works with you to teach you."

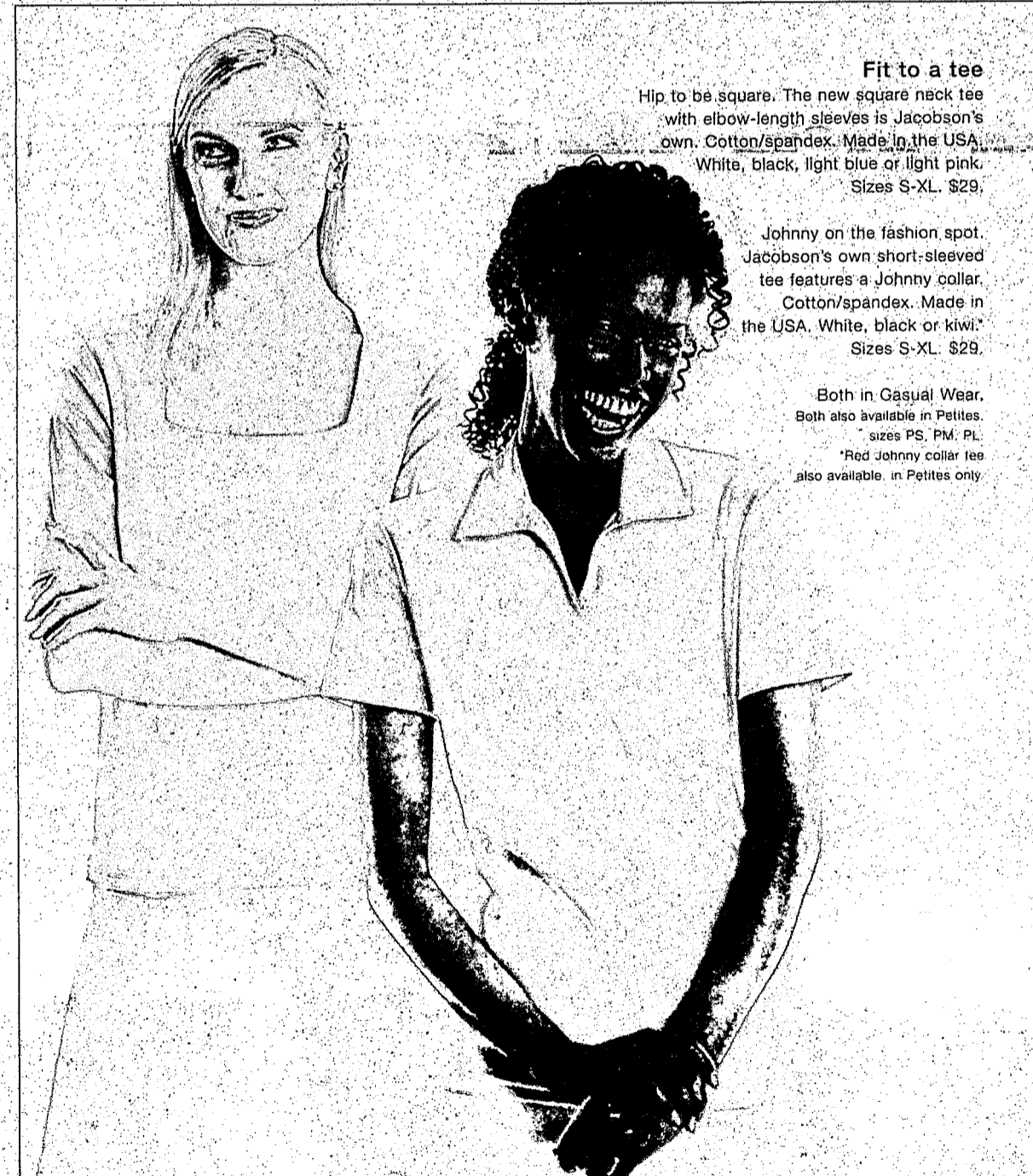
in order to compete in a game against other teams. They also developed an animated film of their robot in action.

"They only have six weeks from the time the competition is announced to build this robot," explained DC product engineer Kelly Shoulders of Rochester Hills. "They have to plan their strategy and determine how they want their robot to be. Then they have to go through feasibility questions and the engineering process, designing individual parts of it, determining the packaging, its weight and cost. It can only cost so much at the end and be a certain size. It's a major project," she said.

Cindy Hess, DC vice president of corporate quality, served as the corporate sponsor. Others from DC who gave up so many hours to work with the FIRST team are Shoulders, Greg Pollock, Tim Flickinger, Jordan Golomb, Dan Newman, Paul Giannosa, Lisa Kunkle, Mike Uphouse, Pete Centofanti and Dennis Hughes.

Hughes' wife, Kyle, is the students' team leader. The Hugheses live in Clarkston with their three children, Troy, 5, Courtney, 2, and Cody, almost 3 months.

"The purpose of this team is to get the students working with engineers and to find out what



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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

Operating while intoxicated

On April 24, police ticketed a 23-year-old Waterford man after he was stopped for speeding on Dixie Highway. The man had a strong smell of intoxicants. His preliminary breathalyzer test score was .220, more than double the legal limit of .10. Police also discovered the man had cocaine and open intoxicants inside his vehicle. Police impounded his car.

Marijuana—use/possession

On April 23, a 21-year-old Waterford man received tickets for driving a vehicle without proof of insurance and for possession of marijuana. The car's passenger received a ticket for open intoxicants in a car. Police stopped the man's vehicle for defective equipment on Dixie Highway at Maybee Road. They found a marijuana pipe with marijuana in it and open beer inside the vehicle.

Larceny from building

On April 21, someone removed two sets of golf clubs belonging to two Clarkston men at Clarkston Creek Golf Club, 6060 Maybee Road. The men told police they left their clubs inside the hallway near the clubhouse. When they returned, the bags

were missing.

Possession of marijuana

On April 20, police were called to Clarkston High School at 6093 Flemings Lake Road. Two 17-year-old Clarkston boys had marijuana in their possession.

Springfield Township

Larceny from automobile

On April 21, someone reported a person entered two vehicles parked in the 8400 block of Holcomb. The person removed cash and credit cards from one vehicle and change from both vehicles.

Clarkston Police

Operating under the influence of liquor

On April 18, police issued an appearance ticket for operating a vehicle while under the influence of liquor to a 53-year-old Clarkston woman involved in a minor accident on M-15 near Waldon. The woman drove her car into a vehicle driven by a Holly woman, according to the police report. There were no injuries. The woman from Clarkston had a strong odor of intoxicants about her.

Independence Fire

Fire calls

Independence Township Fire Department responded to nine calls from April 21-23. These included seven medical call and two for automatic alarms.

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Missionary trip an eye-opener for Clarkston Rotarian

Waiting for care: People waited all day to see one of the nine eye-care professionals on a mission in Grenada. Many wore their very best clothes for the event, which attracted people from all over the island.



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Mary Sloan of Springfield Township says she isn't adventurous, but she proved herself wrong in early April when she traveled to Grenada on a mission to give the gift of better sight to hundreds of people.

The trip was organized by Fowlerville optometrist Nelson Edwards, who also is a Rotarian. Sloan said he uses his Rotary connections to organize trips to fit people with glasses all over the world. She heard him speak.

"I had just become a Rotarian and it seemed like something I would like to do," she said.

Sloan lives in Springfield Township, but is a member of the Clarkston Rotary Club. She took a week off from her teaching position in the Bloomfield Hills School District to go on the mission.

She and 19 other people spent a week on the island at the southern end of the West Indies beginning April 1. They took 4,000 pairs of donated glasses with them and saw 1,100 people.

Among the team members were nine optometrists and ophthalmologists and 11 volunteers. People came from Vancouver and Chatham, Canada as well as Michigan, California and Iowa. They belonged to Rotary International.

Volunteer Optometrists Serving Humanity and the Third World Eye Care Society, Sloan said. Sloan's job was the first step in the diagnostic process. It involved having people read eye charts.

"I felt we were doing some good," Sloan said. "I was impressed with the people."

The Grenada people are friendly, but poor, she said. The mission went to the island



Vision test: Mary Sloan gives a Grenadian girl an initial eye test. Sloan spent a week on the island helping eye-care professionals fit natives with glasses.

because many people on the 133-square-mile island could not afford eye care. During their stay, the volunteers performed eye exams and distributed eye glasses. Doctors performed 26 surgeries, too.

"Each day we saw over 250 people. Unfortunately, at the end of each day there were

always people who waited all day but could not be seen. We saw about 30 people an hour."

She said the eye testing was treated like an event and people put on their best clothes.

"The whole island knew we were there. I guess it was a big deal."

The group stayed in a 24-room

hotel and was entertained by one of the two Rotary Clubs on the island. Sloan said she can't wait to take another similar trip.

"It was really an eye-opener," she said. "I want to travel, but I don't like to lie on a beach. I want to do something."

Rotary/4-H auction set for Sunday

Davisburg Rotary Club and the 4-H Fair Board will host their joint auction beginning at 11 a.m. Sunday, April 30, in the Springfield Oaks Youth Activities Building.

Auctioneer is Ed King of Fowlerville. The day promises items of interest for everyone, from antiques to livestock for a 4-H project. A kids corner will be provided with activities to keep children occupied. The 4-H Cafe will serve food and beverages. The silent auction includes

a variety of items ranging from gift certificates to services.

The 4-H had 80,000 visitors in 1999, viewing 35,000 projects provided by 8,000 exhibitors. More are expected this year. Davisburg Rotary Club annually provides food baskets valued to \$500 each to more than 50 needy families in the area. This year as a world community service project, Davisburg Rotary Club contributed to Polio Plus, an ongoing program to eradicate polio from the world by the year

2005. Both these worthwhile groups can only accomplish their big jobs with the help of the community.

Donations are still welcomed for the auction and can be made by calling a committee member. These are Terri Burnett, (810) 636-7815; Cathy Grain, (248) 394-1736; Nancy Lopez, (248) 634-9775; L.C. Scramlin, (248) 634-8830; and (248) 394-8133; and Mary Tebo at (248) 634-9654.

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People complain, state listens

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Slamming, cramming, credit reporting problems, medical billing fraud and nursing home care are among the concerns most on the minds of consumers, according to the findings of the House Republican Task Force on Consumer Issues.

But the biggest frustration for consumers, said state Reps. Laura Toy (R-Livonia) and Mark Jansen (R-Grand Rapids) is that when they have a problem they often do not know whom to call.

In fact, many of the phone calls lawmakers receive in their Lansing offices from constituents turn out to be, not government related, but consumer complaints.

To address that, the representatives are proposing to create a "universal complaint hotline." Not only would staffers operating the toll-free number provide a referral service for complaining consumers — directing the callers not only to the correct level of government, federal, state or local, but to the specific department — they would also compile lists of the calls they receive to keep lawmakers informed about what kinds of consumer complaints are on the minds of constituents.

Toy and Jansen are also asking that lawmakers begin to receive quarterly reports about consumer complaints from the various state departments that typically handle them — the Attorney General, Consumer and Industry Services, the Department of Environmental Quality, the Family Independence Agency, the Department of Transportation and others. The purpose is to keep elected officials "pry to the most common consumer complaints and help develop legislative solutions to

those problems."

Those proposals were among a list unveiled April 24 by Toy and Jansen at a press conference in Livonia. They were contained in a report issued by the task force as a result of hearings held around the state last summer. Members of the task force — including Reps. Toy, Randy Richardville (R-Monroe), Steve Vear (R-Hillsdale), Clark Bisbee (R-Jackson), Charles LaSata (R-St. Joseph) and Jason Allen (Traverse City) — conducted six hearings across the state from Monroe to Traverse City which drew, on average, crowds of 25 attendees.

This is the 32nd task force report to be issued by the House Republican Policy Committee, chaired by Jansen, since its formation in 1987. Toy said task force efforts are intended to keep the lawmakers in touch with their constituents. Past task force reports have generated many new state laws.

In the hearings, lawmakers identified three areas of consumer concern that they can address in legislation — telephone slamming and cramming, nursing home care and medical billing practices.

Slamming is already illegal in Michigan under law passing in 1998, but it remains the No. 1 source of complaints from state residents to the Federal Communications Commission. Some 2,800 slamming complaints were filed in 1998 to the Michigan Public Service Commission.

Phone companies are supposed to receive a "letter of authority" or verify the customer's request through a third party before switching long distance services, but "there are many ways in which unscrupulous companies prey on unknowing consumers and use deceptive measures to obtain service," according to the task force report.

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"For instance, there are phone companies named: Hold, I Don't Care, I Don't Know. During a typical phone solicitation, the caller (representing the company Hold) may ask in the middle of the call, 'Can I put you on Hold?' An answer in the affirmative results in the switching of the consumer's telephone carrier."

Likewise, according to Toy, cramming is also illegal. That is the practice of adding charges to a consumer's phone bill that the consumer did not ask for. But it still a source of many complaints.

To address these concerns, the task force is recommending a number of changes in law, including:

- Legislation requiring "truth in billing." This legislation would require any company adding a charge to a consumer's phone bill to also include a toll free number at which the company can be reached and the company's address. Residents who testified before the committee hearings complained that when they find unauthorized items on their phone bills, there is often no phone number or address where the company can be reached to file a complaint.

- Increase the penalties for slamming and cramming. Already, consumers can dispute their bills when they have been slammed, and the law prohibits the company from collecting more than what the customer would have paid the old phone company for the same services. However, the task force believes that allows slammers to still make a profit. So, the task force is proposing legislation to prohibit slamming companies from collecting any fees.

- Legislation requiring back-

ground checks for anyone seeking to enter the telecommunications market in Michigan.

- Creation of a "no call" list which would allow consumers to block phone solicitors from dialing them.

Toy noted that lawmakers, learning the lesson from telephone deregulation, also are proposing bills to prevent slamming and cramming when the state similarly deregulates electric and gas service. Reps. Richardville and Mike Kowall (R-White Lake) have already introduced bills to outlaw the practice in those utilities.

Nursing home care was not an area the task force anticipated reviewing, Toy said, but the number of complaints heard by the committee prompted several recommendations for new laws, including:

- Continuing the state's Elder Prescription Insurance Coverage program and promoting it better to make more Michigan seniors aware that it is available.

- Requiring criminal background checks for employees of nursing homes and county medical care facilities. Such background checks are already being proposed in legislation sponsored by Rep. Gerry Law (R-Plymouth).

- Requiring care facilities to provide prospective patients with written descriptions of the services they provide.

- Creating an insurance program to provide for long term care.

To deal with complaints about medical claims, the task force recommended requiring use of a standardized medical claim form.

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Coin contest: Independence Elementary fifth-grader Bobby Melnik (left) and his mother, Diane Melnik, count the money collected during the Jar Wars fund-raiser. Bobby coordinated at his school to benefit those who, like his cousin, have cystic fibrosis.

5th-grader heads up fund-raiser to aid those with cystic fibrosis

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They gave their allowances, their birthday money and their Chuck E Cheese's coins. They hit up relatives for money and even sold their Pokemon cards.

The generous fifth-graders at Independence Elementary School in Clarkston raised \$1,865 in two weeks to combat cystic fibrosis.

Inspiration for such selflessness came from a cousin of Independence student Bobby Melnik. Bobby's cousin Erin Keon of Farmington Hills also is in fifth grade and has cystic fibrosis. Bobby wanted to do something for his cousin and others with the genetic disease.

That's when Jar Wars was born. First was a presentation by Erin. She is comfortable speaking about her disease and moved the children by her story, Bobby's mom, Diane Melnick, said.

"They were so taken by Erin. She's the same age," she said.

The children asked question for 45 minutes after her presentation. The disease causes the body to create abnormally thick mucus, which leads to chronic and fatal lung infections. It also impairs digestion.

Jar Wars was a classroom competition among the four fifth grades. Each had a big jar, and the room with the most money at the end was the win-



A job well done: Nicole Miller enjoys a slice of pizza at the party.

ner. Diane Melnick said she started each class out with a little money, never dreaming how much the children would raise.

She said the children took the competition seriously. They solicited money from friends and relatives and donated their own. The teachers, Amy Campbell, Dana Pennanen and April Wuest, were supportive, Melnick said. Her son's teacher,

Kerri Gualtieri, has been out on maternity leave, but substitute teacher Gaye Kulkenkamp pitched right in, she said.

In the end Pennanen's class raised the most money. All the fifth-graders, however, enjoyed a pizza party for a job well done. Local businesses helped in the effort by donating food and drinks.



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Who you gonna call? Some numbers to know if you have a complaint

When a consumer has a complaint, knowing whom to call is a key issue. And, according to Rep. Mark Jansen (R-Grand Rapids), it can be very confusing because the regulatory agencies are spread out about across all levels of government — federal, state, county and local — as well as among various departments at each of those levels.

As the House Republican Policy Committee Task Force on Consumer Issues released its report April 24, outlining proposals for new legislation it would like to see enacted to address consumer concerns, it also compiled a list of already available phone numbers to which consumers can take their com-

plaints.

Numbers to call include:
 ■ To file a slamming or cramming complaint against any unauthorized provider, contact the Michigan Public Service Commission at (800) 292-9555.

■ If unresolved, consumers can also file complaints to the Enforcement Division of the Federal Communications Commission at (888) 225-5322.

■ For complaints regarding nursing home care, call the state's Bureau of Health Systems in the Department of Consumer Industry and Services on its health care facility hotline at (800) 882-6006.

■ The Health Care Financing Administration provides a

national database on where consumers can find the most recent survey results for nursing homes. The administration has a website accessible at www.medicare.gov/nursing/home.asp

■ For help finding the right long-term care facility, consumers can contact the Elder Care Locator at (800) 677-1116.

■ For legal advice, seniors can contact the Legal Hotline for Older Michiganders at (800) 347-5297.

■ For assistance and advice on health benefits, seniors can contact the Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program Hotline at (800) 803-7174.

■ The Attorney General's Con-

sumer Protection Division can be reached at (517) 373-1140.

■ For complaints about licensed professionals, the state's Consumer and Industry Services Bureau of Health Systems can be reached at (517) 373-1820.

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■ First Vice Chair: Martha Corbett, a Troy resident and partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP. She is starting her fifth year on HAVEN's board.

■ Second Vice Chair: Diana Jones, a Detroit resident and

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■ Secretary: Lynda Ronie, a Bingham Farms resident who serves as director of Performance Management and Learning Support at AAA Michigan. This is her third year on the board.

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CMS team works together for Robofest competition

Five Clarkston Middle School students have taken the art of creating something with Legos to another level.

The members of the Robot Team programmed a Mindstorm robot to follow a curved line, turn around and return to its starting position.

The students who spent six weeks perfecting these skills are Lane Clegg, Anna Borchers, Ian Sabbag, Michael Sorrentino and Jessie Livezey.

The team members programmed their robot, made with standard Lego pieces, with a personal computer. It

'Building robots gets young people involved in solving programming and physics problems.'

Andy Borchers

CMS Robofest Team advisor

downloaded programs to an on-board processor.

Team advisor Andy Borchers explained the team members used a piece of software with a laptop computer. It enabled

them to plug in a device that worked with the robot like a remote control for a television set.

Clarkston Middle School teacher Alissa Lintz assisted with the team. She teaches science and language arts.

The creative students entered their programmed robot in Robofest 2000 at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield April 14.

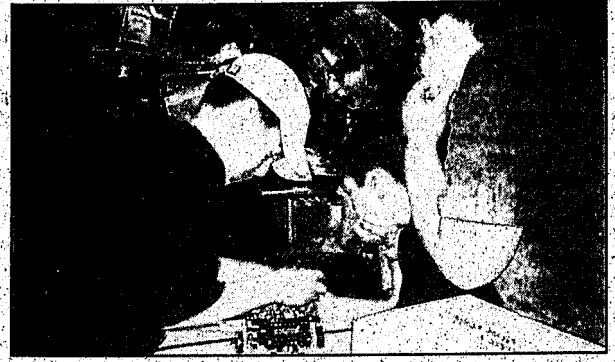
The team placed fifth out of 19 teams. The robot completed its tasks in 2 minutes, 51 seconds.

"Building robots gets young people involved in solving programming and physics problems," Borchers said. "Further, they have to work together as a team to get their robot to complete its task."

And how did the team feel about the competition?

Lane answered that with the question, "Can we do this again next year?"

Robofest 2000 was cosponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield and LTU. Both sponsors want to inspire students to pursue careers in computers, science and engineering.



Getting ready: Jessie Livezey (left), Michael Sorrentino, Lane Clegg and Anna Borchers prepare their robot.

Board seeks opinion about retirement fund

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Independence Township board members tabled action on how to fund employee retirement medical benefits.

The subject came up at a recent board meeting. Trustee Neil Wallace provided information to the board regarding recent legislation as well as new accounting practices municipalities will soon have to follow regarding the benefits. Township attorneys will be checking on details of what is required.

Retirement medical benefits are provided to department directors and in December were extended to the three full-time township officials. The benefits to the township officials were a point of contention when the board members were discussing the officials' compensation packages.

Legislation that became law in

November allows townships to more aggressively invest money set aside for retirement benefits. The different types of investments now allowed make it easier to make more money on those investments.

Wallace had wanted to be sure that the board had set up the retirement medical benefits in the proper way.

Wallace had also advocated setting aside money in a retirement fund so that large increases in retirement costs would not overburden future boards.

"Now it appears we will be required to do it," Wallace said of a report from the township's auditors, Plante and Moran.

New procedures may require municipalities to say how they are planning financially for retirement medical benefits.

Supervisor Dale Stuart said he was in favor of investigating setting up a reserve fund for the benefits.

Kindergarten orientation set

Parents of youngsters who will turn 5 by Dec. 1 need to be aware of the upcoming Kindergarten Orientation dates for Clarkston Community Schools.

Here are the dates for the upcoming elementary schools: Andersonville—May 9; Bailey Lake—May 12; Clarkston—May 10; Independence—May 11; North Sashabaw—May 8; Pine Knob—May 5 and Springfield

Plains—May 4.

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Proposed state firearms laws have some strings attached

BY MIKE MALOTT
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State lawmakers are preparing to fire off 18-20 rounds of new legislation, aimed mostly at increasing firearms safety.

Among the proposals is a call for \$1 million to help municipalities hand out free trigger locks to gun owners. And the package would require that trigger locks be included in all future gun sales.

The plan, unveiled in a media roundtable April 20, by House Speaker Chuck Perricone (R-Kalamazoo Township) and expected to be introduced within the week, also calls for a list of new "family safety" measures, including the addition of 50 child protective service workers and requirements for background checks for daycare workers.

But the "Family Safety Priorities" package is also drawing return fire from Wayne County officials. One portion of the package would eliminate the right of municipalities to file lawsuits against gun manufacturers. Only the Attorney General would be allowed to take such legal action.

Wayne County and the City of Detroit filed suit against 35 gun makers last year in circuit court. The case alleges

that the gun manufacturers are engaging in "willful blindness" to the illegal distribution of the guns they make. Similar lawsuits have been filed by Cleveland, Chicago, Miami, New Orleans and Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Nonetheless, if the new legislation is passed, it would stop Wayne County's suit.

Wayne County Prosecutor John O'Hair said he sees no reason why local governments should be blocked from filing such suits. Wayne is winning its case, he argues, and has already received significant concessions from four gun manufacturers.

The most notable concession was Smith & Wesson's announcement in March that it will add child safety features to the guns it makes, and add "smart gun" technology to its products, making it impossible for someone other than the owner of the gun to use the weapon. The Springfield, Massachusetts gun maker also agreed to hold its distributors to a new "code of conduct."

Smith & Wesson's concessions came in return for the dropping of lawsuits filed by a number of cities.

"I can think of no reason why the right of a person or a community to sue should be restricted," he said. He said

he wasn't satisfied with the idea the state Attorney General would retain the power to sue on behalf of city governments.

Rather, he said that cities should keep their authority to sue. If they can make a case in court, it would show the suit was indeed valid. If they could not, the courts would toss the case out.

Lorri Rishar, spokesperson for House Republicans and speaker Perricone, said it is not unusual for states to restrict the right to sue gun makers. Nineteen states restrict the right of individuals and cities to sue gun makers, 12 reserve the power to the state, and two restrict the power to their attorney generals.

If the case is legitimate, she said, it could proceed, it would simply have to be reviewed by the Attorney General first.

Rishar argued that reserving the authority to the state would "level the playing field" among communities. Few have the resources of a Wayne County, and so few would be able to take on gun makers in a suit. Reserving the authority to sue to the Attorney General would give all Michigan communities the same ability to file cases through that state office, she explained.

State Rep. Andrew Raczkowski (R-Farmington Hills), who expects to be called on to sponsor a portion of the package, favors the provision.

"It would keep people from filing a lot of silly lawsuits," he said. "This is a product that is doing what it is supposed to do. It is not malfunctioning. If you want to sue them for the proliferation of violence in our society, you should also sue Hollywood. We should sue Miramax. We should sue Hostess for making Twinkies."

Unveiling the plan for the package of safety bills, Perricone explained he believed "youth violence has more to do with families than firearms... We are giving many new tools to parents, students, educators, daycare workers, and law enforcement personnel as they work together to maximize family safety."

The package of bills would also:

- Require trigger locks be sold with all new purchases of guns.
- Raise the age for those seeking to purchase guns at gun shows from 18 to 21, or 18 with a high school diploma.
- Provide firearms safety and training classes in public schools. State police would visit classrooms to raise awareness of firearms safety. Michigan State University's Criminal Justice pro-

gram would train 400 police officers to conduct the classes.

- Provide tax credits for the purchase of trigger locks and gun safes.

- Establish a toll-free state school safety hotline.

- Increase the number of school counselors in public schools. At present, the ratio of counselors to students is 700 to one, Perricone said he would like to cut that ratio in half.

- Add \$45 million in spending for childhood intervention programs.

- Add 50 employees in the state Child Protective Services.

- Add \$50 million to the Family Independence Agency budget for use increasing daycare in impoverished neighborhoods.

- Require background checks on daycare workers.

- Permit mental health assessments of children who have committed acts of arson or animal cruelty to determine if they are dangerous.

- Create a program to be known as the Project Exile Fund Commission, which will put more prosecutors on the job to lend technical assistance to local police departments when they are prosecuting defendants on firearms charges either in the state or federal courts.

Womencenter to sponsor art exhibit

The Womencenter at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus will present its 14th annual juried women's art exhibit, *Our Visions: Women In Art* May 8-19 in the campus' Smith Theatre Gallery. Visual art and poetry are included.

Hours for the exhibit are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The contributing artists and poets will be recognized at an awards reception and open house 7 p.m., Thursday, May 11, in the Theatre Gallery. Admission is free, and the public is invited.

Jurors for the visual art category are Gail Mally-Mack, MFA, instructor at Wayne State University, the Birmingham Bloomfield Art

Center and the Detroit Institute of Art, and Jenny Schmid, MFA, instructor at Henry Ford Community College and Wayne State University. The juror for the poetry category is Dr. Carla Harryman, instructor in Literature, Women's Studies and Creative Writing at

Wayne State University.

This exhibit is sponsored by the Womencenter, a college facility that provides educational and supportive resources for area women.

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Eugene A. Miller, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Comerica Incorporated and Comerica Bank, will speak at Oakland University's School of Business Administration (SBA) commencement 1 p.m. Saturday, May 6, at the Howard C. Baldwin Memorial Pavilion on the Meadow Brook Music Festival grounds on the university's campus.

Miller has been involved with the university in a number of capacities. He and his wife, Lois, are ambassadors of the university, as well as Life President's Club members. He has also served as a member of the board of the Oakland University Foundation from 1987-1993, and also served as chair of the Oakland University Foundation.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2000

Loving lecture Implore your kids to wear seat belts

When the *Eccentric* newsroom cringe when we receive word of a fatal auto accident. Those who are parents of young drivers or know relatives who are young drivers collectively hold their breath until they contact their families.

Our hearts go out to the parents and families of Aaron Suddeth and Erikka Stanisha, who died Monday afternoon in an accident on White Lake Road in Independence Township. We know that the news we all dread has come true for these families, shattering their world.

Oakland County Sheriff's Department deputies at the scene were visibly shaken and one even stated to our reporter that he would go home and give his children an extra big hug that night. We *Eccentric* staffers certainly felt that way ourselves.

Please hug your child today. Know that for two sets of parents they will not be able to do this; instead they will be paying their last respects to children who died prematurely.

And after you hug them, implore them to buckle their seat belt before they go anywhere in a vehicle. Not one of the teens in this accident was wearing a seat belt, according to police. (A third teen was hospitalized in critical condition Tuesday morning.)

Teens in other fatal crashes over the past year weren't wearing seat belts either. Within a couple of miles of Monday's accident is Windiate Drive in the northern portion of Waterford Township. In October 1999 two other teens died when the driver lost control of his vehicle and hit a tree. None of those teens wore seat belts either.

Recently a new law was passed that allows police officers to pull over and ticket motorists for not wearing seat belts. Previously officers

could only give a ticket for not wearing a seat belt to drivers who were pulled over for a separate infraction.

This newspaper supported the passage of this law and now we have another example of why it is a good law. Nobody in this newsroom would have a problem if his or her child were pulled over and given a ticket with a hefty fine for not wearing a seat belt — especially if down the road, the child lost control of the vehicle and wound up in an accident.

Ask any veteran police officer who has had to deal with fatal accidents, and he or she will likely tell you that most victims were not wearing their seat belts.

We in no way want to suggest that the parents of these teens did anything wrong. Rather, we want to help prevent further tragedies. We can't say for sure that wearing a seat belt would have saved a life in this latest instance. But, the driver of the other vehicle involved was wearing a seat belt. He was treated and released from a hospital Monday night.

We know that four teens have died locally in the past year. According to police, not one of them was wearing a seat belt. How many other accidents have happened over the past year when there was not a fatality, we don't know. It tends to be the serious ones we hear about, the ones where the occupants do not wear seat belts.

Talk to your teens. Hug them. And implore them to wear their seat belts — always.

Our prayer is that even if they are involved in an accident we won't hear about it because a seat belt made the difference between life and death.

Bill protects trucking industry

The struggle between the state legislature and local governments continues with Senate passage of a six-bill package on enforcement of trucking violations.

The bills were passed unanimously, 36-0, earlier this month and represent a compromise between a far more restrictive House package and the position of most local officials.

Under current law, local police enforce motor carrier codes on local roads. Local governments collect 100 percent of revenue from fines levied.

The trucking industry has long complained that local enforcement has been overzealous and that they have been subjected to being ticketed several times on the same day in different jurisdictions.

The new bills would limit the number of tickets that can be written by local police for minor truck code violations. Officers would still be able to enforce traffic violations such as speeding or ignoring a signal. But only one truck code ticket could be issued in a 24-hour period.

In addition, revenue generated by truck code enforcement would be split with 70 percent going to local units of government and 30 percent to libraries.

Under the state constitution, libraries receive all revenue from criminal fines. In 1994, trucking regulations were decriminalized and made civil fines with revenue going to local units of government to pay the cost of enforcement. Since 1996, libraries have not received any revenue on truck code violations.

The current rash of state legislation to limit the powers of local government are based on a

perception that local governments, especially in the metro Detroit area, are hostile to business interests.

Local government and police officials argue that shifting 30 percent of their revenue from truck code enforcement will effectively reduce needed enforcement against trucks that are overweight, causing damage to roadways, or have dangerous safety deficiencies, such as bad brakes.

The Senate bills correct the more aggressive House measures. The compromise allows regular police officers to stop trucks for violations, while the House bill specified only motor carrier officers could make stops; the Senate bill retains 70 percent of the fees to local government, while the House gave the fees to libraries, courts and road improvements.

The trucking industry has made a good case about the unfair and inconsistent enforcement of the truck code and those parts of the bill that correct those problems are worthwhile.

The Senate bill represents a useful compromise between the all or nothing approach of the House and the "don't change anything" desire of local governments. But still we question the necessity for such sweeping legislation to protect the trucking industry, especially since we have invested so much money in road maintenance.

We find ourselves agreeing with Farmington City Manager Frank Lauhoff that it is "sad if we have the Legislature wanting to adjust traffic laws to make it easier (for trucking companies and others) to violate the law at the public's expense."

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

Do you think re-timing older traffic lights in Oakland County will ease traffic flow?

LOCATION:

This question was asked in front of Big Lots on Dixie Highway.



"Absolutely. Just because everybody's into a pattern."

Peggy Osta
Pontiac



"It might. That's a tricky one. It might throw people's timing off."

Robert Wagner
Pontiac



"Yes, I do. Definitely. We have a lot of problems with traffic here in Clarkston."

Kathy Herron
Clarkston



"Not really. There's too much traffic all going the same way at the same time."

Amy Ballard
Waterford

LETTERS

Thanks, Jeepers, for treating students to a fun-filled day

My daughter, Jenelyn Gifford of Clarkston, and another first-grade teacher at Center Academy in Flint, Christine Stier, recently took 37 of their students to Jeepers, the new entertainment center at Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills.

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"This is my best time ever, next to Christmas," said one first-grader.

I would like to thank Jeepers for its generosity. As a former teacher myself, I know how much it meant to the children, and the teachers, to have them out there.

My daughter said the visit was not only fun, but gave the children an opportunity to work on their social behavior and self control.

Thanks again, Jeepers.

Karen Gifford
Clarkston

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Susan Lerch, President and CEO
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Gun owner concern

Your March 16 editorial, "Action needed on gun safety," supports legislative advancement for the current gun control proposals on the basis that, "you've got to start somewhere." Perhaps so, but law-abiding gun owners may well be concerned less with the start than with the end, which is nowhere in sight.

Paul M. Seibold
Birmingham

Loaded with problems

In November, it appears Michigan voters will be choosing whether to change Michigan's constitution to allow public funds to be used for private education.

This "voucher proposal" that is being touted by the Kids First Yes movement may sound like a good fix-it on the surface, but it is loaded with potential problems. The financial effects alone are enough to make one shudder. Taxpayers will be forced to pay to educate children in other people's religious beliefs. (Remember the 1972 Parochial fight?)

A Republican Senate Fiscal Agency estimates first-year costs of \$50-80 million if the voucher proposal passes. Where will that money come from? It will either be sucked out of the already underfunded public schools or your taxes will be raised. And as our tax dollars are sent to non-public schools, there is no public accountability from these private schools regarding admissions, finances, MBAP, profits or staffing.

Tax dollars for private education won't fix student achievement problems at public schools. Voters are urged to get all the facts before making a decision on the voucher proposal. Put all Kids First by recognizing that passage of this proposal will have major negative repercussions on our public school system.

Paula Bowman, president
League of Women Voters of Livonia

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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Parents should decide if teens are ready for R-rated movies

The imagination is far more vivid than what kids are censored from on the big screen. The imagination is far more detailed and vivid than any picture screen. Until you are 21 years old what you can do, see and drink are all censored.

When I turned 15, I got my driver's permit; at 16 I received my driver's license. The government concluded that I was responsible enough to take other people's lives into my hands. I am responsible enough to handle a car, but it has also been concluded that I am not responsible enough to watch an R-rated movie without my parents. At one of the record stores I shop at, you only have to be 13 to purchase a parental advisory CD or cassette. When you hear all of the swearing, and the violence that people talk or sing about, you can use your imagination, which is worse than any scene.

At Star Theatres in the Great Lakes Crossing mall, you cannot purchase a ticket to an R-rated movie without showing valid ID proving you are 17. I think that's ridiculous.

When movie directors start out to make a movie, they strive to create the movie to mirror what they imagine. They take the words from the script and create the movie from their imagination. That's why most books are better than the movie. *Jurassic Park* is a prime example. The book was excellent, I pictured everything and I loved it. The movie was good, but it wasn't what I had imagined so I was disappointed to an extent. What I imagine cannot be duplicated by someone else.

Melodie Arremomy, a Clarkston junior, said, "If I can drive myself to the movie theater, I should be able to see a movie that I want to see. If I am 16 years old and can drive myself to the movies, then why can't I see the movie I want to see? Are people trying to tell me that I can use my imagination when listening to songs about anything, but I can't see an R-rated movie?"

Some might argue that just because I can drive myself to the liquor store means I should be allowed to drink. I am not trying to say that I should be able to. Movies and alcohol are different things. Alcohol could have serious side effects, whereas in a movie I honestly don't believe that there are many side effects. If I go see a movie, one of the worst things that could happen would be a nightmare. You could die from alcohol poisoning.

Tara Chastian, a Clarkston junior, said, "I am responsible enough to handle certain things, and I am not responsible enough to handle other



JAIME GREEN

things. Even though I am a teenager, I think that my parents and I should come to an understanding about my limits. I think it's our decision."

Responsibility is the key factor in all of this. If I am responsible enough, I should be able to see an R-rated movie. If I am responsible enough, I should be able to listen to a parental advisory CD. Who decides how responsible we are? I honestly believe that it should be up to our parents.

If my mom or dad thinks I am responsible enough I should be able to watch what I would like to see. Someone who has never met me should not be the one to decide what I should be able to do or see. There are some things I am not allowed to watch. My parents censor me from those things. My parents should be the only ones who are able to censor what I see or hear.

If they are going to censor one thing, then they need to censor all things in the same manner. Why not compromise and say that if you are 16 then you can buy parental advisory CDs and you can watch R-rated movies. Then the same rules apply to both areas and there won't be as much of a controversy with teenagers who deem this rule to be unfair. By that time, you will hopefully be mature and responsible enough to handle listening to the music that some adults feel we are not responsible enough to handle. You should also be mature enough to handle R-rated movies. I hope adults realize we are mature young adults who can handle the responsibilities that come along with movies and music.

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Our ever-changing technology demands sensible legislation

How much do you pay for telephone service? For cable TV? For your cell phone? For modem connections for your computer?

If your household is anything like mine, these bills add up to a big piece of change each month.

Michigan law has a lot to do with the cost and quality of telecommunications services. The current law, which governs all phone companies in the state, was passed in 1995 and expires at the end of the year. A big fight is already under way in Lansing about how best to write the new law.

Everybody says they want the same thing: better consumer protection, better service, more competition, more innovation, reasonable rates. The argument is how best to do it.

Rep. Marc Shulman (R-West Bloomfield) proposes to restore some authority to the state Public Service Commission to regulate telephones and other telecommunications services. His House Bill 4804 would give the PSC the power to hear complaints from competing local service providers when they believe "incumbent companies" — meaning Ameritech and GTE — have engaged in anti-competitive practices.

Shulman argues that the net effect of the 1995 telecommunications law was to usher in an essentially unregulated monopoly to the big phone companies. He says the law allowed existing phone companies to keep competitors out while charging customers high prices disguised by confusing bills.

There is little doubt there's virtually no competition in Michigan for local phone service. And, despite detailed denials from Ameritech, most evidence suggests phone rates here are relatively high.

The Michigan Alliance for Competitive Telecommunications (an alliance of phone companies trying to get entry into the Michigan market) says the cost for base phone service in Michigan is \$10.77 per month, higher than any other Great Lakes State. By another estimate, phone users here pay overall \$250 million more per year than they would in a freely competitive market. A Small Business Alliance of Michigan survey of members found that high phone rates are the biggest obstacle to business growth in Michigan.

State Sen. Mat Dunaskiss (R-Lake Orion) takes the opposite approach. His Senate Bill 1193 simply repeals the 1995 telecommunications act, so as to provide the legislature with a "new starting point" before determining what regulations are in fact needed. While Ameritech spokesman Mike Barnhart says this approach amounts to a "zero-based approach to regulation," critics charge that repealing the 1995 act would simply let Ameritech continue to dominate the market.

Certainly, allowing the 1995 act to lapse at the



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end of the year without a successor would leave the big phone companies with an unregulated monopoly. Rep. Shulman says hearings will have to start within two weeks in order to get legislation moved by the time the legislature quits for the summer.

Shulman is also trying to start an "Internet Caucus" in the legislature. In a notice faxed around to members of the House and Senate, he pointed out, "Michigan has always been in the forefront of technology. However, to remain there, it is essential for us to understand the innovations in the changing of the technological landscape."

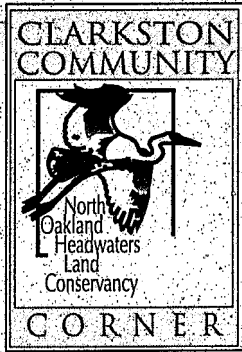
Shulman's dead right. If Michigan is to stay anywhere near the forefront of the Information Revolution, members of the legislature must inform themselves about what's going on in this very rapidly changing world. More than that, they need to be prepared to act as a bipartisan group to enact sensible legislation.

In this case, a good starting point might be for Rep. Shulman and his Internet Caucus to read the report of the Michigan Information Technology Commission, issued a couple years ago. I served on that group, which concluded that Michigan had a big future in information technology, but that much needs to be done to bring our telecommunications infrastructure up to snuff.

The legislature needs to frame the debate in terms of how best to achieve ultra-fast, reliable, state-of-the-art telecommunications environment rather than engage in ideological arguments about regulatory philosophy. Once this is done, it should not be difficult, even for the legislature, to realize that the best way to do this is by opening the Michigan market to competition rather than hobbling along with unregulated monopolies.

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State director of The Nature Conservancy to speak in Davisburg.



Helen Taylor, state director of The Nature Conservancy's Michigan chapter, will be the featured speaker at The North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy's (NOHLC) annual spring meeting. The meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, May 20, in the Davisburg Elementary School gymnasium just west of downtown at 12003 Davisburg Road, Davisburg. The public is invited.

The first 30 people to arrive will receive a free native Michigan wildflower for planting. Light refreshments will also be served.

Taylor's presentation, "A Blueprint for Saving Michigan's National Heritage," will center on The Nature Conservancy's efforts to identify and help preserve important conservation areas in Michigan, including one unique landscape/water region right in our own backyard! She also will share the vision of The Nature Conservancy, developed through a two and a half year scientific study and multi-partnered effort.

Joining Michigan's Chapter of The Nature Conservancy in 1999, Taylor is leading efforts to protect the natural heritage of Michigan, which she describes as "a beautiful and ecologically significant state on both a regional and global scale." With nine years of experience working in the environmental policy field concentrating on the Great Lakes region, pollution prevention, waste and public involvement, Taylor has worked to protect this region in many fields and from various perspectives. She has also worked with public agencies, private institutions, government, industry and other environmental organizations to develop and implement a concerted science-based, strategic approach for pro-

tecting the Great Lakes ecosystem. The meeting will also feature a tour of the Shiawassee Basin Preserve adjacent to Davisburg Road. The Preserve is located within a unique section of Springfield Township that contains a very rare and high quality prairie fen that supports a number of rare plants and animals. It is one of the largest known remaining natural fens in southern Michigan. The Michigan Nature Association was instrumental in preserving this unique fen, while NOHLC, along with other organizations and individuals, is working toward expanding and enhancing the area. Recently, the Shiawassee River Task Force was formed, a group dedicated to protecting and preserving the beauty of this valuable natural resource.

The North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy is proud to sponsor the activities taking place at its annual spring meeting. Incorporated in 1972 as the Independence Land Conservancy, NOHLC's mission is to protect the rural character and quality of life in northwest Oakland County by conserving the woods, fields, streams, and other natural resources in the headwater areas of the Clinton, Shiawassee, Huron and Flint rivers.

NOHLC works with individuals, neighborhoods, organizations, municipalities, developers and planners to preserve the natural environment of our area so that future generations can enjoy what we can experience today. A 501(c)(3) non-profit, tax-exempt corporation, NOHLC welcomes tax-deductible gifts of all kinds. Annual memberships start at \$25 per person per year.

For more information, please contact The North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy, PO Box 285, Clarkston, MI 48347 * 248.620.4700 * E-mail: NOHLC@hotmail.com.

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Radio experiment fails as WYUR leaves airwaves

BY PAT MURPHY
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Metro Detroit's classical music station, WYUR-AM, is scheduled to go off the air Saturday, after nearly three years of struggling to find a niche on the airwaves.

It's indeed a sad day, said station president Bob Hynes, the veteran radio personality who put his heart and soul — not to mention part of his wallet — into the station based in Bloomfield Township.

"Our final days won't be a wake," Hynes said Wednesday, as the station's final broadcast loomed larger and larger. "It should be a celebration."

"We did everything possible to make this station successful," he said. "It's sad that we're closing down, and I feel for the 15 people who will be out of work. But I'm not unhappy about what we tried to do."

WYUR (1310) made its debut in October 1997, emulating WJR-AM, where Hynes and many of his colleagues were at the height of their radio careers. They left as the station changed its format to attract a younger audience.

Hynes — who had hosted the *Afternoon Music Hall* and the *Late Night Talk Show* at WJR



Happier days: When WYUR-AM signed on in October 1997, station president Bob Hynes (left) and his colleagues believed their station had the right programming mix and personalities to make it in the Detroit market.

were on FM, but that didn't happen."

Compounding the weak signal, was an exodus of some of the big-name personalities who left the station, some taking part of the listenership with them. Much of the hoped-for audience either couldn't — or wouldn't — dial up 310.

In the fall of 1998 — after failing to develop a large enough core of loyal listeners — WYUR changed its format, becoming the only Detroit area based station to feature classical music.

The station still featured news and sports — including Wayne State basketball, Central Michigan Football and

Vipers hockey. But the classics were its main drawing card.

The programming switch wasn't a shot in the dark, said Hynes, who expected to garner more support from the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, the Michigan Opera Theatre and other parts of the classical music community.

But it didn't work out. The anticipated support never materialized in the needed quantities Hynes said he had expected. "The worst thing I ever did was to put classical music on this station," he said.

A spokesman for the Michigan Opera Theatre could not be reached Wednesday, and the press contact for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra declined comment at length. "We're disappointed (the station is going off the air)," said Jill Woodward, "but we won't comment further."

One who would comment, however, was Michael Fezzey, president and general manager of WJR. He didn't know the specifics of WYUR's demise, he said, "but I know the Detroit area is very competitive radio market."

Even so, Fezzey said he was disappointed at the news. "I'm sorry to hear it because many of those people are my friends."

Hynes was philosophical

after notifying employees and telling them WYUR would silence its microphones at midnight Saturday, when the frequency will reportedly begin simulcasting soft rock from WNIC-FM.

Barring some unforeseen developments — such as a large infusion of cash from an understanding investor — Hynes said he intends to take some time while pondering any

future moves.

"My wife and I may take some time off and go somewhere," said the 67-year-old Bloomfield Township resident. "Maybe Hamtramck," he said, "that's about all I can afford right now."

Frank Provenzano, *Eccentric* arts editor, contributed to this report.

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CAROLYN WALKER

Hope perseveres — even at a crawl

I can remember crawling at my uncle's feet. I remember being a small child and wearing summer shorts and getting rug burns on my knees as he attempted to tickle me while he leaned out of a big, red leather chair.

I remember, too, how he used to hand me silver dollars packaged in tiny Christmas stockings each holiday season. I saved them for that nebulous "some-day-when" — which never seems to get here.

I save them still.

I do not remember my uncle ever speaking with a clear voice. He has always had slurred speech. His condition is most likely due to the fact that he suffered life-altering illnesses when he was young. He went deaf and he had a broken back, among other things.

Those illnesses left him "slow." They were the kinds of illnesses that good medicine could treat these days. But in his youth, good medicine was hard to come by and so, as my mother always says when she recalls their childhoods, "he was just ignored. Just left to grow up."

My grandmother — my mother and uncle's mother — was my favorite relative. She was a 4-foot-10-inch bundle of energy and doing love and I could never imagine her "ignoring" anyone, much less one of her children.

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No voids: Peggy Arnold (left), Kaitlyn Meyers and Lindsey Sands gather to 'fill spaces' in their dance workshop.

A century of changes

Festival helps history lessons come alive

History came alive at Andersonville Elementary School last week.

The PTO sponsored Through the Decades, a day of workshops and assemblies that took children through the past 100 years in a variety of fields. These included games, fads, the local community, the Roaring '20s, board games, the Model A automom-

bile, dances, sports stories, American botanist George Washington Carver, medicine, automigration and more from the 20th century.

Diane Burder assisted with the history of the automobile workshop.

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Rillip: Instead of a drum to react to, workshop leader Portia Fields-Anderson tears newspaper to create a sound.



Rhythmic moves: KC Bishop sports her Spice Girl T-shirt while she participates in the Dances of the Past workshop.

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Let's dance: Cheyenne Williams moves to the music at Andersonville Elementary School.

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"It was really interesting to the children," she said. "The presenter talked about how the automobile industry started and how it has affected our lives," she said.

The students learned about how automobiles brought about the need for roads and other supportive industries.

"The presenter also talked about how this area is so car-based. When the kids were asked how many knew someone who worked for an automobile company, almost all of them did," she added.

The youngsters attended six workshops throughout the festival day. There also were three assemblies about math, astronomy and American music.

A committee of parents and teachers was responsible for the extensive day of education. Committee members were Tammy

Olson, Sami Osler, Holly Andersen, Shelley Cramer and Erica Mitevski and Andersonville Elementary teachers Kathy McEwen and Barbara Gramann.

Workshop presenters were Teri Robinson, Sarah Edwards, Gale Roberts, Kim Huttenlocher, Bruce Smith, Marcey Walsh, Mary Tharpe, Krista Panek, Al Scoppa and Kathleen McCormick. Other presenters were Portia Fields Anderson, Michael Smith and William McLaughlin, Paul Sabbag, Jim Schwartz, Dr. James O'Neill and Detroit Storyliving.

Others who helped make the day a success were Ken Bertin, Shelly Youngert, the Thomas family and several community businesses including Sam's Club, Meijer, Gordon Foods, Dairy Queen, Doogan's, Clarkston Union, Target and Pepsi-Cola.

No problem is too difficult for God

When Joel Carlson, the 6'4" center on his college basketball team, went home for a brief break from school, he had no idea the next few weeks would find him in the toughest contest of his life. Because a recent physical examination had indicated his blood pressure was a bit above normal, Joel visited his family doctor for what he expected would be a few routine tests, but the following days were anything but routine. The tests revealed Joel's heart had gone on a rampage and that he had unknowingly been walking a thin line between life and death.

The problem with Joel's heart was one of irregular beating and fluttering. At times, his heartbeat would increase to 230 beats per minute, and at other times it would drop to 30. Sometimes it fluttered so rapidly the blood wasn't being pumped through. Joel was admitted to the cardiac care unit of a local hospital where his heart was monitored continuously. When his monitor set off an alarm that brought doctors and nurses rushing to his bed, he was surprised at all this concern. He



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had felt this way a number of times, even on the basketball court, without realizing his life was in jeopardy.

On the second day in the hospital, reality arrived. Joel's doctor told him he would probably never play basketball again. That was a bitter pill to swallow because it called for him to reevaluate what he would do with his life. It appeared his college major, physical education with the goal of coaching basketball, would have to be changed. And this was his senior year. Another shocker was the news that surgically installing a pacemaker seemed to be the only solution for keeping his heart beating in normal rhythm.

A few months before becoming ill, Joel had settled on a Bible verse to increase his faith: "Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh; is there anything too hard for me?" (Jeremiah 32:27). Now, while his family, members of his church and many others prayed for him, he relied on this powerful promise, believing God was able to help him.

Still hoping to be able to avoid implanting a pacemaker in his young patient, Joel's doctor treated him with medication intended to regulate his heart and bring it into proper rhythm, but he reacted to the treatment and developed a high fever, creating double trouble. The medication was then discontinued, and Joel was transferred to another hospital for more extensive testing by a specialist who would make the final decision about what would be done for him.

While, at first, Joel had dreaded the trip to this distant hospital, he found on his arrival there that he was completely at peace. Faith had taken his fears away and he began to see the whole experience as an adventure that would give him many opportu-

nities to share his faith with others.

"When all the testing and evaluating by the heart specialist had been completed, it was clear that a great change had taken place in Joel's body. God had answered his prayers and those of his family and friends. His heart now tested perfectly normal."

"I don't know how to tell you this," said the well-known doctor, "but I can't find anything wrong with your heart."

"It's called answered prayer," Joel replied.

Joel was discharged from the hospital with his doctor's permission to do anything he wanted to do — even play basketball. Within a few weeks, he was playing center on the college team again and for several years he's been teaching and coaching basketball. He's learned that God can do anything... and that prayer makes us the center of His attention.

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.

Walker

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I still can't imagine it. I think when my mother speaks about my uncle's circumstances that she must really mean that my grandmother was so overwhelmed by their impoverished struggle for life during the Depression that the woman did all she knew to do: cook and clean and love and hope for a better tomorrow.

There was no money for doctors. Hope came free-of-charge. Somehow, through it all, my uncle managed to survive — to heal after a fashion — and eventually to eke out a semi-lonely existence of work and quiet play. He never married. He never even loved, as far as I know, anyone beyond his family and

his siblings' children. Last week, while my mother was off on a "mystery trip" with her travel group, I received the phone call that would tell me my uncle, now 91, had fallen for the umpteenth time and that he was in an emergency room.

I went to sit with him and to see him through the doctoring process. He could see my form against the non-descript hospital walls and he could hear some of my words if I talked directly into his ear, but he neither recognized my face nor my voice.

He could not tell me who I was. Could not tell me that I was the person who used to crawl at his feet. Nor that I was the girl who gladly accepted his silver

dollars.

After they released him from the emergency room, I went with him to the adult residence where he lives and I waited while he got himself settled. All but absent from his own body, he determined to walk awkwardly without his walker, to put back on his blue jeans and to place his other belongings in his closet.

I had to reach out and catch him more than once. Finally, exasperated, he got down on his knees, stubbornly, and crawled as I had done so long ago. As he did so he told me that he had never been so weak in his life.

"I'm alive, but I don't know why," he said.

He was saying those words to God, I think, but he was looking at me, a vague apparition with no known face or voice.

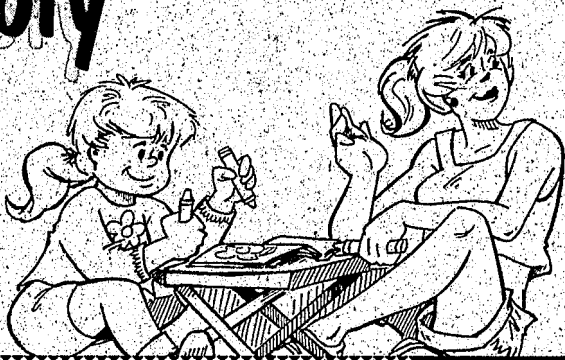
As I watched, my eyes glazed over in a fog of rushing memories and emotional pain. I did all that I knew how to do. I reached out my hands and I laid them on top of his thin, white hair and I spoke to God, too.

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Spring/Summer Classes are listed by section number, class title, meeting days, meeting time, start and end dates, price. Meeting day abbreviations are as follows:
M = Monday, T = Tuesday, W = Wednesday, R = Thursday, F = Friday, S = Saturday
MW = Monday & Wednesday, MWTF = Monday, Wednesday, Friday, TR = Tuesday & Thursday

Pool/Aquatics Classes

3305 Adult Beginning Swimming	MW, 8-7 pm, 5/8-6/28, \$70
3306 Adult Beginning Swimming	MW, 5-6 pm, 7/3-8/21, \$70
3307 Adult Intermediate Swimming	MW, 5-6 pm, 5/8-6/28, \$70
3308 Adult Intermediate Swimming	MW, 5-6 pm, 7/3-8/21, \$70
3309 Aquatic Exercise & Deep Water Running	MW, 11 am-12 pm, 5/10-6/30, \$68
3310 Aquatic Exercise & Deep Water Running	MWTF, 11 am-12 pm, 5/10-6/30, \$82
3311 Aquatic Exercise & Deep Water Running	MW, 11 am-12 pm, 7/10-8/23, \$68
3312 Aquatic Exercise & Deep Water Running	MWTF, 11 am-12 pm, 7/7-8/23, \$82
3313 Deep Water Running and Hydro-Toning	MW, 5-6 pm, 5/8-6/28, \$70
3314 Deep Water Running and Hydro-Toning	TR, 5-6 pm, 5/9-6/28, \$70
3315 Deep Water Running and Hydro-Toning	MW, 5-6 pm, 7/5-8/21, \$68
3316 Deep Water Running and Hydro-Toning	TR, 5-6 pm, 7/6-8/22, \$68
3317 Kayaking I	W, 7-9 pm, 5/10-6/21, \$68
3318 Kayaking I	W, 7-9 pm, 7/5-8/16, \$68
3319 Lifeguarding	TR, 6-9 pm, 5/9-6/27, \$130
3320 Lifeguarding	MW, 6-9 pm, 7/3-8/21, \$130
3321 Water Safety Instructor	MW, 7-10 pm, 5/8-6/28, \$130

Land-Based Classes

3322 Aerobic Kickboxing	S, 11 am-12:30 pm, 5/13-7/1, \$81
3323 Ballroom Dancing - Beginning	R, 7-8:30 pm, 5/18-7/20, \$70
3324 Ballroom Dancing - Intermediate	R, 8:30-10 pm, 5/18-7/20, \$70
3325 Belly Dancing	W, 7-8 pm, 5/18-6/21, \$52
3326 Fencing - Beginning	R, 6:30-8:30 pm, 5/18-6/3, \$88
3327 Fencing - Advanced	R, 6:30-8:30 pm, 5/18-6/3, \$88
3328 Fencing - Club	R, 6:30-8:30 pm, 5/18-6/3, \$78
3329 Karate I	T, 7-9 pm, 5/9-6/20, \$68
3330 Inline Skating Beginner & Intermediate	M, 6-10 pm, 5/8-6/26, \$68
3331 Inline Skating Beginner & Intermediate	T, 7-9 pm, 5/9-6/20, \$68
3332 Inline Skating Beginner & Intermediate	M, 7-9 pm, 7/11-8/21, \$68
3333 Inline Skating Beginner & Intermediate	W, 7-9 pm, 5/17-6/22, \$68
3334 Introduction to Massage Therapy	M, 7-9:30 pm, 5/8-7/17, \$70
3335 Modern Dance	M, 6-7:30 pm, 5/8-7/17, \$70
3336 Power Yoga	M, 6-7:30 pm, 5/8-7/17, \$70
3337 Power Yoga	W, 6-7:30 pm, 5/17-7/19, \$70
3338 Tai Chi Chuen I	W, 7:30-9 pm, 5/17-7/19, \$70
3339 Tennis - Beginning	MW, 3-4 pm, 5/8-6/28, \$70
3340 Tennis - Beginning	MW, 4-5 pm, 5/8-6/28, \$70
3341 Tennis - Intermediate	MW, 3-4 pm, 7/3-8/21, \$70
3342 Tennis - Intermediate	MW, 4-5 pm, 7/5-8/21, \$68

S P O R T S C A M P S

Girls Basketball Camp, Grades 5-10, June 28-30, 9 am - 3:30 pm
Registration Fee: \$130. Groups of 6 or more: \$120. Camp Director: Larry Baker

Boys Basketball Camp, Grades 5-10, July 24-26, 9 am - 3:30 pm
Registration Fee: \$130. Groups of 6 or more: \$120. Camp Director: Tom Megoshian

Baton Twirling Camp, Ages 6-20, July 10-14
Beginner: 9 am - 12:30 pm, Registration Fee: \$75. Groups of 6 or more: \$70.
Advanced: 9 am - 3:30 pm, Registration Fee: \$120. Groups of 6 or more: \$110.
Camp Director: Derek Skarvi-Brooks

Classes and camps are held in the Health and Physical Education Building, Orchard Ridge Campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48334
For registration information call (248) 622-3572 or (248) 622-3509



OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

OCC is an Alternative action social opportunity institution.

Nature center gives away free seedlings

Envision a world without trees — then go to Independence Oaks County Park where free seedlings will be distributed to kick off Arbor Day.

"The program started as a way to say 'thank you' to the people who recycle Christmas trees at the parks during the holiday season," said Kathleen Dougherty, parks naturalist.

The program has expanded to include anyone who stops by the Lewis E. Wint Nature Center at Independence Oaks County Park from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, April 28, to Sunday, May 7. Free conifer seedlings will be distributed (one per person).

Before planting, make sure the selected location has the proper soil conditions, drainage and sunlight, Dougherty said.

In addition, more than 15,000 seedlings will be distributed to Oakland County municipalities, townships and school districts. The parks system will plant 500 seedlings in Orion Oaks County Park in Orion Township and 2,000 seedlings in Lyon Oaks County Park in Lyon Township.

The program is possible due to the financial support of Eagle Valley Recycle and Disposal Facility in Orion Township and TKMS Trucking of Oxford.

Independence Oaks County Park is on Sashabaw Road, 2 1/2 miles north of I-75, near Clarkston.

For more information, contact Jon Kipke at (248) 858-4605. Visit the Oakland County Parks website at www.co.oakland.mi.us for discount coupons, park maps and more.

ACHIEVERS

Lolita D. Standard of Clarkston received a BBA from Baker College in March.

CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

SUNDAY, APR. 30

BLOOD DRIVE
8 a.m.-1:45 p.m., St. Daniel's Church, 7010 Valley Park Dr., Clarkston. Walk-ins or appointments can be made by calling 625-0112. There is a critical shortage of blood supplies in our area. Your support is generously needed.

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

MONDAY & WEDNESDAY, MAY 1-10

HOW TO BUILD YOUR OWN HOME
6-10 p.m., Clarkston High School, 6093 Flemings Lake Road, Clarkston. Everything needed to plan and build a home will be covered including estimating costs, buying property, financing, building codes and permits, insurance requirements as well as the basics of wood frame construction, concrete, masonry, roofing and more. The instructor will also discuss new techniques and materials now entering the home-building market. The seminar costs \$190 plus \$25 for two textbooks to the instructor. For information, call

(248)674-0993. Pre-registration plus payment is required by Thursday, April 27, to Clarkston Community Education.

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.

STAINED GLASS
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.

TAI CHI CHUAN-CONTINUING
7-8 p.m. Clarkston Community Education Center, Clarkston. Class runs seven weeks. Class No. 5205-02. For more information or to register, call 674-3141.

TAI CHI CHUAN-BEGINNING
8:15-9:15 p.m. Clarkston Community Education Center, Clarkston. Class runs seven weeks. Class No. 5203-02. For more information or to register, call 674-3141.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

MICROSOFT WORD 7.0
6-9 p.m., Clarkston High School, 6093 Flemings Lake Road, Clarkston. Class runs for four weeks. Cost: \$95. Class No. 1041-02.

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.

THURSDAY, MAY 4

LATIN DANCE
8:45-9:45 p.m., Clarkston Community Middle School, 6595 Middle Lake Road, Clarkston. Class runs for five weeks. Cost: \$86/couple. Class No. 5506-02

SATURDAY, MAY 6

HOME HEALTH AND HOSPICE
Home Health and Hospice will have a volunteer training class 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 5395 Dixie Hwy., Bldg A, in Waterford. If you want to do something to help others, this is an excellent opportunity. Volunteers can use their own talents and interests to bring joy and comfort to someone's life. If interested, please contact (248) 357-3650.

FRIDAY, MAY 12&13, 19&20, 25-27

A BAD YEAR FOR TOMATOES
Thursday 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday 8 p.m., Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road, Clarkston. The Clarkston Village Players will be presenting this hilarious comedy about a famous TV actress who attempts to escape life's demands. She soon learns that her new Vermont neighbors and her fictitious sister keep getting in the way. Tickets for Thursday are \$10, Friday and Saturday are \$12. For information, phone 625-8811.

TUESDAY, MAY 16

MICROSOFT PUBLISHER
6-9 p.m., Clarkston High School, 6093 Flemings Lake Road, Clarkston. Class runs for two weeks. Cost: \$65. Class No.1028-02

SUNDAY, MAY 21

WEUNITE - "WHAT IS FAMILY"
4-9:30 p.m., Deer Lake Athletic Club, Independence Twp. Weunite will be hosting a celebration of families. It will be a dinner dance and sharing time about family. Weunite is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to bring together the wisdom of elders and the energy of youth. They meet every fourth Wednesday of the month at St. Daniel's Church, to relate, interact and play. Their purposes are to foster intergenerational acceptance that will lead to supportive, caring, loving communities.

MONDAY, MAY 22

CAREER CONNECTIONS EMPLOYMENT FAIR
2:30-4:30 p.m., Clarkston High

School, Clarkston. Looking for a summer job? Career Connections, a partnership between Clarkston Community Schools and the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, is sponsoring an employment fair. Free food and beverages will be offered to students who stay after school May 22 to attend the job fair. While most employment opportunities will be targeted at students 16 and older, Career Connections is working with participants to identify which businesses and what types of jobs might be available for 14- and 15-year-old students. For more information, call (248) 625-8041.

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

5K RUN AND ONE MILE FUN WALK
Camp Fire Boys and Girls North Oakland Council invites area runners/walkers to participate in the 10th annual 5K run and one-mile fun walk on Saturday, June 3, at Independence Oaks County Park, 9501 Sashabaw Road, Clarkston. Funds raised from the run/walk will help send low-income, at-risk youth to summer camp. Camp Fire Boys and Girls

operates a camping program at Independence Oaks in Clarkston. Participants who bring in \$20 in pledges will be eligible to win hotel overnights, meals and gift certificates. Runner awards will be given to the overall male and female runners and the first two places in each age division — 15 and under, 16-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65 & over. Call 248-618-9050 for more information.

SUNDAY, JUNE 4

MASS APPEAL
Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road, Clarkston. Clarkston Village Players, in association with Dramatists Play Service Inc., will present this drama that is both tragic and humorous about an older, worldly priest and a young idealistic seminary student that takes a look at conscience versus mass appeal. Starring Verne Vaccaro and Bob Gerics. For more information, call (248)625-8811.

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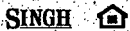
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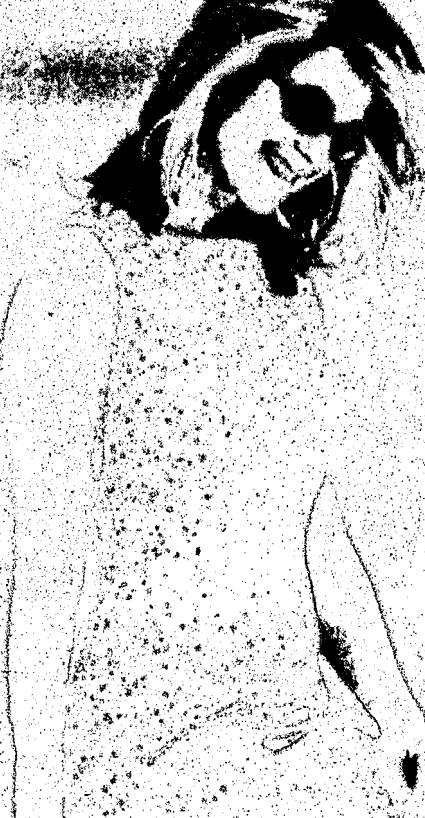
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AREA SCHOOLS

BIRMINGHAM HIGH Class of 1955 A reunion is planned for Oct. 27 at The Northfield Hilton in Troy. Call Pete Kass (248) 335-5472 or e-mail MESLK@aol.com
BIRMINGHAM GROVES Class of 1965 Aug. 12 at The Community House in Birmingham. (248) 433-2362 or by e-mail at

JCRich47@aol.com
BROTHER RICE Class of 1970 A reunion is planned for July 29, (248) 540-2917 or (248) 358-4490

BIRMINGHAM SEAHOLM Class of 1970 A reunion is planned for July 1, (513) 523-0906 or by e-mail at HubSpauld@aol.com

BLOOMFIELD HILLS Class of 1960 Bloomfield Hills High School (now Andover High) class of 1960 will host a reunion Aug. 25, 26, and 17. Contact Jim Wolfe, (248) 339-3225.

CLARKSTON Class of 1960 A reunion is tentatively planned for August. (248) 627-4549, (248) 933-1670. or dlmliller@flash.net

ROCHESTER HIGH Class of 1955 Is planning a reunion for Oct. 6-8. Call Marlene (248) 652-3798 or Ford (248) 652-9509.

LAKE ORION HIGH Class of 1980 A reunion is planned for Aug. 26. Looking for alumni. Call Kim (Zilka) Berkal (800) 423-4018 ext. 8050 or Jill (Bullard) Winship (800) 365-3968 (ext. 2786).

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SOUTHFIELD LATHRUP Class of 1980 20 year reunion Friday, Nov. 24

at the Marriott Hotel, Troy. Call Reunions Made Easy at (248) 360-7004 or e-mail reunionsmadeeasy@ameritech.net

SOUTHFIELD HIGH Classes of 1963, 1964, 1965 and 1966 Reunion August 18. For more information call (734) 692-9970.

SOUTHFIELD Class of 1974 A reunion is planned for July 8 from noon to 10 p.m. at Kensington Metro Park. Contact Bruce Johnson (248) 363-9774 or Suzi Thompson (248) 540-4607.

SOUTHFIELD Class of 1990 The class of 1990 will host a reunion Aug. 4-6 at the Westin (Southfield) on Aug. 4; banquet at the Westin on Aug. 5; and picnic on Aug. 6 (TBA). Call Crystal Towns at (810) 662-5557 or e-mail Cat2504@aol.com

TROY HIGH Class of 1975 A 25th year reunion has been planned for Friday, June 16, at the San Marino Club in Troy. For information contact Richard (248) 627-4829 or Linda (248) 585-4392.

WATERFORD Class of 1975 July 8 at the Holiday Inn Select in Auburn Hills. (248) 634-0773, (248) 391-3703 or (248) 969-2755

WALLED LAKE Class of 1960 Reunion of class of 1960 will be held Oct. 7 at Multi Lakes Conservation Club. Classmates and interested parties contact: Karen Allen (248) 366-2085; Beverly Hughes, (248) 363-4952; Juliet Hoult, (248) 363-4514. Visit our Web site at http://www.reunion.org/wl1960

WEST BLOOMFIELD Class of 1980 Aug. 19 at the Double Tree Guest Suites in Southfield.

(248) 360-7004, press #1 or by e-mail at reunionsmadeeasy@ameritech.net
Classes of 1955-70 Aug. 18-20 for alumni who attended WBHS in the building at Orchard Lake and Commerce roads. (248) 706-9369 or on the Internet a www.zyworld.com/WBHS_Reunion/Home.htm

OTHER SCHOOLS

ALL SAINTS Class of 1950 Is planning a "Millennium Reunion" for November 2000. Unable to locate Margaret Kluk and Mary Frances Perdie. Any information, please call Veronica (248) 437-9735

BERKLEY Class of 1950 Is looking for alumni. (248) 932-1722, (248) 548-5359 or (248) 393-1233

BENTLEY HIGH Class of 1970 30 year reunion, Saturday, Nov. 4.

PLEASE CONTACT COLLEEN SIEMBOR (734) 455-1395.

BISHOP BORGESS Class of 1970 We're celebrating our 30th class reunion with a dinner dance to be held at the Italian American Banquet Center on Friday, Aug. 4.

If you are a Bishop Borgess 1970 alumni who has not been contacted call Mary Parston at (810) 629-5257 or Mary Sherry at (248) 348-7104. Space is very limited. Respond now to make this reunion a reality. To find out more information visit the reunion Web site at www.bbhs70.com.

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/sparky

39/borgess or write Steve Anderson, 11418 Arnold, Redford, MI 48239.

BRIGHTON Class of 1980 Aug. 26 at the Novi Hilton Hotel in Novi. (248) 360-7004, press #5 or by e-mail at reunionsmadeeasy@ameritech.net

CASS TECHNICAL Class of 1964, 1965, 1966 35 year reunion Saturday, Nov. 18. To get on a mailing list call Rita (248) 746-3340.

CASS TECH Class of 1975 A 26th year reunion themed "A Sterling Affair," is planned for Aug. 5 at 6 p.m. at Cobo's Riverview Ballroom. A 3-day Bahamas cruise is also being planned for Nov. 9-12. Deposits are (\$100) per cabin and should be sent to E. Morton. For information contact Lawrence Washington (313) 837-1901, Estelita Morgan (248) 559-7832 or write CT 75 - 26 Year Reunion, P.O. Box 8242, Bloomfield, MI 48302-8242.

CASS TECH HIGH Class of 1950/51 Classes are looking for classmates for a Sept. 16 reunion. Contact M. Deters Singley at (248) 740-3266 to be put on a mailing list.

CHERRY HILL HIGH Class of 1979 Class is looking for alumni to plan a reunion. Call (734) 397-4765, Jackie, or (734) 981-1636, Janine.

CLINTONDALE Class of 1960 A reunion is planned for July (810) 465-2388

COOLEY Class of 1958 A reunion is planned for the weekend of Aug. 18, 19 and 20 over the weekend of the Woodward Dream Cruise at the Kingsley Inn in Bloomfield Hills. Call Eva Randlett at (248) 851-

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Classes of 1960
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Call (313) 565-4322 or (248) 960-3671.

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.gbann.com/dhs80/>

DENBY
Class of 1950
Seeking alumni for June 25 reunion at Penna's of Sterling.
Call (810) 773-3286 or (248) 585-2083

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Class of 1952
Alumni are being sought for the 50th reunion.
Please contact Marianne (810) 566-4641 or e-mail rcnichens@aol.com

DETROIT CENTER
Class of 1950
First reunion of the millennium. Class of 1950 (January and June) will hold a 50th reunion Saturday, Sept. 9 at the Novi Double Tree.
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

DETROIT CHADSEY HIGH
Class of 1950-51
Reunion planned for Sept. 23. Looking for classmates from classes of 1950-51.
Call (313) 273-1589

DETROIT COOLEY
Class of 1980
A reunion is in the planning

stage for the summer of 2000. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information please call Shirley Lipscomb (313) 834-3010.

DETROIT FINNEY
Classes of 1970-72
A reunion is planned for April 1, (313) 837-5880

DETROIT IVES ELEMENTARY
Classes of 1953-55
A reunion is tentatively planned for May.
(810) 644-4106, (810) 791-6998, (906) 847-3535 or (810) 728-4875 after 6 p.m.

DETROIT MACKENZIE
Class of 1949-51
July 29 at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland.
(734) 453-7561

DETROIT NORTHEASTERN
Class of 1950
A 50th reunion is planned for Nov. 2000.
Call Ted Potasnik (810) 268-1433 or Barbara Okarski Gibbs (734) 753-9013.

DETROIT PERSHING
Class of 1960
A reunion is planned for Sept. 9. Classmates are still being sought. Lillo Greer (313) 835-9642, Jerry Mulvaine (810) 773-3952, Sherry (Bailey) Forbush (248) 547-0664 or Joan (Mazey) Harrington (734) 595-7508 or at the Web site, www.jmctech.com/~bjustice/index.htm

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Class of 1965
A reunion is planned for July 8, (313) 937-3077 OR (734) 427-6047

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Please contact Lynn Ehrle (734) 459-9488.

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Class of 1950 (classes of 1949 and 1951 also invited).
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Class of 1955
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Call Carolyn Norris (January) (248) 344-2755 or Pam Wandless (June) (313) 359-2572.

FARMINGTON
Class of 1950
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(248) 589-2609 or (248) 541-2476

FINNEY HIGH
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To attend and mailing list call (313) 837-5880.

FRANKLIN HIGH
Class of 1965
Get ready to party at Embassy Suites Hotel in Livonia Sept. 23. Contact patwhitman@aol.com or (734) 522-4487 or (312) 440-1857 Pat Yankovich Whitman.

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Classes of 1974 and-1975 are hosting a 25th reunion Saturday, Nov. 25, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel - Metro Airport. Contact Barry Harnos (Class of

1974) (734) 416-5583 or Vicky (DeSanto) Clark at (734) 421-5365 (Class of 1975).

GARDEN CITY WEST
Class of 1975 is in the planning

stages of a fall 2000 weekend-reunion. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information please call Denise Nosseck, (248) 474-5006.

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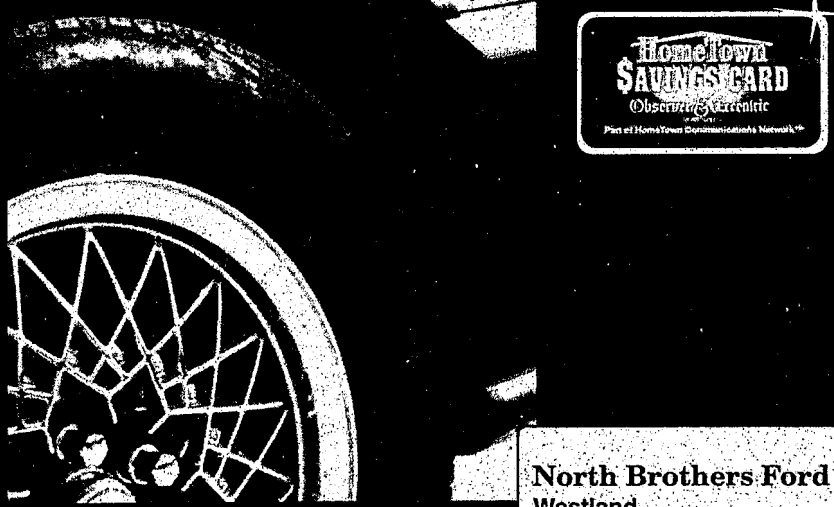
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HAZEL PARK Class of 1969, 70, 71 The classes of 1969, 1970 and 1971 will celebrate a tri-class reunion on Saturday, Aug. 5 at the Royalty House located in Warren. Call Gar Matkovich at (248) 548-8366 or e-mail jdicksin@fwslaw.com for tickets.
HENRY FORD TRADE Class of 1950 Is planning a reunion. (248) 618-9865
HIGHLAND PARK January-June classes of 1950-51 Are planning a reunion. Send name, address and telephone number to Fred Kashouty, 21528 Raymond, St. Clair Shores 48082 or call (810) 294-7512 or (313) 881-2023
IMMACULATE HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1955 A reunion is planned for the fall of 2000. Call Margaret White at (248) 299-1938 or e-mail immac55@aol.com
JAMES VERNOR SCHOOL

Class of 1956 Nov. 18 noon brunch at the Kingsley Inn in Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 723-4562 or e-mail vernor56@hotmail.com
JOHN GLENN Class of 1970 Contact Marilyn Ross, (734) 326-8300; Kathy Wedhorn, (248) 637-7686; Larion Thomas, (734) 416-1157; or JGHS, (734) 595-2331. January Class of 1950 June 4 at the San Marino Club-house. (313) 345-9104 or (810) 263-8179
JOHN F. KENNEDY Class of 1970 Reunion is planned for Sept. 23. Contact Jackie (Rehahn) Simons (248) 344-9385 or jlsimons@mediaone.net or call Ken and Susan Rennert, (313) 292-5567.
LINCOLN PARK June Class of 1965 A reunion is planned for August. (734) 676-9178 or (734) 763-5988
LIVONIA CHURCHILL Class of 1990 Is planning a reunion. Send name, address, telephone number and e-mail address to CHC Class of '90 Reunion, 6609 Salem Road, Plymouth 48170 or by e-mail to hallen72@hotmail.com
LIVONIA LADYWOOD Class of 1980 A reunion is planned for Saturday, July 22. Call (734) 464-4523 or e-mail murrayr@northville.k12.mi.us
MACKENZIE HIGH Class of 1960 A 40th year reunion is planned for Saturday Sept. 23 at the Troy Marriott (Mediterranean Room) 200 West Big Beaver in Troy. Event runs from 6:30 to 1 a.m. and includes cocktails, cash bar and a buffet dinner as well as dancing and an address booklet for \$60. Special room rates are available if you check directly with the hotel and mention The Mackenzie High School reunion.

Call Sharon (Hobyah) Sturgis at (248) 476-0034 or e-mail MACK-GRAD1960@aol.com or Carol (Rudnick) McCreadie at (734) 420-2443.
MACKENZIE HIGH Combined reunion Classes of 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961 and 1962 are holding a 40-year reunion Saturday, Sept. 30 at The Warren Chateau in Warren. To get on the mailing list call (248) 746-9618.
MADISON HIGH Class of 1980 20 year reunion is scheduled for July 22. Call Adam Russell at (248) 693-4229.
MERCY Class of 1950

Is planning a reunion for June. (248) 851-7620
MELVINDALE Class of 1970 A reunion is planned for Nov. 4 at Park Place in Dearborn. For information call Jerry Brady at (313) 295-2311 or e-mail jer-ryb@gateway.net
MUMFORD HIGH Class of 1960 Saturday, Nov. 18 at 7 p.m. Detroit Golf Club. Call (248) 646-9438 or e-mail mumfordreunion@mail.com
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OAK PARK Class of 1970 Thirty year reunion Aug. 5 at the Northfield Hilton in Troy. Call (248) 851-4938 or e-mail ophs70@speedchoice.com
OSCAR A. CARLSON Class of 1990 Class of 1990 is planning their 10 year reunion. It will be held Saturday, Aug. 19 at the Holiday Inn - Southgate Heritage Center. Contact Kristen (Williams) Robbins, (734) 676-2624; Tracy (Watson) Thompson, (734) 955-2868 or Danette (Wilson) Terzano (906) 935-7405.
PLYMOUTH SALEM Class of 1980 20 year reunion on Saturday, Sept. 2 at the Holiday Inn, Livonia. Call Reunions Made Easy at

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PONTIAC HIGH Class of 1950 50th reunion for February, June and August classes. Call (248) 625-8830 or (248) 682-4797.
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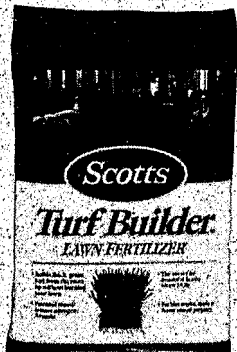
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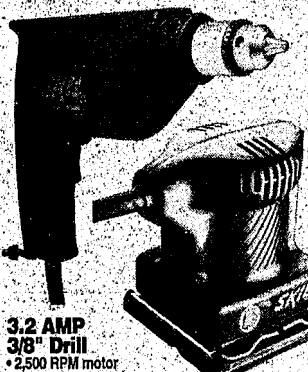
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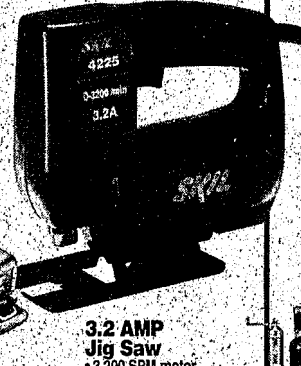
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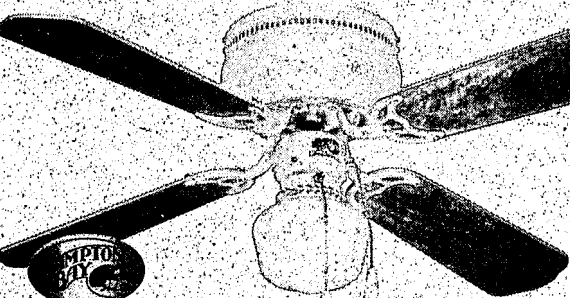
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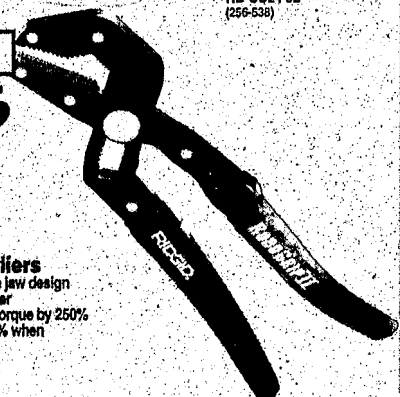
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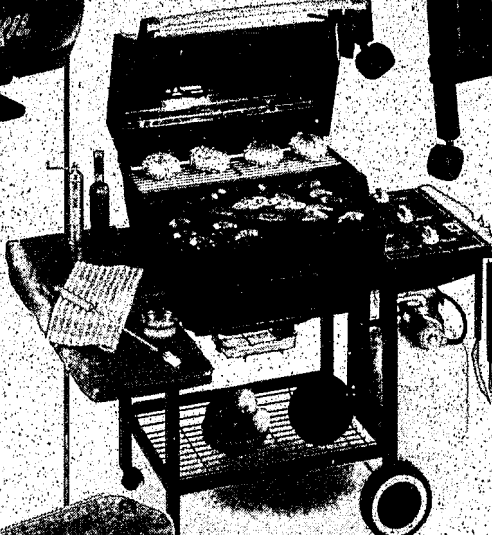


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DANIEL STICKRADT

Weather aside, its been a good spring — so far

OK, so what's with the weather? When the spring prep sports season finally got going a couple weeks ago, we were dosed with chilly — actually, freezing evenings — and last week we were caught under rainy skies. Now this week, with most area student-athletes away on Spring Break, we have some nice clear-blue skies, temperatures in the 50s and 60s, and a slight breeze.

What's in store for next week? Anyway, albeit the not-so-good weather during most of April, several area athletes and teams around the North Oakland communities of Clarkston, Lake Orion and Oxford have been impressive, and I'm sure more will spring into the forefront as we head into the home stretch of the school year starting on Monday.

Here's a look at some memorable moments during the first half of the spring season.

■ **Patten update:** Lake Orion's Ashley Patten had what most would call an incredible indoor track & field season this past winter, which ended with a Top-10 ranking in the 600 meters. (an indoors-only event) on the national charts.

Apparently she has picked up right where she has left off. So far this outdoor season, Patten has already established a Lake Orion school record with a 2:18.9 clocking in the 800 meters, which is clearly one of the best marks in the state thus far. But she's been very impressive in other events as well.

The talented sophomore had also cleared 5-feet in the high jump, posted a time of 16.1 in the 100-meter intermediate hurdles, 45.1 in the 300-meter low hurdles, and has anchored the Dragons' 1,600-meter relay unit that has ran 4:20.

What's next? ■ **Whatley goes on DL:** Lake Orion senior soccer player Erica Whatley suffered a severely sprained ankle last week in an OAA Division II game at West Bloomfield. The Michigan State-bound midfielder did not play last Wednesday against Rochester Adams, but is fortunate to have this whole week off due to the — timely — break.

There is no definite date when Whatley is projected to return to the Dragons' line-up.

■ **On the links:** Oxford's girls golf team placed second at the Oakland County Division II tournament last week, while Clarkston, a first-year program, was fourth and Lake Orion seventh despite the absence of a couple key golfers.

Although this area is not known to be a power in the sport of girls golf over the past decade, perhaps this is good sign of things yet to come.

On a further note, Oxford will make the quantum leap, along with Division II county champion Auburn Hills Avondale, to the Division I tournament next season. The bottom two finishers from this year's Division I tournament will be moved down to Division II next spring.

■ **Future college stars:** Clarkston seniors Ryan Marino and Rocky Lund could be playing collegiate basketball next winter, as some Division II and Division III schools are currently in pursuit of their talents.

Marino, a 6-foot-1 sharpshooter, is being recruited by Lake Superior State and Grand Valley State, among others, while Lund, a versatile 6-foot-1 swingman known to do a lot of the dirty work for the Wolves the past two seasons, is being courted by Saginaw Valley State.

I truly think both are good enough to play in college, but I think Marino has been completely overlooked by several small Division I schools in and around the Midwest. The type of numbers he's put against top-notch talent the past two years has been eye-catching, at least by reporters in this area.

It's too bad that college recruiters are too blind to see it.

■ **No respect:** While were talking about people that don't seem to get much respect, the baseball teams in

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Orion nine wins Snowflake Invite



While most teams are idle due to break, Lake Orion's baseball team continued its winning ways Saturday winning the Snowflake Invitational at Midland Dow, which included a win over state-ranked Saginaw Heritage.

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The weather has been the toughest opponent this season for the Lake Orion baseball team. Finally faced with a nice day, the Dragons made a long weekend trip worth their while.

Orion used the winning formula of

good pitching and timely hitting to win Saturday's Snowflake Invitational held at Midland Dow High School. The Dragons downed Division 1 third-ranked Saginaw Heritage 6-3 in the first game, and won the championship match with a 5-4 triumph over Flint Powers Catholic.

The wins help the baseball team add a piece to the trophy case, something

the program has lacked in recent years. "The ski, football and wrestling teams have trophies in there, and it's about time we added one," said Lake Orion coach Andy Schramek. "It's been a long time since Lake Orion baseball won some hardware."

Just getting the games played was an accomplishment for the Dragons, which had five games postponed already this season because of cold, rainy conditions. Saturday's ballgames were played in perfect weather, and Lake Orion received a pair of pitching performances to match.

Mike Crawford and Sean Letsinger pitched the Dragons to victory against

Heritage, while Ryan Goleski and Jim McMahon shut down Powers in the tournament finale.

"We won these two games because we got some great pitching performances," Schramek said. "In the first game, we focused a lot on throwing strikes and playing solid defense. In the second game, Ryan was able to get people out, and when we can keep things simple like that, we do well."

In the other tournament games, Powers beat Dow 14-10 in the first round, and Heritage downed Dow in the consolation game.

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Lake Orion Intramural Director Ben Gerdeman and his various programs a smash hit for area students

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Ben Gerdeman swears to it that he hasn't heard a student call him "Uncle Ben" yet, but if it happens anytime soon, he won't mind a bit as long as that student makes an attempt to enroll in one of his activities.

"Actually, I haven't heard anyone call me that yet, but I'm sure they have some nicknames for me," said Gerdeman, Lake Orion High School's Intramural Coordinator of the Dragon Intramural Department, when asked if he likes his so-called nickname that has been floating around the campus. "I don't mind, though, if they do have a name for me. I like these kids a lot. As long as they are having fun, it doesn't bother me."

Providing fun and keeping busy is what Ben Gerdeman is all about. Having been hired less than two years ago by the Lake Orion School District, Gerdeman is in charge of forming, and at times, creating various after-school, weekend and even lunch period activities, clubs and recreational leagues for



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Kickin' back: Lake Orion Intramural Coordinator Ben Gerdeman, shown here in the Lake Orion High School's field house, while some students play in an intramural basketball league, has had much success getting students involved in his various programs, which range from sports leagues to euchre tournaments.

students — athletes and non-athletes alike — to keep them off the streets and out of trouble.

Gerdeman's multi-facet programs have been nothing short of a hit from the student body at the 1,650-student high school. Covering a wide range of activities, which has included basketball, flag football, softball, volleyball, bowling, floor hockey, table tennis and in-line hockey leagues — boys, girls

and co-ed leagues — as well as chess and euchre tournaments, a mountain biking club, photography club, cross-country skiing trips, sports trivia contests, Frisbee-golf outings, hiking and canoeing trips, and aerobics and fitness classes, just to name a few, Gerdeman has found a way to get more students involved each and every passing day.

And his ideas are always flowing from his head, as he is trying to pro-

vide "something for everyone," although a trip to the Moon is far from reality. Still, he has aspirations of doing something a little more than just some after school leagues in the school's field house, pool or on the athletic fields.

"I would really like to take a skydiving trip. I think we could get a lot of

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Runners gear for challenging Half-Marathon

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One of the year's most anticipated events — the prestigious West Bloomfield Half-Marathon, 5K Run/Walk and Kids Fun Run — is just a few days away.

Runners from across the area will converge on West Bloomfield High School next Sunday for the 24th annual gala. The half-marathon, a challenging 13.1-mile race conducted on paved roads and bike paths amidst scenic, rolling terrain, attracted some 734 participants last year. More than 1,200 runners and walkers partook in the overall event last spring and organizers are hoping for another substantial turnout in 2000.

The West Bloomfield Half-Marathon, 5K Run/Walk and Kids Fun Run is coordinated by West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation.

"I'm hoping for a record turnout this season," race director Jerry Krawchuk said Wednesday. "We have a total of about 600 registrants to this point, and we're hoping for over 1,000 runners in the three races. Those numbers might not match an event like the (Detroit Free

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West Bloomfield Half-Marathon 5K Run/Walk Kids Fun Run

- **WHEN:** Sunday, April 30. The 5K Run/Walk starts at 10:30 a.m.; the Kids Fun Run begins at 11:30 a.m.; and the Half-Marathon goes off at 12:45 p.m.
- **WHERE:** All runs start at West Bloomfield High School, located at 4925 Orchard Lake Road between Walnut Lake and Pine Lake roads.
- **COURSES:** The Half-Marathon is a 13.1-mile course conducted over paved roads and bike paths amidst scenic, rolling terrain. USATF sanctioned and certified. Timed up to two-and-a-half hours. Water available at two-mile intervals. Time splits at one-, five-, eight- and 10-mile points. The 5K Run/Walk is a fast course on suburban streets and bike paths. USATF sanctioned and timed up to 42 minutes. One water station. Time split at 1.5-mile point. The Kids Fun Run is a one-quarter mile or one-half mile race on the West Bloomfield High School track.
- **REGISTRATION:** Late registration lasts now until race day, but there is no guarantee on a T-shirt for late registration. Costs are \$23 for the Half-Marathon; \$20 for the 5K Run/Walk; and \$15 for the Kids Fun Run (ages 5-10). Register on race day will be done at the West Bloomfield High School gymnasium. The 5K Run/Walk registration takes place from 9:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m.; the Kids Fun Run registration lasts from 10:15 a.m.-11:15 a.m. (outdoor track); and the Half-Marathon registration goes from 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
- **AWARDS:** The overall male and female finishers in the Half-Marathon and 5K Run/Walk receive a special prize. Door prizes are awarded to those runners present at awards ceremonies. Awards for the Half-Marathon and 5K Run/Walk will be presented to the top three finishers in the following categories: male/female under 20 (11-15, 16-19 in the 5K Run/Walk only), 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49; female 50-59, 60-up; male 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-up; male Clydesdale (195 pounds and up), under 40, 40-up and Wheeler (male and female).
- **DEFENDING CHAMPS:** Male Half-Marathon — Keith Stopon, Roseville, 1:08:19; Female Half-Marathon — Colleen Conway (Ann Arbor), 1:26:48.
- **RECORDS:** Half-Marathon: Male — Doug Curtis (1:07:32) in 1989; Half-Marathon female — Chel Sly (1:15:57) in 1989; 5K male — Rick Carr (15:17) in 1994; 5K female — Jenny Eschbacher (18:16) in 1998.
- **FOR MORE INFO:** Call West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation at (248) 738-2500.

Running start: Some 734 runners participated in last year's West Bloomfield Half-Marathon. Keith Stopon (No. 588 in center of photo) is the defending champion and will try to defend his title on Sunday in West Bloomfield.

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the OAA Division I have become what some would call the "Roger Dangerfields" of the sport over recent years.

Since 1991, a school from the seven-team division has

advanced to the Class A/Division I Final 4 every year, with one state title and four runner-up trophies, to boot. Yet, if you look in the weekly rankings, there is rarely more than one team from

the league in the Top 10 — and that's been happening for years. Now, it's true that Troy, last year's state runner-up, was

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Press/Flagstar Bank International Marathon in Detroit, but we're very happy with that considering the size of our department."

Krawchuk, in his third year as race director, says the significant level of community involvement is a tribute to the event's popularity. Major sponsors for this year's races include Singh Development Inc., PizzaPapolis, Hodges Subaru, Paddock Pools of Eastern Michigan, Inc., Robertson Brother's Pool Service, and Homedics U.S.A. Inc.

"I think what makes this race unique is that it is truly a community event," Krawchuk said. "We receive tremendous support from our sponsors and from our local businesses. And we usually have close to 200 volunteers from West Bloomfield and the surrounding areas, and those people do a great job."

"I've read quotes from people

who have ran in the past, and I think runners appreciate the friendliness of the volunteers out on the course. I think it's really a combination of everything that makes this event so special."

The 5K Run/Walk kicks off the festivities with a 10:30 a.m. start. The Kids Fun Run begins at 11:30 a.m. on the West Bloomfield High School track, followed by the half-marathon at 12:45 p.m.

Roseville resident Keith Stopen, formerly of Farmington Hills, clocked the second-best time (1:08.19) in the history of the half-marathon last year. That enabled Stopen to win his fourth overall title since 1995, but there will be a new champion crowned in 2000.

Stopen has elected not to run in this year's West Bloomfield Half-Marathon, because he is scheduled to compete at the U.S. Men's Olympic Marathon Trials

in Pittsburgh on May 7.

"It breaks my heart not to be there (at the half-marathon), but I'm hoping to back next year," Stopen said. "I do think the race in West Bloomfield is very special or I wouldn't go back. ... The people there really do a tremendous job putting it together, and it's a nice time of year to go out and run 13 miles."

"That event gets a big turnout because it's special. It's a good activity for people to attend. It's not just a race, it's an activity."

Other defending champions include Birmingham Marian grad Colleen Conway in the women's division of the half-marathon (1:26.48), Paul Rice in the men's 5K (16:39) and Katie Kramer in the women's 5K (20:56). Kramer, only 14 years of age, became the youngest runner to ever win a race at the event.

<p>Birmingham Seaholm coach Jeff Devantier will compile the best girls track listings on a weekly basis for schools in Auburn Hills, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Clarkston, Lake Orion, Orchard Lake, Oxford, Rochester, Southfield, Troy, Walled Lake, Waterford and West Bloomfield. Coaches are urged to send their updates to Devantier via e-mail (j3jobs@miekey.mca.net) or by fax at 203-3713.</p> <p>SHOT PUT</p> <p>1. Erin Wicker (Seaholm) 37-1 2. Jone Schell (Rochester) 36-9 3. Dmitrie McWille (W. Bloomfield) 34-10 4. Lonnie Grace (Groves) 34-5 5. Brittany Fuller (Troy) 33-1 6. Rachel Moulik (Athens) 32-11 7. Sylvia Nazoyan (Andover) 30-7 8. Chiara Frenz (Seaholm) 30-1 9. Cassie Yonick (Lahser) 29-5 10. Rachel Jarnagin (Marian) 29-4</p> <p>DISCUS THROW</p> <p>1. Candace Johnson (W. Bloomfield) 111-11 2. Amy Bicknell (Rochester) 108-10 3. Brittany Fuller (Troy) 108-3 4. Sara Johnson (Lahser) 110-7 5. Lonnie Grace (Groves) 97-3 6. Alexis Haftka (Adams) 95-7 7. Christi Lange (West Bloomfield) 90-2 8. Julie Burdakin (Seaholm) 89-2 9. Cassie Yonick (Lahser) 89-1 10. Rachel Jarnagin (Marian) 87-10</p> <p>LONG JUMP</p> <p>1. Taylor Washington (Southfield) 18-8 2. Leah Hill (Lahser) 16-2 3. Samantha Esslan (Troy) 16-1 3/2 4. Olivia Mansour (Andover) 15-6 3/4 5. Lauren McDonnell (Marian) 15-5 6. Chizzy Nwankwo (Athens) 14-9 7. Waller (Lathrup) 14-8 8. Danielle Garrett (Groves) 13-11</p> <p>HIGH JUMP</p> <p>1. Casal (Andover) 5-2 2. Lindsay Bond (Southfield) 5-2 3. Melissa Kues (Adams) 5-0 4. Lauren McDonnell (Marian) 4-10 5. Ashley Deltzer (Avondale) 4-8 6. Vicky Scheffler (Athens) 4-8 7. Chiara Frenz (Seaholm) 4-6 8. Meredith Anderson (Athens) 4-6 9. Danielle Garrett (Groves) 4-6 10. Van Heest (Lahser) 4-2</p> <p>100 HIGH HURDLES</p> <p>1. Lisa Bond (Southfield) 14.9 2. Samantha Esslan (Troy) 15.9</p>	<p>3. Melissa Kues (Adams) 16.3 4. Kerl Gross (Seaholm) 16.7 5. Ya-Ting Liang (Groves) 17.5 6. Lisa Fair (Troy Athens) 17.6 7. Shannon Huehner (Lahser) 18.6</p> <p>300 INTERMEDIATE HURDLES</p> <p>1. Lisa Bond (Southfield) 45.6 2. Samantha Esslan (Troy) 47.8 3. Lauren McDonnell (Marian) 50.1 4. Yvonne Rush (Lathrup) 50.3 5. Kerl Gross (Seaholm) 50.6 6. Vikki Scheffler (Troy Athens) 51.2 7. Aracora (Rochester) 51.5 8. Ya-Ting Liang (Groves) 53.1 9. Shannon Huehner (Lahser) 54.2 10. Knowles (Lathrup) 54.7</p> <p>100-METER DASH</p> <p>1. Leah Hill (Lahser) 12.65 2. Pam Treppa (Adams) 12.8 3. Danielle Garrett (Groves) 13.3 4. Erica Crumb (Athens) 13.8 5. Stephanie LaFave (Seaholm) 13.9 6. Jennifer Hawkins (West Bloomfield) 14.3 7. Patty Shay (Andover) 14.9</p> <p>200-METER DASH</p> <p>1. Lindsey Crocker (Adams) 28.0 1. Gray (Adams) 28.0 3. Danielle Garrett (Groves) 28.2 4. Tobin (West Bloomfield) 28.2 5. Ashley Maxwell (Marian) 28.5 6. Owen (Lahser) 28.5 7. Jennifer Hawkins (W. Bloomfield) 29.1 7. Stephanie LaFave (Seaholm) 29.1 9. Brooke Mickelson (Andover) 30.0</p> <p>400-METER DASH</p> <p>1. Erin Taylor (Adams) 1:01.9 2. Amara Okoff (West Bloomfield) 1:02.5 3. Rebecca Bartkowski (Marian) 1:04.1 4. Lauren Reetz (Rochester) 1:04.8 4. Sue Owen (Lahser) 1:04.8 6. Yvonne Rush (Lathrup) 1:05.0 7. Katie Kramer (Seaholm) 1:06.3 8. Chizzy Nwankwo (Athens) 1:07.0 9. Matto (Andover) 1:08.6</p> <p>800-METER RUN</p> <p>1. Julie Gelhof (Troy) 2:25.0 2. Leah Christian (Rochester) 2:28.4 3. Andrea Moreland (Adams) 2:29.5 4. Rebecca Walter (Groves) 2:34.0 4. Miller (Andover) 2:34.0 6. Julie Hufnagel (Marian) 2:34.5 7. Rebecca Lewis (W. Bloomfield) 2:34.8</p>	<p>8. Lindsey Mosher (Seaholm) 2:35.0 9. Clirique Brundage (Lathrup) 2:35.2 10. Valeria McDermott (Seaholm) 2:35.0</p> <p>1,600-METER RUN</p> <p>1. Katie Boyles (Adams) 5:21.3 2. Rebecca Waller (Groves) 5:32.0 3. Julie Hufnagel (Marian) 5:35.0 4. Lindsey Mosher (Seaholm) 5:40.0 5. Rebecca Lewis (West Bloomfield) 5:41.0 6. Taylor Bonas (Lahser) 5:46.0 7. Sarah Elson (Seaholm) 5:55.0 7. Amy Fiedler (Troy) 5:55.0 9. Stephanie Early (Seaholm) 6:01.0 10. Donagacz (Rochester) 6:02.0</p> <p>3,200-METER RUN</p> <p>1. Katie Boyles (Adams) 11:54.0 2. Taylor Bonas (Lahser) 12:19.0 3. Brady (Troy) 12:43.0 4. Stephanie Early (Seaholm) 12:50.0 5. Sarah Elson (Seaholm) 12:51.0 6. Lindsey Mosher (Seaholm) 12:52.0 7. Barnaz (Lahser) 12:54.0 8. Jill Pfeiffer (Rochester) 13:03.0 9. Kelly Waldo (Marian) 13:08.0 9. Lauren Wianiewski (Athens) 13:08.0</p> <p>4X100 RELAY</p> <p>1. Southfield 50.7 2. Bloomfield Hills Lahser 52.23 3. West Bloomfield 53.03 4. Rochester Adams 54.5 5. Southfield/Lathrup 55.49</p> <p>4X200-METER RELAY</p> <p>1. Rochester Adams 1:50.0 2. West Bloomfield 1:51.9 3. Southfield/Lathrup 1:53.7 4. Bloomfield Hills Andover 1:57.0 5. Birmingham Seaholm 1:59.8</p> <p>4X400-METER RELAY</p> <p>1. Rochester Adams 4:23.0 2. Rochester 4:25.0 2. West Bloomfield 4:25.0 4. Troy Athens 4:26.0 5. Birmingham Marian 4:31.0</p> <p>4X800-METER RELAY</p> <p>1. Rochester Adams 10:17.0 2. Birmingham Marian 10:31.0 3. Rochester 10:49.0 4. Birmingham Groves 10:50.6 5. Bloomfield Hills Andover 10:53.0</p>
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McMahon provided the heroics for the Dragons in the championship game, despite not playing for the first six innings.

He came in relief of Goleski on the mound and forced a pop fly to short with the bases loaded and two out, with the Dragons

nursing a 4-2 lead. After a Crawford double gave Orion a 5-2 lead, Powers battled back in the bottom of the seventh and nearly tied the game.

The Chargers scored on a wild pitch to make it 5-3 with one out. A sacrifice fly brought in the

team's fourth run, but the fifth run never made it home: McMahon, backing up the relay throw into the infield, gunned down the Powers runner between third base and home for the

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kids to go on that," said Gerdeman. "As long as we can get it approved, because you have to be 18, than I would love for a chance to take some kids skydiving. I'm sure some teachers would love to go, too."

"There are so many things I would like try." Having a full-time Intramural Coordinator inside a high school is something relatively new as Gerdeman believes Lake Orion is one of a small group of schools in the state that has a full-time intramural director and department that offers the scale of activities as Lake Orion — although he hopes to see many other local schools follow the lead.

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ranked No. 1 in the preseason because of their national ranking and the amount of talent they return, and they deserve to be there. But the Colts already have two league losses to Clarkston and West Bloomfield.

Does that mean they aren't a Top 10 team? Absolutely not.

You see, the teams in this league beat up on each other all season, and by the end of the each season, most will have more than two or three losses on their record; some up to 10 or 11. However, talent-wise, several of them are superior in talent, and could step outside of this league and win a conference title without much problem.

So far this season, Lake Orion has beaten third-ranked Saginaw Heritage, Rochester Adams has split with sixth-ranked Bay City Western, and Rochester collected 26 runs in one game.

Right now, in my opinion, league-leader Clarkston, Troy and Lake Orion should all be in the Division I Top 10, while Rochester, Rochester Adams, West Bloomfield and Berkley, which has one of the better pitching staffs in the Southeastern Michigan with four left-handers, aren't too far behind.

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third out of the inning, ending the game.

McMahon, normally a catcher, did a good job at throwing strikes and not giving Powers anything good to hit. Schramek said he likes having McMahon in the field late in games, when the pressure is highest.

"He's a clutch player and never gets rattled," he said. "We put him in there cold in the sixth and did a great job. I like having him in there when it counts. He leads our team in hits with runners in scoring position, and that shows how he excels in those areas."

Orion jumped out to a 2-0 lead on Powers in the top of the first. Goleski lined a double to left, bringing home Jim Kelly. Goleski scored on a Crawford single.

Powers tied it in the bottom of the first, but Goleski shut them down from there. The senior right-hander allowed six batters in the first, but allowed just one hit over the next four innings. Although he didn't strike out a lot of hitters, he forced a lot of ground balls and got excellent defense behind him.

Leading the defensive charge was Ryan Tinetti, who started at third and fielded a number of slow rollers perfectly.

"With guys being gone, Ryan has an opportunity, and he took advantage of it today," Schramek said. "We practice those kind of plays all the time, and we expect him to make those plays."

The Dragons added two more runs in the top of the third. Justin Hanning opened the frame with a single, followed by a Goleski walk. Crawford continued his big day at the plate with a sacrifice fly that brought Hanning home. Jay Hills advanced to first on an error, scoring the second run of the inning.

Crawford went 2-for-4 with 3 RBI in the game. Goleski had two hits, a walk and 2 RBI for Lake Orion, which improves to 7-3 this season.

Although it's Spring Break for Lake Orion schools, the baseball team is busy all week. After a doubleheader against Grosse Pointe North Wednesday, the team hosts Lapeer East in a twinbill Friday starting at 4 p.m.

tor, "he said. "Sure, some schools offer some activities and programs, but not like at Lake Orion. It would be neat to see this at other schools as well."

"Just the other day I got an e-mail from someone in Idaho that was trying to do the same type of thing out there."

Outside of the students at Lake Orion, and eventually at Lake Orion's middle schools, Scripps and Waldon, Gerdeman has no control. But he is always busy preparing various activities for students under his jurisdiction and coming up with new ones.

"I'm always making lists of things we could do," he said. "I go through an awful lot of legal pads, that's for sure."

more, Ohio, and later attended nearby Bowling Green State University. It was there that Gerdeman first picked up an interest in various intramural activities that were offered at the Division I university.

After college, Gerdeman's first job was at a day camp in Napoleon, Mich., a small neighboring town of the South Central city of Jackson, where had began implementing various activities under a small budget and limited freedom.

So when he heard of the job opening in late 1998 that Lake Orion was creating a position right up his alley, Gerdeman applied, was interviewed and shortly thereafter, was making to move to Lake Orion.

Lake Orion, "There are so many opportunities out here."

Besides serving as the school's Intramural Coordinator, Gerdeman also helps out in the school's athletics department, where his office is located. Gerdeman serves as a sight manager at various home contests for the varsity, junior-varsity, and freshman athletics teams, where he helps with the set up and take down of facilities, while helping serve as an administrator.

"Ben's a great person to have around here," said Lake Orion Athletics Director Jim Wood. "He's gets a lot kids involved with clubs and activities, even kids that aren't really involved with athletics. Plus he helps us out a lot around here, too. Ben fills in at my position some nights so when I want to go watch my own kids compete in Troy, and he chips in to do a lot of the little things around here."

As for Gerdeman, the hours

may sometimes be long, depending on the day or time of year, but he doesn't mind at all. He's doing what he loves day in and day out.

"I love the outdoors and the things I do," he said. "And I really love working with kids. It's a challenge working with them and it's a challenge coming up with new ideas in terms of activities and social outings."

"I've even helped out with certain sports teams," he continued, "having them get together for a certain activity and then afterwards, sit down and talk to them how they can carry this over to games. It really helps with team unity."

With over a year at the school under his belt — he started on March 24 of last year, to be exact — Gerdeman is glad to have seen his intramural program taken off and is anxious to see how much more it can grow in the coming months and years.

"It was kind of slow at first, as

you might expect, because most of the students didn't really know that the intramural programs existed. But now it is really starting to take off; it's really exploded over the past couple of months. We've even got some table tennis tournaments going on during lunch. A year ago it was just something to do after school, or maybe on weekends.

"Now I've got kids coming up to me with new ideas, or kids coming up and asking me 'what's next?' all of the time."

So go ahead and stop by Ben Gerdeman's office at Lake Orion and see what's next on the docket, or just to say hello and introduce yourself. And if you really want to call him "Uncle Ben", that's fine with him.

NORTH OAKLAND SPORTS BRIEFS

Soccer leaders

Dave Muczynski, the varsity girls soccer coach at Auburn Hills Avondale High School, will be compiling the area leaders chart this spring for girls soccer teams within the Eccentric coverage area.

Varsity coaches and team statisticians can e-mail their weekly numbers to Muczynski at dmuczynski@yahoo.com from Friday through Sunday each week. The listing will include goals, assists, points and

hattricks for field players, and games played (to the nearest .25), goals allowed, goals-against-average, shutouts, shots faced, saves and save percentage for goalkeepers. The listing will run on either Thursdays or Sundays, depending on space.

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We will be accepting applications and conducting group testing of basic clerical and math skills at 10:00 am on Saturday, April 29, 2000 in the Oakland Center at Oakland University in Rochester Hills. No appointment necessary - just arrive PROMPTLY at 10 am. Allow approximately 1 hour for the testing and application.

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719 Pools/Spas/Hot Tubs COMFORT Zone pool: of Jacuzzi heater, 150,000 & pump...

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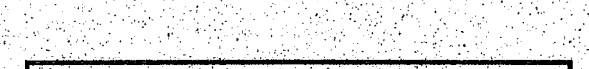
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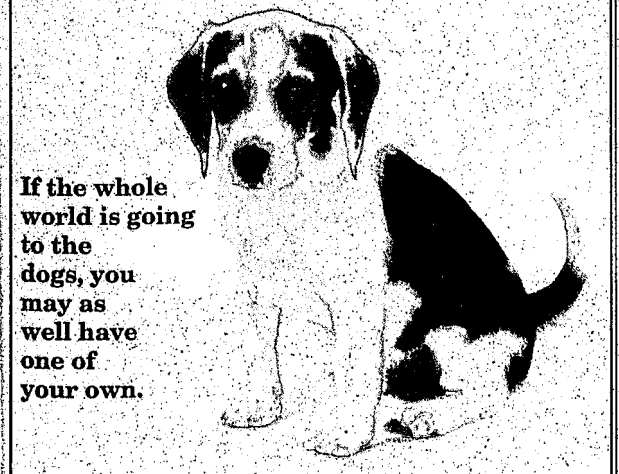
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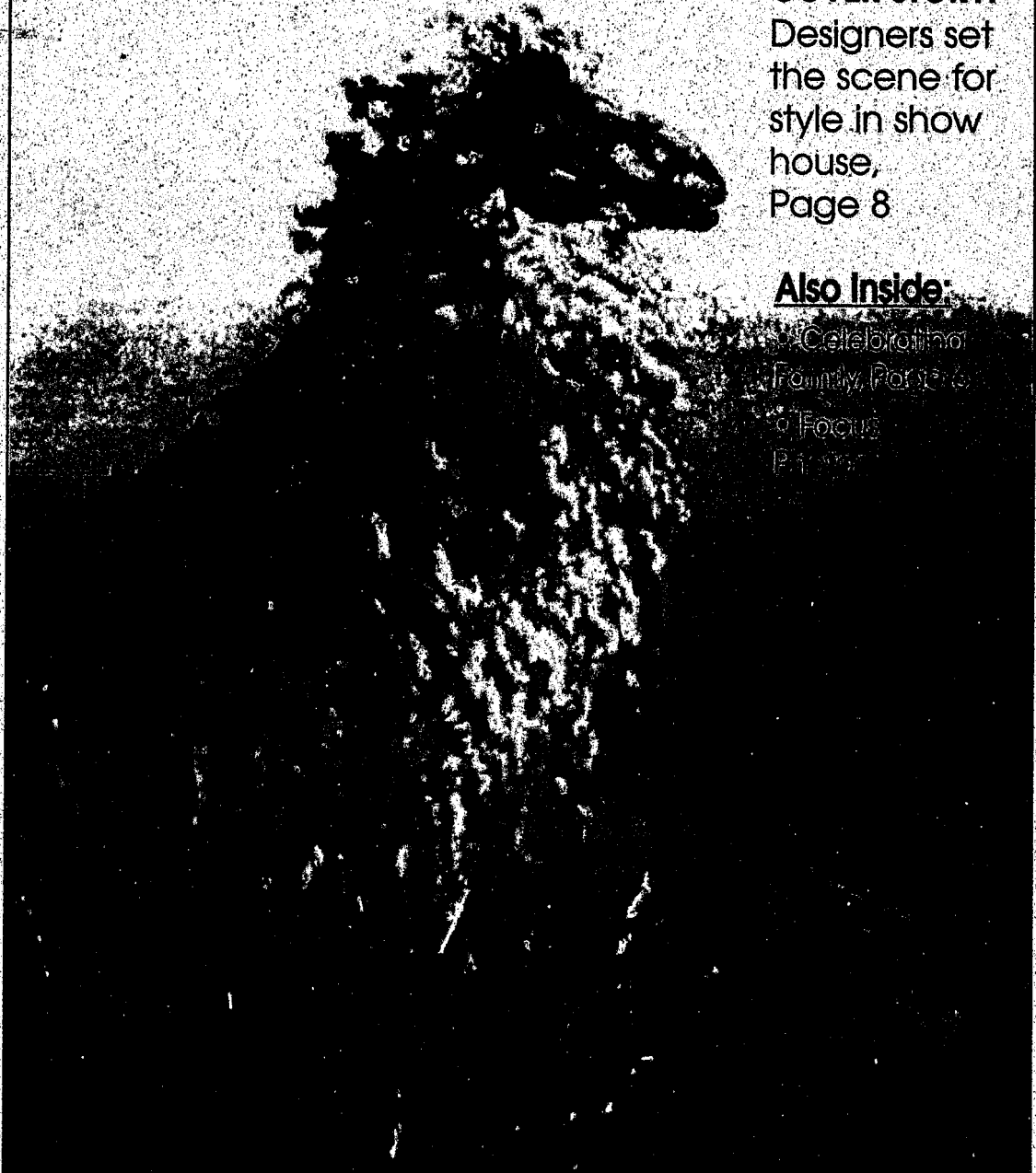
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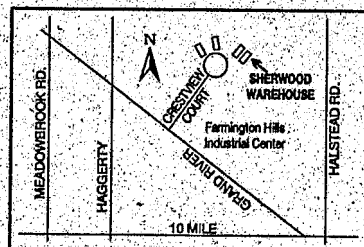
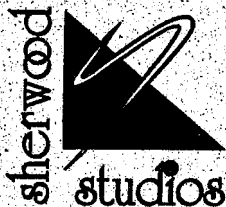
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MARTY FIGLEY

Spring is upon us, and what a wonderful time to learn about our favorite pastime by reading the many books that arrive at the book stores.

The fair maids of February, one of the English names that predate the use of snowdrops,

were gorgeous again this year.

This lovely flower is the subject of *The Genus Galanthus*, by Aaron Davis (\$39.95, Timber Press). This is a scholarly work and is highly interesting. Detailed descriptions of the 18 species give insight into this bulb. All, as they say, you'll need to know can be found here.

For general gardeners, Davis tells how to choose the best site, how to plant, how to propagate and what to do when the flower has finished its show. Drawings and photographs illustrate.

Those who love maple trees will want to get *Maples For Gardens: A Color Encyclopedia*, by C.J. van Gelderen and D.M. van Gelderen (\$49.95, Timber Press).

This diverse genus contains something for every type of garden situation. The book is extremely well organized, with many photos that show the very different tree and leaf forms, colors and shapes. Descriptions are concise and include origin, habitat and special features. This will keep you busy trying to decide which one (or two) you want to enhance your landscape.

Appendixes tell where (worldwide) to see the trees as well as which to choose for a particular purpose.

Tulips: A Photographer's Botanical, with photographs by Christopher Baker and text by Willem Lemmers (\$65, Artisan), is a must for lovers of the flower and for those who like beautiful things.

This magnificent coffee table book includes 137 color portraits. The authors spent eight months in Holland capturing on film cultivated and species of tulips chosen by Lemmers, who is a third-generation bulb grower. He relates the history of each flower and shares the stories of several Dutch bulb growers, i.e. how the Darwin hybrid tulips and the triumphs were developed.

"In addition to selecting the tulips (for the book) I feel are most important and providing descriptions for each, I hope I have shed some light on the Dutch bulb growers," Lemmers says.

"As in the early botanicals, our aim was to produce a true and full representation of a plant family for growers and gardeners all over the world," Baker says.

The book will take your breath away. *Easy Lawns* (\$9.95, Brooklyn Botanic Garden) details how to use low-maintenance grasses such as sedge, little bluestem, fescues, and grasses that are native to an area.

This forward-thinking idea may change the way our landscapes look and how we care for them. Chapters for specific parts of the country will help you focus in on your area. From choosing the right plants, to installing and maintenance, it's all here.

Just in time to travel abroad, *Irish Gardens*, by Olda FitzGerald, photos by Stephen Robson (\$40, Country Living Gardener/Hearst), may inspire a journey.

Twenty of the best gardens in that country are featured in this lovely book. The author, who is a personal friend of many of the garden owners, shares several stories and gardening experiences. The plan for each garden is included; the 220 color photographs capture the beauty and details of specific plants.

The visitors' guide indicates those that are open to the public so you can plan your visit accordingly.

Magic of Irises, by Barbara Perry Lawton (\$39.95, Fulcrum), captures the essence of these flowers, from the front cover reproduction of van Gogh's "Irises" to the end of the book.

Lawton shares the history of this well-loved flower as well as the legends and lore associated with it. The many types of irises — bearded, beardless, spuria, Japanese and others — are described in detail. Growing instructions make this an excellent guide for beginners as well as experts.

These plants have been grown for centuries and are still a favorite. You'll learn all about them here.

Leave Marty Figley a message by dialing (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then 111, then 3445.

at home calendar

■ The Oakland County Quilt Guild will present Quilt Celebration 2000 Friday-Saturday, April 28-29, at Lutheran High School Northwest, on Livernois south of M-59 in Rochester Hills. Hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Admission is \$5. The event will feature a merchants mall, refreshments, workshops and lectures.



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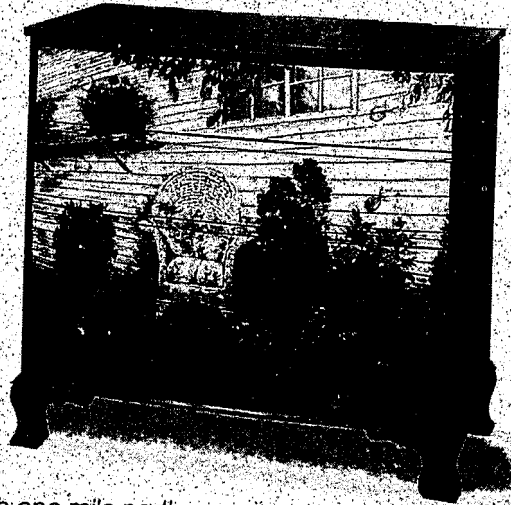
Great Cape

Mumford's the word: Whimsical and colorful folk art from Cape Cod artist Elizabeth Mumford has been added to the collection at Harris Street Interiors and Folk Art Gallery, 255 S. Main in Rochester. Such images as those of sailing, friends, children, mermaids and dogs are sure to make you smile and add color and fun to any room. Each image holds a time-honored quote or fun limerick that acts as a border, along with a double matting and a gold or cherry frame. Prices run from \$85 to \$265. Call (248) 651-8092 or visit www.harrisstreet.net



Hand-painted furniture

Artistry: Newton Furniture offers the unique beauty of hand-painted furniture by master artist Retha Smith from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday, April 28 and Saturday, April 29 at its Bloomfield Hills store on Telegraph one mile north of Square Lake Road and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 30 at the Novi store on the service drive at 12 Oaks Mall. Smith will demonstrate her furniture artistry. Each treasure purchased during the demonstration will be autographed by Smith and available for immediate delivery. Purchasers will receive a gift of a hand-painted jewelry box customized with their name, as well as a special discount of 40 percent on all Jasper items. Discounts will be offered at all Newton stores. While the Novi and Bloomfield Hills Newton stores host the demonstration, the Livonia store on Middlebelt between Five and Six Mile roads carry furniture finished with her art.



Spring into it

Season the moment: Tiffany & Co. the Somerset Collection, Big Beaver Road and Village in Troy, offers a variety of merchandise perfect for entertaining. The ceramic, handpainted Tiffany Petals retails for \$75. Enjoy the colored eggs that Easter brings around with a handpainted Marseilles yellow floral serving dish with permanent dyed eggs as the centerpiece. The dish created in Italy exclusively for Tiffany & Co. and costs the sterling silver egg keepsake box, \$190, is great for jelly beans or hiding a jewelry item for a gift. Call (248) 651-8092.

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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 see around the home? Send in your questions by e-mail to Youcan Toucan, c/o Mary Klemic, At Home Editor, Eccentric Media, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009, or by e-mail to youcan@oe.homecomm.net

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Now's the time for maintenance



JOE GAGNON

A reader asks "I am trying to prepare my home for summer conditions and want to know what should I do with my room's air conditioner and my dehumidifier? Both of these are about seven years old and I've never done anything to them except install them."

Dear Reader: This is the perfect time of year to perform the needed maintenance on both of these units.

The first step is to take both of them to the local car wash - the ones with the hand-held wands for washing and rinsing - and hose the units down. Spray them in the front, back and side louvers. Remember that these units must be completely dry before you plug them back in. If you wait until it's 90 degrees outside and do this simple maintenance and you plug in the units when the controls are wet, you will cause serious damage.

You will use the car wash wands because the water pressure is greater than your garden hose. A room air conditioner and dehumidifier collect a great deal of dirt, dust and other matter inside the unit housing which you cannot see from the outside. Dirt buildup restricts the air movement throughout the units and increases energy consumption. That causes the compressor and fan motor to run hotter. Without cleaning, these units will have a shorter lifespan, whereas clean units will surprise most consumers with increased trouble-free longevity.

The fan motor is an important part of these units. It is common to spend \$200 to replace a motor in a room air conditioner, and \$100 is the usual cost for the same part on a dehumidifier. The manufacturers produce these products, and place a little tag on the fan motors which read "oil once a year."

These manufacturers know how important it is to oil the fan motor and yet they give the owner little convenience in doing so. The oil ports are located on the ends of the motor casing. The only way to access them is to disassemble the product's outer casings. It

takes this writer just a few minutes to take the casing off a room air conditioner or dehumidifier, so if I can do it, so can you. The oil ports usually have a little plastic plug which you will remove and drop in about 20 drops of turbine oil. Turbine oil is available at just about any appliance parts store.

Consumers who see their older air conditioner units drip water will have a tendency to drill a hole in the back underside of it. Drilling holes there is a strict no-no. You run the risk of drilling a hole in the refrigeration tubing and causing serious damage. Some air conditioners do not drain water out the back at all, but instead throw the water through the rear condenser. But please do not drill holes in your unit.

Every year I receive hundreds of phone calls from homeowners who tell me their dehumidifier is frosting when they turn it on. Most of these consumers are using the dehumidifier prematurely. The temperature and relative humidity must be close together. In other words, temperature and humidity should be well into the 70-degree range and then the product will sweat and produce water, which results in more comfortable living conditions. Stay tuned.

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

at home calendar

■ The Michigan Modernism Exposition will take place 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, April 29, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 30, at the Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen at Civic Center Drive (10 1/2 Mile). Ranked as one of the top two Modernism events in the nation, the exposition and sale of 20th century design will feature 100 exhibitors. Admission is \$7 with any ads or listings of the event, \$8 regular, free for age 12 or under. One paid admission is good for both days of the show. Gala preview party 7-10 p.m. Friday, April 28, with hors d'oeuvres, wine and live entertainment to benefit the Detroit Area Art Deco Society; gala preview tickets are \$60 in advance (call (248) 582-DECO). Online show previews are available at www.antiquet.com/M&M.

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LISA LUCKOW-HEALY

Motherhood doesn't come with a manual, but if it did you might find it under the title, "The Joys of Motherhood."

Perhaps the title lacks "and Trials," but aren't the experiences of motherhood similar to childbirth or the pain of an injury you experienced while participating in your favorite sport? You seem to forget the temporarily unbearable pain when your newborn lies in your arms or the thrill of victory is at your fingertips.

You physically know you're a mother when you bring a new life into your family whether through childbirth or adoption. But you truly know you're a mom when you experience the trials and tribulations associated with motherhood.

You're definitely a mom when, after dropping off your child for a day with your mom and dad, it takes you more than three miles to realize you're tap-

ping your hand to the beat of "Barney," not one of Billboard's Top 40.

You know you're a mother when your social calendar reads play group, Gymboree, soccer, dance and school musical without any notation of a self-indulgence. You haven't blocked out any time for yourself, let alone a date with your spouse. Spending an hour at the salon getting your hair cut or nails done is a big social function.

Exercise? You justify the trip you could take to the gym with the calories you "think" you burned running the marathon all day to keep up with the children, household responsibilities and work.

You're definitely a mother when the romantic dinner with your spouse at your favorite restaurant is dominated by conversation about the children, not daydreaming of the exotic island escape or reminiscing about your first date.

You know you're a mother when your child develops a cold and you spend a sleepless night sitting at his bedside listening to him breathe. Whether he's 2 months old or 12 years old, you still gently hold him in your arms until he's fast asleep.

You melt when you think back to the times that your child said something so genuine it made you melt. You told your 4-year-old he's so handsome and he said, "That's 'cause I grew up that way." During your second pregnancy, your little one approached you and said, "Move your lap so I can sit down."

You're rewarded with one of the greatest reasons why you treasure motherhood when your teen embraces you on graduation day and says, "Thanks, Mom, for always loving me."

You know you've made a difference when your grown child adopts the values and traditions you worked so hard trying to instill. You see your daughter teaching her own child the things she once rebelled about, and give her a gentle pat on the back and a warm smile. That's all you need to reaffirm the joys of motherhood.

Lisa Luckow-Healy is a graduate of the University of Michigan and a freelance writer who regularly contributes to parenting publications. She is also an active member of Detroit Women Writers and a contributing author to the organization's latest book, "Century of Voices." To

leave her a message from a touch-tone phone about how you celebrate family, call (734) 953-2047, then 111, then H-E-A-L-Y, or e-mail your suggestions for future family topics to LiHealy@aol.com

at home calendar

■ The 32nd annual Westacres Artist Market will take place 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 29, at the Westacres Clubhouse overlooking Middle Straits Lake in West Bloomfield (at the end of Westacres Drive, south of Commerce Road, between Union Lake and Green Lake roads). Donation \$1 to benefit the Westacres Scholarship Fund. The juried quality show will feature works by 70 artists from throughout Michigan, the United States and Canada, including painting, metal, jewelry, pottery, photography, fiber, wood and glass. Call (248) 360-5831 or (248) 360-9543.

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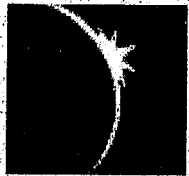
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Sunday, May 7	10:00 am to 9:00 pm
Monday, May 8	10:00 am to 6:00 pm
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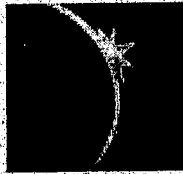
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ANN ARBOR

- After Words Book Store - Book & Certificate
- Afternoon Delight - Sunday Brunch for 4
- Ann Arbor Art Center - Art Class
- Ann Arbor Art Center - Clay Party
- Ann Arbor Observer - Premier Package
- Arbor Brewing - Beer Lover's Pack
- Arbor Brewing - Dinner & Theatre for 4
- Au Courant Optical - Fashions - Sunglasses
- BD's Mongolian BBQ - Gift Basket
- Chop House - Dinner
- Chris Triola Gallery - Shopping Spree
- City of Ann Arbor - Fun Pack
- Classic Collegiate China Co. - U of M Plates
- Conor O'Neill's Irish Pub - Lunch/Dinner
- Fantasy Attic - Host a Murder Party Pack
- Gandy Dancer - Dinner for 2
- Generations for Children - Plush Donkey
- Gratzi - Dinner
- Great Harvest Bread Co. - Bread Baking Party for 4

- Great Harvest Bread Co. - Bread for a Year
- Hollander's - Stationary Set
- John Leidy Gifts - Crystal Bowl
- Jules Furniture, Inc. - Bird Feeder & Candle Holder
- Manali Cafe - Dinner for 2
- Michigan Guild - Art Fair Pack
- Mir's Oriental Rugs - Wool Rug
- Palio - Dinner
- Parthenon Gyros Restaurant - Lunch/Dinner
- Real Seafood Company - Dinner
- Schlanderer & Sons - Gold Jewelry
- Wilderness Outfitters - Portable Camp Stove
- Wilkinson Luggage - Leather Bag
- Zingerman's Bakehouse - Bread for a Year

BIRMINGHAM

- A. Elites Alterations - Alterations
- Adventures in Toys - Plush Mickey Mouse
- Art Loft - Table & Certificate
- Astrein's Jewelry - Blue Topaz & Pearl Pinafore

- Astrein's Jewelry - Diamond Ring
- Astrein's Jewelry - Gold Earrings & Man's Watch
- Avenue Gallery - Thomas Kincaid Artwork
- Beaton Colors - Cut & Color
- Big Rock Chop & Brew House - Day with the Brewmaster
- Birmingham-Bloomfield Art Center - Glass Vase
- Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra - Season Tickets
- Bloomfield Fine Arts - Watercolor Artwork
- Blossoms Floral Design - Shopping Spree
- C.P. Shades - Pashmina Scarf
- C.P. Shades - Shawl & Scarf
- Carol Lewis Skincare - Facial & Paraffin Treatments
- Ceresnie & Offen - Fur Cleaning & Storage
- Ceresnie & Offen - Fur Shopping Spree
- Claymore Shop - Tailored Shirt
- The Community House - Wine Classes
- CVS Pharmacy - Portable CD Player & Cassette Recorder

- Electrolysis Clinic of Birmingham - Electrolysis Treatments
- Elizabeth Stone Gallery - Gift Package
- Emile Salon & Spa - Haircuts
- Eric Charles Design - Interior Design Consultation
- Fitigues - Shopping Spree
- Frank's Shoe Service - Computer Case
- Gail's Office Supply - Child's TV Chair
- Gallery Nikko - Lobster Wind Machine
- Gibbs Planning Group - Landscape Design
- Hagopian World of Rugs - Oriental Rug
- Hanna - Makeover
- Hansel N' Gretel - Shoes
- House of Renew - Repair Certificate
- How About Lunch? & Co. - Lunch & Coffee Mugs
- Illusions by Sherri - Mini Facial & Makeover Lessons
- Imelda's Closet - Black Handbag
- Julie's Bridal Couture - Variety of Evening Gowns
- Larry Barkhouse Clothier - Custom Shirts
- M.T. Hunter - Shopping Spree



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Magda Moursi Skin Care & More - Aroma Therapy Facial
 Marcy's Groom-A-Pet - Variety of Dog Items
 Margot's Euro Spa - Massages
 Mesa Arts - Southwest Style Bowl
 Mesa Arts - Terracotta Pitcher
 Nino's Custom Shirts - Shopping Spree
 Oakland Athletic Club - 3-month Membership
 Peabody's - Dinner for 2
 Photofast One-Hour Photo - Photo Services
 Pierce Street Portraits - Sitting & Portrait for a Child
 Pogo Skateboard, Inc. - Skateboard
 Portraits by Sayles - Portrait
 The Purple Bear - Shopping Spree
 Salon Sydney - Color & Cut
 Sherman Shoes - Shopping Spree
 Something Chocolate - Torte for 45 People
 Sophia Lalli, Inc. - Skin Care Products
 Sy Thai Restaurant - Dinner
 Wachler Jewelers - Gold Earrings
 Wachler Jewelers - Sports Watch
 Watch Hill Antiques - French Urn
 The Yachtsman - Patagonia Pullovers

DEARBORN

Bloomsbury Lane - Shopping Spree
 Chase Road Hardware - Line Trimmer & Folding Ladder
 Dance Avenue - Dance Lessons
 Dearborn Jewelers - Waterford Crystal Vase
 Dearborn Symphony Orchestra - Season Tickets
 Ford Motor Credit - Big Bertha Irons & Putter
 Henry Ford Estate - Estate Tour Tickets
 Manno Clothing & Tailoring - Blazer
 Nigosian Rug Company - Shopping Spree
 Salon West - Aromatherapy Spa Package
 Sense of Touch - Massages
 Silvia's Day Spa & Salon - Herbal Body Wrap & Body Polish
 Silvia's Day Spa & Salon - Massage & Facial
 Spencer's Indoor Grille - Lunch for a Year
 Steve Bernard Jewelers - Gold Bracelet
 Tecnico, Ltd. - Web Site Hosting
 Toppers' Restaurant - Dinner

NORTHVILLE

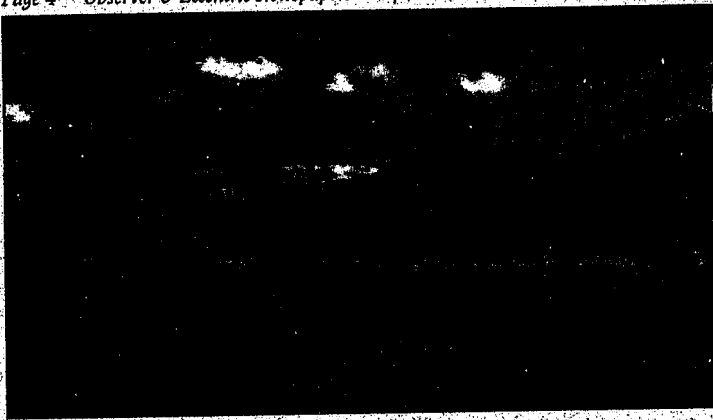
All Star Gymnastics - Birthday Party for 12
 Anew Therapeutic Massage - Massage for 2

Blissful Bedding - Twin Bed Ensemble
 Bon-Loot - Backpack & Dress
 Brickscape - Garden Shovel & Certificate
 Bueter's Outdoors - Fly Fishing Seminar
 Center Stage Dance Co. - Dance Lessons
 Changing Seasons - Gift Basket
 Friends Interior Design - Home Décor
 Merchandise
 Gardenviews - Shopping Spree
 Genitti's Hole in the Wall - Dinner for 4
 Great Harvest Bread Co. - Bread & Dessert Baskets
 Hair We Are - Spitfire Plane Picture
 Kingsbury Photography - Shopping Spree
 Lee E. Holland & Associates, P.C. - Financial Consultation
 Little Italy Restorante - Dinner
 Long Plumbing Co./Bath Design Center - Vanity & Sink
 Main Street Family Chiropractic - Evaluation Visit
 Main Street Family Chiropractic - Massages
 Matthew Thomas Salon - Color & Style
 Northville Camera Shop - Shopping Spree
 Northville Candle & Gifts - Gift Basket
 Northville High School - Choral Performance

Northville Watch & Clock Shop - Grandfather Clock
 Old Kent Bank - Grill & Utensil Set
 Pamplemouss - Pampering Basket
 Pictures Plus Gallery - Shopping Spree
 Poole's Tavern - Gift Basket
 Preferences - Floral Basket
 Salon Marzejon - Salon Spree
 Salutations - Garden Furniture
 Salutations - Teddy Bear
 Sparr's of Northville - Silk Tree
 Stampeddler Plus - Stamp Art Gift Basket
 Sweet Dreams of Northville - Home Décor Merchandise
 Sweet Dreams of Northville - Antique Christie Print
 Traditions - Shopping Spree
 Ultimate Toys & Gifts - Games & Puzzles
 Your Michigan Connection - Michigan Gift Basket

PLYMOUTH

Creative Framing - Framed Tiger Stadium Poster
 Julie's Bridal Imports - Evening Gowns
 Native West - Horse Sculpture
 Native West - Indian Blanket
 Phillip Hawk Saddlery - Leather Shoulder Bag
 Uncle Frank's Chicago's & Coney's - Hot Dog Party
 Village Music - Kindermusik Class

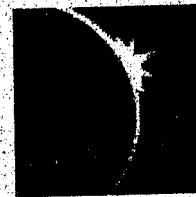


EXOTIC DESTINATIONS

Alpine Resort / Egg Harbor, WI - 3-night stay
 AmeriSuites Hotel - Weekend Getaway
 Bearcreek Farms / Bryant, IN - 1-night stay
 Best Western Wheels Inn / Chatham, ONT - 2-night stay
 Black Cat Guest Ranch / Alberta - 2-night stay
 Canterbury Hotel / Indianapolis, IN - 1-night stay
 Flamingo Hotel & Casino / Las Vegas - 2-night stay
 Four Point Sheraton / Canton, OH - 1-night stay

WATCH THE 2000 AUCTION DURING THESE HOURS

Galapagos Island - 10-day voyage
 Grand Heritage Hotel / Berkshire, England - 4-night stay at Swan Diplomat
 Grand Heritage Hotel / North Yorkshire, England - 4-night stay at Hazelwood Castle
 The Grand Hotel / Mackinac Island - 3-night stay
 Greyhound Canada - 2 Bus Tickets
 Hilton Hotel / Waikiki, Hawaii - 1-week stay
 Hilton Hotel / Waikoloa, Hawaii - 4-night stay
 Idlewyld Inn / London, ONT - 1-night stay
 Lake Louise Inn / Alberta - 5-night stay
 LeCentre Sheraton Hotel / Montreal - 2-night stay
 Lenox Suites / Chicago - 2-night stay
 Manitowaning Lodge & Resort / Manitowaning, ONT - 2-night stay
 Marco Island Florida Condo - 1-week stay
 Marriott Hotel / Budapest - 5-night stay
 Marriott Hotel / Prague - 4-night stay
 Masters Inn / Orlando - 2-night stay
 Maxwell Braes Golf Resort / Bailey's Harbor, WI - 2-night stay w/golf



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ITEMS UP FOR B

Peabody Hotel / Orlando - 2-night stay
 Quality Hotel Midtown / Toronto, ONT - 2-night stay
 Rail Europe - 2 Eurail passes
 River Cruises / Galena, IL - River Cruise
 The Seneca Hotel / Chicago - 2-night stay
 Sheraton Hotel / Maui, Hawaii - 5-night stay
 Southwest Airlines - Tickets for 2
 Talbott Hotel / Chicago - 1-night stay
 Wagon Trail Resort / Elison Bay, WI - 2-night stay

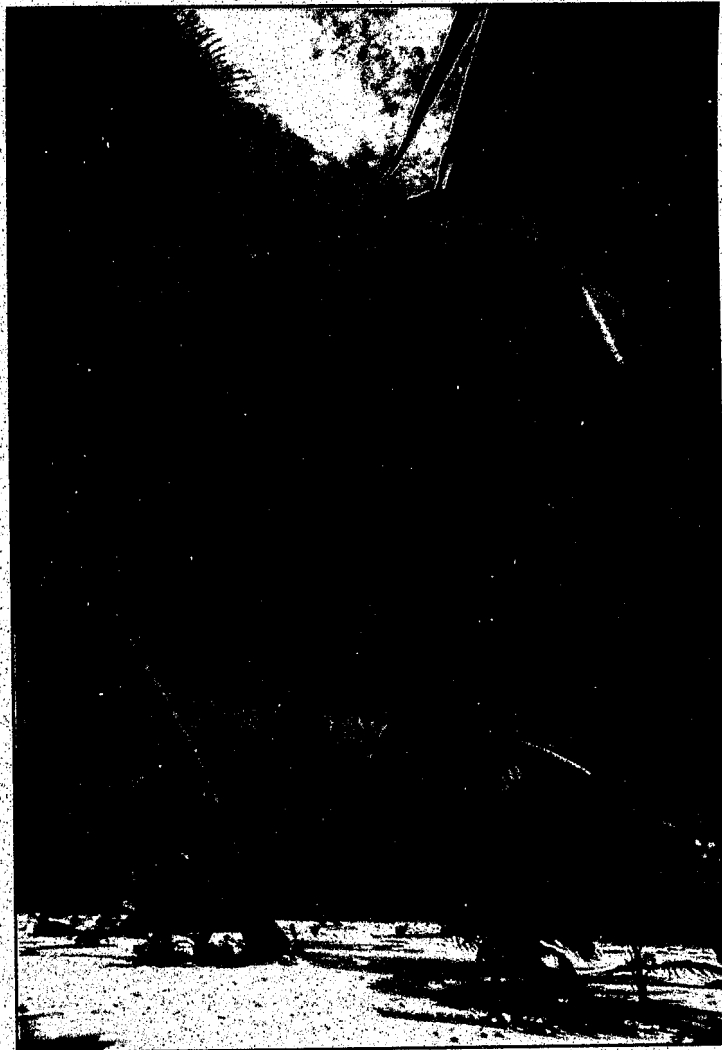
LOCAL TRAVEL - MICHIGAN

Atheneum Hotel / Detroit - 1-night stay in Penthouse
 Bayshore Resort / Traverse City - 2-night stay
 Beech Grove Campground / Emmett - 5-nights camping
 Best Western Greenfield Inn / Dearborn - 2-night stay
 Birchwood Inn - 2-night stay
 Bromley's Whippoorwill Lodge - 2-night stay
 Brookside Inn & Hotel / Frankfort / Beulah - 1-night stay
 Camp Seagull / Charlevoix

Camp Wathana - 1-week camping
 Campers Cove Family Campground / Macomb Twp. - 7-nights of camping
 Charlevoix Country Inn - 2-night stay
 Comfort Inn / Farmington Hills - 1-night stay
 Comfort Inn / Mt. Pleasant - 2-night stay
 Dearborn Inn / Dearborn - 1-night stay
 Dearborn Bed & Breakfast / Dearborn - 1-night stay
 Double Tree Suites / Novi - 1-night stay
 Fairfield Inn / Mt. Pleasant - 2-night stay
 Genesee County Parks & Recreation - Dinner Cruise for 4
 Great Lakes Ports O'Call / Ludington - Lake Michigan Ferry Trip
 Great Turtle Lodge - 2-night stay



Division Auction May 7 2000 3000 MID-TRAVEL



Hamilton Hotel /
Birmingham - 1-night
stay
Holiday Inn Express /
Birmingham - 1-night
stay
Holiday Inn / Grayling - 1-
night stay
Holiday Inn / Southfield -
1-night stay
Holiday Inn / Troy - 1-
night Romance package
Hotel Iroquois / Mackinac
Island - 2-night stay
Hyatt Regency / Dearborn
- 1-night Van Gogh
Getaway
Kingsley Hotel Suites /
Bloomfield Hills - 1-
night stay
Lake View Hotel - 1-night
stay
Marriott / Detroit - 1-night
stay
Marriott / Livonia - 1-
night stay Movie
Madness package

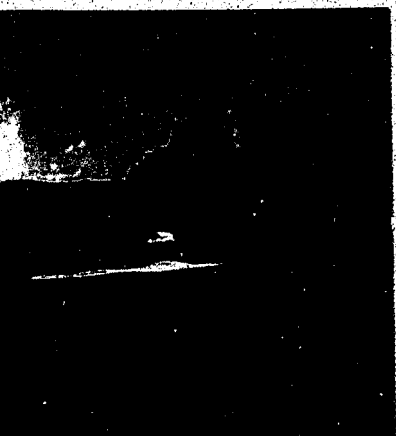
Marsh Ridge Resort - 2-
night stay w/golf
Metivier Inn / Mackinac
Island - 1-night stay
Mission Point Resort /
Mackinac Island - 2-
night stay
Northfield Hilton / Troy -
1-night stay
The Ritz Carlton /
Dearborn - 1-night stay
Saravilla Bed & Breakfast /
Alma - 1-night stay
The Townsend Hotel /
Birmingham - 1-night
stay
Weathervane Terrace Hotel
/ Charlevoix - 2-night
stay
Weber's Inn / Ann Arbor -
1-night stay

TEE IT UP WITH GOLF

Bay Pointe Golf Club -
Golf for 4 w/cart
Blackheath Golf Club /
Rochester - Golf for 2
w/cart
Fox Hill Country Club /
Plymouth - Golf &
Brunch
Golfing the Great Lakes:
Hidden River Golf &
Casting Club / Brutis -
Golf for 4
Golfing the Great Lakes:
Marsh Oaks Golf Course
/ New Haven - Golf for 4
Golfing the Great Lakes:
The Majestic at Lake

Walden / Hartland - Golf
for 4
Golfing the Great Lakes:
The Natural Golf Course
at Beaver Creek / Gaylord
- Golf for 4
Golfing the Great Lakes:
Wild Bluff Golf Course /
Brimley - Golf for 4
Huron-Clinton Metro
Authority: Hudson Mills
Golf Course / Dexter -
Golf for 4
Huron-Clinton Metro
Authority: Huron
Meadows Course /
Brighton - Golf for 4
Huron-Clinton Metro
Authority: Indian
Springs Gold Course /
White Lake - Golf for 4
Huron-Clinton Metro
Authority: Kensington

Golf Course / Milford -
Golf for 4
Huron-Clinton Metro
Authority: Lake Erie
Metropark /
Brownstown - Golf for 4
Huron-Clinton Metro
Authority: North Brook
Golf at Stoney Creek /
Shelby Twp. - Golf for 4
Huron-Clinton Metro
Authority: Willow
- Metropark / New Boston
- Golf for 4
Orchard Lake Country
Club - Golf for 3
Partridge Creek Golf Club
/ Clinton Twp. - Golf for
4
Pine Trace Golf Club /
Rochester - Golf for 2
w/cart





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FABULOUS ITEMS TO WATCH FOR!

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Complete Home Care Agency - Nurse Aid Care A.G. Edwards - Financial Plan Alpha Psychological Services - Resume Service American Scholarship Search - Scholarship Search American Therapeutic Massage - One-Hour Massages The Anderson Gallery - Terracotta Vessel ANR Pipeline Co. - Waterford Crystal Picture Frame Anscor, Inc. - Torch Welding Kit Antonio Rimanelli Tailors - Man's Sweater Aqua Test Laboratories, Inc. - Water Analysis Art Leaders Gallery - Glass Vase Art Van Furniture - Shopping Spree Arthur Murray Dance Studios - Dance Lessons AT&T Wireless Service - Phones & Service Avery Thrift Shop - Bakery Coupons Balhow Grooming Salon - Dog Care Package Bambi's Flowers - Shopping Spree The Beach Grill - Dinner Beamerz Laser Tag - Laser Tag Party Beauty's International Market - Figurines Blenko Glass Co. - Azure Vase B-Line Machinery & Supply - Cordless Drill & Cordless Screwdriver | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bobette Lingerie Shop - 2-piece Cotton Dress Bobette Wig Shop - Wigs & Accessories Body Rituals - Office Massage Party Brandy's Post Inn - Dinner Brides Bridal Salon - Bridal Headpiece Brock Tool - Drill Motor Bushnell - Binoculars C.A. Muer Corporation - Dinner at Chuck Muer's Caesarland - Pizza Party Carrier & Cable, Inc. - Pedestrian Signs Chaplins Comedy Club - Comedy Club Party Cheryl's at the Claymore - Massages Chris Engel's Florist - Fresh Flowers Classic Touch Auto Wash - Car Wash Coupons Cleopatra's Inc. - Gemstone Necklace & Pendant ClipArt USA - Novelty Pens CMI Health & Tennis Club - 1-month Membership Colesce Couture International - Lingerie Shopping Spree Cosco - Stroller Del Giudice Fine Arts & Antiques - Quimper Ware Detroit Audubon Society - Membership & Sweatshirts Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings - Tickets Detroit Glass Company - Glass Vase Detroit Institute of Arts - DIA Banner Detroit Repertory Theatre - 10 Ticket Bargain Book Dora's Place - Cobalt Jars | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Henry Garfield - Eye Exam & Contacts Droll Yankees, Inc. - 4-foot Bird Feeder Dynamic Muffler & Brakes - Auto Repair Elmore Leonard - Be A Character in his Book Entertainment Publications - Entertainment Books Estate Storage - 3-months Storage Eyeglass Factory - Shopping Spree Farmington Deli - Party Tray for 20 Flash Jewelers - Peridot & Diamond Ring Floating Cross, Inc. - Floating Crosses Focal Point Studio - Photo Spree Ford Lake R.V. Storage - R.V. Storage Forte - Dinner for 2 Four Way Asphalt Paving - Parking Lot Repair Franklin Fitness & Racquet Club - Fitness Membership Franklin Fitness & Racquet Club - Tennis Membership Fresh Communications Group, Inc. - Reading - Enrichment Program Gem & Century Theatres - Dinner & Theatre Package Generations Salon - Salon Visit & Gift Pack Gharios & Associates - Good Humor Truck Great Lakes Music Chamber Fest - Tickets Great Skate - Roller Skating Party Grosse Ile Hair Salon - | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Salon Spree Grosse Ile Hair Salon - Swedish Massages Grosse Pointe Alarm, Inc. - Alarm System Haffner Jewelry - Bulova Watch Haffner Jewelry - Hershey Village Set Haffner Jewelry - Mickey Mouse Clock Haffner Jewelry - Musical Statue Hagopian Cleaning Services - Cleaning Services Harbortown Marina - Boat Dock Harmony House - Shopping Spree Haverhill Farms - Riding Lessons Healthy Homes, Inc. - Home Air Inspection Heidi's Headpieces - Headpiece & Veil Heller's Jewelry - Oil Painting Hollandia Sun Roofs - 6-Disk CD Changer House of Blinds & More - Window Shopping Spree Huber Breese Music - Music Lessons Infinity Outdoor - Billboard Advertising International Shitokan Association - Martial Arts Training Irene's Myomassology Institute - Massage Class J&A Limousine Service - Limo Service Jabar's Complements - Gourmet Foods James Horner Brown Studios - Framed Artwork |
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| Jax Simonize Car Wash –
Car Care Certificates | Mind Scape Tutelage –
Tutoring | Collection | Touch of Light – Blown
Glass Vase |
| KitchenAid – Digital
Toaster | Miner's Den, Inc. – Topaz
Ring | Shaun Jackson Deign, Inc.
– Portable workplace | Toys R Us – 17-inch Bike |
| Kroger Co. – Shopping
Certificates | Mira Linder Spa in the City
– Makeup & Massage | Shaw Festival – Tickets | Toys R Us – Nintendo 64
Game Console |
| Kumon Math & Reading
Centers – Tutoring | Nancy's Notions – Sewing
Supplies | Shelan Records – Jazz
Music Package | Tribute – Dinner for 6 at
Chef's Table |
| L'Arv Ola Salon – Salon
Spree | National Geographic
Society – World Atlas | Shield's Restaurant – Pizza | Unique Restaurant
Corporation – Dinner for
2 at Duet |
| Laffrey's Steaks on the
Hearth – Dinner for 4 | Nick's 22nd Street
Steakhouse – Dinner | Shrine of Black Madonna
Bookstore – Shopping
Spree | Unique Restaurant
Corporation – Dinner for
2 at Morels |
| The Lark – Dinner for 2 | Nicole Miller – Designer
Sunglasses | Sidney Krandall & Sons –
Shopping Spree | Unique Restaurant
Corporation – Dinner for
2 at No. IV Chophouse |
| Lawrence Grey Coin
Consultant – Coin
Consultation | Olga's Kitchen –
Lunch/Dinner | Skate World of Troy –
Roller Skating Party | Unique Restaurant
Corporation – Dinner for
2 at Northern Lakes
Grille |
| Leo Knight Photography –
Family Portrait | Oriental Rug Gallery –
Oriental Rug | Society of G. Armani –
Armani Sculpture | University Liggett School –
Antique Show
Weekend |
| Lesnick Optical – Shopping
Spree | Orin Jewelers – Necklace &
Bracelet | Something Special Gifts –
Polish-made Christmas
Ornaments | Washington Clothiers –
Shopping Spree |
| Ludwik's Men's Wear –
Wool Jacket | P.R. Haig Jewelers – Citrine
Pendant | Sony Electronics – 27-inch
TV | Wayne State University
Press – Books & Gift
Certificate |
| Mackinac State Historical
Park – Mackinac Gift
Package | Pangborn Design, Ltd. –
Limited Edition Prints | Southwest Tae Kwon Do –
Martial Arts Lessons | Wayne State University
Press – Hillberry Theatre
Tickets |
| Madonna Tuition Waver | Pentimento – Earrings | Spirit of Detroit
Thunderfest – Gold Cup
Pit Passes | Weight Watchers – Program
Package |
| Marine City Skydiving
Center – Tandem
Skydiving | Pillow Place – Toss Pillows | Sports Club of West
Bloomfield – 1-year
Membership | Westbend Company – Deep
Fryer & Cooker |
| Masco Corporation –
Bronze Pedestal Table | Pleasant Company –
Samantha Doll | Spunky's Gym – 1-month
Membership | World Martial Arts College
– 2-month Membership |
| Metro All Car Automotive
– Auto Reconditioning | President Tuxedo – Tuxedo
Rental | Steve Hagopian & Co. –
Carpet & Furniture
Cleaning | World Martial Arts College
– Martial Arts
Membership |
| Metro Frame, Inc. –
Artwork | R. Hirt Jr. Co. – Shopping
Spree | Stratford Festival – Tickets | Woven Treasures – Hand
Hooked Rug |
| Michigan Chandelier Co. –
Brass Lamp | The Rattlesnake Club –
Dinner | Strictly Varsity – Varsity
Jackets | Wow Weddings.Com –
Crystal Tiara |
| Michigan Hot Glass
Workshop – Serpent
Goblet | The Renaissance Club –
Dinner for 4 | Sundial Tanning Center –
Tanning | Yarns And O - Knitter
Machine |
| Michigan Renaissance
Festival – Tickets | The Roostertail – Day at
the Races Package | Super Car Wash Systems –
Car Wash Coupons | Your Choice Workshop –
Fulfillment Workshop |
| Michigan Shakespeare
Festival – Tickets | Rosedale Park Hardware –
Paintstick System | Sweet Lorraine's Café –
Lunch/Dinner for 2 | Youthéatre – Tickets |
| Michigarr Standard
Breeders – Harness
Racing Lessons | Sam's Club – Garden Pond
Kit | Sweet Potato Sensations –
Desserts | |
| Mike's Trailer Service –
Trailer Goods & Services | Sam's Club – Microwave | Tamara In Town Spa –
Aroma Therapy Massage | |
| | Sea Side Dive Shop –
Diving Course for 2 | Timothy Smith – Premature
Babies Books | |
| | Sea World Adventure Park
– 2 Tickets | | |
| | Senator Carl Levin –
Priceless Stamp | | |



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AUCTION 2000 - LIKE A FINE WINE

One of the most popular features of the Detroit Public TV Auction is the tremendous selection of fine wines up for bid. Tune in on Wednesday, May 3, Thursday, May 4 and Sunday, May 7 as wine chairman Denny Walsh of Ye Olde Wine Shoppe in Rochester Hills helps you choose from hundreds of bottles of wines - from the exquisite to quality table wines.



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WHAT'S UP AT DETROIT PUBLIC TV'S AUCTION 2000

Tuesday, May 2 - Opening night bidding begins at 8 p.m. Look for a shopping spree from Azar's Oriental Rugs, and a 10-day Galapagos Voyage for two.

Wednesday, May 3 - The first of three wine days features a wonderful variety of fine wines, ports and champagnes.

Thursday, May 4 - Bid on a grandfather clock from Northville Watch & Clock and other exquisite items.

Friday, May 5 - Check out the bidding on Hawaiian vacation and a silk and wool rug from Hagopian World of Rugs.

Saturday, May 6 - Get in on the auction and bid on a 3-night getaway to Mackinac Island's Grand Hotel, or a 5-night vacation in Maui.

Sunday, May 7 - Find something truly special during the last day of bidding which includes fine wines and a Chef's Table for 6 at Tribute restaurant.

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Volunteer days or evenings - 313-876-8368

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Outdoor portraits should be natural



MONTE NAGLER

Outdoor, informal portraits can be the most exciting and attention-getting of all your people pictures. Here is some advice on how to capture these most memorable shots on film.

First, remember that outdoor portraits should be natural. Your subject should be dressed in what they enjoy and the way they wish to appear.

Teenagers, for example, who are inseparable from that old pair of faded jeans should be photographed wearing them. Or that favorite sweater should be part of the shot. If your subjects are dressed in what they feel comfortable with, they'll appear far more relaxed in the finished pictures.

Build a rapport with your subjects. Whether it's a family member, friend or even a stranger, taking a few moments to chat will relax both of you. Also, your

subject will be more likely to follow your posing suggestions.

Look for a meaningful outdoor setting. A cluster of trees, a quiet pond, an old farmhouse, even an urban setting will all provide a natural scene. Just make sure your setting complements, rather than dominates, your subjects.

Sometimes you may just "stumble" upon a good outdoor portrait opportunity. Guilin, China, provided me the chance to capture the picture shown here. These two children made a delightful addition to my China portfolio.

For outdoor portraits, I prefer a normal focal length lens. This way, the subject will be shown in a pleasing size relationship with the surroundings. A wide angle lens may distort or make the subject appear too small in the picture. A telephoto, unless it's a head shot you're after, may cause you to lose too much of the background.

Very important: Pay close attention to lighting! Back or side lighting will enhance the picture and make your subject stand out from the background.

Even consider using fill-in flash to add further "sparkle" to your subject's face.

Remember, direct frontal lighting, unless it's an overcast day, will cause unflattering shadows and squinty eyes that will most assuredly spoil your shot.

Shoot a number of pictures with facial expressions characteristic of the subject's personality. You're bound to capture that special mood, that fleeting expression that "says it all" about your special subject.

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.

Family affair: Guilin, China, was the setting for this Monte Nagler portrait. A normal lens was used to obtain this delightful "brother and sister" moment.



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Great performance: Designers put spotlight on actress' former home

BY MARY KLEMIC
At Home Editor
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Talk about star quality! The Junior League of Detroit Inc. Designers' Show House 2000 has it all over.

It isn't just that award-winning actress Julie Harris grew up in the English Country style house, which overlooks Lake St. Clair in Grosse Pointe Park. More than 30 area interior designers and artisans have earned applause

for their roles in transforming the residence into a showplace.

Harris is well known for her distinguished career in cinema, stage and television, and had an important role in the 1955 film classic *East of Eden*.

The fully redesigned house at 15410 Windmill Pointe Drive, with its more than 20 rooms, will be open for tours May 6-29.

A cafe with light refreshments, a boutique with unusual merchandise and gift items, and a shop with accessories and live plants will also be featured. A two-year lease on a new Ford Explorer Sport and a weekend at Grand Hotel will be raffled. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or six for \$25.

On the cover:

The penthouse by La Belle Provence of Birmingham features a mural of a ram by artist Jennifer Gushen. It is one of the rooms in the Junior League of Detroit Inc. Designers' Show House 2000. Staff photo by Tom Hoffmeyer.



A preview cocktail party and silent auction will take place 6-9 p.m. Friday, May 5. Silent auction prizes include an authentic letter sweater owned by Harris, Tiffany crystal, diamond jewelry, weekend getaways and art works. Preview/auction tickets are \$50 each.

The Harris family lived in the house for almost 30 years. The 10,000-square-foot house was built in 1923 for the actress' father, William Harris Jr., associate curator of mammals at the Museum of Zoology at the University of Michigan. Alfred Hopkins of New York designed the house and Hugh Keyes of Michigan the 1929 addition.

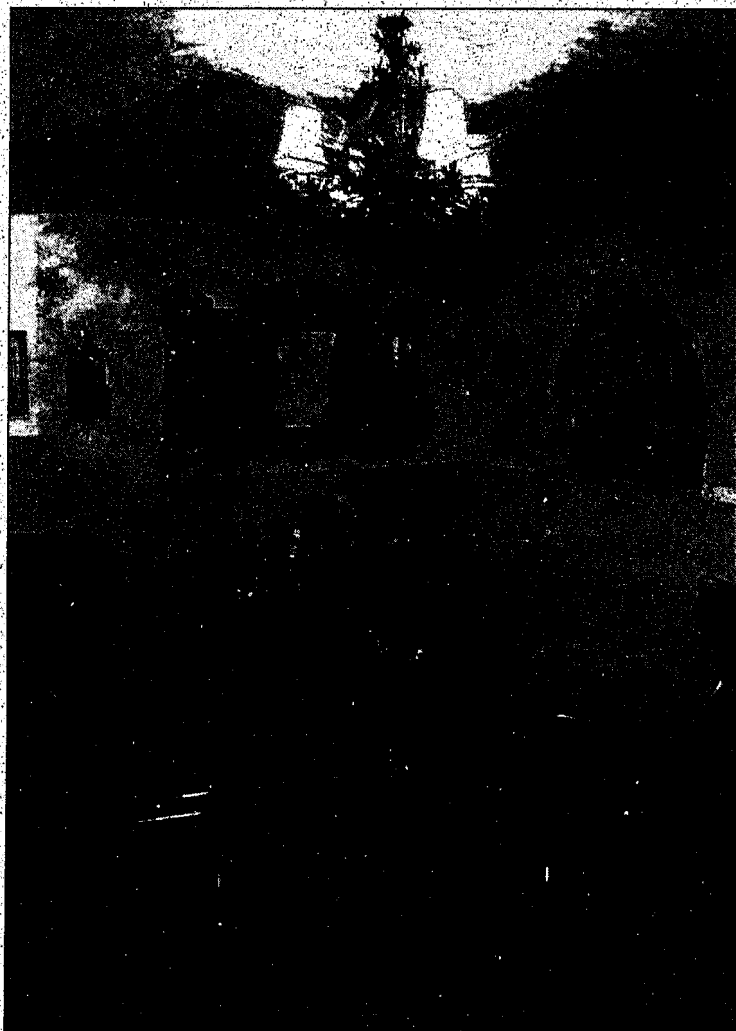
During the recent decoration work, height markings for Julie Harris and her siblings were found on a closet door in the second floor nursery. The door has been left untouched so visitors may see the original markings.

Altered sites

Otherwise, the designers changed the tone of a room completely or enhanced its features. The designers didn't consult one another, but sometimes their work connected. For example, the wrought-iron railing of one of the staircases to the second floor was bronzed; the look is found elsewhere.

In the living room, Perlmutter-Freiwald Inc. of Franklin placed an area rug with colors that capture most of those in the handpainted vaulted barrel ceiling. The room is massive — one of the residence's eight fireplaces, with an interior more than 5 feet in height, is here — but the effect of the decor is warm. Among the pieces in the furniture groupings are a large, tapestry-covered ottoman and a round wooden table.

The dining room had deep red walls and gilt. DMJ Interiors of Rochester brightened it with color and with fruit and flower patterns. The walls are now



Tapping into style: The tap room in the basement, by R.J. Whitehead's of Birmingham, features a "window scene" painted in a niche. Staff photo by Tom Hoffmeyer.





cover story

soft maize, one of the hues in the plaid chair upholstery. A fruit design is on the yellow drapes, fruit shapes are in the frame around a painting of flowers in a round border, and the stone base of the table gently curves like a leaf or stem. The chandelier over the round, glass-topped table features large glass drops. Silver and glass containers are on the buffet.

Curiosity Shop Ltd. of Franklin designed the first floor sitting room or office as a lady's working room. It has the delicacy of a work of embroidery - featuring an area rug with pastels and flowers, an off-white sofa with long fringe across the bottom, a pillow covered with a design of a woman, a graceful wooden desk, and jars of buttons on the windowsills. And like a needle behind embroidery, it has elements of metal - in the Art Deco style table lamps, the steel legs of tables, the harp-shaped wall sconce.

J. Keenan and Associates of Birmingham dressed the master bedroom in wallpaper (\$250 a roll) bearing an Oriental scene in red and white. The drapes were made to match the paper. The floor is covered with indoor/outdoor carpet that can be hosed down to clean. Furnishings include a bed with decorative posts and a bench with back and arms that have a slight angle.

Another bedroom, by Sharon Holton Interiors Inc. of Plymouth, is charming with a bed containing a few plump pillows and a softly sculpted spread, bedposts that curve like an open braid, wood treatment of the bay window, and tacks in a scallop arrangement over the window.

The basement features a log cabin motif. One of the rooms here, by P.J. Whitehead's of Birmingham, is the tap room and includes the original refrigerator with its wooden doors. An outdoor scene suggesting a village was painted in a niche, as though you are looking out a window. Among other elements conveying a storybook sense are a chandelier accented with long branches and an ornate mirror.

The garden bedroom, by South County Studio of Birmingham in association with Joan Whitman Interior Design of Grosse Pointe, is a harmony of black, cream and taupe. A wall contains a harlequin design.

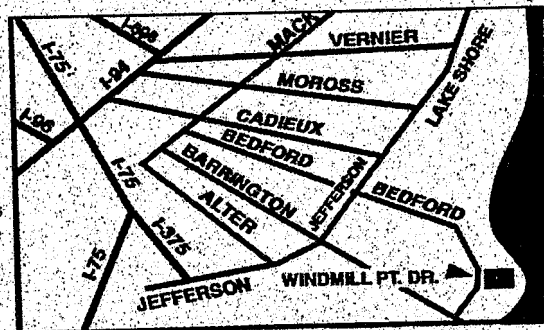
In the penthouse by La Belle Provence of Birmingham are a mural of a ram, painted by artist Jennifer Gushen in less than five hours, and lively decorated table and mirror by MacKenzie-Childs.

Information

Show house tickets are \$15 if bought by May 5, \$18 at the door, \$13 per person for groups of 35 or more prepaid and bought before opening. Private corporate tours are available on selected dates. For information, call (313) 881-0040.

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Proceeds from the show house benefit JLD charitable projects and programs.



Dreamy designs: A bedroom by Sharon Holton Interiors Inc. of Plymouth promises sweet dreams (above). Curiosity Shop Ltd. of Franklin fashioned a downstairs room as a lady's working room (below). Staff photos by Tom Hoffmeyer.



Beautiful bedroom: J. Keenan and Associates of Birmingham designed the master bedroom in the show house with drapes that match the wallpaper. Staff photo by Tom Hoffmeyer.



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■ 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, the pros and cons of the different types of low-volume irrigation (including drip irrigation, weeping hose and the new pressure compensating drip hose), and landscaping designs and plants that require less moisture.

■ The Beverly Hills Garden Club will meet 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 2, at the Beverly Hills Village Office, 18500 W. 13 Mile. Jim Mackinder of Garden Naturally in Troy will present the program, "Gardening Naturally." Guests may attend.

■ The Hardy Plant Society will present a class, "Waking Up Your Garden Naturally," with speaker Jim Mackinder, 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, May 2, in Room 106-B at Lahser High School, on the west side of Lahser between Hickory Grove and Long Lake Road. Fee is \$10. To register, call Bloomfield Hills Recreation at (248) 433-0885 and ask to sign up for Class No. 3558. For more information, call Jim Mackinder at (248) 879-3272. The session

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is a slide talk with handouts. Learn the many techniques and tricks to get yourself and your gardens off to a good start this spring, and ensure that your annuals, perennials, vegetables and shrubs will be at their best during the remainder of the year—all organically.

■ Looking for something special for mom for Mother's Day, such as hand-painted silk scarves, fine jewelry, hand-beaded evening bags or quilted accessories? Perhaps you have been searching for distinctive, colorful decor pieces to brighten your home for spring, such as pottery, ceramic tiles, handblown glass, handmade dolls or wall hangings. All these items and more are featured in a fabulous array of fine art gifts at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center Gallery Shop, 1516 S. Cranbrook Road in Birmingham. Hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday. Call shop manager Kelly Moody at (248) 644-0866, ext. 101, for more information.

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

■ Haberman Fabrics, 117 W. Fourth in Royal Oak, offers a variety of home decorating classes. Learn how to make a Roman shade in a hands-on class Thursdays, April 27 to May 18; fee is \$60. Beginners will be taught the basics of making a beautiful decorative square or rectangular pillow and bias-cut, fabric-covered cording in a class Saturdays, April 29 to May 13; fee is \$45. Advance registration is required for all classes. Call (248) 541-0010.

■ Representatives from Sotheby's in Chicago will be in the Detroit area Tuesday-Wednesday, May 9-10, to gather property for live and Internet sales. They will evaluate furniture, decorations, fine art and musical instruments for possible sale at auction, and would meet individuals in the area who might wish to sell property with Sotheby's. To make a confidential appointment, call Molly Moran at (312) 396-9691.

Modern times



BALTHAZAR KORAB

Going mod: The influence of streamlined designs by Walter Dorwin Teague can be found in the beautiful Deco rooms of the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores. Teague's genius will be featured at the booth (sponsored by the Ford House) of the Detroit Area Art Deco Society at this year's Michigan Modernism Exposition at the Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen. The DAADS's seventh annual Michigan Modernism Preview Party—with hors d'oeuvres, wine and live entertainment—is scheduled 7-10 p.m. Friday, April 28, at the civic center. Party tickets are \$60 in advance or \$70 at the door, for advance tickets, call (248) 582-DECO.

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Say cheesecake for focus of meal



RUTH MOSSOK JOHNSTON

Most of us love homemade cheesecake. With that thought in mind, how about a spring fling with unusual flavored cakes - not sweets, but the central focus for your meal?

Lightly appointed salads, grilled mushrooms and crisp, steamed vegetables make the perfect accompaniments for main-course cheesecakes. Add some crusty bread and some herb-flavored butter or infused olive oil for dipping.

If really interested in making wonderful cheesecakes, invest in a high-quality springform pan, one with a tight seal and great surface. My all-time favorites are the springform pans made by La Forme, definitely worth the investment (available at Kitchen Glamor, Williams-Sonoma and Hudson's).

SMOKED SALMON CHEESECAKE

This is great for lunch, brunch or a light dinner entree. Serve with some toasted bagels or crisp bagel slices (homemade or prepared bagel-thins) and a fresh spinach salad dressed with a wine vinaigrette.

Ingredients:

3 tablespoons unsalted butter, plus more for greasing pan.

- 1/4 cup unflavored bread crumbs (don't use Italian)
- 1 teaspoon dried dill weed, divided
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 3 packages (24 ounces) light cream cheese or Neufâche
- 4 large eggs
- 3/4 cup freshly grated Gruyère cheese
- 1/3 cup half and half
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- Pinch of onion salt
- 1/2-pound smoked salmon, coarsely chopped, divided
- Special equipment:
- 9-inch springform pan (with a tight seal)

Directions:

Place oven rack to middle position. Preheat oven to 325 degrees F.

Grease springform pan with unsalted butter.

In a small bowl, combine bread crumbs and 1/2 teaspoon dill; toss to mix.

Cover the inside of the springform pan with the crumb mixture, tilting and tapping to cover evenly. Shake out any excess.

In a heavy skillet over medium heat, melt the butter (don't brown); add onion and sauté until transparent, about 8 minutes. Let cool slightly.

In the bowl of a food processor fitted with the steel "S" blade, process all of the cream cheese until smooth, about 2 minutes. Add eggs, Gruyère cheese, half and half, remaining dill, and both salts; process until ingredients are well blended.

Remove processor bowl and stir in the chopped salmon, reserving a small amount for the top.

Pour the cream cheese-salmon mixture into the prepared springform pan and top with remaining chopped salmon.

Set springform pan in a large roasting pan or ovenproof container; fill pan with enough water (bain marie) to come halfway up the sides of the springform pan (don't overfill - you don't want water splashing into your cake!).

Bake for 1 hour and 20-25 minutes. Turn the oven off and leave the cheesecake in the oven with the door slightly ajar for an additional hour.

Remove springform pan from the roasting pan and place on a wire rack to cool down completely.

Remove sides of the springform pan and serve at room temperature.

If not serving right away, keep cheesecake in the refrigerator and covered with plastic wrap. Bring back to room temperature before serving.

Return any remaining cheesecake to the refrigerator for storage, keeping it well covered.

Cook's Notes:

■ If roaster is too large, you can use the bottom rack.

■ You can use Pan-Eze for greasing pan if desired (available at Kitchen Glamor).

Ruth Mossok Johnston is an author and food columnist who lives in Franklin. To leave her a voice mail message from a touch-tone phone, dial (734) 953-2047, then 111, then J-O-H-N-S-T-O-N.

Contest can clean up closet

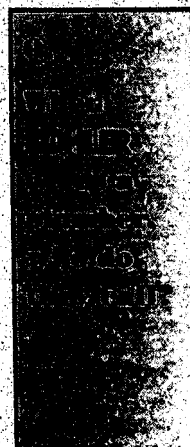
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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY

An art show in conjunction with The Spring Break Art Camp for children will be held at 2 p.m. at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center. The week-long camp is for children



entering the first through ninth grades in the fall. Parents, relatives and friends are invited to the art show, which marks the end of the camp. The BBAC is located at 1516 S. Cranbrook at the northwest corner of 14 Mile Road in Birmingham. Call (248) 644-0866 for information.

SATURDAY



The Chamber Music Society of Detroit presents world-renowned soprano Jessye Norman, 5 p.m. at Detroit Opera House. Tickets \$30 to \$250, call (248) 645-6666 or (248) 737-9980.

SUNDAY



"Cabaret," a winner of eight Tony Awards, shows at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at Detroit's Fisher Theatre. Jon Peterson (pictured) and Lea Thompson star. Tickets range from \$35 to \$62 for the matinee show and \$33 to \$59 for the evening performance. Call TicketMaster at (248) 645-6666 or (313) 872-1000 for more information.

HOT



Modern vintage posters, 20th century design furniture, costume jewelry and more will be on display, and offered for sale, at the Michigan Modernism Exposition, featuring 100 exhibitors, Saturday-Sunday, April 29-30, at the Southfield Civic Center. Admission \$8, no charge for children age 12 and younger, call (810) 469-1706 or (810) 465-9441 for information.

Local bands hit big time at Music Awards

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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When Kid Rock declared the State Theatre to be "the house that Rock built," his words rattled from stage to mezzanine. He might've been addressing his own success, but the musicians and sold-out crowd at the 2000 Detroit Music Awards heard those words echo a promising future for the local scene and shout: yes, the rest of the country is watching — and listening.

It's no secret that big winners at the April 14 awards — such as country rock favorites The Forbes Brothers, reggae quintet Immunity and bluesman Johnnie Bassett — would still be basking in their glory. But the annual show rose to new heights. Attracting national celebrities, such as hosts Kid Rock and Twisted Brown Trucker, The Contours and an appearance by Bloomfield Hills' spiciest Red Hot Chili Pepper, drummer Chad Smith, the show shook the foundation of that historic theater in Detroit. The show was sponsored by the Motor City Music Foundation and The Metro Times, with proceeds going to Pontiac-based nonprofit organization The Rainbow Connection.

All eyes focused on the Motor City, and performers flocked from all around the metro area. With record labels, MTV associates and media crawling around Woodward Avenue's State Theatre and newly opened State Bar, the evening was buzzing like Seattle in the early 1990s.

"This is the first time the Detroit Music Awards has been this big," said Paradime, also known as Freddie Beauregard of Livonia. Paradime may not have walked off with an award, but the blue-eyed rapper still rocked the stage accompanied by DJ Mark E.P. of Westland and the band, Plaidipus. "We're playing to a sold-



Number 19: Scott and Dennis Forbes of The Forbes Brothers accept yet another award for making great country music at the Detroit Music Awards.

out crowd," said Paradime, "you can't really beat that with a bat."

Kicking out a funkified hip hop trilogy: *Broke, I Know What You Did Last Summer* and *Ode to Guinness*, Paradime reaffirmed his space on the verge of national notice. Plaidipus' Mike Schiller, Jason Mood and Dan Trenz knew the performance would be a "pretty big jump" for the band. "We hope Kid Rock will dig what we do," said Trenz, a Franklin native.

Local scene

One thing's for sure: Kid Rock's DJ Cracker, Outstanding Hip Hop DJ winner, couldn't say enough about the hot local scene. "This is bigger than the Grammy's," he said while hanging backstage with Paradime. "It's all about Detroit."

Though winning wasn't everything, The Forbes Brothers got a good gulp of that victory cocktail. Nabbing group awards for Outstanding Country Group, (Scott Forbes for) Vocalist, (Dennis Forbes for) Instrumentalist and (Scott and Dennis Forbes for) Songwriters, The Forbes Brothers accepted the recognition gracefully, while friends and family looked on. Members of The Forbes Brothers are Farmington



I know what you did: Paradime kicks out three songs at the Detroit Music Awards. The act is being touted as the next big thing in hip hop.

LASTING Impression



For the kids: Red Hot Chili Pepper's Chad Smith of Bloomfield Hills (left), The Rainbow Connection's executive director Patricia Tessmer-Flach of Oxford, Kid Rock and an avid fan auction off an autographed axe for \$4,000 to grant wishes for ill children at the 2000 Detroit Music Awards.

Hills resident and guitarist Scott Forbes, guitarist and Keego Harbor resident Dennis Forbes, drummer Dave Jack, bassist Jon Ross, guitarist J.C. Whitelaw, keyboardist George Canterbury and new vocalist

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PERFORMANCES

Tango tantalizes with nonstop, fiery passion

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Tango may have originated in the brothels of Buenos Aires, but for Amy Calio, knowing the dance's history doesn't dampen her love for it. Just try to stop her from telling you about the sensuality and passion expressed in the dance of her homeland — Argentina.

Calio's spent the last nine years promoting the dance by founding the Latin and Argentine Tango Club of Michigan with her husband, Ray Hogan. Now she's bringing tango and the folk dances of Argentina to the metro Detroit area with a series of concerts featuring Ballet Los Pampas with special guests Hugo Daniel Gonzalez and Silvia Cespedes, and Pampa Cortez and Ana Valeria. Friday-Sunday, April 28-30, Ballet Los Pampas combines traditional and contemporary dance forms which draw on Latin American cultures from the Andes Mountains, Argentine plains and city life of Buenos Aires.

"Argentinean tango was born in Buenos Aires," said Calio. "It was so

sensual it was done by men. Women weren't allowed to dance until later. The French took it and thought it was too sexy so they did a far-away tango where the partners held each other at a distance. Then it came to the U.S. Now there are three types of tango — Argentine, American and International. The Argentinean is freer, less structured than the American and International. In Argentina in the evening, people go to a milonga where they dance to six o'clock in the morning. It doesn't matter who you dance with — your grandfather or a friend, You're not in love with

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Tango and Folklore Argentine

What: Dance concerts featuring Ballet Los Pampas with special guests Hugo Daniel Gonzalez and Silvia Cespedes, and Pampa Cortez and Ana Valeria. For tickets, call (313) 561-3236 or (313) 565-3329

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)

3 p.m. Sunday, April 30, at the Capitol Theatre and Arts Centre, Windsor (\$40 U.S., \$50 Canadian, \$70 V.I.P. ticket includes afterglow)

Avon stages 'Sweeney Todd'

BY HARRY KNITTER
SPECIAL WRITER

Since the Avon Players have never performed *Sweeney Todd* — *The Demon Barber of Fleet Street* in the players' 21-year history, the debut Friday of the much-acclaimed musical provides a special challenge for the cast as the 53rd season draws to a conclusion.

The original Broadway production, starring Angela Lansbury as Mrs. Lovett and Len Cariou as Sweeney Todd, opened on March 1, 1979 at New York's Uris Theater, ran for 558 performances, and earned eight Tony Awards, including one for best musical.

Stephen Sondheim's melodies are woven carefully and effectively through the play, demonstrating why he won the Tony for best score. The haunting



Over a barrel: Pamela Shaw Heath (Mrs. Lovett) (left), Kim Monterosso (Sweeney Todd) and Rochester Hills' Leslie Henstock (Johanna) star in "Sweeney Todd."

strains of *Dies Irae* keep returning as the plot unfolds, providing cohesion to a story of many surprise turns. After the opening scene, the spotlight gravitates toward Sweeney Todd, the demon

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ist and Troy resident Ron Jacob.

Accolades

"It's nice to get the accolades from your peers," said Scott Forbes in a telephone interview. "It's a driving force that really makes you want to keep going." With 19 DMA's under their belts, The Forbes Brothers are currently working on their second CD, *Three Chord Truth*. For those skeptics who feel jilted by the awards, Forbes said it's time to "make themselves known to the people voting. You do that by playing out and getting in the media."

For a band that didn't win, two of three Brothers Groove mem-

bers made it to the podium more times than most nominees. Vocalist Chris Codish tied with Butler Twins' Clarence Butler for Outstanding Blues Songwriter and vowed to share his award with his father Bob Codish, also a nominee. Codish and his brother-in-groove, bassist Jim Simonson of Clarkston, accepted awards on behalf of Johnnie Bassett - who won for Outstanding Blues Recording, Instrumentalist and Group. Both musicians performed on the winning album, *Party My Blues Away*.

The reggae wild men in Immunity were all smiles while accepting four awards. Jonathan Petrus, who works in Birmingham,

took the Outstanding Reggae Vocalist award from nominated band mates Tom Varga, Tom Wall and Tony Mitchell. Bassist Bill Koggenhop won for Outstanding Reggae Instrumentalist. His wife, band manager and MCMF member Terri Koggenhop, was proudest when Immunity seized the Outstanding reggae group award, a category Immunity's been nominated for three years running. "It was quite a night," she said.

That night finished off on a hopeful note for 13-year-old Ryan Rischack and Kathleen Coules, 17, Michigan's favorite "Cowboy." Kid Rock, sauntered out with the two representatives of The Rainbow Connection. The organization grants wishes to children with life-threatening illnesses.

Kid Rock, who has a long his-

tory with The Rainbow Connection, sponsored both of the kids' wishes to go to Disney World. He handed them cowboy hats and both Detroit Music Awards he earned that night. "He's been very kind to this organization," said Patricia Tessmer-Flack, executive director of the charity and an Oxford resident. "He obviously cares about the kids. We've seen the softer side of him. He's a very gentle person."

The Rainbow Connection raised \$4,000 by auctioning off Kid Rock's guitar. The rest of the money raised has not yet been tabulated.

For a complete list of DMA 2000 winners, please refer to the Web site at www.detroitmusicawards.com/winners.html. For more information on The Rainbow Connection or to donate, call (248) 338-7760.

Sweeney from page E1

barber, and Mrs. Lovett, described in the synopsis as "an amoral, pragmatic seller of meat pies."

An Internet dating service couldn't have created a more charming couple. His barbering enables him to shave years off the lives of his unsuspecting customers while she bumps and grinds the ingredients to another steaming-hot pan of Fleet Street meat pies.

Although the musical score is excellent, you won't catch yourself humming any of the Sondheim ditties in the car on the way home. Unless of course, you find that a rousing rendition of *The Worst Pies in London*, or Pirellisquo's *Miracle Elixir* is particularly catchy.


By now, you may have the impression that Sweeney Todd is

not the second coming of *Phantom of the Opera*. However, it's still good theater and will provide an entertaining evening as well as copious conversation afterward.

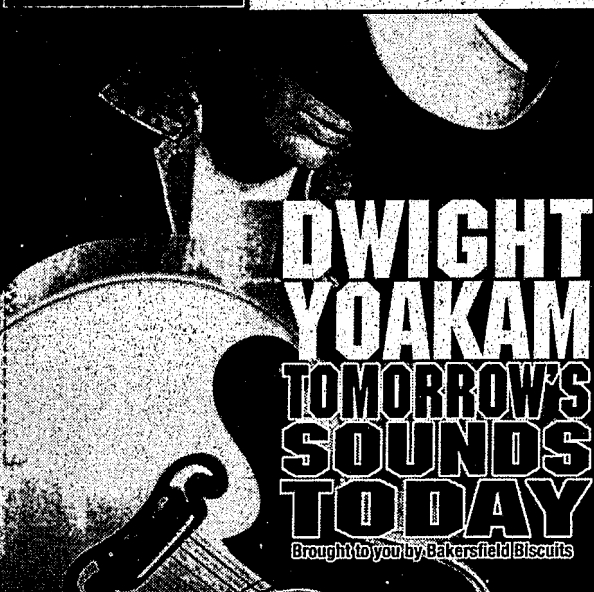
The title role is played by Kim Monterosso, and Pamela Shaw Heath appears as Mrs. Lovett; Jeff Hinkle as Anthony Hope, Leslie Henstock as Johanna; Tom Russel as Tobias; Bob Marselle as Judge Turpin; Karl Miller as Pirelli; Joseph Quednau as the Beadle; and Tania Velinsky as the beggar woman.

This offering of Sweeney Todd will be presented by the Avon Players on April 28, 29, and 30; May 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 18, 19, and 20. There will be no performance on Mother's Day, May 14.

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the person but in love with the dance."

Calio, as a young girl, began dancing the tango on top of the feet of her father. She planned to become a professional dancer, but a tragic car accident left her paralyzed. Although the doctors said she would never walk again, Calio was determined to prove them wrong. She did seven years later. Nothing could stop Calio from getting back on her feet to dance her beloved tango.

"It's something I carry in my heart since a little girl," said Calio. "Because I was paralyzed for so long I couldn't be a professional dancer so I started the club and people were interested. I brought people from Argentina to teach and give demonstrations."

Josue Vazquez-Garcia of Canton is just learning the dance through the club and is looking forward to seeing Gonzalez, Cespedes and Ballet Los Pampas.

"The Argentinean tango is the best way to dance," said Vazquez-Garcia. "You can get as close as you can to a woman. The embraces are different between International and Argentinean tango. Argentinean they dance very close together."

Gonzalez and Cespedes remained silent as Calio told of her love for the dance during a

recent interview. Then, Gonzalez's hands danced as he spoke in his native language. Like Calio, Gonzalez loves the dance so much he wants everyone to know about it. This is his second trip to the U.S. In 1994-95, he toured for six months, bringing tango and salsa to American audiences.

"A dance only lasts three minutes but in those minutes you can express yourself in so many ways," said Gonzalez as Calio served as translator. "I want to go around the world introducing people to Argentinean dance. It's something that's inside of yourself that you can express on stage. I want people to understand what it's all about. Some people go through life without knowing that you can dance and not feel anything. You can dance and feel passionate love and you can dance and be angry. You can dance every emotion."

Gonzalez began studying tango at four years old. His parents used to send him and his brother to dance school to keep them busy. By age 14, Gonzalez was teaching. Then tragedy struck. His older brother, Hector Manuel, who Gonzalez admired as a dancer and person, was killed by a train.

"He was a great dancer and devoted to his art," said Gonzalez. "After his death I took dance seriously. Now I dance for the



Ancient art: Christel Stevens performs a North Indian dance recital with Guru Nabo Ghana Shyam-Singha and troupe.

both of us. I do it for my brother."

Back home in Argentina, Gonzalez and Cespedes dance at Casa Blanca, a club in San Telmo, with the Buenos Aires Ballet. They are also members of the Brandsen and Salta ballets. Cespedes started dancing at eight years old. She's now 26 and

still loving it.

"I will do anything to learn," said Cespedes. "Even though I go to the university, I always come back to dance. The tango is the only dance that offers something different than other dances. We're living a very fast life and people don't take the time to understand. In this dance you can feel the other person and communicate. It can be love or with someone who will become just a friend."


You don't have to be a professional dancer to enjoy the tango. In addition to the production showcasing Argentinean tango and the country music of Argentina, Calio is hosting Penas in the area. A Pena is an Argentinean celebration featuring food, music and dance. There will be a complimentary lesson before each beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20. For more information, call (313) 561-3236.

■ Saturday, May 20 Gonzalez and Cespedes will teach the tango at Dance Avenue, 1860 N. Telegraph, Dearborn.

■ Saturday, May 27 at the Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor/Saline Road, Ann Arbor.

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BOOK REVIEW

'Kingsley House' author builds on family history

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Getting your first novel published is difficult, and Arliss Ryan has the rejection slips to prove it.

But like her ancestors — Nathan and Mary Kingsley who persevered in hard times — she kept writing, believing that one day she would succeed.

Ryan will discuss *The Kingsley House* (St. Martin's Press, April 2000, \$25.95), a historical novel inspired by her relatives, on Sunday, April 30, at Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia.

The real Kingsley House, built in 1843 by Ryan's great-great-great-grandfather Nathan Kingsley, has been preserved at Greenmead since 1977. It was originally an 80-acre farm. The house was on Farmington Road north of Five Mile Road.

"My mother started documenting our family history," said Ryan. "She assembled an album of documents and photographs. When I would visit she'd say, 'Let me show you what I discovered.' My gosh, I thought, this is a novel waiting to happen."

With encouragement from her mother, Laura, Nathan's great-great-granddaughter and a Plymouth resident, Ryan started the project that would become her first published novel.

"I spent four years writing the book," she said. "I'd call mom and say, 'Here's a question, what do you think?' She'd go to the library, cemetery or Greenmead to get an answer."

"I had a lot of help, I did not do it myself," Laura said, recalling her research. "We managed to fill in all the generation gaps."

Laura started investigating the Kingsley family in 1973.

"My father was still alive and we were looking through old photos," she said. "He showed me a picture of the house and said 'it's still standing.' Most of the pictures were taken by my mother."

Book signing locations

■ *The Kingsley House*, at Greenmead Historical Park, 20501 Newburgh, south of Eight Mile Road, Livonia, will be open for tours 2-7 p.m. Sunday, April 30, and Arliss Ryan will be present to sign books and answer questions. Her book will be available for purchase. At 4 p.m. Ryan will give a presentation about the process of researching a historical novel in

the Meeting House. Her presentation will include slides of historic documents and photographs. Ryan's mother, Laura, will also be present. Call (248) 477-7375 for more information. ■ Borders Books in the Arborland Mall, 3627 Washtenaw, Ann Arbor — 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 2. ■ Borders Books, 30995 Orchard Lake, Farmington Hills — 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 3.

"I'm glad I started to investigate. My father died a year later. I started to get things organized, and my daughter said, 'mother, there's more to this than just an album, it's a story.' I went to the cemetery and discovered my long-lost relatives. Gradually you keep accumulating bits and pieces of information and they fit together."

It's easy to get lost in the story that begins in 1843 when Nathan Kingsley, a farmer in Livonia Center, builds a house for his new bride, Mary.

As the story spanning five generations unfolds, you'll become acquainted with the Kingsleys and feel as if you know them and their neighbors. Picture Livonia through the eyes of Mary and Nathan Kingsley — nothing but farm land and forests — no subdivisions or malls.

There's plenty of drama too — a runaway slave takes refuge in Mary's cellar, spiritualists hold a seance in the parlor, a diphtheria epidemic brings heartbreak to the family. Scheming Horace, Nathan's son, tries to cheat his wife out of her property and commit her to an insane asylum.

"It's a wonderfully romantic story," said Ryan. "The house did inspire me very much. There are no pictures of Nathan or Mary, so I don't know what they looked like. But the house is simple yet beautiful, and all done by hand. Nathan, 22, could neither read nor write, yet he built a house of classical symmetry in the Greek Revival

style on land that 10 years before had been wilderness."

The Kingsley House is part fact, part fiction. Some of the events mentioned in the book really occurred, but not necessarily to Nathan and Mary or their offspring. There was a diphtheria epidemic in Livonia in the 1880s and many children died. If you read the book and want to know something, Ryan said she promises to tell the truth when she speaks at Greenmead on April 30.

"So far people can't tell what's fact and what's fiction," said Ryan. "That's great, that's the way I wanted it to be — seamless. I let mom read each section of the book. It was important that I have her blessing."

Because she didn't have a lot of source material, Ryan relied on stories from relatives, research and her imagination.

For example, Ryan felt Emma would have been sad to lose the farm so she fictionalized to keep it in the family even though it was sold by the family about 1917.

Her hope is that *The Kingsley House* will inspire other people to research their family history. "There are real treasures to be discovered," she said. "The Kingsleys were ordinary, yet they lived more than ordinary lives. They were farmers, yet I found wonderful stories about them. I was struck by the basic everyday-ness of their lives. I found the extraordinary in the ordinary."

Laura continued researching her family tree and discovered they arrived in America from England in 1635.

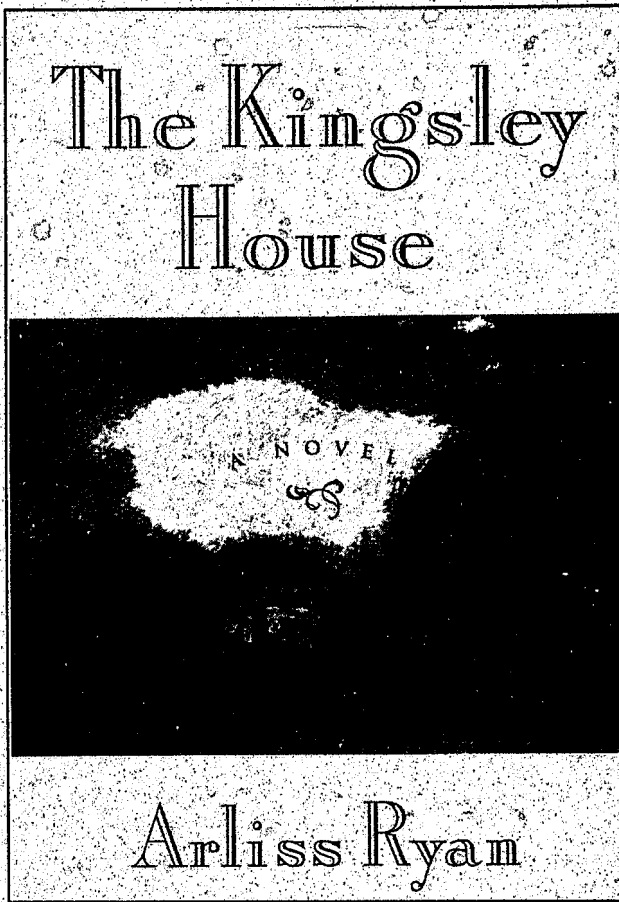
Ryan grew up in Detroit and graduated from the University of Michigan with a bachelor's degree in English. She married her college sweetheart, Eric Sponberg, and they set off to see the world. They eventually landed in Rhode Island where Sponberg, a naval architect and yacht designer, operates Sponberg Yacht Design.

Ryan opened her own business as a freelance writer and her short stories and articles have been published in literary journals, as well as local and national magazines such as *Parents, Parenting, Sail, and Aviation USA*.

"I've always loved history," she said. "I think being able to have it brought home to me in such a personal way makes it richer. I came to appreciate historians and the research they do. History is a living thing, it's not just facts on paper. There are strands of people's lives interwoven to create a tapestry of what history really is."

Ryan's mother will join her at Greenmead on April 30, and will be bringing along the album that inspired Ryan to write her book.

She's already working on her next book, and finished the first draft. It will take place in a fictional town in Michigan, and is the story of three unlikely characters who band together to save a drive-in movie theater.



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GEM THEATRE: "Escanaba In da Moonlight," a comedy by Jeff Daniels, through June 25, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesday, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, 33 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE: "Crimes of the Heart" continues to Sunday, May 14, at the theater, Rochester. \$24-\$35. (248) 377-3300

PLANET ANT THEATRE: "555-1212," an original comedy starring Nancy Hayden and Michelle Murphy 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 27-29, at the theater, Detroit. \$6-\$8. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATER

AVON PLAYERS: "Sweeney Todd," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 28-29, May 5-6 and 12-13 and Thursday-Saturday, May 18-20, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 30 and May 7, at the theater, Rochester Hills. \$15; student/senior/group rates available. (248) 608-9077

GROSSE POINTE THEATRE: "West Side Story," 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, May 3-6, and Thursday-Saturday, May 11-13 and 18-20, and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 7 and 14, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial's Fries Auditorium. \$16. (313) 881-4004

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 and 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

FARMINGTON PLAYERS: "Kiss Me Kate," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 5-6, Thursday-Saturday, May 11-13 and May 18-20, and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 7, 14, 21, and 27, at the barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. \$15. (248) 553-2955.

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PUPPETART:

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Center, West Bloomfield. \$10, \$9 seniors, \$8 children. (248) 352-7172/(248) 354-0545

MOSAIC YOUTH THEATRE OF DETROIT: "Crossing 8 Mile" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 5-6; 2 p.m. Sunday, May 7, Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts: \$15 adult, \$11 student/seniors, \$8 ages 18 and under. (248) 645-6666, (313) 554-1422.

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MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE: Der Rosenkavalier, an opera by Richard Strauss continues to Sunday, April 30, performance times 2 p.m. Sunday, April 30; 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

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GREAT LAKES INTERNATIONAL BANJO COMPETITION: Thursday-Saturday, April 27-29, at Holiday Inn Fairlane Center, Dearborn. (734) 282-6635

THE KINGSLEY HOUSE: Author Arliss Ryan will give a presentation about the process of researching a historical novel, show slides of historic documents and photographs, 4 p.m. Sunday, April 30 at Greenmead Historical Park, 20501 Newburgh Road, south of Eight Mile Road, Livonia. Arliss is author of *The Kingsley House*, a novel that takes place in Livonia. The Kingsley House will be open 2-7 p.m. for tours on Sunday. Ryan's book will be available for purchase, and she will be present to sign books and answer questions. (248) 477-7375.

SERIOUS MONEY: Financial analyst Richard A. Ferri of Troy will sign copies of his book, *Serious Money: Straight Talk About Investing for Retirement*, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 27 at Barnes & Noble in Northville.

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 Koziowski, 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.

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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 Kalmár; 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

PRO MUSICA: Pianist Lelf Ove Andrus, violinist Christian Tetzlaff and cellist Tanja Tetzlaff perform 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 2, at the Detroit Institute of Arts. \$30; specially priced "Van Gogh: Face to Face" tickets available at 4:30 p.m. (313) 833-6855/(313) 886-5639

CHORAL

MADRIGAL CHORALE OF SOUTHFIELD: "Movie Magic," 4 p.m. Sunday, May 7, St. Hugo of the Hills, Stone Chapel, 2215 Opydyke Road, Bloomfield Hills. \$15. Call (810) 445-6199 for more information

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS: Spring concert, Touched by Song, 8 p.m. Friday, May 5 and 7 p.m. Saturday, May 6 at First Church of The Nazarene, Haggerty and Eight Mile roads, Novi. \$8. Call (734) 455-4080

FORD CHORUS: Presented by the Community Concert Association of Troy, 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 2, Athens High School, 4333 John R., Troy. Tickets \$15 at the door. (810) 979-8406 or (248) 435-5307.

FARMINGTON COMMUNITY CHORUS:

It's a Grand Night For Singing 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 5-6, Farmington High School on Shilwassee Road, west of Orchard Lake Road. (248) 788-5322 or www.farmingtonchorus.com

POPS/SWING

JIM PARAVANTES & COMPANY: 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday through May, at Andiamo Italia West, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300

DAVID SYME: Performs at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 3 p.m. Sunday, May 3. Tickets \$8, and include opportunity to meet Syme after the concert. (248) 424-9041.

AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

HIP HOP DANCER: Needed for featured solo in June 11-16 performances. (248) 666-1971

MICHIGAN THEATER AND DANCE TROUPE: Open auditions for dancers age 16 and older. (248) 552-5001

PLOWSHARES THEATRE: Performing Arts Training Workshop begins Monday, May 1 and runs to June 19, at the Hermitage museum & Fine Arts Center, Detroit. \$150. (313) 872-0279

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-Aug. 6. To receive an audition packet, call (734) 741-9418; general orchestra information, (734) 677-4831

TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS: Broadway Bound, a 6-week performing arts session began Saturday, April 19 for students ages 5 to adult, at Masonic Temple, Detroit. (313) 535-8962

JAZZ

GEM JAZZ TRIO: Performs 7-11 p.m. Friday-Saturdays, at the Century Club Restaurant, Detroit. (313) 963-9800

ALEXANDER ZONJIC: 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Sunday, April 30 and May 7, at Tiffany's, Detroit. (313) 964-8900

URSULA WALKER/BUDDY BUDSON: With Dan Koltan, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, at Giovanni's, Pontiac. (248) 334-5241

WORLD MUSIC

IRISH MUSIC COMPETITION: The Detroit-Windsor branch of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann presents the Midwest Regional Fleadh Cheoil 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 29 at the Doubletree Hotel, 31500 Wick Road, Romulus. Group competitions and a concert continue from 7-10 p.m. \$5 each for day and evening events, or \$8 for both. (734) 420-0962

TWO BAND NIGHT: Pipers' & Band Society of Ontario, Windsor-Detroit Branch, presents its annual Two Band Night, 7 p.m. Saturday, April 29, Monaghan K of C Hall, 19801 Farmington Road, Livonia. Tickets \$12, advance purchase recommended. Two world class Grade 1 Pipe Bands from Toronto also Highland Dancers and Celtic music by The Jar. Scottish fare will be available for purchase, cash bar. (248) 477-0584 or (248) 477-7542.

DANCE

AFTERNOON IN BAVARIA: Bavarian dances and music 2 p.m. Sunday, April 30; at Carpathia Hall, Sterling Heights. \$10, ages under 16 free. (81) 788-9058

DEARBORN DANCE FESTIVAL: Celebrate National Dance Week at the Dearborn Dance Festival which showcases a professional dance workshop and performance, Saturday, April 29 at Edsel Ford High School in Dearborn. Tickets for the dance performance are \$5, seniors free. The public may watch the dance classes for free. (313) 278-1035

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

WIELICZKA DANCERS: 3 p.m. Saturday, April 29, at Tom Dooley K of C, Livonia. \$12, \$7 ages 10 and under, includes dinner and recital. (734) 591-2079/(313) 531-6986

COMEDY

CLUB BART: Open Mike Ladies Night featuring comedienne 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: at the club above Kicker's All-American Grill, Livonia. Andre Fernandes, 8 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, May 3-4; 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 5-6. Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sunday (5). (734) 261-0555

FARMINGTON CIVIC THEATRE: Soup Sales and Marv Welch, 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sunday, May 7, Farmington Civic Theatre. Tickets \$25. (248) 473-7777.

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S: Mitchell Walters, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 27, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 28-29; 7 p.m. Sunday, April 30. Vic DiBitetto, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 5-7, 7 p.m. Sunday, May 7, at the club; Dearborn. Tickets \$12 Friday-Saturday, \$10 Sunday, dinner show package \$24.95 Friday-Saturday, \$22.95 Sunday. (313) 584-8885.

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE: Heywood Banks, Thursday-Sunday, April 27-30. Performances 8 p.m. Thursday, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, at the club; Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900

BOGEY'S BAR & GRILLE: Keith Ruff with Keith Lenart & Dee Proffitt, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 28-29. Admission \$10, reservations recommended. 142 E. Walled Lake Dr. (248) 669-1444

SECOND CITY: "Paradigm Lost" 8 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday; additional shows 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday at 10:30 p.m. The 10:30 p.m. shows, and 8 p.m. shows Wednesday-Thursday, and Sunday, are followed by an improv set at no additional cost. \$10, Wednesday-Thursday; and Sunday; \$17.50 Friday, \$19.50 on Saturday. (313) 965-2222; (248) 645-6666 or online at www.ticketmaster.com

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

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. Call (734) 995-5439 for more information.

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 Wednesday; \$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. Call (313) 577-8400 for additional information

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. Call (313) 852-4051 for additional information.

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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

ARIZING: With Too Many Gods, Pooch, Left, One, 7 p.m. Saturday, April 29, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$7. (313) 961-MELT.

JOSEPH ARTHUR: With Scott Fab, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 6, Coffee Beanery, Royal Oak. All ages. Free.

THE BACK DOORS: 8 p.m. Friday, May 5, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$10. (248) 544-3030

BEATING REASON: With Lifethread, 2 Ugly 4 Porn, Saturday, April 29, Griff's Grill, Pontiac. (248) 334-9292

GORDON BENNETT: 10 p.m. Wednesday, May 3, 10, 17, 24, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, Novi. (248) 735-4011; 10 p.m. Friday, May 19, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922

BLACKMAN AND ARNOLD: 10 p.m. Sunday's in May, Friday, May 5, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922

BLOODHOUND GANG: With Nerf Herder, A, Powerface and Isabel's Gift, 7 p.m. Sunday, May 7, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. \$15-\$17. (248) 645-6666

BLOWTOP: With Gypsy Moths, Saturday, May 6, Berkley Front, Berkley. (248) 547-3331

BONNE TEMPS ROULLE: 10 p.m. Thursday, April 27, Memphis Smoke, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300

ROBERT BRADLEY'S BLACKWATER SURPRISE: 8 p.m. Saturday, May 20, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$15. (248) 544-3030

BRAINMUTE: Saturday, Paychecks, April 29, Berkley Front, Berkley; Tuesday, May 2, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor.

BRANDED: With ProtoStar, AntiBevy, Voodoo Blue and Channel 78, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 4, Churchill High School, Livonia. \$3 at door. All ages.

BROTHERS GROOVE: 10 p.m. Mondays, Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-MENU

THE CHIEFTAINS AND LOS LOBOS: 8 p.m. Sunday, June 25 at Meadowbrook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. \$35 pavilion / \$20 lawn. (248) 645-6666

CHISEL BROTHERS WITH CHEF CHRIS: 10 p.m. Saturday, May 13, Memphis Smoke, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300

TERRI CLARK: 8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 27, Meadowbrook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. \$15-\$30. (248) 645-6666

COMPANY OF STRANGERS: 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 12-13, Cowley's, Farmington. (248) 474-5941

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

CHARLIE DANIELS BAND: With Hank Williams Jr. and Little Feat, 7 p.m. Sunday, June 4, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15-\$27.50. (248) 645-6666

DARK STAR ORCHESTRA: 9 p.m. Saturday, May 20, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. \$12 advance. (313) 833-9700

THORNETTA DAVIS: 10 p.m. Thursday, April 27, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, Novi. (248) 735-4011

DISTURBED: Saturday, May 6, Harpo's Detroit.



DOMESTIC PROBLEMS: With Left Undone, Convulsions, 9:30 p.m. Friday, April 28, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 996-8555

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

FUNTOWN: 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 5-6 Cowley's, Farmington. (248) 474-5941

HARRINGTON BROTHERS: 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 2, 9, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800

MICKEY HART BAND: Featuring Vince Weinick, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 18, Michigan Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$15-\$25. (734) 668-8397

JULIANA HATFIELD: 9 p.m. Friday, June 2, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$10 advance. (313) 833-9700

AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS: 7 p.m. Friday, May 5, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800

HIP HOP TOUR 2000: With NAS, Black Rob, Sole, Three 6 Mafia, Hypnotized Mind and Lay It Down Records, 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 5, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$35 advance. (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

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 May, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922

JUDGE: 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 27, I-Rock Nightclub. Free. (313) 881-ROCK

MARVIN KAHN AND KEITH VRELAND: 7 p.m. Thursdays, 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

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

CHANTAL KREVIATZUK: 8 p.m. Thursday, May 11, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. (313) 833-9700

SHEILA LANDIS AND RICK MATLE: 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

JOHN LAUTNER: "A Little Bit of Bluegrass-Country," 8 p.m. Saturday, May 6, Redford Theatre, Redford. \$10, with 50 cents going toward restoration. (248) 258-5806

LIL ED AND THE BLUES IMPERIALS: 9 p.m. Saturday, May 20, Sisko's, Detroit. (313) 278-5340

LOST HIGHWAY: 9 p.m. Saturday, April 29, Nankin Mill Tavern, Westland. Free. (734) 427-0622

TARA MAC LEAN: With Verbow, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 27, Mill Street Lounge, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. All ages. \$8. (313) 961-MELT

DJ MARK E.P. OF PARADISE: 10 p.m. Wednesdays, Ingsfree 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.

DAVE MATTHEWS BAND: With Ben Harper and the Innocent Criminals, 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 5, Comerica Park, Detroit. \$46.50. (248) 645-6666

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

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. Wednesday, May 4, Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$15. (734) 662-8310

STEVE MILLER BAND: With Gov't Mule, 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 21, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$21.50-\$37.50. (248) 645-6666

JONI MITCHELL: With Vince Mendoza conducting a 70-piece symphony, 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 31, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$55-\$75, pavilion tickets only. (248) 645-6666

MOEN ALONE: 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 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)

MR. BUBBLES: 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 28-29, Deer Lake Inn, Clarkston. Free. 21 and over. (248) 625-7788

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 NO DOUBT: With Lil, Black Eyed Peas, 5:30 p.m. Monday, July 3, Phoenix Plaza Amphitheater, Pontiac. \$26.50. (248) 335-9497

ROBERT NOLL BLUES MISSION 9 p.m. Friday, May 5, Ford Road Bar and Grill, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609

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.

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 HITS: 7 p.m. Monday, May 1, 8, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages.

(248) 644-4800

OZZFEST 200: Featuring Ozzy Osbourne, Pantera, Godsmack, Static X, Incubus, Methods of Mayhem, 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

POISON: With Cinderella, Dokken and Slaughter, 6 p.m. Sunday, July 2, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15-\$27.50. (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 May. Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922

RACHEL AND KAPP: 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 3, 10, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800

REFORMERS: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 27, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450; 10 p.m. Thursday, Saturday, April 29, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, Novi. (248) 735-4011

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. www.ticketmaster.com

DUKE ROBILIARD & 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

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: With Twistin' Tarantulas, 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

SLEATER-KINNEY: With Gossip and The Bangs, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 13, The Majestic, Detroit. \$10. (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

SPACE NELSON: With Kicking Water, Velvet, Friday, April 28, Griff's Grill, Pontiac. (248) 334-9292

BRITNEY SPEARS: With LFO, Bosson, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 9, Pine Knob, Independence Township. Sold Out; 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 10, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$25 lawn/\$40 pavilion. Eight ticket limit per person. (248) 645-6666

RICK SPRINGFIELD: 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, Meadowbrook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. \$17.50-\$27.50

STATIC X: With Pitchshifter and Reville, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 27, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. All ages. \$15. (313) 961-MELT

STEELY DAN: 8 p.m. Sunday, July 25, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$25-\$75. (248) 645-6666

MIKE STERN: 8 p.m. Friday, May 12, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$17. (248) 544-3030

STING: Friday, July 14, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$25-\$75. (248) 645-6666

STYX AND REO SPEEDWAGON: 7 p.m. Friday, June 2, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15.50-\$32.50. (248) 645-6666

TAPROOT: With Papa Roach, 6 p.m. Friday, May 12, Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$6. (248) 645-6666

SALLY TAYLOR: 8 p.m. Friday, May 26, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$8.

(248) 544-3030.

TESTAMENT: 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 27, State Theatre, Detroit. All ages. \$17.50. (248) 645-6666

THE THE: 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 2, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. \$22-\$25. All ages. (313) 961-MELT

MARY TIMONY: Of Hellum, 9 p.m. Friday, May 5, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$8. (248) 645-6666

TRAIN: With Gas Giant, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 27, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$15 advance. (248) 645-6666

RANDY TRAVIS: With Darryl Worley, 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 23, Pine Knob, Independence Township. \$15.50-\$24.50. (248) 645-6666

TRIP THE LIGHT FANTASTIC: 8 p.m. Friday, May 19, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$7, \$5 theater members. (734) 464-6302

TOOTS & THE MAYTALS: 9 p.m. Thursday, June 1, The Majestic Theatre, Detroit. (313) 833-9700

TINA TURNER: With Lionel Richie, Jennifer Robinson, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 29, The Palace, Auburn Hills. \$85.25, \$55.25, \$35.25. Eight ticket limit per person. (248) 645-6666

THE UNTUNED: Friday-Saturday, May 19-20, Confetti Lounge, Dearborn. Free. (313) 565-4956

U.S. BOMBS: With Union 11, Tiger Army, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 17, Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$8. (313) 961-MELT

JOHN "DR. DIRTY" VALBY: 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 5, State Theatre, Detroit. \$15-\$25. 18 and over. (248) 645-6666

VANS WARPED TOUR: NOFX, Suicide Machines, Green Day, Jurassic 5, Long Beach Dub Allstars, MXPX, Millencolin, Mighty Mighty Bosstones, Good Riddance, Flogging Molly, Dilated Peoples, Unwritten Law, Snapcase, Save Ferris, Hot Water Music, Animal, Avail, One Man Army, Anti-Flag, One Minute Silence, Gob, Nilsson, Camp, Beatsteaks, The Line, Bueno, Scooter Trash, The Hippos, Stingers and Toledo Show, plus local bands to be announced May 10; noon Sunday, July 23, Phoenix Plaza Amphitheater, Pontiac. All ages. \$27.50. (248) 398-4436 or (248) 645-6666

VELVET BEAT: With Chowder, Fat Mama, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, April 29, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 996-8555

VERUCA SALT: 8 p.m. Thursday, May 4, Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$10. (313) 961-MELT

VILLAGE PEOPLE: With Lisa Lisa, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 8, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15.50-\$27.50. (248) 645-6666

RANDY VOLIN AND SONIC BLUES: 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 28-29, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800

WEEN: 8 p.m. Thursday, May 11, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. \$15-\$18. (248) 645-6666

THE WHO: 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 27, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$35-\$85. (248) 645-6666

WHO CARES: 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 26-27, Cowley's, Farmington. (248) 474-5941

WISH YOU WERE HERE: Pink Floyd Tribute, 9 p.m. Friday, May 5, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. \$8. (313) 833-9700

THE WITCH DOCTORS: 9 p.m. Friday, April 28, Ford Road Bar and Grill, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609

TRISHA YEARWOOD: With Jessica Andrews, 8 p.m. Thursday, May 25, Meadowbrook Music Festival, Rochester. \$15.50-\$30. (248) 645-6666

YOUNG COUNTRY DOWNTOWN HOEDOWN: With Trace Adkins, Wade Hayes, Tracy Lawrence Chad Brock, and more, May 19-21 Hart Plaza, Detroit. Details to come.

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Take a wild ride to find out 'Where The Money Is'

BY VICTORIA DIAZ
SPECIAL WRITER

There's this young woman. Restless, wired-for-action type. Former prom queen, married to former prom king. Bored silly by her small-town life. One day, she meets a bank robber. Why not enlist his help, she figures, recruit her oh-so-malleable husband, and steal a big bunch of money? That should take some edge off the ennui.

So goes the basic concept of Marek Kaniiewska's "Where the Money Is," which, in itself, is not a bad movie, especially if you go for crime-is-cute stuff. The trouble lies in what has come before it. Watching Paul Newman as the bank robber, many moviego-

ers may suffer an unwelcome sensation of déjà vu. It's a little like witnessing a slightly frayed mix of Butch Cassidy, "Fast Eddie" Felson, Henry Gondorff, and other wily types played by the screen icon through the years. Maybe he's done this variation on a theme enough already. Or maybe I've just reached my limit on caper flicks.

Partners-in-crime, Carol and Wayne, are played by deep-throated Linda Fiorentino and hunky Dermot Mulroney. Carol works in a nursing home and, one day, Henry Manning (Newman) is wheeled in, apparently the victim of a stroke. He's been transferred there from a nearby prison, where he's serving a sen-

tence for bank robbery. Though he looks to be paralyzed and seems aphasic, we will soon learn that he's faking the stroke in order to slip the bonds of the slammer.

Maybe because it takes one to know one, Carol begins to suspect that Henry is not exactly trustworthy, that he is, in effect, "playing possum." To test her theory, she tries everything from whispering sweet nothings in his ear, to a lapdance, to shoving the poor guy into deep water, wheelchair and all. (Professionalism, you will note, is not Carol's strong suit.) This last finally blows his cover.

Sometime shortly after this splashy event, Carol persuades

the two slightly reluctant guys to go along with her dreamed-of heist, and the unholy trio eventually begins to iron out details. (One "practice run" involves Carol nabbing a giveaway toaster oven from the local bank.) Though all parties involved have slightly differing motivations, they nevertheless seem to fit together like the pieces in a crazy quilt and, one night, off they go.

Newman dons a fake mustache and everybody gets to dress up like an armed courier and tool around town in an armored truck as they lift the day's earnings from a retail outlet, a show bar, an amusement park, and several other spots. All of this is highly unlikely, of course, but we sweat a bit, anyway, and even laugh a little along the way.

Newman has this character down pat, of course, but then he's had plenty of practice. Fiorentino lends a kind of off-kilter charm as Carol, while Dermot Mulroney's slightly seedy Wayne is maybe the most understandable character of the three—although he'd never be mistaken for a rocket scientist.

Director of photography



Tango crime spree: Linda Fiorentino and Paul Newman dance their cares away in "Where the Money Is."

Thomas Burstyn and production designer Andre Chamberland add some engaging visual style to the film, and the script by E. Max Frye and Topper Lilien &

Carroll Cartwright provides some real punch now and then.

Victoria Diaz is a Livonia resident who writes for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, April 28

BOSSA NOVA
International love story of an American schoolteacher and a Brazilian lawyer who, alone and unhappy, have given up on finding their life-long soul mate until a chance encounter brings them together. Stars Amy Irving.

COMMITTED
Heather Graham stars as a woman convinced she can save her marriage by traveling across the country to track down her AWOL husband. Also starring Casey Affleck.

DETERRENCE
Provocative political thriller set in the year 2008 stars Kevin Pollack as the embattled incumbent president of the United States. Trapped in Colorado by a freak snowstorm, an international incident occurs and the president must act quickly and threatens nuclear confrontation in a live worldwide broadcast.

THE FLINTSTONES' VIVA ROCK VEGAS
In a prequel to the 1994 release "The Flintstones," centers around Fred, a boy from the wrong side of the rocks, who courts the beautiful Wilma. Joined by Barney and future-wife Betty, they take a romantic getaway to Rock Vegas.

FREQUENCY
Thriller about a man who is able to communicate with his dead father and tries to prevent his own death, in the process discovering his mother's killer. Stars Dennis Quaid, Jim Caviezel.

TIME CODE 2000
Psychological drama set in Los Angeles, the film was shot on four hand-held cameras recording separate but simultaneous action. Stars Saffron Burroughs and Selma Hayek.

EAST IS EAST
A comedy about a house-full of teenagers who decide to rebel against their father's archaic traditions. Stars Om Puri, Linda Bassett, Jordan Peele and Archie Punjabi.

WHERE THE HEART IS
Based on the best-seller by Billie Letts, the story of a young woman who finds the strength to overcome adversity and begin a new life for herself and her child. Stars Natalie Portman, Ashley Judd, Stockard Channing and Joan Cusack. Directed by Matt Williams.

SOUTH PACIFIC
Film version of Rodgers and Hammerstein's musical stage hit and adapted from James Michener's "Tales of the South Pacific," the film stars Mitzel Gaynor, Ray Walston and Rossano Brazzi. Exclusively at The Historic Red-

ford Theatre Friday-Saturday April 28-29.

BILLY ROSE'S DIAMOND HORSESHOE
Betty Grable and Dick Haymes star in this lightweight classic love story about a medical student who gets into show business and falls for his nightclub's sultry headliner. But she's got a plan all her own. Will she choose love or a life of luxury? Special showings 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 2 at Showcase Cinemas in Pontiac and 1 p.m. Wednesday May 3 at Showcase Cinemas in Westland.

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Twist adds intrigue to 'Gossip'

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It's no Sixth Sense or The Crying Game but the surprise, twisted end of the drama Gossip makes this too-hip movie fun to watch.

When three beautiful, ultra-trendy, martini-swilling university students decide to use the concept of gossip as a thesis for their journalism final, the assignment spins wildly out of control and leads to violence, sex and deception... or does it?

Nearly everyone will be able to relate to the basic moral dilemmas that Gossip's main characters face. Starring up-and-coming actors James Marsden (Disturbing Behavior and Party of Five), Lena Headey (Waterland) and Norman Reedus (Six ways to Sunday), the characters decide to start a rumor by claiming a rich virgin at their school isn't so scrupulous after all. Their goal is to see what form the rumors will take - and that's where the wild ride begins.

The students - a sexy, aspiring female journalist, a handsome rich slacker and a brooding-but-kind male artist - learn the hard way that gossip not only ruins the reputation of the victim, it also smashes their own reputations in ways they could never imagine. Also worth attention is the modern, multi-phase collage (created by Robert Reinhardt)

that one of the characters creates to visually describe the evolution of the rumor. Reinhardt used more than 2,000 elements to create the visually-stunning piece.

Gossip, though, is not without its problems. The lies and deception are so purposely constant that the end, while it's a shocker, is a bit muddled. And while the movie seems a bit too hip, director David Guggenheim said that was intentional.

"This is intentionally a very idealized, high-stylized vision of college life," writes Guggenheim (NYPD Blue, ER, and Party of Five). "In creating this film we worked very hard to come up with a campus life that is hyper-real. Here (the main characters) are on top of the world. They feel so intellectually superior that they actually see themselves as

invincible."

Produced by Outlaw Productions' Jeffrey Silver and Bobby Newmyer (Sex, lies and videotape and Don't tell Mom the Babysitter's Dead) and screenplay by Gregory Poirier (Lion King II; Simba's Pride), the Warner Brothers film will probably be appreciated best by college students who can relate to the fact that gossip is a popular, but harmful, form of entertainment. But, then again, don't most adults also take part in rumor mills?

We won't give away the end of Gossip - let's just say that when it comes to gossip, truth and perception sometimes become synonymous.

Lies, sex, deceit and goodness prevail to make Gossip an unpredictable picture,

Detroit Music Awards revisited

Though the Detroit Music Awards have nearly faded from mind, I thought we could all use a recap, a little something for those who didn't attend, those hiding backstage before they performed, and those who just weren't paying attention. Besides, like many, it was my first time at the event. So music fans, here goes:

Pulling a no-show

The story at the preshow was a no-show. This year it was almost fashionable to be too late or not show up at all to receive one of the (gasp) 63 awards given out at the event prior to the 2000 Detroit Music Awards. While the State Bar was packed back to front, only a few of the winners were present to accept their statuettes. Perhaps it was a simple

matter, like parking.

With a ball game across the avenue at Comerica Park (where Kid Rock tossed out the first ball) and the entire music community converging on the State Theatre, the minimal parking spots went fast and cost more than ever before. If the winners weren't stuck looking for a spot to park in the Motor City, maybe they just didn't know about the preshow. Whatever the case, presenters Peter Shorn and The Impaler cracked endless jokes about the abundance of statues and lack of winners present. There's always next year.

DMA fashion

The awards show drew musicians from all genres, and people whose fashion sense ran the gamut from dingy jeans to tailored suits, and even a few Cinderellas searching for the ball. The common threads included the obviously-symbolic cowboy hats worn mostly on stunning blondes in honor of the First Cowboy of Detroit, host Kid

Rock.

Then there was an abundance of low-cut dresses, outlined in faux fur and feathers, tight silver arm bands and some daringly short skirts. Oh, I almost forgot about sequined halter tops, imagine that. With all the shimmer and glitter around, the room lit up like fireworks in July. But I don't think anyone could feel out of place, not even naked.

Not so secure

Security at the awards seemed to be lacking something called organization. I can't recall how many times security personnel asked me where I should be. Some even changed their minds half-way through the show. I wasn't wearing a sticker on my gold dress for nothing. Despite the kinks, it was a fabulous event.

"Live"ning it up

The performers at the DMA kept the event rolling along even as it ran late into the night. Those Howling Diablos — fronted



The winning groove: The Brothers Groove's Chris Codish wins Outstanding Blues Songwriter at the preshow.



Backstage: Paradime gets support from the hottest Chili Pepper around, Chad Smith, 10 minutes before showtime.

by twice-charmed DMA winning vocalist and songwriter Tino — filled in with funky spots as house band. The Diablos managed to snag the Outstanding Local Funk Group award as well. Livonia native Paradime got the crowd out of their seats and hooked onto a hip hop vibe. The Contours catered to the crowd with meticulously timed move-

ments in sync, both musically and rhythmically, and The Frost got everyone talking. Robert Bradley's Blackwater Surprise stole the stage last. While the list of performers, winners, happenings and gossip is much too long to mention, The Detroit Music Awards certainly left its mark. If only there were more opportunities for local

musicians to mingle, perform and support one another. I can't wait to see how the sponsors top this one next spring.

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Reverend Horton Heat sizzles with new release, nationwide tour

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Rockabilly can be a religious experience. No one knows that better than the reverend himself, Reverend Horton Heat.

To his friends and his dog, Chuck, the Rev is known simply as Jim Heath, a Texas native with a knack for stirring up rock, punk, swamp, surf, swing and country into a musical genre he alone can rightly preach to the masses. Backing him up at the pulpit are bassist Jimbo Wallace and drummer Scott Churrilla.

The Reverend Horton Heat released their seventh album, *Spend a Night in the Box*, to prove that rockabilly is alive, well and hotter than ever. Tearing through the Bible Belt and beyond, the Rev's been touring since late January.

Talking to the guitar-slinging rock 'n' roll rabble-rouser while at his Las Vegas hotel April 12, the Observer Eccentric got a healthy dose of the Reverend's dogmas.

Spend a Night in the Box is a throwback to Reverend Horton Heat's earlier rockabilly rhythms with enough references to women, booze and bad relationships to make listeners shiver. A good-time cocktail of wailing tracks, the album is the band's first for Time Bomb Recordings.

"I'm always trying to do something different; that gets me in trouble, I think," he laughed. "On this particular one, we kinda backpedaled a little."

With some songs written in the '80s, *Spend a Night in the Box* revisits a freedom that was long stifled by previous record companies. "It's a little bit roots-

er than the last album," said Heath. "Our label Time Bomb didn't really care."

Whenever he strayed from the formula under previous record contracts, the songs wouldn't make the final cut. "The real energy shapes the power and flavor of the CD, see what I'm saying? A lot of rockabilly got ignored by the last label."

The album isn't filled with a lot of flash; just straight-up Reverend. "We kinda wanted a stripped down sound."

The new deal encourages Heath to write and produce a lot of material, which was good

news for a guy who never slows down. "It's the first time in our career we've been a priority."

With renewed spirit, The Rev hooked up with Paul Leary as producer. "It's good to have an outside ear," said Heath. "After you work on something so many times you start to lose your perspective of things. It's hard to tell if you're doing everything in time and in pitch."

As for the songs, all 14 were written by Heath. The title track came from the band's obsession with the film *Cool Hand Luke*. It's the kind of movie they have watched over and over again

while on tour. It turned into a joke — if anything goes wrong, spend a night in the box. And there's another reason for the song title: "We're rolling around in a big box, it's kinda like," he said of the tour bus.

Heath said all the songs have gotten a good response live, especially *Big D Boogie Woogie*, *Sleeper Car Driver*, and *Sue Jack Daniels*.

He gets inspiration for writing music by just driving around, he said. "I purposely don't have a radio. I drive around and sing. I've gotten into a lot of crashes."

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Tango's Latin dishes 'bold, vibrant'



Special shrimp: One of the shared plates featured on Tango's special Nuevo Latino menu is saffron poached prawns with hominy and vegetable sofrito.

BY JOE BAUMAN
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Riding the wave of popularity of the Latin music scene, the Westin Hotel and Resort group has created a special Nuevo Latino menu being featured in all of its restaurants, including Tango's at the Westin Southfield-Detroit in Southfield.

Available through the end of May, the featured selections were created by Westin corporate executive chef Steve Peterson and consulting chef Mark Miller of the famed Côte d'Azur in Santa Fe, N.M., among others.

Local diners have been slow to warm up to the Nuevo Latino dishes, Tango's Executive Chef Stede Huschen said, but those willing to try something new have not been disappointed.

"The majority of our patrons are hotel guests who are looking for something safe, like a steak," said Huschen, who received his training in his native land of Germany before coming to the states 25 years ago. "The dishes offer a bold, vibrant flavor profile which are quite special."

Huschen took over as Tango's executive chef six weeks ago, after a five-year stint as executive chef at Cobo Hall. This is his second stint with the Westin group.

"At Cobo, the challenge was to prepare dinner for up to 10,000 guests," he said. "This restaurant allows much more flexibility in terms of what we can offer our

guests."

The brief Nuevo Latino menu offers several appetizers, including pork and plantain fritters, Chilean salmon ceviche with golden hominy and Equadorian shrimp and lobster ceviche.

Featured entrees include cumin-rubbed sea scallops with quinoa and fried plantains in a smoked barbecue mango sauce, and a spiced, seared strip steak with a mango mojo combining shallots, mango, garlic, orange and lime juice and spices.

Highlighted desserts are a coconut pan dulce with cinnamon ice cream and a calabasa flan with fried plantain and ice cream.

The full-service bar is offering companion specialty drinks, including a suave margarita made with Cuervo 1800 tequila and Grand Marnier, and Fresco Nuevo, a combination of Kahlua, Grand Marnier, Cuervo tequila and cream, shaken and poured over ice.

A short list of Central and South American wines also are available by the glass.

Huschen said the Nuevo Latino theme is the first of a series of theme-menus that will be rotated throughout the year. The next one most likely will feature a North American theme, he said.

"We have a terrific kitchen staff that has worked very hard to present these authentic dishes," Huschen said. "We need more people to come out and try something new and special."



Double your pleasure: Sous chefs Grant Green Jr. (left) and Stacey Short were specially trained to handle the restaurant's Nuevo Latino special menu.

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peeling paint that later turned out to be lead paint when the landlord claims he didn't know it was lead paint?

ANSWER:

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Courts today suggest that federal, state and local legislation identifying the dangers associated with lead paint is well established.

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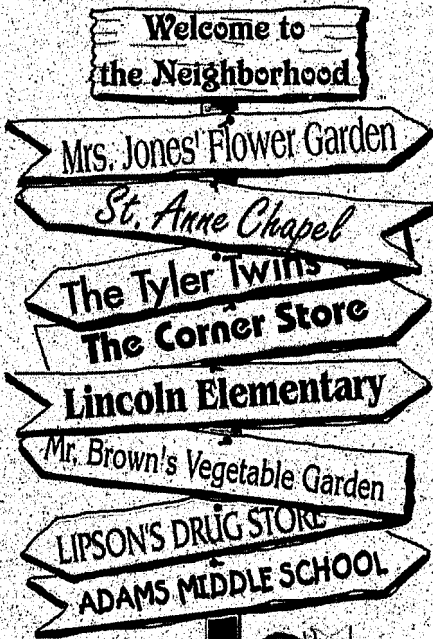
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- ✓ Condition of neighboring properties



HELEN FURCEAN/STAFF ARTIST

There's more to neighborhood than houses.

Some people fall in love with the large, budding trees forming a canopy over the street. Others revel in the sights and sounds of children playing outside. Still others enjoy the idea of walking to that specialty market a couple of blocks away.

So unless you plan to live like a hermit, best to get an idea of what exactly makes your current address, or the area where you intend to put down roots, neighborhood.

"Neighborhoods kind of mean different things to different people, depending on where they're situated in life and what their values are," said Dale Countegan, director of planning and community development in Farmington Hills.

"Realtors like to talk about location, location, location," he added. "They might be saying, 'Make sure you're locating where things most important to you are nearby. Don't be so concerned about the wallpaper. External things are more permanent, slow to change.'"

Fran Lafferty, treasurer of the Rogers Park Neighborhood Association in Redford, subscribes to the philosophy of singer Barbara Streisand.

"What makes a neighborhood is people," Lafferty said. "Something that will bring people together so they can work together on projects, fun activities."

The 800-home association sponsors flower sales, block sales, picnics, clean-ups and seasonal decorating activities.

"I find if we have an involvement, it brings people together," Lafferty said. "New people moving in don't feel like a stranger for years. They can feel welcome."

That, in turn, keeps property values on the upswing and promotes a sense of safety.

"When a person drives into a neighborhood, there's a feel," said Lola Boone, a Realtor with RE/MAX in the Village in Bloomfield Hills. "They're going to pick up something, a flavor."

How are properties maintained? Is snow shoveled

Neighborhoods: More than just a row of houses

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

from sidewalks in winter, lawns cut in summer?

Where are the schools? Is church or synagogue within walking distance?

Play equipment - bicycles, basketball hoops and swings - in back or out front can indicate potential playmates.

"Welcome to the subdivision signs are really wonderful," Boone said. "They show there must be an association working here together for a common goal."

There are other physical aspects to neighborhood that can encourage or discourage interaction. Sidewalks, for instance, can make a big impact.

Younger kids use them as safe pathways to ride their bikes and play. Adults enjoy walking on them. Front porches overlooking sidewalks often becomes entertainment centers.

Contrast that to neighborhoods with larger houses on bigger lots with no sidewalks.

Folks there drive up, the automatic garage door opens, then closes and the homeowner is safely ensconced on a deck in the back yard, hidden by a privacy fence.

What's really important about neighborhood depends on individual tastes and can take a little time to define. But people know when they see it.

"It all depends on what a particular buyer is looking for," said Debbie Kessler, an associate broker with Century 21-217 in Oxford. "It's a matter of perception."

"They start by giving the type of house and price range they want," she added. "After one time out, you can focus on exactly what it is that appeals to them."

Nothing reveals neighborhood like personal observation. Prospective buyers should visit often at different times of the day and on weekends.

Talk to people who already live there - they may be puttering around the yard, sitting on the porch, walking - to get their impressions.

Check with the crime prevention bureau of the local police department to get a handle on trends in the neighborhood.

"Neighborhood is important. It's a belonging kind of thing. That's probably the biggest thing you get out of it," said Richard Randazzo, broker/owner of Remerica Hometown II in Plymouth.

Especially with the numbers of dual working couples, he added.

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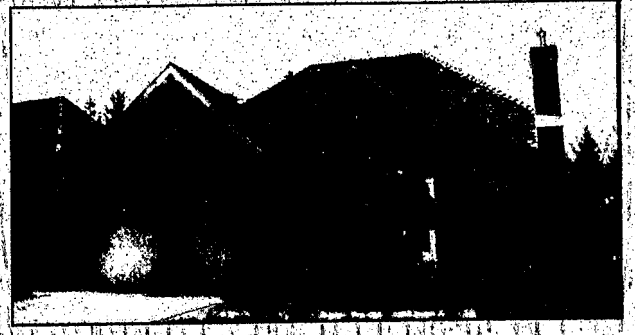
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Table listing various real estate transactions in Oakland County, including addresses, sale prices, and dates. Columns include address, price, date, and agent information.

Advertisement for Regent's Park Apartments, featuring an image of the building and text describing it as 'Better Than a Hotel'. Includes contact information and a map of the location.

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Real estate briefs features news and notes on professional associations, office activities, upcoming meetings and seminars, new services/products and consumer publications. Includes sections on Access Records, Property Investors, Remodeling Class, BOMA Meeting, Condo Class, and Movers & Shakers.

HomeLoanUpdate.com advertisement featuring various mortgage programs, rates, and terms. Includes sections for Accelerated Mortgage, First Financial Mortgage Corp., American Home Finance, Apex Financial Group, and others.

Advertisement for The Rosewood, a 30-acre preserve in the \$200s. Features a large image of the property and text describing its amenities, including walkout basements, secluded subdivision, and sewer/well water. Includes contact information for Glenn Roper.

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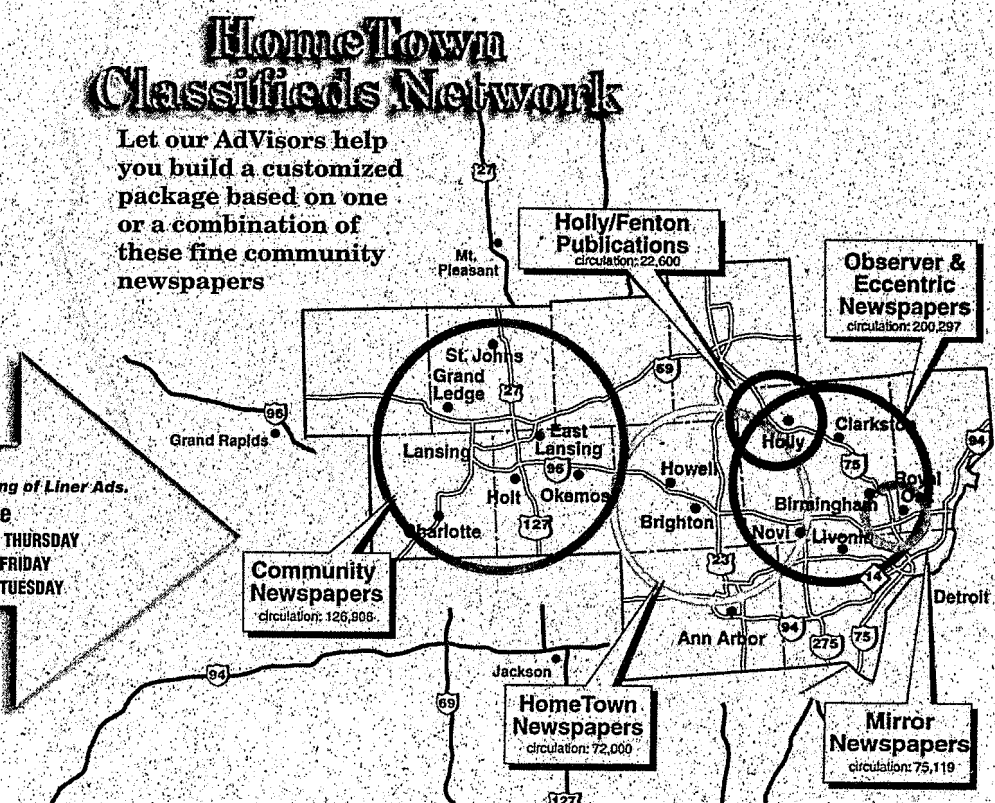
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300 Homes HOME: FORECLOSURES NO MONEY DOWN! NO CREDIT NEEDED... 303 Open Houses CANTON Popular Sunflower Sub 1900 sq.ft cap cod, 3 bedroom, 4th bedroom or den, 2 full bath.

303 Open Houses ROYAL OAK Open Sat & Sun 1-4, 3910 13 mile, W. of Woodward, 2 bedroom brick ranch... 303 Open Houses White Lake MUST SELL! OPEN SAT. 12-3 8636 Newport Dr. N. of Cooley Lake Rd.

303 Open Houses BIRMINGHAM/ BLOOMFIELD JUST LISTED SOPHISTICATED UP-SCALE RANCH In the heart of Bloomfield Hills on over 1 acre... 306 Brighton 1900 sq. ft., 3 bedroom colonial, 2.5 bath, 1+ acre, in sub. \$219,900.

304 Ann Arbor Condo, 11x12 den, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, garage, private patio, end unit, wooded... 305 Birmingham/ Bloomfield BIRMINGHAM, OPEN Sun. 1-5, Pembroke area, 3 bedroom brick bungalow.

306 Brighton Lovely Restored Historic Home in the City of Brighton Charming Victorian home with great front porch for parade watching... 306 Brighton FABULOUS 4 bedroom home with over 2100 sq ft 2 1/2 baths formal dining room large family room with fireplace basement attached 2 car garage

308 Canton ACCENT ON VALUE Wonderful updated 3 bedroom brick ranch, spacious family room w/natural fireplace, thermal windows, updated furniture, basement & 2 car garage. Asking \$169,900.

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303 Open Houses HANNETT-WILSON & WHITEHOUSE (248) 646-6200 OPEN SUNDAY 1:30-4:30 Premium Beverly Hills location for this striking contemporary! Beautifully landscaped wood setting. Hardwood floors, Pella windows, island kitchen with appliances. Master bedroom with 5 huge closets, baths with heated floors, garage, steam shower and private balcony to enjoy on summer evenings. Heated Florida room, too. Newly listed. Plan to see 19543 RIVERSIDE DRIVE (S. of Fourteen & W. of Southfield). Offered at \$559,000.

303 Open Houses WASHINGTON TWP OPEN Sat & Sun 12-5, 4 Bedroom, 2600 sq ft, brick home. 28 and Mound area. 6088 Robin-Hill. 810-752-3590 Before Noon and after 5. 810-751-3338 between 12-5. WATERFORD - Sat, Sun 1 to 4 3 bedroom, 2 bath contemporary. First floor master. Great room w/cathedral ceilings, wooded lot, close to lakes. Newer sub. \$205,000. (248) 330-7564

305 Birmingham/ Bloomfield BIRMINGHAM, OPEN Sun. 1-5, Pembroke area, 3 bedroom brick bungalow. 1 1/2 bath, hardwood floors, completely updated, 2712 Windemere. \$244,900. 248-649-9222. BIRMINGHAM - 1929 built English brick colonial, 75x130 ft lot. New roof 1999, 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath. This house shows well in & out. JUST REDUCED! \$409,000. 1666 Birmingham Blvd E Southfield, S Lincoln Call for more info. 248-203-9130

306 Brighton Lovely Restored Historic Home in the City of Brighton Charming Victorian home with great front porch for parade watching. Many custom features. 3-4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, newer maple kitchen, 1st floor laundry, professionally landscaped. Reduced to \$229,500. (610) 227-6279

306 Brighton FABULOUS 4 bedroom home with over 2100 sq ft 2 1/2 baths formal dining room large family room with fireplace basement attached 2 car garage \$194,900 GORGEOUS - 3 bedroom brick ranch with beautiful oak kitchen overlooking a cozy family room, fireplace, 1 1/2 baths, central air, finished basement, attached 2 car garage. \$174,800

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TROY - Ready to move right in. Four bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial with extensive updating in the last two years. First floor laundry. Newer windows, kitchen appliances, wood floor in living room & dining room. \$259,900 (72ROB) 248-524-1600



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TROY - Prime West Troy-sub. Four bedroom, 2 bath Colonial with finished basement, deck. Newer roof, furnace, central air, carpet, paint. Dining room, family room with fireplace, eat-in kitchen. \$229,900 (27FLE) 248-524-1600



TROY - Great 3 bedroom Colonial with West Troy cul-de-sac location. Updates include windows, roof, central air. Neutral throughout. All appliances and home warranty included. Sprinklers. \$199,900 (43FAR) 248-524-1600



TROY - Four bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial with Troy schools. Fenced yard with patio. Huge family room with 2 sky lights and fireplace. Updated with newer roof, siding and windows. Home warranty. \$239,900 (58WAS) 248-524-1600



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ROCHESTER - New construction Colonial in Oakland Township with four bedrooms, 3 full and 2 half baths. Extra deep basement with daylight windows. Three car side entry garage, two-story foyer. \$419,900 (40CHA) 248-524-1600



ORION TOWNSHIP - Spacious custom built Ranch with 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths. Large island kitchen, great room with fieldstone fireplace. Three car side entry garage, extra deep basement, luxurious master bedroom suite. \$309,900 (74OAK) 248-524-1600



SOUTHFIELD - Beautiful three bedroom Ranch with finished basement, two car attached garage, central air, newer kitchen and carpeting. Immediate occupancy. One year home warranty. \$159,900 (29MCD) 248-626-8800



OAK PARK - MUST SEE! Nice 3 bedroom brick Bungalow in beautiful Pleasant Ridge sub. Home has finished basement, dining, central air, garage. Call for appointment or information on next open house. \$123,500 (24WES) 248-626-8800



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FARMINGTON HILLS - Updated 3 bedroom, 2 full bath Ranch in popular Farmington Hills. Wood floors in living room, dining room and kitchen. Newer furnace, central air and gutters. Beautiful country lot. Must see! \$172,500 (37WEN) 248-626-8800



WEST BLOOMFIELD - Fabulous 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath townhouse. Great room with fireplace, library & neutral tones. Finished basement. Two car garage. All appliances included. Great location. Must see! This one won't last! \$184,888 (51ROC) 248-626-8800



FARMINGTON HILLS - Don't Miss This Opportunity! Four bedroom, 1 1/2 bath brick Colonial has full basement, hardwood floors, updated kitchen with bay window, living room with fireplace & much more. \$230,000 (28BRA) 248-626-8800



BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP - Country living in the city. Three bedroom, 2 bath Ranch on over 2.7 acres. Two fireplaces, custom kitchen and finished lower level. Scenic views and near downtown Birmingham. \$849,000 (70BRO) 248-642-8100



BLOOMFIELD HILLS - Lakefront property with sandy beach. 4-5 bedroom, 3 bath Colonial, large newer master suite with vaulted ceilings, fireplace & deck overlooking lake. Library, second floor laundry, hardwood floors & Birmingham schools. Many updates! \$649,900 (56SUT) 248-642-8100



BIRMINGHAM - Wonderful townhouse in move-in condition featuring 2-3 bedrooms, 3 full baths, one 1/2 bath, newer kitchen with granite counter tops, private atrium-garden, super master bedroom, dining room and finished lower level with second kitchen. \$639,900 (59MER) 248-642-8100



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SURROUNDED BY ELEGANCE - Exquisite detail & quality throughout this brand new 4 bed, 2 1/2 bath home. Gorgeous kitchen with upgrades galore. Two story family room with fireplace. Private premium treed lot with lake view. This home is ready now. So many features to delight you. \$399,900 (16HAN) 248-363-1200

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FARMINGTON HILLS - Great price for a great neighborhood. Very nice 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial. Open foyer with high ceilings, ceramic floor, 2 doorways to yard, family room with fireplace. Includes one year home warranty. \$200,000 (30WOO) 248-626-8800



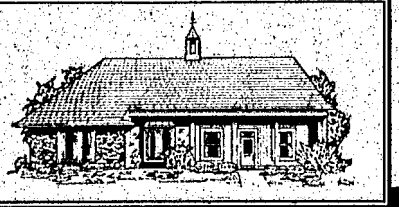
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP - Spectacular contemporary home with 4 bedrooms, 4 baths and 2 lavs. Spacious kitchen with Sub-Zero and Jenn-Air. Finished walk-out with home theater system, wet bar, fireplace and much, much more. \$1,190,000 (21BIR) 248-626-8800



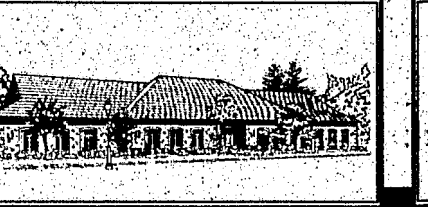
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ORION - Waterfront. Well maintained canal front 3 bedroom quad. New tiered deck, Culligan water system and roof. Neutral and spacious with great views. Updated baths. \$334,900 (35ARB) 248-652-8000



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ROCHESTER HILLS - Executive Colonial. Many quality appointments in this 4 bedroom home with neutral decor, open floor plan, large rooms, finished walk-out lower level. Minutes from DCX, I-75 & M-59. \$314,900 (73SHE) 248-652-8000



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LAKEFRONT "HOME SWEET HOME" Three bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage, 2 decks and hot tub. Very recent remodeling to enjoy, no work required! Master suite with new bath is very private with breathtaking views. \$237,500 (50KIN) 248-363-1200



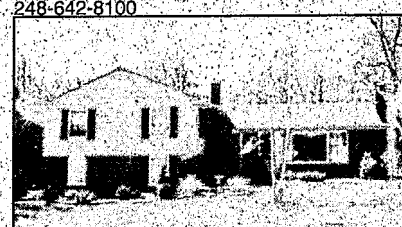
LOVELY 3 BEDROOM, 1 1/2 BATH HOME with 2 car attached garage and fenced yard. Updated kitchen, living room and family room, a lot of updates. \$154,900 (00WEW) 248-363-1200



BIRMINGHAM - Poppleton Park Cape Cod with 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths. Top-of-the-line updating including windows, roof, grill kitchen & hardwood floors. Custom decking, brick pavers, private yard & professional landscaping. Birmingham schools. Wow!! \$498,000 (91OXF) 248-642-8100



BEVERLY HILLS - Fabulous location in Nottingham Forest subdivision on gorgeous private treed ravine lot. Four bedrooms, 2 full baths, two 1/2 baths, library and spacious family room. First floor laundry, 2 car attached garage and lovely pool. \$429,900 (86ROB) 248-642-8100



BLOOMFIELD HILLS - Elegant 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial. Chef's delight - Amish cherry cabinets, granite island with grill, living room with fireplace and built-ins, formal dining room, heated sun room, family room and eat-in kitchen. \$359,000 (26SPU) 248-642-8100



BIRMINGHAM - Charming four bedroom, two bath Bungalow with cove ceilings, hardwood under carpet, in-ground pool with cabana and full basement. Updates galore!! \$254,900 (05EAT) 248-642-8100



BEVERLY HILLS - Charming Ranch features 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, living room, family room with updates galore. Newer Wallside windows, furnace, siding and appliances. Neutral decor and Birmingham schools. \$194,900 (00BIR) 248-642-8100



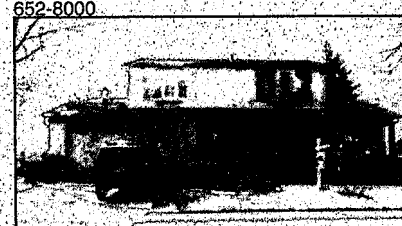
LAKE ORION - Location! Location! Four bedroom beauty backing to woods, professionally landscaped, upgraded carpet and appliances, extra deep master suite with garden tub & shower. Pool and tennis in sub. \$303,875 (29ROL) 248-652-8000



ROCHESTER HILLS - Outstanding. Functional and classy floor plan. Vaulted ceilings, 2 story foyer, formal living & dining rooms with crown molding. Private master with garden tub, walk-in closet. Commons & bike path. \$279,900 (62PLE) 248-652-8000



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TROY - Lakefront Colonial on Emerald Lake with four bedrooms, three full baths. Finished walk-out lower level. Many updates including roof, windows, central air, furnace, hot water heater, kitchen and baths. \$329,900 (80NOR) 248-524-1600



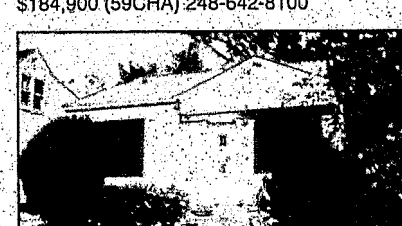
BEVERLY HILLS - A very solid 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath Ranch. Updates include: roof and windows. Finished basement with recreation room and 2 car garage. \$194,900 (61WET) 248-642-8100



BIRMINGHAM - Four bedroom, 1 1/2 bath Bungalow with hardwood floors, basement & all appliances included. \$184,900 (70COL) 248-642-8100



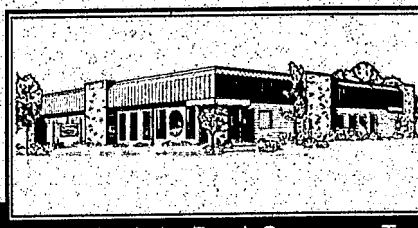
BIRMINGHAM - Charming updated Bungalow with large master suite, beautiful newer kitchen and bath with pedestal sink. Finished basement with fireplace, garage and deck. Newer windows and roof. Very nice! \$184,900 (59CHA) 248-642-8100



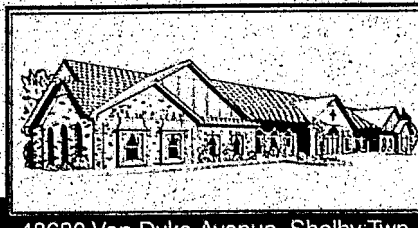
BIRMINGHAM - Cute and fresh 2 bedroom Bungalow with updated kitchen and bath. All appliances included, newer furnace, windows, hot water heater & siding. \$119,900 (71HOL) 248-642-8100



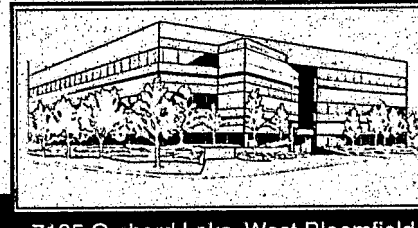
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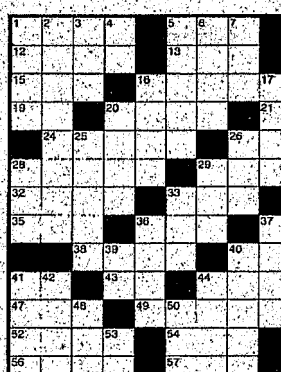
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341 Troy

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358 Lakefront/Waterfront Homes

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314 Farmington/Hartington Hills

HOT! HOT! HOT! HOMES IN THE HILLS \$279,900. On gorgeous lot that adjoins commons area, sharp 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath contemporary home has much to offer...

317 Garden City

RAMBLING RANCH. Immaculate beauty over 2000 sq. ft., possible disabled facilities. Huge 9x15 family room, large kitchen, dining area with built in barbeque, 2 driveways, garage & large lot...

309 Clarkston

BY OWNER - Lakefront, 3 bedroom colonial w/ 2.5 car garage, 2.5 baths, finished walk-out, central air, hardwood multi-level decks, \$229,000, 248-825-2663.

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323 Howell

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FARMINGTON HILLS

By Owner, 4 bedroom colonial large master w/ 2 walk-in closets on out-deck, 2100 sq. ft., 5.5 w.c. old, lots of upgrades, alarm, sprinkler, large treed lot, fenced, \$266,000. (248) 474-5505

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ALMOST NEW Four yr. old 1600 sq. ft. 3 bedroom brick ranch w/ full basement, 1st floor laundry, 2 baths, attached 2 car garage, deep lot, immediate occupancy. Call CENTURY 21 TODAY (734) 421-4308

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JUST LISTED Popular Kimberly Oaks Sub. Four bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, 1900 sq. ft., contemporary condition. Beautifully remodeled kitchen, baths, and windows...

328 Northville

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OAK PARK

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342 Union Lake/White Lake

NEW LISTING - Super neat, clean w/level, lots of storage, 1980's sqft, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, attached 2.5 garage. Partial 5 basement, family room & cathedral ceiling living room. Central air, ceiling fans in every room, attic fan, large walk-out deck. Walking distance to schools. \$164,900. (248) 887-7826

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329 Novi

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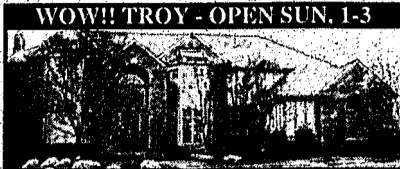
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OPEN HOUSE WEEKEND



HILLS OF LONE PINE LUXURY HOME
 • Overlooking Norminster Pond w/ lower level walkout
 • Hardwood floors, vaulted ceiling, large rooms
 • Extensive use of glass, Pond & waterfall
 • Immaculate and move in ready. (KI458)
 \$1,249,900 • Gwen Williamson • 248 646-6089



WOW!! TROY - OPEN SUN. 1-3
 1856 Connolly Dr. • W. of Leland off Coolidge, turn right
 • Soaring design has impeccable interior & special features
 • 4 luxurious upstairs bedrooms, 2 story foyer & great room
 • 2 fireplaces, dual staircase, dazzling kitchen, bonus room
 • Tall ceilings & unique windows. Premium elevation.
 \$834,000 • 248 641-1660



SPECTACULAR W BLOOMFIELD CONTEMPORARY
 • Incredible state-of-the-art professional kitchen
 • Soaring ceilings and windows
 • Absolutely luxurious master suite!
 • Italian ceramic tile floors & marble fireplace. (CA688)
 \$634,921 • 248 647-6400



BORDERING COMMONS & POND - FARMINGTON HILLS
 • Exquisite George Gross built Colonial appointed by
 high volume ceilings, Corian & granite countertops
 • Extensive use of hardwood & marble flooring, French beveled glass
 doors, 4,000+ sq. ft., plus finished walkout. (KE295)
 \$624,900 • 248 324-3800



HUNTINGTON WOODS - OPEN SUN. 1-4
 26335 Huntington • W. of Woodward, S. of 11 Mile
 • Beautifully landscaped yard plus attached garage
 • Four large bedrooms with California closets
 • Great family room with fireplace, cozy library
 • Unbelievable lower level w/ oak billiard room. (HU263)
 \$579,000 • 248 647-6400



WEST BLOOMFIELD - OPEN SUN. 1-4
 2082 S. Hammond Lk. • N. of Square Lk., E. off Middlebelt
 • Spacious quad-level w/ sandy swim area & maximum
 privacy for spread-out entertaining! See it, believe it!
 • 5 bedrooms, 2 nearly 30' family rooms, & large living room
 • Multiple decks & walkouts lead to large yard. (HA208)
 \$570,900 • 248 641-1660



CLARKSTON/ORION - OPEN SUN. 2-5
 1089 Blue Ridge Dr. • W. of Baldwin, S. of Clarkston Rd.
 to Heather Lk. Meadows
 • Custom Colonial with unique mid-floor play/rec room
 and office/study.
 • Spacious kitchen area w/ Morillat cabinets Pella windows.
 \$489,900 • 248 625-5700



WATERFORD - OPEN SUN. 1-4
 1181 Forest Bay Dr. • E. of Cooley Lk., S. of Cass Elizabeth
 • Over 4,200 sq. ft. of quality & elegance!
 • Mahogany woodwork throughout w/ cherry wood kitchen
 • 1st floor master w/ 2 way fireplace into marble bath w/
 Jacuzzi! Video tour this home at realtor.com #20002043.
 \$489,900 • 248 851-4400



BLOOMFIELD HILLS
 • 1983 built reproduction Massachusetts Salt Box
 • Just a few features: 4 fireplaces, 2 staircases, 3
 full baths, granite counters & perennial gardens
 • Absolute turnkey condition. (AP365)
 \$479,900 • 248 841-4400



STUNNING ROCHESTER HILLS HOME
 • Hardwood floors through dining & island kitchen
 • Huge great room w/ tall ceilings. Almost 3,000 sq. ft!
 • Fabulous Robert R. Jones 1st floor master w/ jetted tub
 • 3 car garage, cedar deck, beautiful landscape. (CH588)
 \$427,900 • 248 651-8850



WALLED LAKE LAKEFRONT
 • Live a vacation lifestyle on the sunset side of the lake
 • Large deck, perennial garden, deep lot
 • Open floor plan, e bedrooms, 2.5 baths, central air
 • newer kitchen, fireplace, three car garage. (WA112)
 \$399,999 • 248 624-3015



BREATHTAKING WATERFRONT HOME!
 • New oak trim throughout, 15 x 21 year round sun
 room with ceramic flooring, fireplace in family room
 • Finished basement and more! (AR117)
 • This is "A MUST SEE" for only \$389,900
 248 625-5700



WALLED LAKE - LAKEFRONT
 • Two story Cape Cod on east side of Lake
 • Sandy beach and many updates! Three bedrooms,
 breakfast room, & natural fireplace in living room
 • Great western views and walkout to stunning sunsets. (LA125)
 \$350,000 • 248 624-3015



PICTURESQUE WEST BLOOMFIELD
 • Situated on almost an acre with a carriage house.
 • Immaculate 3 bedroom Colonial with newer windows,
 furnace, bath, siding & more. Fireplace in living room
 • Florida room, deck, plus workshop in garage. (OA762)
 \$349,900 • 248 324-3800



LAKE ORION
 • WOW!! Custom 2,600 sq. ft. custom home backing
 to over 600 acre county park with nature trails!!
 • 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, gourmet kitchen w/ nook
 • Hardwood floor in foyer, cedar deck, brick patio! (YO320)
 \$339,900 • 248 625-5700



CHARMING BRICK BIRMINGHAM COLONIAL
 • Well-maintained & located in wonderful neighborhood
 • Nice landscaping, fenced yard, family room opens to deck
 • Inviting living & formal dining rooms w/ hardwood floors & fireplace
 • Eat-in kitchen w/ hutch, 3 bedrooms w/ ample closets. (WO111)
 \$335,000 • 248 647-6400



LAKE ORION - OPEN SUN. 1-4
 4108 Bandury • S. of Silverbell bet. M-24 & Adams
 • Four bedrooms, 3.5 baths! Nice wooded corner lot
 professionally landscaped. Numerous upgrades thru-out
 • Maple cabinets, crown moldings, plus finished basement
 w/ full bath. Master suite w/ 2 closets, Jacuzzi, & shower
 \$319,000 • 248 651-8850



GROSS POINTE FARMS
 • Charming traditional brick Colonial with bay windows
 • Great location-walk to school and shopping
 • Many updates. Immediate occupancy.
 • Four bedrooms and two baths. (FI176)
 \$314,900 • 248 641-1660



ROCHESTER CONDO - BETTER THAN NEW!!!
 • Neat & beautiful 2 bedroom home w/ private yard & deck
 • Great room with fireplace, library/study, 1st floor laundry
 • 2 full baths, 2 car garage, pool, tennis, trails, etc. (RO124)
 \$289,000 • Juanita Mallmann • 248 656-4405



SHELBY TWP. - UTICA SCHOOLS
 • Great family home with 4 bedrooms & 2.5 baths
 • Formal living & dining rooms. Fireplaces in both
 family room & great room. New windows & roof!
 • Home warranty, Lake Chestnut access. (BL522)
 \$264,900 • 248 641-1660



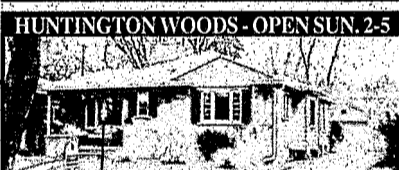
SHELBY TWP. - OPEN SUN. 1-4
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 www.prudential-michigan.com
 52248 Blue Ridge • E. of Dequindre, S. off 24 Mile
 • Great family home with 4 bedrooms & 2.5 baths
 • Formal living & dining rooms. Fireplaces in both
 family room & great room. New windows & roof!
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EXCEPTIONAL VALUE IN LAKE ORION
 • Traditional floor plan, 2,100+ sq. ft. four bedrooms
 • 2.5 baths, hardwood floors, first floor laundry
 • Security security system Beautifully landscaped. (V1408)
 \$255,000 • Nancy Ritter • 248 656-4420



TROY - MUST SEE!! 1994 BUILD COLONIAL
 • On dead-end street w/ excellent curb appeal
 • Move-in condition & beautifully landscaped
 • Hardwood floor in living room, neutral colors throughout
 • Appliances & satellite dish. Many updates! (MA261)
 \$250,900 • 248 641-1660



HUNTINGTON WOODS - OPEN SUN. 2-5
 10754 Vernon • S. of Lincoln bet. Wyoming & Scotia
 • Open plan boasts large rooms, 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths
 • Master w/ half bath & walk-in closet with built-ins
 • Formal kitchen w/ breakfast area, appliances included
 • Formal dining room, marble foyer & hearth, warm classic interior
 \$250,000 • Mirra Fante • 248 647-8056



VIRTUAL TOUR HOME AT www.realtor.com
 13330 Sherwood • S. of Lincoln, E. of Coolidge
 • Marble floor in foyer plus marble fireplace surround
 & built-in bookcases in living room, cove ceilings
 • Crown moldings, berber carpet in April of 2000
 • Refinished maple hardwood floors, & more! (SH133)
 \$248,821 • 248 647-6400



FABULOUS GOLF COURSE VIEW! ROYAL OAK
 • Great room ranch backing to Red Run Golf Course
 • Completely updated windows, hardwood floors
 • Finished basement with dry wall and berber carpet
 • Unusually completely open floor plan, 2 fireplaces. (VE200)
 \$239,777 • Gwen Daubemeyer • 248 267-1111



UP NORTH! FEELING IN THE CITY
 • This Clarkston Colonial offers space galore
 • Soaring great room with fireplace & skylights
 • Formal dining with sliding door to deck, 2nd floor library
 • Organizers in closets, partially finished basement. (BO546)
 \$234,900 • Susan Heacock • 248 656-4402



ALMOST AN ACRE IN COMMERCE TWP.
 • 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath ranch. Full basement with
 garden windows. Two car garage. Treed, private lot
 • Family room with fireplace, living room, dining room
 • Vaulted ceilings thru the house, built in-1990. (WI374)
 \$229,700 • 248 851-4400



WOW!!! TROY SCHOOLS
 • Better than new - 1994 built - great room ranch
 • 2 story foyer & great room, natural fireplace, wood floors
 • Huge kitchen w/ ceramic flooring & oak cabinets, 1st floor
 laundry, 2 full baths, 3 bedrooms, large closets! (HA623)
 \$219,900 • 248 641-1660



STATELY SOUTHFIELD COLONIAL HOME
 • This beautiful site condominium is located in the
 Plum Hollow subdivision. Spacious kitchen
 • First floor master bedroom with bath Neutral decor.
 • VERY, VERY CLEAN! (RO218)
 \$183,000 • 248 547-2000



TERRIFIC NORTH ROYAL OAK LOCATION
 • Spacious 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home
 • New maple kitchen, beamed cathedral ceiling in living and
 dining rooms, two fireplace. Clean, neutral decor
 • Heated garage. Attractive setting with mature trees. (PO620)
 \$239,800 • 248 641-1660



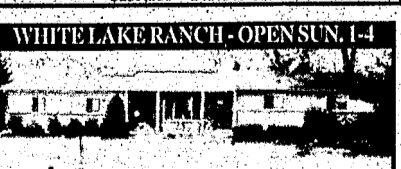
SOUTHFIELD - SETS ON AN ACRE!
 • Well maintained 3 bedroom sprawling ranch offers
 natural fireplace in living room & bath off master
 • Enclosed porch on rear of home, updated kitchen in 98'
 • This "original owner's home" shows pride of ownership. (MC235)
 \$179,500 • 248 324-3800



WEST BLOOMFIELD - OPEN SUN. 1-4
 1791 Orchard Lake • S. Side of Orchard Lk. W. of Telegraph
 • 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath single family Cape Cod
 • Updated kitchen on 1st floor, partial kitchen on 2nd floor
 • Fireplace & hardwood floors in living room
 • Heated 3.5 car garage & large parking area. (OR179)
 \$175,000 • 248 647-6400



BIRMINGHAM - OPEN SUN. 2-4
 Tour this Home On-line
 www.prudential-michigan.com
 1324 Webster Rd. • N. of Lincoln, E. off Adams
 • Professionally finished basement, ample closet space.
 • Double closets in master bedroom, 2 full baths
 • Two bedrooms, you could easily seat 6 for dinner
 • Expansion possible. A real charmer. (WE132)
 \$161,900 • 248 647-6400



WHITE LAKE RANCH - OPEN SUN. 1-4
 615 E. Oxhill Drive • W. of Williams Lk.,
 S. off M-59 to White Banks
 • Spacious kitchen & dining offers floor-to-ceiling
 • Newer windows, furnace and central air
 • 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, basement & garage. Corner lot
 \$159,900 • 248 624-3015



CHARMING VINTAGE BUNGALOW
 • Free standing gas fireplace highlights family room
 • Updated kitchen, windows, roof and central air
 • Ready to move into with light & bright decor
 • Three bedrooms, partially finished basement. (BA313)
 \$158,900 • Kathleen Hayward • 248 647-8086

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