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SPORTS

They meet: *Clarkston met up with neighboring rival Lake Orion in three sports this past week — with mixed results. / C1.*

AROUND

THE MILL POND

Taking out the trash

April 26 was trash day for Randy LaLone Well Drilling.

But instead of carrying a few cans of garbage to the curb, six employees of the Springfield Township company collected 87 bags of garbage along a two-mile stretch of Sashabaw Road between Maybee and Clarkston roads. The company participates twice a year in the Road Commission for Oakland County's Adopt-A-Road program.

Among the refuse collected were shopping carts, tires and wheels.

Doctoring the door

With the nice weather this week, businesses in the Farmer Jack shopping center on Dixie Highway at White Lake Road in Independence Township looked for ways to prop open their front doors.

RRT Specialist, a medical supply company, used a crutch to hold open its door, leaving no doubt in the minds of passersby what kinds of things the company specializes in.

Shedding tears

It seems Mark Gilman, WMUZ-FM Christian radio show host, made a Girl Scout cry Thursday when he forgot to have her Brownie Troop retire the colors at the close of a National Day of Prayer program in Clarkston.

Apparently, the oversight was due to some last-minute changes in the schedule, which began with the Brownie Troop leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

However, what the Girl Scout may not realize is that one of the members of her Troop made many of the adults teary-eyed earlier in the program when, in her angelic voice, she led the attendees in a prayer, asking God to help all the sick and poor people in the world.

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Plan: Little change in school times

■ Clarkston schools transportation committee kept its promise to listen to the community. Its final school start time proposal took the middle school start time back to 7:45 a.m. from its original proposed time of 9:15 a.m.

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER
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Clarkston's middle school students shouldn't start dreaming about sleeping in later.

A proposal on school start times for next school year recommends Clarkston and Sashabaw middle schools begin the day at 7:45 a.m.

The original draft suggested a 9:15 a.m. start time for the middle schools. Right now Clarkston Middle School starts at 7:40 a.m. Sashabaw Middle School classes begin at 7:50 a.m.

The new proposal also recommends six of the seven elementary schools begin at 8:30 a.m. instead of the current 8:50 a.m. start time. The new Independence Elementary school day begins at 8:15 a.m.

The proposal keeps Clarkston High School's start time at 7:30 a.m.

Clarkston Community Schools Superintendent Al Roberts will present the final draft proposal to the Clarkston schools board of education for discussion, and, he hopes, a vote of approval, at its meeting Monday. The board meeting begins at 6 p.m. but will go into closed session until 7 p.m., when its regular meeting will reconvene. The meetings are at the administration building, 6389 Clarkston Road.

The first draft of the new start times was introduced in March after a special transportation committee began studying ways to improve transportation within the school district. It also decided to try to incorporate ways to eliminate unsupervised after-school free time for students in grades six through eight and to maximize learning times.

The committee of school administrators and transportation employees suggested that later-ending school days for young teenagers would eliminate some of this free time, and thus help prevent risky behavior.

"We're pleased with what we were able to come up with," Roberts said about the final draft proposal. "We are still concerned about what research reveals."

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STAFF PHOTOS BY STEVE CANTRELL

Combing the grounds: *Members of the Cranbrook House and Gardens Auxiliary search for wildflowers suitable for transplanting at the site of a housing and commercial development at the corner of Dixie Highway and White Lake Road.*

WHERE HAVE ALL THE flowers GONE?

GROUP RESCUES WILDFLOWERS FROM BUILDING SITE

Digging in: *Pauline Dickson takes plants from the wooded area.*

For 20 years a group of flower lovers has been tenderly plucking blooms from the paths of bulldozers and selling them to homeowners to transplant in their own yards.

On Thursday, the Cranbrook House and Gardens Auxiliary brought its buckets and shovels to Clarkston. They took about eight, three-foot long containers of native flowers from the Parks at Stonewood development under way at the corner of Dixie Highway and White Lake Road, said Linda Walsh-Lapinski, sales director for a portion of the development.

The entire 252-acre development will have homes, restaurants and other commercial uses. The Cranbrook group came in to rescue some of the wildflowers before the homes were built, Walsh-Lapinski said. They will be back for more on Thursday. After collecting the flowers, they re-pot them individually and have a sale at Cranbrook. Proceeds, which can be up to $25,000, are used to help maintain the gardens

Please see WILD FLOWERS, A2

Helping out: *Linda Walsh-Lapinski lends a hand.*

Nature's gift: *Diana Lentz carries a container of meadow rue out of the woods.*

Ethics proposal a hot topic in political year

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A campaign finance ethics resolution was approved by the Independence Township Board Tuesday, but at least two board members think the proposal was not only politically motivated but also unnecessary because of existing state law.

The policy prohibits elected officials or those seeking office in the township from accepting campaign contributions from non-resident owners of township property, developers of township property, companies that do business with the township or township consultants.

The measure passed 4-3 with Clerk Joan McCrary and trustees Larry Rosso, Neil Wallace and Jeff McGee voting in favor of it and Supervisor Dale Stuart, Treasurer Jim Wenger and Trustee Dan Travis voting against it.

Wallace first proposed the policy two weeks ago and after some discussion, it was tabled. Rosso was absent from that meeting. Wallace said the purpose of the policy was to guarantee that there was no perception of impropriety on the part of public officials.

Stuart said two weeks ago when Wallace first raised the issue that he (Stuart) does accept campaign contributions but that they do not affect the way he makes decisions for the township.

According to campaign finance records at the Elections Division of the Oakland County Clerk's Office, Stuart did get campaign contributions from many people, including developers and township consultants. Among the donors to Stuart's 1996 supervisor campaign were local developer Ed Adler who gave $500. Township consultants who work under a contract with the township also donated. They include

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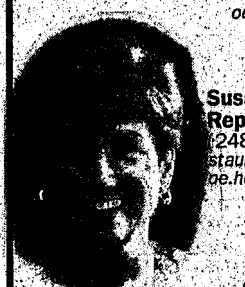

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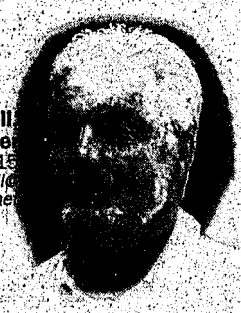

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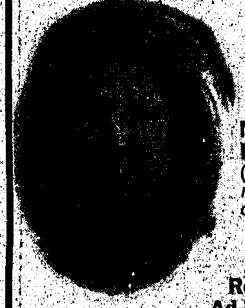

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Swapping stories: *Gail Bacon (left) talks with Erma Wagner about some of the plants they dug up.*

Wild flowers *from page A1*

at Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills, Walsh-Lapinski said. This year's sale is 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. May 17 and 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. May 18 at Cranbrook off Woodward near Lone Pine Road.

Six women from the group, including Gail Bacon and Ann Howell of Clarkston, worked at the local site. They found true Solomon seal, May apples, jack-in-the-pulpit, wild geraniums, saw-toothed violets, hepatica and four varieties of ferns.

— By Sally Slaughter, staff writer

Residents to vote on water issue Tuesday

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER
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Clarkston city voters have one last chance to get information about the May 9 special election to bring Independence Township well water into the city.

Clarkston City Council welcomes people at its 7 p.m. council meeting Monday. Councilman Scott Meyland, head of the water committee, and others on the council will answer any questions about the proposed general obligation bond or about the water project before the next day's election.

"This is an important issue that will help define how the city is going to grow for the next several years," Meyland said.

The meeting will be at city hall, 375 Depot Road, the same site as Clarkston's one voting booth. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday.

If voters approve the general obligation bond proposal, a main line connected to the carefully monitored Independence Township well will be laid along Main Street from Paramus Street to I-75 when the Michigan Department of Transportation conducts its M-15 resurfacing project next spring.

Then, over the next several years, Special Assessment Districts can be established to pay for different sections of the city to tie in to the main water pipe.

He said there are several advantages to hooking up to the township's wells. The township has several well fields located at safe distances from areas that might lead to contamination.

If a problem occurs with one well field, the township can switch the water system to another well.

Also, changing over to township water would eliminate concerns that individual wells could dry up or become polluted and would provide more water for better fire protection.

READER REFERENCE

Clarkston School Events

May 8: CHS AP tests begin. NS Kindergarten orientation. CHS soccer, golf, softball, tennis. SMS track.

May 9: State MS Choir Festival. PK PTA meeting. CE PTO meeting. SP Festival Day. CHS baseball, softball, golf, track, soccer.

May 10: SMS Parent Volunteer Breakfast. CE Kindergarten Registration. BL PTA board meeting. CHS soccer, baseball, softball. CMS track.

May 11: NS Student Council Dance. SP Arts Informance. SMS Drama. CHS baseball, softball, track, tennis, soccer.

May 12: CE Festival of Art. Michigan Youth Arts Festival. CHS soccer, golf. CMS track. SMS track.

May 13: Michigan Youth Arts Festival. Girls track Invitational, baseball, tennis, softball.

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

Clarkston Community Schools Elementary Lunch Menu

May 8: French toast sticks, hot dog on a bun, green beans, cinnamon applesauce.

May 9: Pepperoni pizza square, hot dog on a bun, creamy coleslaw, fruit crisp.

May 10: Cheese-stuffed breadsticks with dipping sauce, hot dog on a bun, tossed salad with dressing, orange shape-up.

May 11: Hamburger on a bun, hot dog on a bun, veggie sticks with dip, watermelon wedge.

May 12: Meat and cheese nachos with spice bread, hot dog on a bun, buttered carrot coins, fruit choice.

Clarkston Middle School Lunch Menu

May 8: French toast sticks with ham patty, Little Charlie's pizza, hamburgers, hash browns, pineapple, salad bar.

May 9: Chicken fingers with roll, roast beef on a Steak-um bun, tator tots, pears, salad bar.

May 10: Cheesy breadsticks, tuna on a bun, tator tots, pears, salad bar.

May 11: Little Caesar's pizza, egg salad on a bun, tossed salads, watermelon.

May 12: Nachos with breadsticks, hot dog on a bun, veggie sticks, fruit cup, salad bar.

Sashabaw Middle School Main Course Menu

May 8: Little Caesar's pizza, tuna on a bun, ravioli.

May 9: Chicken nuggets, submarine sandwich, turkey on a bun.

May 10: Specialty pizza, chicken patty, Italian chicken crisp, ham and cheese bagel.

May 11: Taco, bacon-cheeseburger, cheese-stuffed breadsticks.

May 12: Fiestada, fish on a bun, toasted cheese sandwich.

Independence Township Library

May 10: Storytime—10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Independence Township Recreation

Summer swim lesson registration begins May 20.

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

Independence Township Senior Center Lunch Menu

Monday: Macaroni and cheese
Tuesday: Swedish meatballs
Wednesday: Sweet and sour chicken
Thursday: Cheese manicotti meat
Friday: Pork roast with gravy

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A speaker on investing in new, web-based companies is set for 7:30 p.m. May 10 at the senior center.

A trip to Pontiac Theatre IV is planned for 5-11 p.m. May 13. Participants will see "Annie Warbucks," the sequel to Annie. For more information, call the senior center.

Springfield Township Parks and Recreation

A Major League Baseball Diamond Skills Competition is planned for May 13 at the Shiawassee Basin Preserve. The rain date is May 20. The event is for children ages 7-14. Winners will advance to the sectional competition. The team championships will take place at Comerica Park. The national event will culminate with the national championship during the Major League All-Star game. For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department.

Times *from page A1*

Research from the Search Institute and Western Michigan University showed that there are optimal learning times for different grades. It also showed that students tend to get involved in risky behavior during their free time after school.

Roberts reported in a May 1 letter to parents that 41 percent of Clarkston's seventh graders indicate they spend two or more hours home alone each day.

He also said a 1999 Western Michigan University study of Clarkston's eighth-grade students revealed 51 percent of them have used alcohol and/or drugs at their house or at a friend's house while unsupervised.

"We're hoping to set up activities that these students will want to participate in in order to get a downward trend in risky behaviors. We'll be watching those trends over the next couple of years," Roberts added.

Before developing a final proposal on school start times, the busing committee and the school district "talked" to students, staff and parents to get their opinions on the originally proposed school start times.

A random survey of 400 families was conducted over the telephone. People were encouraged to contact Roberts with their opinions. The school district also conducted a public forum April 10.

Information revealed that while most surveyed parents supported a later start time for middle school students, many parents and students thought the 9:15 a.m. start time too late, according to Roberts.

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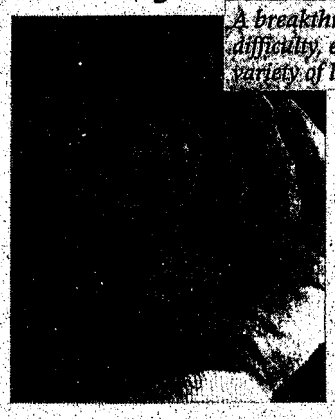

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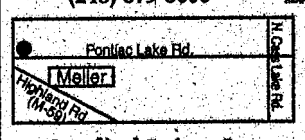

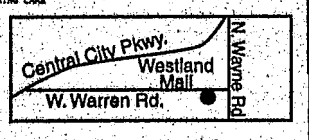

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National Day of Prayer

The power of prayer: *Christian radio show host Mark Gilman (left) of WMUZ-FM hosts the National Day of Prayer activities Thursday at the Clarkston Christian Association. The activities included Clarkston leaders from various sectors in the community leading attendees in prayer for government, schools, the workplace, families and youth, churches and the community. Walter Jensen (above) bows his head.*

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CHS Band Boosters change name; look forward

BY JAN BAKER
SPECIAL WRITER

It's a string thing.

Since violins will make their debut within Clarkston High School's music program next year, the Clarkston Band Boosters voted unanimously Monday night to change their longtime moniker to reflect support for string students as well as for band pupils. The boosters' new name is "Clarkston Schools Instrumental Music Association" or CSIMA.

Seem a lot more complicated to remember than "Band Boosters?"

Hey, no pain, no gain.

Booster president Andy Borchers explained to parents who attended the group's annual meeting at CHS that the time had come to stretch open the booster umbrella to cover all of the high school's musicians for the 2000-01 school year.

"We used to be the Clarkston Band Boosters, but guess what next year brings? People playing violins," Borchers told the group. "And they don't play in bands. They play in orchestras."

The president went on to say that the boosters' new name represents just one of a few recent milestones within the school's instrumental music booster group. He informed the audience that 93 percent of this year's current band parents — which includes parents of 215 marching band members — volunteered their time in some way to support the band program. Along with that visible support for the school's musicians, Borchers also pointed out that the CHS Marching Band will sport new uniforms when they take to the field at halftime next fall. (Clarkston's school board approved the uniform purchase earlier this year.)

CHS band director Cliff Chapman elaborated on the anticipated new look, saying he expected "the uniforms will be in our hands by June 20."

With all that good news, Borchers — father of sophomore band member Caleb — waxed

Please see **BAND BOOSTERS**, A4

Clarkston police seek suspect in bike heist

The Clarkston Police Department is asking for the public's help in locating a young man who rode away with a $2,000 bicycle from Kinetic Systems Inc. at 60 S. Main St. in Clarkston Wednesday.

The man gave the bicycle shop a driver's license for security while he test-rode the bicycle. He never returned.

The subject is described as a white male in his early 20s, 6-feet tall, thin body build and brown hair. He was wearing a gray sweatshirt and a ball cap at the time.

The bicycle is a blue, boy's-style, Trek 27-speed, model STP200.

Clarkston Police Chief Paul Ormiston said if this blue Trek bicycle or the man sound familiar to anyone to please contact the police department at (248) 625-0088. Kinetic Systems is offering a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the subject.

The police department traced the driver's license to a man from Mount Pleasant. The man's wallet had been stolen, along with his driver's license.

"Whoever stole that wallet also emptied out the man's checking account in Mount Pleasant," Ormiston said. "It is believed that the responsible in the theft of the bicycle is the one who committed the fraud in Mount Pleasant."

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 a vehicle under the influence of liquor

On May 3, a 59-year-old Ortonville man drove his vehicle into a car driven by a 29-year-old Dearborn Heights female as she was making a left turn onto **Ortonville Road.** Police responding to the accident noticed the man had a strong smell of intoxicants. He scored 0.11 on a preliminary breathalyzer test. The legal score for driving is 0.10. He also was charged for driving with unlawful body alcohol levels.

Counterfeit money

On May 3, someone tried to pay for a food order at the McDonald's at 5625 **Sashabaw Road** with a counterfeit $20 bill. The employee became suspicious and asked the manager to test the bill. It tested as a counterfeit bill.

Bad check report

On May 2, a 30-year-old Clarkston woman reported to police that a 46-year-old Southfield woman wrote her a bad check for $300 as payment for a purebred puppy. When the Clarkston woman tried to cash the check, she was informed by the bank that the account was closed.

Soliciting without permit

On May 1, police gave an 18-year-old male and a 21-year-old male, both from other areas, appearance tickets for soliciting for business without a permit. They were in the neighborhood of **Dvorak** and **Mary Sue** streets.

Springfield Township

Larceny of a building product

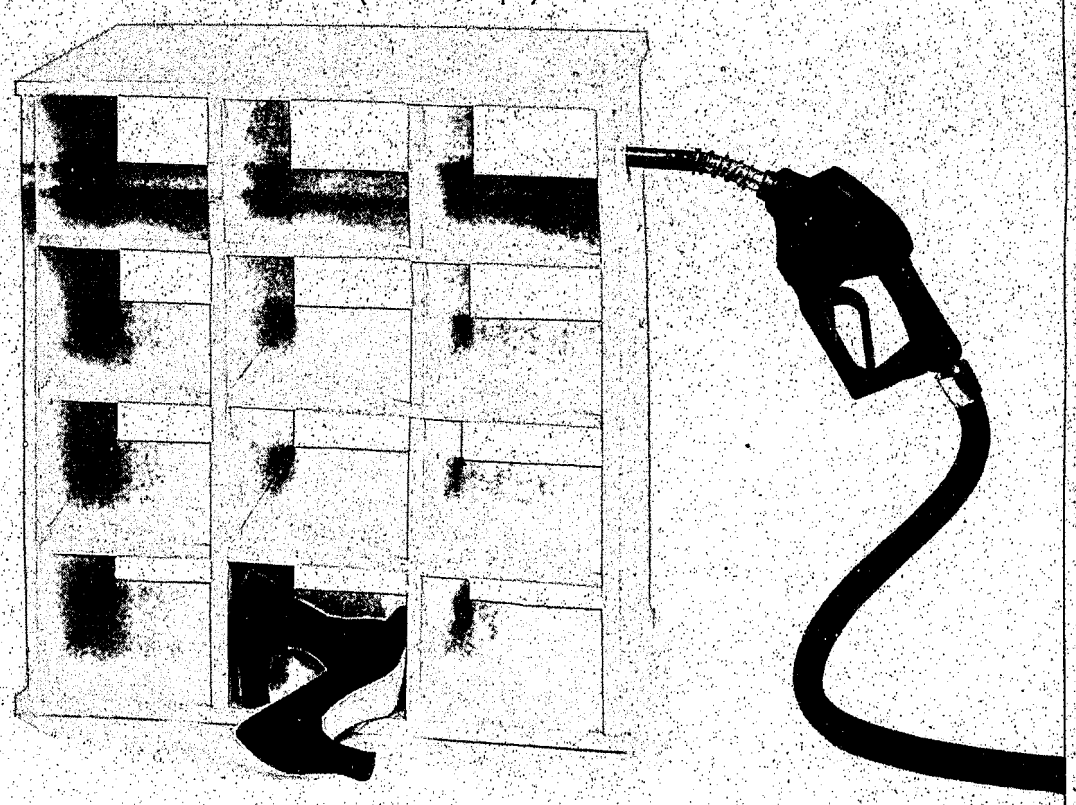
On May 3, someone entered a yard in the 6500 block of **Arrowhead** and removed wooden logs valued at $600 from a building site.

Independence Fire

Fire calls

Independence Township Fire Department responded to 10 calls from May 1-3. These included six medical calls, three personal-injury calls and one automatic alarm call.

(Fill 'er up!)



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Ethics resolution

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township planner Richard Carlisle, township attorney Jerry Fisher and Thomas Biehl, an engineer with the township's engineering firm, Hubbell, Roth & Clark. Each of the three men gave $200.

Dave Johnson, who is the developer for the Parks at Stonewood project currently under way at the corner of Dixie Highway and White Lake Road, also contributed $150. Also among the donors was land planner Manny Kniahynycky, who was in on the Bridge Valley subdivision project. Kniahynycky gave $100 and is currently working on the development team that hopes to puts homes on part of Clarkston Creek Golf Course. Stuart and Wallace are currently negotiating on behalf of the township with that group regarding development of the golf course.

Stuart said Tuesday he does not think the board should spend time talking about campaign finance when the rules are spelled out in a state statute.

"Let's not kid ourselves. This proposal has nothing to do with ethics and everything to do with politics," he said. "I would not accept any contributions with strings attached."

Wallace said, however, that when he first came on the board four years ago one of the first things he suggested was a review of all the township contracts and consultants. He said he was told by Stuart that was unnecessary.

Rosso agreed with Wallace that a policy should be in place, even though it might be difficult to enforce. He added that disallowing developers and consultants to contribute would exclude only a small number of people.

Stuart and Travis both questioned the necessity of the proposal when campaign donations are regulated by state law. Wallace has maintained that the state campaign finance law does not directly speak to how much or from whom township officials may take contributions.

Stuart said the proposal is meant to "plant a seed of doubt" about his character and it suggests that because he took contributions from developers that would taint his decisions when those people came before the board. He added the law is clear that a local campaign finance law may not be stricter than the state statute.

"This is a direct slap and attack on me," he said, adding it's an unfortunate consequence of politics. At the meeting two weeks ago, other board members said they only accept campaign contributions from personal friends or relatives.

Stuart said on Wednesday he does not know how the new policy will affect his campaign.

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Wallace not a candidate this year

Independence Township Trustee Neil Wallace announced Thursday he has decided not to run for any office in the upcoming November election.

All township trustee positions expire this year. Wallace did not give an explanation for his decision.

Wallace was elected to the township board in 1996. He had served on the Planning Commission from January 1981 until December 1986, he said. He was chairman of the Planning Commission for five of those six years.

He also has served on Gov. John Engler's Local Government Claims Review Board and was a member of the Republican State Committee.

So far in Independence, incumbent supervisor Dale Stuart and challenger Gary Stonerock have announced they are running. Clerk Joan McCrary also plans to run again. She will be challenged by retired principal George White. In addition, treasurer Jim Wenger and trustee Dan Travis have decided to run again.

The deadline for interested people to file petitions to run for office is 4 p.m. May 16. The primary election is Aug. 8. The general election is Nov. 7.

— Sally Slaughter, staff writer

Band Boosters

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philosophic about why it's an honor to be a supporter of music students in Clarkston schools.

"We're here to provide support for the instrumental music program beyond what the school district is able to provide," the president said. "This involves physical, financial and moral support ... We do believe that instrumental music education is not just an extracurricular activity, but it's important in terms of the development of intellect of our young people."

In other developments that night:

■ The booster group re-elected its executive board for another one-year term: President — Borchers; Vice-President — Esther Rose; Treasurer — Mike Davenport; Secretary — Sue Bartley.

■ Chapman announced that band camp for the CHS Marching Band may split its camp week, Aug. 14-18, between CHS and a YMCA camp in Oscoda. Chapman said he would know more details about camp week by the boosters' June 12 meeting.

■ Booster parent Sheryll Joseph displayed the group's new instrumental music T-shirt, which costs $12. (Anyone interested in purchasing a shirt to support the Clarkston music program can contact Joseph at 620-1333.)

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Lawmakers want tougher 'report cards' — on school districts

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Michigan lawmakers want tougher grading on report cards . . . the ones handed out for the schools themselves.

Representatives voted 88-20 April 26 to pass a bill requiring public school districts to include more information in the education report cards they are required to turn over annually to the State Board of Education, and to make them available to the public.

"The annual Michigan School Report has been a first step in bringing information about school performance to families. We need to take that further," said Charles LaSata (R-St. Joseph), sponsor of House Bill 5212. "Unfortunately, right now at least two-thirds of all parents don't know this information exists. We need to make it more readily available and have it sent home to each family."

The bill requires school boards to submit to the Department of Education the following information:

- Accreditation status.
- Core academic curriculum.
- MEAP scores.
- Pupil retention rate.
- Average class size for grades K-3.
- Ratio of teachers, counselors and staff to students.
- Percentage of teachers with a master's, doctorate or specialist's degree.

High schools would have to report additional information, including the number of students who enrolled in post-secondary courses; college level classes offered in the district; students who took the ACT and their scores; and the graduation rate.

"All this information is something parents should be able to easily access about their child's school or when they are scouting out new schools," LaSata said. "This legislation doesn't require our school systems to report any new information. The information is already there, it's just in many different forms and locations."

Each Intermediate School District in the state would also have to develop its own annual report card for every school in its district. The education report card would be submitted to the school, the department, the parent of each pupil enrolled in the district and newspapers in the district. Concerns have been raised over the cost of mailing out the reports, but LaSata said the state will cover those expenses. According to LaSata, no extra paper work or costs is being placed on local schools by the bill.

Representatives rejected an amendment offered by Rep. Rose Bogardus (D-Davison) that would have required even more information be included in the reports and would have added a school improvement program, the cost of which would have been covered by the state.

Here's how area lawmakers voted:

Reps. Mike Bishop (R-Rochester), Patricia Godchaux (R-Birmingham), Bob Gosselin (R-Troy), Ruth Johnson (R-Holly), Mike Kowall (R-White Lake), John Pappageorge (R-Troy), Andrew Raczkowski (R-Farmington Hills) and Marc Shulman (R-West Bloomfield) voted yes. Rep. Nancy Quarles (D-Southfield) voted no.

Changes would broaden Michigan's Education Trust college savings plan

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LEGISLATIVE WATCH

Sending kids to college can be very expensive.

Even the state's vaunted Michigan Education Trust college savings program can carry a hefty price tag, requiring parents to plunk down a lump sum payment of $5,000 for a "full benefits contract." And then, the benefit has to be used at a Michigan college or university.

But Senate Majority Floor Leader Mike Rogers (R-Brighton) is proposing a new plan to put college within the reach of more state residents.

Senate Bills 599-600, sponsored by Rogers, would create a tax-free savings plan that could be used for tuition and fees at any college or technical training institute across the country.

The plan would allow anyone — parents, grandparents, etc. — to start a savings plan for a youngster with as little as $25 cash. The saver could add to the account through payroll deductions of as little as $15 per pay. The funds would be exempt from state taxes, and federal taxes would be deferred until the time of withdrawal.

"If you invest as little as $10 a week during the first 18 years of a child's life at the conservative interest rate of 8 percent, you can have $20,000 toward college or technical training costs," Rogers said of the plan. "This is an investment in the future of Michigan families. Education is the foundation of our American Dream."

The account could be used for all costs related to college, including enrollment as well as room and board and books.

"When I introduced this idea last year, we heard from hundreds of people who were worried they would not be able to afford college costs for their children," he said. "I understand their concern and their anticipation of getting this program started."

The bills are awaiting action in the Senate and under review by its Finance Committee.

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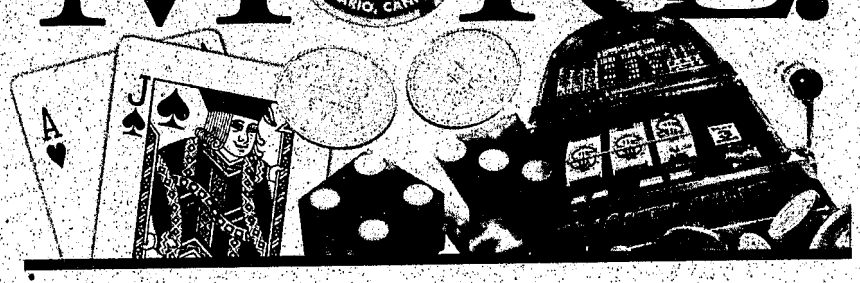

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American-made Indian motorcycles making a comeback

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Is it possible that what once went around, can go around again, big-time?

It would appear so, as the Indian motorcycle, the first-ever American-made brand, is finding a resurgence in Waterford Township — and across America.

"It was the first American-made motorcycle. They were established in 1901," said J. J. Nederlander, owner of the new Indian Motorcycle, Waterford store on Dixie Highway near Sashabaw Road. The original inventors of the Indian motorcycle were the Hendee Manufacturing Company, which called the bikes, at the time, the "Indian Motocycle." They are being re-introduced by Rey Sotelo of California.

"Indian really invented what we do today," Nederlander said.

That invention, Nederlander said, was the creation of racing bikes. Over the years, the Harley-Davidson motorcycle became its main competition.

"They were doing a lot of riding and competing with each other," he said.

Nederlander, a former owner of Pine Knob Theater in Independence Township, opened the business, which includes a large showroom and a 5,000-square-feet service department, about three weeks ago. He also owns a similar operation in Royal Oak.

"My sales in Royal Oak have been phenomenal," he said, adding that after a sales-analysis, he discovered that many customers were coming from the north Oakland County and Flint areas, which is why he decided to open a business here.

The original Indian motorcycles went out of business in 1953, according to Nederlander. "They came back into business in 1999."

Nederlander said Indian went out of business after working heavily for the United States government during the World War II years.

"Indian shut their customer base down and devoted their business and factory time to the war," he explained.

Displaying old magazines in which the pre-1950s Indian motorcycles were advertised, Nederlander described the current popularity of the bikes. The handlebars, he said, haven't changed much over time.

At 650 pounds, the current available model — called the "Chief" — comes in 12 colors. Two-seaters, they sell from a starting price of $23,900 and can be purchased with the options of saddlebags and sissy bars.

The Chief's have what are called, "skirted fenders." These fenders drape down over the tires and contain an Indian head, which is actually a light, mounted on their fronts.

"Skirted fenders are more of a trend of Indian. That's their look," Nederlander said, adding that today's models versus the original models, are about one-quarter bigger. "When you look at the bike coming, you can tell which is an Indian."

"Road conditions today and driving ways are a lot different," he continued.

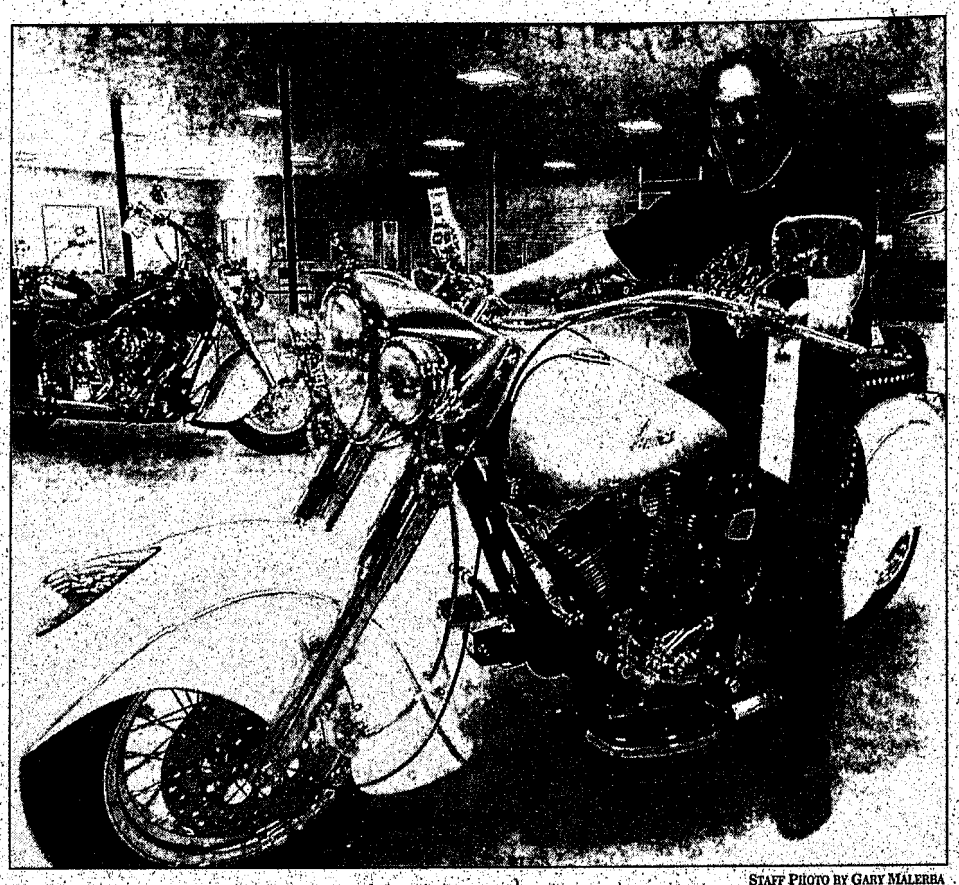
A second model, to be called the "Scout" is expected to be released sometime in June. It will sell at a starting price of $18,900.

"When they're (customers) on the bike, they love it," he said. "We have had a 99-percent positive response. They really are a comfortable motorcycle."

Nederlander added that the Indian motorcycle is a relatively quiet, maintenance-free bike. It is belt driven and is popular among women as well as men, he said.

In addition to the sales of motorcycles and service, Indian Motorcycle, Waterford offers a range of related apparel, including leather jackets, T-shirts, belt buckles and knick-knacks. The motorcycles come with a two-year warranty and a full roadside assistance program.

Indian Motorcycle, Waterford, is located at 4390 Dixie Highway. Store hours are Tuesdays, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Wednesdays through Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. and Sundays, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. The store's phone number is 673-4800.



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Nostalgia: *J.J. Nederlander, owner of Indian Motorcycle on Dixie Highway in Waterford, poses on one of the 'Chief' models in the store's showroom.*

HCMA board to review judge's ruling

Whether the idea for a water park at Indian Springs Metropark has gone down the drain or not is still up in the air.

Oakland Circuit Court Judge Nanci Grant ruled Monday against the Huron Clinton Metropolitan Authority, which has been trying to get approval to build a 20-acre water park on its property in Springfield Township.

Dan Duncan, HCMA chief parks planner, said he had no comment on what HCMA's action will be following the ruling.

"We will be taking this to our board of commissioners at its May 11 meeting," he said. "It will be up to them as to what direction the Authority takes."

This issue has been in the courts since Springfield Township filed suit in spring 1996. It asked for a declaratory judgment since it believed HCMA was about to begin construction on the project, even though it wasn't consistent with the township's master plan, according to township clerk Nancy Strole.

"We have nothing against a water park," she said. "It's about legitimate land use and authority."

She explained HCMA questioned if the township's zoning classification, resource conservation, for Indian Springs Metropark was constitutional and if the township followed the proper procedures when it rezoned the property in 1990 from recreational to its current classification.

In her ruling, the judge stated that "any use of the Indian Springs property is subject to the provisions, regulations and restrictions of the Springfield Township zoning ordinance."

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5 file for vacant seat on Oakland Circuit Court

BY EILEEN MCCARVILLE
STAFF WRITER

Make room on the primary ballot. An Oakland County Circuit Court judge is retiring, and five attorneys have filed to fill the void.

Five Circuit Court judges are running unopposed. All 10 filed nominating petitions by the 4 p.m. Tuesday deadline, said Chuck Bell, elections specialist with Michigan Department State Bureau of Elections in Lansing.

Incumbents are Judges Alice Gilbert, Denise Langford Morris, Wendy Potts, Edward Sosnick and Deborah G. Tyner.

But an interesting battle is brewing for the five challengers involved in the Aug. 8 primary to replace Judge David F. Breck, who by law cannot seen another term after the age of 70.

Challengers are:

■ Patrick J. Brennan, 50, an attorney with his own practice in Bloomfield Hills. The addition of Brennan, who lives in Troy, is a surprise. He did not announce his candidacy prior to filing.

■ Paul J. Fischer, 42, of Southfield, an attorney with Hyman Lippitt in Birmingham.

■ Richard D. Kuhn, Jr., 39, of Adkison, Need, Green & Allen, a Waterford Township resident and the son of Oakland Circuit Judge Richard D. Kuhn.

■ Michael P. Marsalese, 43, of Huntington Woods, who has his own practice in Bloomfield Township.

■ Randall S. Miller, 36, of Bloomfield Hills, an associate with Lopatin, Miller, Freedman, Bluestone, Herskovis and Domol in Southfield. Miller is the son of prominent attorney Sheldon L. Miller.

The top two vote-getters in the primary will survive to run against each other in the Nov. 7 general election. The winner there will have a six-year term on the bench.

Fischer and Marsalese filed petitions well before the deadline. Brennan said he had "friends and relatives collecting signatures" for the past three weeks, but didn't announce his candidacy publicly.

"I've thought about this in the past," Brennan said Wednesday morning. "I've got over 20 years of active trial experience all over the state of Michigan (in state and federal courts)."

Brennan said that his experience will help his campaign. "I think I can make a real contribution to Oakland County Circuit Court," he said. "As you know, these opportunities don't come along all of the time . . . and I wanted to take it."

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Miller said he surpassed the required number of signatures, which is a cushion recommended by election advisors. Candidates must collect between 4,000-8,000 signatures to qualify for the ballot.

Like his opponents, Miller expects to conduct an expensive race, but said he was unsure whether the media plugs would include television. "Whether TV will be a part of it, I have not yet decided," he said. "There's no question that my campaign will run will in the six figures. I'm prepared to spend whatever it takes to win this race." Endorsements will also certainly be significant, although Miller said he preferred not to name them Tuesday.

Asked what makes him the ideal candidate, Miller said he hopes "to maintain justice in a fashion that Judge Breck did in his tenure -- with fairness, justice and respect from both sides of the bar."

Marsalese said he feels his experience as a "sole partner with extensive experience," will help him win the race, although he noted his opponents have about the same number of years in law practice. "It's pretty darn close," he said. A private practitioner since 1988, Marsalese said he is prepared to spend at least $75,000 on campaigning although he has been told a truly competitive race will likely cost more than $250,000.

The remaining candidates — Kuhn and Fischer — could not be reached by press time.

A circuit judge's base salary is $119,694, according to a spokesperson from the court's personnel office, which includes $45,724 from the county and $73,970 from the state. Circuit judges receive occasional increases as determined by the state legislature, the spokesperson said. Court of appeals judges received salary hikes this year, but the last increase for circuit judges was in 1999, the spokesperson added.

OU alumni award 8 scholarships

Oakland University's Alumni Association has awarded scholarships worth $2,000 each to eight students. Awards were based on students' academic accomplishments, leadership and university and community involvement.

This year's recipients are:

■ **School of Business Administration:** Julie Marie Mayes of Livonia, a marketing major, who is active in the ATiB program, formed the Research program and has a summer internship at DaimlerChrysler.

■ **College of Arts and Sciences:** Jennifer Wegner of Washington Township, a communications major who is an orientation group leader, vice president of the student body for 2000-01 and an admissions adviser.

■ **School of Education and Human Services:** Carrie Goclan of Macomb Township, a human resource development major, an orientation group leader, resident of the Walt Disney World College Program Alumni Association and student program board committee member.

■ **School of Engineering and Computer Science:** Scott Beebe of Rochester, a mechanical engineering major, is team captain and member of the OU men's swimming and diving team, orientation group leader and building supervisor for the Department of Campus Recreation.

■ **School of Health Sciences:** Amy Link of Sterling Heights, a physical therapy major, is vice president of the Pre-Physical Therapy Club and is a volunteer at MDA Summer Camps and active in Golden Key Society.

■ **School of Nursing:** Danica Ninkovic of New Baltimore, a member of the Dean's Circle, Student Nurses Association, secretary of the Russian Club who speaks three languages.

■ **Black Alumni Affiliate:** Anita Lee of Royal Oak, an independent major in religious studies who has taken the initiative to carve out special religious studies majors, has high academic status and is involved in community services.

■ **Honors College:** Nancy Marie Vitale of Macomb, an English major and a performer and artist involved in the Music, Theatre and Dance Departments productions. She is a student leader in St. John Fisher's Leadership for Tomorrow Program and a student tutor.

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Gold hues influence more than just jewelry

REAL DEAL

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There's no question we've hit a gold rush, as far as summer style is concerned.

Gold has returned in many things: lipstick, Capri pants, aviator-rim sunglasses, thin bracelet watches, footwear and, of course, jewelry.

After years of shying away from the shiny tone, the trends of the moment have thrust gold back into the forefront of fashion. And, infusing gold into your life seems to again signify luxury, just like it did in the early 80s.

In other words, there's an appetite for brilliance in our summer fare. And, if you ask me, the gold mine is here not a moment too soon.

Here's three modern ways to plunder the mine for summer.

Blushing gold

What's "now" in cosmetics is makeup glowing with gold, and, as the heavier makeup season draws to a close, the interest in using gold on the face heats up.

I spotted glimmering amber products at such department store makeup counters as M.A.C., Christian Dior, Lancome, Chanel and Clinique, as well as in drug store displays for Revlon, Almay and Loreal.

According to area makeup artists, the golden picks for day are: gold eye shadow highlighters used just below the brow bone, bronze shimmer powders for the face and neck, and sheer, gold lip glosses worn without a lip liner.

Not sure? Oh, lighten up – literally. Gold is meant to compliment daily makeup, not overpower it. If nothing else, gold tones leave the skin radiant and fresh. And, what could be more refreshing than that?

Fashion hues

Interestingly, but hardly surprisingly, designers, too, are feverishly reinterpreting gold.

Anne Klein, for instance, uses gold in her sporty collection of silk Capri pants and stretch tees. But, because her gold hues look more like the color of hummus than shiny pennies, the collection is an up-to-the-minute look that isn't brassy.

When buttery leather jackets, delicate silk tees, and halter tops are done in the same soft gold, the shade harmonizes beautifully with summer's neutral palette of black, khaki, white and denim.

Putting a gold T-shirt – a Michael Stars tee is a good pick – or halter, under a traditional midnight blue or black suit, for example, brightens up evening wear.

Instead of dropping a load of cash on the gold trend, I recommend visiting stores with moderate prices like Express or Contempo Casuals where I found tops in shades of gold for about $20.

Jewelry, jewelry

Following suit, jewelry designers have chosen gold as the metal of choice for the season, so dust off any gold pieces you haven't been wearing and fall in love with them all over again.

Interestingly enough, other jewelry trends are being fused with gold tones. Cast bronze necklaces are, for example, being mixed with turquoise, colorful precious stones, pearls and gypsy-inspired beads.

Just keep in mind gold jewelry should be used to enhance and update, rather than trounce on, your personal style.

"You can accomplish the new, fresh gold look when you use gold as an enhancer to your style," says Leslie Ann Pilling of Presence II in downtown Birmingham. "If you have a gold chain that you haven't worn in years, update it with a cast bronze slide, or add a few simple gold bangles to your silver or platinum bracelets. Mixing the two materials is cool and hip."

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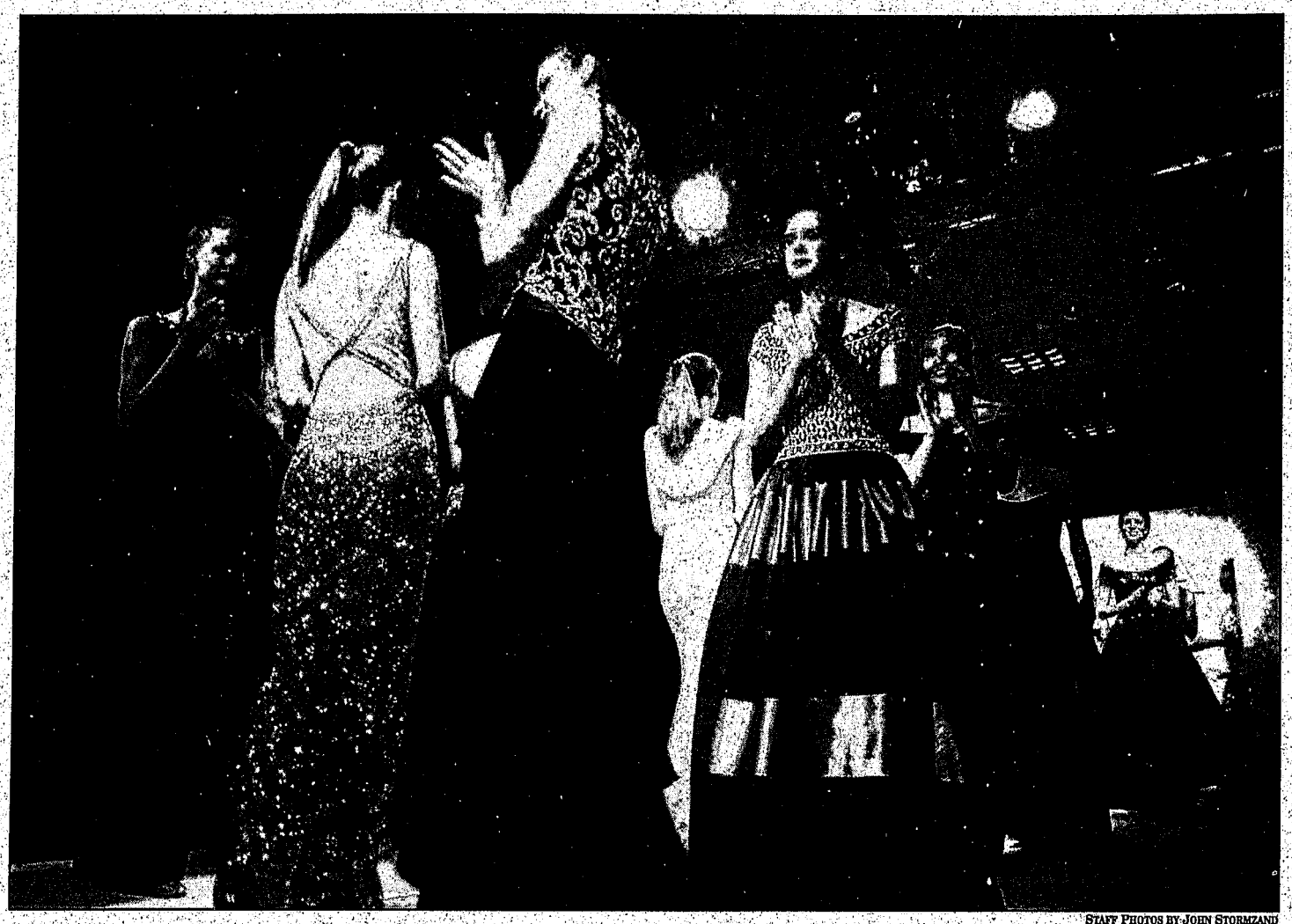
Sneak peak



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Fall choices: *Escada's couture pieces for evening spanned many styles. From traditional satin ball gowns in black, red, gold and silver to slinky, beaded, spaghetti-strap dresses, there was something for everybody. Escada's Fall and Winter 2000 Collection was shown at Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy to benefit the Children's Charities Coalition.*

Neiman Marcus fall fashion show predicts variety

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If Escada's Fall/Winter 2000 Collection, shown Tuesday at Neiman Marcus at the Somerset Collection in Troy, is any indication of what's in store for fashion-lovers following summer, there's sure to be no lack of options.

Held in conjunction with a luncheon to benefit The Children's Charities Coalition, the well-attended show gave local fashion watchers a rare opportunity to glimpse what's new, what's back and what's sizzling for fall.

The collection had tremendous breadth and bowed its head to both classic and trendy designs – often with an eye towards role-playing.

One segment of the show, for example, paired soft taupe-colored cowboy hats, flat boots and Cowgirl-influenced skirts with classic, tailored jackets.

Another showed Navy separates with visible red stitching that conjured up the 70s image of the sexy stewardess.

A sleeveless, zip-front, black, leather body suit and series of saucy leopard prints – along with the appearance of front, top-of-thigh slits on skirts throughout the show – suggested playing vamp will be in style next season.

Although many current trends were echoed – lots of leather, use of vibrant colors, ruffled edges, elaborate beading and pashmina wraps – the collection nodded to something more down-to-earth.

Tailored suits, asymmetrical tunics and voluminous wraps came out in such colors as ivory, camel, chocolate brown and taupe. Once more, there was a healthy dose of such classics as tweed, pin strips and paisley.

The notion that there was something for everybody was most evident at the close of the show. Escada's couture pieces for evening ranged from slinky, beaded spaghetti-strap dresses to youthful ball gown skirts with sweater sets to traditional satin gowns in red, black and silver and gold.

Familiar sights: *Escada's collection for fall and winter, shown Tuesday at Neiman Marcus in Troy, reflected many current fashion trends, including the emphasis on leather separates.*

Retail, style and special store events *are listed in this calendar. Please send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax: (248) 644-1314. Information must be received by 5 p.m. Monday for publication the following Sunday.*

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

FALL FASHION
View the Badgley Mischka Fall 2000 Special Order Collection and informal modeling from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, through May 11. For details, call (248) 614-3393.

SATURDAY, MAY 13

WOMEN HELPING WOMEN
The Somerset Collection in Troy hosts the 2nd Annual Women Helping Women luncheon and fashion show to raise funds for the Pontiac Rescue Mission from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Ritz Carlton in Dearborn. WDIV Channel 4 TV anchor Ruth Spencer and Teresa Tomeo, speaker and media consultant, co-host the show. For information, call (248) 649-8900.

FAMILY FUN FEST
The Livonia Mall, at Middlebelt and Seven Mile roads, hosts Karaoke, arts and crafts, a Pokemon workshop and tournament and spring fashion show for kids, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in celebration of Mother's Day weekend. Call (248) 476-1160 for more information.

LIZ CLAIBORNE WARDROBE WORKSHOP
Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi offers a wardrobe workshop featuring the season's must-have items and Liz Claiborne's Spring 2000 Collection, 2 p.m. For additional information, call (248) 593-1370.

TREND WARDROBING/BOOK-SIGNING
Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, hosts Michele Weston, fashion and style director of Mode Magazine and Modestyle.com. Weston discusses trend wardrobing and signs copies of her book *Learning Curves — Living Your Life in Full & With Style*, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For details, call (248) 614-3323.

PLYMOUTH FARMER'S MARKET
The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts the opening of the Plymouth Farmer's Market, 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The outdoor market sets up at the Gathering, across from Kellogg Park next to the Penn Theater in downtown Plymouth.

THURSDAY, MAY 18

ST. JOHN CARAVAN
Nordstrom, the Somerset Collection in Troy, presents the St. John's Spring 2000 Collection featuring an assortment of suits, dresses and gowns. A continental breakfast begins the event at 8:30 a.m. with informal modeling until 10:30 a.m. Tamar Arslanian, a St. John representative, will be available to assist customers with selections and answer questions until 3 p.m., Studio 121, second floor. To make a reservation, call (248) 816-5100, ext. 1550.

SATURDAY, MAY 20

IN CONCERT
Wonderland Mall in Livonia hosts Bobby Lewis & The Crackerjack Band, 5-9 p.m., Food Court. For details, call (734) 522-4100.

WHERE CAN I FIND?

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

WHAT WE FOUND:

— The **Mrs. Beasley** doll can be purchased through the Chatty Cathy Haven, 19528 Ventura Blvd. #495, Tarzana, CA. 91356, (818) 881-3878.

— The directions for making copper sprinklers can be found on the Internet at *www.HGTV.com*. Post a message on the message board and people will give advice on how to make them.

— The **aluminum wash board** can be purchased at Frentz Hardware on Main Street in Royal Oak.

— All area David's Bridal stores carry **Mother of the Bride** dresses.

— **Hush Puppy** shoes can be purchased at Hershey Shoes on Ford Road in Garden City and all Meijer stores.

— **Wooden 1/2 barrels** can be found in the L.L. Bean catalog.

— The **Henry Mancini Romantic** piano music CD can be purchased through Gavilien's Music, Customer Service, 19465 Brennan, Paris, CA., 92599.

— The **alphabet and number ice cubes trays** can be found at Bed, Bath & Beyond at Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills.

— Taylor Auto (800) 636-6414 might have a **Camero automobile owner's manual.**

— An Oriental store at Tel-Twelve mall on Telegraph in Southfield might have the **wind chimes.**

— **Plastic Rain** bonnets are sold at area J.C. Penney stores.

— The Kohl's stores in Westland carries the **nautical theme shower curtains.**

— **VaVoom Volumizing foam** by Matrix can be purchased at area Meijer stores.

— The following are **Party Lite** distributors in Wayne County: Susan (734) 261-8604, Terri (734) 595-4308, Vivian (734) 981-4110, Karen (734) 266-0578.

— The following are **Amway** distributors in Wayne County: Kathy (313) 538-4287, Virginia (734) 397-4522, Carol (313) 532-8230, Bruce (313) 532-8526.

— ACO Hardware stores carry the **lead testers.**

— The cookbook **Sweet Miniatures** can be found on the Internet at *www.bookfinder.com*. They have listings of bookstores all over the world.

— Big Book of Movies by Critics Choice (800) 367-7765, has **My Little Margie** videocassette tapes (4 for $59.77), item #GACCV10662.

— For **Disney movies** try Movies Unlimited (800) 4-MOVIES.

— **Chicklets gum** can be purchased at the following stores: F&M on Woodward in Beverly Hills, CVS, and Farmer Jack stores.

— Damman Hardware on Newburgh and Five Mile roads in Livonia has **Scotch Brite.**

— **Sock sorters** can be purchased through the Walter Drake catalog at (800) 525-9291, 12 for $1.99.

— Maria is a **Tupperware** consultant; (313) 538-1966.

FIND & SEARCH NOTES:

— A reader has an **Apple IIE computer** with dual disc drive to donate to an organization.

— A reader has **size 2-4 petite business suits** to donate to an organization.

— A reader has a **20-year-old encyclopedia** to donate to an organization.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

— **Givenchy Balancing Mist** cosmetic for Sharon.

— A person to translate **Russian script** for Michelle of Westland.

— A **40-inch wide electric stove in almond, brown or stainless steel**, any brand in good condition for Leanore who resides in Bloomfield.

— A store that sells **4x6 recipe card with plastic sleeve over the card** for Ann.

— The game **Dog Fight** for John.

— A replica of the **Oscar award statute** for Linda of Lake Orion.

— A store that sells **screens for a storm door with no frame** for Debbie.

— A store that has **odd-shaped glass for picture frames.**

— An **Ashton Drake porcelain baseball doll from the late 1980's** named "Michael."

— A company that can repair **wooden kitchen chair legs** for Flo of Redford.

— A store that sells a **cabinet with grow lights** for Doris, who resides in Plymouth.

— A **replacement glass top** for a Revere coffeepot for Alice of Rochester.

— The crochet pattern **"Indian Trail"** for Norine.

— A store that sells men's Cross Trainer gym shoes made in U.S. for Ed.

— The Norman Rockwell print **"The Runaway"** for Nancy of Commerce.

— A **1943, 1944, 1945 Dearborn Fordson High School yearbook** for Frances.

— The Disney videocassette **"Song of the South"** for Joann.

— A store that sells the **monkey sock pattern** for Lois.

— A store that sells **Buffalo Hot-Dogs** for Delores.

— A store that sells **Alberto VO5 conditioner** to use with a blow dryer hair (white package) for Carmel.

— A store that sells **covers for the Ironrite mangle** for Jean.

— **Redford Stuckey Elementary School 50th School Reunion**, any memorabilia, pictures of surrounding streets, pictures of classmates and names, address, telephone numbers of former students for Sally.

— The 1989 book, **The People from North American, The Croatian Americans**, for Mark.

— A **new/used square stainless electric fry pan** for Joyce of Farmington Hills.

— A **1980 Bentley High School yearbook** for Kathleen of Livonia.

— A store that sells **Misses/Women's Allison Smith women's clothing** for Mrs. Sutliss of Rochester Hills.

— A store that has **ZIPLOC vegetable bags.**

— A store that sells **turn tables** for William.

— A Company that will make a **quilt/cover for a pool table** with embroidered logo's from old bowling shirts for Jean, who resides in Farmington.

— A **new/used Murphy bed** for Linda of Canton.

— A store where **cold-air return registers**, 32x34 long, 2 inches wide at floor, 7x8 inches high, can be purchased for Ralph of West Bloomfield.

— A store that sells a **14x9x3 Mirro/Wearever all aluminum roaster with lid** for Ralph.

— A store where **sheer curtains** sizes 40x48, 49x62, 48x72 can be purchased for Virginia of Beverly Hills.

— A store that sells the **beaters** for an old Sunbeam Mix Master for Karen.

— A bookstore in the Livonia area that buys and sells **used books** for June.

— A store that sells **silk ribbon embroidery kits** for Elaine of Livonia.

— A store that sells a **triangular plastic strainer** that is used in a sink for Janet of Canton.

— A store where **Chipwich ice cream sandwiches** can be purchased for Connie, who resides in Rochester.

— A large **eel skin purse** made in Korea for Jane.

— A store where **Almay roll-on deodorant and Almay eye cream** can be purchased for Gladys.

— A store that sells Chuckles jelly Easter Bunny candy for Karen of Waterford.

— A store in Oakland County where **Shellacked bakery goods** (bagels, bread) for display in a kitchen can be purchased for Lori of Clarkston.

— An old **super 8 film projector** with stand for Tom of Westland.

— A store that sells **Health Tech socks for men** (black with white feet) for Dorothy.

— The old **WRIF bumper sticker** that says "BABY" for Jan of Union Lake.

— A **glass top** for a Revere percolator for Delphine.

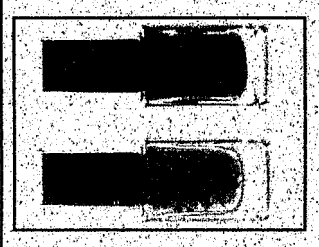
— A videotape of the March 15, 2000, **Oprah Winfrey show** "Would you know what to do" for Ann.

– Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

a la carte

STUFF WE CRAVE

Island fever: *Even kids get in on the tropical fashion trend with Hawaiian prints like Metropolitan Prairie Girl's cotton and rayon dress in coral, $42 at Jacobson's.*



Color splash: *New from Bobbi Brown, Nail Wash Opaques in shades like lavender and petunia give the nails a dash of the season's colors, $12.50 at department stores.*

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MECD warns Michigan's lack of skilled workers may slow growth

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The biggest obstacle to economic growth in Michigan today is a lack of skilled workers, not a lack of businesses, according to Jeff Kaczmarek, senior vice president of Business Services for the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

"The number one issue is workforce, a lack of people, a lack of skills. We have to focus on people recruitment rather than business recruitment," he said. "We need to increase the supply of workers. The population is not growing very quickly, and most businesses are constrained by their lack of ability to find skilled workers."

But efforts to bring highly skilled employees here are limited by the fact that, "Michigan still is not perceived as a particularly attractive place to be," Kaczmarek said, speaking April 27 to editors and publishers of the HomeTown Communications Network, the company which owns this newspaper. His presentation was made at a quarterly meeting of the company's editorial board in Livonia.

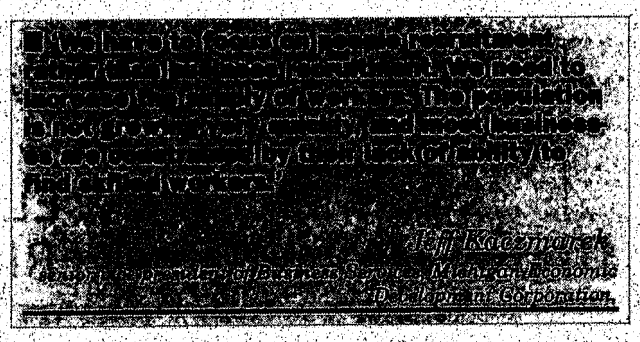
Kaczmarek was invited to address the group to explain the workings of the MEDC and to detail what he believes is needed for the state to continue its economic growth.

Michigan is known as a good state for recreation, because of the reputation for outdoor recreation opportunities in the northern part of the state. But that does not translate to a good perception of the state overall in terms of its business climate. Instead, the perception of Michigan's business climate is dominated by the reputation of the Michigan's largest city, Detroit, Kaczmarek said. So the MEDC is looking for ways to boost the state's reputation among businesses. Part of that will be a campaign to combine Michigan's recreational opportunities with its business recruitment efforts.

Although Michigan will likely see growth in three particular high technology industries, or "technology clusters," — advanced manufacturing, information technology, and life sciences — that growth there may also be constrained if the state doesn't act to create "smart parks," industrial parks where businesses have access to shared high tech facilities. Examples of the types of facilities that might be shared in a smart park would be research laboratories, telecommunications centers, availability of wide bandwidth fiber optic communications, and business incubator centers.

Kaczmarek said the MEDC is hoping state lawmakers will act to approve legislation enabling construction of smart parks here before they break for recess this summer.

Another need, he said, is streamlining of the process for clearing up land titles in inner city areas. Land assembly is one of the most difficult tasks in redevelopment of older, blighted urban areas. Clearing up title work on older parcels to allow developers to buy up that land can be a long and cumbersome process, Kaczmarek said. He is urging the legislature to enact laws making it easier and quicker to clear up that paper work. At present, no bill on the topic has been introduced. Bills are currently being drafted, but who will sponsor such a proposal is not yet clear.



Jeff Kaczmarek
Senior Vice President, Business Services, Michigan Economic Development Corporation

That's important, Kaczmarek said, as a way to curtail urban sprawl at the same time the state seeks to continue expanding its economy. Directing growth back toward already developed central city areas would allow for continued economic development while avoiding the need for new businesses to plow up suburban greenfields, he said.

Additionally, Kaczmarek said he would like to see other improvements, including:

■ Making the MEDC a 24-hour per day, seven-day a week operation, ready to respond at all times to interest expressed by potential incoming businesses.

■ Increasing the transfer of knowledge from Michigan universities to the state's businesses. At present, few patent applications come from Michigan colleges, despite the large amount of research done here, Kaczmarek said.

■ Increasing the pool of venture capital available to businesses that want to set up shop here or seeking to expand current operations.

■ Increasing the amount of mass transit available in the metropolitan Detroit area. Kaczmarek argued that the layout of the metro area will likely keep the state from developing a workable, sustainable light rail system. Rather, he called for a flexible-route bus system.

Communities can join in the hunt for new businesses, Kaczmarek said.

"They need to have a single, visible source of contact," he said. "That is the most important thing they should do. When a business is interested in coming in, they want to talk to just one person."

And that person needs to have the information on hand about what development opportunities are available in town, so he or she can respond very quickly, without need to conduct additional research. Businesses often want responses to questions about demographics, regulations and availability of land in as little as 48 hours, Kaczmarek said.

Community attitude toward economic development is also important, he said.

"Why would a business want to go out and look at a community that is going to stall and delay at every point?" he said. "That's not good planning. The community needs to have a strategic plan, an approach to dealing with business. If they don't want to grow, that's fine, but you can't have it both ways."

Formerly the Michigan Jobs Commission, the MEDC was created by executive order from the governor just a year ago last April. Receiving two-thirds of its funding from the state legislature, with remainder coming from grants and gambling revenues, the MEDC is a public corporation, operating under public scrutiny and legislative oversight. The MEDC is subject to the Freedom of Information Act, Kaczmarek explained. The MEDC has also struck interlocal agreements with 40 communities, which service as its board of directors. All told, the MEDC has 280 employees.

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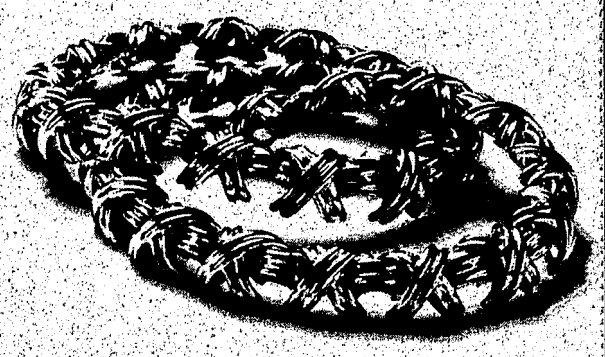

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Marriott plans for Pontiac site

Marriott International Inc. announced plans to open a 290-room Detroit Marriott Pontiac at Centerpoint, in Pontiac.

The hotel, scheduled to open this fall, is owned by Etkin Equities, headquartered in Southfield, and will be managed by White Lodging Services Corp., of Merrillville, Ind.

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FOCUS ON WINE

RAY & ELEANOR HEALD

Rodet — a Burgundy star on the rise

If you've come to like delicately oaked chardonnay and the silky finesse, cherry fruit, and spicy nuances of pinot noir, you need to learn more about their origins.

That places you in the Burgundy region of France. All white Burgundy wines are made from Chardonnay. Red Burgundy wines are produced from pinot noir.

Many Burgundy domaines are centuries old with established reputations. Depending on ownership and care taken, their wines can slip. Other properties are on the rise. One such is Maison Antonin Rodet with its Chateau de Chamirey wines from the Mercurey region; Chateau de Rully in the Cote Chalonnaise; Domaine des Perdrix and its wines from Nuits Saint Georges, Vosne Romanée and Echezeaux. Since 1988, Antonin Rodet owns half of Domaine Jacques Prieur, which today, is making superlative wines.

Talk to a Burgundy wine snob and they may speak to you in acronyms such as DRC (short for Domaine de la Romanée-Conti). Impressive wines. Prices in the stratosphere. That's not where you want to begin understanding Burgundy.

Enter Rodet with its wines from Mercurey and Rully. They are a good place to begin your love affair with Burgundy wines. Since 1998 vintage wines are just entering the marketplace, get started here. Rodet's renowned winemaker Nadine Gublin offers a word of caution: due to the vagaries of weather, the quality of this vintage, varies greatly from producer to producer and vineyard to vineyard.

We recently tasted many 1998 Rodet Burgundies – our top recommendations are very good to exceptional wines in their price range.

White Burgundies – 100 percent chardonnay:

■ 1998 A. Rodet Chateau de Rully, $16, has generous fruit with nice oak imprint.

■ 1998 A. Rodet Chassagne Montrachet, $39, is a big step up. Sleek and finesseful.

■ 1998 Domaine Jacques Prieur Meursault Clos de Mazeray Monopole, $46. In one word, fabulous.

■ 1998 Domaine Jacques Prieur Puligny Montrachet Premier Cru Les Combettes, $72 (very limited quantity). Again, one word, incredible.

Red Burgundies – 100 percent pinot noir:

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Wine picks

Wineries worldwide have backed off from oakey chardonnays, making them more in the style of French white Burgundies. Here are the best from our recent tasting of dozens.

■ Chardonnays over $20/bottle: 1997 Chateau St. Jean, Robert Young Vineyard, $24; 1998 Pine Ridge Stags Leap District, $40; 1998 Shafer Red Shoulder Ranch, Carneros; and 1997 Gallo-Sonoma Laguna Ranch, $22.

■ Chardonnays under $20/bottle: 1998 Sanford, Santa Barbara County, $19; 1998 Meridian Edna Valley, $15; 1998 Gallo Family's Gallo of Sonoma, $11; 1998 Hogue, $10; 1999 Rosemount, $10; 1999 Fetzer Sundial, $9; 1999 Fleur du Cap (South Africa), $9; and 1998 Columbia Crest, $9.

Rich, raspberry and plum flavors of sangiovese and zinfandel lend themselves to marinara-sauced pasta or rustic pizza with sundried tomatoes and fresh mozzarella.

■ Sangiovese: 1996 Trentadue, $18; 1997 La Famiglia di Robert Mondavi, $22; 1997 Atlas Peak, $16; and 1997 Shafer Firebreak (big and bold), $30.

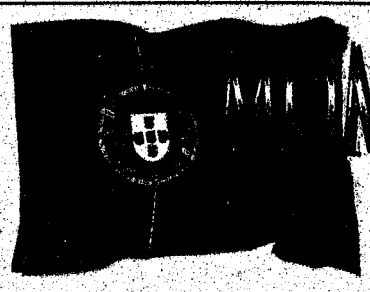
■ Zinfandel: 1997 Dry Creek Vineyard Reserve, $30 (fabulous!); 1997 Gallo Sonoma Barrelli Creek, $19 (none better under $20); 1997 Fetzer Home Ranch, $9 (nice every day wine).

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

■ Dishes for seniors

■ Main Dish Miracle



M GETS HUGS FROM PORTUGAL

EXCHANGE STUDENT CELEBRATES MOTHER'S DAY WITH AMERICAN FAMILY

BY SANDRA DALKA-PRYSBY
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A Birmingham Groves High School senior won't spend Mother's Day with her mom and family this year, but she has some special people who are great substitutes.

She'll share the day with her American "mom" and her family.

Joana "Joe" Lima is a foreign exchange student from Lisbon, Portugal, and a member of the Greg Wagner family of Beverly Hills for the past school year.

"We, too, celebrate Mother's Day in Portugal with cards, flowers and by taking our mothers out to dinner," Joe said. "And on this special day, we hug our moms a little more than we usually do."

Although she is sad that she won't be with her mother, she's excited to take part in the Wagners' traditions. "I'm especially looking forward to helping to make breakfast for Mom Nancy."

For more than 20 years, "Dad Greg" has supervised the four Wagner children — Jake, 23; Julia, 21; Anna, 20, and Noel, 17 — in cooking and other kitchen activities to provide a special beginning on Mother's Day for their "queen for the day."

"When the kids were younger, breakfast was served to Mom in bed," Greg said. "The youngest children took a cup of coffee and the newspaper to our honoree while the rest of us handled the kitchen duties.

"When the food was served, all the kids sat on the bed and talked with Nancy while she ate breakfast. Then, they gave her their cards and gifts."

Now that the kids are older, Nancy joins them at the table for breakfast. "They're too big to all fit on the bed," she said.

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Exchanging families: Nancy and Greg Wagner of Beverly Hills (from left), have opened their house – and lives – to exchange student Joana "Joe" Lima from Portugal (right), who is a senior at Birmingham Groves High School. Here they pitch in with daughter Noel in preparing a batter for bread.

Breadmakers: Noel and Joe pour the batter into bread pans. Noel and Joe expect to prepare recipes on Mother's Day to honor Nancy Wagner on that special day.

Nancy is pleased to have Joe around to celebrate this special day. "With two of the children away (Jake is in Los Angeles pursuing a film career and Julia is completing her senior year at Arizona State University), it's nice to have Joe to fill out and add to the family."

Joe plans to do her share by preparing a Portuguese fish dish. "We eat a lot of fish and seafood in my country because of our proximity to the ocean."

While Joe is making her dish, Greg, Anna, who just completed her sophomore year at Washington University in St. Louis, and Noel will be working on traditional family breakfast dishes.

"I really like making the day special for mom," says Noel, a junior at Groves. "It's a time to give back to her and to show our appreciation for everything she does for us."

Greg agrees. "Nancy does so much for us every day. It's nice to give her the opportunity to do what she wants on this special day."

In addition to her Portuguese dish, Joe plans to bring another touch of Portugal to her American mom on Mother's Day. "I plan to hug her more that day."

According to the other members of the Wagner family, Joe will have to stand in line. "We all hug Mom a little more on Mother's Day."

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Readers share mom's recipes

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When we asked for recipes from readers for Mother's Day, they responded with a common chord of love, respect and appreciation for their mothers.

Euni Rose of Southfield remembers her mother's Eastern European cooking origins. Rose's mother, Florence Margolis, learned from her mother-in-law and "never varied an inch from what she learned."

"When (my twin sister and I) each got married, our mother actually made recipes from her dishes for us," Rose recalls. "She really worked hard because she never ever used a recipe in her entire life – wow!

"My twin and I have taken her recipes and done some changes through the years, but the original feeling is still there."

Rose said her most favorite meal was a picnic meal her mother prepared nearly every Sunday in the summer.

"No one we knew ever had a picnic like this one. She made breaded veal cutlets – not chops – veal cutlets, bought from a kosher butcher – not that we kept kosher, but she liked the tenderness and flavor of those particular cutlets."

She fried the cutlets in Crisco or Spry, not oil, because when she was a child her stepmother would send her to the grocery store to buy oil and give her a jar for it. The grocer would pour the oil into the jar, Rose said.

"On the way home the oil would

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Family, student share recipes

Here's some recipes for Mother's Day from the Wagner family of Beverly Hills and one from Joana Lima, an exchange student from Portugal who is visiting the family.

BACALHAU A' GOMES DE SA' (SALT COD WITH POTATOES, EGGS, ONIONS AND BLACK OLIVES)

- 1 1/2 pounds salt cod
- 6 medium potatoes, peeled and cut into 1/4 inch slices
- 1 cup olive oil
- 2 medium onions, cut into 1/8-inch slices and separated into rings
- 6 eggs
- 18 black pitted olives, thinly sliced

(Note: Do this step 24 hours ahead of time. Place cod in a large bowl and cover with cold water. Let soak, changing water every 8 hours. Prior to cooking, drain and rinse cod. Cut into bite-size pieces. Salt cod can be purchased at Vic's Market.)

FAMILY FOOD

Don't obsess about child's weight — just eat healthy

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How do you avoid obsessing about your child's weight while teaching them to eat healthy at the same time?

A study by Dr. Leann Birch, published in the New England Journal of Medicine, confirmed that pre-schoolers have an innate ability to regulate their eating according to what their bodies' need for growth.

This holds true even when the child's eating seems to be horrendous. Researchers found that at a given meal, calorie intake was highly variable but it balanced out over time.

Yet, many parents assume that their young children cannot regulate food intake on their own. Often, parents implement coercive strategies in attempt to ensure that their child consumes a nutritionally balanced diet.

However, research by Birch indicates such control strategies are counter productive.

"Parents' attempts to control their child's eating were reported more often by obese adults than by adults of normal weight," Birch said in the study. Similarly, Duke University psychologist Philip Costanzo found that excess weight in school-age children was highly associated with the degree to which parents tried to restrain their children's eating.

Develop intuitive eating

Costanzo found that even well meaning parents interfere with a child's intuitive eating, and when a parent tries to overrule a child's natural eating cues, the problem gets worse, not better.

Evelyn Tribole, author of Intuitive Eating, notes that a parent who feeds a child "whenever a hunger signal is heard and who stops feeding when the child shows that he's had enough, can play a powerful role in the initial development of intuitive eating."

Tribole also suggest that you attempt to help your kids eat only about 10 percent "fun" or "play" foods while the other 90 percent contributes to their good health.

You can try to explain this concept to them as they approach adolescents and can grasp this information.

Therapist and dietitian, Ellyn Satter points out that when the parents of overweight kids back off, and let them eat without pressure, the kids will eventually eat less. This way, the child begins to hear and understand her own inner signals of hunger and satiety.

"Children deprived of food in an attempt to be thin become preoccupied with food, afraid they won't get enough to eat, and are prone to overeat when they get the chance," Satter said.

Children's menus

Let's look at a sample of young children's eating habits:

Abbey Frink, of Walled Lake, is 4 years old and attends pre-school Beth Abraham in West Bloomfield. Her favorite foods are grapes, bananas and peanut butter and jelly. "They are healthy, very tasty and good for you," Abbey said.

Five-year-old Elana Price, of Huntington Woods attends Kindergarten at Burton Elementary School. Her favorite foods are pizza because she likes the cheese. She likes soy meat and enjoys it in homemade tacos.

One of her favorite dishes is peanut butter pasta, and she also likes fruit. "I love strawberries because they remind me that I have little freckles on my nose."

Erica Mendelson, 6, of Farmington Hills attends Meadowbrook Elementary School in Walled Lake. She enjoys rice at Middle Eastern restaurants, along with salad and french fries.

"The inside of french fries are mashed potatoes!" Erica said. "I also like oranges 'cause you can drink them."

Erica even makes her own lunch, with assistance from her mom who sets certain boundaries such as no excessive junk.

Gail Hennes of Oak Park tries to

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Sauté chicken with balsamic-prune sauce without a lot of fat

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Seasoning gives a rich taste to Chicken Sauté With Balsamic-Prune Sauce without adding a lot of fat. A serving contains only about 9 grams of fat.

This is a one-dish main course that can be prepared start to finish in about 35 minutes. The chicken pieces are cooked first, then the sauce in the same pan. While it simmers, there is time to cook accompaniments – perhaps rice or couscous and a simple vegetable.

CHICKEN SAUTÉ WITH BALSAMIC-PRUNE SAUCE

2 tablespoons olive oil
4 boneless skinless chicken breast halves (about 11/2 pounds)
Salt and pepper
1/2 cup finely chopped shallots
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 cup chicken broth
1/2 cup (3 ounces) coarsely chopped pitted prunes
1/3 cup balsamic vinegar
1/2 teaspoon dried thyme leaves, crushed

In a large skillet, heat oil over medium heat until hot. Season chicken with salt and pepper, to taste. Place chicken in skillet; cook 10 minutes or until browned and centers are no longer pink, turning once. Transfer to serving platter and keep warm.

Add shallots and garlic to same skillet; cook and stir 3 to 5 minutes or until softened.

Stir in broth, prunes, vinegar, thyme, 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper; bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat slightly; cook until sauce is reduced by half, about 1 cup.

Spoon over chicken.

Makes 4 servings.

Nutritional information per serving: 330 cal., 9 g fat, 100 mg chol., 890 mg sodium, 20 g carbo., 2 g fiber, 41 g pro.

Recipe from California Prune Board.

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safe container and cook on high until tender. Set aside.

In a large skillet, add 1/2 cup olive oil and onion rings. Cook over medium-high heat, stirring frequently until onions are soft and transparent. Remove and set aside.

Add remaining oil and cod pieces. Cook over medium-high heat, stirring gently and frequently until fish flakes easily. Return onions and add potatoes to skillet.

In bowl, scramble eggs. Stir in olives. Add mixture to skillet. Cover skillet and cook over medium heat approximately 10 to 12 minutes or until eggs are set. Cut into wedges. Serves 6 to 8.

Recipe courtesy of Joana Lima.

MOTHER'S DAY GRIDDLE CAKES

3/4 cup white flour
3/4 cup whole wheat flour
1 3/4 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 eggs
3 tablespoons sugar or honey
3 tablespoons vegetable oil
1 1/4 cups milk
(Note: Batter is best if made the night before.)

Combine dry ingredients in large bowl. In another bowl, beat eggs slightly. Add remaining ingredients and beat to combine. Add wet ingredients to dry mixture. Mix until barely moistened. (Mixture will have lumps.) Cover and set in a cool place as long as possible.

Lightly grease griddle or frying pan. Heat to medium-high. Pour 1/4 cup batter for each cake. Cook until bubbles appear on surface. Turn and brown other side. Makes 8-12 cakes.

Recipe submitted by Wagner family.

BROCCOLI QUICHE

1 10-inch pie crust
1 package (10 ounces) frozen, chopped broccoli, thawed and drained
4 eggs
1 cup evaporated milk
1 cup grated cheddar cheese
1/4 cup finely chopped onion
1 tablespoon parsley flakes
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon garlic salt
1/8 teaspoon black pepper

In 325° F oven, bake pie crust for 5 minutes. Remove.

In blender, chop broccoli into fine pieces. Add remaining ingredients and blend until mixed. Pour into crust. Cover crust edges with foil and bake in 375° F oven for 35-45 minutes or until set. Serves 6-8.

Recipe submitted by the Wagner family.

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always drip out of the jar, making a sticky mess. So she always hated using oil."

Her mother made macaroni salad and the family's best friend always made lemonade – with lots of oranges as well as lemons, Rose said.

"My mom and dad were very young parents, so their friends were very young as well," Rose writes. "The guys played softball at the picnics and the 'girls' and we kids cheered them on. Too much fun!"

Best meals

Greg Zotos of Livonia wrote: "My mother makes the best meals. They are so tasty because she puts her love in her cooking. I always say her meals are gourmet meals because they taste so good."

Catherine Zotos' Greek 'n' Easy Pasta Salad is one of our featured recipes.

Euni Rose appreciates the opportunity to share her childhood memories.

She writes: "Thanks for allowing me to wallow in these memories. My dad died in 1992 and my mom will be 85 in June. My parents came here in 1991 from Cleveland when my dad was so ill they couldn't be away from my husband and myself."

Here are some of our reader's favorite recipes shared in honor of their mothers:

FLORENCE MARGOLIS' CUTLETS (FROM HER DAUGHTER EUNI ROSE)

Dip veal cutlets into a wash of beaten eggs with some salt and pepper, then dip them into bread crumbs.

Fry them in the hot Crisco until browned on all sides. Then put the cutlets into a roaster, covered, at 350° F for one hour until tender.

(Euni Rose has cooked this recipe using olive oil. But of course the flavor is different — "delicious, but not the same memory comes to mind," she writes.)

CATHERINE ZOTOS' GREEK N EASY PASTA SALAD (FROM SON GREG ZOTOS)

8 ounces rotini pasta
8 ounces cooked diced chicken
1/3 cup chopped red onion
Dried basil
Salt to taste
Black pepper to taste
Fresh basil, shredded
1/2 cup sun-dried tomatoes, packed in oil, cut in strips
1 cup cherry tomatoes, cut in halves
1/2 cup crumbled Feta cheese with tomato and basil
Caesar salad dressing, regular or low-fat
1/2 cup chopped imported black olives

Cook pasta according to package directions, drain. Meanwhile, in a large bowl, combine chicken, sun-dried tomatoes, cherry tomatoes, Feta cheese, red onion, 2 tablespoons dried and 2 tablespoons fresh basil, salt and pepper to taste, and olives.

Blend in 1/3 cup salad dressing. Mix in warm pasta. Enjoy warm or chilled. Serve with crusty bread, pita chips and fresh fruit. Serves 4.

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WHAT'S COOKING

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Knock out the fat with these recipes

Here's some lowfat recipes from Beverly Price. *See related column on Taste front.*

SOFT SOY TACOS

1 (12 ounce) package Morningstar Farms Harvest Burger Recipe Crumbles
1 packet fat free taco seasoning mix
8 (10-inch) whole wheat flour tortillas
8 ounces Soy sour cream
2 cups chopped tomatoes
2 cups chopped lettuce
2 cups soy cheese, shredded
1 cup salsa

In a non-stick skillet, mix Recipe Crumbles with taco seasoning and saute. Warm the tortillas in microwave or in a frying pan. Place some soy mix in each tortilla and top with sour cream, tomato, lettuce, cheese and salsa. Fold to eat. Makes 8 servings.

Nutritional information per serving: Calories 243, fat 0g, pro. 14g, carb. 46g, chol. 1mg, fiber 1g, sodium 360mg

PEANUT BUTTER SPIRALS

12 ounces uncooked whole wheat spiral pasta
2/3 cup natural peanut butter
3/4 cup water
3 to 4 tablespoons low sodium soy sauce
2 tablespoons mild vinegar
1 scallion, coarsely chopped
1 tablespoon honey or rice syrup
1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
1/2 teaspoon chili powder
1 1/2 cups frozen green peas, thawed

In a large soup pot bring 4-6 cups of water to a boil. Once water is boiling add pasta and cook for 8 to 10 minutes or until pasta is tender. While pasta is cooking, combine all remaining ingredients except peas in a food processor or blender and process until smooth.

When pasta is done, drain well and transfer to a large serving bowl. Add peas and sauce; stir to combine thoroughly. Serve warm. Serves 8.

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expose her children, Rina, 8, Asher, 7, and Gila, 5, to a variety of foods. She leaves a relish tray loaded with vegetables for the kids to graze on after school. Hennes recalls a parenting magazine concept: "It takes a child 20 exposures to a new food before a child will try it."

Hennes also believes what parents "model" for children directly affects their relationship with food.

Beverly Price is a registered dietitian and exercise physiologist. She operates Living Better Sensibly, a private nutrition practice in Farmington Hills that offers programs for individuals and corporations.

Look for her column on the first Sunday of each month in Taste.

Pastry chef joins bakery staff

Pastry chef Richard Michel now brings his skills to the Give Thanks Bakery — downtown Rochester's first European bakery cafe.

Michel's cakes, tortes, strudels, stollen and cookies add an exciting dimension to the bakery. German specialties are introduced each week and special orders can be filled at any time.

Richard works alongside Jean-Marc Seranon, who produces exquisite pastries in the classic French tradition — ranging from the spectacular Croquembouche to the exotic ganache "opera" pastry, and whimsical mini-pastries shaped as frogs, kittens, piglets and chicks.

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■ 1998 A. Rodet Monthelie Cave Privée, $29, interesting black cherry aromas; full, rich flavors.

■ 1998 Domaine des Perdrix Nuits Saint Georges, Premier Cru Aux Perdrix, $54; lovely, delicious and very balanced.

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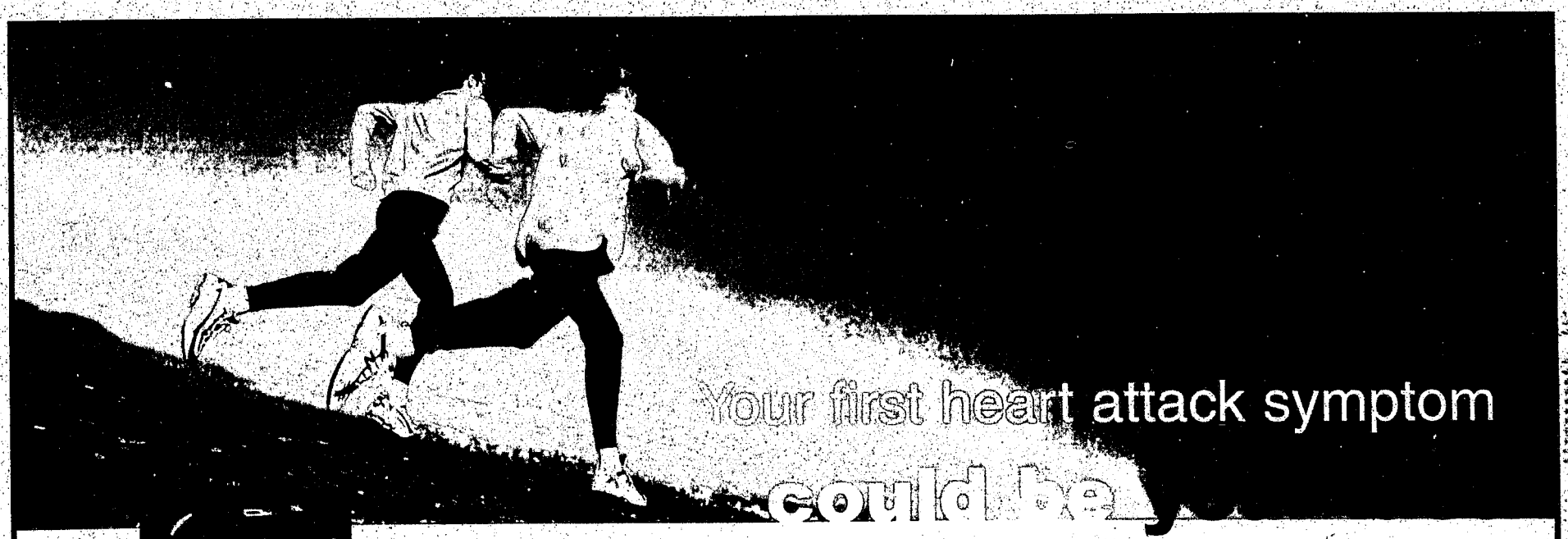

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CONVERSATIONS

FRANK PROVENZANO

Will commission seize the moment? Let's hope so

John McCulloch chooses his words carefully, and takes pride in calling himself a facilitator.

McCulloch, chair of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, is courteous and seemingly unflappable.

But there's one issue that he hasn't wrapped his facilitating arms around — the bi-county cultural tax proposal.

It's an extreme long shot for the proposal to appear on the August ballot. The proposed assessment of a half mill on property would generate about $30 million annually for 14 area cultural institutions and local groups.

The initiative requires the consent of three elected bodies — Oakland County Board of Commissioners, Wayne County Board of Commissioners and the Detroit City Council.

Until now, in Oakland County, the political winds have been blowing in other directions.

Incremental step

McCulloch notes the list of priorities is finite, especially with most voters concerned about improving roads, schools and parks.

After all, he said, enhancing property values and the quality of life for county residents is the paramount goal.

And McCulloch notes that when all is said and done, the cultural tax is a tax. The "t-word" doesn't play well in a county that has a laissez-faire philosophy when it comes to subsidies.

Unfortunately, those elected officials who haven't supported the proposal either would never support a tax or will only support the millage if there's a perceived advantage over Wayne County and Detroit. An advantage such as having decisive control in determining how the tax revenue is to be divided.

This Tuesday, a proposed draft for wording of a ballot initiative will be submitted to the Republican caucus of the Oakland commissioners. It's an incremental step in getting the proposal on the ballot.

When considering the merits of the initiative, maybe the commissioners will think in broader terms about how quality of life is defined.

Define "Quality of Life"

Sure, the bricks-and-mortar issues of roads and schools must be considered among the top priorities.

But how can support for the region's cultural institutions — not to mention local arts groups who would receive a portion of the tax revenue — be separated from overall quality of life?

Interestingly, the prospects for the cultural tax may be tied to the hopes of further economic development in the county.

Each year, Oakland County officials travel to Wall Street to discuss the county's bond rating. With the highest rating, the county is considered an extremely low risk, and an excellent region for sustained economic growth for investors.

The concern, however, is the region may not attract top quality corporations if the "quality of life" is viewed as less than culturally stimulating.

Maintain & cultivate

Economic success is inseparable from a thriving cultural scene.

And how best to maintain and cultivate culture?

Provide a continual flow of revenue so many of the region's cultural institutions can spend more time and money attracting fascinating exhibits and developing outreach programs, and less time worrying how they're going to cover basic operational expenses.

If Oakland County residents are serious about improving the quality of life of the region, then they should realize that the time for parochialism is over.

Getting onto the road to the future won't be easy.

Perhaps all that's needed to get the cultural tax on the November ballot is the aid of a good facilitator.

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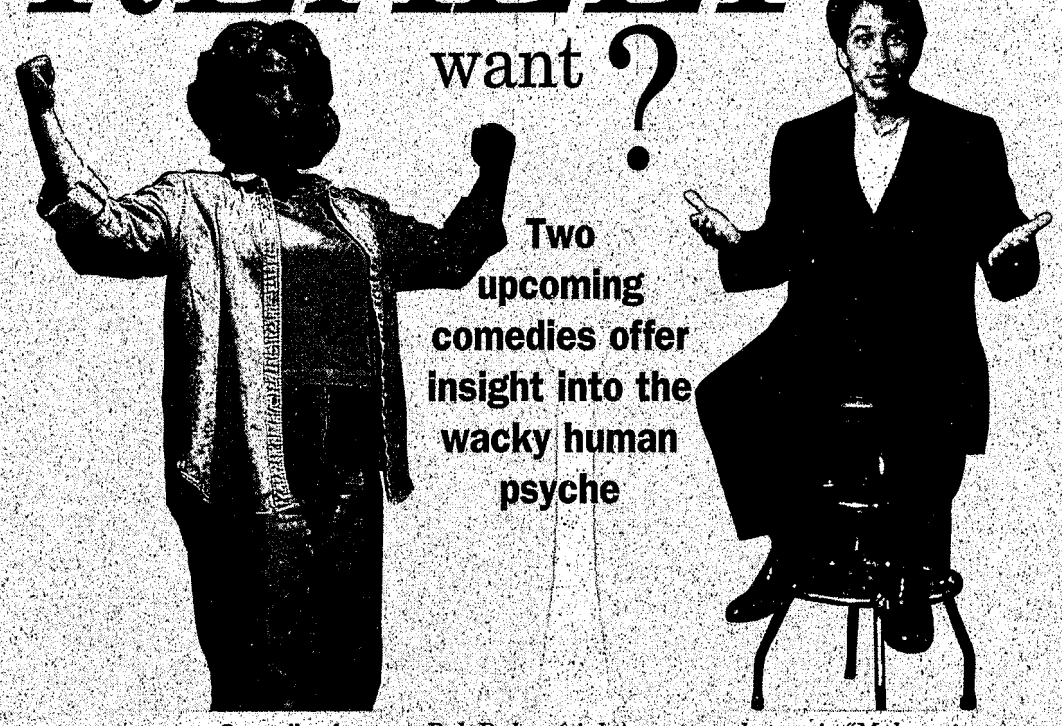
What do men and women *REALLY* want?

Two upcoming comedies offer insight into the wacky human psyche



Comedic yin yang: *Rob Dubac (right) wrote and stars in "Male Intellect. . . an oxymoron?" Sally Bondi has won accolades for her comic portrayals of 12 characters in "Dreams of Martha Stewart."*

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
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Merely asking, "What do men and women really want?" usually opens the psychobabble floodgates. Out flows a stream of armchair analysis about love, and the nature of relationships delivered with Oprah-like, drive-thru efficiency.

The popular theory goes: Men are one-dimensional hedonists, and women, well, they're grounded all right. Grounded in making men's lives a miserable series of practical tasks.

And so it goes. . .

But who's fooling who? If the eclectic 1990's taught anything, it was that there's no use for stereotypes, and definitely a blurring of differences between the genders. Despite all the talk about diversity, men and women share more anxieties than differences.

In the spirit of new millennium-age male sensitivity and female liberation, two comedic plays — *Dreams of Martha Stewart* and *Male Intellect... an oxymoron?* — at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts peel away at the eternal question about what each gender desires. The revelations are neither simple or complicated. Just funny, and sometimes, painfully true.

While the play titles have a charming accessibility, don't expect anything remotely similar to male or female bashing. Playwrights Pamela Parker and Rob Dubac have constructed a range of truthful characters in their respective one-person plays.

Dreams of reflection

To her followers, she's known simply as "Martha." Perhaps there's some symbolic connection to the first mother of the country, Martha Washington. Then again, to those who find Stewart more than a bit irritating, perhaps not.

In the tradition of Betty Crocker and Donna Reed, Stewart is held up as the contemporary model of female domesticity. Of course, her uncanny sense of marketing and reinvention makes her firmly rooted in the cash-cow present.

For playwright Parker, the choice of Stewart was both symbolic and one made from admiration.

"I find her fascinating. She's teaching how to be a better housewife, how to take something that might be shabby, and make it elegant," said Parker in her heavy southern accent. (Although Stewart hasn't seen Parker's work, she has communicated her support for the play.)

Dreams of Martha Stewart is Parker's first one-person play. She incorporated the stories of 12 characters with her friend and collaborator, actress Sally Bondi, in mind. Bondi has received a long list of impressive critical reviews for her portrayals.

The play, on a three-year run since debuting at the 1997 Piccolo Spalato Arts Festival in Charleston, S.C., follows a wife/mother searching for perfection. She's intent on living the "perfect life," including antiquing her bathroom, building her own loom and styling her hair ala Martha.

Unsatisfied without the real thing, the unhappy housewife sets out for Turkey Hill, Conn. to come face-to-face with the real deal. The journey is more of a confrontation of the myriad faces of America, and an uncovering of the illusion behind the notion of perfection.

Among Parker's other plays is *A Higher Place in Heaven*, nominated for a 1995 Pulitzer Prize. Her work has been called distinctively in the southern literary tradition of writers such as Carson McCullers, William Faulkner and

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TWO UPCOMING PLAYS

Dreams of Martha Stewart, a one-person play written by Pamela Parker, starring Sally Bondi
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Male Intellect. . . an oxymoron?, a one-person play written and starring Robert Dubac
When: Tuesday-Sunday, May 16-21
Times: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday; 8 p.m. Friday; 5 & 9 p.m. Saturday; 7 p.m. Sunday
Where: Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Avenue, Detroit
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Note: Talkback sessions will be held after May 13 & 18 shows.

Civic Orchestra celebrates past, looks to future

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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When Charles Burke took up the baton to lead the Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra in September he knew the 30-year legacy left by his predecessors would be a challenge to live up to. It wouldn't be easy to top that first season when the youth training orchestra brought in Duke Ellington to work with its members.

In Burke's first full season the Civic Orchestra has augmented its three season concerts with performances for Queen Nor of Denmark and a chamber music program at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

And although they're excited about performing at the Detroit Grand Prix on June 18, the young musicians are focusing on their 30th anniversary Gala Concert Sunday, May 13, at Orchestra Hall with much anticipation.

More than 160 members of the Civic Orchestra, Civic Sinfonia and Civic Jazz Orchestra will celebrate with a program featuring the world premiere of Kevin Beavers' *Native Tongue*.

The Civic Orchestra commissioned the four-movement work in honor of its 30 years of educating young musicians in weekly rehearsals held from September to June. The program opens with a fanfare of horns as the U.S. Army Herald Trumpets play *The Star Spangled Banner*.

The Civic Orchestra has come a long way from the days when it was known as the Detroit Youth Symphony. In addition to expanding the size of the orchestras, Burke is planning to present more concerts in the 2000-01 season. The newly formed Civic Jazz Orchestra will have its own series of concerts.

What: The Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra presents its 30th anniversary Gala Concert
When: 3 p.m. Saturday, May 13
Where: Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit.
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The May 13 concert gives members the opportunity to perform a world premiere, and celebrate the legacy of 30 years of training musicians. One of the founding members, Paul Ganson, is now a DSO bassoonist and other members have gone on to play with the Atlanta Symphony and other orchestras."

Burke is especially looking forward to conducting Respighi's *Pines of Rome* with 160 musicians on stage as the

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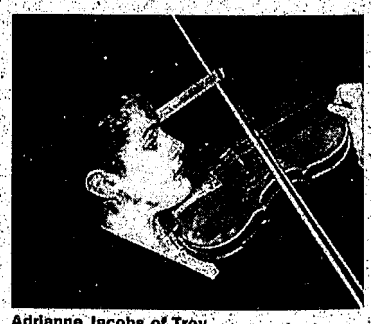

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FESTIVAL

Birmingham festival kicks off outdoor events season

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Teamwork: *Allison Parks (left), Jennifer Muir and Christine Winans gather in Shain Park, the site of the 19th-annual Birmingham Fine Art Festival.*

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Sure, the Birmingham Fine Art Festival is a rite of passage — the gateway to warmer weather and days at the park. A sign that it's time to lose the laundry, and show some skin.

Held every year on Mother's Day weekend in Shain Park, the two-day festival has become a defining seasonal event. Typically, the festival occurs in mid May, sometime after the tulips are in full bloom, and before the suffocation sets in of sweltering weather and misquotes.

But a week before Shain Park in downtown Birmingham fills with 300 artists display booths, food vendors, a stage for musical acts and 80,000 visitors, there's another, less talked about ritual.

Festival organizers Jennifer Muir and Christine Winans, neither demonstrably prone to shyness, are reluctant to describe their ritual dance for good weather.

Suffice it to say that both Muir and Winans use their impressive persuasion skills on a higher force of nature in the days preceding the outdoor event.

If a dance is required to coax away the rain clouds and attract pleasant temperatures, then so be it. Just don"t expect pictures, they point out.

"For us, the Weather Channel becomes prime-time watching," said Winans, executive director of the Birmingham Bloomfield Chamber, co-sponsors of the festival, which is organized by the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center.

When art festival organizers are more concerned with the weather than the wide range of variables that need to be in place, it's usually a sign an event is running on automatic pilot.

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Birmingham Fine Art Festival 2000
When: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, May 13; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, May 14
Where: Shain Park, and adjacent streets, downtown Birmingham
Features: 300 fine artists, food vendors, musical performers and children's activities
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Harper Lee.

Clearly, Parker's most recent play is a more adventurous statement about American culture than her other stories, typically set in a southern milieu. *Dreams of Martha Stewart* doesn't offer a *Saturday Night Live*-type spoof. Rather, Parker has set out to illuminate what's behind Stewart's immense appeal.

"Since the beginning of time, there's been symbols of perfection," said Parker. "I want to show that we are good enough with who we are, if we can learn to appreciate and accept ourselves."

Male prerogative

Similar to Parker's lead character, the protagonist in *Male Intellect*. . . is searching to discover what lies beyond the notion of perfection. In Dubac's story, however, it's the ideal of romantic love.

Jilted by the girl of his dreams, the lead character, Bobby, is all-too-ready to hear some homespun wisdom from five male characters who apparently know what women *really* want. Of course, they have their own illusions about how to *avoid* dealing with what women really want.

The advice ranges from the benefits of admitting that men are jerks to the attitude of "love 'em fast and leave them first." None of the five characters, Dubac was quick to point out, are autobiographical.

Clearly, *Male Intellect*. . . has struck a chord with audiences. Dubac has played to sold-out houses in Denver, and had an 18-month run in Chicago and a 10-month run in Boston before heading into Detroit for seven performances.

The show, which is part stand-up comedy and part dramatic theater, has been called by some critics as "too stereotypical." Dubac simply cites the roaring approval of audiences as proof that his characters have more than one dimension. The appeal, he said, is that each of the characters represents a distinctive male perspective.

But the key is that Dubac's message — "Men can't live in the past and have to change" — is delivered with a heavy dose of humor.

"Men are so blatantly maladjusted," said Dubac. "It's not that we're lost, it's just that the tools we're using are outdated."

Dubac has been approached by television producers about adapting his play for a sit-com. Until now, however, he hasn't been pleased that producers have wanted to "dumb down" the material.

"They're looking at demographics, rather than the comedy," he said. "Hey, I know I'm not breaking new intellectual ground here. This isn't the *Vagina Monologues*. I simply wrote the play. My wife explained to it to me."

And what about the ideal male role model?

"Hold on," said Dubac, "let me ask my wife."

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Civic Sinfonia join the Civic Orchestra on stage. The Sinfonia was created last September for emerging young musicians in elementary, middle and high school. At their first combined rehearsal at the end of April, Burke and the students were in awe of the sound.

Something to be missed

Jeff Grossman is going to miss performing with the Civic Orchestra next season. A senior at Harrison High School in Farmington Hills, Grossman will be studying music at Harvard University in Boston in fall. Over the last two years of playing piano and percussion with the Civic Orchestra, he's enjoyed working with conductors such as Klas, Tortelier and Jarvi during an annual side-by-side rehearsal with DSO musicians. Grossman would eventually like to become a conductor.

"It's the ability to learn what so many professional musicians have to say," said Grossman, who also plays with Harrison's Symphony Band and Symphony Orchestra as well as the Metropolitan Youth Symphony based in Birmingham.

"It's a taste of what it would be like to be in a professional orchestra. And Orchestra Hall, it's amazing, it's really wonderful. When you rehearse in a classroom, it doesn't sound the way it does in a hall, and we get to use the symphony's piano and equipment."

One of Grossman's favorite pieces on the program is Beavers' *Native Tongue*. He is anxious to hear Beavers comment on the work when the orchestra rehearses with the conductor before the concert.

"It's an interesting piece with influences of jazz and Thelonius Monk," said Grossman. "We're doing the world premiere but the Philadelphia Symphony is opening their season with it next year."

First year

This is Candice Wagner's first year with the Civic Orchestra. Her father, Corbin, plays French horn with the DSO. The Bloomfield Hills violist attended the DSO's Summer Institute last year. The Institute is an intensive, two-week training camp with members of Detroit's world-class orchestra.

"In the Civic Orchestra, I like the way we're treated as adults," said Wagner, a junior at Southfield Christian School. "There's a responsibility for us to know our parts. It's a professional atmosphere."

After the premiere and a brief intermission the Civic Jazz Orchestra will perform three selections in its debut performance. Detroit trumpeter Marcus Belgrave and Rodney Whitaker, a Detroit-born musician who plays bass with the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra based in New York, coached the 35-member jazz band.

"It was the vision of education director Daisy Newman to start Civic Jazz to address the needs of the entire community," said Burke.

"There's a real talent pool in Detroit jazz. They're getting a true jazz education."

Auditions for Civic and Sinfonia will be held at the end of May. Call (313) 576-5164.

In bloom: *"Tulips" is one of the featured pieces of art in this year's Birmingham Fine Art Festival. The show includes 300 artists from around the country.*

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That's not to say it doesn't take long hours and a coordination of many volunteers for the BBAC to pull together the artists, vendors and performers for the annual show that raises funds for its operating budget.

This year, nearly 750 artists applied for only 150 openings. Among the 300 artists are 150 invited from last year.

Recently, BBAC's effort was rated 24th in *Sunshine* magazine's annual listing of top art festivals. Although landlocked and smaller than the Ann Arbor Art Fairs and Paint Creek's *Art and Apples*, the Birmingham Fine Art Festival generates plenty of attendance and revenue for artists.

"Among artists, this is a well-known area because of the demographics — many people come to buy," said Allison Parks, who teaches at the BBAC and is this year's featured artist at the festival. Parks' jewelry is exhibited at the BBAC gallery shop, Andy Sharkey Gallery in Royal Oak, and the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History.

Four years ago, the BBAC and chamber entered a partnership to enliven what had become a somewhat predictable annual art fair. The goal, according to the BBAC's Muir, was to create a nationally renowned festival. The result was a name change from "art fair" to "fine art festival," an expanded performing arts lineup and broader participation from local businesses.

"The festival brings people to the city," said Winans. "There are immeasurable benefits. People come to the festival, go to the restaurants.

"Maybe go shopping. But we realize we can't be all things to all people."

Coming a week before *Celebrate Birmingham*, the arts festival serves as a kick-off to the summer season of outdoor events, including concerts in the park, mid July's *JazzFest* and the *Dream Cruise* in mid August.

In addition, this year's festival has attracted more sponsors. That could be an indication, said Muir, that future festivals may add a title sponsor.

For now, however, Muir is more concerned with keeping her fingers crossed. And of course, performing the ritual dance for good weather, which translates into clear skies and pleasant temperatures.

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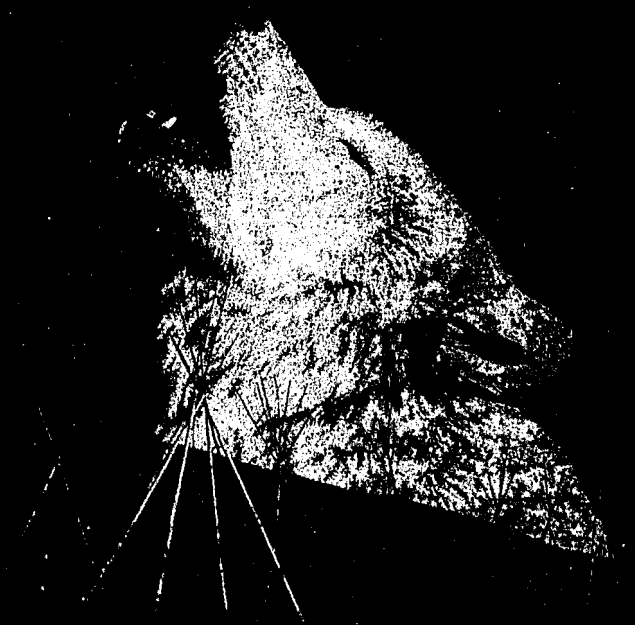

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BOOK REVIEW

Award-winning authors make reading fun for kids

ESTHER LITTMANN

Want the kids to read this summer? Then take them to meet two award-winning authors who will visit the Detroit area this week.

Author Avi will appear for a talk and book-signing 7-9 p.m. Thursday, May 11, in the Jones-Johnson Theater at the Royal Oak campus of Oakland Community College, 739 S. Washington. There is no charge and parking is free in the campus parking structure. The visit is sponsored by Book Beat and Oakland Community College.

Jacqueline Woodson will appear 10-11:30 a.m. Monday, May 8, for a book talk and autographing. The event will take place in the newly refurbished Friends Auditorium of the Detroit Main Library, 5201 Woodward Ave. Usually closed on Mondays, it will be open for this occasion. Use the Cass Avenue entrance. Parking is available in staff parking at the Putnam entrance. Admission is free. The appearance is sponsored by Book Beat in cooperation with the Detroit Main Library.

Avi's numerous award-winning novels for young readers include the Newbery Honors books *Nothing But the Truth* and *The True Confession of Charlotte Doyle*, plus the Dimwood Forest tales, *Poppy* and *Ragweed*.

Jacqueline Woodson has written many books for young adults, including *From the Notebooks of Melanin Sun*, *Maizon At Blue Hill*, and *I Hadn't Meant to Tell You This*. She has received the Kenyon Review Award for Literary Excellence and two Coretta Scott King Honor awards.

Here are two previews of the authors' new releases.

Avi

In *Ereth's Birthday* (Harper Collins, $15.95), Avi has created an unforgettable character. He's Erethizon Dorsatum, a pompous and crotchety old porcupine with a personality as prickly as his coat of quills. But today is different. It's his birthday, and that brings a smile to Ereth's bewhiskered face. Surely, he'll be the center of attention when his best friend Poppy, a deer mouse, arrives laden with gifts.

But Poppy and her husband have business elsewhere, and all the children can do is poke fun at Uncle Ereth's funny way of talking.

"Listen here, you smidgen of slipper slopper," cries Ereth in one of his customary alliterative outbursts, threatening to turn them into "pink pickled pasta" if they don't behave.

Disappointed and hurt, Ereth leaves in a huff, determined to find his own birthday treat. He knows just what that is and where to find it — salt, stored in a hunter's cabin deep in Dimwood Forest.

But the human beings have left more than a block of salt. They've set 16 traps to capture the animals for their fur. And Leaper the Fox is their first victim. Responding to faint cries for help, Ereth finds her bleeding and mangled. As she draws her last breaths, Leaper begs the old porcupine to care for her three helpless kits: Tumble, Nimble, and Flip.

"Chipped cheese on monkey mold," Ereth exclaims, as he imagines himself nursemaid to three baby foxes. But he grants the dying mother her final wish and lumbers off, immersed in self-pity and a thick blanket of snow that has accumulated since dawn.

What follows is a heartfelt tale, laced with humor and suspense, of the porcupine's new relationship with the foxes. There's the tricky matter of a vegetarian providing food for three frisky meat-eaters, not to mention the problem of a crusty old bachelor raising a family. And then there are the traps, now buried in snow, and the ravenous Marty the Fisher, who stalks Ereth wherever he goes.

Ereth's Birthday tells of love, the kind that begins reluctantly but blossoms into tenderness and respect. Those who enjoyed *Charlotte's Web* will be enchanted by Avi's new book.

Jacqueline Woodson

Miracle's Boys (Putnam's, $15.99), by Jacqueline Woodson, is also about love and a loss that threatens to extinguish it forever. Here, too, a loving mother has died. For the eldest son, Tyree, that means postponing college and taking a full-time job to support his younger brothers. For Charlie, who was in a juvenile detention home when his mother passed away, it means coming to terms with his mom's absence and his failure to be available when she needed him most. And for Lafayette, the youngest, the loss of his one remaining parent means a constant aching loneliness, along with a nagging guilt, because he was there but couldn't save her.

Woodson displays an uncanny ability to create inner monologue and dialogue that ring true for young males, especially for those living in an African-American and Latino community. It wasn't easy, she admits, to imagine how boys walk, talk and think. But she succeeds admirably, creating characters that are sensitive yet tough, experienced but not jaded.

Like other books by the author, *Miracle's Boys* explores complex emotional issues that arise from the harsh realities of life: death, alienation and crime. The plot provides no fairy-tale endings but shows how human decency and mutual support can produce a climate of hope and affirmation.

Both books can be found at Book Beat, 26010 Greenfield, in Oak Park.

Esther Littmann lives in Bloomfield Township and is a tutor in English. You can leave her a message on a touch-tone phone at (734) 953-2047. Her fax number is 644-1314.

BOOK HAPPENINGS

To submit items to Book Happenings, send the information to 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, Mi. 48009 or fax to (248) 644-1314.

Borders Books, Music, Video & a Cafe, at 1122 S. Rochester in Rochester Hills, has the following events planned: (For more information, call (248) 652-0558.)

■ Express Your Purpose Art & Journal Workshop with writer Iris Underwood and art therapist Marilyn Secatch from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday May 13. Discover and recover your personal identity and develop a clear sense of purpose, power and peace through writing and drawing your personal mission statement.

■ The American Girls Club — Samantha in the Springtime — for girls 7-12 years old, is meeting 2 p.m. Sunday, May 14.

■ Pokemon Trading card Game League Session 5 meets 5 to 6 p.m. Sunday, May 14. Sign up no longer required.

■ Detroit Women Writers Author Reading & Open Mike, celebrating 100 years, meets 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 16. Members have won hundreds for their books, articles, plays, poems and scripts. Listen as they read from their works, then open the floor to read yours.

■ A poetry workshop by poet and Detroit Women Writers member Linda Sienkiewicz is held the first four Wednesdays in May.

Each session begins at 7:30 p.m.

Sienkiewicz will discuss creative techniques to enhance poem making. Based on the feedback from her past workshops, she has created a four-week series. Sign up in advance at the store. All levels of writers are welcomed.

Borders Books and Music at Oakland Mall has the following events planned:

■ Author Linda Colwell discusses her book *When the Lilacs Bloom*, at 1 p.m. Sunday, May 7. Time travel, gothic tones, history and paranormal is included in the pages.

■ *My Garden Journal* author Iris Lee Underwood will discuss how to plan a journal for planting plots, keeping track of location and dates of plantings, storing receipts of plant purchases and pictures of possible projects, and recording successful and unsuccessful gardening tips and ideas. The event is 7 p.m. Monday, May 8.

■ Natalie Dunbar, author of *Best of Friends*, discusses the book at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 13. A book given the rating of four stars by Romantic times, features Mariah McCleary, an African American woman who's lost all her family, struggles to raise the funds to relocate her business to a location on the Detroit River and put her life back together. Also in the plot are an ex-fiance, a male best friend who is falling in love with McCleary and a relationship with a professional basketball player that becomes tumultuous.

■ Open Mike Poetry Night with Patricia Sullivan is the third Monday of each month — this month, 8 p.m. Monday, May 15. Share your poems or if you're currently suffering from writers' block, come and see what kinds of things your fellow poets are doing.

■ Alise Citrin from Thing-A-Majigs will help customers create a special mask to update their spring wardrobe with Put On A New Face at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 17. Call (248) 585-6029 to register.

■ At 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 17, authors George and Michele Zavatsky will introduce parents to ways to explore all the fun places in Michigan with their children, year-round. The pair will also sign their book, *Kids Love Michigan*.

■ The Oakland Mall Borders celebrates its one-year anniversary the weekend of May 19-21.

The Joe Grande Trio starts the entertainment off with some jazz at 7:30 p.m. Friday. Cowboy Arizona will show show off his kite making talents at 1 p.m. Saturday and Pippins Puppets entertain the youngsters at 3:30 p.m. At 3 p.m. Saturday, fortune teller Rune Stones gives a 10 minute peak into the future, using cards, pendulum, palmistry, astrology and oracles. The anniversary party concludes at 2 p.m. Sunday with music by Keri Noble. If you celebrate a wedding anniversary or a birthday during this weekend, show a copy of your wedding license or birth certificate or driver's license and receive a 15 percent discount on any item not already discounted.

■ The American Girl Book Group, which is accepting new members, meets 3 p.m. Sunday, May 21.

■ Storyteller Barbara Schutzgraber shares String Stories at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 24.

■ The Peanut Butter Mosquitoes, a rock 'n' roll band, will play at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 26.

■ Here, There & Everywhere features Miss Amy, who will discuss summer time activities for children, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 31.

Happenings at Barnes & Noble, 6575 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills:

■ Mystery Group, examining *A Twist at the End*, meets 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 9. *A Twist at the End* is a historical mystery based on a real but never identified serial killer stalking 1880s Austin, Texas.

■ A lecture and discussion on *Tosca*, appearing at The Michigan Opera Theatre, headed by author Giacomo Puccini at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 10.

■ A mouse costume character based upon the book, *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*, by Laura J. Numeroff, visits at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 13. Bring a cookie for the mouse and have a picture taken with him.

BOOK SIGNINGS

■ William X. Kienzle, international best selling author of *Till Death*, will welcome visitors and sign and discuss his newest novel at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 17 at Barnes & Noble, 6575 Telegraph in Bloomfield Hills.

Artist reflects on process of creation

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Just call her Julia – that's what her paintings seem to say. There's no pretension about the vibrant watercolors painted by the Ann Arbor psychotherapist whose patients call her Dr. Hardy.

Whether the subjects are olive trees from Italy, a patisserie in Geneva or small-town life in the south of France, the works have an honesty and peacefulness just like Julia Hardy herself. Her inner calm is reflected in the sunflowers, boats, and spices on display in an open-air market.

Hardy created nearly all 29 of the paintings for a Plymouth Community Arts Council exhibit within the last two years. The one-woman show continues to Thursday, May 25.

Window laundry

The series of brightly colored "window laundry" paintings was begun after a two-week trip to Provence in 1998. Hardy takes photographs on location, and then to her home studio where she begins developing ideas in a favorite sketch book. She frequently adds color to sketches before deciding if they're worthy of a large-scale painting.

Drenched in the area's golden light, the building in *Sun Dried Laundry* is in stark contrast to the laundry whites hung out of an upper-level window in a fishing village near Nice.

"When I was in Italy 10 years ago, I noticed that there are still people who put their laundry up," said Hardy. "They're people living a simpler life. In rural Provence, it's just the way of life. When the soft mistral begins to blow, they're hanging their laundry and tending their fields."

Hardy can relate to that slower life style because she grew up near the Mississippi bayou. Perceptions of the bayou and how they relate to painting is one of the topics Hardy will cover in a lecture-and-slide presentation of her work on Friday, May 12.

Content

Hardy came to Michigan to complete her psychiatric residency at the University of Michigan 20 years ago and never left. But it wasn't because she didn't love the South.

"I'm going to talk about how you get the content in the work and the difference between illustration and a work of art," said Hardy. "An artist projects something of themselves into a painting. For example, I grew up in the South, so for me the bayou is peaceful and meditative. For other people, it may be spooky.

"My painting of the bayou will be different from someone else who's never experienced its beauty. It's amazing how autobiographical painting is. I love the free associating. It's my medium of expression.

"I'm not a happy camper unless I'm sketching or painting. I've always appreciated the visual arts. There's a satisfaction from doing one better than the next that expresses something non-verbal."

As a psychotherapist, Hardy spends a lot of time "helping people develop their own points of view and be their fuller self." Her satisfaction comes from dual roles as a psychotherapist and an artist.

Similarities

"I see a lot of similarities between being a psychotherapist and an artist," Hardy said. "As a psychotherapist, you learn to develop a good ear to hear what people are saying. As an artist you develop a good eye. They're similar skills."

Hardy will also talk about the rebirth of respect for creativity. She's believed in the power of art and creating since she began painting a few years after receiving her medical degree from Harvard University. Since then, Hardy's exhibited her award-winning art extensively and given several presentations on the psychological side of creativity.

"People went through a phase thinking creativity wasn't important," said Hardy. "Our culture is changing and swinging like a pendulum. We realized we're developing creative problem-solving skills. It's part of our intuitive. We're thinking all day long."

Hardy's up-close-and-personal portraits of brilliantly-colored sunflowers are favorites of hers because they remind her of people. One particularly dazzling yellow flower she found growing along Packard in Ann Arbor. She calls it her mid-life sunflower.

"At some point the sunflowers almost start to take on a personality of their own," said Hardy. "I can feel some of the human emotion. When they're fresh and young, everyone says they're beautiful. They don't see the new growth as time goes on, and they curl back on themselves.

"It's almost like a joyous dance. There's a joy for a psychotherapist when people get well. I like to see people and myself move beyond restraints."

What: The Plymouth Community Arts Council exhibits "Impressions" by Julia Hardy.
When: Through Thursday, May 25. Hardy presents a lecture/slide presentation on the exhibit at noon, Friday, May 12.
Where: Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon at Junction, Plymouth. Call (734) 416-4278 for more information.

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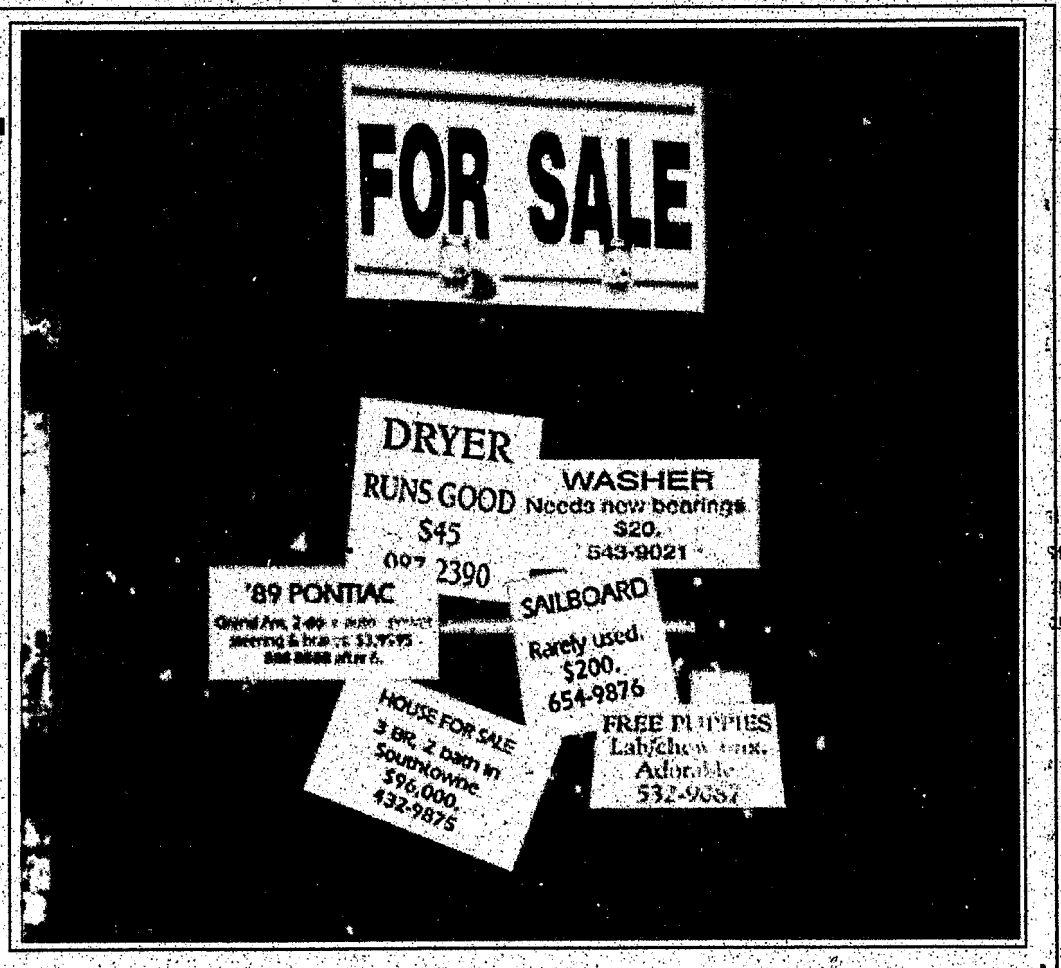

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Colorado canyons attract tourists

BY DOUG JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

■ TRAVEL

Writer Kent Haruf describes Colorado's Front Range as a "faint jagged blue line low on the horizon a hundred miles farther away" in his recent best-seller, *Plainsong*.

He's talking about that first glimpse of the Rocky Mountains, coming in from the east on I-70 or I-76. The Front Range is the destination that drove Zebulon Pike and inspired *America The Beautiful*. These purple mountain majesties are what the *Rocky Mountain News* describes as Colorado's "boon and bane."

If you haven't visited the area recently, you will be amazed at the growth. Even with the population boom it's not hard to find quiet spots away from urban areas.

Serene times

Take US 285 and drive to the Pine Junction turnoff, go to Deckers (it's just a single store, no gas) and turn either left or right and travel along the south fork of the Platte River. As the crow flies, you are a few minutes from Denver.

But in location and in spirit you are far away, behind the first wall of the Rockies, traveling along a dirt road, the Platte roaring beside you. At one point the road narrows; the river runs deeper because a boulder the size of a house blocks a stream. No population boom here.

It's these places that draw you to the mountains.

If you stay in Boulder to avoid the traffic and noise of Denver, it's the jumping off point for trips up one of several canyons: Coal Creek up to Nederland; Boulder Canyon where locals inner tube, hike and cool off in the spray from easy-to-reach Boulder Falls; or up South Saint Vrain Canyon or Big Thompson Canyon to Estes Park and Rocky Mountain National Park just beyond.

Boulder

Boulder often makes the "best places to live" top 10 lists. This month, *Modern Maturity* magazine called Boulder the best "clean and green" city for retirees. Two-thirds of the population holds some kind of college degree. The city's plan for outdoor recreation should be the model for the nation. A local sales tax has allowed the city to surround itself with huge tracts of open space lands that cannot be touched by developers.

Most people living in Boulder can look out one of their windows and see the Front Range and the low Flatirons. Municipal water comes from the city-owned glacier. Downtown is easy to reach, highlighted by the tree-lined Pearl Street mall. Just blocks from downtown you can hike mountain trails.

North of Boulder out of Fort Collins is Cache la Poudre River, a designated Wild and Scenic River. The rocky canyon goes on for miles and miles deep into the Front Range. The Forest Service has been refurbishing the extensive string of picnic areas, turnouts, campgrounds and fishing bridges along the river.

The canyon is quiet during the week but gets busy starting Friday afternoon. The Poudre is the last unblocked river along the Front Range, hence the bumper stickers: "Don't Damn the Poudre." The intense force of the white water rushing alongside the road for miles can best be felt if you drive slowly with the windows down.

South along the front range many people end up at Colorado Springs, drawn by Pikes Peak, the Air Force Academy and several other tourist destinations.

Recent changes

A new visitor center at the Garden of the Gods, opened in the mid-Nineties and the end of tours at Cheyenne Mountain, is one of the new additions to the area.

The government used to take visitors into the mountain to see the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD), made famous in the movie "War Games."

The Garden of the Gods is the neatest city park (it's owned by Colorado Springs) in America. You get a great view of Pikes Peak from the balcony of the visitors center. You can drive around looking at the rock formations or hike. Technical climbers also use the area for practice.

Another Front Range community, Canon City, is the setting for a new tourism venture launched last May. For the first time in almost 35 years, you can take a train ride into the Royal Gorge, the 1,000-foot-deep canyon of the Arkansas River.

Riding the Canon City and Royal Gorge Railroad takes about two hours for a round-trip into the canyon, including a trip over a hanging bridge that is secured to the granite walls. The only other way to see this section of the Front Range is by raft or kayak on the churning Arkansas.

The other big draw in Canon City is the Royal Gorge Bridge, where you can get a view on a suspension bridge above the gorge. The view is spectacular and perfect, but you will have to decide whether the admission charges are worth it, especially for a large family.

North of Canon City you can visit Cripple Creek, one of the towns in the mountains that offers casinos. Out on the plains, you'll find more people and a booming economy. A revamped Denver, with its Historic Lower Downtown Districts (LoDo) is bringing people back downtown. But close by — up the trails and roads and rivers and canyons — exists the "other" Colorado.

Doug Johnson, a Colorado native, is a retired Livonia teacher who lives with his wife in Plymouth.

If you go...

■ A great source for information on Colorado is *The Colorado Guide* by Bruce Caughey and Dean Winstanley.

■ Four-wheeler guides like Charles Wells' *Guide to Colorado Backroads and 4-Wheel-Drive Trails* offer useful maps and sound advice. Also Peter Massey-Jeanne Wilson's *4WD Adventures-Colorado*.

■ A November 1995 issue of *National Geographic* has a detailed article on the problems and the lure of Front Range communities.

■ Boulder Web sites include www.ci. boulder. co. us/ comm/ fyi/ index Also: www. mle. com/ bic. html# Visitor

■ The Royal Gorge train number is (888) Rails4U.

■ The NORAD Web page offers many details if you wish to visit: www. cheyennemountain. af. mil/ cmoc/ cmoctour. htm

■ The Denver Post, Rocky Mountain News, Boulder Daily Camera and Colorado Springs Gazette all run very good Web sites for detailed, up-to-date information.

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Wolves fourth at Eccentric tourney

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Teeing off: *Clarkston junior Lauren Benner lets go of a drive at the first tee of Fieldstone during Wednesday's first-annual Eccentric Tournament.*

Clarkston is in its first season of girls golf, but the Wolves were the surprise team at the first-annual Eccentric Girls Golf Tournament, Wednesday at Fieldstone, finishing fourth in the 14-team field.

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On a picture - day for golf, Cara Christeson turned in a near picture-perfect round and the five-person Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood contingent painted a picture of consistency.

The result was Christeson, a senior at Rochester, running away with individual honors, and the Aardvarks claiming team supremacy at Wednesday's inaugural Eccentric Newspapers Girls Golf Tournament held at Fieldstone Golf Club in Auburn Hills.

"It all came together," said Christeson moments after firing a meet-best 77 on the 4,941-yard, par-72 layout. "I drove the ball well, hit 11 greens in regulation and putted pretty well."

Christeson's remarkable play put the Falcons in a glorious position to win the overall title. However, the consistency displayed by Courtney Quay, Liz Vollman, Maria O'Connell, Shaw Smith and Stephanie Seno — all from Kingswood — added up to a 365 total and two strokes better than that of the Falcons.

"I'm very pleased," said Cranbrook-Kingswood coach Del Walden after accepting the trophy for the team championship. "These girls are all hard workers and get along so beautifully. They are willing to do the things I ask them to do."

Troy fired a four-person score of 387, Clarkston, a first-year program, was next with 390, and Birmingham Marian also shot 390 to round out the top five in the standings.

Rochester Adams (393), Walled Lake Western (414), Walled Lake Central (415), Auburn Hills Avondale (423), Troy Athens (423), Bloomfield Hills Lahser (431), Bloomfield Hills Andover (454), Birmingham Groves (460) and Southfield (506) finished off the 14-team field.

"I'm happy to finish second behind such a fine team as Kingswood," Rochester coach Hal Commerson said. "The girls should be proud of themselves."

Standing front and center above the rest was Christeson, who masterfully carded a 38 on the front nine and followed that up with a 39 on the back side.

Christeson said early on in her round she knew something special might happen. Pars on the first few holes instilled confidence leading up to a two-over score on the front, and a birdie on the par three, No. 12 proved key to breaking 40 on the back.

"She is so smart and really knows her game," Commerson said of his No.1 player. "She is valedictorian of her class, a member of the robotics team, and a very likeable person. She's a brilliant kid who works hard in everything

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Clarkston sweeps pair from Orion

Wolves knock off rival Dragons for softball sweep; remain in OAA Division I contention

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
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Each of the past two years, Clarkston and Lake Orion have played thrilling district final games on the softball diamond worthy of their intense, evenly matched rivalry.

In their first meeting this season, the teams remain as evenly matched as ever, however, it was Clarkston who emerged with a pair of one-run wins, 2-1 and 3-2, Wednesday in an Oakland Activities Association Division I twinbill at Clarkston.

The wins improve the Wolves, one of the fastest rising teams in the county, to 11-5 overall and 4-3 in division, while Lake Orion, who started the season 7-0 and was ranked honorable-mention in this week's Division I softball poll, drops to 8-3 overall and 5-3 in the league.

The Wolves got outstanding defense from all positions and a pair of dominating pitching performances from junior hurler Lisa Ferguson. The right-hander went the distance in both games, allowing no runs in the last six innings of the first game and striking out five in the twinbill.

Lake Orion junior pitcher Jodi Dempsey was just as effective as Ferguson, pitching well out of jams and keeping the balanced Clarkston lineup off balance for most of the games. Dragons coach Dennis Davis said the difference in the games was his team's mental errors at important times.

"Their leadoff hitter (Melanie Arnold) is the key to their team, and for the most part, we kept her in check. But then we'd walk the number nine or two hitter, and it negates what we did with her," he said. "We can't keep their best player off the bases and then allow others to get on by our mistakes. They were two close games, the difference was the little things."

A double by Dempsey that brought home junior shortstop Melissa Wilson in the first was the only scoring of game one until the bottom of the sixth, when the Wolves finally ruck back. Ferguson laid down a bunt single, then advanced to second on a passed ball, and later to third on a wild pitch. Junior Mary Warchuck's single scored Ferguson, tying the game 1-1. A sacrifice bunt by junior Nicole Thrift advanced Warchuck to third, who later scored on a wild pitch, to account for the other run.

Clarkston coach Al Land complimented his team's depth, which was a key to the win.

"One through nine, we can hit," he said. "We've been playing pretty well all year, and everyone has contributed to it. We have five losses, but we had every chance to win all but one of those."

Land has typically used Ferguson and senior Candace Morgan to pitch the two ends of a doubleheader. However, Lake Orion's ability to hit the change-up — Morgan's best pitch this year — dictated his decision to go with Ferguson in both games.

"Lisa throws with a little more velocity, where Candace is most effective when she is mixing her pitches," he said. "Lake Orion has always taken changeups from us pretty well. Today, Lisa did a great job at keeping the ball down and she pitched such a nice first game, I decided to go with her in the second."

The nightcap was scoreless until the bottom of the third, when Clarkston strung three hits together to take a 2-0 lead. Morgan got the two-out rally started with a screaming double down the left field line to bring in Ferguson. Junior Tracey Honey followed with a bloop double that curved down the right field line to score Morgan.

Lake Orion came back in the top of the fifth with a run of its own. Kelly Coe, Katie Lewis and Dempsey loaded the bases with none out, and Clarkston's stellar defense is the only thing that kept the Dragons from taking a lead. The Wolves got the next two out without any runs scoring until catcher Kathy Robinson singled to left, scoring Lewis. Robinson recovered from a tough defensive game in the opener to go 4-for-4 in the second game.

"Kathy's an excellent hitter when she's in the groove, and she was in that second game," Davis said. "If she can work on some of her defensive mistakes, she can be that catcher that leads us a long ways."

The Wolves got a valuable insurance run in the bottom of the fifth thanks to its team speed. Arnold legged out a bunt single, and advanced to second on a passed ball. She later scored when the Dragons made an overthrow off a bunt by Ferguson.

Lake Orion closed the gap to 3-2 when Rachel Clouse used her speed to score off a Clarkston error in the top of the sixth. But the Dragons couldn't push the equalizer across the plate.

The games were the first for Lake Orion since April 19, a doubleheader split with top-rnaked Waterford Kettering. The Dragons had a Monday game with West Bloomfield rained out, while the Wolves easily beat Lapeer East in a Tuesday doubleheader. Although Davis didn't use the extended layoff as an excuse, he knew his team would play better as the schedule increases.

"We had some time off, and the kids

Please See **SOFTBALL**, C2

STAFF PHOTOS BY STEVE CANTRELL

Play at the plate: *Clarkston catcher Tracey Honey (top photo) puts the tag on Lake Orion's Kelly Coe. Below, Clarkston senior Nicole Thrift gets the tag applied to her by Orion third baseman Katie Lewis. The Wolves avenged last year's district loss to the Dragons with a 3-2, 2-1 sweep Wednesday afternoon.*

Pitch and catch

BRAD MONASTIERE

From band-aids to Star Wars ... and a little diamond action inbetween

Last week started out so typically for those of us who like spring sports.

On Monday, May 1, the first full slate of spring games since everyone returned from Spring Break. The previous week, we had five straight sunny and temperate days. The first day, what do we have? Rain. Yep, thanks for nothing, Mother Nature. But hey, you can't complain about the rest of the week. It's been so sunny, even I'm starting to get a little sun. Not that my tan compares with Clarkston super shortstop **Lindsay Simko**, as an arm-to-arm comparison showed me last week. I'm not worthy!

■ **May the Force be with them**

Uniform Accessory of the Year award has to go to the Oxford softball team. Yeah, I know that isn't an official award, but that team's fashion statement demands one to be created in their honor. The Wildcats showed up for its doubleheader at Lapeer East Thursday sporting Star Wars Band-Aids on their shoulders, a show of not only team unity, but of high class as well.

Anyone who knows me, knows what a Star Wars nut I am. People often ask me which movie of the four is my favorite, and I say all of them. To me, they are all meant to be viewed as one movie because they tell one grand story. We have only seen four-sixths of the total story so far. Once seen altogether, I feel each individual movie will seem better because all the connections will be made. Rumors were rampant Friday that little-known actor **Hayden Christensen** has signed to be the next Anakin Skywalker, beating out contenders like **Colin Hanks**, **Ryan Phillippe** and (the ones I hoped was cast) **Paul Walker**.

But I digress. It's always nice to see a team band together (pun intended) in one way or another. NBA teams used to do that by wearing black shoes in the playoffs. When I was 13, everyone on our hockey team decided to show that unity by shaving our numbers into the sides of our heads, a la **Brian Bosworth**. OK, it wasn't the best of ideas. But it was 1986, and the Boz was all the rage, and when you're 13, anything that is cool at the moment has to be cool forever, right?

A bevy of gold stars to the Oxford softball team for its team unity and solid choice of shoulder art. May the Force be with you all.

■ **More softball excellence**

Wednesday, I was treated to a pair of terrific softball games by two of the best teams in the state. The final stats show Clarkston sweeping Lake Orion 2-1 and 3-2, and the scores are true in one respect: these two clubs are about as evenly matched as you can get.

Both feature terrific junior pitchers (**Lisa Ferguson** for Clarkston and **Jodi Dempsey** for Lake Orion) who have excellent stuff and are capable of winning games by themselves. Both have veteran coaches (**Al Land** and **Dennis Davis**) who know all the tricks and have a knack for making the right decisions at the right times. They also have very solid traditions and have had competitive teams for a number of years.

Over the past two years, these two programs have hooked up for some classic contests, most notably the 10-inning thriller in the 1998 district finals, won by the Wolves 2-1. That game is still in my top five most exciting games I have ever covered, and showed two great teams with future college players all over the field. Anytime I get to see two quality programs like this play at this level, it makes me feel lucky to be doing this job for a living.

This summer, Land will be coaching Lake Orion leadoff hitter **Melissa Wilson** on his Compuware team. If you want to catch some truly outstanding softball, I would recommend

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Shorthanded Lake Orion gives boot to Clarkston, 2-1

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Megan Noll didn't even learn of her promotion to the varsity ranks until less than 24 hours before Thursday's soccer game against Clarkston. But one couldn't tell by the Lake Orion sophomore's performance.

Noll scored a pair of unassisted goals and that proved to be enough as host Lake Orion, which was missing seven players due to injuries, managed to escape with a 2-1 Oakland Activities Association Division II triumph over neighboring rival Clarkston.

"We were missing seven girls and we brought three sophomores up from the junior-varsity — and we still won," said Lake Orion first-year coach Josh Gottlieb. "Megan Noll came out of nowhere and scored two goals. I didn't know how we would do with that many players, including two of our three captains, out of the line-up. But we stepped up and won it. This is amazing."

Clarkston, which came out of Spring Break enjoying, perhaps, its most successful start in its soccer program's history, has hit a road block as of late. After failing to close out a late 3-1 lead earlier in the week against West Bloomfield, which the Wolves tied 4-4, Clarkston couldn't generate much offense against the ailing Dragons.

"I'm not sure what out problem is, but we've been kind of sluggish all week," said Clarkston second-year coach Tami Mitchell. "Ever since we've come back from break, we haven't played all that well. I don't want to use Spring Break as an excuse, but not playing and practicing for a long time has hurt us.

"We're going to have to try some new things to get us going again."

Noll got Lake Orion (5-2-2, 4-0-1) going midway through the first half when she picked off a pass in traffic and hit a low shot into the corner past Clarkston junior goalkeeper Sarah Morgan.

Clarkston (5-4-3, 1-3-3) evened things up early in the second half when senior forward Jessica Thomas scored her third goal of the week as her shot sailed past Orion junior keeper Sarah Poisson.

But Noll wasn't done, as she tallied the eventual game-winner midway through the second half off a breakaway, where she split two Clarkston defenders and slipped a shot past Morgan.

"We also brought up two other sophomores, Lauren Ford and Chelsea Russell, and they all played well," said Gottlieb. "And we obviously had to move a lot of people around and we had a lot of girls step up.

As for Noll's future?

"I looked over at my (junior-varsity) coach after Megan Noll scored that second goal and said: "You just lost your star, because Megan is staying with me."

Clarkston nine edge Orion, fall short to Rochester Adams

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In a season where powerful batting lineups have taken the limelight in the talent-laden Oakland Activities Association Division I, a good old-fashioned pitchers duel took center stage Wednesday when Clarkston paid visit to Lake Orion.

Clarkston senior left-hander Chris Mitchell scattered nine hits and struck out four, while Orion senior right-hander Mike Crawford allowed just five hits and stuck out nine. But it was Mitchell and the Wolves who came away with a key 4-2 triumph over the Dragons.

"You talk about two very fine pitching performances," said Clarkston second-year coach Phil Price, whose squad remained in first place with the win. "I thought both guys did an outstanding job. But we were able to come up with the key hits at the right times."

Clarkston (12-3, 4-0), which had a runner reach second base in each of the first three innings, trailed 1-0 entering the top of the fifth, but a one-out single from Trevor Manuel, followed by a double to right- center by Bret Gove gave the Wolves a chance — and they capitalized on the situation. Brett Crawford rose to the occasion on the next pitch and slapped a two-run single to right for a 2-1 Clarkston lead.

Crawford, who was 2-for-4 at the plate, also drilled a two-run homer that easily sailed over the fence in dead-center field in the top of the seventh, which proved to be the difference.

"Mike Crawford pitched a heckuva game, we just couldn't get the hits at the right time," said Lake Orion coach Andy Schramek. "We hit Chris Mitchell hard, but just about everything was right at people. He pitched his way out of a couple of jams by forcing us to hit some hard grounders at their infielders or line shots right at their outfielders.

"Clarkston only had a couple of breaks where they strung a couple of hits off Crawford, including that homer. It's frustrating that we lost, but it was a very good game."

Lake Orion (7-4, 1-2), which owns two victories over state-ranked teams this season, had one last chance to solve Mitchell, when Crawford ripped an RBI single to right that scored Sean Letsinger, who opened the frame with a single to right-center. But Mitchell got one batter to bounce into a fielders choice, and two others to ground out to short, which ended the game.

"Brett Crawford came though for us today," said Price. "Lake Orion's pitcher gave us problems all day, but Brett was able to get all four RBI for us. This was his day."

■ **Rochester Adams 14, Clarkston 7** — In baseball, rare is the team on any level that goes undefeated. As if to prove that point, Rochester Adams ruined Clarkston's undefeated league record Friday.

The Highlanders put on an impressive power display against the Wolves, taking home this Oakland Activities Association Division I victory. The loss was Clarkston's first in league competition, bringing Adams within a game of the league lead.

Adams scored runs in every inning against Clarkston pitching, exploding for five in the fourth, which extended a 3-1 lead to 8-1, and effectively put the game out of reach.

"The kids were into the ballgame today," said Adams coach Andrew Lamkin. "It was a total change from the other day, when we really weren't into it mentally. But we knew this was a big game against a very good team, and we came out and played."

As pleased as Lamkin was with his team's game, Clarkston coach Phil Price was unhappy with the Wolves' passiveness.

"We give these other teams so much credit when we should go out and show them that we're just as good, if not better than they are," he said. "We didn't hit with any focus or game plan out there, and our pitchers just went up there and threw balls with no purpose. The infield had no idea what to do with their cutoffs. Those mistakes just killed us."

Adams junior J.D. Leichman lit up Clarkston for four hits and three runs batted in, while senior pitcher Ryan Ford belted a two-run triple that got the team's fourth-inning explosion going.

Adams' lead got as high as 11-1 before the Clarkston bats got going. Pinch hitter Josh Rigg doubled off the center field wall with the bases loaded in the bottom of the sixth, while senior catcher Derek Casper and senior first baseman Chris Mitchell hit home runs to right. Casper's was a solo shot, and Mitchell's was a two-run drive that came in the seventh.

Eccentric girls golf tournament provides challenge to area golfers

Not bad for openers.

The inaugural Eccentric Newspapers Girls Golf Tournament blasted-off Wednesday in perfect weather conditions shortly after 1 p.m. and concluded some five hours later when the final threesomes wearily wandered back to the clubhouse.

In between, there were loads of lost golf balls, a few frayed nerves and an equal mix of sensational shots and baffling blunders on the challenging Fieldstone Golf Club of Auburn Hills. The par-72, 4,941-yard layout demanded heady management decisions and precision shot making with all of its hazards, deep bunkers and heavy rough.

But the bottom line for all 70 golfers and their coaches is they had a fun, albeit interesting, round of golf in a tournament environment.

Marty Budner

And we at The Eccentric are appreciative of the Fieldstone staff - including head professional Gordon Marmion and course superintendent Robert Barr - for allowing us to use their refurbished facility on the former Arrowhead Golf Club grounds.

"I thought the people at Fieldstone were nice to allow us to play on their course," said veteran Athens coach Hans Petersen. "I thought it was a difficult course, but the kids seemed to have fun. There was a lot of trouble out there and some of those kids found that trouble.

"But it was nice to have all the local teams out there for (the Eccentric tournament)," he said. "I thought it was great."

Indeed, the tournament's purpose is twofold.

It is meant to allow players to hone their games against some competitive teams at a local venue and to prepare those golfers for future tournament-style play.

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Hal Commerson, veteran coach at Rochester High School,

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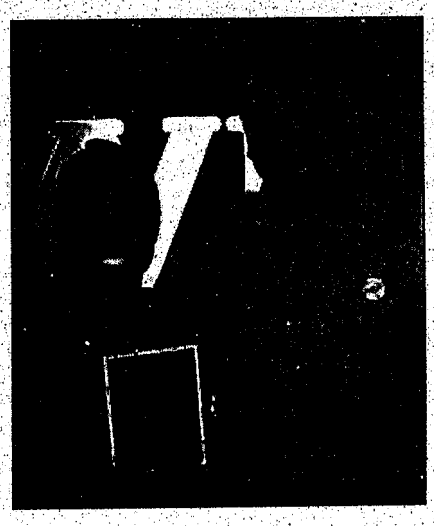

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RECORDS — Oxford 5-0, 4-0 FML; Linden NA.

Boys track

LINDEN 72, OXFORD 67
(5-3 at Linden)

HIGH JUMP — Chris Daniels (O) 6-0; LING JUMP — Daniels (O) 19-5; POLE VAULT — Clark (LO 10-0; SHOT PUT — Eric Ghiaciuc (O) 50-0; DISCUS — Ghiaciuc (O) 134-6; 3200 RELAY — Oxford (Dan Nelder, Jon Zmikly, Dan Slown, Mike Banachowski) 8:47.0; 110 HURDLES — Konn (L) 17.0; 100 — Hack (L) 11.7; 800 RELAY — Linden 1:36.0; 1600 — Nelder (O) 4:55.0; 400 RELAY — Linden 46.2; 400 — Banachowski (O) 52.4; 300 HURDLES — Scott Davidson (O) 42.0; 800 — Slown (O) 2:13.0; 200 — Curtis (L) 23.7; 3200 — Coe (L) 10:48; 1600 RELAY — Linden 3:40.0.

RECORD — Oxford 2-1-2, 2-1-1 FML; Linden NA.

Girls Golf

CLARKSTON 211, AVONDALE 222
(5-4 at Clarkston Creek)

CLARKSTON — Taylor Wilburn 49; Maria Olinger 53; Lauren Benner 53; Krista Roschek 56.

AVONDALE — Jessica Waugh 51; Maria Bartolone 56; Jessica Wallace 47; Monika D'Onoforio 58.

RECORDS — Clarkston 2-2, 2-2 OAA III; Avondale 3-1, 3-1.

Boys Tennis

CLARKSTON 5, ROCHESTER ADAMS 3
(5-4 at Adams)

SINGLES — 1. Andy Formanczyk (RA) d. Andrew Brown 7-5, 6-3; 2. Patrick Heber (C) d. Joe deSteiger 6-0, 6-1; 3. Scott Barnett (C) Joe Droste 61, 6-1; 4. Mike Rashid (C) d. Nick Austin 4-6, 6-0, 6-2.

DOUBLES — 1. Andrew Bolton-Tariz Salmon (RA) d. Dustin King-Eric Herzog 6-4, 6-3; 2. Matt Kole-Jason Benedict (RA) d. Brent Griffith-Paul O'Conner 4-6, 7-6, 6-2; 3. Matt Foley-Jacob Roderick (C) d. Matt Klassen-Ryan Majeurkas 6-3, 3-6, 7-6; 4. Joe Szilvagyi-Grant Gifford (C) d. Drew Hennessey-Nick Banka 6-2, 6-7; 6-1.

RECORDS — Clarkston 8-1; Adams 5-3-1.

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CLARKSTON — Taylor Wilburn 49; Maria Olinger 53; Lauren Benner 53; Krista Roschek 56.

AVONDALE — Jessica Waugh 51; Maria Bartolone 56; Jessica Wallace 47; Monika D'Onoforio 58.

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TOP INDIVIDUAL FINISHERS — 1. Cara Christeson (Rochester), 77; 2. Shikha Mehta (Troy), 88; 3. (tie) Lia Vollman (Kingswood), Maria O'Connell (Kingswood), 89; 5. Courtney Quay (Kingswood), 90; 6. Lindsay Drewes (Adams), Anna Trim (Clarkston), Megan Bradley (Rochester), Kristen Nolan (Athens), 91; 10. Melissa Montgomery (Southfield), 92; 11. April Adkins (Southfield), 93; 12. Erin Kummer (Adams), Jessica Magnetta (Marian), Kristen Stroh (Marian), 95; 15. Cindy Adams (Troy), Stacey Goins (Rochester), Leslie Forgach (Groves), 96.

TEAM TOTALS

1. Bloomfield Hills Kingswood (365) — Maria O'Connell (43-46—89), Lia Vollman (45-44—89), Courtney Quay (46-44—90), Stephanie Seno (46-51— 97), Shaw Smith (50-49—99).

2. Rochester (367) — Cara Christeson (38-39—77), Megan Bradley (45-46—91), Stacey Goins (48-48—96), Angela Depolo (51-52—103), Stephanie Crawford (61-57—118).

3. Troy (387) – Shikha Mehta (43-45—88), Cindy Adams (48-48—96), Katie Merian (52-49—101), Lauren Fragomenti (50-52—102), Beth Robinson (55-52—107).

4. (tie) Clarkston (390) — Anna Trim (43-48—91), Lauren Benner (51-48—99), Alison Olinger (51-49—100), Taylor Wilburn (52-48—100), Krista Roschek (56-55—111).

4. (tie) Birmingham Marian (390) — Kristen Stroh (47-48—95), Jessica Magnetta (47-48—95), Ashley Baraszu (50-49—99), Julie Kluczynski (50-51—101), Laura Caleal (56-55—111).

6. Rochester Adams (393) – Lindsay Drewes (47-44—91), Erin Kummer (49-46—95), Sarah Paquette (49-5—103), Meaghan Smiley (51-53—104), Sarah Trent (57-56—113).

7. Walled Lake Western (414) — Emily Charette (51-48—99), Katy Jones (53-48—101), Erica Gorton (54-51—105), Becky Finley (55-54—109), Kristy Daniels (58-59—117).

8. Walled Lake Central (415) — Katie Decker (48-51—99), Jacquie Rowden (52-52—104), Deanna Sowinski (51-55—106), Kelly Henzie (50-56—106), Emily Ballentine (60-56—116).

9. (tie) Troy Athens (423) — Kristen Nolan (48-43—91), Katie Layman (47-49—96), Melanie McCormick (51-53—104), Kristen DeBandt (63-69—132), Heather Geck (79-85—164).

9. (tie) Auburn Hills Avondale (423) — Maria Bartolone (52-47—99), Sarah Wood (55-52—107), Jessica Waugh (54-53—107), Jessica Wallace (56-54—110), Amanda Perez (63-64—127).

11. Bloomfield Hills Lahser (431) — Jenny Mellerowicz (51-53—104), Amanda Kokas (52-54—106), Jamie Carlen (55-54—109), Emily Hookinson (56-56—112), Jessie Vettraino (71-70—141).

12. Bloomfield Hills Andover (454) — Jennifer Phillips (52-51—103), Erin Kippe (56-56—112), Stephanie Saffer (58-60—18), Jennifer Wilner (56-65—121), Erin Steinberg (71-69—140).

13. Birmingham Groves (460) — Leslie Forgach (48-48—96), Barb Harris (51-55—106), Lindsey Naglick (55-57—112), Jessica Jacques (68-78—146).

14. Southfield (506) — Melissa Montgomery (45-47—92), April Adkins (49-44—93), Ashley Gymes (61-63—124), Pam Jasper (95-102—197).

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Jan Luedtke, the girls and boys golf coach at Bloomfield Hills Lahser, and John Stroh, an active Booster's Club parent at Birmingham Marian High School, conceived the idea.

Stroh eventually called me and asked if The Eccentric would be interested in sponsoring a local girls tournament.

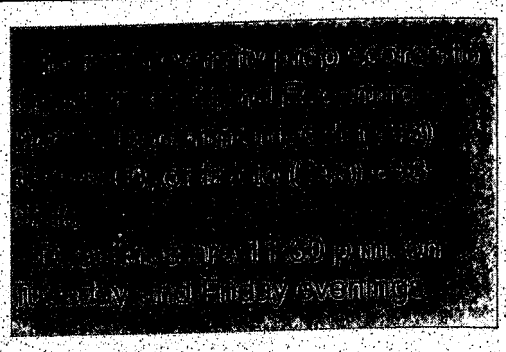
Since we've sponsored the popular Eccentric Newspapers Boys Golf Tournament for years, I thought it was a great idea. I approached my bosses and ultimately they gave their 'onward-and-upward' approval. After a number of meetings and phone calls among all of us, the rest is history.

Commerson, Luedtke and Stroh handled all the pre-tournament organization, which is not an easy task. They should be commended for the time and energy spent in making it a successful afternoon.

"I was very satisfied with the way things worked out," said Luedtke, who did a tremendous job of setting up the playing threesomes and preparing all the paper work for the coaches. "I had a number of coaches come up to me and thank me, saying it was nice to have a local tournament instead of traveling to places like Traverse City. And, they like the idea of an afternoon start so the girls would only miss a half day of school.

"They also said it was nice to have a tournament for the girls after The Eccentric has had a boys tournament for years. I think we as coaches need to prepare these girls a little more for 18-hole tournaments like this. I think it's a wonderful thing we started and we need to continue it.

"It was a nice local tournament. It was something special," she said.



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she does. In 27 years of teaching, she's the closest to being the total package as I have ever seen."

Christeson's play, along with that of teammates Megan Bradley, Stacey Goins, Angela DePolo and Stephanie Crawford, gave the Falcons hope for winning the team title.

However, once the scorecards began to roll in, it was evident Walden's troops had different ideas. Vollman and O'Connell each carded an 89 and Quay followed a stroke back with 90. Seno with a 97 and Smith with 99 enabled the Aardvarks to finish as the only team without a triple-figure finisher.

"We always set 360 as the score to beat," Walden said. "We were just over that at the (Oakland) County meet and right around it today. It shows we have a lot of consistency."

Troy's third-place showing was certainly encouraging to coach Al Merian, whose club struggled in county meet competition.

Shikha Mehta's 88 was second best to Christeson and Cindy Adams' 96 helped the Colts squeeze under that of Clarkston and Marian. Katie Merian chipped in a 101 and Lauren Fragomenti carded a 102 to round out the team total.

The Wolves were led by Anna Trim's 91, good for a tie for sixth place overall, and the Mustangs received identical rounds of 95 from Kristen Stroh and Jessica Magnetta.

Softball from page C1

didn't practice, which is all a part of going to school," he said. "We made a couple of dumb mistakes, which we will correct. This team will get better as the weather gets warmer."

This weekend, both teams are participating in the North Star Softball Classic, held this year at Liberty Field in Sterling Heights.

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the Compuware Tournament June 17-19 at the big complex in Canton. I went to this tournament two years ago when Clarkston's **Aimee Giroux**, **Corinne McIntyre** and **Tiffany Honey** played for Compuware, and some of the best teams in the country were in attendance. If you like softball, you'll love this tournament. Don't miss it.

■ **The Never-ending Game**

Thanks to the rainouts Monday, the first baseball action I caught was Tuesday's marathon doubleheader between Oxford and Waterford Kettering. The teams took five hours to play two games, and combined for 58 runs, 29 walks and about a million and a half full counts.

It takes a lot of mental toughness to just endure a game that long, and the Wildcats' win in the nightcap showed they have that toughness. Oxford scored six runs in the top of the fifth to take a 13-7 lead on the Captains before getting a 13-9 win.

The kicker about the games was that neither went the full seven innings. Kettering won the first game in six thanks to the MHSAA's mercy rule. The Captains were up 23-13 in its last at bat. But with games like that, who's to say the Wildcats couldn't have rallied from a 10-run deficit in one inning?

This was a week for long games, as shown again Thursday night/ Friday morning when the Pittsburgh Penguins and Philadelphia Flyers battled for five overtimes in their second-round playoff game. **Keith Primeau** of all people, ends the game with a wicked wrist shot at 2:45 in the morning. I met Primeau five years ago at a charity golf tournament in Mount Pleasant, and although he took a lot of heat (most of it justified) during his stay in Detroit, I'm sure the Red Wings wish they had clutch goal scoring in their series against Colorado the likes of which Primeau provided the Flyers.

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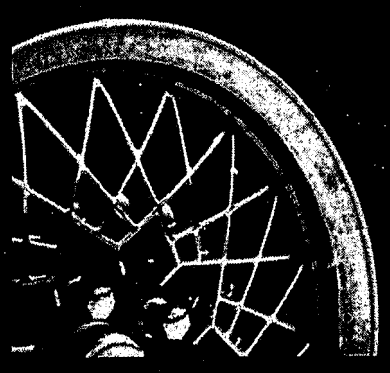

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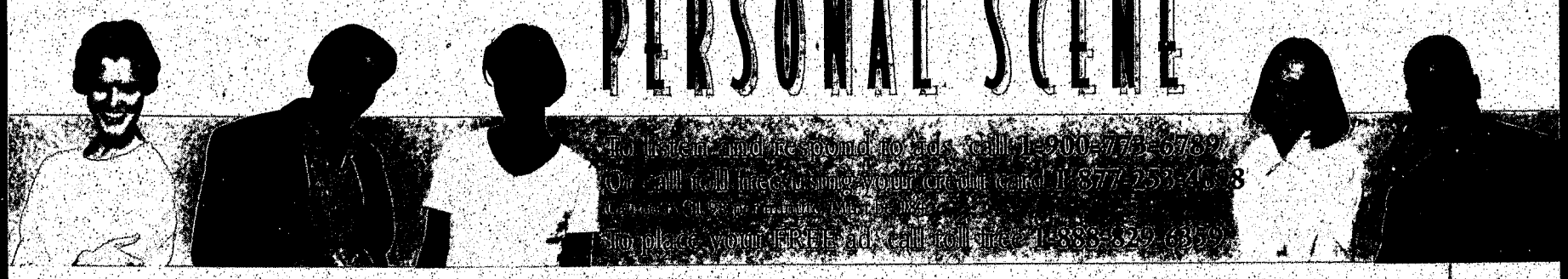

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Happy, well-adjusted SWF, 43, with 2 grown children, enjoys movies, cooking. Seeking honest, truthful male, with traditional values. ☎2167

HERE ON EARTH
Starring you and me. SF, private dancer, good cook, adventurer, loves fun, good conversation, educated, self-supportive, nifty 50s. Seeking gentleman, age open, must be in good, friendship, possible LTR. ☎5602

ADVENTURESOME
SWF, 28, enjoys reading, traveling, dancing, family times. Seeking family-oriented, outgoing, commitment-minded SWM, for romance and monogamous LTR. ☎1778

BLUE-EYED BEAUTY...
so I've been told. Down-to-earth, not materialistic, slim, pretty SWF, 25, 5'5", 115lbs, seeks tall, short, rich, poor SM for friendship and possibly more. Oakland County. ☎1876

IS THIS YOU?
Beautiful, intelligent, divorced mom, 36, 5'7", with many good qualities, looking for honest, nice, college-educated SWM, with good sense of humor, for committed relationship. ☎2136

STILL LOOKING
Single mom, 26, enjoys fishing, camping, hiking, outdoors. Seeking honest, caring, sincere, respectful, monogamous male for friendship, possible LTR. ☎2083

SEEKING THAT SPECIAL YOU
SWF, 36, seeks WM, 32-39, 5'6"+, who's tired of the bar scene, likes sports, for special committed relationship. ☎6304

PLEASANT...
educated European SWF, 30, 5'9", H/W proportionate, enjoys cinema, fine dining, art, antiques, traveling, and good conversation. Seeking tall, witty, open-minded, educated man, for friendship first. ☎2055

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND
Self-employed, artistic, funny SWF, 34 (looks younger), seeks SWM, 24-36, for friendship first, possible relationship. Musician a plus. ☎2056

LOVES TO DANCE
Light-skinned SBF, 5'5", 145lbs, no kids, loves dancing, skating, reading, working with people. Seeking SM with similar interests for dating, possible LTR. ☎1976

ROMANTIC & PASSIONATE
Attractive, plus-sized SWF, 35, enjoys long walks, comedy, reading and animals. Seeking honest, communicative SWM to enjoy time with. ☎1911

GENTLEMAN BIKER
SF, 33, H/W proportionate, long reddish-brown/blue-green-gray, enjoys Harleys, outdoors, fishing, travel. Seeking gentleman with similar interests. ☎1859

SEEKING
Ultra-feminine, petite, slim, European blonde, with very sophisticated tastes, seeks highly successful SWM, 50-60, for possible LTR. ☎1800

SECOND TIME AROUND
Fun-loving, attractive, widowed WF, 60, 5'3", 120lbs, blonde/blue, loves dogs, dancing, camping, long drives, good books; PBS specials, and more. Seeking outgoing, family-oriented SM, 60+, N/D, drug-free, with similar interests. ☎1929

SOPHISTICATED HAPPY
Fit, bubbly, outgoing SF, 5'6", blonde/brown, zest for life, enjoys golf, biking, travel, theater. Seeking tall, financially/emotionally secure gentleman, 48-55, who exhibits qualities of a true friend. ☎1709

SEEKING MY SOULMATE
Energetic DWPF, young 46, 5'2", blonde/blue, likes nature, waterfalls, baseball, tennis, alternative medicine. Seeking SWPM, 38-49, N/S. ☎1860

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

DARE TO HOPE, DARE TO DREAM
Feminine, attractive, young-looking DWPF, 52, 5'10", blonde/blue, N/S, singe mom, independent, creative, sincere, loves adventure, travel, outdoors, family, entertaining, intelligent conversation. Seeking a tall, attractive SWPM, single dad, similar in age/interests. ☎2024

A NEW YEAR, A NEW START
Cute, honest, caring, secure, old-fashioned SWPF, 49, 5', 112lbs, blonde, loves holding hands, laughing, walks, boating, dining, travel. Seeking nice-looking, slim SWPM, 50-60, N/S, N/D; short in stature/big in heart. ☎1989

LET ME BE YOUR SUNSHINE
Intelligent, easygoing, widowed WF, 61, 5'1", blonde/blue, N/S, social drinker, financially/emotionally secure, enjoys playing cards, movies, dining, long walks, and fireplaces. Seeking SWM, 58-65, for companionship. ☎1928

ROMANCE AND DEVOTION
Tall, curvy, romantic SBF, loves Latin dancing, traveling, spontaneity, picnics, sports. Seeking outgoing, tall, handsome, perceptive SWM, N/S, N/Drugs, believes in God, strong family values, zest for life. No games. ☎2135

STARTING OVER WITH YOU
Sincere, easygoing, financially secure, active, retired, widowed WF, 5'6", blonde, seeks caring, easygoing gentleman friend, 65+, who enjoy dining out, traveling and laughter. LTR. ☎1846

TOUCH OF CLASS
Intriguing, attractive, outgoing SWF, 5'5", 130lbs, black hair, sexy eyes, is searching for a sincere SWM, 48-60, for fun, friendship, possible LTR. ☎1769

ALONE, BUT NOT LONELY
And happy with myself, white female, 53 (looks 43), 5'10", 150lbs, blonde, ex-model, educated, seeks white male, 50+, educated and professional, emotionally/financially stable, for LTR. ☎2087

ATTRACTIVE WIDOW
Intelligent, slender, tall, ladylike, warm-hearted WF, 53, smoker, seeks tall, intelligent gentleman, 53-65, with traditional manners, who's interested in sharing romantic dinners, conversation, and laughter with me. ☎6061

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

GROWN-UP BOY
Classy, very attractive, down-to-earth, slim SWF seeks intelligent, financially secure SWM, 48-54, brown or dark hair, who likes to have fun. ☎1339

ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME?
Good-looking, slim SF, 40, 5'3", brown/brown, good sense of humor, one daughter, likes movies, dancing, comedy clubs, dining out, reading, plays, fishing, animals. Seeking S/DWM with time for a relationship. ☎1939

ABC'S
Attractive, bubbly, curvaceous DWF, 46, blue-eyed blonde, professional musician with passion for life, seeks intelligent, romantic, emotionally/financially secure SWM, 40-55, 5'10"+, N/S, for possible LTR. ☎1878

WANTED: ONE ROMANTIC SOULMATE
Tall, attractive DWPF, 5'10", blonde/brown, passionate about life, is searching for that one special man, 48-58, financially/emotionally secure, who loves life, sports, fun and romance. ☎1879

LOOKING FOR LOVE
Attractive, emotionally/financially secure, honest, caring, DWF, young 50, 5'4", brown/blue, N/S, looking to love again. Seeking SWM for concerts, dining, movies, sports, travel, togetherness, friendship, leading to LTR. ☎1755

SUNSHINE
Outgoing, friendly, retired, widowed WPF, 62, 5'1", 120lbs, brown hair, N/S, seeks similar SM, 62-65, for friendship. ☎1956

ARE THERE ANY GOOD ONES LEFT?
Seeking romantic, affectionate, honest SWM, 39-45, who would like to meet a good woman, 39, for a possible LTR. ☎1783

TIRED OF being LONELY?
Fun-loving, easygoing, attractive, plus-size, sincere SWF, 42, redish brown/blue, enjoys outdoors, kids, animals, dining, dancing, movies, romantic moments. Seeking honest, easygoing, sincere SWM, 38-48, for the simple things in life. ☎2131

SIMPLY IRRESISTIBLE
Intriguing, pretty, passionate, fun-loving, sincere DWF, mid-40s seeks attractive, smart, honest SWM, 38+, N/S, for a lifetime romance that never ends. ☎2116

SPONTANEOUS, SENSUAL,
52 and fun! Pretty medical professional with many interests looking for S/DWM, N/S, H/W proportionate, with good self esteem; for dating or LTR. ☎2117

PARTNER, NOT A DATE
DWF, between Mary Poppins, Barbra Walters, and Ally McBeal. Seeks SWM, 40-55, let's compare backgrounds and goals. ☎2118

NURSE SEEKS COMPANION
SF, 40s, seeks gentleman, 55-65, for interesting friendship. ☎2112

TALL THIN BLONDE
Attractive former model/teacher, upper 50s, seeks companionship of professional gentleman, 60s, for dining out, theater, travel, quiet times at home, and all the good things life has to offer. ☎1914

BE MY VALENTINE
Cute DWF, 41, full-figured, smoker, financially secure, seeks SBWM, 43-53, who likes beaches, Vegas, traveling. For LTR. Serious only. ☎1711

SEEKING SOMEONE KIND...
to spend my life with. SF, 45, 5'6", medium build, brown/blue, enjoys bowling, swimming, outdoors, the beach, travel, horseback riding. Seeking loving, compassionate, strong man for best friend and partner. ☎2090

A RARE FIND
Pretty, curvy SWF, 53, 5'4", entrepreneur, lots of fun, enjoys movies, plays, concerts, traveling. Looking for sincere, successful WM, 45-75. Float your boat, make your day, answer my ad today. ☎3738

LOVELY, PASSIONATE, LADY
Bright, European, 55. Seeking tall gentleman for fun and conversation. Travel, adventure, nature, honesty, are some of my pleasures. If you are a like person, let me pleasantly surprise you. ☎1792

LONELY IN REDFORD
Petite, young-hearted SWF, 24, 5'2", brown/blue, seeks fun, attractive SWM, 21-24, to share dating, life, love, possible LTR. ☎1988

LOVE IS ALIVE
Sweet, lovable, innocent SF, 20, looking for a loving guy for friendship, dating, and more. ☎2011

SEEKS TOMATO GROWER

Good looking, down-to-earth, caring, compassionate SWF, 51, seeks gentleman, 50-60, who likes sunsets and gentle rain, for committed relationship. ☎1998

GREEK GODDESS
Attractive DPCF, 42, mother of two, enjoys cooking, the outdoors, and more. Seeking mature, loving, moral SCM, 35-50, for LTR/possible marriage. Sense of humor a +. ☎1999

SEXY REDHEAD
Easygoing, fun-loving DWPF, 49, 5'6", 139lbs, great legs, no kids, Belleville homeowner, animal lover, enjoys gardening and nature. Seeking DWPM, 50-60, 6'+, N/S, social drinker, for LTR. ☎4997

A RARE FIND
Attractive lady seeks companionship of professional gentleman, 60+, who enjoys theater, concerts, museums, exhibits, excursions. Lost messages 1/10-1/11, please call again: ☎1257

HOCKEYTOWN GIRL
SWPF, 5'7", brown/brown, never married, Catholic, loves hockey, movies, concerts, dining, dancing. Seeking SWPM, 39-45; similar interests, for friendship, dating, possible LTR. ☎1977

THE ICON IS LOVE...
Very pretty, curvaceous, professional SBCF, 38, varies interests, seeks handsome, loyal, passionate, fit SBCM of integrity, 30-40, N/S, for one-on-one dancing and romancing. Serious only. ☎1985

SEEKING HONEST GUY
SF, 5'9", 135lbs, light brown hair, student, no kids, loves basketball, swimming, gymnastics, reading, cooking, walks. Seeking sweet, honest, romantic, laid-back guy for serious relationship. ☎1951

SEXY SINGLE
SBF, 40, 5'10", 165lbs, black/brown, light caramel complexion, self-employed, 2 kids, loves singing, dancing, jazz, cooking, having fun. Seeking dark, handsome, spirit-filled SM, 40+, 6'+, for friendship first, possible LTR. ☎1968

BRIGHT & CHARMING
Intelligent, inquisitive SF loves movies, dancing, singing, writing, poetry, meeting new people. Seeking open-minded man who wants to be with a nice person, for friendship. ☎1971

SEEKING TRUE LOVE
Attractive Doctor, 5'5", 139lbs, never married, no dependents, affectionate, seeks well-educated and successful tall man, late 30s, to touch his soul, and to share all that life has to offer. ☎2120

FIRST TIME AD/ WESTLAND AREA
Attractive DWF, 40, 5'2", 115lbs, blondish/green, college-educated, enjoys movies, reading, beaches, traveling. Seeking honest, caring SWM, 40+, 5'10"+, for friendship first. ☎1960

FRIENDSHIP/ COMPANIONSHIP
Friendly, kind-hearted SBF, 46, 5'6", 200lbs, enjoys simple things in life: picnics, walks in the park, movies, television, seeks S/DM, 35-60, for friendship possible LTR. N/S, N/D. ☎1974

ENJOY LIFE WITH ME
Fun-loving SBF, 41, no dependents, seeks fun-loving, affectionate gentleman, N/S, over 40, to share interests. Race open. ☎1958

STARTING OVER WITH YOU
Easygoing, overweight DWF, 44, 5'10", N/S, N/Drugs, enjoys outdoors, walking, bowling, cards, pets, traveling. Seeking honest, loyal SWM, N/S, N/Drugs, for relationship leading to marriage. ☎5760

A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR LOVE
SWF, 52, 5'6", medium build, brown hair, enjoys fine dining, reading, jazz music, family gatherings, walks in the park. Seeking degreed SWPM with similar interests, for monogamous LTR. ☎1205

LIFE IS GRAND
Pretty SWF, 57", 130lbs, spiritual, non-religious, degreed, energetic, very youthful 40ish, child-like delight. Seeking similar SM, to share pleasures of emotional intimacy, joy, hiking, meditation, yoga, open/honest communication, mutual trust, LTR. ☎1213

SINCERE AND CURVY
DWPF, 5'6", blondish, two grown children, seeks romantic, white gentleman, 49-60, fairly sophisticated, financially/emotionally secure, interested in fun times and sports. ☎1112

STILL SEARCHING
Attractive DWF, 5'6", brown/brown, thin, fun to be with, enjoys movies, dining out, the outdoors, and Redwing games. Seeking attractive, tall SWM, 33-40, with similar interests, for friendship, maybe more. ☎1476

SEEKING FRIENDS
Independent DW mom of 2, 40, 5'10", brown/hazel, enjoys movies, sports, hiking, camping. Seeking committed LTR with a man who can cook and is not into playing games. ☎1886

BEAUTIFUL SMILE
Athletic, attractive, young-looking DWF, 51, 5'7", H/W proportionate, brown/brown, college-educated, great sense of humor, enjoys sports, dining out, concerts, movies, travel, quiet evenings. Seeking tall, healthy, family-oriented SWM, 50-56, N/S. ☎1889

HOPELESS ROMANTIC
Energetic, beautiful SBCPF, 5'5", 145lbs, honey brown complexion, enjoys exercising, traveling, entertaining, movies. Seeking prosperous Christian gentlemen with similar interests, N/S, H/W proportionate for friendship. Southfield area. ☎1974

YOUNG ATTITUDE
SWF, pretty, sensuous, and compassionate, enjoys arts, music, dancing, and shopping, seeks loyal sensitive, good looking, classy SWM, 50-60, lets enjoy the finer things in life together. ☎1872

TOO CHARMING
Hard-working, intelligent DWF, 40, 5'8", H/W proportionate, curvy, enjoys music, dancing, physical activities. Seeking honest, sincere, affectionate SWM, 37-55, for friendship first. ☎1873

SENSUAL SPIRITED SWEET
Petite DWF, 60s, 5'2", looking for love again with romantic, trustworthy, very fit, emotionally/financially secure, non-smoking SWM, 55-65. Let's enjoy dancing, dining, movies, travel, theater, weekend getaways. ☎1831

ARE YOU READY FOR...
an attractive charmer? Active, open-minded, pleasingly plump widowed WPF, 58, red/blue, enjoys concerts, plays, talk, movies. Seeking tall, passionate, humorous WM, 45-60, for dating, LTR. ☎1835

ADVENTUROUS
Intelligent DWF, 35, 5'3", 108lbs, enjoys hiking, canoeing, camping. Seeking intelligent SPM, 35-45, physically fit, N/S, with similar interests, for companionship, possible LTR. ☎2158

COUNTRY BOY DESIRED
SWCF, 25, blonde/blue, mother of one, enjoys horses, swimming, camping, comedy, church, country line-dancing, museums, family/friends, more. Seeks SWCM, 24-35, N/D, similar interests/characteristics, kids ok, for friendship first, possible LTR. ☎1995

FRIENDS FIRST
Easygoing, down-to-earth, college-educated SWF, 28, 5'3", 115lbs, brown/brown, fit, enjoys dining out, movies, outdoor activities. Seeking similar SWM, under 40, H/W proportionate. ☎1954

WHERE IS MY AZTEC?
Multiracial SF, young-looking 50, seeks Native American/Hispanic gentleman, 45-55, for friendship, possible LTR. Let's enjoy the summer together! ☎1896

BEAR SEEKS HONEY
Down-to-earth SWM, 31, 5'10", 170lbs, light brown/green, likes holding hands, cuddling, dining out, fishing, boating, traveling, being with friends and family. Seeking female, 25-35, with similar interests. ☎1793

A TRUE GENTLEMAN
Successful, Big 3 professional, displays impeccable class, honor, respect. 38, 5'11", 162lbs, fit, emotionally/financially secure, advanced degreed. Strong ethics, morals, and lasting optimism. Delightfully humorous. Great listener and conversationalist. ☎1760

FUN & SPONTANEOUS
SWM, 35, seeks lady, 18-40, for friendship and possible more. Full-figured a plus, but not required. All calls answered. ☎1943

IN OR OUTGOING
Retired male, 67, father of 3, independent, financially secure, likes movies, fun, dancing, going out, sports. Seeking beautiful, nice, compassionate woman who likes to have fun. Pocahontas, please call back. ☎1068

COUNTRY GIRL DESIRED...
for LTR, possible marriage. DWM, 35, 5'8", 160lbs, single father of eight-year-old son, enjoys rodeos, horse shows, family time. Seeking S/DWF, 28-42, with similar interests. Children ok. ☎1325

SEEKING LATINA
SWM, 35, 6'3", dark/blue, great sense of humor, enjoys sports, movies, and concerts. Seeking Attractive SHF with no children, for dating, possibly more. ☎1944

NICE GUY
SWM, 35, 6', 185lbs, brown/hazel, good sense of humor, easy to talk with, good job, enjoys boating, outdoors, dinners, movies, and much more. Seeking similar SWF, 24-39, slim to medium build, down-to-earth. ☎1843

IF BRUCE WILLIS HAD A BROTHER...
I'd look like him! SWM, 32, 5'10", 190lbs, brown/brown, mustache/beard, enjoys sports, bowling, movies, amusement parks, laughing, animals, kids, and life. Seeking an outgoing, humorous woman, N/S, N/D, who wants a commitment. ☎1915

LOOKING FOR LOVE
Handsome SWM, 29, 6', 165lbs, brown/brown, enjoys reading, travel, music, playing guitar, dancing, dining out, romantic evenings, outdoors, the arts. Seeking attractive lady, 25-40, for dating. ☎1898

LOOKING 4 SPECIAL PERSON
Easygoing WM, 31, 5'7", 160lbs, likes travel. Seeking female who would like to travel, for friendship, maybe more. ☎2160

A REAL MAN
DBM, 52, 6'1", 215lbs, professionally employed, enjoys outdoor activities, quiet walks, dinner, movies, and antiques. Seeking special, trustworthy S/DF, 35-55, kids ok, race unimportant, for friendship/dating. ☎1493

WAITING FOR YOUR CALL!
DWM, 35, extremely fit, very giving, honest and sincere, loves animals and kids. Seeking slim, W/H/AF, soft, feminine, sweet-hearted soulmate, for LTR. ☎1913

COMPANION WANTED
Outgoing, educated, affectionate, honest, sincere DWPM, 54, 5'11", 180lbs, N/S, social drinker, sense of humor, enjoys movies, theater, travel, buying and selling antiques. Seeking spontaneous, warm, caring, one-man woman. ☎1986

HERE I AM
Tall SBM, 36, light complexion, seeks sexy young lady to enjoy outdoors, intimacy, dating, and more. ☎1932

RICHARD GERE LOOK-ALIKE
SWM, 38, 6'1", 165lbs, brown/hazel, no children, N/S, enjoys tennis, bowling, golf, pool, movies, concerts. Seeking SWF, 28-36, similar interests, who's willing to go out and have fun. ☎1908

FREE TO A GOOD HOME
...nancially/emotionally stable, ...morous, honest, loyal, roman... SWPM, 55, 5'11", N/S, social ...inker, enjoys the simple things ...f life, nature, laughter, varia...ns, love. Seeking SF, for ...monogamous LTR. ☎1308

HONEST AND SINCERE
...ll, honest, financially secure, ...m, loyal DWM, 55, 6'4", N/S, ...cial drinker, in good physical ...ndition, with sense of humor, ...eks slender lady, 42-51, for ...mpanionship, possible LTR. ☎1035

SPRING IS HERE
...WM, 55, enjoys singing, walk..., card games, board games. ...eking SF, 40-55, for LTR, pos...bly marriage. ☎1050

LOOKING AT YOU
...tractive, very caring, outgoing, ...ing SWM, 46, with a variety of ...erests, loves to be romantic ...d cook. Seeking same in petite ...F, for friendship, maybe more. ...9363

STARTING OVER
...ectionate retired SM, 49, 5'5", ...nde/blue, likes dining out, ...vies, walks in parks, televi...n, and evenings in. Seeking ...e lady to have some fun with. ...2021

LET'S MEET FOR COFFEE
...le, 39, with good job and a big ...art, tired of being alone, enjoys ...imals, the woods, cookouts, ...d a cuddly woman. If you're ...nest, serious, and caring, ...ease call. ☎1997

LOOKING FOR ADVENTURE
...own-to-earth, private, home...dy type SBM, 61", 265lbs, en...s sports, concerts, romance. ...Seeking decent, understand..., attractive woman who knows ...at she wants out of life, for ...ndship, possible relationship. ...1277

UNION LAKE AREA
...venturous, honest, slim, ro...antic DWM, 46, N/S, light ...inker, Catholic, enjoys boating, ...ature, theater, bowling, travel, ...tdoors, dancing, etc. Seeking ...dy for friendship leading to LTR. ...1364

LOOKING FOR YOU
Slim SWPM, youthful 44, 5'10", N/S, no dependents, interests include travel, fitness, movies, music, good conversation. Seeking SF, 35-45, with similar interests. ☎2152

TIRED OF SINGING SOLO
Baritone tenor, 6'2", brown/hazel, loves singing, motorcycles, walks, picnics, movies, and fishing. Seeking intelligent woman, good sense of humor, good heart and spirit. For friendship, maybe more. No hard games. ☎2127

OLD-FASHIONED
49-year-old widowed CBM, father of twins, looking for attractive young woman, 36-51. Must be honest and have God first. ☎2119

HUGS AND KISSES
Caring, affectionate, loving DWM, 53, 5'7", loves lake activities, skiing, movies, and quality times together. Seeking petite-medium SF, 40-50, for friendship, possible long-term, monogamous relationship. Race unimportant. ☎4988

SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY...
a plus. Not mandatory. Youthful, humorous DWM, 47, 5'11", 167lbs, entrepreneur, enjoys Tennessee, Florida, dancing, conversation, dining. I am spontaneous, communicative, fit and seeking a LTR. Are you? ☎1748

MR. SUNSHINE
Easygoing DWM, 44, loves children, seeks a S/DWF, 39-59, who enjoys going to movies, walks in the park, holding hands, for possible relationship. ☎1295

HOW FAR IS THE SUN?
SWM seeks SWF, down-to-earth type, with a little bit of the wild side, but also with morals. Age open. ☎1993

ITALIAN STALLION...
47, attractive, muscular, versatile, romantic, seeks classy, slim, very attractive, selective SW/AF, under 45, for friendship, possible relationship. ☎6155

BIG BUCK SEEKS...
delightful doe, for grazing and frolic. Middle-aged SWM, seeks open, friendly gal for walks, talks, dating, and companionship. ☎2114

MEET FOR COFFEE
A new home but no one to greet me. DWM, 40, good job, big heart, is tired of being alone. Seeking special woman, 30+, for LTR. Serious replies only. ☎1959

WESTLAND AREA
Attractive SWM, 5'10", 175lbs, nice hair, bright brown eyes, N/S, no dependents, employed, homeowner, seeks selfm, attractive SWF, under 48. ☎5357

SEEKING THE FINER THINGS
SWM, 45, average height/weight, enjoys long walks, theater, fine dining. Seeking attractive, slender SWF, 35-45, to share the finer things in life with. ☎1242

HAPPY-GO-LUCKY GOOD MAN
Honest, affectionate SWM, 62, 5'11", 220lbs, N/S, Troy homeowner, enjoys dining out, music, theater, golf, travel, quiet evenings at home. Seeking similar, attractive woman, 50s, size 10 or smaller. ☎2064

SWEET AND FRIENDLY
Retired, affectionate, easygoing SM, 63, enjoys golf, bowling, romantic evenings. Seeking slender, attractive, fun-loving SF, for friendship and romance. ☎W37

HERE TODAY, GONE TO MAUI
DWPM, 58, 5'9", 180lbs, semi-retired, N/S, no dependents, enjoys travel, dining out, movies, theater, boating, quiet evenings. Seeking attractive, affectionate woman with sense of humor, for travel, LTR. Western suburbs. ☎2421

LOOKING FOR ADVENTURE
Honest, caring, college-educated, trustworthy, honorable, good man, young-looking 43, seeks short, cute, attractive, cuddly, good woman for fun conversation and good times for the rest of our lives. ☎2078

SPECIAL BLACK LADY TO LOVE
Blue-eyed exciting, energetic, adventurous, caring, home owner, seeks passionate, SBF only, who loves to love and be loved. ☎2053

LOOKING FOR SOMEONE
Intellectual, yet humorous, active, outgoing SWM, 40, 5'10", 190lbs, enjoys reading, writing, outdoor activities, theater, movies. Seeking friendly, outgoing S/DWF, 34-46, N/S, small/petite build, for possible relationship. ☎5519

A TENDER 50
With good looks and vitality. SWM, 50, seeks attractive gal, 40-55, full of laughter and fun to share a variety of interests, companionship and possible LTR. ☎2054

LET ME LOVE YOU
Friendly, caring, funny, goal-oriented SWPM, 6'2", 245lbs, dark/hazel, N/D, N/S, no kids, enjoys meeting new people, spending time with friends. Seeking humorous, caring, communicative SWPF for friendship first. ☎1197

KING ARTHUR SEEKS QUEEN
SWM, 27, 5'10", 170lbs, brown/green, no kids, works full-time, enjoys Tae Kwon Do, kick boxing, horseback riding, Chines food, movies, and more. Seeking SF, 18-35, for friendship first, possible LTR. Kids ok. ☎1272

EARTH, WIND & FIRE
Earthy, honest, widowed WM, 49, 6', 205lbs, N/D, N/S, seeks SWF, 40-50, active, secure, proportionate, to conjure up warm wind, and eternal fire, possible LTR. Redford ☎5698

SEEKING ASIAN LADY
Black gentleman, 44, 6', 225lbs, seeks slender Asian lady, N/S, for relationship built on respect, communication, honesty, and trust. ☎1665

CUDDLY, LONELY & FUN
SWM, 19, 6'2", 200lbs, blonde/green, seeks slender, cute female, 18-25, who doesn't mind a little romance and fun. ☎2026

SUNSHINE OF YOUR LIFE?
Warm weather, successful, spiritual SJM, 48, seeks a warm weather girl. Seeking relationship-oriented SF, 28-45, to enjoy Aruba, Cancun, Bahamas, and, of course, movies, dancing, book stores, spectator sports. ☎3923

MAKE IT HAPPEN
Humorous DWM, young 52, 6'1", handy man, independent individual, no dependents, seeks earthy, active S/DF, age: surprise me, for combining interests, fun, possible LTR. All calls answered. ☎1689

AFFECTIONATE LOVING
Loving, caring, romantic SM, 45, 6', 200lbs, long brown hair, brown eyes, enjoys movies, dining out, quiet times. Seeking attractive, sexy blonde, 35-55, for LTR. Must love passionate kisses. ☎1249

LOW-MAINTENANCE LADY
Wanted! Attentive, respectful SWM, 40s, enjoys downsized, simplified lifestyle, into nature, the arts, travel, comedy, etc. Seeking easygoing, sociable lady, for friendship and possible LTR. ☎1994

WAITING IN WESTLAND
Hard-working, financially secure SWM, 26, seeks slender SWF, 22-30, with great personality, who enjoys dinners, dancing, movies, quiet nights at home, for LTR. Hurry up and call, I'm waiting! ☎1469

ROMANTIC-AT-HEART
Easygoing, good-looking, kind hearted DWJM, 44, N/S, who enjoys movies, concerts, sporting events, dancing, and candlelight dinners, looking for relationship. ☎1845

SUCCESSFUL
DWM, 45, 5'9", 150lbs, told to look much younger, many interests, plays guitar and other instruments, loves doing anything outside, exercises continually. Seeking good-hearted, relatively slim and attractive SWF children ok. ☎1393

A NICE GUY
Sincere DWM, 38, 5'10", seeks honest S/DWF with sense of humor, to share dining out, flowers, concerts, dancing, cuddling by the fire, outdoors, and weekend getaways, for LTR. ☎1062

COUNTRY HOME WAITING!
Devoted gent, SWM, 43, ready for relationship and marriage, able to provide love, affection, financial security to a romantic SWF who is ready to settle down. ☎1955

TOGETHERNESS
SWM, 48, 6'1", 200lbs, brown/hazel, likes warm weather, motorcycles, sports, car shows, family, pets, concerts, and trying new things. Seeking easygoing, positive woman who enjoys life. Friendship first, possible LTR. ☎1933

LET'S GO CAMPING
DW dad, 41, 5'5", brown/hazel, custodial parent, homeowner, loves camping, barbecuing, Cedar Point, carnations, motorcycles, movies, everything. Seeking DW mom with same interests, for monogamous relationship. Novi area. ☎1796

ROCK N' ROLL HOOTCHIE COO
Down-to-earth SWM, 43, 6', has a wide variety of interests. Seeking honest, very affectionate, fun-loving WF, for friendship, possible relationship. ☎1909

EDUCATED/ HANDSOME SWM, 44
Enjoys sports, travel, family and friends, longs for hugs and kisses, love and marriage, seeks relationship-minded, attractive SWF. ☎1910

JUST LOOKING
SWM, 49, 5'8", 150lbs, brown/brown, financially secure, no dependents, enjoy singing, movies, pets, summer, outdoor activities, and life. Seeking similar lady. ☎1905

CASINO COMPANION WANTED!
Pick a winner! Soft-spoken gent, SWM, 46, who enjoys attending the new casinos and nearby attractions. Looking for Lady Luck to join in the fun! Seeking an adventuresome SWF, age open. ☎1869

MAKE-ONE-MORE-CALL...
don't give up now. Have and want honesty, trust, friendship, laughter and love. I like sports, music, dance, animals, tons more! I'm tall, thin, 60, secure. ☎1747

HERE'S MY PLAN
Meet someone special, enjoy our times together, give her loyalty, liberty, laughs, and love. A simple plan really, but I want the same. I'm sharp, witty, talented, tall, N/S, 64. ☎1749

BRIGHTON AREA
SWM, 42, 5'10", slim, N/S, never-married, with traditional values, seeks SWF, 30-45, to be my friend, lover, partner for LTR. You must be a slim, healthy non-smoker. For more details please call. ☎1868

SECRET AGENT
Intelligent, creative, college-educated, athletic, adventurous, open-minded, attractive SBM, 32, 5'7", enjoys getaway weekends, summer breezes, dancing, romancing, jazz, martial arts. Seeking lit, witty SW/BF, 20-40, for companionship. ☎2161

ANTICIPATING YOUR CALL
DWM, 61, 5'11", financially secure professional, enjoys exercise, fine dining, theater, and travel. Seeking intelligent, attractive S/DWF, 40-58, who is good company in all situations. ☎2159

NOT YOUR TYPICAL GUY
Spiritual, celibate SWM, 37, 6', 245lbs, N/D, N/S, N/Drugs, blue-collar professional, with many interests, seeks young-hearted woman, age/race unimportant, for friendship and LTR. ☎1912

ABSOLUTELY WANTED WOMAN
SWM, down-to-earth, seeks a north oakland SF, 30-40, with a sense of humor, for caring and loving friendship. ☎2000

LOOKING FOR TRUE ROMANCE
SWPM, late 40s, H/W proportionate, N/S, enjoys biking, movies, dining, golf, and sailing. Seeking special, independent SWF for new relationship as friends first, possible LTR. ☎2130

CITY TO RANCH
SWCPM, 50s, 6'3", 205lbs, with eclectic interests, good morals, moving to Midwest ranch soon, enjoys outdoors, animals. Seeking slim, petite, SWPF, 45-60, equally comfortable in dress or jeans, for LTR. ☎2113

NICE & HONEST
DWM, 27, 6'2", 230lbs, brown/blue, one daughter, enjoys hockey, football, dining out, movies. Seeking S/DF, 22-32, with similar interests, for friendship first, possible LTR. ☎2063

ONE OF THE FEW
Handsome, attentive SWM, 30s, 6', seeks affectionate, romantic, slender SWF, 27-35, who dreams of finding that special someone. ☎1790

HEY, BABY!
DWM, 39, 5'10", 185lbs, hazel/dark brown, weekend dad, seeks bold, beautiful goddess of love. ☎1875

Seniors

SEEKING PHONE PALS
WCF, widow, N/S, N/D, people-oriented, self-supported, slightly handicapped, enjoys simple things, animals, talking to people. Seeking companion for lunches, outings, pleasant conversation. ☎1957

SEEKING FRIEND/COMPANION
Senior, early 70s, N/S, N/D, has dog, own home, enjoys antiquing and toys. Seeking slim female, for good times, dining out, shows, etc. ☎1742

seeking Women

LOOKING FOR MORE THAN TV
SWM, 5'9", 182lbs, full-time worker, enjoys travel, oceans, deserts, children, picnics, zoos, amusement parks. Seeking lady for friendship first. ☎2178

MOTIVATED
Positive, honest SWPM, young 55, 5'9", 175lbs, college graduate, dad of 2 grown kids, enjoys exercising, movies, reading, living life. Seeking honest, caring, lively SWF, for friendship/LTR. N/S only. ☎2162

CALL ME SOON
Hard-working SWM, 49, 5'6", 175lbs, well-built, seeks fun-loving, easygoing, intelligent pretty, commitment-minded SF, for friendship, companionship and a LTR. Call ASAP. ☎1767

DREAM CRUISIN' MOMMA?
Like convertibles, sports cars? Well-tuned, sporty SWM, 40s, seeks classy chassis SWF, 30s-40s, for upcoming car shows, cruises, parades, etc. ☎2157

ATTRACTIVE, ACTIVE...
and ambitious. SWPM, 38, seeks active, in shape SF, 30ish, to share laughter and friendship. Must be honest, warm-hearted and love children. Novi area. ☎1420

ATHLETIC RECRUIT
Rugged, muscular, clean-cut, degreed SWM, 41, 6'2", 238lbs, brown/blue, never married, no dependents, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, working out, reading, quiet nights. Seeking a friendly SF, age/location open. ☎4018

SEEKING SOMEONE SPECIAL
SWM, 33, tall, dark hair, honest, sincere, caring, likes dining out, movies, and evening walks. Seeking SWF, 25-40, for dating and romance. ☎1698

ATHLETIC TYPE
Attractive SWM, 34, 5'8", athletic build, brown/blue, seeks attractive SWF, 25-37, for LTR. ☎1871

THE DREAM HAS ARRIVED
SBM, 30, 6', 205lbs, athletic build, police officer, seeks SWF, H/W proportionate, for romance and possible relationship. Let me fulfill the dream for you. ☎1987

...22lbs, no dependents, enjoys music, sports, dancing, dining out, bowling, church, video games. Seeking SF, 21-35, 110lbs-160lbs, with similar interests, for dating, possible LTR. ☎2141

KRIS DRAPER LOOK-ALIKE
SWM, 36, 5'9", 140lbs, N/S, enjoys biking, rollerblading, hockey, football, volleyball, pool, outdoors. Seeking SWM, 21-40, with similar interests and a sense of humor, for LTR. Garden City area. ☎2100

JACK NEEDS JILL...
SWM, 36, loves pets, likes sports and participating in them, working out, indoor and outdoor activities, and cooking, seeks SWF with similar interests and qualities. ☎1906

A TRUE IRISHMAN
SWM, 31, 6'2", business owner, loves Red Wings, Pistons, college basketball, dogs, having fun. Seeking honest, friendly, outgoing, down-to-earth SF with a good heart for possible LTR. No games. ☎2046

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND
WPM, 33, 5'8", 170lbs, sandy blond/blue, lik

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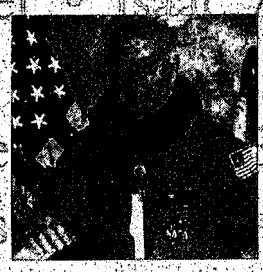

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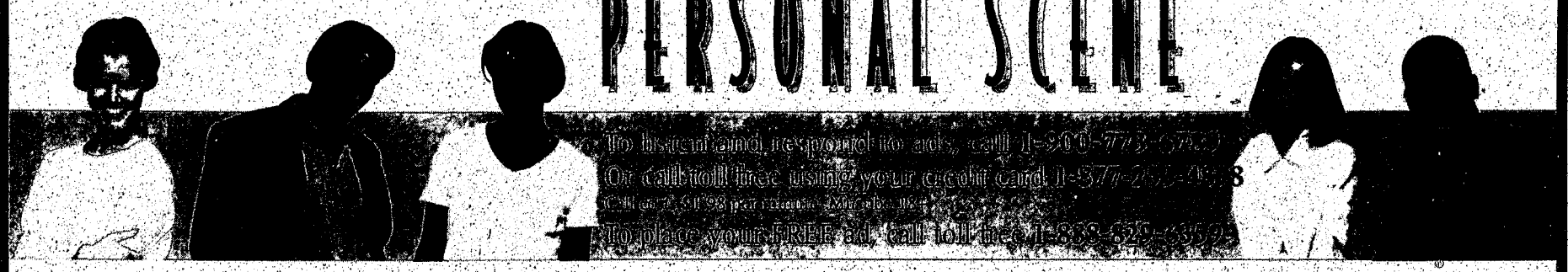

Women Seeking Men

ECLECTIC, ATTRACTIVE...
classy, slender female, brunette, enjoys tennis, golf, dancing, boating, gardening, most music, plays. Seeking honest, loyal, flexible, fun, tall, special gentleman, 58+, 5'10"+, with traditional values, for friendship first. ☎2173

GIRL NEXT DOOR
Happy, well-adjusted SWF, 43, with 2 grown children, enjoys movies, cooking. Seeking honest, truthful male, with traditional values. ☎2167

HERE ON EARTH
Starring you and me. SF, private dancer, good cook, adventurer, loves fun, good conversation, educated, self-supportive, nifty 50s. Seeking gentleman, age open, must be in good, friendship, possible LTR. ☎5602

ADVENTURESOME
SWF, 29, enjoys reading, traveling, dancing, family times. Seeking family-oriented, outgoing, commitment-minded SWM, for romance and monogamous LTR. ☎1778

BLUE-EYED BEAUTY...
so I've been told. Down-to-earth, not materialistic, slim, pretty SWF, 25, 5'5", 115lbs, seeks tall, short, rich, poor SM for friendship and possibly more. Oakland County. ☎1876

IS THIS YOU?
Beautiful, intelligent, divorced mom, 36, 5'7", with many good qualities, looking for honest, nice, college-educated SWM, with good sense of humor, for committed relationship. ☎2136

STILL LOOKING
Single mom, 26, enjoys fishing, camping, hiking, outdoors. Seeking honest, caring, sincere, respectful, monogamous male for friendship, possible LTR. ☎2083

SEEKING THAT SPECIAL YOU
SWF, 36, seeks WM, 32-39, 5'6"+, who's tired of the bar scene, likes sports, for special committed relationship. ☎6304

PLEASANT...
educated European SWF, 30, 5'9", H/W proportionate, enjoys cinema, fine dining, art, antiques, traveling, and good conversation. Seeking tall, witty, open-minded, educated man, for friendship first. ☎2055

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND
Self-employed, artistic, funny SWF, 34 (looks younger), seeks SWM, 24-36, for friendship first, possible relationship. Musician a plus. ☎2056

LOVES TO DANCE
Light-skinned SBF, 5'5", 145lbs, no kids, loves dancing, skating, reading, working with people. Seeking SM with similar interests for dating, possible LTR. ☎1976

ROMANTIC & PASSIONATE
Attractive, plus-sized SWF, 35, enjoys long walks, comedy, reading and animals. Seeking honest, communicative SWM to enjoy time with. ☎1911

GENTLEMAN BIKER
SF, 33, H/W proportionate, long reddish-brown/blue-green-gray, enjoys Harleys, outdoors, fishing, travel. Seeking gentleman with similar interests. ☎1859

SEEKING
Ultra-feminine, petite, slim, European blonde, with very sophisticated tastes, seeks highly successful SWM, 50-60, for possible LTR. ☎1800

SECOND TIME AROUND
Fun-loving, attractive, widowed WF, 60, 5'3", 120lbs, blonde/blue, loves dogs, dancing, camping, long drives, good books, PBS specials, and more. Seeking outgoing, family-oriented SM, 60+, N/D, drug-free, with similar interests. ☎1929

SOPHISTICATED HAPPY
Fit, bubbly, outgoing SF, 5'6", blonde/brown, zest for life, enjoys golf, biking, travel, theater. Seeking tall, financially/emotionally secure gentleman, 48-55, who exhibits qualities of a true friend. ☎1709

SEEKING MY SOULMATE
Energetic DWPF, young 46, 5'2", blonde/blue, likes nature, waterfalls, baseball, tennis, alternative medicine. Seeking SWPM, 38-49, N/S. ☎1860

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

DARE TO HOPE, DARE TO DREAM
Feminine, attractive, young-looking DWPF, 52, 5'10", blonde/blue, N/S, singe mom, independent, creative, sincere, loves adventure, travel, outdoors, family, entertaining, intelligent conversation. Seeking a tall, attractive SWPM, single dad, similar in age/interests. ☎2024

A NEW YEAR, A NEW START
Cute, honest, caring, secure, old-fashioned SWPF, 49, 5', 112lbs, blonde, loves holding hands, laughing, walks, boating, dining, travel. Seeking nice-looking, slim SWPM, 50-60, N/S, N/D; short in stature/big in heart. ☎1989

LET ME BE YOUR SUNSHINE
Intelligent, easygoing, widowed WF, 61, 5'1", blonde/blue, N/S, social drinker, financially/emotionally secure, enjoys playing cards, movies, dining, long walks, and fireplaces. Seeking SWM, 58-65, for companionship. ☎1928

ROMANCE AND DEVOTION
Tall, curvy, romantic SBF, loves Latin dancing, traveling, spontaneity, picnics, sports. Seeking outgoing, tall, handsome, perceptive SWM, N/S, N/Drugs, believes in God, strong family values, zest for life. No games. ☎2135

STARTING OVER WITH YOU
Sincere, easygoing, financially secure, active, retired, widowed WF, 5'6", blonde, seeks caring, easygoing gentleman friend, 65+, who enjoy dining out, traveling and laughter. LTR. ☎1846

TOUCH OF CLASS
Intriguing, attractive, outgoing SWF, 5'5", 130lbs, black hair, sexy eyes, is searching for a sincere SWM, 48-60, for fun, friendship, possible LTR. ☎1789

ALONE, BUT NOT LONELY
And happy with myself, white female, 53 (looks 43), 5'10", 150lbs, blonde, ex-model, educated, seeks white male, 50+, educated and professional, emotionally/financially stable, for LTR. ☎2087

ATTRACTIVE WIDOW
Intelligent, slender, tall, ladylike, warm-hearted WF, 53, smoker, seeks tall, intelligent gentleman, 53-65, with traditional manners, who's interested in sharing romantic dinners, conversation, and laughter with me. ☎6061

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

GROWN-UP BOY
Classy, very attractive, down-to-earth, slim SWF seeks intelligent, financially secure SWM, 48-54, brown or dark hair, who likes to have fun. ☎1339

ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME?
Good-looking, slim SF, 40, 5'3", brown/brown, good sense of humor, one daughter, likes movies, dancing; comedy clubs, dining out; reading, plays, fishing, animals. Seeking S/DWM with time for a relationship. ☎1939

ABC'S
Attractive, bubbly, curvaceous DWF, 46, blue-eyed blonde, professional musician with passion for life, seeks intelligent, romantic, emotionally/financially secure SWM, 40-55, 5'10"+, N/S; for possible LTR. ☎1878

WANTED: ONE ROMANTIC SOULMATE
Tall, attractive DWPF, 5'10", blonde/brown, passionate about life, is searching for that one special man, 48-58, financially/emotionally secure, who loves life, sports, fun and romance. ☎1879

LOOKING FOR LOVE
Attractive, emotionally/financially secure, honest, caring DWF, young 50, 5'4", brown/blue, N/S, looking to love again. Seeking SWM for concerts, dining, movies, sports, travel, togetherness, friendship leading to LTR. ☎1755

SUNSHINE
Outgoing, friendly, retired, widowed WPF, 62, 5'1", 120lbs, brown hair, N/S, seeks similar SM, 62-65, for friendship. ☎1956

ARE THERE ANY GOOD ONES LEFT?
Seeking romantic, affectionate, honest SWM, 39-45, who would like to meet a good woman, 39, for a possible LTR. ☎1783

TIRED OF BEING LONELY?
Fun-loving, easygoing, attractive, plus-size, sincere SWF, 42, reddish brown/blue, enjoys outdoors, kids, animals, dining, dancing, movies, romantic moments. Seeking honest, easygoing, sincere SWM, 38-48, for the simple things in life. ☎2131

SIMPLY IRRESISTIBLE
Intriguing, pretty, passionate, fun-loving, sincere DWF, mid-40s, seeks attractive, smart, honest SWM, 38+, N/S, for a lifetime romance that never ends. ☎2116

SPONTANEOUS, SENSUAL
52 and fun! Pretty medical professional with many interests looking for S/DWM, N/S, H/W proportionate, with good self esteem, for dating or LTR. ☎2117

PARTNER, NOT A DATE
DWF, between Mary Poppins, Barbra Walters, and Ally McBeal. Seeks SWM, 40-55, let's compare backgrounds and goals. ☎2115

NURSE SEEKS COMPANION
SF, 40s, seeks gentleman, 55-65, for interesting friendship. ☎2112

TALL THIN BLONDE
Attractive former model/teacher, upper 50s, seeks companionship of professional gentleman, 60s, for dining out, theater, travel, quiet times at home, and all the good things life has to offer. ☎1914

BE MY VALENTINE
Cute DWF, 41, full-figured, smoker, financially secure, seeks SB/WM, 43-53, who likes beaches, Vegas, traveling, for LTR. Serious only. ☎1711

SEEKING SOMEONE KIND...
to spend my life with. SF, 45, 5'6", medium build, brown/blue, enjoys bowling, swimming, outdoors, the beach, travel, horseback riding. Seeking loving, compassionate, strong man for best friend and partner. ☎2090

A RARE FIND
Pretty, curvy SWF, 53, 5'4", entrepreneur, lots of fun, enjoys movies, plays, concerts, traveling. Looking for sincere, successful WM, 45-75. Float your boat, make your day, answer my ad today. ☎3738

LOVELY, PASSIONATE, LADY
Bright, European, 55, Seeking tall gentleman for fun and conversation. Travel, adventure, nature, honesty, are some of my pleasures. If you are a like person, let me pleasantly surprise you. ☎1792

LONELY IN REDFORD
Petite, young-hearted SWF, 24, 5'2", brown/blue, seeks fun, attractive SWM, 21-24, to share dating, life, love, possible LTR. ☎1988

LOVE IS ALIVE
Sweet, lovable, innocent SF, 20, looking for a loving guy for friendship, dating, and more. ☎2011

SEEKS TOMATO GROWER
Good looking, down-to-earth, caring, compassionate SWF, 51, seeks gentleman, 50-60, who likes sunsets and gentle rain, for committed relationship. ☎1998

GREEK GODDESS
Attractive DPCF, 42, mother of two, enjoys cooking, the outdoors, and more. Seeking mature, loving, moral SCM, 35-50, for LTR/possible marriage. Sense of humor a +. ☎1999

SEXY REDHEAD
Easygoing, fun-loving DWPF, 49, 5'6", 139lbs, great legs, no kids, Belleville homeowner, animal lover, enjoys gardening and nature. Seeking DWPM, 50-60, 6'+, N/S, social drinker, for LTR. ☎4997

A RARE FIND
Attractive lady seeks companionship of professional gentleman, 60+, who enjoys theater, concerts, museums, exhibits, excursions. Lost messages 1/10-1/11, please call again. ☎1257

HOCKEYTOWN GIRL
SWPF, 5'7", brown/brown, never married, Catholic, loves hockey, movies, concerts, dining, dancing. Seeking SWPM, 39-45, similar interests, for friendship, dating, possible LTR. ☎1977

THE ICON IS LOVE...
Very pretty, curvaceous, professional SBCF, 38, varies interests, seeks handsome, loyal, passionate, fit SBCM of integrity, 30-40, N/S, for one-on-one dancing and romancing. Serious only. ☎1985

SEEKING HONEST GUY
SF, 5'9", 135lbs, light brown hair, student, no kids, loves basketball, swimming, gymnastics, reading, cooking, walks. Seeking sweet, honest, romantic, laid-back guy for serious relationship. ☎1951

SEXY SINGLE
SBF, 40, 5'10", 165lbs, black/brown, light caramel complexion, self-employed, 2 kids, loves singing, dancing, jazz, cooking, having fun. Seeking dark, handsome, spirit-filled SM, 40+, 6'+, for friendship first, possible LTR. ☎1968

BRIGHT & CHARMING
Intelligent, inquisitive SF loves movies, dancing, singing, writing poetry, meeting new people. Seeking open-minded man who wants to be with a nice person, for friendship. ☎1971

SEEKING TRUE LOVE
Attractive Doctor, 5'5", 139lbs, never married, no dependents, affectionate, seeks well-educated and successful tall man, late 30s, to touch his soul, and to share all that life has to offer. ☎2120

FIRST TIME AD/ WESTLAND AREA
Attractive DWF, 40, 5'2", 115lbs, blondish/green, college-educated, enjoys movies, reading, beaches, traveling. Seeking honest, caring SWM, 40+, 5'10"+, for friendship first. ☎1960

FRIENDSHIP/ COMPANIONSHIP
Friendly, kind-hearted SBF, 46, 5'5", 200lbs, enjoys simple things in life: picnics, walks in the park, movies, television, seeks S/DM, 35-60, for friendship, possible LTR. N/S, N/D. ☎1974

ENJOY LIFE WITH ME
Fun-loving SBF, 41, no dependents, seeks fun-loving, affectionate gentleman, N/S, over 40, to share interests. Race open. ☎1956

STARTING OVER WITH YOU
Easygoing, overweight DWF, 44, 5'10", N/S, N/Drugs, enjoys outdoors, walking, bowling, cards, pets, traveling. Seeking honest, loyal SWM, N/S, N/Drugs, for relationship leading to marriage. ☎5780

A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR LOVE
SWF, 52, 5'6", medium build, brown hair, enjoys fine dining, reading, jazz music, family gatherings, walks in the park. Seeking degreed SWPM with similar interests, for monogamous LTR. ☎1205

LIFE IS GRAND
Pretty SWJF, 5'7", 130lbs, spiritual, non-religious, degreed, energetic, very youthful 40ish, child-like delight. Seeking similar SM, to share pleasures of emotional intimacy, joy, hiking, meditation, yoga, open/honest communication, mutual trust, LTR. ☎1213

SINCERE AND CURVY
DWPF, 5'6", blondish, two grown children, seeks romantic white gentleman, 49-60; fairly sophisticated, financially/emotionally secure, interested in fun times and sports. ☎1112

STILL SEARCHING
Attractive DWF, 5'8", brown/brown, thin, fun to be with, enjoys movies, dining out, the outdoors, and Redwing games. Seeking attractive, tall SWM, 33-40, with similar interests, for friendship, maybe more. ☎1476

SEEKING FRIENDS
Independent DW mom of 2, 40, 5'10", brown/hazel, enjoys movies, sports, hiking, camping. Seeking committed LTR with a man who can cook and is not into playing games. ☎1886

BEAUTIFUL SMILE
Athletic, attractive, young-looking DWF, 51, 5'7", H/W proportionate, brown/brown, college-educated, great sense of humor, enjoys sports, dining out, concerts, movies, travel, quiet evenings. Seeking tall, healthy, family-oriented SWM, 50-56, N/S. ☎1889

HOPELESS ROMANTIC
Energetic, beautiful SBCPF, 5'5", 145lbs, honey brown complexion, enjoys exercising, travelling, entertaining, movies. Seeking prosperous Christian gentlemen with similar interests, N/S, H/W proportionate for friendship. Southfield area. ☎1874

YOUNG ATTITUDE
SWF, pretty, sensuous, and compassionate, enjoys arts, music, dancing, and shopping, seeks loyal sensitive, good looking, classy SWM, 50-60, lets enjoy the finer things in life together. ☎1872

TOO CHARMING
Hard-working, intelligent DWF, 40, 5'6", H/W proportionate, curvy, enjoys music, dancing, physical activities. Seeking honest, sincere, affectionate SWM, 37-55, for friendship first. ☎1873

SENSUAL SPIRITED SWEET
Petite DWF, 60s, 5'2", looking for love again with romantic, trustworthy, very fit, emotionally/financially secure, non-smoking SWM, 55-65. Let's enjoy dancing, dining, movies, travel, theater, weekend getaways. ☎1831

ARE YOU READY FOR...
an attractive charmer? Active, open-minded, pleasingly plump widowed WPF, 58, red/blue, enjoys concerts, plays, talk, movies. Seeking tall, passionate, humorous WM, 45-60, for dating, LTR. ☎1835

ADVENTUROUS
Intelligent DWF, 35, 5'3", 108lbs, enjoys hiking, canoeing, camping. Seeking Intelligent SPM, 35-45, physically fit, N/S, with similar interests, for companionship, possible LTR. ☎2158

COUNTRY BOY DESIRED
SWCF, 25, blonde/blue, mother of one, enjoys horses, swimming, camping, comedy, church, country line-dancing, museums, family+friends, more. Seeks SWCM, 24-35, N/D, similar interests/characteristics, kids ok, for friendship first, possible LTR. ☎1995

FRIENDS FIRST
Easygoing, down-to-earth, college-educated SWF, 28, 5'3", 115lbs, brown/brown, fit, enjoys dining out, movies, outdoor activities. Seeking similar SWM, under 40, H/W proportionate. ☎1954

WHERE IS MY AZTEC?
Multiracial SF, young-looking 50, seeks Native American/Hispanic gentleman, 45-55, for friendship, possible LTR. Let's enjoy the summer together! ☎1996

BEAR SEEKS HONEY
Down-to-earth SWM, 31, 5'10", 170lbs, light brown/green, likes holding hands, cuddling, dining out, fishing, boating, traveling, being with friends and family. Seeking female, 25-35, with similar interests. ☎1793

A TRUE GENTLEMAN
Successful, Big 3 professional, displays impeccable class, honor, respect. 36, 5'11", 162lbs, fit, emotionally/financially secure, advanced degreed. Strong ethics, morals, and lasting optimism. Delightfully humorous. Great listener and conversationalist. ☎1760

FUN & SPONTANEOUS
SWCF, 25, blonde/blue, mother of one, enjoys horses, swimming, camping, comedy, church, country line-dancing, museums, family+friends, more. Seeks SWCM, 24-35, N/D, similar interests/characteristics, kids ok, for friendship first, possible LTR. ☎1995

IN OR OUTGOING
Retired male, 37, father of 3, independent, financially secure, likes movies, fun, dancing, going out, sports. Seeking beautiful, nice, compassionate woman who likes to have fun. Pocahontas, please call back. ☎1066

COUNTRY GIRL DESIRED...
for LTR, possible marriage. DWM, 35, 5'8", 150lbs, single father of eight-year-old son, enjoys rodeos, horse shows, family time. Seeking S/DWF, 28-42, with similar interests. Children ok. ☎1325

SEEKING LATINA
SWM, 35, 6'3", dark/blue, great sense of humor, enjoys sports, movies, and concerts. Seeking Attractive SHF with no children, for dating, possibly more. ☎1944

NICE GUY
SWM, 35, 6', 185lbs, brown/hazel, good sense of humor, easy to talk with, good job, enjoys boating, outdoors, dinners, movies, and much more. Seeking similar SWF, 24-39, slim to medium build, down-to-earth. ☎1843

IF BRUCE WILLIS HAD A'BROTHER...
I'd look like him! SWM, 32, 5'10", 190lbs, brown/brown, mustache/beard, enjoys sports, bowling, movies, amusement parks, laughing, animals, kids, and life. Seeking an outgoing, humorous woman, N/S, N/D, who wants a commitment. ☎1915

LOOKING FOR LOVE
Handsome SWM, 29, 6', 165lbs, brown/brown, enjoys reading, travel, music, playing guitar, dancing, dining out, romantic evenings; outdoors, the arts. Seeking attractive lady, 25-40, for dating. ☎1898

LOOKING 4 SPECIAL PERSON
Easygoing WM, 31, 5'7", 160lbs, likes travel. Seeking female who would like to travel, for friendship, maybe more. ☎2160

A REAL MAN
DBM, 52, 6'1", 215lbs, professionally employed, enjoys outdoor activities, quiet walks, dinner, movies, and antiques. Seeking special, trustworthy S/DF, 35-55, kids ok, race unimportant, for friendship/dating. ☎1493

WAITING FOR YOUR CALL!
DWM, 35, extremely fit, very giving, honest and sincere, loves animals and kids. Seeking slim, W/H/AF, soft, feminine, sweet-hearted soulmate, for LTR. ☎1913

COMPANION WANTED
Outgoing, educated, affectionate, honest, sincere DWPM, 54, 5'11", 180lbs, N/S, social drinker, sense of humor, enjoys movies, theater, travel, buying and selling antiques. Seeking spontaneous, warm, caring, one-man woman. ☎1986

HERE I AM
Tall SBM, 36, light complexion, seeks sexy young lady to enjoy outdoors, intimacy, dating, and more. ☎1932

RICHARD GERE LOOK-ALIKE
SWM, 38, 6'1", 165lbs, brown/hazel, no children, N/S, enjoys tennis, bowling, golf, pool, movies, concerts. Seeking SWF, 28-38, similar interests, who's willing to go out and have fun. ☎1908

FREE TO A GOOD HOME
handically/emotionally stable, morous, honest, loyal, roman- SWPM, 55, 5'11", N/S, social nker, enjoys the simple things life, nature, laughter, variens, love. Seeking SF, for nogamous LTR. ☎1308

HONEST AND SINCERE
ll, honest, financially secure, n, loyal DWM, 55, 6'4", N/S, cial drinker, in good physical ndition, with sense of humor, eks slender lady, 42-51, for mpanionship, possible LTR. 1036

SPRING IS HERE
VM, 55, enjoys singing, walk- , card games, board games. eking SF, 40-55, for LTR, pos- ly marriage. ☎1050

LOOKING AT YOU
tractive, very caring, outgoing, ing SWM, 46, with a variety of terests, loves to be romantic d cook. Seeking same in petite VF, for friendship, maybe more. 9363

STARTING OVER
fectionate retired SM, 49, 5'5", onde/blue, likes dining out, vies, walks in parks, televi- n, and evenings in. Seeking e lady to have some fun with. 2021

LET'S MEET FOR COFFEE
le, 39, with good job and a big art, tired of being alone, enjoys imals, the woods, cookouts, d a cuddly woman. If you're nest, serious, and caring, ease call. ☎1997

LOOKING FOR ADVENTURE
own-to-earth, private, home- dy type SBM, 6'1", 265lbs, en- sy sports, concerts, romance, . Seeking decent, understand- g, attractive woman who knows at she wants out of life, for ndship, possible relationship. 1277

UNION LAKE AREA
venturous, honest, slim, ro- ntic DWM, 46, N/S, light nker, Catholic, enjoys boating, nateur theater, bowling, travel, tdoors, dancing, etc. Seeking dy for friendship leading to LTR. 1364

LOOKING FOR YOU
Slim SWPM, youthful 44, 5'10", N/S, no dependents, interests include travel, fitness, movies, music, good conversation. Seeking SF, 35-45, with similar interests. ☎2152

TIRED OF SINGING SOLO
Baritone tenor, 6'2", brown/hazel, loves singing, motorcycles, walks, picnics, movies, and fishing. Seeking intelligent woman, good sense of humor, good heart and spirit. For friendship, maybe more. No head games. ☎2127

OLD-FASHIONED
49 year-old widowed CBM, father of twins, looking for attractive young woman, 36-51. Must be honest and have God first. ☎2119

HUGS AND KISSES
Caring, affectionate, loving DWM, 53, 5'7", loves lake activities, skiing, movies, and quality times together. Seeking petite-medium SF, 40-50, for friendship, possible long-term, monogamous relationship. Race unimportant. ☎4988

SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY...
a plus. Not mandatory. Youthful, humorous DWM, 47, 5'11", 167lbs, entrepreneur, enjoys Tennessee, Florida, dancing, conversation, dining. I am spontaneous, communicative, fit and seeking a LTR. Are you? ☎1748

MR. SUNSHINE
Easygoing DWM, 44, loves children, seeks a S/DWF, 39-59, who enjoys going to movies, walks in the park, holding hands, for possible relationship. ☎1295

HOW FAR IS THE SUN?
SWM seeks SWF, down-to-earth type, with a little bit of the wild side, but also with morals. Age open. ☎1993

ITALIAN STALLION...
47, attractive, muscular, versatile, romantic, seeks classy, slim, very attractive, selective SW/AF, under 45, for friendship, possible relationship. ☎6155

BIG BUCK SEEKS...
delightful doe, for grazing and frolic. Middle-aged SWM, seeks open, friendly gal for walks, talks, dating, and -companionship ☎2114

MEET FOR COFFEE
A new home but no one to greet me. DWM, 48, good job, big heart, is tired of being alone. Seeking special woman, 30+, for LTR. Serious replies only. ☎1959

WESTLAND AREA
Attractive SWM, 5'10", 175lbs, nice hair, bright brown eyes, N/S, no dependents, employed, homeowner, seeks slim, attractive SWF, under 48. ☎5357

SEEKING THE FINER THINGS
SWM, 45, average height/weight, enjoys long walks, theater, fine dining. Seeking attractive, slender SWF, 35-45, to share the finer things in life with. ☎1242

HAPPY-GO-LUCKY
Handsome, witty, sweet SHM, 47, seeks SW/HF, 40-50, N/S, for dating, dining, dancing, friendship, possible LTR. ☎5970

NICE-LOOKING, GOOD MAN
Honest, affectionate SWM, 62, 5'11", 220lbs, N/S, Troy homeowner, enjoys dining out, music, theater, golf, travel, quiet evenings at home. Seeking similar, attractive woman, 50s, size 10 or smaller. ☎2064

SWEET AND FRIENDLY
Retired, affectionate, easygoing SM, 63, enjoys golf, bowling, romantic evenings. Seeking slender, attractive, fun-loving SF, for friendship and romance. ☎1737

HERE TODAY, GONE TO MAUI
DWPM, 56, 5'9", 180lbs, semi-retired, N/S, no dependents, enjoys travel, dining out, movies, theater, boating, quiet evenings. Seeking attractive, affectionate woman with sense of humor, for travel, LTR. Western suburbs. ☎2421

LOOKING FOR ADVENTURE
Honest, caring, college-educated, trustworthy, honorable, good man, young-looking 43, seeks short, cute, attractive, cuddly, good woman for fun conversation and good times for the rest of our lives. ☎2078

SPECIAL BLACK LADY TO LOVE
Blue-eyed exciting, energetic, adventurous, caring, home owner, seeks passionate, SBF only, who loves to love and be loved. ☎2053

LOOKING FOR SOMEONE
Intellectual, yet humorous, active, outgoing SWM, 40, 5'10", 190lbs, enjoys reading, writing, outdoor activities, theater, movies. Seeking friendly, outgoing S/DWF, 34-48, N/S, small/petite build, for possible relationship. ☎5519

A TENDER 60
With good looks and vitality, SWM, 50, seeks attractive gal, 40-55, full of laughter and fun to share a variety of interests, companionship and possible LTR. ☎2054

LET ME LOVE YOU
Friendly, caring, funny, goal-oriented SWPM, 6'2", 245lbs, dark/hazel, N/D, N/S, no kids, enjoys meeting new people, spending time with friends. Seeking humorous, caring, communicative SWPF for friendship first. ☎1197

KING ARTHUR SEEKS QUEEN
SWM, 27, 5'10", 170lbs, brown/green, no kids, works full-time, enjoys Tae Kwon Do, kick boxing, horseback riding, Chinese food, movies, and more. Seeking SF, 18-35, for friendship first, possible LTR. Kids ok. ☎1272

EARTH, WIND & FIRE
Earthy, honest, widowed WM, 49, 6', 205lbs, N/D, N/S, seeks SWF, 40-50, active, secure, proportionate, to conjure up warm wind, and eternal fire, possible LTR. Redford ☎5696

SEEKING ASIAN LADY
Black gentleman, 44, 6', 225lbs, seeks slender Asian lady, N/S, for relationship built on respect, communication, honesty, and trust. ☎1665

CUDDLY, LONELY & FUN
SWM, 19, 6'2", 200lbs, blonde/green, seeks slender, cute female, 18-25, who doesn't mind a little romance and fun. ☎2026

SUNSHINE OF YOUR LIFE?
Warm weather, successful, spiritual SJM, 48, seeks a warm weather girl. Seeking relationship-oriented SF, 28-45, to enjoy Aruba, Cancun, Bahamas, and, of course, movies, dancing, book stores, spectator sports. ☎3923

MAKE IT HAPPEN
Humorous DWM, young 52, 6'1", handy man, independent individual, no dependents, seeks earthy, active S/DF, age: surprise me, for combining interests, fun. possible LTR. All calls answered. ☎1689

AFFECTIONATE LOVING
Loving, caring, romantic SM, 45, 6', 200lbs, long brown hair, brown eyes, enjoys movies, dining out, quiet times. Seeking attractive, sexy blonde, 35-55, for LTR. Must love passionate kisses. ☎1249

LOW-MAINTENANCE LADY
Wanted! Attentive, respectful SWM, 40s, enjoys downsized, simplified lifestyle, into nature, the arts, travel, comedy, etc. Seeking easygoing, sociable lady, for friendship and possible LTR. ☎1994

WAITING IN WESTLAND
Hard-working, financially secure SWM, 26, seeks slender SWF, 22-30, with great personality, who enjoys dinners, dancing, movies, quiet nights at home, for LTR. Hurry up and call. I'm waiting! ☎1469

ROMANTIC-AT-HEART
Easygoing, good-looking, kind hearted DWJM, 44, N/S, who enjoys movies, concerts, sporting events, dancing, and candlelight dinners, looking for relationship ☎1845

SUCCESSFUL
DWM, 45, 5'9", 150lbs, told to look much younger, many interests, plays guitar and other instruments, loves doing anything outside, exercises continually. Seeking good-hearted, relatively slim and attractive SWF, children ok. ☎1393

A NICE GUY
Sincere DWM, 53, 5'10", seeks honest S/DWF, with sense of humor, to share dining out, flowers, concerts, dancing, cuddling by the fire, outdoors, and weekend getaways, for LTR. ☎1082

COUNTRY HOME WAITING!
Devoted gent, SWM, 43, ready for relationship and marriage, able to provide love, affection, financial security, to a romantic SWF who is ready to settle down. ☎1955

TOGETHERNESS
SWM, 48, 6'1", 200lbs, brown/hazel, likes warm weather, motorcycles, sports, car shows, family, pets, concerts, and trying new things. Seeking easygoing, positive woman who enjoys life. Friendship first, possible LTR. ☎1933

LET'S GO CAMPING
DW dad, 41, 5'9", brown/hazel, custodial parent, homeowner, loves camping, barbecuing, Cedar Point, camations, motorcycles, movies, everything. Seeking DW mom with same interests, for monogamous relationship. Novi area. ☎1796

ROCK N' ROLL HOOTCHIE COO
Down-to-earth SWM, 43, 6', has a wide variety of interests. Seeking honest, very affectionate, fun-loving WF, for friendship, possible relationship. ☎1909

EDUCATED/ HANDSOME SWM, 44
Enjoys sports, travel, family and friends, longs for hugs and kisses, love and marriage, seeks relationship-minded, attractive SWF. ☎1910

JUST LOOKING
SWM, 49, 5'8", 150lbs, brown/brown, financially secure, no dependents, enjoy singing movies, pets, summer, outdoor activities, and life. Seeking similar lady. ☎1905

CASINO COMPANION WANTED!
Pick a winner! Soft-spoken gent, SWM, 46, who enjoys attending the now casinos, and nearby attractions. Looking for Lady Luck to join in the fun! Seeking an adventuresome SWF, age open. ☎1869

MAKE ONE MORE CALL...
don't give up now. Have and want honesty, trust, friendship, laughter and love. I like sports, music, dance, animals, long more! I'm tall, thin, 60, secure. ☎1747

HERE'S MY PLAN
Meet someone special, enjoy our times together, give her loyalty, liberty, laughs, and love. A simple plan really, but I want the same. I'm sharp, witty, talented, tall, N/S, 64. ☎1749

BRIGHTON AREA
SWM, 42, 5'10", slim, N/S, never married, with traditional values, seeks SWF, 30-45, to be my friend, lover, partner for LTR. You must be a slim, healthy non-smoker. For more details please call. ☎1868

SECRET AGENT
Intelligent, creative, college-educated, athletic, adventurous, open-minded, attractive SBM, 32, 5'7", enjoys getaway weekends, summer breezes, dancing, romancing, jazz, martial arts. Seeking fit, witty SW/BF, 20-40, for companionship. ☎2161

ANTICIPATING YOUR CALL
DWM, 61, 5'11", financially secure professional, enjoys exercise, fine dining, theater, and travel. Seeking intelligent, attractive S/DWF, 40-58, who is good company in all situations. ☎2159

NOT YOUR TYPICAL GUY
Spiritual, celibate SWM, 37, 6', 245lbs, N/D, N/S, N/Drugs, blue-collar professional, with many interests, seeks young-hearted woman, age/race unimportant, for friendship and LTR. ☎1912

ABSOLUTELY WANTED WOMAN
SWM, down-to-earth, seeks a north oakland SF, 30-40, with a sense of humor, for caring and loving friendship. ☎2001

LOOKING FOR TRUE ROMANCE
SWPM, late 40s, H/W proportionate, N/S, enjoys biking, movies, dining, golf, and sailing. Seeking special, independent SWF for new relationship as friends first, possible LTR. ☎2130

CITY TO RANCH
SWCPM, 50s, 6'3", 205lbs, with eclectic interests, good morals, moving to Midwest ranch soon, enjoys outdoors, animals. Seeking, slim, petite SWPF, 45-60, equally comfortable in dress or jeans, for LTR. ☎2113

NICE & HONEST
DWM, 27, 6'2", 230lbs, brown/blue, one daughter, enjoys hockey, football, dining out, movies. Seeking S/DF, 22-32, with similar interests, for friendship first, possible LTR. ☎2063

ONE OF THE FEW
Handsome, attentive SWM, 30s, 6', seeks affectionate, romantic, slender SWF, 27-35, who dreams of finding that special someone. ☎1790

HEY, BABY!
DWM, 39, 5'10", 165lbs, hazel/dark brown, weekend dad, seeks bold, beautiful goddess of love. ☎1875

Seniors

SEEKING PHONE PALS
WCF, widow, N/S, N/D, people-oriented, self-supported, slightly handicapped, enjoys simple things, animals, talking to people. Seeking companion for lunches, outings, pleasant conversation ☎1957

SEEKING FRIEND/COMPANION
Senior, early 70s, N/S, N/D, has dog, own home, enjoys antiquing and toys. Seeking slim female, for good times, dining out, shows, etc. ☎1742

Women Seeking Women

LOOKING FOR MORE THAN TV-
SWM, 5'9", 182lbs, full-time worker, enjoys travel, oceans, deserts, children, picnics, zoos, amusement parks. Seeking lady for friendship first. ☎2178

MOTIVATED
Positive, honest SWPM, young 55, 5'9", 175lbs, college graduate, dad of 2 grown kids, enjoys exercising, movies, reading, living life. Seeking honest, caring, lively SWF for friendship/LTR, N/S only. ☎2162

CALL ME SOON
Hard-working SWM, 49, 5'8", 175lbs, well-built, seeks fun-loving, easygoing, intelligent pretty, commitment-minded SF, for friendship, companionship and a LTR. Call ASAP. ☎1767

DREAM CRUISIN' MOMMA?
Like convertibles, sports cars? Well-tuned, sporty SWM, 40s, seeks classy chassis SWF, 30s-40s, for upcoming car shows, cruises, parades, etc. ☎2157

ATTRACTIVE, ACTIVE...
and ambitious, SWPM, 38, seeks active, in shape SF, 30ish, to share laughter and friendship. Must be honest, warm-hearted and love children. Novi area. ☎1420

ATHLETIC RECRUIT
Rugged, muscular, clean-cut, degreed SWM, 41, 6'2", 238lbs, brown/blue, never married, no dependents, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, working out, reading, quiet nights. Seeking a friendly SF, age/location open. ☎4018

SEEKING SOMEONE SPECIAL
SWM, 33, tall, dark hair, honest, sincere, caring, likes dining out, movies, and evening walks. Seeking SWF, 25-40, for dating and romance. ☎1698

ATHLETIC TYPE
Attractive SWM, 34, 5'8", athletic build, brown/blue, seeks attractive SWF, 25-37, for LTR. ☎1871

THE DREAM HAS ARRIVED
SBM, 30, 6', 205lbs, athletic build, police officer, seeks SWF, H/W proportionate, for romance and possible relationship. Let me fulfill the dream for you. ☎1967

220lbs, no dependents, enjoys music, sports, dancing, dining out, bowling, church, video games. Seeking SF, 21-35, 110lbs-160lbs, with similar interests, for dating, possible LTR. ☎2141

KRIS DRAPER LOOK-ALIKE
SWM, 36, 6'9", 140lbs, N/S, enjoys biking, rollerblading, hockey, football, volleyball, pool, outdoors. Seeking SWM, 21-40, with similar interests and a sense of humor, for LTR. Garden City area. ☎2100

JACK NEEDS JILL
SWM, 36, loves pets, likes sports and participating in them, working out, indoor and outdoor activities, and cooking, seeks SWF with similar interests and qualities. ☎1909

A TRUE IRISHMAN
SWM, 31, 6'2", business owner, loves Red Wings, Pistons, college basketball, dogs, having fun. Seeking honest, friendly, outgoing, down-to-earth SF with a good heart for

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846 Eagle

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About this car: *At Southfield Chrysler-Jeep on Telegraph Road, shopper Cliff Howard (left) is shown the finer points of a Jeep Grand Cherokee by Curt Walker, sales manager.*

Men, women look for different things when they buy cars

EILEEN MCCARVILLE
STAFF WRITER

One thing is certain: Both genders need a good set of wheels to get them where they're going — especially in today's upwardly mobile society.

But that's where the road ends, according to some local car dealers. Although both men and women are working and sharing family responsibilities, there are differences when it comes to choosing cars.

Female clients are concerned about things like cost and color, said Tom Humes, a dealer with Mel Farr Ford in Oak Park. "Women want to deal with price and affordability," he said. Prime colors include red, black and silver.

Size does count when it comes to men, he added. "What the guys love is the biggest thing they can get for the money. Plus, they say, 'I'm not worried about the payment now. Just get me approved.'" Popular colors for men include platinum, but their penchant for ebony hasn't changed.

"When it comes to guys, they want a black car," Humes said. Pearlized white draws both sexes, which is classy and doesn't show the dirt.

Big sellers at the dealership include the new Ford Focus, voted car of the year, whose size ranges between the defunct Contour and the flagging Escort, which is now being built only on the West Coast, Humes said. Testosterone-charged sports coupes like the Mustang GT ("close to a Corvette"), aren't "necessarily" the cars of choice anymore when it comes to men. Humes said both genders prefer sport utility vehicles, with rugged-individualist names like the Explorer and the Expedition.

A new SUV, the Escape, will come out at the end of the year. "Most of the single people are stepping up to the trucks, but getting the two-door types," Humes said. The top-of-the line SUV is the Limited Explorer which

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■ 'If there's a woman and man, I talk to the woman 'cause she will have more say so. If I can get her on my side, I can get the deal.'

—Ray Nichols
Bill Fox Chevrolet

He said

comes with "heated seats, a computer that tells when to put in gas or oil and two CD players."

Sales Manager Curt Walker of Southfield Chrysler Plymouth Jeep said the popular little Neon isn't so popular anymore. He agreed both men and women are buying larger vehicles because safety is a priority and they're good for hauling kids and equipment around.

Top-seller is the Jeep Grand Cherokee. "It has overall rideability and performs well. It's just a nice all-round car. It doesn't feel like you're driving a truck, but it gives you a nice, safe ride."

More people are leasing then buying, he added. About 85-90 percent of their sales are leases. "You could lease a SUV for the $30s, but buying a Neon would be around the middle $30s. It's just more cost-efficient," he said.

Ray Nichols, sales representative at Bill Fox Chevrolet in Rochester, has several years of experience and has witnessed the differences between the genders. Previously, he worked for a dealership in Little Rock, Ark. The big difference was attitude, he said, noting Southern tradition. "Ma'am, at that place, it was mostly men who had control over what the women bought," said Nichols, still showing traces of his Southern drawl. "It was male-dominated. They still live in the Civil War era."

Farther north, it's different, he said, and he tries to pay careful attention to both sexes. Service is a key priority and it pays off — but it's always important to get on a woman's good side. "If there's a woman and man, I talk to the woman 'cause she will have more say so. If I can get her on my side, I can get the deal."

He finds women are "more loyal" in keeping with the same type of car. "If a woman's had a good car, she will stick with the same model." Men like to negotiate, he said. "Sometimes I think they just come in here to argue. They want to get the price down lower." He agrees bigger is better for men, and "they like the sports cars, horsepower." The best-selling vehicle is the Chevy Venture, a large SUV appealing to both sexes, he said.

Women are pickier when it comes to keeping their cars clean, Nichols added. He used a personal example. Although his wife drives his Camaro occasionally, he stays out of her Blazer. "She thinks I'm going to dirty it up with my golf clubs and shoes," he quipped.

Frank Audette, Jr., owner of Audette Cadillac in West Bloomfield, said primarily "only successful" people can afford the pricey Cadillacs. Both genders buy the cars because both are bread-winners, he said. "Women have to make house payments like anyone else."

They'd better be *very* successful. Audette estimates the Deville series in the mid-$40s, and top-of-the-line makes like the El Dorado and the even-more-elite Seville in the mid-$50s. Paupers' rates for the Cadillac club mean the Catera, "the least expensive," is $35,000.

Like Nichols, Audette — who has nearly 20 years of experience in the car business — has a "meet-and-greet" system, because service is so important. It includes approaching customers as soon as they walk in. You welcome the prospective client, get his or her name, ask if they're looking for certain features, and include a demonstration (test drive) if they're interested.

"Men want to skip that step and go right to the negotiations," Audette said. When its suggested to women that they check out the car before buying, most say, "Really?' I say, 'Yes. You might not like that car.' They're not quite as quick (about buying a car.)

"Some men come in and like to bully you, too. They'll yell, 'Hey! Who wants to sell a car today?' You never see a woman come in to a department store and yell, 'Hey! Who wants to sell a skirt today?'"

As far as color, both men and women seem to prefer the pearly white. Gone is the famed "Pink Cadillac" Aretha Franklin sang about. "I've only seen two pink Cadillacs," Audette said. "Mary Kay (Cosmetics) had them made. They don't make them anymore."

Audette estimates the average age of Cadillac's buyers as dropping one year per year. "Cadillac is aiming at a younger market and I guess they're going after the yuppies," he said, noting the Cadillac was once "a car only your grandfather drove." Today, it's considered more of a luxury car, rather then the "big old boats" of yesteryear.

He drives an STS Seville and his wife drives an Escalate, a four-wheel drive that resembles "a big Blazer." The Audettes have a one-year daughter, and — in his opinion — both vehicles are good for families. "I say, you only live once, so get something really nice."

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The only things you can be certain of in life are death, taxes and the need for competent service technicians.

Florida-based Blue Dot Service is a rapidly growing residential and commercial provider of plumbing, heating, air conditioning and refrigeration services with over 70 locations nationwide.

■ 'We want to hire people who are aware of our customers needs and who are willing to go the extra mile to take care of them.'

—Chris Elder
Bergstrom's

In metro Detroit, the company is serviced by several contractors, including Bergstrom's Plumbing & Heating in Livonia, Kast Heating & Cooling in Bloomfield Hills, Cherry Hill Heating & Cooling in Dearborn, A. Ross Heating & Cooling in Dearborn and Livonia, Community Comfort Service in Canton, and Roland Brothers Heating & Cooling in Wayne.

Positions are available with all the contractors.

STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Good jobs: *Master plumber Dan Prover, right, gets a hand from his apprentice Frank Winters working for Bergstroms Plumbing.*

Chris Elder started working for Bergstrom's four years ago as a dispatcher. She stayed with the company when it sold to Blue Dot two years ago after being family-owned for over 46 years. She currently holds the position of service manager.

"It's pretty unusual in the industry for a woman to be in my position," she said.

Blue Dot definitely promotes from within, said Elder. Of the company's seven management teams, six came from the ranks. "There are huge opportunities at our company, not only for apprentices looking to break into the field, but for experienced, skilled trades people, including technicians who have a desire to move into management, supervisory or sales positions."

The company has immediate openings for the following positions:

- Five plumbers (Bergstrom's)
- Journeyman electrician (Cherry Hill)
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- Livonia-based regional controller
- Livonia-based logistics supervisor

Please see HEATING, D2

Wanting to make a change is a normal feeling

JOB SEARCH

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At times, the correct course of action seems clear. Move up north and get a job at a party store. Become a barber. Open a kite shop. Simplify. Then a fog of confusion and guilt rolls in. Your son will need money for college. Your spouse doesn't fully appreciate your pain and keeps talking about a bigger house. And your associates! They seem perfectly content. Some of them are really "into" it. Conclusion: The only shortcoming is your own. Shut up, get focused and go back to work. Or maybe look around for a similar job with a different company.

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■ Several positions in the company's Livonia warehouse

Blue Dot technicians are trained to the highest standards and are totally oriented to customer service, said Elder. Every service professional is "trust certified." And since the metro-Detroit contractors work together as service partners, they know that all Blue Dot technicians will show up for a job on time and wear shoe coverings, she added.

"We want to hire people who are aware of our customers needs and who are willing to go the extra mile to take care of them. Our service professionals are expected to be not just a technician, but a 'comfort consultant.'"

In turn, the company provides comprehensive benefits, including: a 401(k) plan; paid holidays and time off; health, dental, vision and life insurance; short-term and long-term disability; company-provided uniforms and vehicles; flexible scheduling; tuition reimbursement; apprentice training; and generous employee discounts.

The company emphasizes training programs, said Elder. "Our compensation plan is set up for rewarding people who go to school, to learn more. Because the more they learn, the better technicians they'll be."

Blue Dot will hold Open House 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 10 at Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn with representatives from the college and all Blue Dot locations in southeastern Michigan. Seating is limited and reservations are required. Please contact Elder at (734) 522-5072, ext. 213.

Elder is hoping for a sell-out crowd. "We are really striving to be America's best service and employment experience," she said.

Search

Being schizoid like this is common, particularly for people who have philosophically and emotionally advanced beyond the robot-headed careerists. But what is the right thing to do? On your deathbed, you aren't likely to wish that you had worked longer hours. You probably won't be reflecting on how you expanded market share by 5 percent.

On the other hand, you could take pride in knowing that you labored hard and did the right thing for your family. And it might feel good remembering that you had some fun and savored the whole experience.

I often see a bumper sticker that reads "Life is short. Boats are cool." Maybe work should be cool, too – at least a little. Recently, I cut out a book review that seemed to echo this sentiment. British philosopher Anthony O'Hear believes that all of our technological progress has resulted in less, not more happiness across the board. Our new ability to splice genes and connect with boardrooms in Tokyo within nanoseconds hasn't advanced our emotional well-being one jot. In the past five years, many managers have talked to me about unprecedented levels of stress at work. Some have left for lower level jobs in different industries and seem happier. Others have retired early and seem ecstatic.

Here are a few thoughts about making changes, simplifying and downsizing your life:

■ Your feelings about the current situation probably won't improve. You might be able to do a number on yourself and generate some faux enthusiasm for a while. But without a substantive change in job responsibilities or venue (brought about through your own efforts or dumb luck) the best you'll achieve is a state of resignation.

■ Action and hope are always better than resignation. Instead of wondering about selling real estate, talk to a real estate agent about it. Instead of fantasizing about being a farrier, meet with a person who is doing it. Make sketches of the microbrewery you'd like to build. Send for literature on becoming a locksmith. Dreams and fancies are wonderful and sustaining things. But they can get old and die if not nurtured by research and planning.

■ Change doesn't necessarily mean impoverishment. Simplification doesn't always require a quantum leap backward. What if, instead of selling nuclear powered computer peripherals, you sold cinder blocks?

Who among you readers knows for certain that cinder block salespeople make dramatically less than those peddling NPCP's? What if you opened a small bed and breakfast, loved it, opened three more and became B&B Person of the Year (2008)? The point is that the complexity of a business, product or occupation doesn't correlate perfectly to itsrevenue generating capacity.

Wow – that was all a bit negative. Next week we'll put on the pink glasses and discuss how to get ahead by becoming an obsequious, conforming sycophant.

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Oakland Community College is currently accepting applications for the position of Information Systems Professional - Systems Analyst/Programmer in the Information and Telecommunications Systems Department at the Bee Administration Center.

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CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE Thurs, May 11, 5-8pm, Fri, May 12, 9-2: Christ Chruch Cranbrook, Lone Pine & Cranbrook Rd., 1 mile W. of Woodward. For more information: (248) 644-5210.

710 Estate Sales

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Let the buyer pay for upgrade

HOUSE DETECTIVE

BARRY STONE

Our deck is about 20 years old and has 12-inch-wide openings in the guardrails. Now that we're selling the property, the buyers' home inspector has recommended smaller spaces to comply with current building codes. According to our neighbor, a licensed contractor, the railings were built to code at the time of construction and are therefore not subject to mandatory change. Is he right, or do we need to alter the rail spaces?

Requirements affecting safety railings have undergone a gradual evolution in recent years. Prior to 1979, guardrail spacing was entirely unregulated. Then the first standards became effective, with the enactment of a nine-inch space limitation. In 1985, allowable openings were reduced to six inches, and then in 1993, a maximum spacing of four inches became the current rule.

The reason for these changes was to ensure that small children would be less likely to fit though the spaces in high railings. Why these code changes were made in gradual increments, rather than with one logical adjustment to a child-proof size, is a challenge to common sense, but typical of bureaucratic practice.

As to your current obligations as a seller, there is no existing requirement for upgrade of existing safety railings. If the buyers prefer compliance with current standards, upgrades should be performed at their expense, after the close of escrow. But regardless of who pays for the improvements, the value of child safety clearly out-weighs the issue of strict code compliance. If the height of your deck poses a significant hazard, modification of the railings is strongly advised, notwithstanding the age of the building or the codes that may apply.

Sub stresses more bang for the buck

By driving just a couple miles into Genesee County, folks used to living in north Oakland County can get more house for the money and still have good access to all the attractions to which they've grown accustomed.

That's the thinking, anyway, of the Gemcraft Homes team for its Springfield Hills development, a detached condominium community of 60 homes off Fenton Road between Thompson and Long Lake roads in Fenton Township.

"They should get good bang for the buck here," said Pier Angeli, Gemcraft president.

"We definitely offer price per square foot lower than Oakland County," said Jerry Wilcox, marketing and sales manager for Gemcraft.

"Oakland County is more expensive," said Mike Shafer, sales rep at Springfield Hills. "Getting a house here for $160,000 will go for $215,000, at least, in Oakland.

And with I-75 and U.S. 23 just minutes away, it's a quick drive to the Palace of Auburn Hills, Great Lakes Crossing and the employment centers surrounding the DaimlerChrysler Technology Center.

"It's close to Oakland County shopping and Genesee shopping, something for everyone," said Judy Slosar, sales rep.

Seven Lakes State Park and Holly State Recreation Area are also nearby, as are many parks and Fenton Lake in Fenton Township.

The community, itself, also has a lot to offer.

"Roomy lots and a country setting," said Norm Starling, construction superintendent.

"The atmosphere is more laid back here," Wilcox said.

Five floor plans are offered.

They range in price from $151,900 for a ranch of 1,400 square feet with two or three bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths to $173,900 for a story-and-a-half of 1,700 square feet with four bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths.

A colonial and a two-story plan also are available.

Gemcraft has struck gold by adding a wrap-around porch to the Woodland model, the story-and-a-half, Wilcox said.

"It made people go crazy," he said.

The porch seems to bring a patio to the front door. A larger deluxe porch is available for an additional $2,000.

A two-car garage, fireplace, first-floor laundry, basement, dishwasher, wood floor in the foyer and carpeting throughout are included at base price in all plans.

Air conditioning ($2,500) is an upgrade.

Vinyl siding is the primary exterior material.

The Woodland, the four-bedroom option at 1,900 square feet, is under construction as a model.

The home will feature dining room, great room with sloped ceiling and open kitchen/ nook with the sink oriented toward the great room so the cook and clean-up can keep abreast of goings-on there.

The first-floor master contains a pan ceiling, combination tub/ shower, a walk-in closet and a wall closet.

Three bedrooms, all with ceiling lights, and a full bath are upstairs.

"A lot of people are impressed with the roominess," Shafer said. "I've heard a couple times, 'So much for less.' "

Springfield Hills is served by a community water well and sewers. It's within the Lake Fenton school boundaries. There won't be sidewalks.

The property tax rate is $21.69 per $1,000 of state taxable value, half of sales price for new construction. That means the owners of a $174,000 home would pay about $1,900 the first year.

The monthly association fee to maintain the entrance and plow roads there is $20.

"We give construction of all the square footage possible using every inch," Angeli said. "We're willing to modify for people ... move a wall ... any way we can. I think I have some flexibility."

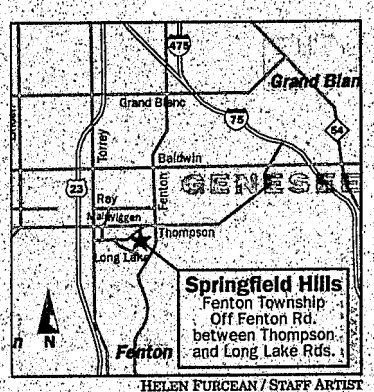
Cathy and George Barrie bought a two-story in Springfield Hills.

"We looked at a lot of homes," Cathy said. "We liked the lot size, the price was good, construction looked fine. This seemed to be best for the money."

"We liked the space provided (floor plan)," Cathy added. "It has lots of room. The first-floor laundry is nice."

The sales office/ model at Springfield Hills, (810) 714-1495, is open noon to 6 p.m. daily, closed Thursdays.

Attractive feature: *Prospective buyers love the wrap-around front porch on the Woodland model at Springfield Hills.*



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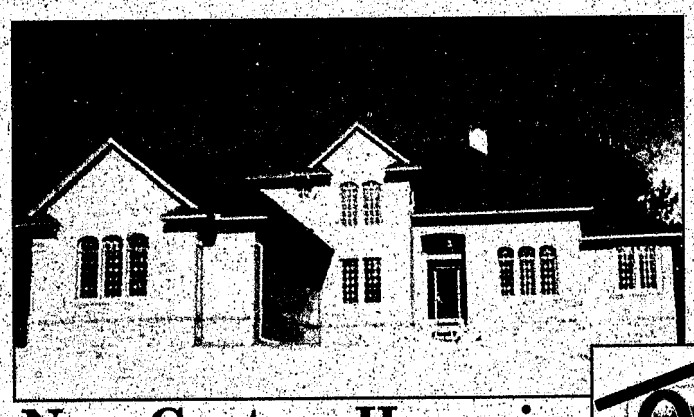

New Custom Home in Brighton's Prestigious Pine Creek Ridge

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and By Appointment

This stunning four bedroom brick home is located in Brighton's prestigious Pine Creek Ridge community. It features a luxurious first floor owner's suite, library, great room with hardwood floor and fireplace, and formal dining room. The gourmet kitchen includes an island and pantry and features Corian countertops and all GE appliances. There are three full baths along with a powder room.

The home includes a daylight basement, three car side-entry garage, approximately 3,700 square feet and has neutral colors throughout. The spectacular wooded homesite features mature trees. This brand new home is now available for immediate occupancy and is offered at $634,900.

Pine Creek Ridge offers two spring fed lakes where residents enjoy unlimited access to private sandy beaches, ice skating, a community dock, sailboats and paddleboats. Adults and children alike will enjoy the community swimming pool and tennis court.

Pine Creek Ridge is within the acclaimed Brighton school district and offers city water and sewer. The community is located just west of Brighton within walking distance of downtown. It offers easy access to both I-96 and US-23.

For more details, please contact:
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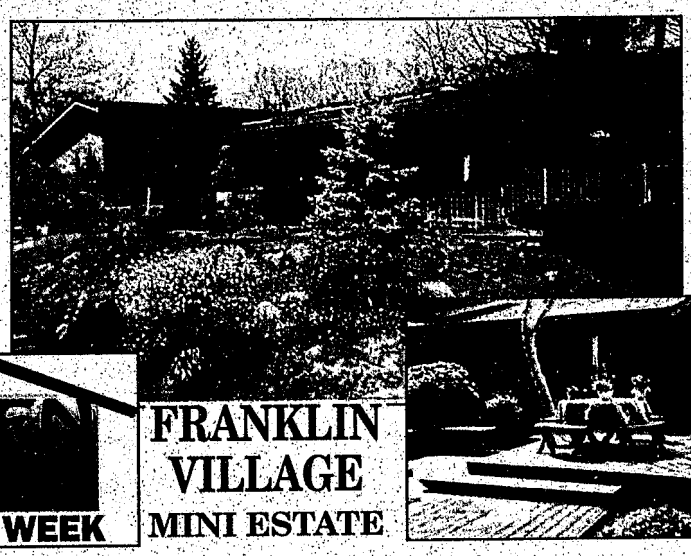

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Get that "up north" feeling as you travel the private road thru a secluded 1.75 acre parcel that leads to this elegant Franklin Village raised ranch home. As you walk up the timber-aggregate steps to the front entry, you will stroll thru breathtaking landscape with twenty specimens of trees, perennials and flower beds. A nature lover's dream!

As you enter the home thru a leaded glass foyer, you immediately become aware of its openness and the beautiful natural views from every window. A sunken living room with gas fireplace overlooks the expansive decking and more gorgeous scenery. The formal dining room with skylites and Travertine marble, offers more picturesque views. The large family-great room invites you to relax and enjoy your morning cup of coffee with the sunrise. The warm wormy chestnut and stunning skylites in the cozy kitchen create the perfect atmosphere for a lovely Sunday brunch while communing with family and friends.

There are 3 bedrooms and 2½ baths on the upper level. Three bedrooms, a full bath, family room with fireplace, laundry and compact kitchen in the lower level. This area is perfect to accommodate teens, in-laws or be used as an au-pair suite.

This charming 5,000 sq. ft. residence is the ideal home for entertaining year round. It has numerous updates and an abundance of storage space. For children, there are many nooks and crannies for playing hide and seek, as well as a playhouse. Also, the large yard has plenty of room for a garden, if you choose to grow your own vegetables.

This is a wonderfully elegant home in a very private wooded setting.

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Gutter design eliminates debris, overflow, ponding

(NAPS) – Homeowners can eliminate the twice-a-year ritual of cleaning out gutters, and also protect their home's foundation, with a special type of gutter guard.

The overflow of rainwater from clogged gutters can cause serious water damage to both landscaping and foundations.

When clogged gutters overflow, water cascades onto the ground around a home's foundation, causing soil erosion that damages landscaping and also basement cracking and flooding problems.

Debris-filled gutters that retain water after a rainstorm provide mosquitoes with enough stagnant water for an excellent breeding ground.

Some telltale signs of gutter problems are troughs of eroded soil directly under gutters, new tree growth inside gutters and a damp or wet basement.

Eroded soil next to external walls indicates that rainwater has been collecting in puddles next to the foundation instead of draining into the downspout. The water strips away vegetation, creating shallow depressions that collect more water and threaten basement walls.

Homeowners can solve these problems with the professionally installed WaterFall Gutter Guard System.

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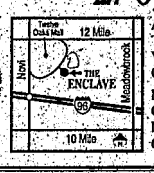

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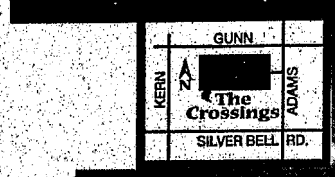

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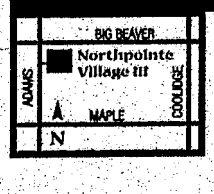

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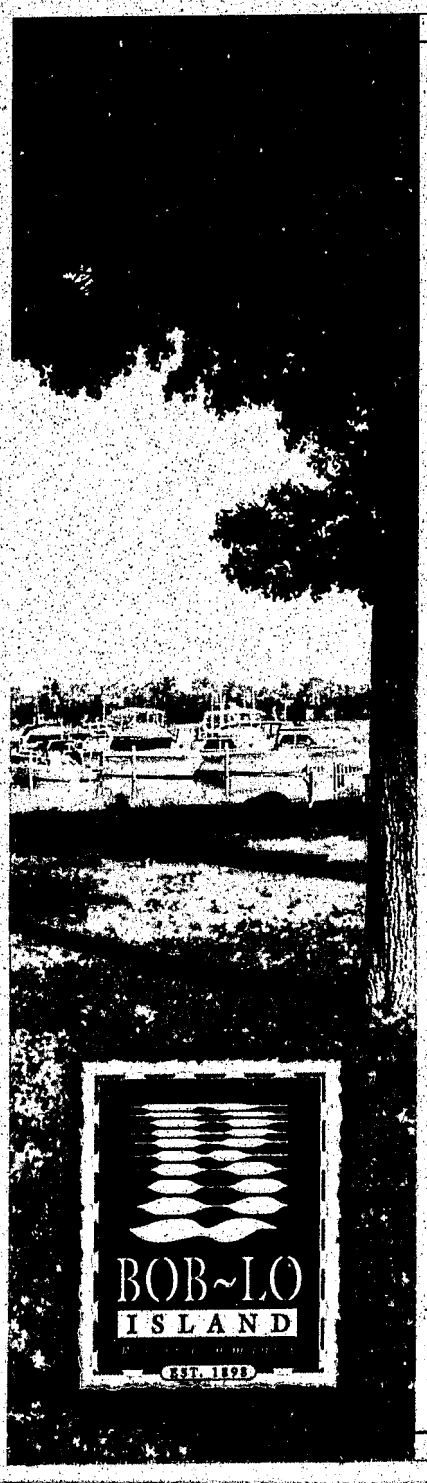

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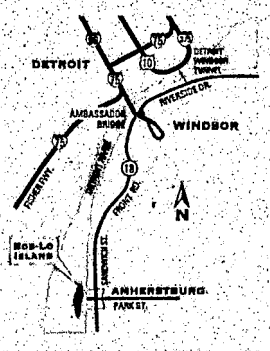

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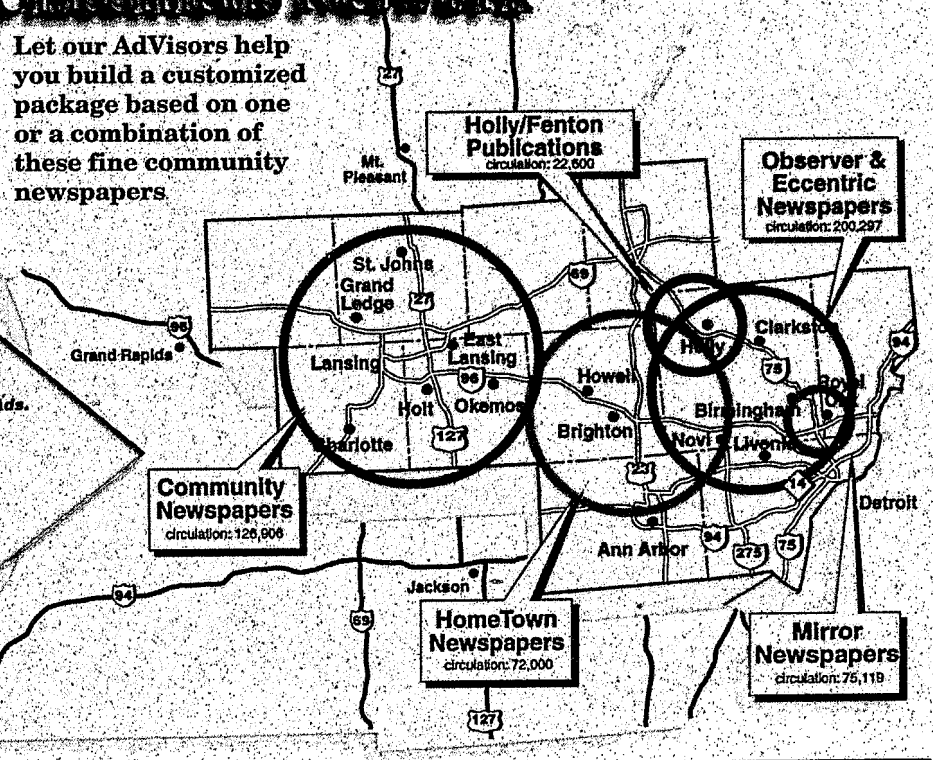

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I believe a prudent seller should stay in touch with changing development in the marketplace. Some of these changes could have a major impact on the ability of a property to be sold in the foreseeable future. Here are some things to watch:

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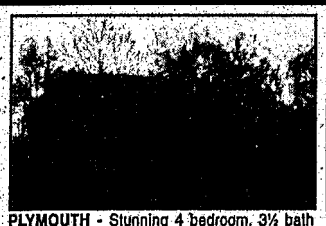

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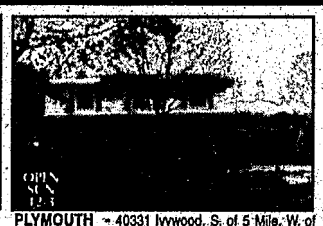

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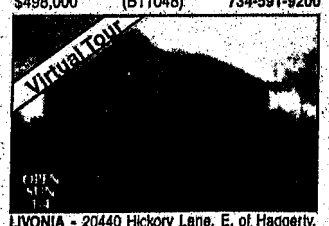

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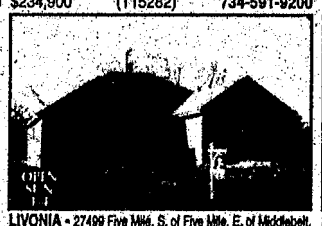

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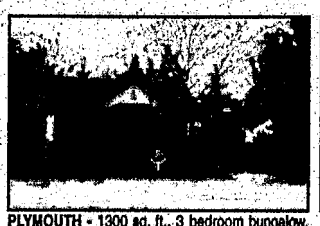

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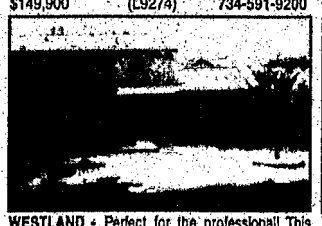

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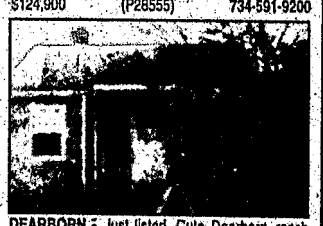

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334 Plymouth

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ROCHESTER HILLS - By owner ... Stately Colonial, 3425 sq.ft. Near Orion Rd. $525,000. See owners.com,listing#jwd0101 (248) 650-0655

337 Royal Oak/Oak Park-Huntington Woods

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31 Go away!
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34 Still — run deep
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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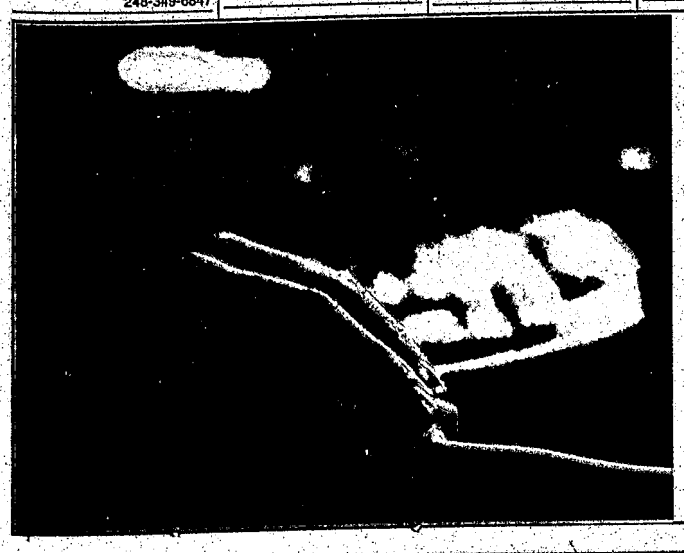

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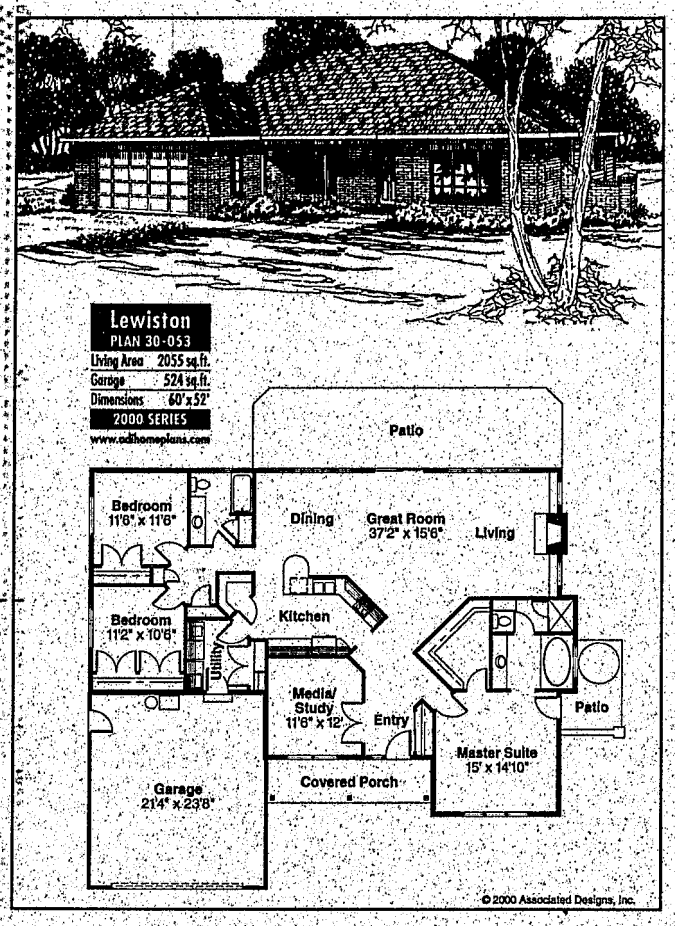

A brick facade and corner quoins gives the medium-sized ranch-style Lewiston a feeling of substantiality. Hipped rooflines add yet another element of visual appeal.

This three-bedroom home is designed for families who have little use for formal living spaces.

The functions generally served by a living room, dining room and family room are combined here in one large, bright and uniquely shaped great room.

It boasts a 9-foot ceiling, gas fireplace and a richly windowed rear wall. One set of sliding glass doors provides access to a large patio. Interesting angles characterize the walls opposite the windows.

The kitchen, too, is angled. Amenities here include a step-in pantry, extensive counter space and built-in appliances.

A large utility room with plenty of storage space is just steps away. The utility room has garage access as well, handy for unloading groceries in inclement weather or after dark. The garage is large enough to shelter two cars and still have space for storage and a workbench.

Another one of those angled wall spaces is the master suite's spacious walk-in closet.

Other luxuries in the master suite include a small private patio with space for an outdoor spa, and a private bathroom with oversized shower, spa tub, and separately enclosed toilet.

Secondary bedrooms share the central bathroom and are well-isolated from the master suite. Linen closets line the hallway, plus there's a large linen closet in the bathroom as well.

Double doors open into the room on the left side of the entry, which could be outfitted as the Lewiston's media room, study, library or home office.

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Mortgage rates fall just a bit

Fixed mortgage rates dropped in the Detroit area last week, according to a survey of local lenders by www.HomeLoanUpdate.com

■ 30-year fixed mortgages averaged 8.14 percent with 0.8 fees and points last week, down from 8.18 percent with 0.8 fees and points the previous week.

■ 15-year fixed mortgages averaged 7.83 percent with 0.9 fees and points last week, down from 7.85 percent with 0.9 fees and points the previous week.

■ One-year adjustable rate mortgages averaged 6.86 percent with 0.9 fees and points last week, up from 6.81 percent with 0.9 fees and points the previous week.

One Year Ago the average 30-year mortgage rate was at 6.93 percent and 1.0 points and fees, 15-year 6.55 percent and 0.9 points and fees and one-year ARM 5.63 percent and 1.1 points and fees.

Inflation appears to be picking up. This means there is little doubt the Fed will increase short-term rates at its next FOMC meeting, which is bound to lead to higher mortgage rates in the near term and directly impact the housing economy.

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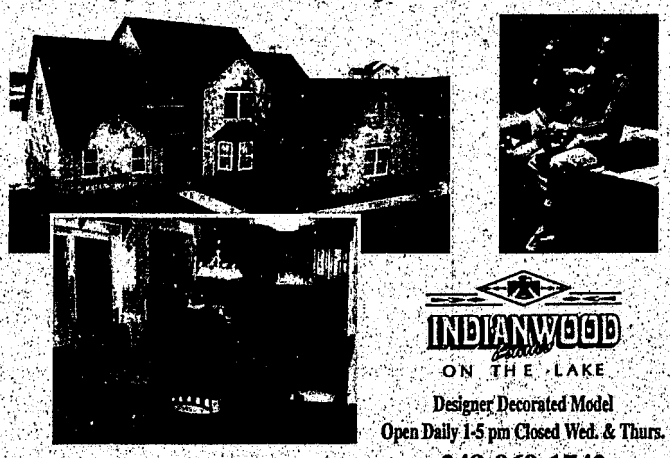

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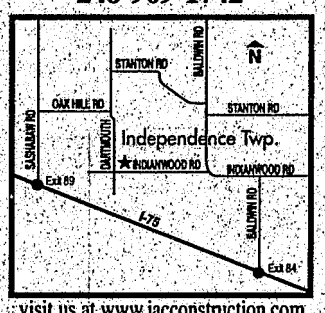

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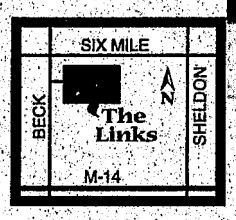

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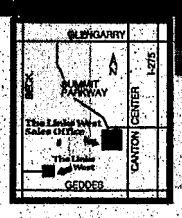

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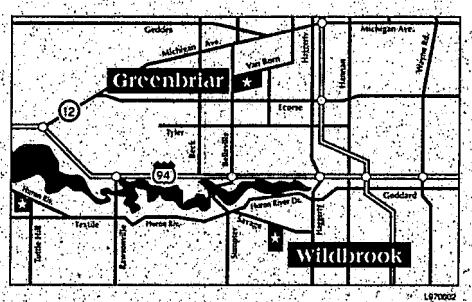

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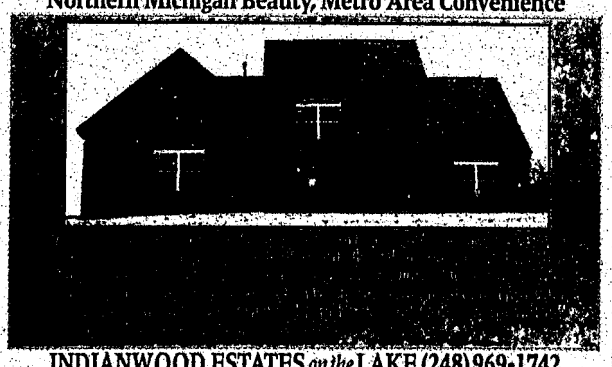

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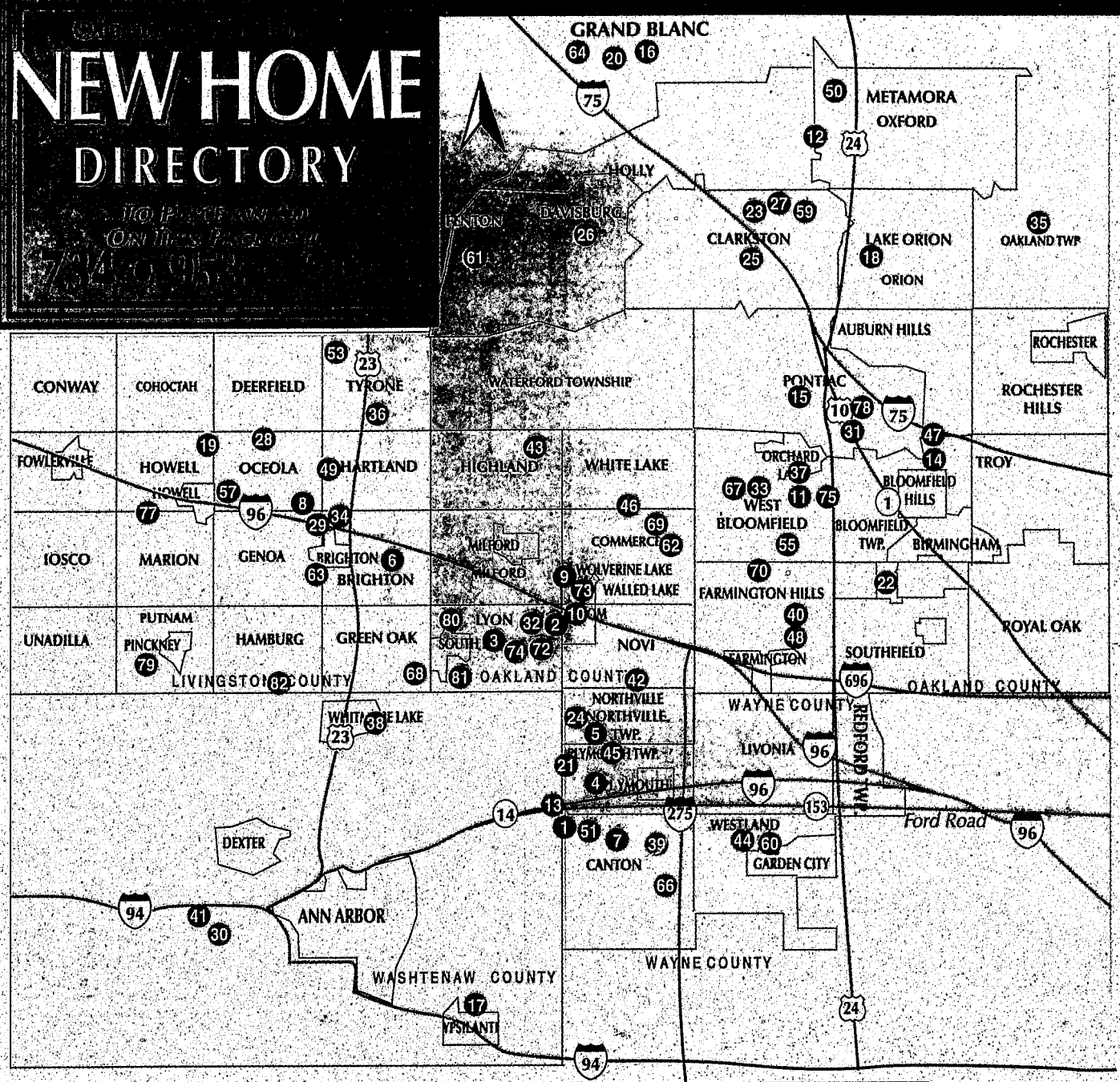

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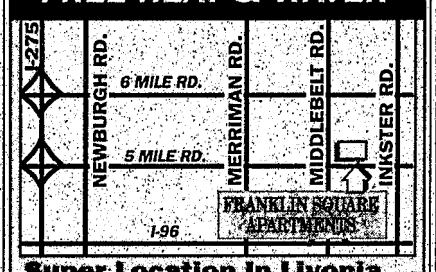

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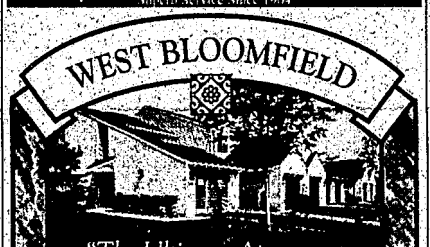

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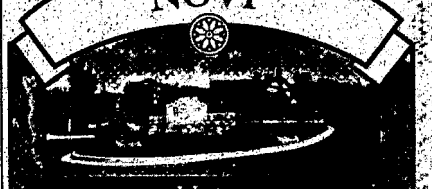

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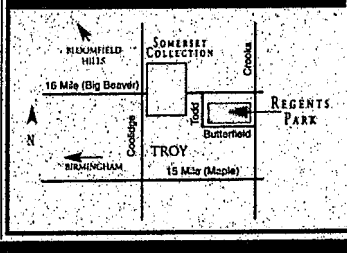

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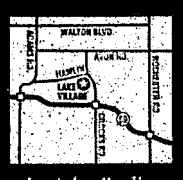

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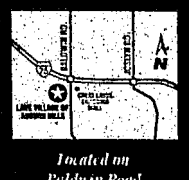

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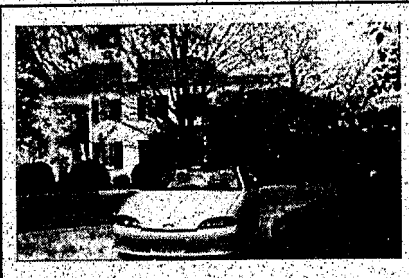

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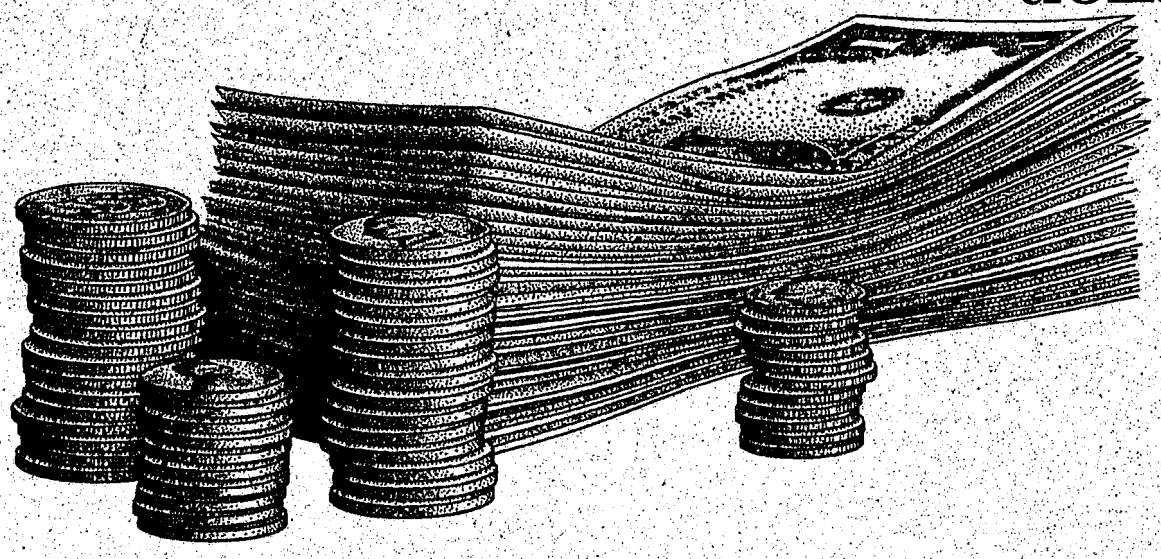

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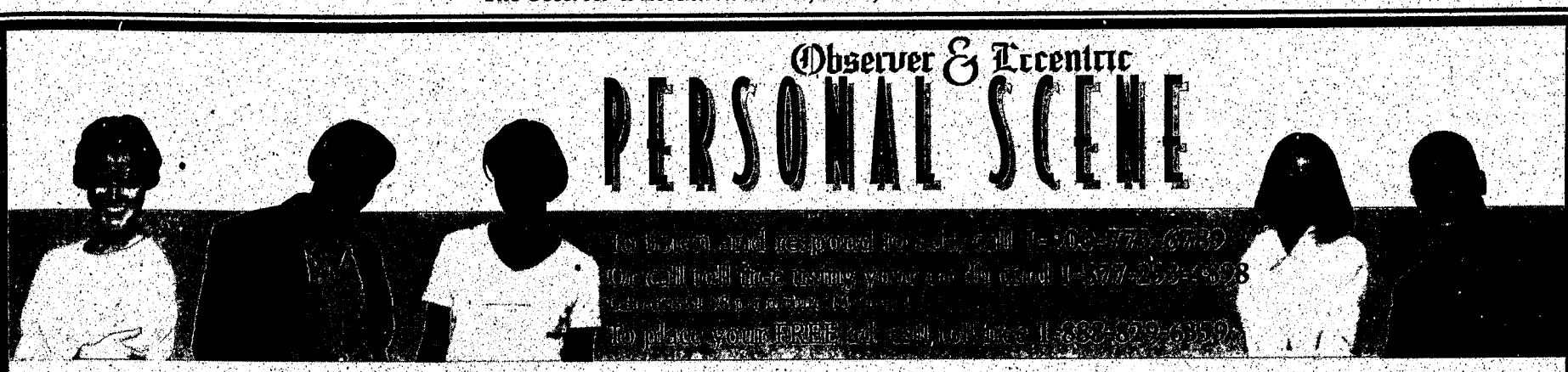

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SEEKING THAT SPECIAL YOU
SWF, 36, seeks WM, 32-39, 5'6"+, who's tired of the bar scene, likes sports, for special committed relationship. ☎6304

PLEASANT...
educated European SWF, 30, 5'9", H/W proportionate, enjoys cinema, fine dining, art, antiques, traveling, and good conversation. Seeking tall, witty, open-minded, educated man, for friendship first. ☎2055

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND
Self-employed, artistic, funny SWF, 34 (looks younger), seeks SWM, 24-36, for friendship first, possible relationship. Musician a plus. ☎2056

LOVES TO DANCE
Light-skinned, SBF, 5'5", 145lbs, no kids, loves dancing, skating, reading, working with people. Seeking SM with similar interests for dating, possible LTR. ☎1976

ROMANTIC & PASSIONATE...
Attractive, plus-sized SWF, 35, enjoys long walks, comedy, reading and animals. Seeking honest, communicative SWM to enjoy time with. ☎1911

GENTLEMAN BIKER
SF, 33, H/W proportionate, long reddish-brown/blue-green-gray, enjoys Harleys, outdoors, fishing, travel. Seeking gentleman with similar interests. ☎1859

SEEKING
Ultra-feminine, petite, slim, European blonde, with very sophisticated tastes, seeks highly successful SWM, 50-60, for possible LTR. ☎1800

SECOND TIME AROUND
Fun-loving, attractive, widowed WF, 60, 5'3", 120lbs, blonde/blue, loves dogs, dancing, camping, long drives, good books, PBS specials, and more. Seeking outgoing, family-oriented SM, 60+, N/D, drug-free, with similar interests. ☎1929

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Fit, bubbly, outgoing SF, 5'6", blonde/brown, zest for life, enjoys golf, biking, travel, theater. Seeking tall, financially/emotionally secure gentleman, 48-55, who exhibits qualities of a true friend. ☎1709

SEEKING MY SOULMATE
Energetic DWPF, young 46, 5'2", blonde/blue, likes nature, waterfalls, baseball, tennis, alternative medicine. Seeking SWPM, 36-49, N/S. ☎1860

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

DARE TO HOPE, DARE TO DREAM
Feminine, attractive, young-looking DWPF, 52, 5'10", blonde/blue, N/S, singe mom, independent, creative, sincere, loves adventure, travel, outdoors, family, entertaining, intelligent conversation. Seeking a tall, attractive SWPM, single dad, similar in age/interests. ☎2024

A NEW YEAR, A NEW START
Cute, honest, caring, secure, old-fashioned SWPF, 49, 5', 112lbs, blonde, loves holding hands, laughing, walks, boating, dining, travel. Seeking nice-looking, slim SWPM, 50-60, N/S, N/D; short in stature/big in heart. ☎1989

LET ME BE YOUR SUNSHINE
Intelligent, easygoing, widowed WF, 61, 5'1", blonde/blue, N/S, social drinker, financially/emotionally secure, enjoys playing cards, movies, dining, long walks, and fireplaces. Seeking SWM, 58-65, for companionship. ☎1928

ROMANCE AND DEVOTION
Tall, curvy, romantic SBF, loves Latin dancing, traveling, spontaneity, picnics, sports. Seeking outgoing, tall, handsome, perceptive SWM, N/S, N/Drugs, believes in God, strong family values, zest for life. No games. ☎2135

STARTING OVER WITH YOU
Sincere, easygoing, financially secure, active, retired, widowed WF, 5'6", blonde, seeks caring, easygoing gentleman friend, 65+, who enjoy dining out, traveling and laughter. LTR. ☎1846

TOUCH OF CLASS
Intriguing, attractive, outgoing SWF, 5'5", 130lbs, black hair, sexy eyes, is searching for a sincere SWM, 48-60, for fun, friendship, possible LTR. ☎1789

ALONE, BUT NOT LONELY
And happy with myself, white female, 53 (looks 43), 5'10", 150lbs, blonde, ex-model, educated, seeks white male, 50+, educated and professional, emotionally/financially stable, for LTR. ☎2067

ATTRACTIVE WIDOW
Intelligent, slender, tall, ladylike, warm-hearted WF, 53, smoker, seeks tall, intelligent gentleman, 53-65, with traditional manners, who's interested in sharing romantic dinners, conversation, and laughter with me. ☎6061

HOPEFULLY WE CAN MEET
Sweet, sincere, honest, hard-working SWF, 37, 5'4", blonde/green, enjoys camping, walks, candlelight dinners, cuddling, movies, and sports. Looking for SM, 33-56, to share good times and romance. ☎1992

GROWN-UP BOY
Classy, very attractive, down-to-earth, slim SWF seeks intelligent, financially secure SWM, 46-54, brown or dark hair, who likes to have fun. ☎1339

ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME?
Good-looking, slim SF, 40, 5'3", brown/brown, good sense of humor, one daughter, likes movies, dancing, comedy clubs, dining out, reading, plays, fishing, animals. Seeking S/DWM with time for a relationship. ☎1939

ABC'S
Attractive, bubbly, curvaceous DWF, 46, blue-eyed blonde, professional musician with passion for life, seeks intelligent, romantic, emotionally/financially secure SWM, 40-55, 5'10"+, N/S, for possible LTR. ☎1878

WANTED: ONE ROMANTIC SOULMATE
Tall, attractive DWPF, 5'10", blonde/brown, passionate about life, is searching for that one special man, 48-58, financially/emotionally secure, who loves life, sports, fun and romance. ☎1879

LOOKING FOR LOVE
Attractive, emotionally/financially secure, honest, caring DWF, young 50, 5'4", brown/blue, N/S, looking to love again. Seeking SWM for concerts, dining, movies, sports, travel, togetherness, friendship leading to LTR. ☎1755

SUNSHINE
Outgoing, friendly, retired, widowed WPF, 62, 5'1", 120lbs, brown hair, N/S, seeks similar SM, 62-65, for friendship. ☎1956

ARE THERE ANY GOOD ONES LEFT?
Seeking romantic, affectionate, honest SWM, 39-45, who would like to meet a good woman, 39, for a possible LTR. ☎1783

TIRED OF BEING LONELY?
Fun-loving, easygoing, attractive, plus-size, sincere SWF, 42, reddish brown/blue, enjoys outdoors, kids, animals, dining, dancing, movies, romantic moments. Seeking honest, easygoing, sincere SWM, 38-48, for the simple things in life. ☎2131

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PARTNER, NOT A DATE...
DWF, between Mary Poppins, Barbra Walters, and Ally McBeal. Seeks SWM, 40-55, let's compare backgrounds and goals. ☎2115

NURSE SEEKS COMPANION
SF, 40s, seeks gentleman, 55-65, for interesting friendship. ☎2112

TALL THIN BLONDE
Attractive former model/teacher, upper 50s, seeks companionship of professional gentleman, 60s, for dining out, theater, travel, quiet times at home, and all the good things life has to offer. ☎1914

BE MY VALENTINE
Cute DWF, 41, full-figured, smoker, financially secure, seeks SBWM, 43-53, who likes beaches, Vegas, traveling, for LTR. Serious only. ☎1711

SEEKING SOMEONE KIND...
to spend my life with. SF, 45, 5'6", medium build, brown/blue, enjoys bowling, swimming, outdoors, the beach, travel, horseback riding. Seeking loving, compassionate, strong man for best friend and partner. ☎2090

A RARE FIND
Pretty, curvy SWF, 53, 5'4", entrepreneur, lots of fun, enjoys movies, plays, concerts, traveling. Looking for sincere, successful WM, 45-75. Float your boat, make your day, answer my ad today. ☎3738

LOVELY, PASSIONATE, LADY
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LONELY IN REDFORD
Petite, young-hearted SWF, 24, 5'2", brown/blue, seeks fun, attractive SWM, 21-24, to share dating, life, love, possible LTR. ☎1988

LOVE IS ALIVE
Sweet, lovable, innocent SF, 20, looking for a loving guy for friendship, dating, and more. ☎2011.

SEEKS TOMATO GROWER
Good looking, down-to-earth, caring, compassionate SWF, 51, seeks gentleman, 50-60, who likes sunsets and gentle rain, for committed relationship. ☎1998

GREEK GODDESS
Attractive DPCF, 42, mother of two, enjoys cooking, the outdoors, and more. Seeking mature, loving, moral SCM, 35-50, for LTR/possible marriage. Sense of humor a +. ☎1999

SEXY REDHEAD
Easygoing, fun-loving DWPF, 49, 5'6", 139lbs, great legs, no kids, Belleville homeowner, animal lover, enjoys gardening and nature. Seeking DWPM, 50-60, 6'+, N/S, social drinker, for LTR. ☎4997

A RARE FIND
Attractive lady seeks companionship of professional gentleman, 60+, who enjoys theater, concerts, museums, exhibits, excursions. Lost messages 1/10-1/11, please call again. ☎1257

HOCKEYTOWN GIRL
SWPF, 5'7", brown/brown, never married, Catholic, loves hockey, movies, concerts, dining, dancing. Seeking SWPM, 39-45, similar interests, for friendship, dating, possible LTR. ☎1977

THE ICON IS LOVE...
Very pretty, curvaceous, professional SBCF, 38, varies interests, seeks handsome, loyal, passionate, fit SBCM of integrity, 30-40, N/S, for one-on-one dancing and romancing. Serious only. ☎1985

SEEKING HONEST GUY
SF, 5'9", 135lbs, light brown hair, student, no kids, loves basketball, swimming, gymnastics, reading, cooking, walks. Seeking sweet, honest, romantic, laid-back guy for serious relationship. ☎1951

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SBF, 40, 5'10", 165lbs, black/brown, light caramel complexion, self-employed, 2 kids, loves singing, dancing, jazz, cooking, having fun. Seeking dark, handsome, spirit-filled SM, 40+, 6'+, for friendship first, possible LTR. ☎1968

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Attractive DWF, 40, 5'2", 115lbs, blondish/green, college-educated, enjoys movies, reading, beaches, traveling. Seeking honest, caring SWM, 40+, 5'10"+, for friendship first. ☎1990

FRIENDSHIP/ COMPANIONSHIP
Friendly, kind-hearted SBF, 46, 5'5", 200lbs, enjoys simple things in life: picnics, walks in the park, movies, television, seeks S/DM, 35-60, for friendship possible LTR. N/S, N/D. ☎1974

ENJOY LIFE WITH ME
Fun-loving SBF, 41, no dependents, seeks fun-loving, affectionate gentleman, N/S, over 40, to share interests. Race open. ☎1958

STARTING OVER WITH YOU
Easygoing, overweight DWF, 44, 5'10", N/S, N/Drugs, enjoys outdoors, walking, bowling, cards, pets, traveling. Seeking honest, loyal SWM, N/S, N/Drugs, for relationship leading to marriage. ☎5780

A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR LOVE
SWF, 52, 5'6", medium build, brown hair, enjoys fine dining, reading, jazz music, family gatherings, walks in the park. Seeking degreed SWPM with similar interests, for monogamous LTR. ☎1205

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Pretty SWJF, 5'7", 130lbs, spiritual, non-religious, degreed, energetic, very youthful 40ish, child-like delight. Seeking similar SM, to share pleasures of emotional intimacy, joy, hiking, meditation, yoga, open/honest communication, mutual trust, LTR. ☎1213

SINCERE AND CURVY
DWPF, 5'6", blondish, two grown children, seeks romantic white gentleman, 49-60, fairly sophisticated, financially/emotionally secure, interested in fun times and sports. ☎1112

STILL SEARCHING
Attractive DWF, 5'6", brown/brown, thin, fun to be with, enjoys movies, dining out, the outdoors, and Rodwing games. Seeking attractive, tall SWM, 33-40, with similar interests, for friendship, maybe more. ☎1476

SEEKING FRIENDS
Independent DW mom of 2, 40, 5'10", brown/hazel, enjoys movies, sports, hiking, camping. Seeking committed LTR with a man who can cook and is not into playing games. ☎1886

BEAUTIFUL SMILE
Athletic, attractive, young-looking DWF, 51, 5'7", H/W proportionate, brown/brown, college-educated, great sense of humor, enjoys sports, dining out, concerts, movies, travel, quiet evenings. Seeking tall, healthy, family-oriented SWM, 50-56, N/S. ☎1869

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SWF, pretty, sensuous, and compassionate, enjoys arts, music, dancing, and shopping, seeks loyal sensitive, good looking, classy SWM, 50-60, lets enjoy the finer things in life together. ☎1872

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Hard-working, intelligent DWF, 40, 5'8", H/W proportionate, curvy, enjoys music, dancing, physical activities. Seeking honest, sincere, affectionate SWM, 37-55, for friendship first. ☎1873

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Petite DWF, 60s, 5'2", looking for love again with romantic, trustworthy, very fit, emotionally/financially secure, non-smoking SWM, 55-65. Let's enjoy dancing, dining, movies, travel, theater, weekend getaways. ☎1831

ARE YOU READY FOR...
an attractive charmer? Active, open-minded, pleasingly plump widowed WPF, 58, red/blue, enjoys concerts, plays, talk, movies. Seeking tall, passionate, humorous WM, 45-60, for dating, LTR. ☎1835

ADVENTUROUS
Intelligent DWF, 35, 5'3", 108lbs, enjoys hiking, canoeing, camping. Seeking intelligent SPM, 35-45, physically fit, N/S, with similar interests, for companionship, possible LTR. ☎2158

COUNTRY BOY DESIRED
SWCF, 25, blonde/blue, mother of one, enjoys horses, swimming, camping, comedy, church; country line-dancing, museums, family+friends, more. Seeks SWCM, 24-35, N/D, similar interests/characteristics, kids ok, for friendship, first, possible LTR. ☎1995

FRIENDS FIRST
Easygoing, down-to-earth, college-educated SWF, 28, 5'3", 115lbs, brown/brown, fit, enjoys dining out, movies, outdoor activities. Seeking similar SWM, under 40, H/W proportionate. ☎1954

WHERE IS MY AZTEC?
Multiracial SF, young-looking 50, seeks Native American/Hispanic gentleman, 45-55, for friendship, possible LTR. Let's enjoy the summer together! ☎1996

BEAR SEEKS HONEY
Down-to-earth SWM, 31, 5'10", 170lbs, light brown/green, likes holding hands, cuddling, dining out, fishing, boating, traveling, being with friends and family. Seeking female, 25-35, with similar interests. ☎1793

A TRUE GENTLEMAN
Successful, Big 3 professional, displays impeccable class, honor, respect. 38, 5'11", 162lbs, fit, emotionally/financially secure, advanced degree. Strong ethics, morals, and lasting optimism. Delightfully humorous. Great listener and conversationalist. ☎1760

FUN & SPONTANEOUS
SWM, 35, seeks lady, 18-40, for friendship and possible more. Full-figured a plus, but not required. All calls answered. ☎1943

IN OR OUTGOING
Retired male, 37, father of 3, independent, financially secure, likes movies, fun, dancing, going out, sports. Seeking beautiful, nice, compassionate woman who likes to have fun. Pocahontas, please call back. ☎1066

COUNTRY GIRL DESIRED...
for LTR, possible marriage. DWM, 35, 5'8", 150lbs, single father of eight-year-old son, enjoys rodeos, horse shows, family time. Seeking S/DWF, 28-42, with similar interests. Children ok. ☎1325

SEEKING LATINA
SWM, 35, 6'3", dark/blue, great sense of humor, enjoys sports, movies, and concerts. Seeking Attractive SHF with no children, for dating, possibly more. ☎1944

NICE GUY
SWM, 35, 6', 185lbs, brown/hazel, good sense of humor, easy to talk with, good job, enjoys boating, outdoors, dinners, movies, and much more. Seeking similar SWF, 24-39, slim to medium build, down-to-earth. ☎1843

IF BRUCE WILLIS HAD A BROTHER...
I'd look like him! SWM, 32, 5'10", 190lbs, brown/brown, mustache/beard, enjoys sports, bowling, movies, amusement parks, laughing, animals, kids, and life. Seeking an outgoing, humorous woman, N/S, N/D, who wants a commitment. ☎1915

LOOKING FOR LOVE
Handsome SWM, 29, 6', 165lbs, brown/brown, enjoys reading, travel, music, playing guitar, dancing, dining out, romantic evenings, outdoors, the arts. Seeking attractive lady, 25-40, for dating. ☎1896

LOOKING 4 SPECIAL PERSON
Easygoing WM, 31, 5'7", 160lbs, likes travel. Seeking female who would like to travel, for friendship, maybe more. ☎2160

A REAL MAN
DBM, 52, 6'1", 215lbs, professionally employed, enjoys outdoor activities, quiet walks, dinner, movies, and antiques. Seeking special, trustworthy S/DF, 35-55, kids ok, race unimportant, for friendship/dating. ☎1493

WAITING FOR YOUR CALL!
DWM, 35, extremely fit, very giving, honest and sincere, loves animals and kids. Seeking slim, W/H/AF, soft, feminine, sweet-hearted soulmate, for LTR. ☎1913

COMPANION WANTED
Outgoing, educated, affectionate, honest, sincere DWPM, 54, 5'11", 180lbs, N/S, social drinker, sense of humor, enjoys movies, theater, travel, buying and selling antiques. Seeking spontaneous, warm, caring, one-man woman. ☎1986

HERE I AM
Tall SBM, 36, light complexion, seeks sexy young lady to enjoy outdoors, intimacy, dating, and more. ☎1932

RICHARD GERE LOOK-ALIKE
SWM, 38, 6'1", 165lbs, brown/hazel, no children, N/S, enjoys tennis, bowling, golf, pool, movies, concerts. Seeking SWF, 28-38, similar interests, who's willing to go out and have fun. ☎1908

FREE TO A GOOD HOME
...nancially/emotionally stable, ...morous, honest, loyal, roman... SWPM, 55, 5'11", N/S, social ...nker, enjoys the simple things ... life, nature, laughter, varie...ns, love. Seeking SF, for ...onogamous LTR. ☎1308

HONEST AND SINCERE
...ll, honest, financially secure, ...m, loyal DWM, 55, 6'4", N/S, ...cial drinker, in good physical ...ndition, with sense of humor, ...eks slender lady, 42-51, for ...mpanionship, possible LTR. ☎1035

SPRING IS HERE
...VM, 55, enjoys singing, walk...g, card games, board games. ...eking SF, 40-55, for LTR, pos...ly marriage. ☎1050

LOOKING AT YOU
...tractive, very caring, outgoing ...ing SWM, 46, with a variety of ...terests, loves to be romantic ...d cook. Seeking same in petite ...N/F, for friendship, maybe more. ...9363

STARTING OVER
...fectionate retired SM, 49, 5'5", ...onde/blue, likes dining out, ...vies, walks in parks, televi...n, and evenings in. Seeking ...e lady to have some fun with. ...2021

LET'S MEET FOR COFFEE
...le, 39, with good job and a big ...art, tired of being alone, enjoys ...imals, the woods, cookouts, ...d a cuddly woman. If you're ...nest, serious, and caring, ...ease call. ☎1997

LOOKING FOR ADVENTURE
...own-to-earth, private, home...dy-type SBM, 6'1", 265lbs, en...s sports, concerts, romance, ...c. Seeking decent, understand...g, attractive woman who knows ...at she wants out of life, for ...endship, possible relationship. ...1277

UNION LAKE AREA
...venturous, honest, slim, ro...antic DWM, 46, N/S, light ...nker, Catholic, enjoys boating, ...eater, theater, bowling, travel, ...tdoors, dancing, etc. Seeking ...dy for friendship leading to LTR. ...1364

LOOKING FOR YOU
Slim SWPM, youthful 44, 5'10", N/S, no dependents, interests include travel, fitness, movies, music, good conversation. Seeking SF, 35-45, with similar interests. ☎2152

TIRED OF SINGING SOLO
Baritone tenor, 6'2", brown/hazel, loves singing, motorcycles, walks, picnics, movies, and fishing. Seeking intelligent woman, good sense of humor, good heart and spirit. For friendship, maybe more. No head games. ☎2127

OLD-FASHIONED
49 year-old widowed GBM, father of twins, looking for attractive, young woman, 36-51. Must be honest and have God first. ☎2119

HUGS AND KISSES
Caring, affectionate, loving DWM, 53, 5'7", loves lake activities, skiing, movies, and quality times together. Seeking petite-medium SF, 40-50, for friendship, possible long-term; monogamous relationship. Race unimportant. ☎4988

SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY...
a plus. Not mandatory. Youthful, humorous DWM, 47, 5'11", 167lbs, entrepreneur, enjoys Tennessee, Florida, dancing, conversation, dining. I am spontaneous, communicative, fit and seeking a LTR. Are you? ☎1746

MR. SUNSHINE
Easygoing DWM, 44, loves children, seeks a S/DWF, 39-59, who enjoys going to movies, walks in the park, holding hands, for possible relationship. ☎1295

HOW FAR IS THE SUN?
SWM seeks SWF, down-to-earth type, with a little bit of the wild side, but nice with morals. Age open. ☎1993

ITALIAN STALLION...
47, attractive, muscular, versatile, romantic, seeks classy, slim, very attractive, selective SW/AF, under 45, for friendship, possible relationship. ☎6155

BIG BUCK SEEKS...
delightful doe, for grazing and frolic. Middle-aged SWM, seeks open, friendly gal for walks, talks, dating, and companionship ☎2114

MEET FOR COFFEE
A new home but no one to greet me... DWM, 40, good job, big heart, is tired of being alone. Seeking special woman, 30+, for LTR. Serious replies only. ☎1959

WESTLAND AREA
Attractive SWM, 5'10", 175lbs, nice hair, bright brown eyes, N/S, no dependents, employed, homeowner, seeks slim, attractive SWF, under 48. ☎5357

SEEKING THE FINER THINGS
SWM, 45, average height/weight, enjoys long walks, theater, fine dining. Seeking attractive, slender SWF, 35-45, to share the finer things in life with. ☎1242

HAPPY-GO-LUCKY
Handsome, witty, sweet SHM, 47, seeks SW/HF, 40-50, N/S, for dating, dining, dancing, friendship, possible LTR. ☎5970

NICE-LOOKING, GOOD MAN.
Honest, affectionate SWM, 62, 5'11", 220lbs, N/S, Troy homeowner, enjoys dining out, music, theater, golf, travel, quiet evenings at home. Seeking similar, attractive woman, 50s, size 10 or smaller. ☎2064

SWEET AND FRIENDLY.
Retired, affectionate, easygoing SM, 63, enjoys golf, bowling, romantic evenings. Seeking slender, attractive, fun-loving SF, for friendship and romance. ☎1737

HERE TODAY, GONE TO MAUI
DWPM, 58, 5'9", 180lbs, semi-retired, N/S, no dependents, enjoys travel, dining out, movies, theater, boating, quiet evenings. Seeking attractive, affectionate woman with sense of humor, for travel, LTR. Western suburbs. ☎2421

LOOKING FOR ADVENTURE
Honest, caring, college-educated, trustworthy, honorable, good man, young-looking 43, seeks short, cute, attractive, cuddly, good woman for fun conversation and good times for the rest of our lives. ☎2078

SPECIAL BLACK LADY TO LOVE
Blue-eyed exciting, energetic, adventurous, caring, home owner, seeks passionate, SBF only, who loves to love and be loved. ☎2053

LOOKING FOR SOMEONE
Intellectual, yet humorous, active, outgoing SWM, 40, 5'10", 190lbs, enjoys reading, writing, outdoor activities, theater, movies. Seeking friendly, outgoing S/DWF, 34-46, N/S, small/petite build, for possible relationship. ☎6519

A TENDER 50
With good looks and vitality. SWM, 50, seeks attractive gal, 40-55, full of laughter and fun to share a variety of interests, companionship and possible LTR. ☎2054

LET ME LOVE YOU
Friendly, caring, funny, goal-oriented SWPM, 6'2", 245lbs, dark/hazel, N/D, N/S, no kids, enjoys meeting new people, spending time with friends. Seeking humorous, caring, communicative SWPF for friendship first. ☎1197

KING ARTHUR SEEKS QUEEN
SWM, 27, 5'10", 170lbs, brown/green, no kids, works full-time, enjoys Tae Kwon Do, kick boxing, horseback riding, Chinese food, movies, and more. Seeking SF, 18-35, for friendship first, possible LTR. Kids ok. ☎1272

EARTH, WIND & FIRE
Earthy, honest, widowed WM, 49, 6', 205lbs, N/D, N/S, seeks SWF, 40-50, active, secure, proportionate, to conjure up warm wind, and eternal fire, possible LTR. Redford. ☎5695

SEEKING ASIAN LADY
Black gentleman, 44, 6', 225lbs, seeks slender Asian lady, N/S, for relationship built on respect, communication, honesty, and trust. ☎1665

CUDDLY, LONELY & FUN
SWM, 19, 6'2", 200lbs, blonde/green, seeks slender, cute female, 18-25, who doesn't mind a little romance and fun. ☎2026

SUNSHINE OF YOUR LIFE?
Warm weather, successful, spiritual SJM, 48, seeks a warm weather girl. Seeking relationship-oriented SF, 28-45, to enjoy Aruba, Cancun, Bahamas, and, of course, movies, dancing, book stores, spectator sports. ☎3923

MAKE IT HAPPEN
Humorous DWM, young 52, 6'1", handy man, independent individual, no dependents, seeks earthy, active S/DF, age: surprise me, for combining interests, fun, possible LTR. All calls answered. ☎1689

AFFECTIONATE LOVING
Loving, caring, romantic SM, 45, 6', 200lbs, long brown hair, brown eyes, enjoys movies, dining out, quiet times... Seeking attractive, sexy blonde, 35-55, for LTR. Must love passionate kisses. ☎1249

LOW-MAINTENANCE LADY
Wanted! Attentive, respectful SWM, 40s, enjoys downsized, simplified lifestyle, into nature, the arts, travel, comedy, etc. Seeking easygoing, sociable lady, for friendship and possible LTR. ☎1994

WAITING IN WESTLAND
Hard-working, financially secure SWM, 26, seeks slender SWF, 22-30, with great personality, who enjoys dinners, dancing, movies, quiet nights at home, for LTR. Hurry up and call. I'm waiting! ☎1469

ROMANTIC-AT-HEART
Easygoing, good-looking, kind hearted DWJM, 44, N/S, who enjoys movies, concerts, sporting events, dancing, and candlelight dinners, looking for relationship. ☎1645

SUCCESSFUL
DWM, 45, 5'9", 150lbs, told to look much younger, many interests, plays guitar and other instruments, loves doing anything outside, exercises continually. Seeking good-hearted, relatively slim and attractive SWF, children ok. ☎1393

A NICE GUY
Sincere DWM, 53, 5'10", seeks honest S/DWF with sense of humor, to share dining out, flowers, concerts, dancing, cuddling by the fire, outdoors, and weekend getaways, for LTR. ☎1082

COUNTRY HOME WAITING!
Devoted gent, SWM, 43, ready for relationship and marriage, able to provide love, affection, financial security to a romantic SWF who is ready to settle down. ☎1955

TOGETHERNESS
SWM, 48, 6'1", 200lbs, brown/hazel, likes warm weather, motorcycles, sports, car shows, family, pets, concerts, and trying new things. Seeking easygoing, positive woman who enjoys life. Friendship first, possible LTR. ☎1933

LET'S GO CAMPING
DW dad, 41, 5'9", brown/hazel, custodial parent, homeowner, loves camping, barbecuing, Cedar Point, carnations, motorcycles, movies, everything. Seeking DW mom with same interests, for monogamous relationship. Novi area. ☎1796

ROCK N' ROLL HOOTCHIE COO
Down-to-earth SWM, 43, 6', has a wide variety of interests. Seeking honest, very affectionate, fun-loving WF, for friendship, possible relationship. ☎1909

EDUCATED/ HANDSOME SWM, 44
Enjoys sports, travel, family and friends, longs for hugs and kisses, love and marriage, seeks relationship-minded, attractive SWF. ☎1910

JUST LOOKING
SWM, 49, 5'8", 150lbs, brown/brown, financially secure, no dependents, enjoy singing movies, pets, summer, outdoor activities, and life. Seeking similar lady. ☎1905

CASINO COMPANION WANTED!
Pick a winner! Soft-spoken gent, SWM, 46, who enjoys attending the new casinos, and nearby attractions. Looking for Lady Luck to join in the fun! Seeking an adventuresome SWF, age open. ☎1869

MAKE ONE MORE CALL...
don't give up now. Have and want honesty, trust, friendship, laughter and love. I like sports, music, dance, animals, tons more! I'm tall, thin, 60, secure. ☎1747

HERE'S MY PLAN
Meet someone special, enjoy our times together, give her loyalty, liberty, laughs, and love. A simple plan really, but I want the same. I'm sharp, witty, talented, tall, N/S, 64. ☎1749

BRIGHTON AREA
SWM, 42, 5'10", slim, N/S, never married, with traditional values, seeks SWF, 30-45, to be my friend, lover, partner for LTR. You must be a slim, healthy non-smoker. For more details please call. ☎1668

SECRET AGENT
Intelligent, creative, college-educated, athletic, adventurous, open-minded, attractive SBM, 32, 5'7", enjoys getaway weekends, summer breezes, dancing, romancing, jazz, martial arts. Seeking fit, witty SW/BF, 20-40, for companionship. ☎2161

ANTICIPATING YOUR CALL
DWM, 61, 5'11", financially secure professional, enjoys exercise, fine dining, theater, and travel. Seeking intelligent, attractive S/DWF, 40-58, who is good company in all situations. ☎2159

NOT YOUR TYPICAL GUY
Spiritual, celibate SWM, 37, 6', 245lbs, N/D, N/S, N/Drugs, blue-collar professional, with many interests, seeks young-hearted woman, age/race unimportant, for friendship and LTR. ☎1912

ABSOLUTELY WANTED WOMAN
SWM, down-to-earth, seeks a north oakland SF, 30-40, with a sense of humor, for caring and loving friendship. ☎2000

LOOKING FOR TRUE ROMANCE
SWPM, late 40s, H/W proportionate, N/S, enjoys biking, movies, dining, golf, and sailing. Seeking special, independent SWF for new relationship as friends first, possible LTR. ☎2130

CITY TO RANCH
SWCPM, 50s, 6'3", 205lbs, with eclectic interests, good morals, moving to Midwest ranch soon, enjoys outdoors, animals. Seeking slim, petite SWPF, 45-60, equally comfortable in dress or jeans, for LTR. ☎2113

NICE & HONEST
DWM, 27, 6'2", 230lbs, brown/blue, one daughter, enjoys hockey, football, dining out, movies. Seeking S/DF, 22-32, with similar interests, for friendship first, possible LTR. ☎2063

ONE OF THE FEW
Handsome, attentive SWM, 30s, 6', seeks affectionate, romantic, slender SWF, 27-35, who dreams of finding that special someone. ☎1790

HEY, BABY!
DWM, 39, 5'10", 165lbs, hazel/dark brown, weekend dad, seeks bold, beautiful goddess of love. ☎1875

Seniors

SEEKING PHONE PALS
WCF, widow, N/S, N/D, people-oriented, self-supported, slightly handicapped, enjoys simple things, animals, talking to people. Seeking companion for lunches, outings, pleasant conversation. ☎1957

SEEKING FRIEND/COMPANION
Senior, early 70s, N/S, N/D, has dog, own home, enjoys antiquing and toys. Seeking slim female, for good times, dining out, shows, etc. ☎1742

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MOTIVATED
Positive, honest SWPM, young 55, 5'9", 175lbs, college graduate, dad of 2 grown kids, enjoys exercising, movies, reading, living life. Seeking honest, caring, lively SWF for friendship/LTR. N/S only. ☎2162

CALL ME SOON
Hard-working SWM, 49, 5'6", 175lbs, well-built, seeks fun-loving, easygoing, intelligent pretty, commitment-minded SF, for friendship, companionship and a LTR. Call ASAP. ☎1767

DREAM CRUISIN' MOMMA?
Like convertibles, sports cars? Well-tuned, sporty SWM, 40s, seeks classy chassis SWF, 30s-40s, for upcoming car shows, cruises, parades, etc. ☎2157

ATTRACTIVE, ACTIVE...
and ambitious. SWPM, 38, seeks active, in shape SF, 30ish, to share laughter and friendship. Must be honest, warm-hearted and love children. Novi area. ☎1420

ATHLETIC RECRUIT
Rugged, muscular, clean-cut, degreed SWM, 41, 6'2", 238lbs, brown/blue, never married, no dependents, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, working out, reading, quiet nights. Seeking a friendly SF, age/location open. ☎4018

SEEKING SOMEONE SPECIAL
SWM, 33, tall, dark hair, honest, sincere, caring, likes dining out, movies, and evening walks. Seeking SWF, 25-40, for dating and romance. ☎1698

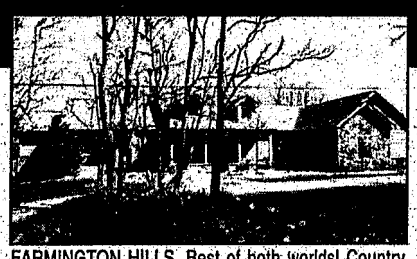
ATHLETIC TYPE
Attractive SWM, 34, 5'8", athletic build, brown/blue, seeks attractive SWF, 25-37, for LTR. ☎1871

THE DREAM HAS ARRIVED
SBM, 30, 6', 205lbs, athletic build, police officer, seeks SWF, H/W proportionate, for romance and possible relationship. Let me fulfill the dream for you. ☎1967

22lbs, no dependents, enjoys music, sports, dancing, dining out, bowling, church, video games. Seeking SF, 21-35, 110lbs-160lbs, with similar interests, for dating, possible LTR. ☎2141

KRIS DRAPER LOOK-ALIKE
SWM, 38, 5'9", 140lbs, N/S, en

FINE HOMES & ESTATES



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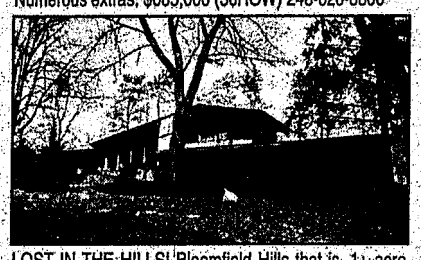

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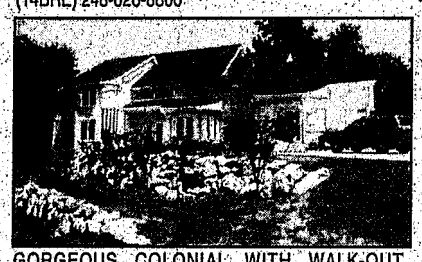

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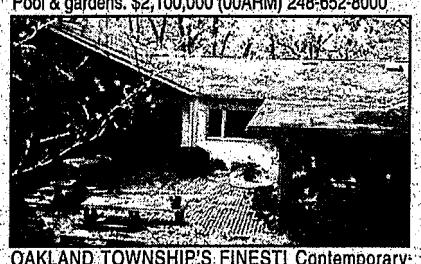

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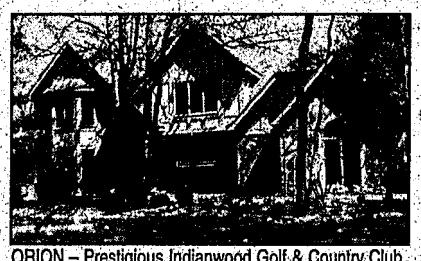

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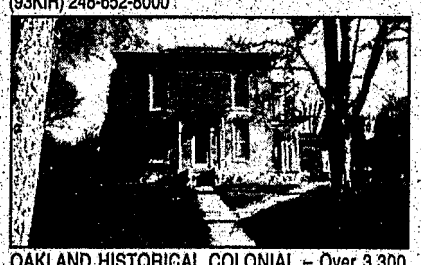

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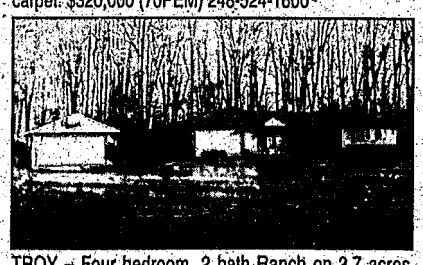

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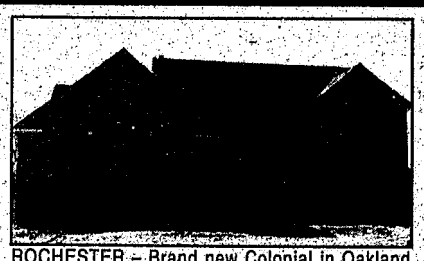

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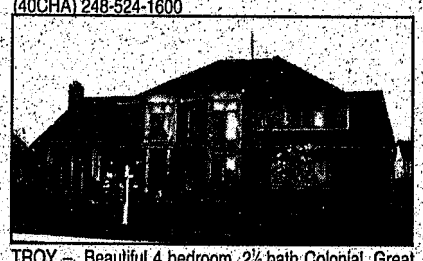

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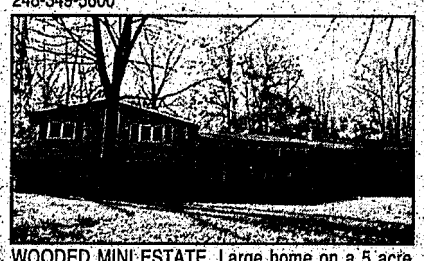

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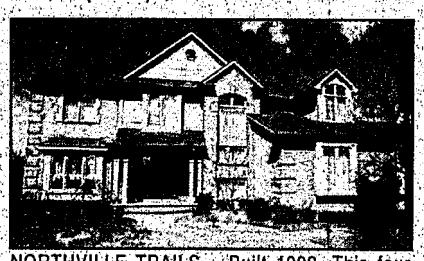

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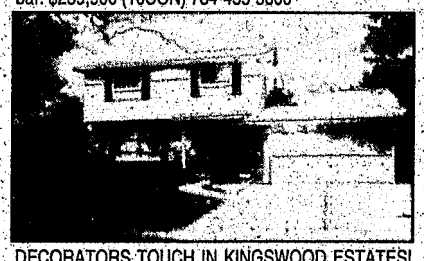

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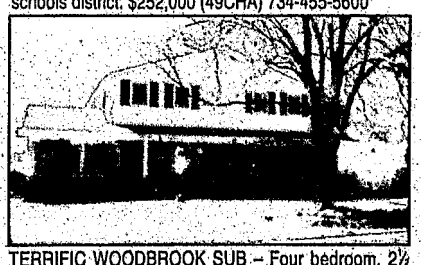

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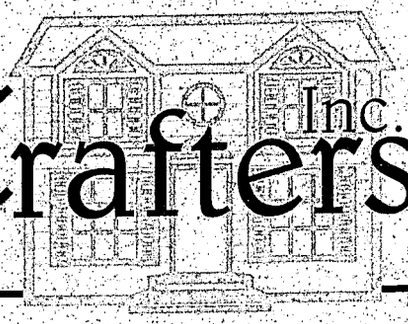

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As early bloomers, trilliums offer beauty and versatility

BY SANDRA TOLBERT
SPECIAL WRITER

Trilliums, the lily-like wildflower abundantly gracing Michigan woodlands, are the most beloved of blooms and ushers in the good news of spring for inhabitants of cold climates.

Beguiling names including sweet Betsy, stinking Benjamin, nodding trillium, wake-robin, toadshade, birthroot, whippourwill and painted trillium have become the rich inheritance of this early bloomer.

Trillium obviously derived its name from the pattern of threes the flower generates – three petals from a single bloom, three leaves and a three-chambered berry filled with seeds.

This early bloomer unabashedly braves the cold weather with a variety of white, yellow, red, purple or pink petals and even has a history of medicinal properties for childbirth – thus the name birthroot.

It is also an old time treatment for asthma and snakebites.

The blooms usually last only about two weeks, so hikers and nature trail enthusiasts need to carefully plot their early spring jaunts in our woodlands to coincide with blooming cycle of this native perennial.

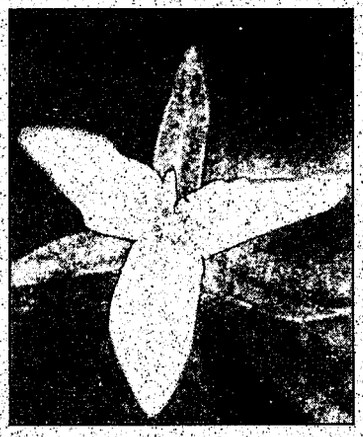
■ Trilliums like shady areas with rich acidic to neutral soil that drains well.

The snow trillium is the first to poke its nose in early March to produce delicate finger-size white blooms.

Of more than 40 trillium species, Michiganders are most familiar with the trillium grandiflorum, commonly known as the white trillium – a showy, white bloom. It eventually fades to pink and is abundant in Michigan's woodlands.

Nodding trillium, also called trillium cernuum, is another local popular species – beautiful, but not as conspicuous as the larger white trillium. It takes on a more bashful and demure personality as it hides underneath its three protective leaves that are twice its size. It can be found on almost every nature trail in Michigan from April to May and sometimes along streams.

Wake-robin got its name from "waking the robin" in early spring, but it's also called stinking Benjamin for its strange odor (think wet dog).



Three times a charm: *Trillium derived its name from the pattern of threes the flower generates in its petals, leaves and three-chambered berry.*

It shows off a striking deep berry red blossom, though sometimes the Wake-robin is white with dark red stripes in the central veins of the bloom.

Bent trillium, a white flower bending at the base to face out, blooms in early May and loves to hug the west Michigan coast down through the southern part of the state.

Nature enthusiasts who would like to cultivate these early bloomers in their own woodland garden will find that trilliums like shady areas with rich acidic to neutral soil that drains well. If fertilizer is used, sprinkle just after the thaw before the plants pop through the ground to prevent fertilizer burn.

Plant several different species in small patches for color variety and arrange with other types of woodland wildflowers. Their close-to-the-ground profile also creates colorful springtime borders or groundcover.

Trilliums are fond of the cooler weather and can always be counted on to herald in the warmer season with grand fashion. With the coming of the trillium, you know that spring has arrived – finally.

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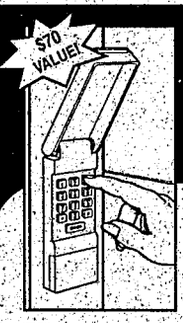

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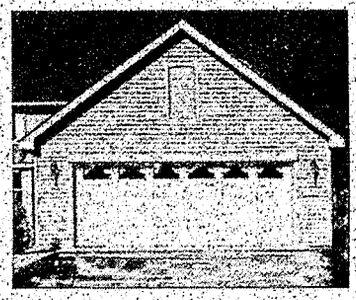

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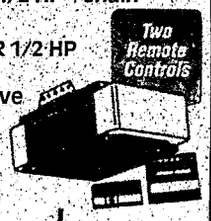

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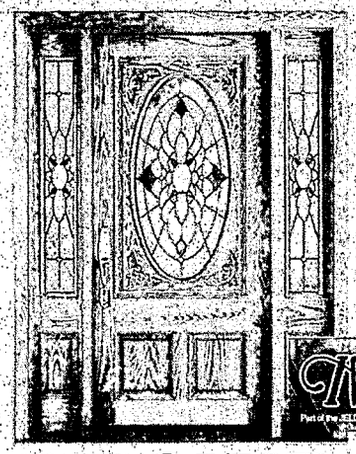

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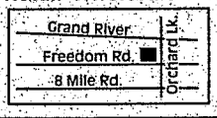


These plants cover up your garden's flaws

BY SANDRA TOLBERT
SPECIAL WRITER

As they creep, vine and hug the earth, groundcovers can conceal a multitude of sins, provide a solution to the problem or, just simply, beautify your landscape.

These low growing perennials come in all shapes and forms: shrubs, herbs, grasses, fruit plants, wildflowers, vines – the choices are endless. And these versatile perennials even survive the most rugged terrain.

Fourteen years into the business, horticulturist Heather Annis Tomlinson has figured out how to make groundcover interesting. "Don't settle for boring," says the Royal Oak English Gardens expert, "They do more than just green."

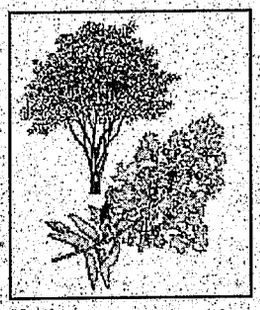
Tomlinson says strawberry plants are at the top of her list of showy groundcovers that accent for color. They have it all – white blossoms in the spring, red berries for eating in the summer and green foliage all season long. This hearty and versatile plant is vigorous, likes lots of sun and even keeps a winter, reddish hue to its leaves.

Next on the list of favorites is the fast growing Ajuga with its purple spiked blooms and purplish to bronze leaves.

Also known as bugleweed or carpetbugle, the perennial is hardy and easy to cultivate. The blooms fade in spring after a short season leaving a thick, low carpet of multi-color leaves for the rest of the season.

In the herb category, Tomlinson likes woolly thyme for its dense carpet of tiny, hairy gray-green leaves that are two to three inches high.

And their fragrant aroma will add character to your groundcover's garden personality.


Myrtle

Tomlinson says the Kinnikinnick has become more popular in the garden industry as of late. An old American Indian name, the catchy-sounding plant is also called bearberry.

This flat evergreen shrub has pink or white flowers with bright red berries lasting all winter and leaves that turn into a beautiful red for the fall – a handsome plant for the whole year.

According to Tomlinson, grass can even add some zest to the array of colors. Bamboo is a three-foot tall grass with green and white striped leaves. The thin-blade addition can add height and design variety to the color.

Diane Schrift, president of the Detroit Rose Society, loves roses for her groundcover and says they bloom all summer long and don't require a lot of care.

The shrub rose, or rosa rugosa, adds fragrance and color with their pink, red and white blooms and green foliage. They love full sun and sandy soil, although need pruning for rejuvenation of new growth.

Juniper, with its blue-green dense foliage, has the greatest number of desirable qualities and ranks among the favorites. Hardy and sturdy, the feather-looking evergreen is an easy to care for shrub that tolerates sun and shade.

Strawberry plants

Ivy, zinca and myrtle are also easy to care for green filler and have been a main staple for rock gardens and other groundcover uses.

They can provide the main greening component for landscape decor and remain familiar names to most all gardeners.

To add a longer life to groundcover, Tomlinson advises good soil preparation before the first planting. Follow this with yearly fertilizing treatment using the slow release granular type.

She recommends thoroughly tilling two to four inches of organic matter or compost into the soil. While the first year of fertilizer treatment should have a higher middle number, any granular fertilizer will suffice for the subsequent years.

Then plant with two to four square feet per plant, but break up the root ball before planting. This will allow the plant to establish itself quicker.

For Tomlinson, watering is easy – just use the finger test. Soil should be dry for three inches before watering. So the formula is to water thoroughly, then let the soil dry for three inches before another soaking.

Groundcovers can trail and vine down a slope, border a flower arrangement, fill the spaces in a rock garden or replace a dying lawn. Tomlinson says they are versatile, useful, hardy and decorative. And least of all, they are never boring.

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BY ANNE FARRIS
SPECIAL WRITER

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Composting is the biological decomposition of organic material by bacteria and other organisms. In other words, it's a part of the earth's natural cycle of growth and decay.

When plants or animals die, they become raw material for the composting process. Bacteria, fungi, insects, worms, mites and other microscopic creatures feed on this raw material, converting the carbon from the dead plants or animals into energy needed for their own growth, releasing carbon dioxide into the air.

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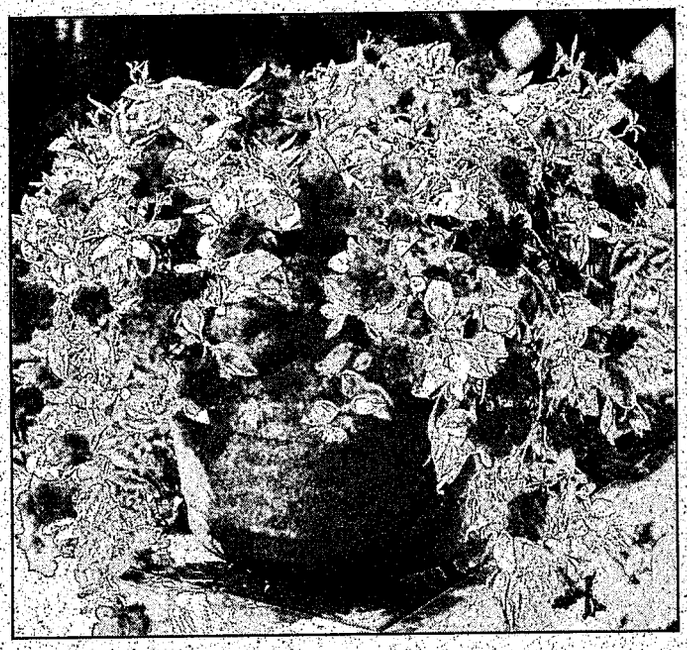

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Home-grown bridal bouquets add loving touch to special day

BY KARA OTT
SPECIAL WRITER

One snowy Sunday in February I received an e-mail from my friend, George Duvendack, who lives in Portland, Ore.: "Garden work is pretty slow but way ahead of last year," he reported. "Lisa (his fiancee, Lisa Scott) received both her dahlia shipments this week, so we got started on some early planting. If everything goes well we will be stocked with flowers. If it doesn't – Saturday morning you guys are going shopping to the fields."

Big blooms: *Daisies add a touch of earthy elegance to a bridal bouquet.*

Blooms fit for a wedding

Duvendack and Scott will be married in Portland on July 15 – and they plan to supply all of the flowers for their wedding. Among them: her bouquet (daisies), blooms to decorate their cake (sunflowers) and mixed table centerpieces (dahlias, gladiolus, delphiniums, lilies, lavender and wildflowers). The blossoms will be culled from their own backyard, and from a garden they planted at Duvendack's workplace.

Neither is a gardening novice. Duvendack was raised on a farm outside of Monroe, Mich., and Scott is a native of Portland – a city known for its lush gardens. Their plot at home is regularly filled with earthly delights.

"Last year," says Duvendack, "from mid-July through the second week in

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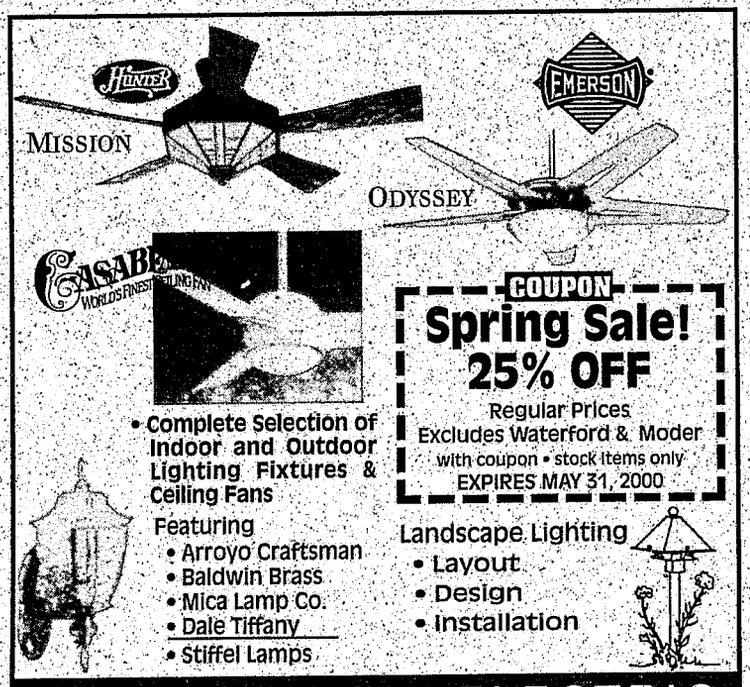

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Never let the waterproof sealer puddle. This may result in a sticky surface that needs to be removed.

For garden enthusiasts, this program is truly a labor of love

BY SANDRA TOLBERT
SPECIAL WRITER

In the Michigan Master Gardener Program the prerequisites are simple – just love your plants and share that enthusiasm with your neighbor.

Like all labors of love, it is a voluntary giving of your hours and knowledge, but the rewards are well worth the effort.

Created solely for the homeowner and gardener, the 28-year-old program brings the science of horticulture to the community in an easy and fun venture.

The Master Gardener Program began in 1972 in Washington, and has since traveled to 46 states and Canada. Michigan held its first class in 1978, and now offers it through the Michigan State University Extension Service in most counties.

In one year alone, 12,000 Michigan residents participated in the program.

New and interesting friendships develop over the love of gardens, neighborhood projects happen and new landscape talent is discovered.

There is an annual conference to look forward to and, often, new job skills provide a different professional avenue for those seeking employment.

The educational advantages are endless – a newsletter, an extensive personal manual on horticulture, ongoing educational programs and conferences will quickly fill your agenda.

But most importantly there is always that expert gardener down the block to help solve that stymied soil problem or leaf disease – since this is a neighborhood thing.

English Gardens horticulturist and master gardener Heather Annis Tomlinson who found it to be an educational springboard for bigger and better things, said, "It is excellent for the beginner gardener and a good grounding on the basics."

Tomlinson, who has been in the plant business for 14 years and is now an English Garden's consultant, recommends the program as a basic horticultural education for the homeowner.

Oakland county Master Gardener Coordinator Martha Ferguson says the four hour class will last for 13 weeks and is packed with information about soil, plant science, flower and vegetable gardens, fruit trees, pest management and lawn care.

The Oakland County branch goes that extra mile with additional lectures on composting, herbs and the notorious gypsy moth.

The program offers 40 hours of class time and requires 40 volunteer hours within one year before the Master Gardener certificate is awarded.

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Green thumb: *Heather Annis Tomlinson used her master gardener education to enhance her career as an English Gardens horticulturist.*

After that, the certificate is maintained with ten hours of volunteer time and three hours of continuing education.

Information abounds for the garden

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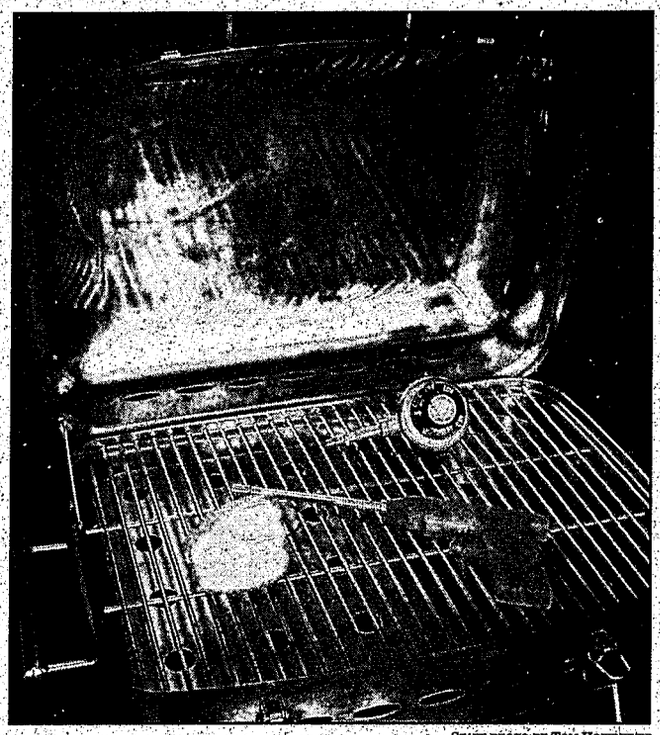

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Compost

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about composting, and there are references to it in the Bible. But the science and common practice of composting has evolved primarily in the last 50 years.

While the practice of backyard composting may seem archaic by today's standards, it's a practice worth a second look in modern times.

Not only does composting benefit and beautify your own backyard, it also plays an important role in the management of waste on a global scale. Yard debris and food waste make up as much as 20 percent of U.S. household garbage. Reducing household garbage helps relieve the strain on already crowded landfills, and reduces the amount of waste disposed of by burning.

Okay. Let's say that you agree composting makes sense for you, for your yard – you can picture that miracle garden now – and for the environment, but how much trouble is it going to be? Getting started isn't hard, nor is it expensive. Start now and you'll hit pay dirt by fall.

What You'll Need

Personal preference will dictate whether you use a composting bin or simply create a loose compost pile in a spot where it won't be disturbed by wind. Composting bins look neat and tidy, and when covered with a screen, are useful for keeping garden pests such as flies, raccoons and rats out of the pile.

This is especially important if you're composting with food scraps; rodents find them hard to resist (remember Templeton in Charlotte's Web?). As a precaution, be sure to place food scraps deep within the pile.

Bins made of plastic or wood can be purchased, or you can make one from materials such as lumber, mesh fencing or old cinder blocks.

Drum barrels are also good for composting; their round shape easily facilitates aeration and mixing. Just be sure that the barrel wasn't previously used to store toxic materials. Even large plastic garbage bags make good composters, but the lack of oxygen means a much slower process.

In general, the bin should be between 8 to 12 inches deep and provide at least one square foot of surface area for every pound of food waste per week. For wood containers, drill 8 to 12 (depending on the size of the container) inch holes into the bottom for aeration and drainage. Plastic bins require additional drainage holes or the compost will become too wet.

For proper air circulation, be sure to raise the bin several inches off the ground by resting it on bricks or blocks. Run-off liquid, caught by placing a tray underneath the bin's drainage holes, can be used as a liquid plant fertilizer. Now you're ready to compost.

Compost Happens

While composting will happen naturally to a pile of raw materials even if you do absolutely nothing at all – this is called slow composting – you can help speed the process by paying attention to what you add and how thoroughly and how often you mix it.

■ It's essential to start out with a good balance of wet and dry materials. Wood chips, sawdust, grass, hay, wheat, straw and corn stalks work well with grass clippings, fruit and vegetable waste and garden trimmings.

By balancing food, water and air within the compost, you can encourage the growth of thermophilic, or high-temperature, microorganisms. When high-temperature bacteria get involved, they reproduce like mad and the compost heats up, encouraging more thermophilic activity.

This is known as hot or fast composting. To keep the temperature up, you'll need to turn the pile frequently. Use a pitchfork for bin containers and piles. If you're composting in a barrel, turning is a breeze. If the pile cools down, composting takes longer. Either way, you'll still end up with compost. How quickly it happens is up to you.

Raw Materials

It's essential to start out with a good balance of wet and dry materials. Wood chips, sawdust, grass hay, wheat straw and corn stalks work well with grass clippings, fruit and vegetable waste and garden trimmings. Materials such as tree and shrub trimmings, horse manure and deciduous leaves are well-balanced and will compost without blending. Other materials that can be added: hair, manure (sheep, cow, chicken), and wood ash.

Materials NOT suitable for composting include: barbecue ashes, coal, cooked food waste, crab grass, dairy products, dishwater, dog and cat feces, grease and oils, fish scraps, grains, kitty litter, meat and bones, peanut butter, weeds that have gone to seed and clippings and trimmings from grass and shrubs that have been chemically treated.

Be sure to grind, chop or cut materials to reduce size and facilitate decomposition. The pile should be kept moist but not wet. During dry seasons, you'll probably have to add water. Continue adding yard waste and food scraps to keep bacterial activity high.

After a period of time, which experts say is somewhere between three months and two years, the pile will cool down as bacterial activity slows. If the contents of the pile are dark, crumbly and sweet-smelling, you've got compost.

Use this nutrient-rich organic matter as a mulch to control weeds, conserve water and protect against soil erosion.

Or, work it into the soil before planting lawns or gardens. Then sit back, relax and revel in the knowledge that you've made your little corner of the world – and maybe someone else's – a healthier, more beautiful place to be.

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December, we had fresh flower bouquets at home and at work – each one of us, each Monday. They were gorgeous flowers, huge bouquets."

And so when the pair began making plans for their nuptials they decided only home-grown blooms would do.

Nurturing flowers allows gardeners to participate in their wedding in a charming and unique way, says Karen Weir-Jimerson, Midwestern regional editor for Garden.com Inc. "It's a really neat thing to do," she says. "At the end of the day you can look back and it's more of a personal experience with your own signature."

Of course, not everyone can supply all the blooms themselves, says Weir-Jimerson. "Sometimes a wedding takes so much," she says. Some couples, she offers, may opt to plant just one type of flower, so they can have a "participant."

Which ones?

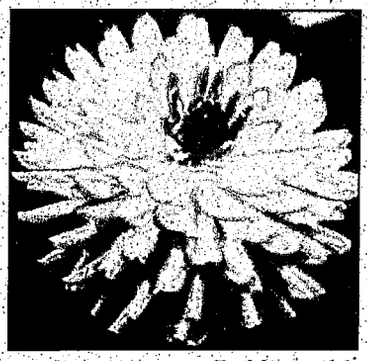
When planting flowers for a summer-to-fall event, Weir-Jimerson recommends choosing from the broad palette of annuals, which bloom often throughout the growing season. Her favorites: Zinnias, which can range from bright to muted tones; Sunflowers, which come in a wide range of sizes and flower types; Cosmos, five-petal daisy-like flowers that sport a fern-like foliage and Blue salvias, which have a unique, spiky shape and a bright blue hue.

"The thing with annuals," says Weir-Jimerson, "is that you want to keep cutting them to make them help produce more." If the garden is planted early enough in the season, she says, "You can have flowers pretty much leading up all the way to your wedding and still have a great harvest."

Thus, she says, brides and grooms-to-be can experiment with arrangements beforehand – something they wouldn't be able to do (or could get costly) with a florist.

Summer bulbs also produce lovely wedding florals, says Candy Rosowski, advanced master gardener for the English Gardens nurseries of Metro Detroit. She suggests gladiolus, which come in "rainbows of colors"; Dahlias; Calla lilies, and tuber roses and Casablanca lilies – which are both popular for weddings because of their robust fragrances.

Wedding flower gardeners should also remember to plan for accompanying greenery with a mix of textures and forms, Rosowski says. Think of things with foliage like hostas, and maybe even some of the shrubs you have around your house such as Dogwood branches or evergreens such as Hemlock.



Brilliant blossoms: *Dahlias add color and texture to table arrangements or floral bouquets.*

The down and dirty

When creating a cutting garden of any kind, Rosowski says, gardeners should choose a location that is out of full view – especially when planning to entertain party or wedding guests at home. "You're going to be actually harvesting these plants and taking the color away," she says, "so it's not going to be your prettiest area." Rosowski recommends the inconspicuous spot normally found behind a garage – as long as the space gets a total of at least six hours of sun during the day.

By May, the ground should be warm enough to both sow seeds for annuals and plant tender summer bulbs. Both can be started earlier indoors to get a jump on the flowering season, Rosowski says. Gardeners should expect flowers to begin blooming within six to eight weeks. To ensure continuous blooms throughout the summer, she recommends successive plantings – a few flowers a week over a period of weeks.

What about flowers for, say, a December wedding?

"You could grow flowers over the summer, and then use them as dried flowers," says Weir-Jimerson, who used dried flowers in her bouquet and as decor on the church pews at her wedding. Dried flowers can also work well as a potpourri or confetti, she says. She recommends flowers such as Blue salvia or Globe amaranth, which dry well.

The big day

The day arrives and the flowers are in glorious bloom. For an evening event, Rosowski recommends that blooms be cut that morning, or the day before. She says to choose flowers that are not fully opened – they will last longer.

When collecting elements for an arrangement, consider everything available, suggests Rosowski. "You might have a contorted twig on a tree that would look interesting," she says. "Your yard is going to make it for you.

Whatever you have is going to be different from everyone else." The flowers should be put into water supplemented with a drop of bleach or a floral preservative, says Rososwski, then left in a cool dark place, such as a basement or refrigerator, until it is time to set them out.

Caveats

Duvendack has one concern about his home-grown blooms: "The only thing we're still working on is how to make sure we don't have any ants left on our flowers (when put them on the cake)" he says with a laugh.

Weir-Jimerson says there shouldn't be too much cause for worry. "There are certain flowers, like peonies, that attract ants," she says. "But for the most part, unless there is some horrible infestation, there shouldn't be any problem with excessive bugs," she says. Her advice: hold the blooms upside down and give them a good shake before arranging – this should dislodge any party crashers.

Floral design: *Sunflowers, which come in a wide range of sizes and flower types and zinnias, which come in a range of tones, are excellent flowers for making large, attractive wedding bouquets.*

Concerns about pests bring up a good point, says Weir-Jimerson. She cautions against pesticide use on blooms that are to be used for festive occasions, especially if they are to be handled by children or be placed near – or on– food. "It's really important to be organic in your gardening methods," she says. "Because if you have pesticide spray on your flowers – you're going to be putting those flowers on your cake."

Lastly, there is one element that every person coordinating a large event should plan for, says Weir-Jimerson, and that is an alternative should anything go wrong.

"What happens if, for some reason, there is a hail storm the night before your wedding?" she says. "It's probably a good idea to have a Plan B. Because gardening is one of these things that every day we hope it goes well but things happen. Bad weather happens or the neighbor's Labrador retriever gets out in the middle of the night and trashes the garden."

I, for one, am keeping my fingers crossed that come July 15 I won't be scouring for flowers in the fields of a farm in Portland. I love a good U-pick, but this time I'd rather admire my friends' loving handiwork.

Greenhouses offer year-round gardening

BY ANNE FARRIS
SPECIAL WRITER

One of the nicest things about living in Michigan is experiencing all of nature's glorious seasons.

But let's face it; it can also be one of the worst things, especially taking into account our long winters and comparatively short summers.

And if you're a green thumb, this seasonal inequity can be especially frustrating.

Perhaps that's why so many people are turning to greenhouse gardening. Greenhouses not only extend the growing season *ad inifinitum*, they also provide a welcome respite from the elements, and a haven away from the rest of the harsh, cruel world.

But you don't have to be a gardener to justify adding a glass enclosure to your home. Sunrooms, also known as solariums, are another way of bringing the outdoors inside while enlarging and beautifying your home.

Greenhouses and sunrooms are really the same thing; the term used depends on the intended function it will serve. Greenhouses are used for the traditional growing of annual and perennial garden plants, tropical flowers, fruits, vegetables, trees as well as hydroponic growing.

Sunrooms are designed to enhance lifestyle choices, making the perfect enclosure for hot tubs, exercise rooms, art studios, family rooms and kitchen additions.

Dr. Thomas C. Olsen, a West Bloomfield resident and senior vice president of medical affairs at St. Joseph's Mercy Oakland, began greenhouse gardening during the late 1970s.

At that time, he and his wife were living in Fargo, North Dakota, where he was establishing his pediatrics practice. Olsen used a sunroom to help heat his home during the winter.

"That was during the Carter administration, when they gave tax credits for conservation measures," explains Olsen.

Today, Olsen, who is recovering from malignant melanoma, gardens in his classic Victorian-style conservatory that he has lovingly filled with an extensive variety of orchids, jade trees, dendrobiums, bougainvilla, and his 8-foot ficus, rubber and date palm trees.

"On cold winter days when the sun is shining, coming into the conservatory and feeling that warm humid air surround you is really quite delightful. Gardening, especially during my illness, has been very therapeutic for me."

Medical studies have shown that natural light is good for human beings. The low light levels of Michigan winters can contribute to feelings of sadness and depression, sometimes causing reduced concentration, irritability, fatigue and weight gain.

Natural light has a biological effect on brain hormones and function; the more we're exposed to, the better we feel. Plants contribute to our sense of well-being; garden work restores usefulness to our bodies.

Whether you choose a greenhouse or sunroom, you won't be alone. There are an estimated three million or more hobby greenhouses in the U.S.

Sunroom additions far exceed that number, Mary McCardwell and Eric Brakke, husband-and-wife owners of Four Seasons Sunrooms in Southfield, say that demand is high in Michigan for both hobby greenhouses and sunrooms, but greenhouses are still considered by many to be a luxury. Sunrooms account for 90 percent of McCardwell's sales each year.

"Sunrooms are ideal for many people because they serve so many purposes," says McCardwell. "The ability to garden year-round is very appealing, but most of our customers want to do more with the space than just that. They want to create their own private retreat, a sanctuary from the hectic world we live in. If gardening does that for you, a hobby greenhouse can be the perfect choice. A sunroom just offers more options."

Both provide the perfect environment for plant life, primarily because of the bright light and warm climate they afford. However, serious gardening techniques require specific light, temperature and humidity levels that are generally not comfortable in living spaces.

Comfort levels in sunrooms are calibrated for people; sunroom plants should be chosen for their adaptability to those levels.

The choices of greenhouse/sunrooms in today's market are almost endless. If you're a do-it-yourselfer, you'll have even more from which to choose.

Room with a view: *Greenhouses can act as a peaceful place of quiet contemplation.*

First you'll want to assess your needs. Ask yourself several important questions: What am I planning to use this space for? Where should it be located? How large should it be? How much do I want to spend? Will it be a permanent or a portable structure? How much am I willing to spend on maintenance? Do I need a building permit? If this is a greenhouse, what type of gardening will it be used for?

If you're building a greenhouse, deciding on a location is the most critical step in the planning process, with the amount of available sunlight being the primary consideration.

If necessary, lightweight, portable

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Taking the mystery out of growing roses

BY SANDRA TOLBERT
SPECIAL WRITER

For Birmingham resident Diane Schrift, roses are a hobby and passion. The certified rosarian and president of the Detroit Rose Society has 200 varieties (mostly hybrid teas) growing in her yard and said of the world's most beloved blossom, "Roses are really personal."

She recommends resurrecting those dreams of your own thriving and fragrant rose garden. With the right soil, a carefully selected rosebush and a little tender loving care, your forgotten dreams can become a reality.

The yellow rose perplexes: *The modern rose is a hybrid flower sometimes with a more temperamental personality.*

A little knowledge and the right rose can go a long way to a success story. Out of the thousands of varieties, there is a rose created for every garden.

Schrift's favorite is "double delight," an award-winning hybrid that has won the hearts of rosarians worldwide for its fragrance and color. "It is the most loved rose in the world," she said of the popular hybrid tea.

"Double delight" has red tipped petals that diffuse to a creamy white base and are well known for its spicy fragrance. The rose blossoms from summer to fall and is reported to be fairly disease resistant.

Schrift also recommended the David Austin rose series. "They are multi-petal with a beautiful fragrance and are easy to grow. They are real popular lately," she added.

The best known of this series is the "Graham Thomas," a hearty bush-type with yellow double blossoms that is favored for its repeated blooming cycle.

"It survives well in Michigan and looks like the old-fashioned blooms," she added.

Schrift also loves the ground cover roses and says they are hearty, colorful, don't require a lot of care and bloom all summer long.

The antique rose has one elegant blossom perched on one lone stem with a history reaching back to antiquity. Gallica, damask and alba are the heartiest of the species that have only a single blooming season.

STAFF PHOTO BY JERRY ZOLYNSKY

Rose garden: *Though the bouquet she holds is store-bought, come summer, Diane Schrift's Birmingham home is blooming with more than 200 varieties of roses.*

It wasn't until 1867 when rose enthusiasts discovered a way to breed a hybrid and extend the rose into a repeated bloomer with lavish new shades. Thus was the beginning of the modern rose and hybrid tea – equally as beautiful, but sometimes not as hearty as the antique, more mature rose.

The 1890s initiated the yellow rose to an array of red, white and pink blossoms and the race was on to a multitude of colors and blooming seasons.

The modern rose is a hybrid flower sometimes with a more temperamental and delicate personality, but the efforts to propagate the newer beauty are well rewarded for most rosarians.

According to Schrift, roses are relatively easy to care for. They like lots of

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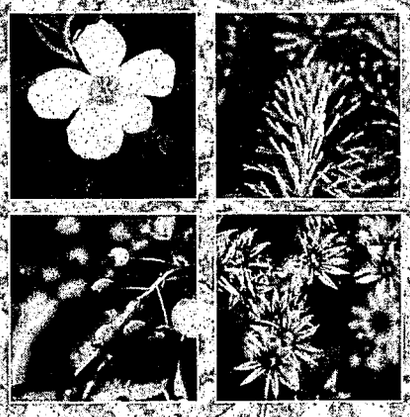

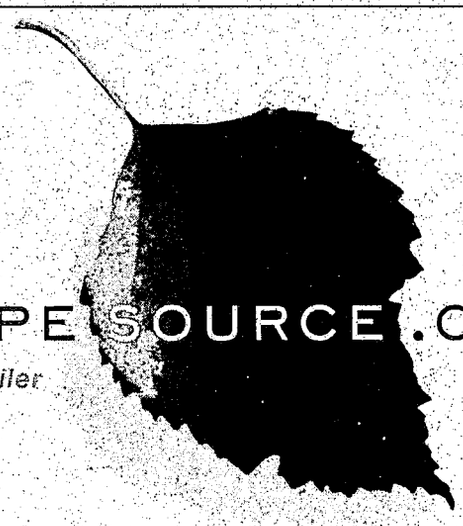

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models can easily be relocated; moving a permanent structure, whether free-standing or lean-to (attached to a house), involves considerable trouble and expense. Avoid this unnecessary hassle by noting where the shadows of fences, buildings and trees fall throughout the day, in both winter and summer, beforehand.

After all, the whole point of a greenhouse is lots and lots of light.

Six hours of direct sunlight is considered the minimum acceptable level for greenhouses. If shade is unavoidable, supplement with full spectrum fluorescent or HID (High Intensity Discharge) lighting. In fact, with most flowering plants and vegetables requiring upwards of 16 hours of light per day, supplemental light sources are usually a necessity. If you're building a sunroom to be used for living space, the amount of natural light isn't as crucial.

The size of your greenhouse is dependent upon the kind of gardening you intend to do and how much money you want to spend. The most basic greenhouse is a seed starting kit. Prices range anywhere from $5 to $75. For best results, place near a window with southern exposure.

Greenhouse carts, or indoor light gardens, are another relatively inexpensive way to greenhouse without making a serious commitment.

They're compact and easy to move around, and because they come equipped with grow lights, they're the perfect choice for areas with limited natural light such as basements. They also come in a variety of sizes; you choose the number of shelves you need. Two-shelf carts start at around $200.

If you've got the carpentry skills, building your own greenhouse from a prefabricated kit or building plan can be a rewarding experience.

Again, the choices are numerous. Four Seasons sells a lot of them, and according to McCardwell, they can save you thousands of dollars in building costs. Many of the more basic models can be assembled in as little as three hours.

One, called the GardenHouse, has a lightweight, redwood frame and comes equipped with polycarbonate-glazed double-wall panels that are highly durable and energy efficient, which means they do a good job of retaining heat in the winter. They're also suitable for use with a heater, a must during Michigan winters.

In warmer months, an automatic vent system ensures temperatures inside the greenhouse remain constant and safe. GardenHouse kits come in free-standing and lean-to models, ranging in size from 6' x 8' to 8' x 12' and costing approximately $1,800 to $4,000.

Another option from Four Seasons is the Hobby Greenhouse, Sun Porch and Spa Enclosure. Moderately priced - $2,000 to $9,000 - this sturdy aluminum enclosure comes in free-standing and lean-to models and can be used for gardening, hot tubbing and outdoor porch enclosures. There are more window options in this price range; GE LEXAN Twinwall in clear, opal and bronze tint, or high impact shatter resistant D.R. Acrylic Plexiglass (UV resistant) in clear or bronze tint.

For your money you'll also get many of the features of a regular greenhouse/sunroom, including a drainage system, ventilation options, exhaust fans, sliding windows and locking doors. Like the GardenHouse, the Hobby Greenhouse can be used for year-round gardening if you install a heater, but is not intended for use as a living space.

A note about heating: Heating can be achieved by a number of methods, including oil or gas heaters, gas-fired infrared waves, or solar technology. Using solar heat storage principles as much as possible in combination with one of these methods will help to cut energy costs while maintaining optimum temperature levels. Exhaust fans keep air circulating rather than collecting at the top of your greenhouse. Fans are also helpful for controlling bacteria and fungus.

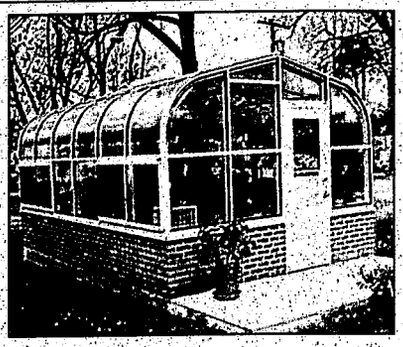
Kits and plans are available from many sources, including home improvement and garden centers, mail order catalogs and how-to books. You can also order them via dozens of web sites on the Internet. Two worth checking out are the Hobby Greenhouse Association, www.orbitworld.net/hga/ and Gardener's Supply Company www.gardeners.com.

Prices can vary widely from manufacturer to manufacturer. Be sure you're comparing apples to apples. Often, less expensive kits contain lower quality materials.

For more a more substantial addition to your home, sunrooms and conservatory greenhouses are attractive alternatives to traditional home remodeling. Four Seasons offers 19 different models, ranging from the simplest glass and aluminum four-season porch add-ons to the most elaborate wood and glass built-ins.

These additions are a permanent extension of your home that attach directly to an existing exterior wall which can either be removed for easy flow and an open, airy feeling, or, partitioned with french or sliding doors that allow you to close off the room for greenhouse climate control.

Brakke, an experienced remodeler, says the most popular choice in permanent additions is the conservatory. "It's the least expensive and comes with the most options. Most people love the high peaked roof and the big sliding windows. It has a very elegant, refined look to it."



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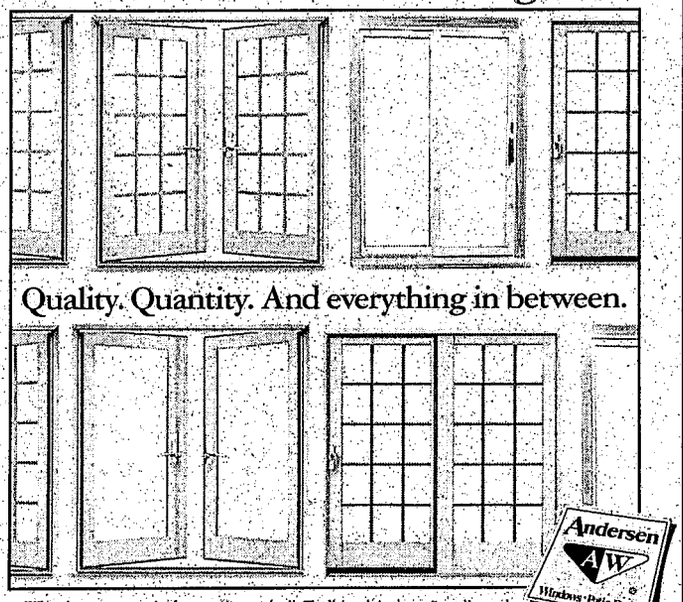

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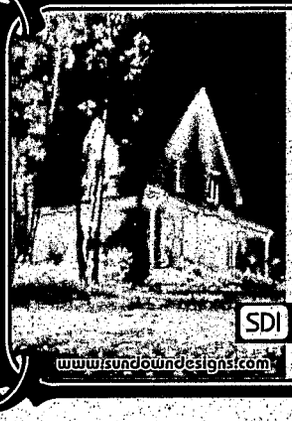

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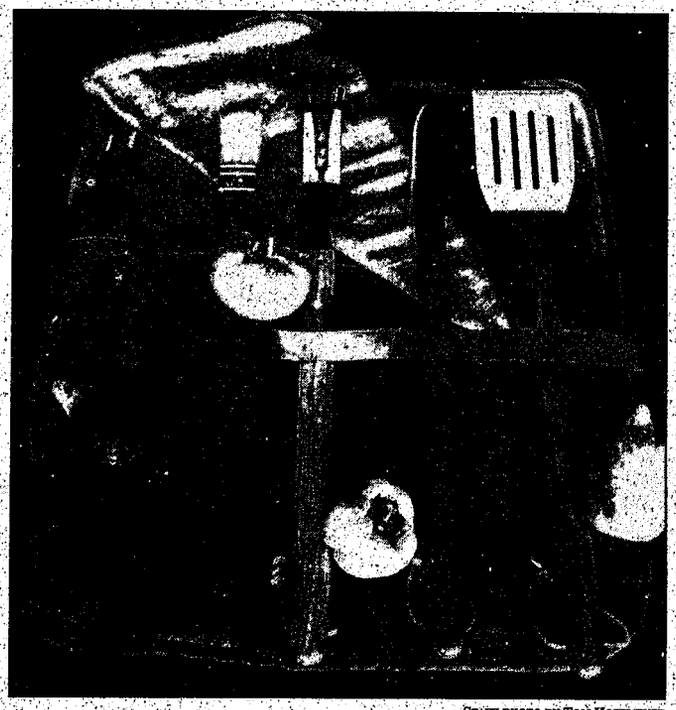

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Tool time: *Cook out in style with a 5-piece utensil set in a denim carrying case from Great American Grilling, $49. Available at Williams-Sonoma, Somerset Collection, Troy.*

Grow your own greens

BY KARA OTT
SPECIAL WRITER

I don't mean to slam the reliable iceberg lettuce, after all, a good portion of the population was raised to think it was salad. But when you've enjoyed a salad with greens that are tender, colorful and contribute a variety of surprising flavors to its mix, it's hard to go back.

Mixed salad greens can be purchased for home use, of course. But they can be quite expensive, and salad mixes sold in grocery stores are not always particularly fresh.

So last summer I began to daydream about walking outside my door and picking fresh baby greens to create a supreme salad whenever I wanted...but as a non-gardener, I didn't know where to begin.

Basil

Mix and match

"Lettuce, or any of the greens family, are really not hard things to grow – they are kind of a no-brainer garden," says Karen Weir-Jimerson, Midwestern regional editor for Garden.com Inc. "But they have the best possible turn around – and that is: they produce these really wonderful salads. I think that, especially for a beginning gardener, this is a really appealing thing."

Weir-Jimerson, who lives outside of Des Moines, Iowa, has been gardening for 15 years. She knows what kinds of greens she likes, and tends to plant an abundance of those. But for those who are unsure of what greens their palate enjoys, she recommends a seed mix.

Mixes offer the neophyte salad gardener a diverse range of colors, textures and tastes in greens.

One of those is called a Spring Mix. Spring mixes sold in the Midwest are generally "fairly non-spicy," says Weir-Jimerson. They may include loose leaf and romaine lettuces, spinach and other greens.

There is also a blend of baby lettuces, called Mesclun, that is a good bet for beginners, says Weir-Jimerson.

Selecting more elements

For those determined to experiment, Weir-Jimerson recommends my strategy – dining out.

"I think that good restaurants can help you develop that taste for greens," she says. "A lot of them are using real daring things like mustard greens, which are very, very flavorful. But if you end up picking out all of the radicchio because it's too bitter, or if the taste of arugula (which is kind of pep-

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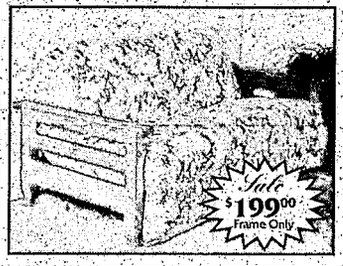

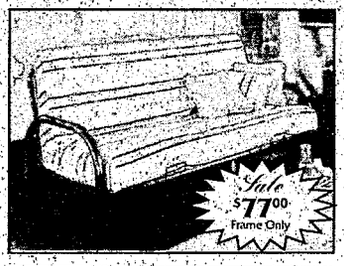

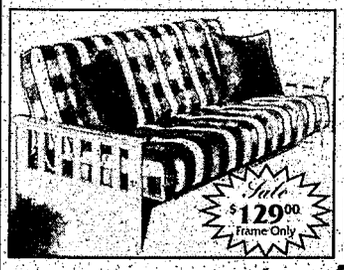

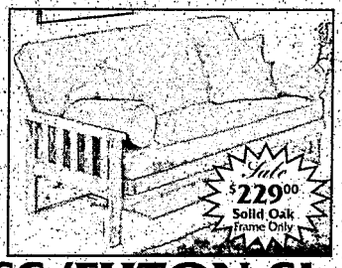

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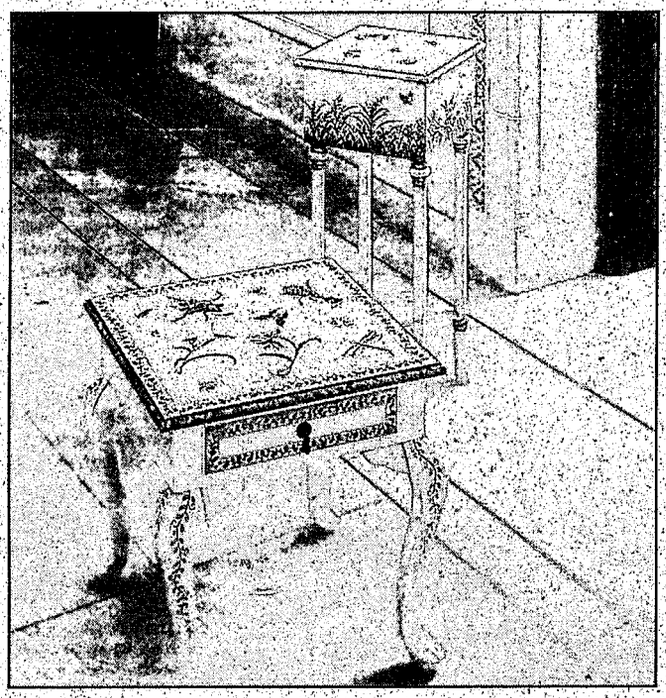

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Most repairs are easy to do yourself

BY LISA FOUST
SPECIAL WRITER

■ The list of home repairs and improvements you can tackle on your own is at least as long as your standard measuring tape.

The alarm clock has already rung. You are lathered up and standing with hot water pouring on your head, thinking thoughts of either grateful contentment or quiet desperation, depending on how things are going with your job, and whether there is caffeinated coffee in the kitchen.

Suddenly, you awaken to the fact that you are now standing in water well past your ankles. While this might be convenient if you also wanted to take a bath, you know there is something wrong with your tub, and you wonder how much it will cost to call in the local plumber.

But you might not have to look any further than the bathroom mirror to find someone to fix the problem.

"It's amazing what people will pay money to have someone do when it's such an easy, easy job," says Jeff Murphy, head of the Home Depot plumbing department. "Like replacing a faucet or sump pump, you can do your own. It's not that tough."

According to personnel at several Home Depots, stores aimed at the do-it-yourself types, the list of home repairs and improvements you can tackle on your own is at least as long as your standard measuring tape.

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enthusiast who will receive a comprehensive master gardener manual with the class.

"The program is aimed at the individual homeowner," Ferguson stresses, " It helps in understanding your own yard and garden and how to make use of horticultural resources."

Master gardener volunteers can be found in the most strategic of locations – telephones, county fair or trade booths, with youth organizations or non-profit groups, giving lectures or planning more interesting educational programming for their community.

These masters of the trade are even willing to till the earth and create community gardens for their local food banks. The labor of love is called "Plant a Row for the Hungry."

Ferguson said that in Oakland County thousands of pounds of fresh produce are donated throughout the growing season to the Pontiac food bank.

Every week more volunteer experts man booths at the Royal Oak Farmers' Market and Oakland County Farmers' Market in Pontiac.

There is even a yard and garden hot line staffed with horticultural advisors.

Master gardener consultants can be found at the Silverdome Home and Garden Flower Show, 4H Club events and, in September, look for their information booth at the Michigan State Fair.

Garden volunteers are the moving force behind this program. Lively and engaging, they are neighbors eager to share their favorite pastime – the love and care of the plant world.

Ferguson says the classes offer something for everyone and encourages interested homeowners to call, request an information packet and get started with a community endeavor that will benefit both the beginner and more advanced gardener.

Oakland County MSU Extension Service's next class will begin August 25 on Wednesday afternoons. Winter class begins in January 2001 on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

For information and an application for Oakland County Michigan Master Gardener Program call (248) 858-0887. For horticultural advice, call the yard and garden hotline at (248) 858-0902.

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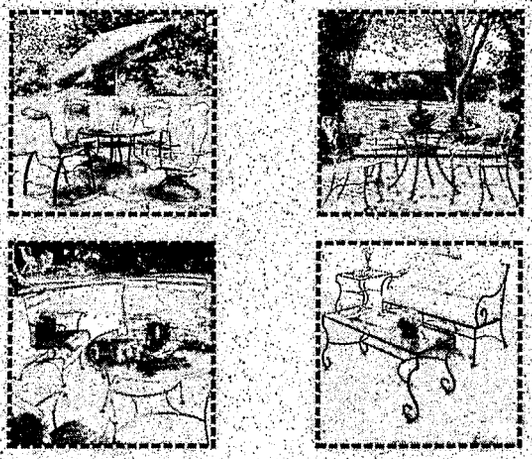

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pery, she says) is just not your thing, then obviously you don't want those in your salad."

Herbs can also add variety to a salad mix. Candy Rosowski, advanced master gardener for the English Gardens nurseries of Metro Detroit, recommends a salad garden that includes basics such as chives, basil, parsley, savory or thyme. When added to the lettuce mix, she says, herbs can yield a different salad every day of the week.

She also recommends edible flowers such as cold-resistant Pansies, Johnny Jump Ups, which resemble small violets, or Nasturtiums, which impart a peppery taste. Besides adding to the flavor mix, says Rosowski, flowers add to a salad's beauty.

Fertile ground

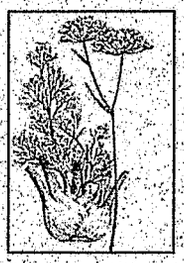
Even though greens are relatively easy to care for (they are relatively pest-resistant and most work will involve weeding their beds and regular watering), gardeners should prepare a good spot for their nurturing.

"In any garden, no matter what you're doing," says Rosowski, "pay attention to your soil. You want to make sure it is the right consistency for what you're growing."

She notes that many soils in Southeast Michigan are either clay or sand heavy.

Clay-based soil, she says, will need to be improved for good drainage. She recommends a product called soil conditioner, which has finely ground pine bark in it. This will add organic matter but also helps to break up the clay.

For sandy soil that drains quickly, she recommends adding peat, which will introduce organic matter but also retain moisture.

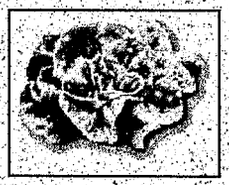


Fennel

Fertilizing is also important, says Rosowski. Most annuals will benefit from an organic feeding in the spring, before planting. Greens are no exception.

Pitching seed

Most greens can be sown directly into the ground as seeds, says Weir-Jimerson. And since lettuces like cool weather, they thrive in early spring. To speed up the process, she says, seeds can be sown indoors during the late winter.



Lettuce

To make sure a greens garden is continually stocked, Rosowski recommends successive planting – planting a row of seeds a week for six weeks or so.

She also urges gardeners not to be shy about clipping their greens. "If you keep picking them, they'll keep producing more," she says.

Until, that is, the ground gets too warm. Mid-summer heat causes most lettuces to bolt (go to seed), which in turn makes the leaves bitter, says Weir-Jimerson. This generally signals the end of the early greens season, although some gardeners cover their plants with a shade cloth to try to stretch their life.

Swiss Chard is used by many gardeners to fill this greens gap, since it can take more heat than lettuces, she says. To use as a salad green simply pick chard while it is young and tender.

But gardeners need not have said their final good-byes to their greens. When late summer rolls around and the weather begins to cool again, a "second seeding" of greens can be planted, says Rosowski. These should produce material for salads through September and into October, she says.

Pot 'em

For those with little gardening space in their yard, Weir-Jimerson says potted salad greens can present a worthy alternative. She has nurtured Mesclun mix in the winter this way as well.

Potted greens can also create a novel dinner party activity. Her idea: sow a medley of greens in a low planter. When they are ready to be harvested, invite friends over and let the planter serve a dual purpose: as a lush centerpiece and as a serving dish – by letting guests snip their own greens.

"It's so easy and an amazing thing to do at a party," she says. "You can't get a fresher salad than this."

I'm sold. The seeds have been ordered.

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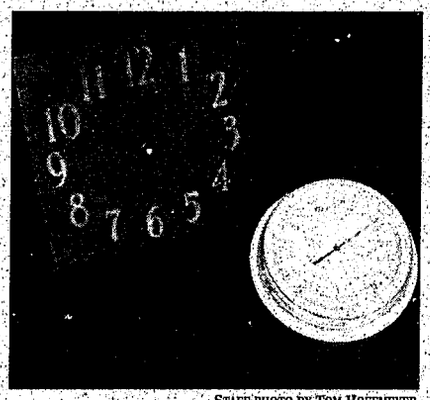

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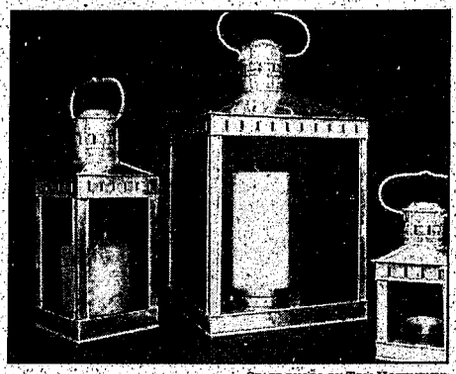

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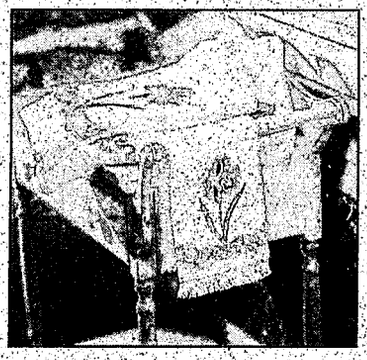

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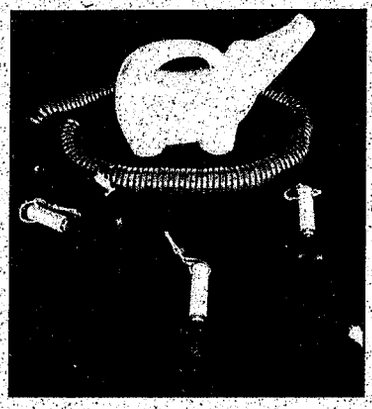

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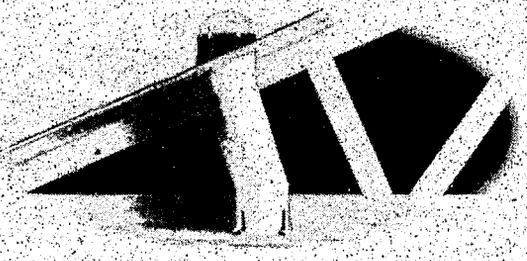

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The best gardens start with rich, balanced soil

Before all else in gardening is the soil. Healthy garden plants need soil that is full of organic material, is neutral and drains well. This ideal soil, however, is hard to come by, and you probably will have to make up for the deficits in your garden earth. The Canadian Sphagnum Peat Moss Association says the task isn't as daunting as it sounds and offers the following advice for soil improvements.

■ Analyze your soil's texture. If it runs through your fingers, it's too sandy, which will allow water and nutrients to drain off too quickly. If the soil is thick, lumpy and clinging, you probably have a high clay content. Plant roots will have a hard time penetrating this and may starve from lack of air and water. You can improve the texture of any soil by adding organic materials, like compost, manure or Canadian sphagnum peat moss. Work a 2-inch layer of organic matter into the top 6 inches of the soil. Add it in the spring before planting and in the fall after harvesting.

■ Check you soil's pH, or balance between alkalinity or acidity. Your local garden center can test a soil sample for you. The test measures the balance on a scale of 1 to 14, with pH 7 representing a neutral balance. Numbers above 7 indicate alkaline levels, and numbers below represent acidity levels. Lawns, vegetables and most flowers prefer a neutral or slightly acidic soil. Soil that is too acidic, commonly found in the Northeast, can be neutralized by adding ground limestone. Alkaline soil, often found in the Southwest, can be balanced with agricultural sulfur and/or peat moss.

■ Make sure your soil has adequate nutrients. The major ones are nitrogen (N), phosphorus (P) and potassium of potash (K). When shopping for fertilizer, note that the bags are labeled with three-number formulas indicating the balance between these elements. The first number represents nitrogen, which encourages growth of plant tissue. To boost nitrogen content, condition the soil with a mixture of organic material that includes aged manure. Phosphorus (the second number) stimulates cell development, fruiting and disease resistance. To add phosphorus, rake bone meal into the soil. Potassium (the third number) helps plants form starches and sugars and helps them resist disease and drought. Wood ashes are good sources of potassium.

■ Mulch. Put mulch (a thick layer of organic material) around developing plants to help cut down the amount of water and weeding needed. Straw, ground garden refuse, bark and a Canadian peat moss/compost mixture make good mulches.

Big-ticket toys keep kids home

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With real and perceived dangers to children foremost in many parents' minds, anything that keeps their kids at home (but not necessarily in the house) is a blessing.

The backyard play equipment industries are working overtime to oblige.

There are probably more choices than ever before to turn your yard into a playground that will keep the kids near your thumb, if not under it.

Rainbow Play Systems has turned the aluminum swingset into an anachronism with its line of redwood "play systems" that include conventional swings, tire swings, ladders, slides and tented forts.

Rainbow Recreation of Northville sold 1,200 play systems in 1999, according to company president David Byrum.

They range in price from $1,800 to $15,500. "If we don't have it, they don't make it," says Byrum. "People will pay a little extra when they're getting top of the line."

If your kids are of the less rambunctious type, they might prefer a king-size backyard doll house.

Peter's Hardware of Highland sells Woodlawn play centers and miniature houses made by Amish crafters in Pennsylvania and Indiana.

The houses – ranging in size from 4-by-6 feet to 8-by-20 feet – resemble charming abodes you might find in small Pennsylvania towns or Old World homes that remind you of Hansel and Gretel.

Houses may also be wired for electricity, be furnished, have hardwood floors, etc. Available options include screens for the windows, curtains, lofts and insulation.

Many are made with adult-size doors in the side so they can be used as sheds by people who aren't allowed to have sheds.

Prices range from $1,499 for a bare bones 4-by-6 house to $4,099 for the 8-by-20 mansion.

"Most people love them because it gives kids something to do," said owner Peter Grubeck. "They have their own little world."

If you're up for spending a little more money, how about a multi-purpose sport court for your back yard?

Court Coverage of Clarkston specializes in basketball courts, tennis courts, volleyball courts and putting greens for the back yard.

Commerce Township resident Dan Lubin had one built in his yard almost two years ago. His four oldest kids and their friends play basketball, inline hockey, tennis and volleyball on it.

"You'll find there are usually six to eight kids on the court all the time," he says. "Other than my home it's one of the best investments I ever made."

Unlike having a basketball hoop in your driveway, the sport court setup uses a suspended, interlocking plastic court surface that acts as a shock absorber when you run, jump – or fall – on it.

Courts are available in various sizes, and you don't have to get a regulation size basketball or tennis court if you don't want it or don't have room for it. Court Coverage will design a court to fit individual back yards. Multi-game courts cost $14,000 to $25,000. Basketball courts cost $8,000 to $12,000. There's a six-week waiting list to begin construction, which is usually complete in seven to 10 days.

If your kids like to swim, there are plenty of pool dealers around.

Viscount Pool & Spa Center of Livonia sells 600-700 above-ground pools a year, said Manager Ken Schmitz, 70-80 percent of them to first-time pool buyers.

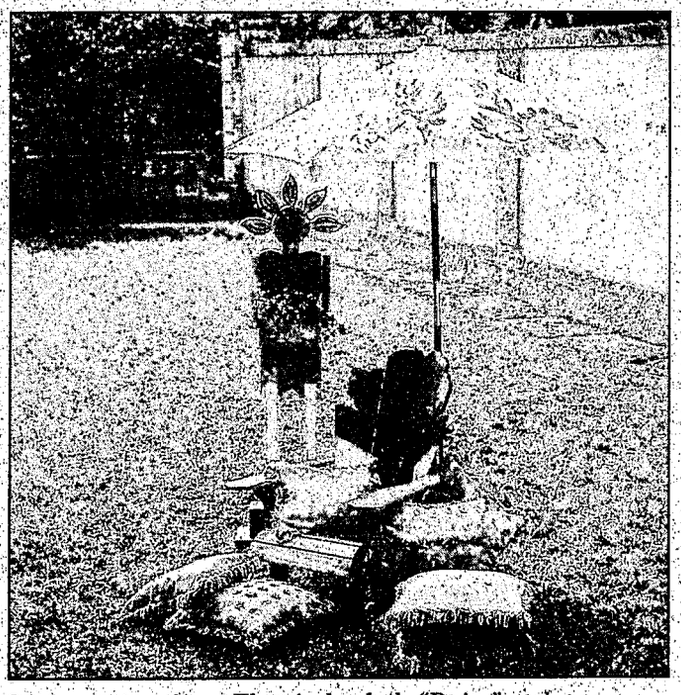
He shoots he scores: *Commerce Township resident Dan Lubin said the sport court in his yard keeps his kids occupied and around the house where he knows they're safe.*

The price range for above-ground pools runs from just over $1,000 for an 18-foot diameter round pool to more than $13,000 for an 18-by-33-foot oval.

Do people get tired of pools? No, says Schmitz. "It's different with a pool because you don't get to use it six months out of the year."

Have a little more money to spend? B&B Pools of Livonia can give you an in-ground pool for $30,000 to $35,000. B&B's bread and butter is commercial pools, says Manager Eric Davis, but they build 10-15 residential pools per year.

Most people who buy pools have kids, says Davis. "We find that the word 'children' is in the first sentence when they come in."



Outdoor attractions: *The garden lady "Daisy" sculpture, $185, can hold potted flowers, feed birds or simply add fun to your garden decor. Sit back and enjoy the scenery with the "Spring Morning" hand-painted umbrella, $325-375, "Blooming" Adirondack chair, $300, and plenty of cushy pillows, $52-56. Available at Jacobson's.*

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A shade above

Tired of living in a fishbowl and ready to put some shades on those windows? If you're wondering what kind of shade to choose, and how to measure and hang them correctly, here are a few helpful hints.

Whether used alone or with curtains, window shades offer a variety of coverage options. They can offer full privacy; peek-through viewing or sun deflecting or be put up out of the way for an unobstructed view.

Determine whether the shades need an inside-mounted treatment or an outside-mounted one. Inside mount means the shade will be inserted within the frame of the window, while an outside mount fits anywhere outside the border of the window.

Inside mounts work better when the window is framed with decorative molding. The treatment allows the molding to be seen and actually draws attention to it.

Outside mounts can be used to make the window appear larger than it is.

Always use a steel tape measure. Measure the width first, then the height. Measure each window separately, even if they appear to be the same size.

For an inside mount, first be sure the window is deep enough for the hardware necessary for the shade. Measure the window in three different places and use the narrowest dimension when ordering.

Outside-mounted treatments are easier. Just take measurements that allow for desired overlap of the window frame.

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Take a leaky faucet, for example. Most of the time, Murphy says, the dripping is caused by a small valve that can be replaced for approximately $12 at a hardware store. Often, he says, it's still under warranty, in which case the manufacturer should fix it for free.

Or, say you want to replace your old avocado-green light fixture with a sparkly new one.

"It's just a matter of matching up the right colored wires," says Mark Eismueller of the Home Depot electricity department.

Considering that many electricians charge $30 to $40 per hour, in addition to a flat fee per visit, having the fixture professionally installed easily could run up to $200, he says. When you install it yourself, all you pay for is the actual fixture and maybe a good screwdriver, if you don't have one. Of course, if the different-colored wires are confusing, it's not a good idea to try all the possible combinations, he says.

"Call the store and we'll talk you through it," he says.

Other common household jobs Eismueller has seen people successfully do on their own are installing ceiling fans, fire alarms and emergency lighting for power failures.

What about an electrical problem that seems more complex, such as a "burned-out" electric socket? Eismueller says you can buy a simple tool to check if the wiring there is still good.

Tucker Spirito, a store designer and saleswoman at another Home Depot, says there aren't many home jobs she wouldn't encourage people to try on their own. However, she suggests people just starting up the do-it-yourself ladder "do simple things."

For example, in home improvements such as wallpapering, she says, don't start with a room like the kitchen or bathroom, but rather a room that has more full walls, which makes installing wallpaper easier.

The same for building something like a deck – you need to realize that putting a railing on or a tree well in the middle will require a lot of measuring and cutting. However, she says that people should go ahead and try things on their own.

"Two-thirds of the cost of most (repair and improvement) jobs is labor," she says.

For some tasks, however, it is better to call in a professional.

For example, Eismueller says it would not be a good idea to try to rewire your whole house or to change a fuse box over to a circuit breaker.

Some jobs, such as rewiring a house, require professional licenses or permits.

However, different cities have different regulations about some home improvement projects. Some towns allow people to install their own water heaters, for instance, which involves working with gas lines; some do not. Murphy suggests would-be Tim Allens call local officials to find out if a job requires a permit or a professional.

Murphy also says one time people might want to fork over some cash is before building or installing items like doors, windows, cabinets and carpets. You can still do most of the work yourself, but he recommends paying the basic fee of approximately $50 to get exact measurements from a professional before starting to cut.

"It starts you off on the right foot," he says.

Home Depot's Duane Welch says something else people need to consider when deciding whether to do their own job is the time factor. Many people might not realize tiling a floor, for example, takes several days, between cutting the tile, laying it and waiting for it to dry. People have to be willing to put aside vacation or other time to do the job. He added that people have to be patient, too.

"They can't rush," he says. Doing it yourself "takes double the time, especially at first."

However, Welch also says if jobs don't require a license, you can do most of them with some training.

Spirito agrees.

"Knowledge is the best antidote to failure," she says.

Handy ma'am: *Marlene Squires works on replacing her kitchen cabinet doors. She saved $9,000 by doing the remodeling job herself.*

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Inside ideas

Decorating a home's great room – the place where family and friends congregate – is a daunting task simply because of its many uses. A great room can start at a public space and extend all of the way to private space at the back of the house.

Here are tips for defining those boundaries without ruining the room's character:

Mix organization with flexibility. Areas around fireplaces need to be organized, particularly for books and magazines. Use half-bookshelves with closable doors for neatness and storage for children's toys. That allows for both casual play and organized appearance.

Allow for intimate and group activities. Create a hierarchy of centers, not just one center that draws the eye to the same spot. For example, a one-on-one alcove works for small groups; use segmented furniture that can be moved to create configurations for larger groups.

Keep traffic flowing. Make sure furniture is arranged so that people can flow through different seating areas.

Screen the private, and open the public. You don't have to build a wall to create a visual separation of space. Use columns, screens railings or half-bookshelves to achieve this kind of open room division.

Consider using color to differentiate areas of a great room. Area rugs and wall color can be coordinated to create the illusion of separate spaces.

Roses *from page 11*

sunlight, at least six hours, well-drained soil with a little fertilizer and good rose culture. "They don't like wet feet, but they do like water," she added.

Prune in the spring removing dead and diseased growth. Schrift advised cleaning away the twiggy stuff and prune in the shape of a hand down to healthy wood leaving a few thick canes.

Climbers are pruned a little differently. Trim away only the dead foliage and stems after the blooming season. Schrift cautions that blooms won't happen until after a few years of growth.

Rosarians debate the pros and cons of spraying for insects and disease. Schrift reassures that most of the time sprays are not needed if good rose culture is practiced. "Most diseases take care of themselves. Keep the beds clean, don't let water stay on the leaves and water in the morning so the leaves can dry with lots of sunlight," she said.

Since most of the damage occurs with excess wind and cold, she recommends strategic planting in a sunny location, somewhat protected from the wind, ice and cold.

In the fall protect your rose bushes from the winter by covering with rose cones or leaves (oak leaves are the best) and compost at the base of the plant.

And like other living things, rose bushes need nutrition for survival, as well as slightly acidic soil.

Schrift recommends rose fertilizer and a soil test through the Michigan State University extension service. Any nursery can send in the soil sample.

Rosarians find that their local nursery is one of their best sources for consultation. They usually offer yearly seminars and work closely with the Detroit Rose Society.

This spring your local English Gardens Nursery will be offering a $3 rose guide and care booklet called "2000 Rose Guide," although the book is free with the purchase of a rose bush.

The Detroit Rose Society is also another invaluable source offering numerous educational opportunities on the propagation of roses.

They hold informative monthly meetings, boast of a 250 local membership and the produce a monthly publication called "Rose Lore." The society is an affiliate of the American Rose Society.

Blushing buds: *A rose – be it in any color – smells as sweet.*

Members receive garden tours, pruning demonstrations and endless advice from certified rosarians who know most everything there is to know about growing roses, and are eager to share their knowledge with other rose lovers.

Schrift also is excited about two rose shows coming up on Father's Day weekend (June 17-18) at the Universal Mall in Warren and advises rose lovers to mark their calendars for the special event.

Hundreds of the best-grown roses will be on display for experienced and amateur rose enthusiasts alike. Certified rosarians will be available for consultation.

"They are there to be enjoyed," Schrift said of her passion, adding, "take the time to smell them, too."

The Detroit Rose Society spring rose show is June 17 and 18 at Universal Mall, located in Warren at Dequindre and 12 Mile. The group meets the last Friday of the month at the Pleasant Ridge Community Center, one block south of I-696 and one block west of Woodward. For further membership information, check out www-personal.umich.edu/~sue/drs/consult 1.htm. Or write Detroit Rose Society, P.O. Box 225, Dearborn Heights, Mich., 48127.

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