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Wading through tax appeals

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Challenging your property taxes this year?

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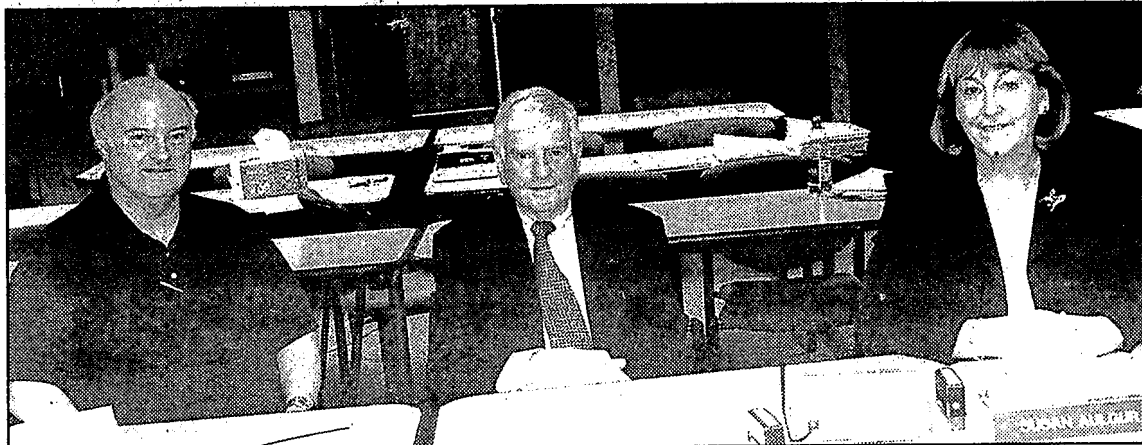
The Independence Township Board of Review will review 370 cases during the next two weeks. The board is comprised of township residents Terry Haran, Henry Hogan, and Susan Augur.

Most who appeared before the board March 6-12 were nice, and understanding of the board's role, Augur said.

"To say they have to appear before the board of review gives them this 'court like' environment, but we are so informal, we don't bite," she said. "We are just like them, we all live in the township, we all pay taxes too."

Augur said she enjoys working on the board because she feels "it's a service."

"I feel that I am helping the



Terry Haran, Henry Hogan, and Susan Augur. Photo by Trevor Keiser

people that come in, number one, understand the taxing situation, understand the assessment, how it was arrived at, and to hear their complaints, their viewpoints, their opinions," she said. "Where else in government can you go into an independent board and say 'I don't like this, I don't like that' and they

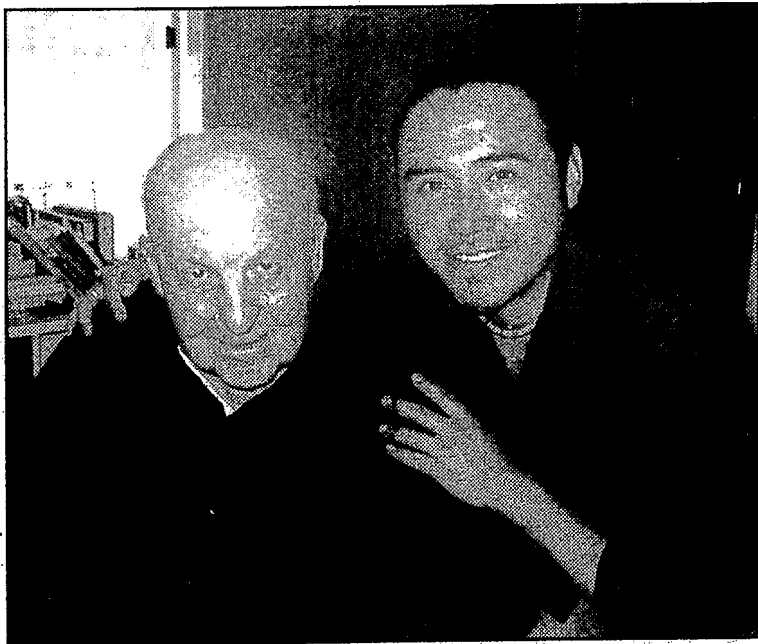
have the power to change it?"

"I enjoy it too because it refreshes my knowledge of the homes in the township," said Hogan. "It keeps you on your toes in terms of values."

Haran said he liked it because it was in line with what he had done for a living.

"Having been an assessor, I knew what boards of review did, having been at them (the meetings) for 40 years, but I was on the assessor's side. What was interesting for me was I knew all kinds of information about the market in Madison Heights where I worked. Please see Appeals on page 19A

Peruvian artist comes to town to visit mentor



Peruvian artist Juan Carlos Zeballos Moscairo visits Fr. Ben Morin, retired Jesuit missionary priest, at Colombiere Center in Springfield Township. Photo submitted

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Enroute to his art exhibition at Royal Oak's Ariana Gallery, up-and-coming impressionistic painter Juan Carlos Zeballos Moscairo made sure to stop by the Clarkston area.

That's where his godfather, retired Jesuit priest Ben Morin, lives.

"Father Ben is, with my mother, the most important person in my life," Zeballos said.

Morin, serving as a missionary priest in and around Arequipa, in southern Peru, befriended Zeballos and his mother, Valentina Moscairo, when the artist was 2 years old.

"He taught me to read and write," said Zeballos, now 30 years old.

His skills as an artist started early, and was encouraged by his mother and godfather.

"He was always interested in art," said Morin, now 87 and living

at the Colombiere Center in Springfield Township.

"I got him some watercolors and crayons to draw with. He drew different things, animals, human faces — he'd sketch them in a sketchbook he carried around with him everywhere. He sketched everything."

Valentina set up a studio for him in their house, and he later rented studio space in downtown Arequipa.

"He was very good with watercolors — he would mix them together like oils," Morin said.

His mother supported her family as a baker, making and selling cakes, which she still does, he said.

"She's a good woman — her life is Juan Carlos. And he's very devoted to his mother," Morin said. "She encouraged him, but he had the urge, the drive inside himself."

Zeballos' artwork includes land-

Please see Artist on page 8A

Car locks don't deter crooks

BY LAURA COLVIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

An unpleasant surprise greeted an Independence Township man as he headed to work recently.

There, in his own driveway, someone had smashed a window out of his car overnight and walked off with his stereo.

The kicker?

The car wasn't even locked.

"I want people to understand the things they leave in cars are not safe, period," said Sgt. Matt Baldes of the Oakland County Sheriff's Office Independence Township substation. "If you leave your GPS or satellite radio where people can see it if they come up and look in your car, it's going to get stolen. If you leave your laptop, cell phone, iPod or CDs in the car, they're going to get stolen."

Although larceny from automobiles (LFA) is not a new phenomenon in the area, police say thieves are increasingly unabashed—over the last several weeks, deputies have responded to a significant number of calls from residents reporting smashed car windows and missing items.

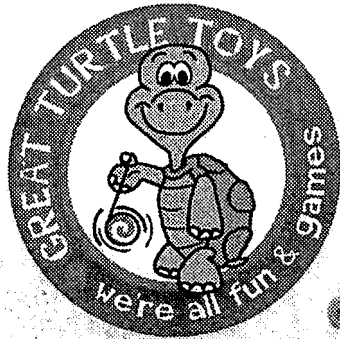
"It's a sign of the economy," said Baldes. "Desperation is making people more and more brazen."

Up until recently, he explained, it was much more common for police to get reports of property stolen out of cars that were left unlocked overnight—prowling thieves who encountered a locked vehicle simply moved on to another car at another home.

Recently, however, thieves don't hesitate about using a rock or other heavy object to get what they want.

"People have a false sense of security and think that just because they lock their doors it's safe," Baldes said. "We've had a few LFAs where the

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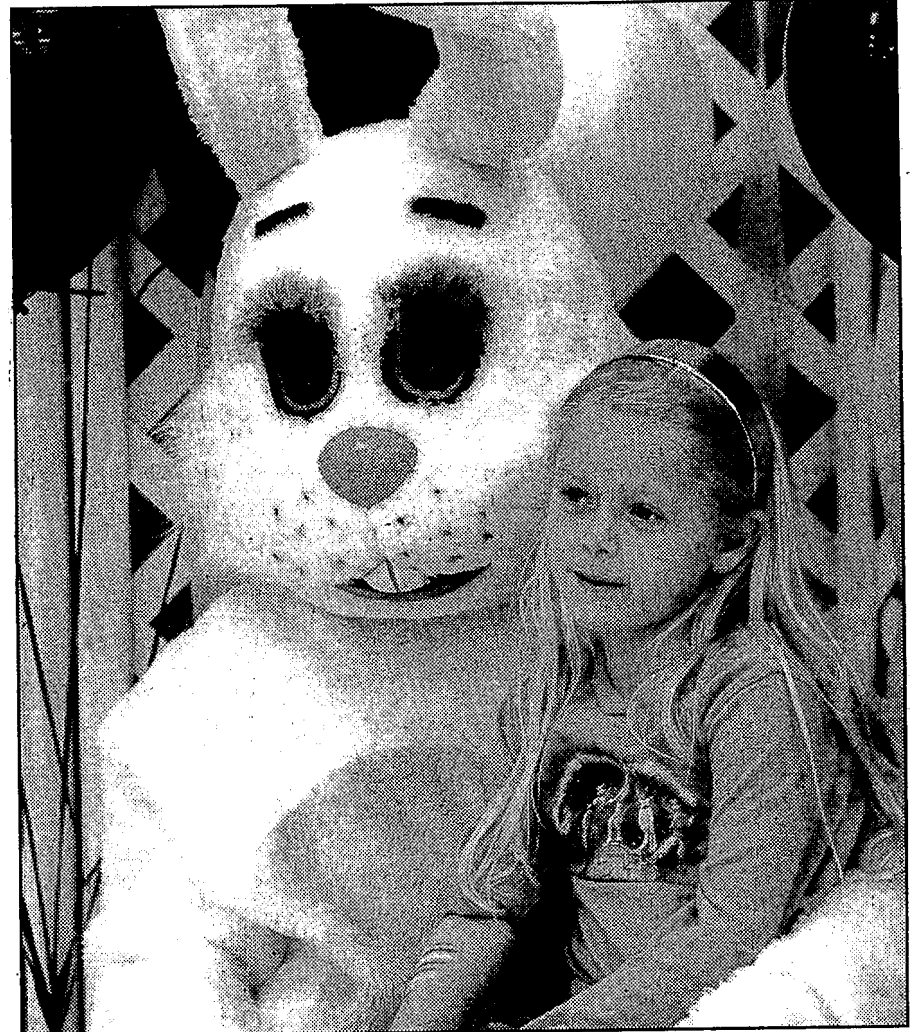
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What's up, doc?

Katelyn Garvin, 7, visited with the Easter Bunny last week at Egg Mania, a family event hosted by Independence Township Parks and Recreation. Photo by Laura Colvin



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Voter registration deadline April 7

Voters not yet registered for May 6's Board of Education election have until Monday, April 7, to sign up.

Clarkston voters register at city hall, 375 Depot Road, 248-625-1559. Independence Township voters, register at Township Hall, 90 N. Main St., 248-625-5111. Springfield Township, register at Township Offices, 12000 Davisburg Road, 248-846-6510.

Five candidates are running for two seats on Clarkston's school board: incumbent Joan Patterson, Susan Boatman, Jeff Broughton, Brian Kitchin, and Joe Wauldron.

Program offers help to parents

Parents with students in fourth grade or up are invited to Good Choices, Low Conflict: A Positive Approach to Parenting.

The program is set for 7 p.m., Monday, March 31, through a collaboration of Clarkston and Waterford Youth Assistance groups, and Waterford Coalition for Youth.

Parents will discuss appropriate management of family conflicts, anger management techniques and methods for resisting peer pressure. The development of such skills, said program facilitators, is linked to delayed onset and reduction of substance abuse and delinquency.

"This is an excellent program," said instructor David Lee. "It has lasting benefits and teaches parents about conflict resolution and how to communicate through family meetings."

It takes place at Sashabaw Presbyterian Church, 5300 Maybee Road in Independence Township.

The program is free and open to the public, but there is a fee for an accompanying workbook.

Corrections

The story "Explosive year for cheer team," March 19 edition, should not have stated the team won all their competitions.

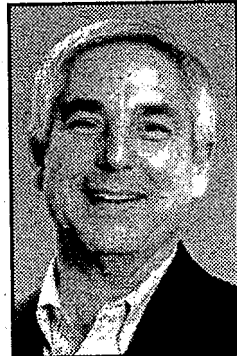
In the story "Township takes over historic cemetery," March 19, photos should have been credited to the Clarkston Community Historical Society, for the Old Sashabaw Presbyterian church, and Lydia Strnad, for cemetery photos.

First candidate steps up in Springfield

BY LAURA COLVIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The first candidate to formally announce a bid to replace longtime Springfield Township Supervisor Collin Walls said he's been thinking about running for office for quite some time.

"This opportunity looks like a great chance to continue my involvement with the community," said Mike Trout, 48. "I'm very excited about it."



Mike Trout

Trout was appointed in 2006 to the Waumegah Lake Improvement Board and currently serves as the organization's secretary and treasurer. He is also involved with the Clarkston Boosters and coaches Little League baseball.

As a November hopeful, Trout recently left a seven-year tenure at Bishop International Airport in Flint, where he was deputy airport director-maintenance and operations, to pursue other opportunities—including the supervisor's position.

Although the Springfield Township board recently volleyed the idea of transitioning to a professional manager-type government—a move that could ultimately lead to reducing fulltime elected officials to part-time status—Trout said he's running as a 40-hour-a-week supervisor.

"I think the fulltime position is the way to go, especially in the supervisor's office," he said. "We need to be accessible to people and you really need to be in the office to do that. We're big enough, and we've got enough issues to deal with on a daily basis. Somebody needs to pay attention to that."

Trout said his vision for Springfield Township is "very positive" and listed priorities—in no particular order—including continued fiscal responsibility in township offices, public safety, and balanced development.

A professional background in planning and zoning, Trout said, instilled in him the importance of balancing community, neighborhood and business needs in an orderly way.

"The community needs to have more restaurants and things like that," he said. "But it has to be done properly so you don't have development shoehorned into inappropriate areas. We need to balance our commercial growth, and it needs to be well thought out."

His professional background, Trout opined, gives him knowledge and experience necessary to fulfill his vision.

During his tenure at Bishop, Trout was charged with overseeing the airport's day-to-day operation, including the supervision of 35 staff in the maintenance, operations, and public safety departments.

He was also responsible for development and management of multi-million dollar operating and capital budgets.

Before he went to Bishop, Trout served as deputy director of Detroit City Airport from 1996-1998, and as director from 1998-2000.

A certified planner, Trout has a bachelor and a master's degree in public administration from the University of Michigan.

Trout, who moved to Springfield Township with his family in 2003, was clear in the message that he was approaching candidacy without an agenda, and said he was open to new ideas, which he plans to collect when he begins walking the community and knocking on doors in the weeks ahead.

"The way you learn what people need is to talk to them," he said. "I have a fairly good plan in place to get out and meet people and listen to what they have to say about the

Please see Trout on page 10A

Springfield explores fire consolidation

Second of a two-part series looking at a county-funded study and the potential for resulting changes in the years ahead.

BY LAURA COLVIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Northwest Oakland County Fire Collaboration Feasibility Study plan, involving Springfield, Groveland, Rose and Holly Townships, along with the Village of Holly, was divided into two phases.

Phase I involves an increase in regional collaboration and sets the following goals that can be accomplished in a relatively short time—about 18 to 36 months, and without significant cost or fundamental changes to the structure any departments.

Automatic mutual aid: Departments would develop a predetermined pecking order so when a call goes out for fire services all departments arrive on the scene with necessary manpower and equipment, rather than one department calling for backup. Currently, this is done on a county level with hazmat incidents.

Increased standardization between existing departments: Communities would look for ways to streamline local departments through shared development of training programs, equipment specifications, and human resource practice and procedures.

Joint-purchasing arrangements: As a logical outgrowth of standardization, depart-

ments could begin utilizing the same equipment and supplies to create a potential for volume discounting.

"There is some potential savings in equipment," Rose Township Supervisor Chester Koop told the group gathered in Springfield Township for the Feb 26 presentation. "Maybe not great at the beginning—\$3,000 to \$6,000 per department—but it doesn't really cost anything to come up with standard procedures."

Potential savings could also be realized by devising a plan for shared community outreach and education resources, such as smokehouses, he said.

But Springfield Township Fire Chief Charles Oaks said his department has been sharing resources with its neighbors for quite some time.

"Springfield Township, Groveland and Holly Village, we try to work together right now," he said. "For instance, most of us can't afford to put on our own fire classes—the fire academy through Oakland Community College costs about \$3,000. Departments like Groveland and Highland put on the academy and we can do it for six or seven hundred."

Oaks said he was also uncertain about joint purchasing, noting he is currently able to buy medical supplies independently at a better price than he gets through Oakland

County's supplier.

"I still think it's out there in left field, whether we could save money by doing that," he said. "Same as if you go buy a fire truck—if you buy two fire trucks verses one I don't know if you'd have any savings."

Still, Oaks said his main concern was saving taxpayer money, and was willing to look at all the options.

"Phase I is a good thing, and we need to go into anything like this with open eyes," he said.

"If you don't look at it and just close your eyes and say 'this isn't going to work,' then why mess with it? I think we're going in with open eyes—at least I'm pretty sure Springfield Township is."

Oaks said his support of Phase II would depend on decisions ultimately made by the Springfield Township board.

While Phase I was developed as a stand-alone approach, information gathered during the initial collaboration process could give direction and help pave a smoother transition to Phase II.

Facilitators made it clear that participation in Phase I does not require a community to move forward with Phase II, a full consolidation of all departments.

Key elements of Phase II include consolidated operation, fire department-based ALS

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Plan could improve service

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service, consistent service levels across the region, utilization of existing equipment, six stations with 24-hour staffing seven days a week, and improved response time.

Consolidating fire departments would also include cutting command staff to one fire chief, one deputy fire chief, and one fire marshal.

However, a consolidated department would increase the number of full-time firefighters—currently, nine full-time firefighters are employed between the five communities.

If Phase II were implemented, that number would double to 18, while the number of paid-on call firefighters would increase to 132.

Recruiting paid-on call firefighters is an issue each of the communities struggles with, at least from time to time.

Springfield Township's department consists of three full-time employees—chief Charles Oaks and two firefighters, along with 31 paid-on call personnel.

Oaks, who's been heading up the department for the last 10 years, said the lack of paid-on call firefighters is cyclical.

"A year or so ago I was getting no applications and nobody wanted on," he said. "I thought 'man, this is doomsday.' But now, all of a sudden, I've got people coming out of the woodwork."

The larger problem, he said, is retaining the firefighters—most are looking for full-time positions once they're trained.

"Little departments like Springfield Township, Groveland, Holly—we don't have that many full-time positions," he said.

"So you train them and then you lose them. I've lost at least two to Independence Township, one to Bloomfield. Real good firefighters come in looking for full-time positions and they're going to go where they can get them."

Sometimes, he said, it's difficult to retain full-time personnel because the larger departments pay larger wages.

Full consolidation of the departments, it was said, would create a more attractive employer in the region.

"If you have more full-time positions available it would help retain the paid-on call guys," said Oaks. "I hire full time firefighters from my part time roster, so they might stay

on longer hoping they were going to get full-time position."

One of the largest drawbacks of consolidation, however, were financial uncertainties.

Across the board, study results indicated an increase of \$800,000 in operating costs on one hand, and an ISO rating reduction resulting in fire insurance savings of \$1.8 million annually.

"The hardest bullet and most discussion came from ISO reduction, and it's kind of hard to understand," said Groveland Township Fire Chief Steve McGee, noting his community recently made changes to reduce ISO ratings. "It's going to cost some money to

do but the long term benefit was savings to residents every year."

Although some officials were enthusiastic about going forward and others had significantly questions and concerns about full consolidation, representatives from Plante and Moran urged the communi-

ties to take one thing at a time and keep the focus—for now, on Phase I.

Springfield Township Supervisor Collin Walls agreed, noting that the only way to determine how and when to enter into the Phase II plan for full consolidation was to gather information during Phase I.

"I don't necessarily have the same faith in all the assumptions in Phase II of this report that some do, but I have faith in us working together," he said. "I also know that if we don't, we probably won't be working individually because we can't do business the way we used to. Collaboration and cooperation is taking place all over the state of Michigan and all over the nation because it's a new world."

Leaders from each community were charged with returning to their respective boards with a resolution to move forward. In Springfield Township, most board members attended the Feb. 26 presentation. The item was placed on the March 13 consent agenda and passed without comment.

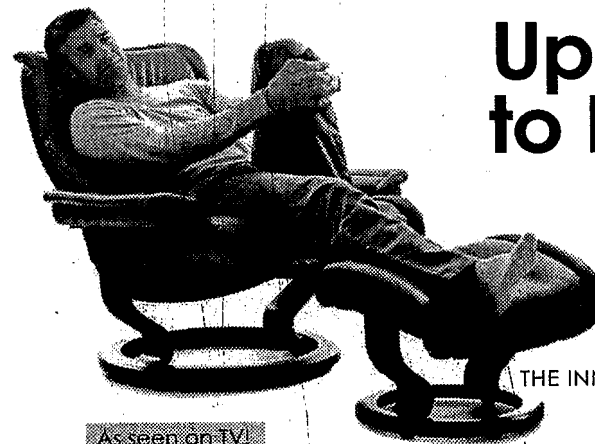
Curious? The 89-page report created by Plante and Moran can be found on Oakland County's website at oakgov.com. From the homepage, navigate to Browse Oakland County, cross boundary services, interact, download templates, reports, Northwest Oakland County Fire Collaboration Feasibility Study.

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-Collin Walls, supervisor Springfield Township

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Clarkston graduate dances her way to L.A.

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Erin Lamont, Clarkston High School 1998 graduate, returned home recently from Los Angeles, Calif., to teach master dance classes around Michigan, including Bella Pointe Dance Studio in Independence Township.

Lamont started dancing at Terry Newman's Dance Studio in Waterford at seven-years-old and fell in love with it. She put in 30 hours of practice a week as well as travelled to New York and Los Angeles every summer since age 13. She went to Western Michigan University, where she doubled majored in marketing and dance.

"All I wanted to do is move to L.A., so I literally took 23 credit hours a semester. I went straight from freshmen to senior year and took all terms, fall, winter, spring, and summer," she said. "Needless to say I won't be going back to school for a while."

While at Western, Lamont said she was mentored by Professor Jane Bas.

"I skipped a lot of dance classes, because it wasn't what I wanted to do. It wasn't like L.A. style, it wasn't current, (and) it was professors who haven't left Michigan in 10 years, telling me that my choreography is bad," she said. "She (Bas) was the only one who embraced me and told me that 'I need to do this, this, and this.'"

Bas e-mailed Lamont in April before graduation, with a tip to send in a video for a dance job on a cruise ship.

"Six days after I graduated college, they called me and asked 'do you want to move to L.A. in 10 days?' I said 'absolutely,'" said Lamont.

She spent a month in Los Angeles, and then worked on a cruise ship for nine months.

"It spoiled me," she said. "I worked three days out of every 10, making \$675 a week at 21 years old."

However, she ended up injuring her ankle - she fell while wearing high heels in rough seas. She received two ankle surgeries and moved back to Kalamazoo for awhile.

She spent the next couple years working three jobs: teaching dance classes, bartending,



Erin Lamont, teaching a Jazz master class at Belle pointe Dance Studio. Photo by Trevor Keiser

and bar managing.

"I worked probably 60 hours a week, saved up money, healed my ankle, and packed up my car and moved to L.A.," said Lamont.

She said her first year was rough. She spent the first three months just trying to get a job - even finding a bartending job was hard.

"I got a dance job before I got a bartending job because everyone out there wants that," she said. "Everyone out there is a starving actor, writer, producer, director. Everyone is out for their own thing, but everyone bartends and serves."

Lamont said she worked a lot of one-day jobs, making \$50 as a dancer in a 14-hour music-video shoot, but eventually her hard work paid off. She took a lot of dance classes and eventually met the right people, including her current partner, Mike Schwandt.

"We work on everything together. He's amazing, he's objective, he's type A," she said. "He knows how to do computer skills, edits, run my own website, my own reels, (and) my own Photoshop flyers. He took me in and kind of taught me how to do that."

Lamont said most of their work is indepen-

dent, including special events, casino shows, and cruise ships.

"My agent books me one gig a month and then I bug him about a lot of stuff. If it comes between contract and more money, than I get him involved," said Lamont. "It essentially independent, it's Mike and I."

Lamont said she will go through an entire week of making calls and sending e-mails trying to land jobs, then five will show up at one time.

"It's so annoying because if this was spread out how I wanted it, it would be perfect right now," she said.

"One thing I really struggle with now is that I am busting butt and doing all these jobs, which is fantastic and I am traveling and I see the world, but it's always like a short term thing. I am ready to own a dance company, own a dance studio, own a bar, (and) own a dance agency. I want to start retiring," she said with a laugh.

Lamont said she loves working hard, but eventually wants something more from her investment. She likes being behind the scenes as well as performing.

"I love getting my hair and make-up done,

don't get me wrong, but when it comes down to it, I love the pre-production work, then you can sit back and look at it," said Lamont. "It's awesome to think my choreography, someone's doing it on a cruise ship right now, someone's doing it in the casinos, someone's doing it in the dance studio and they're competing it. I sit back in my pajamas and think 'that's pretty cool.'"

Lamont said she picked Los Angeles over New York because it had more opportunities in television, while New York was more Broadway - she can't sing at all.

"I love the (New York) city, I love teaching and going there, but to live there, and actually audition there? It's not as hip-hop, it's not as current," she said.

"(In Los Angeles) you can see your results, you can see me on a TV show; you can see me on a music video. I feel it's more instant gratification in L.A."

Lamont has been to 43 states, and over the last year and half her international travel has picked up as well. She has been to the Bahamas and Australia, and is getting ready to go to Japan, Italy, Canada, and Bulgaria.

Lamont's parents, Carol and Roger Lamont, live in Davisburg, and her older brother Jonathan, 31, lives in Buffalo, New York.

Lamont has choreographed for ESPN, ABC, Sketchers, Norwegian Cruise lines, Window Resorts, and music videos.

Lamont said her greatest accomplishment is her whole life's work so far.

"I feel like success is 99 percent hard work and one percent talent," she said. "I may not be the most brilliant choreographer, but to the person who hires me, I make sure that they think that."

She continues to learn, work with people and look for ways to do things better as well as keep up what's current and hip.

"I think the fact that everything on my resume is basically my hard work, that would be my greatest accomplishment," said Lamont. "So I'm not just like an overnight success story, I started when I was 7, so I'm like a 20 year overnight success story."

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Phil in the Blank

A column by Phil Custodio

Was it all a dream?

The consultant issue in Independence Township, the one fueling these viewpoint pages for about a month, went away ("Consultant's recommendations back in play," page 3A, March 19).

It was never an issue to start with. A motion was never made. Therefore, a vote was never made. So no change was ever made. Like an annulment, it's as if it never happened at all.



Round after round of attack and counter attack didn't happen. The competence of township leaders, community activists, and this newspaper itself (well, me, anyway) were never called into question.

This is a classic approach to solving problems. All kinds of folks get out of legal trouble based on technicalities. I know from watching 18 years of Law and Order.

Agree or disagree, Neil Wallace deserves kudos for getting this whole thing rolling. If not for his efforts, the original decision may well have stood, due to lack of publicity.

Having people who give a rip about how things are going locally is a major strength for a community, something for which this area should be proud.

Also valuable is the responsiveness of local government. Disagree with a decision by city, township, or school officials? Bring it up next time you see one of them in the supermarket, church, or ballgame.

I see on the police page someone stole about \$20,000 in equipment from the McLaren worksite. That cheeses me off. What a way to welcome McLaren to the Clarkston area.

I hope these people are caught and the property returned. If they're injured in the scuffle, they can be treated at the McLaren hospital when it's finished.

Coming in to work Monday morning, I drove by a family taking a walk through Depot Park. They were wearing hats, gloves, and heavy coats, and walking carefully to avoid the snow and ice.

Happy Spring Break!

The Clarkston News

Viewpoints

Clarkston needs local police

Dear Editor,

According to the summary of the minutes of the last Clarkston City Council meeting, which appeared in the March 19 edition of *The Clarkston News*, one resident in the audience "suggested that the midnight shift using the Oakland County Sheriff for police services be studied as it would lower the cost of the city police services."

It has been studied and it does not lower the cost, in fact it might increase it.

It was my honor to serve with a great group of fellow citizens on the Police Committee last year.

Three things were clear from our work and other discussions:

1) when you factor in the various costs associated with the union contract under which the OCSD officers operate, the cost of having them serving the City might even cost more than having our own "third shift";

2) two-thirds of the City residents surveyed wanted a Clarkston Police Department twenty-fours a day and seven days a week; and

3) the residents appreciated the high visibility of our own police department, compared to the "response" mode under which the OCSD would and does operate.

Regrettably, my neighborhood was the site of a series of break-ins last year, some of which occurred during the "third shift."

Having our own police 24/7, when well directed as it now is, not only increases police presence and visibility, it deters crime and increased the probability of stopping a crime or apprehending the criminal.

We all should get what we pay for. Our current police force, under the direction of the new chief, is money well spent!

Tom Stone
Clarkston

Letters to the editor

Read closely before response

Dear Editor,

Regarding Dave Lohmeier's letter to the editor March 12, I think he should have read my letter (March 5) more carefully.

He said I chastised Neil Wallace for his letter opposing the Planning Commission's decision to stop using Dick Carlisle's planning consultant recommendations in his report.

I never said anything about this!

I chastised Mr. Wallace for trashing Supervisor Dave Wagner and Planning Commission Chairman Sam Moraco.

He stated I suggested, because township Supervisor Wagner got 60 percent of the vote, that made him

qualified.

I said, because he got 60 percent of the vote, he was qualified to appoint who he wants to the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals, because that's what a supervisor does.

But he was correct in one area.

The editors need to be more objective and thorough.

If they would have compared Lohmeier's letter to mine, they would have removed those two paragraphs from his letter because they're inaccurate.

Sincerely,

Rudy D. Lozano
Independence Township

Writer just speaks for himself

Dear Editor,

The closing on my letter to the editor in the March 19 edition of *The Clarkston News* ("Cory Johnston, Village of Clarkston City Council") may lead some to believe that I was speaking on behalf of the Village of Clarkston City Council.

While I am an elected member of that body, the opinions expressed were mine alone and had not been discussed with the City Council, any member of that council, or any of the people mentioned in my letter.

Cory Johnston
Clarkston

A Look Back

From *The CNews* archives

15 years ago - 1993

"City police concern some citizens" Citizens and businesses complained about recklessness, inexperience, and racism by Clarkston police officers. Police and local officials said problems were exaggerated.

"Woman bludgeoned to death; teen charged" A Clarkston-area teenager was arrested and charged in connection with a murder in Kentucky. The teen was in Kentucky visiting the family of a friend, police said.

"School board holds off on buying buses - again" For the second time in three months, Clarkston's Board of Education put off purchase of four new school buses. Seventeen of the district's buses had more than 100,000 miles on them.

25 years ago - 1983

"Independence withdraws from Social Security" The Township Board voted to withdraw from the federal program by 1985, to preempt a proposed law to keep everyone in it.

"Residents oppose Levy mining plan" More than 150 people representing almost 30 interest groups filled Independence Township Hall to oppose a plan to mine 300 acres near the headwaters of Clinton River.

"Independence officials get 10.3 % pay hikes" Residents voted at their annual meeting to increase pay for the township's supervisor, clerk, and treasurer. They said the raise makes up for a pay freeze the year before.

"Teachers' contract negotiation stalls as it enters ninth month" Contract talks fizzled again. At issue were pay raises, insurance, and class size. Negotiations were not expected to resume until August.

50 years ago - 1958

"Good attendance at Revival Meeting" Crescent Hills Baptist Church hosted a week-long revival, with young people's Gospel quartet, evangelizing by Dr. Arthur Fuhr, and music from churches all over the area.

"Girl Scouts present program" Scouts sang, danced, and explained their program to Clarkston's Rotary Anns. The club presented the troop with a \$5 check.

"Rotary Club has Ladies Night" The Clarkston Rotarians entertained their wives at dinner at Devon Gables. The ladies' places were marked with pretty white boxes tied with pastel colored ribbon. The boxes contained dainty clutch purses in which were small coin purses.

Locals speak up on local economy

Blessed with only a caveman's grasp on any situation, I was once again amazed by the power of the community press.

The other week I opined on the local economy. In a nutshell, I wrote:

"Rugged individualism. Entrepreneurial spirit of them in Michigan 100 years ago put us on the world's map. Have we too long been good, little workers? Has living through generations of being comfortable made us expect handouts? Dad said, 'it's a big, bad bear out there and nobody owes you anything.' When you are given lemons, make lemonade. Is that too risky?"

Well, I received response.

An Oxford high-schooler named Jennie (who, I might add, has a good grasp of the English language) e-mailed me about her father, Kevin Sunman. Kevin had followed his father to work, who had followed his father to work. Both Kevin's father and grandfather retired from the same auto-supplier where Kevin worked 20 years. Then the economy crapped out and Kevin was out of a job . . . what did he do? He buckled on his work boots, zipped up his tough skin and started his own business.

On Site Mobile Auto & Marine is Kevin's company. As the name says, he fixes stuff on site. To read more about Kevin go to our website and enter his name in the search engine. His business phone is 248-506-2094.

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That red-headed dynamo from Brandon Township, Pam Belding, e-mailed to suggest a column on local volunteer opportunities. Her thoughts being: the local economy and quality of life can be improved thru locals volunteering . . . Pam, I will do one on your idea sooner or later.

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Out spoken Clarkstonite Cory Johnston had the following to say . . .

"I generally don't need an invitation to send ideas to the newspaper, but you wrote a column about the local economy moving forward, asked about business start-ups and asked if there were any ideas. That got me writing even faster than normal.

"I just started my consulting engineering firm in Clarkston after more than 29 years of doing that work for someone else. I wanted to do things a little differently, the ability to work closer to the area I live and the 45-mile drive every day was getting a little expensive.

"So, here I am in Clarkston providing structural engineering services when most people don't even know what that is. (FYI, I make sure that buildings, bridges, signs, walls and other such things don't fall down and kill you.)

"Is this the time to start a new company?"

"Ask me next year and I might have a different answer, but this year I say, 'yes.' A bad economy forces everyone to look at things we might all ignore if times were good. Should I renovate, should I build something new, should I do

anything at all, are all questions that could give someone a job. Maybe a job that no one thought existed.

"I am also an elected official on Clarkston City Council and on the budget committee. We make decisions about what services can be provided, at what cost -- what is the best use of the taxpayer's money. Can we promote more business, do we improve things in the city, or do we just hope we can get through another year? I won't even use the dreaded 'T' word (taxes), as that is something nobody likes to say in public, even me.

Don't Rush Me



a column by Don Rush

"So, you ask if there are any ideas out there. Dr. Debra Rowe is a Senior Fellow at the Association of University Leaders for a Sustainable Future and on the faculty at Oakland Community College. She says it is sustainability. Will money be there tomorrow? Will that job? Can we sustain our current lifestyle and expenses? Gas is predicted to be \$4 per gallon by spring and spring is here. Will you be able to sustain your current driving habits or will changes need to be made?"

"Clarkston just allocated \$10,000 for sidewalk improvements so perhaps it might be time to walk to where you are going instead of driving. There are discussions in Independence Township, and other places, on whether new development is what we want or need. It certainly adds revenue for the government, which in turn can provide services taxpayers want. But at what cost?"

"Can development be done in a manner that does not degrade the area or the environment? It takes very little effort for development to be done wrong and it can change things for a very long time, many times forever. Beaumont's proposed development at M-15 and I-75 certainly seems like it might be a good test, so perhaps a little extra effort is needed.

"I think things can be done better and since I make my living from buildings being constructed, it is certainly in my best interest to see what I can do to make sure it is done right, sustains my career, and does not harm the area I live in. It just takes a little extra collective effort to put it all together and figure out what is the best way for that to be done.

"And what do you do in areas like the Village of Clarkston that have little opportunity for new construction and development?"

"There are some people in Clarkston quietly working on this very problem.

"All of this creates jobs of one kind or another and keeps the economy moving forward. If done right, it will make our area and those jobs sustainable well into the future while being beneficial for everyone."

Any other readers have any other thoughts? Let me know, e-mail me: donrushmedon@charter.net

In this political season, self-worth is too extreme

'Tis the season of promises. 'Tis also the time when those making their promises know memory of the public is short. The office seekers to the highest office in our land fill the airways and print media with cliches, phrases and hope-to-be-forgotten messages.

And, it seems that when reminded of statements made in campaigns when elected, they find ways to say their words were misinterpreted, taken out of context or meant for the situation at that time.

Jim's Jottings



a column by Jim Sherman

So, it is time for me to once again point out how important we really are in this world, and how we will be missed, as defined in the poem "The Indispensable Man."

Sometime - when you're feeling important,

Sometime - when your ego's in bloom,

Sometime - when you take it for granted,

You're the best in the room.

Sometime when you feel that your going,

Would leave an unfillable hole,

Just follow this simple instruction,

And see how it humbles your soul.

Take a bucket and fill it with water,

Put your hand in it, up to your wrist;
Pull it out, and the hole that's remaining,
Is a measure of how you will be missed.

You may splash all you please when you enter,

You can stir up the water galore,

But stop and you'll find in a minute,

That it looks just the same as before.

The moral in this quaint example,

Is do just the best that you can,

Be proud of yourself, but remember,

There is no indispensable man.

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The program at Oxford Rotary Club this week was about water. In particular it was how, in the past 30 years, people have become aware, involved and frightened by things being found in drinking water.

Most current is the amount and variety of over-the-counter, and prescription medicines, being found in our drinking and swimming water.

The studies are too current to have been researched to the point of telling the effects, if any.

Which brings me to a "But That's What It Says on the Label" item, and under that, "Your lawn or your life."

The label says: "Pesticide ingredients" and then lists them. You assume: All the ingredients - particularly the toxic ones - are in the list.

Actually: According to a recent study, more than "600 toxic chemicals included in pesticides aren't displayed on the brand labels."

Why not? "Under federal pesticide regulations, these chemicals don't have to be disclosed when they are inert ingredients, chemicals that assist in killing bugs and weeds, but aren't the active agent of destruction."

And, why aren't they listed? Pesticide companies say they need to protect trade secrets.

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Life is not about how fast you run, or how high you climb, but how well you bounce.

A pastor to his flock, and a politician's plea, "We welcome all denominations, especially tens and twenties."

In case you missed the current number one country song, here it is: "It's hard to kiss the lips goodnight that have been chewing on my behind all day."

Got an opinion?

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Artist reunites with godfather at Colombiere

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scapes, still life scenes, and, most recently, abstract expressionism. They reflect his experiences, education, and upbringing, he said.

"It's my life," Zeballos said. "I express life through the colors of my paintings."

Art is as important for the world as doctors or any other profession, he said.

"Art is universal," he said. "Humanity needs it so we can grow."

Zeballos' work has been on exhibition in the Museo de Arte Contemporaneo in Arequipa, and also Lima, Peru, as well as studios in Argentina, Spain, and the United States. He has earned many awards internationally, including the John Constable Award in 2002.

Morin's friend Ken Peterson, a driver for Colombiere Center, has long been an admirer of Zeballos' artwork.

"They're amazing, very colorful," Peterson said. "He's very talented, a hard worker, and he's very polite and humble."

A trip to Clarkston would reunite him with his godfather and help his career as an artist. But to enter the United States, he needed a sponsor.

"I looked in the Yellow Pages for a gallery, and found Ariana's," he said. "I sent them some pictures."

They made a good impression on Ariana Gallery's art directors, who agreed to help Zeballos with his entry visa for travel to the United States.

"I think it's amazing," said Patrick Adams, Ariana's associate art director, who picked up Zeballos at the airport, and helped him unroll and frame his paintings for the exhibit.

"His abstract paintings are bold in color, contrasts, immediacy, and full of movement," Adams said. "It's really a quite dynamic exhibition. We're very proud to be involved with it."

The exhibition, which opened March 7, has been well received by the public, with paintings bringing in thousands of dollars.

"He brings a certain assuredness and confidence to his work a lot of artists could only hope to achieve. He's very accomplished for such a young age," Adams said.



Juan Carlos Zeballos Moscairo takes about three weeks to complete one of his paintings. Check Clarkstonnews.com to see what his art looks like in color.

Photo submitted

"They seem to embody of sense of lyricism reminiscent of the painting of Jean-Michel Basquiat, but with a more vibrant palette you might expect from a Peruvian painter. His sincere approach to painting begins with staining the canvas, then defining weight, composition and balance with confident, energetic and gestural strokes of color culminating in a marvelous visual experience."

Zeballos was welcomed with open arms by the local Peruvian community, said Dr. Jose Aliaga, CEO of Aliaga Development and Consulting.

"I like his work," said Aliaga, who promotes cultural and economic relations between America and Peru. "I'm very impressed with it. He's very inspirational, a good example for young people in Peru."

This is Zeballos' first trip to the United States.

"I love Clarkston. I love Michigan," he said. "This is the third time I've seen snow. I love snow. It's very cool. The Great Lakes are beautiful."

Zeballos is also an author, working on a

book about his godfather's experiences during the Second World War.

"He is a hero of World War II," he said.

A tank commander with the Illinois National Guard, Morin was shipped to the Philippines in December, 1941. He fought Japanese forces until his tank was knocked out and he was captured.

He spent the next four years as a prisoner of the Japanese army, in concentration camps in the Philippines and later Japan.

Inspired by two fellow prisoners who were Jesuit priests, he vowed to give his life to God if he survived, a promise he kept.

He was assigned to Peru as a missionary in 1960, and Arequipa in 1965, where he served until his retirement in 1998, when he came to Colombiere.

He and Zeballos kept in touch through e-mails and letters—Morin would also send tubes of watercolor paint every now and then—but this is their first reunion since his retirement.

"He's matured quite a bit, very much so," Morin said. "His hair is in a different style."

"Colombiere Center is a great Jesuit community, where fathers live with harmony and security," Zeballos said.

"Ken Peterson is a fine person, my good friend who helps Father Ben and helped me get to know the gallery in Royal Oak. I am very happy by this—it really is wonderful."

"This is a great experience for both of them," Peterson said.

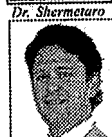
Ariana Gallery, 119 Main Street in Royal Oak, hosts the exhibition through April 18. Normal hours are 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday-Wednesday; 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Thursday and Saturday; and 12:30-4:30 p.m., Sundays.

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Independence Twp.

Wed., March 12 A 26-year-old Independence Township woman filed a police report after discovering a former friend was using her social security number and date of birth to obtain credit and make purchases.

Thurs., March 13 A 39-year-old man living in the 5600 block of White Lake Road after returning home to discover someone smashed a window and gained entry to his home. The man told police two handguns, several watches, a computer, camera and about 500 baseball cards were missing.

Fri., March 14 The foreman of a construction site in the 5700 block of Bow Pointe drive called police to report that someone walked into the second story of a construction site overnight and stole about \$6,500 in construction tools—including drills, saws, torches, wrenches, and walkie-talkies—from a gang box. Another contractor also called police, reporting that \$13,000 in copper welding leads, along with three 100-foot electrical cords and a 24-foot extension ladder were stolen from the third floor overnight. Police were investigating the case, and checking local pawn shops and scrap yards for the stolen items.

An employee at a gas station in the 5400 block of Sashabaw Road called police after a man purchased two packs of cigarettes but failed to pay for \$43 in gas.

Sat., March 15 A 49-year-old Independence Township man was arrested and jailed

Public Safety

Reports from Clarkston Police, Oakland County Sheriff Deputies and Independence Township Fire Department

on charges of drunk driving after a homeowner in the 6700 block of Berwick Drive called to report an SUV on the front lawn with the driver passed out inside. Police arrived to find the keys in the ignition with the vehicle running while the driver slept inside. A PBT registered .23 percent; the legal driving limit is 0.08 percent.

Sun., March 16 An Independence Township man filed a police report after discovering someone illegally charged \$100 on his credit card. The man said he suspected two contractors who recently worked in his home of the theft, but said he was getting "no cooperation" from his bank.

A 48-year-old Independence Township woman called police after the front passenger window was shattered as she waited at the red blinking light at Maybee Road and Sashabaw Road around 8 p.m. Deputies searched the area, but did not locate a suspect, nor did they find a BB or pellet inside the car.

Mon., March 17 A 24-year-old Grand Blanc man was cited for possession of marijuana after he was pulled over on a traffic violation near Sashabaw Road and Waldon Road

around 9:45 p.m. Police noted the strong odor of marijuana in the vehicle, and located the substance after the man gave permission to search the car.

Tues., March 18 A 36-year-old Independence Township man filed a police report after discovering someone made fraudulent charges with his debit card from Brooklyn, New York in the amount of about \$1,200. The man still had the card in his possession.

Deputies dispatched to the area of Oakhill Road and Dartmouth to assist with a possible personal injury accident were flagged down by an Independence Township firefighter who was also responding to the scene. The firefighter told police he had exited his vehicle to check on a pickup truck that crashed into an embankment when the driver put the truck in gear and drove directly at the firefighter. The firefighter told police he jumped back in his car and "floored it" to avoid being hit. The driver, a 55-year-old Clarkston man, was cited for reckless driving and open intoxicants. No injuries were reported.

A 64-year-old Independence Township woman reported several collectible items were missing from her home after she returned from

Wed., March 26, 2008 The Clarkston (MI) News 9 A an out-of-town trip. The woman said she asked a 24-year-old coworker to watch the home and care for her cats, and the younger woman admitted to spending the night and having friends in the house after the homeowner requested otherwise.

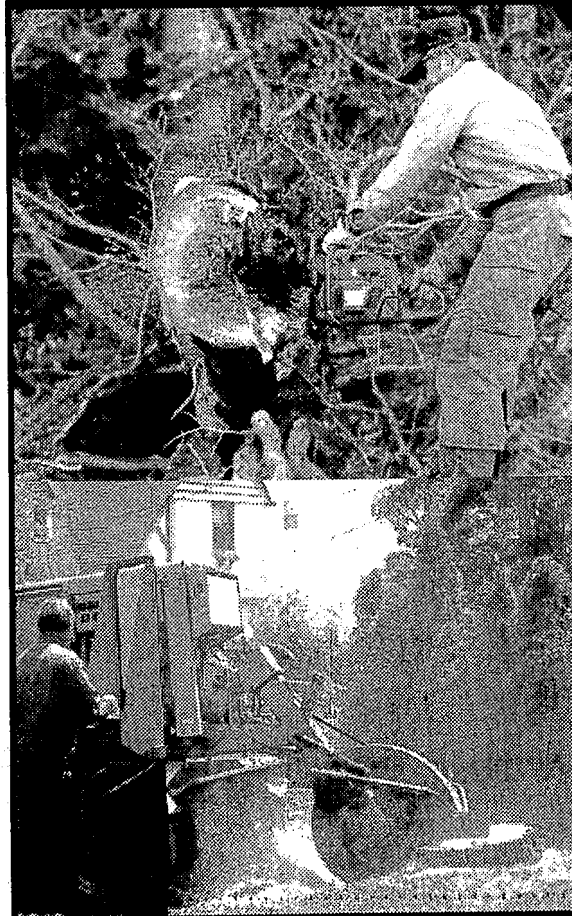
An employee at a cellular company filed a police report after discovering someone stole a significant amount of copper from an Independence Township communication tower. The man said the responsible person had to climb over a 6-foot chain link fence to remove the items.

An Independence Township woman called police after returning from a trip to discover two holes in the front window of her home. Deputies were able to locate a BB between the two panes of glass.

Wed., March 19 Deputies were dispatched to a possible incident of assault and battery when a 55-year-old woman called police claiming she got into an argument with her landlord's 55-year-old son, who allegedly grabbed her by the arm and punched her in the back. The man said the two did get into an argument, but claimed he never touched the woman.

Thurs., March 20 The owner of a building in the 6100 block of Dixie Highway called police after discovering someone stole copper lines from a restaurant air conditioning unit in back of the building. The man told police he hadn't been behind the restaurant since November, and it appeared the theft was not recent.

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Obituary

Donald J. Hund

Donald J. Hund of Waterford, formerly of Argyle, passed away unexpectedly March 16 while taking his daily walk at the age of 66.

He was the father of Tamara (Patrick) Zelinski of Davisburg, David (Jennifer) Hund of Canadian Lakes and Brian (Amy) Hund of Holly; grandpa of Jacob, Samantha, Abigail, Tyler, Clara, Chloe and Adam; brother of Kathryn Wojtalewicz of Ortonville, Richard (Theresa) Hund of Clarkston, Dorothy Hund of Cass City, Marilyn (Tom) Osentoski of Goodrich, Ray (Lilah) Hund of Texas, Jan (Robert) Neeb of Bad Axe, and Denise (Dan) Kubacki of Argyle; dear friend of Nancy Mitchell of Clarkston; former husband of Rosalie Jordan of Pontiac; also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Mr. Hund retired from General Motors,



Pontiac, as an electrician. He was a member of Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Clarkston Eagles, North Oakland Bethany Group, Parents Without Partners, and Fenton Area Singles.

Scripture Rosary Service was March 22 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home.

Funeral Mass was March 25 at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Waterford. Inurnment St. Ignatius Cemetery, Austin.

Memorials may be made to Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church for church repairs. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Obituaries are updated daily at ClarkstonNews.com

Grant experience would keep budget balanced, Trout says

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community and what's important to them. Sure I want people to get to know me, but that's almost secondary to getting feedback."

Should he win the supervisor's seat, Trout predicted his biggest challenge would be getting up to speed on how things work and stretching township dollars.

"My intent is to evaluating everything we're doing especially in supervisor's office," he said. "The budgeting will be a challenge and I need to make sure were managing it effectively."

It's in this area, Trout said, his experience in writing and winning grants will come in handy.

"I've consistently been able to bring grant money to the airports," he said. "Tapping sources, writing grants and pursuing those opportunities is the way to try to offset some of the tightness of the operating budgets."

In his free time, Trout enjoys recreational activities like golf and baseball—playing, coaching and watching. He's a big fan of the Detroit Tigers, and the Lions, too.

He and his wife Nancy recently celebrated their 19th wedding anniversary. The couple has one daughter, Darylann, a 2007 CHS grad

currently attending Grand Valley State University, and one son, Eyan, a student at Clarkston Junior High.

In addition to his experience at both Bishop and Detroit City airports, Trout also worked as a planning and zoning specialist for Wade Trim Associates and a system planner for Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG).

He is an accredited member of the American Association of Airport Executives, and served on Michigan Association of Airport Executives board of directors, the Flint Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission and the Livonia Zoning Board of Appeals and the American Society of Public Administration.

He was also a former farm manager at Domino's Farms, Ann Arbor and once owned a video store from while also selling real estate as a licensed realtor.

"The rural character of Springfield Township is very important, and preserving that definitely places highly with me," he said. "Again, it's a balance, and through good planning I think that can be achieved."

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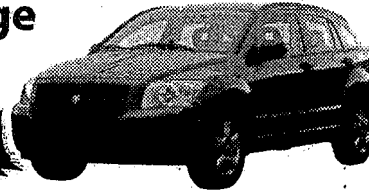
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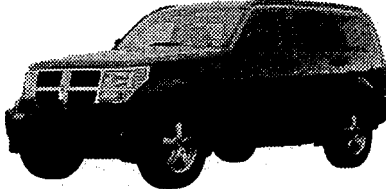
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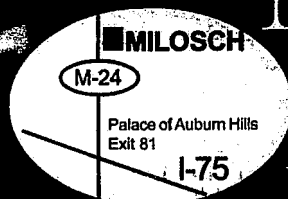
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William C. Schaffert Jr.

William C. Schaffert Jr., 69, of Cherokee Village, Arkansas died Saturday, March 8, at his home.

Mr. Schaffert was born on March 11, 1938, in Berwyn, Ill., the son of William C. Schaffert Sr. and Doris (Hoffman) Schaffert. He was united in marriage to Carol Rickert on May 6, 1961 in Illinois.

He worked as an engineer for General Motors for 44 1/2 years before retiring and moving to Cherokee Village six years ago from Clarkston.

He was an avid golfer and was a member of the Cherokee Village Men's Golf Association. Mr. Schaffert was a veteran of the United States Navy. He was a member of the Cherokee Village United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Carol Schaffert; three sons, William Charles Schaffert III of Cherokee Village, Daren Schaffert of Lemont, Ill., and Shawn Schaffert of Clarkston; one daughter, Le'Ann Schaffert of Clarkston; one sister, Dora Lee Schaffert of Cherokee Village; two grandchildren, Austin and Erika; and many other relatives and dear friends.

Funeral services were March 12 at the Cherokee Village United Methodist Church with Pastors Kay & Bob Burton officiating.

The family requests that memorials be made to the Cherokee Village United Methodist Church. Arrangements are under the direction of the Tri-County Funeral Home of Highland, Ark.

John W. Ham

John W. Ham, a man of great faith, integrity, and love, died March 20.

Born in Hendersonville, N.C., he spent much of his early life in Maryland with parents, Edward and Harriet Ham, who predeceased him.

On June 5, 1955, John married the light of his life, Mildred Tobey Ham. The devoted pair raised a family and moved from state to state as he followed his 35-year career with the J.C. Penney Co.

He retired in 1991, after serving as manager of the Troy, Michigan Penney store for 13 years.

In addition to career, John served in the U.S. Navy, and in numerous community and church organizations. Among these were Troy Chamber of Commerce, President of Michigan Merchants Council, Walsh College President's Advisory Board, Clarkston United Methodist Church Endowment Fund, Steven's Ministry, and most recently, a cherished commitment to the Men's Bible Study Class.

John and Millie loved to travel, as a couple, or with friends or family. Though

his life was filled with work, travel and service, his greatest passion was, always, his family.

Son Mark and his wife, Sandy, live in Clinton, Ohio. They have two sons, Matthew, 13, and Luke, 21, a student at Chico State University in California; daughter, Susan, resides in Frederick, Maryland; son, Rev. Russell Ham, his wife Lynn and children Trevor, Corey and Alexandra, live in Newcomerstown, Ohio.

A celebration of his life was March 24 at Clarkston United Methodist Church, Pastor Rick Dake officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to: Clarkston United Methodist Church Endowment Fund, address above, Walsh College Foundation, 3838 Livernois Rd., P.O. Box 7006, Troy, Michigan, 48007-7006 or Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 24359 Northwestern Hwy. Ste. 225, Southfield, Michigan 48075.

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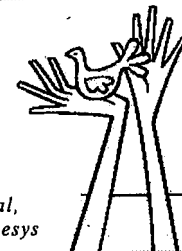
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Skaters keep it together on the ice

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Jumps, spins, and dance patterns are just a part of figure skating. Timing it in perfect unison with a team of other skaters makes it synchronized skating.

Clarkston residents Kylee Haase, Anna Moloney and Brittany Lee train with Evolution, a synchronized skating program at Detroit Skate Club.

Evolution has seven different levels of teams: Beginner, Preliminary, Juvenile, Open-juvenile, Novice, Senior, and Adult Masters. Each Clarkston skater was on a different Evolution team.

The season began last May and they all finished this month.

Haase was part of the Novice team. Her team skated their way into second place at US National Championship in Providence, Rhode Island. The placement qualified them to be part of Team USA and to compete at Novice World Championships in Kingsbacka, Sweden, March 13-15.

Team USA took seventh place out of seventeen teams.

"We skated very well," said Haase.

A freshman at Clarkston Junior High School, Haase has been figure skating since she was 4-years-old. She has been part of a synchronized skating team for the past six years.



Anna Moloney and Kylee Haase smile after a great season. Photos provided.

"It was an organized team that practiced where I was skating," said Haase.

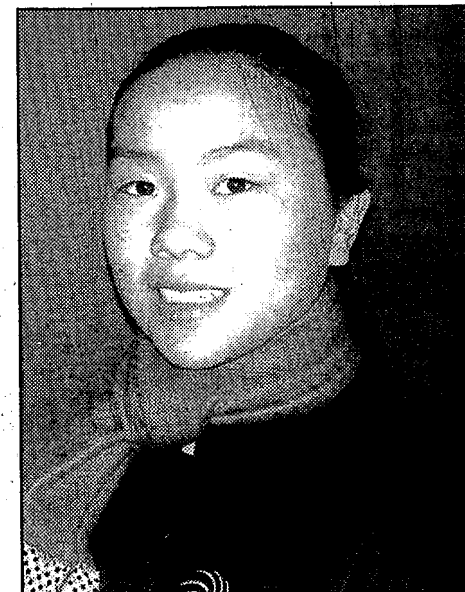
"It was something new. I decided to try it, and I liked it. It's a lot of fun. It's like a family. We have all become friends."

When Haase is not training, she hangs

out with her friends, goes to the mall, watches movies, and dances.

Haase's classmate, Moloney was part of Evolution's open-juvenile team.

The team took third place in the qualifying round of regionals. In the final round, the



Brittany Lee plans for Novice team.

team placed 10th at Midwestern Regionals in Nashville, Tenn., on Feb. 16.

She has been skating for almost four years. She would go to the arena to watch her brothers play hockey. When she was there, she would watch the figure skaters and became inspired.

The friends she was skating with were part of synchronized skating. She decided to give
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Kendra Sweet and Katie Brozovich and their trophies.

Athletes of the Week

Hard work pays off on the court

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Four matches were needed for Katie Brozovich and Kendra Sweet to win the Southeastern Michigan Tournament, Feb. 29.

Hours spent training on the tennis court led both of the girls to win their tournaments, Brozovich in 16-and-under, and Sweet, 14-and-under.

"It was really exciting. We are best friends and we both won our tournaments," said Brozovich.

"I was happy that all of our hard work paid off," said Sweet.

"I was really excited for them," said Coach Joe Stepford. "They work very hard on their games."

Brozovich, eighth grader at Clarkston Junior High School, balances school with 20 hours of practice a week. She started playing tennis four years ago.

"My whole family plays," said Brozovich. "They taught me how to play and I have liked it ever since. I have a good support system. My grandpa is al-

ways willing to hit with me when I want to hit."

Sweet, seventh grader at Sashabaw Middle School, practices 15 hours a week. She began playing six years ago with her mom.

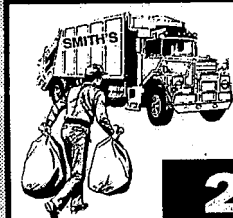
"I thought it would be fun," she said. The two have known each other for two years and met while playing tennis at Deer Lake Athletic Club.

"We are addicted to tennis," said Sweet. They would both like to be professional players, but will definitely play in college if turning pro doesn't work out.

"I want to see how far it takes me," said Sweet. The girls practice every day together all year. Also, they have a lot of off-court training such as exercising, improving their footwork, and running to build up their endurance.

"These girls are highly motivated and working on their national ranking," said Stepford. "Going into high school, even as freshmen, they will immediately be impact players in the Clarkston program."

Sweet is ranked second in 12-and-under division and Brozovich is ranked 13 in 14-and-under in the Southeastern Michigan district.



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Clarkston grad tackles Internet safety issue

BY LAUREN HALULA

Clarkston News Intern Writer

Clarkston native Nate Knapper developed an Internet safety guide last summer.

"It's important because the Internet is absolutely essential in people's daily lives now," said Knapper, 22. "Because it's used every day, there's a greater potential for children who don't know any better to access content that they shouldn't."

Knapper interned with the Michigan Family Forum in Lansing and put together the Family Guide to Internet Safety.

Sections include e-mailing, instant messaging, blogging, Facebook, networking, online video gaming and gambling. Each section defines the activity and discusses risks it can pose to children.

The guide has a segment to help parents. It teaches them about file searching, content filtering, safety tips, purchasing precautions, and common Web acronyms. It also has a cyber safety contract for parents and children to fill out together.

"Most parents know that they need help in this area, but they're just too busy to educate themselves about today's dangers and risks," said Brad Snavelly, executive director. "This guide gives them what they need to know in a concise format."

Knapper also completed an internship at the State Department of Homeland Security. He helped research and format the Michigan Public Health Law Bench Book for the Michigan Attorney General's office.

"In the event of a natural disaster or a

terrorist attack, there are certain decisions that judges would have to make," Knapper said. "They consult this book if they have a question."



Nate Knapper

Attorney General Mike Cox is promoting the cyber safety initiative and wrote an endorsement letter in the safety guide.

Knapper earned three awards for a 2006 internship with the Michigan Legislature. He developed a program called "Curriculum Beyond the Classroom." It earned him the Congressman Paul Henry Integrity

Award, the Daniel Rosenthal Legislature Intern Award and the Frank M. Fitzgerald Public Service Award.

In January he did an internship with the House Homeland Security Committee in Washington, D.C. After graduation, Knapper hopes to build a career in the intelligence community.

To view the safety guide, visit the forum's website, michiganfamily.org.

Synchronized teams ready for next season

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it a try last year.

"It's really fun! We are really connected," said Moloney. "In Tennessee, we roomed and traveled together. It was nice to have a support group with you."

Besides skating, she plays the piano and paints her favorite subject, nature in oil paints. Also, she enjoys traveling up north to her family's cottage and hanging out with friends.

Lee is a seventh grader at Detroit Country Day and was a member of the Juvenile team.

Her team came in second at the National Championships in Providence, R.I.

Lee began skating when she was 3 1/2 years old. It started out as a recreational family activity. Her family had no idea she would still be skating today.

When she was 10, she began synchronized skating.

She practices 4-5 times a week.

Also, Lee participates in ballroom dancing once a week. The dancing has helped her with steps and footwork on the ice.

She has a couple weeks until the new synchronized skating season begins and plans to will try out for Novice, the next level.

Besides skating, Lee plays the piano and violin, writes stories, and reads. She has read the *Harry Potter* series by J.K. Rowling and the *Warriors* series by Erin Hunter.

As part of the Evolution teams, the girls had training on the ice for two to three hours a week. Part of their team training on the ice included working together to perform perfect circles, skate straight lines, rotate wheels and intersect lines with precision and grace.

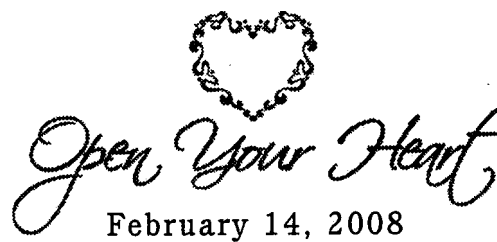
Also, they had training off of the ice.

Members of the teams were required to skate and train with their private instructors on their individual skills. As part of the individual training, the girls memorized the footwork, transitions and flow of the program.

They are getting ready for the next season to begin in May.

Tryouts for the teams begin in April.

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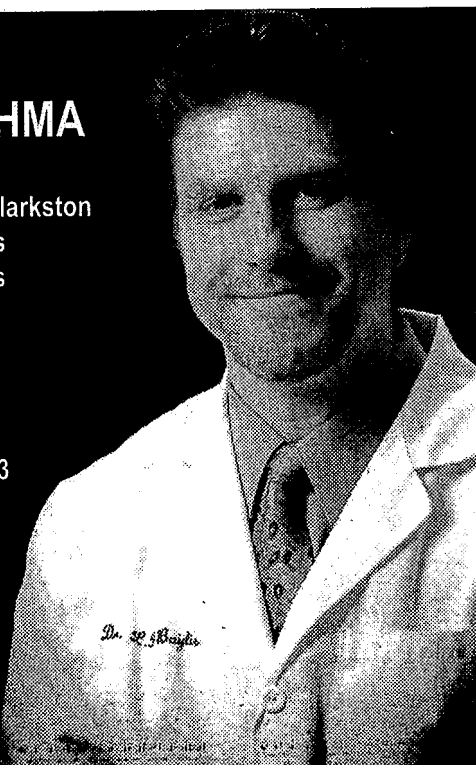
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Optimists honor student scholars

Students at Sashabaw Middle School, North Sashabaw Elementary, Clarkston Junior High, Clarkston High School and Renaissance High School were honored by Clarkston's Optimist Club at their Student Appreciation breakfast.

Certificates were awarded by school principals and Joan McCrary, Optimist

chairwoman for the March 19 program at Clarkston Methodist Church. Eighty members of the community were also present at the ceremony.

In back from left are Daniel Escamilla, Jr., Renaissance; Merrissa Kay Hoffman, Renaissance; Zachary Rabideau, Clarkston Junior High; Autumn Touchstone, Clarkston High School; and J. T.

Bohland, Clarkston High School; middle row from left, Kelly Piscopink, Sashabaw Middle; Caleb Buckley, Sashabaw Middle; Maria Boten, Clarkston Junior High; and Eric Leichtnam and Kathleen Partyka, Clarkston High School; and front row from left, Taylor J. Mullins and Tyler Dunn, North Sashabaw Elementary.

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Police steps up patrols

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doors of the car were unlocked. People aren't waiting, they just smash the window and grab your stuff."

The crimes, he said, have occurred both in the daytime and at night, as well as in places like church and school parking lots, even at the video store when a car was only left for five or ten minutes.

Reports have also come from apartment complexes, upscale subdivisions, and rural back road areas across the community.

Baldes was careful to point out, however, that the crime is not specific to the Independence Township area.

"This is not a crime-ridden community," he said. "It's happening here, but it's also happening in the communities that surround us."

Baldes also said it's important for members of the community to talk to one another and spread the word.

"Neighbor needs to tell neighbor," he said. "The community needs to talk, subdivision associations need to talk—we had a few reports of someone hearing a car alarm in the middle of the night and just blowing it off. Neighbors need to talk to neighbors."

Police are on the lookout, as well, he said. The township has two designated patrol officers, and they've been directed to re-

spond to LFA calls and also serve as a "perimeter car" so they can look for suspects leaving the area when a recent LFA is reported.

Meanwhile, the best defense for residents, Baldes said, is to take proactive measures and bring items inside. Otherwise, he recommended placing valuables in the trunk, center console, or covering them with a coat.

"It's such an easy thing to do," he said. "Don't leave an open invitation—take your radio receiver in the house. Don't leave laptops. People will break your windows to steal loose change, digital cameras, golf clubs, skis, purses, anything. Be proactive."

Keeping track of serial numbers is also important, he said. When items are reported stolen, police can enter serial numbers into a computer tracking system to not only help recover lost items, but also to help find criminals when they try to sell the items.

Baldes also encouraged residents to report every incidence of the crime; sometimes, he said, deductibles discourage people from reporting such a theft to their insurance companies.

But, he explained, reports still help police gather evidence and develop patterns:

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Appeals board members have decades of experience

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but I knew absolutely nothing about the community that I lived in (Independence Township) at the time."

Aulgur attributes the success of the board to the local assessing department.

"We have a wonderful assessing department in Independence Township. I would encourage anyone in the township who wants to know anything about their taxes, their SEV, taxable value, to go in and talk to the assessing department," she said.

"The assessing department will share all that they have with them, then when they get to the board of review, I would say approximately 90 percent of them understand what they're assessed for. They may not agree with it, but they understand."

Hogan, licensed realtor and attorney, has been on the board for 12 years. Haran, who has been on the board for six years, was tax assessor for the City of Madison Heights, worked for the Oakland County equalization department, and was in property tax administration for 41 years.

Aulgur, with four years on the board, is a licensed builder, realtor, and land developer, and also sits on the board for the North Oakland Land Conservancy.

"They are one of the most conscientious boards I've worked with," said Beverly Shaver, Independence Township assessor. "They are very knowledgeable, they know the township, they know real-estate and they do listen to the public and read everything presented to them."

Appointed by the township supervisor for two-year terms, they decide cases on a majority-rules basis.

"Usually we all agree, but sometimes there are things that we do disagree on," said

Haran:

"It's up to the supervisor to pick people who have some real-estate knowledge," Hogan said.

The board meets three times each year. In March, they hear appeals of value, poverty and classification.

"We can do what they call a poverty exemption," said Hogan. "We can forgive the assessment, which basically means that there are no taxes."

The criteria for poverty exemption are set by the township board, noted Haran.

In July and December, the board addresses clerical errors, mutual mistakes of fact, and poverty appeals. Cases also include Principal Residence Exemptions from some school taxes.

In March the board is only required by law to meet two days. However, the Assessing Department expands that to five days and two evenings to give more residents a chance to meet with them.

"For the five days that we hear the petitioners and the cases, we have two weeks more of decisions to make," said Aulgur.

"We don't make a decision while the person is here, we just get the facts," said Haran.

"After the public hearing is over, we come together and begin to go through the cases one by one to determine if they're right, if the township is right or if it's somewhere in the middle."

For more information about the Assessment Appeals Board of Review visit the township website www.twp.independence.mi.us or call the township assessing office at 248-625-5111.



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People Poll

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"Family dinner."

-Lauren Bourgeau



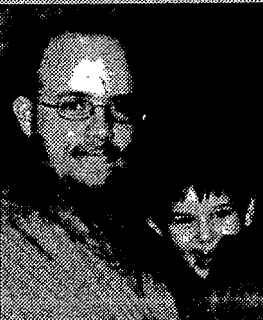
"We take part in the whole religious experience."

-Kim Sampson



"Since the kids are older, we just go to my sisters for dinner."

-Ginny Propst



"Easter egg coloring and the big Easter dinner."

-Rich and Sam Chiuppi

By Lauren Hobbs

The Clarkston News' Millstream

A section dedicated to showcasing the reasons this is a great area to live and work!

Incredible egg

BY LAURA COLVIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Artistic talent and a sharp eye for detail recently earned Debby McMillan a trip to the White House—and perhaps a spot in history.

McMillan, a Springfield Township resident who began dabbling in egg artistry about 10 years ago and has been perfecting her craft ever since, was chosen to represent Michigan in the White House 2008 Easter Egg Collection.

Scheduled for a tour of the White House and a meeting with first lady Laura Bush, McMillan and her family packed up the car March 9 and made a long, overnight drive to Washington D.C.—they hadn't planned to leave until the next day, but heavy snow was in the forecast and this trip was just too important to risk.

"The drive was just awful," said McMillan, who took her husband and two grown daughters along. "But it turned out to be such a nice family vacation, it was worth every minute."

The tradition of the Easter Egg Collection began in 1994 when the American Egg Board first selected an artist from each state to design and create a decorated egg for display in the White House.

While they were in Washington, the family enjoyed a private, unhurried tour, then took part in a small reception in the White House welcome center, where McMillan chatted briefly and posed for a photo with the first lady.

"She was very gracious," McMillan said. "She asked me which part of Michigan I was from and asked me about my egg. She just seemed genuinely interested."

McMillan said she decided on a design somewhat simpler than those she usually creates.

Using a greatly-reduced map as a template, McMillan drew the outline of Michigan's up-

per and lower peninsulas on her egg, cut the pieces out and blended rich blue and green inks, to represent the interaction of Michigan's waters, lands and skies.

"There is no better place to view all of these elements together than from the shores of Mackinac Island," McMillan wrote in the note accompanying her egg to Washington. "From these shores one can view the Round Island Lighthouse (represented inside the egg) which experiences the blending of the waters of both Lake Michigan and Lake Huron. Arising in the background is the enormous 'Big Mac,' (the gold charm inside) as cars pass over and as boats and freighters pass under."

The event was remarkable for McMillan's family, as well. Watching her mother meet the first lady, said daughter Carey Jones of Clarkston, was special.

"I was very proud of her," she said. "I knew it meant a lot to her, so it meant a lot to me too. Sometimes I take the artistic talent in my family for granted, so it was nice to see others really appreciate the work she does."

Jones said her mother has always been creative, and very detail oriented.

"She's not a mainstream artist—she does different things, hard things, and she does them well. She has a very steady hand, and she won't stop until it's perfect."

But to McMillan, if a project—any project—is worth doing, it's worth doing right.

McMillan uses a variety of eggs—real eggs,

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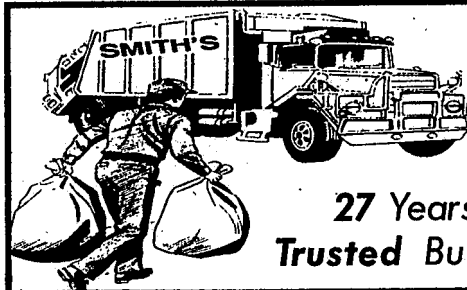
Debby McMillan, who often creates more than one version of a design, poses with an egg similar to the one she presented March 10 to First Lady Laura Bush. Photos by Laura Colvin



ranging from ordinary chicken eggs to ostrich, emu, rhea, and finch eggs—for her projects.

Unlike the dyed and decorated Easter variety, the eggs she creates are modeled after the jewel-studded Faberge first created in Russia.

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The Last Gladiator, comedy, Mt. Zion Theatre Company, 8 p.m., April 4-5 and 11-12. \$10/advance, \$12 at the door. 4900 Maybee Road. 248-409-1120.

Spaghetti Dinner, Righteous Mission Fundraiser, 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., April 5, Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Rd. \$15. 248-625-1611.

The Class Of '73 Reunion, a Southern-themed spoof, Murder Mystery Dinner Theater hosted by Clarkston Area Optimist Club, 7 p.m., April 5. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. \$40. Cash bar, 50/50, silent auction. Southern buffet dinner, coffee bar, homemade lemonade, desserts. Benefits Optimists' youth programs. Knights of Columbus, 5660 Maybee Road. 248-623-7900 or 248-622-6096.

Michigan Fish, 10 a.m., April 5, Environmental Discovery, Indian Springs Metropark. \$1.50 per child plus entry pass, \$4 daily. Children 7 and older. 248-625-6640.

Men's 50+ Softball, Coffee and Donuts Meeting, 9:30 a.m., April 7, Senior Activity Center. Practices Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays weather permitting. Players placed according to ability. League games start May 6. Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

Wint's Healing Hearts Grief Support Group for all ages who have recently lost a loved one, 7 p.m., April 8. Topic: "Emotional Spring Cleaning and open discussion," led by Emily Trahan, bereavement counselor for Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home. Carriage House, Clintonwood Park, Clarkston Road. Free. Walkins welcome. 248-625-5231.

Taste of Spring, a Wine Tasting Gala, Clarkston Rotary Club, 6:30-8:30 p.m., April 9, Oakhurst Country Club. Features Michigan wines. Appetizers prepared by Oakhurst staff. Tick-

Around Town



'Ernest' actors

Oakland Theatre Guild actors Michelle Ankoviak of Clarkston, at left, performs a scene with Shayla Curran of Waterford and Samantha Truesdel of Bloomfield Hills. The guild presents "The Importance of Being Ernest," through April 6. Call 248-335-1788.

ets available from any Clarkston Rotarian or at the Clarkston Chamber. Proceeds benefit Clarkston Rotary's many community projects.

Fundraiser, National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 1-4 p.m., April 13. Vendor open house, raffle. Montessori School of Clarkston, 10439 Ortonville Road. 248-620-1714.

Giggles & Games, for preschoolers, 6:30-8 p.m., April 18, Clintonwood Park Carriage House. Music, crafts, games, socialization in a fun and positive environment. Children only, must be potty trained. Springfield Township Parks and Rec. \$16/resident. \$21/nonresident. 248-846-6558.

Spring Celebration Open House, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., April 19, Environmental Discovery, Indian Springs Metropark. Guided discovery hikes, crafts that use natural and recycled materials, games, activities. Park entry pass, \$4 daily. 248-625-6640.

Infant, Child, Adult CPR, 6-9 p.m., April 24. Springfield Township Parks and Rec. Certified instructors from McLaren Wellness Center. Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Road. 10 years and older. \$30/resident. \$35/nonresident. 248-846-6558.

Benefit dinner, Middle School, Waterford Community Church, for Bike and Hiking excursion in the Upper Peninsula, 4-8 p.m., April 30. Pete's Coney Island II, Dixie Highway. 248-673-3880.

Income Tax Preparation Assistance, 9 a.m.-noon, through April 8. Carriage House, Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

Mothers & More, non-profit dedicated to improving lives of mothers through support, education, advocacy, 7:15 p.m., third Monday, Red Knapp's Restaurant, 6722 Dixie Highway. 248-969-9788.

Drum's Alive Golden Beats, 9-10 a.m., Mondays, Wednesdays, through April 16. Community Education Center, 6558 Waldon Road. \$27 for one day/week; \$54, two days/week; \$6 per class drop-in. All equipment included. 248-625-8231.

Tai Chi, 11 a.m.-noon, Mondays, through April 21. Teacher John Marchewitz studied this Wu Style T'ai Chi Ch'uan form in China. St. Dan's. \$45/10-week session. Call senior center, 248-625-8231.

Clarkston Community Band rehearsals, 7 p.m., Tuesdays. Especially needed: percussion, clarinets, trumpets. \$30/semester. Band room, Sashabaw Middle School, 5565 Pine Knob Lane. Independence Township Parks & Recreation, 248-625-8223 or www.clarkstonband.org.

Gentle Yoga, 8:30 a.m., Tuesdays, through Dec. 11. \$32 for seven weeks. Carriage House, Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

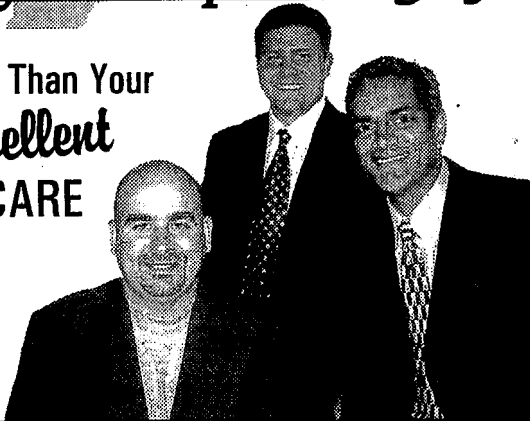
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Trip to Europe just the ticket for musical career

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Clarkston High School senior Kirsten Rogers' love of music is taking her places – this summer, it's taking her to Europe.

Selected to join this year's Blue Lake International Exchange Program, she is set to tour Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, Luxembourg, and the Netherlands.

"I've never been to Europe. I've never been on a plane," said Rogers, 17, daughter of James and Ann Rogers of Independence Township.

Some things she is looking forward to the most:

"Travel, see all the different ancient monuments – I love ruins," she said. "The people. The food – I'm nervous about that because I'm a picky eater. The host families – we'll stay with a different host family every week. It'll be fun."

The trip is a senior gift from her parents, Ann said, but she also plans to seek sponsorships and hold fundraisers in the community and her church, Mt. Zion.

"I think it's a wonderful opportunity for kids to get a broader view of life," James said. "It's well worth the expense."

Kirsten started playing the oboe in the sixth grade.

"My older brother (Nik) chose it for me," she said. "It's tradition."

In turn, she chose the saxophone for her younger brother, J. Mikael, who then picked the clarinet for his younger brother, Markus.

Kirsten herself played alto saxophone in Clarkston High School's marching band, serving as section leader last year, but oboe is her first love.

"I consider the oboe my instrument – sax I do for fun," said Kirsten, who is set to attend Central Michigan University in the fall as a music major. "A trip to Europe – that will be a nice little addition to my transcript."

After college, who knows?
"I don't like thinking about the future," she said. "Music will be there, I hope professionally, but if not, as a hobby. Music is something I'll do everyday"

"She has grown tremendously through her music," James said. "I couldn't be more proud of her."

She is also an artist, drawing classic poses in graphite pencil.

"I've been drawing forever," she said. "People tell me I'm good at it."

She will perform with Blue Lakes' International Northern Winds, a 70-member group directed by Penny Daab Cushway. Blue Lake summer arts school is located in Manistee National Forest north of Muskegon.



Kirsten Rogers, with her prized Loree Royal oboe. Photo by Phil Custodio

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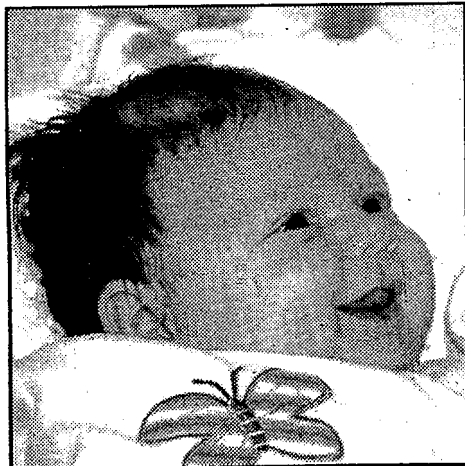
Marsh-Granlund

Andrew and Patricia Marsh of Elyria, Ohio, announce the engagement of Kathleen Elizabeth to Chad Burnley Granlund.

The future groom is the son of Neil and Sharron Granlund of Clarkston.

The bride to be is a graduate of Elyria Catholic high school, Hawaii Pacific University, and Cleveland State.

Chad is a graduate of Clarkston schools and GMI/Kettering University. A June 2008 wedding is planned.



Welcome Lucy

Bart and Danielle (Krato) Roeser of Clarkston are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Lucille 'Lucy' Marguerite. Lucy was born Dec. 22.

Lucy's grandparents are Dr. Doug and Judy Roeser of Clarkston and Ken and Inge Krato of Madison Heights.

She also has a big sister Elke and great-grandmother Ginny Krato.

Students achieve success

Katie Delnick, first-year student at Albion College, recently pledged Alpha Chi Omega sorority. She is the daughter of James and Julie Delnick of Clarkston and a graduate of Clarkston High School.

Eric Kaltz, first-year Albion student majoring in art, pledged Sigma Nu fraternity. He is the son of Richard Kaltz of Clarkston and a graduate of Notre Dame Prep.

David Gardiner, Northwood University junior of Clarkston, will be awarded a Heart and Soul Award April 5 for his service to the community.

Michael Auchter, junior studying computer engineering, was named to the Rose-Hulman Dean's List for Winter Quarter 2007.

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Religion

Easter can be your new beginning

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Easter is proof of that. Jesus gave himself for us so that we can make our second chances count. Try these ideas for living the lessons of Easter:

Start a new day.

What habits can you create, or perhaps suppress, that will help you grow closer to God?

Some would say that you can tell a lot about a person simply by observing their habits. What do your habits say about you?

If we can all agree with the popular saying, "God doesn't make junk", then perhaps we ought to examine our habits.

I encourage you to take a moment to think about what you do, by force of habit, on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis. Then write these things down. Are your habits helping you to become the good creation God intended?

Do you take care of yourself physically, intellectually, emotionally and spiritually? God's intention is for us to live in Easter joy.

This Easter season, start fresh by losing a bad habit or finding a good one!

Spiritual Matters



Cheryl Smith

Roll away the stone.

Sometimes we feel stuck between a rock and a hard place when it comes to our spiritual life. Sure, we're doing everything right, but somehow it seems so routine and without energy.

We have most likely forgotten that our faith is a relationship with God that requires some extra attention once in awhile. So, why not open up the windows of your heart and let the spirit in!

Change it up! If you've never joined a Bible study, maybe now is the time.

How about that service project your Church is promoting? Join the fun!

Maybe you could lend some talent to the business committee. How about singing in the choir or providing musical accompaniment?

It seems there are endless possibilities to roll away that stone and freshen up your faith!

Look for the Lord. Jesus said, "I tell you...there will be more joy in Heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance. (Luke 15:7)

No matter what you have done, God is ready to forgive you if you give him the chance! Sadly, there have been times in our tradition when Christians have been accused

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In our churches...

Special guest speaker Father Peter Dougherty, 9 a.m., March 30, Peace Unity. Father Dougherty is a co-founder of Covenant for Peace, Great Lakes Life Community, Michigan Faith and Resistance, and Michigan Peace Teams. All are invited. Peace Unity meets at Sashabaw Presbyterian 5300 Maybee Road. 248-891-4365.

Rock Hop n' Roll Concert, 7 p.m., April 6. All area youth, grades 6-12, invited to free concert Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Performers: Heath McNease, Attaboy and Hello Kelly. 248-625-1611.

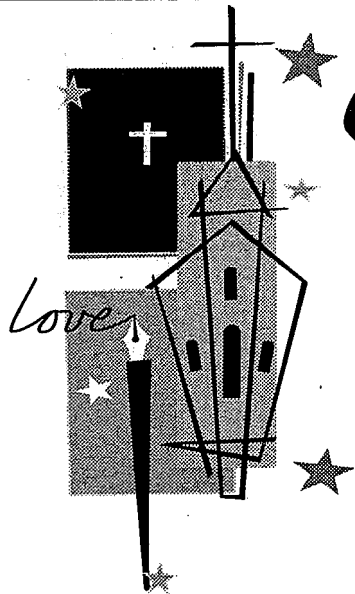
The Sermon on the Mount, ongoing study of Emmett Fox's classic book, 7 p.m., Wednesdays. Facilitated by the Rev. Matthew Long, Peace Unity. Oakland County Alano Club, 5661 Clintonville Road.

Prayer Partner Training, 10:30 a.m., second Sunday. Participants will receive a prayer syllabus. All welcome. Peace Unity, at Sashabaw Presbyterian, 5300 Maybee Road. 248-891-4365.

Bethany North, peer support to all faiths dealing with divorce or separation, general meeting, 7:30 p.m., fourth Monday, Cushing Center, St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park, call Tim, 248-628-6825, or Joann. 248-673-2539.

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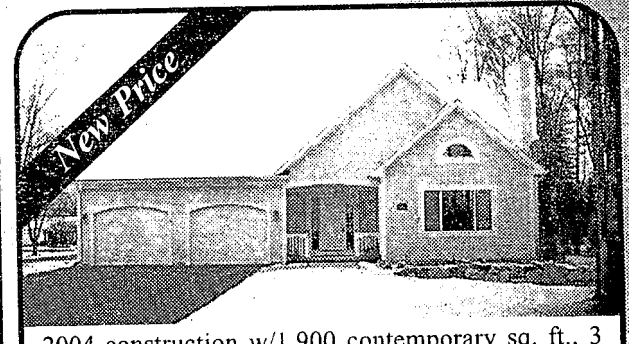
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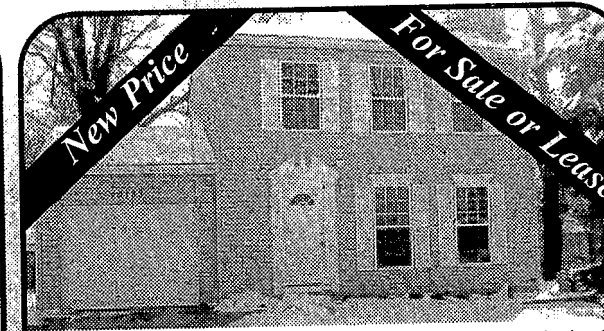
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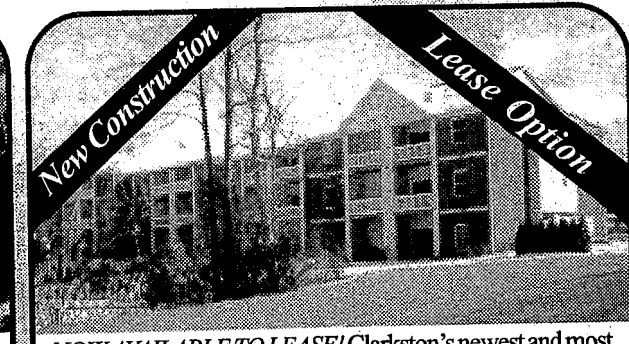
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Spiritual Matters

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Look up! New life is just waiting to burst forth!

Celebrate this Easter season as the fresh start that it's intended to be. By examining your habits, being attentive to your spiritual practices, and returning to the Lord with your whole heart, spring will take on greater meaning than perhaps it has ever had.

Cheryl Smith is director of Adult Faith Formation at St. Daniel Catholic Church.

Talent takes artist to White House

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scores her design on the shell, applies color with ink or other medium in a multi-step process, then gets to the delicate work of cutting with a drill—much like the tool a dentist might use.

"A lot of egg artists don't like to cut," she said, noting that dust generated from the cutting process is toxic and precautionary measures are crucial. "It's time consuming and tedious, but I love it."

But cutting the egg is just the beginning of the detail work. McMillan uses tiny rhinestones, beads and other embellishments on her eggs, and often applies each piece—one by one, exactly where it belongs—with a toothpick.

"It's time consuming and expensive," she said. "But if I'm going to do it, I'm going to use the best quality supplies and do it right."

She also continues her own learning process, seeking out other artists, classes and seminars.

"I'm always interested in learning something new," she said.

Although McMillan began exploring egg artistry about 10 years ago, her artistic inclinations can be traced to childhood.

"My mother was an artist," she said, pointing out a living room cabinet that displays some of her mother's work. "I was exposed to art—and took a lot of art classes—from an early age."

Early on, she enjoyed sewing and knitting. When she graduated from high school,

McMillan's parents gave her a large weaving loom, which still occupies part of her home.

She also learned macramé, flower arranging, ceramics and pottery and stained glass. Lately, McMillan is working on perfecting her skill at painting on glass in reverse. Her work is displayed throughout the house—the eggs, several dozen, sit in two large glass cases in the dining room.

Some are based on storybook-themes—Raggedy Ann and Andy, Romeo and Juliet, Rapunzel, Jack and the Beanstalk. Others are whimsical or Easter-inspired, and many even have tiny lights and moving parts—like a child's swing or teeter-totter. One group sparkles in red, white and blue patriotic themes.

"I was brought up to be patriotic," she said. "So the Washington trip took on extra meaning. Everyone should visit Washington and everyone should spend an afternoon at Arlington."

The best part of her artistry, McMillan said, comes when she gives her work away.

"I can usually feel what people want for a gift," she said. "Knowing someone really liked something I made is worth more to me than anything else."

Except, perhaps, a homemade gift in return. McMillan doesn't care what shape the gift takes—if someone put the time, energy and, ultimately the love into making something just for her, well—that's the best gift ever.

In our churches

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Calvary Lutheran Church has a weekly **Wednesday Evening FEAST**. Dinner is served at 6 p.m., worship at 6:50 p.m. and classes for all ages from 7:15- 8:30 p.m. The church offers a free nursery. Calvary Lutheran Church at 6805 Bluegrass Drive in Clarkston at the southwest corner of M-15 and I-75. 248-625-3288.

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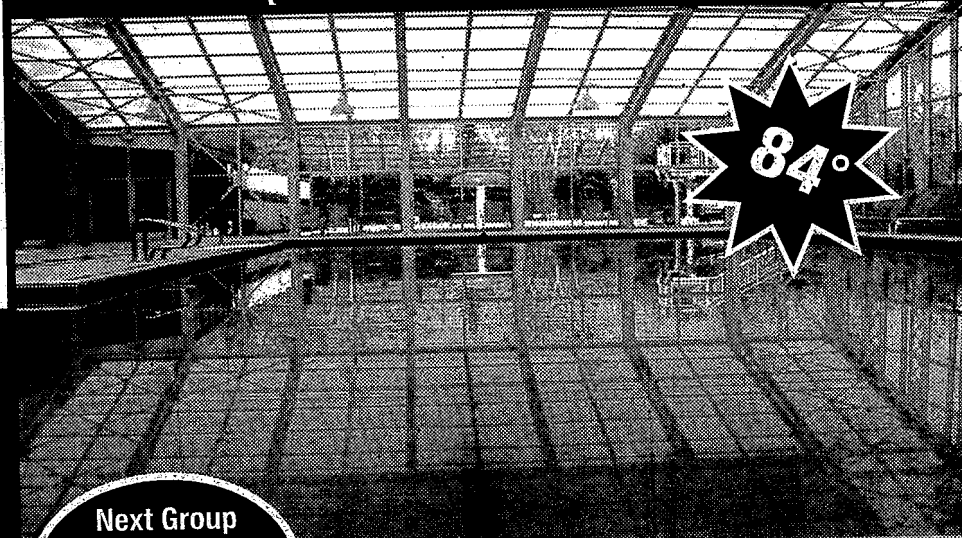
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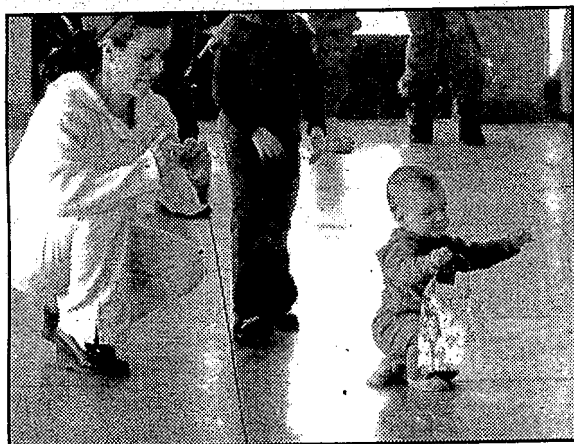
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Katelyn Cuthrell picks out craft supplies to make a flower.



Brenon Hanson races his mom, Shanon, to the eggs.

EGGS-CITEMENT AT INDIAN SPRINGS

After sharing laughter and smiles with Rosco the Clown, children raced to fill their baskets during the Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday.

Children had an opportunity to build a bug, make a Robin's nest, and make a flower pot filled with their own handmade flowers in the craft area. They visited a talking Dogwood tree that made a special appearance to teach them about the environment.

Photo Story by Wendi Reardon



Macaira Midgley and Xavier Miller join other children 3-4 years old, filling their bags with Easter eggs.



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BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

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"We do lotions, potions, oils and herbs," said owner Autumn Anderson.

Widdershins offers an array of scented products, also including bath and body lotions and scrubs, homemade soaps, and incense.

"I buy the oils from all over the world, from New York, California, India, China, just certain oils, certain companies make better," she said. "I probably have 50 vendors that I buy them from. Then we custom blend them when we get them to make different scents."

Widdershins has a variety of scents from fruit, floral, citrus, woody, oriental, and combinations.

The unique thing about Widdershins is customers can mix the oils to create their own scents, noted Anderson.

"If you go to Bath & Body works it's already done for you," she said. "If you're looking at cucumber and ginger, but hate ginger, you can't just buy the cucumber. Here you can buy just the cucumber or just the ginger."

The store was originally called "The Pampered Lady," and started more than 30 years ago by founder Judy Rood. She was influential in bringing essential and fragrant oils to the mid-west. In her Holly boutique, Rood created scents, soaps, lotions and potions. Her own custom blends are still internationally renowned to this day.

"She was the one who started the scent revolution. People all over the world know who this company is because people would say 'Oh I know Judy, she made this scent, this scent and this scent,'" Anderson said. "From California to New York, she was quite the lady, she was quite something."

Anderson took over "The Pampered Lady" in 1998 after Rood died, and moved the store from Holly to Davisburg.

"I haven't been in that alley (Holly) for 10 years and people are still looking for me there," said Anderson.



Autumn Anderson, with some of her many bottles of oils. Photo by Trevor Keiser

Along with the move to Davisburg, Anderson changed the store name to Widdershins, which means "backwards in time."

"Which was perfect for the Renaissance Festival," said Anderson.

Widdershins has been involved in the festival since it started 28 years ago.

While doing Widdershins part-time, Anderson was a designer and event planner, planning all the building shows at Rock Financial, but quit her job to put her full-time effort into Widdershins.

Within the first two months of being in Davisburg, Anderson has had three fairs to bring customers to her store, and all three attracted about 100 people, she said.

"Every parking space is full and people are lined up outside the door to get in," she said. "It's just been fabulous, so I know everyone's into getting more into commu-

nity, seeing the smaller businesses succeed and buying their stuff from the smaller businesses instead of like Wal-Mart, K-Mart and the big box stores."

With spring season here, Anderson said she hopes to have a concert series and other events like an art show and drum circle.

Anderson works with her daughter Paige, 23, a student at the University of Michigan studying Psychology and English.

"She loves this oil stuff so much more than I do," said Autumn. "She's just really getting into it, so I thought I will naturally progress into the events and she can start taking over here."

She will host a private concert by Jill Jack at the store on April 18. For more information about Widdershins and events, visit www.widdershinonline.com or call Autumn Anderson at 810-422-8320.

Business News

John Cocciolone, president and CEO of Easter Seals-Michigan, has been accepted into the 2008 class of Leadership Michigan.

Cocciolone, of Clarkston, received a BA in special education from Michigan State University and an MSA in Health Care Finance from Central Michigan University.

Leadership Michigan, founded in 1988 by Michigan Chamber Foundation, offers sessions around the state on issues including automotive, agricultural, forestry, politics and judiciary, health care, environment, workforce development, and education.

He is one of 32 professionals admitted to this year's program.

Clarkston High School graduate Julie Deppner has been named principal of Chelsea High School. She has been assistant principal since 2003.

Deppner grew up in Clarkston and graduated from Clarkston High School in 1986. She attended Central Michigan University, earning a bachelor's degree in 1990 with a mathematics major and Spanish minor.

She lives in Chelsea with her husband Dennis and their two sons, Nicholas and Drew. She has worked in the Chelsea School District for 13 years.

She recently completed an Education Specialist degree from Eastern Michigan University and plans to pursue a doctorate in education.

She is the daughter of Al and Gari Monroe of Clarkston.

Cygnit Financial Freedom House offers free financial education April 22 at the American Legion Post 63, 8047 Ortonville Road in Independence Township.

Topics will include how to protect one's finances against telemarketers, misleading credit card reward offers, multilevel marketing schemes, fake contests, unnecessary service contracts, trust seminars and similar financial gimmicks.

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Chamber of Commerce President Lou Melone and Salon & Spa Owner Dawn Kaczor, along with Sarina Stanley, Judy Pitts, Jessica Kaczor and the rest of the Avanti Spa & Salon workers celebrate the ribbon cutting of the new building and 10th anniversary of the spa. *Photo by Trevor Keiser.*



Lacey Stone Salerno, Bill Burr, and Heidi Nettler, at the March 20 Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce luncheon at Oakhurst Country Club.

Learning about business loans at chamber lunch

Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce members learned about Traditional Financing at the March 20 luncheon and business education seminar.

Guest Speaker Don Bolton discussed what you need to know when approaching a bank or applying for an SBA loan at the meeting, hosted by Oakhurst Country Club.



Ed Adler and Donna Bullard visit at the luncheon.



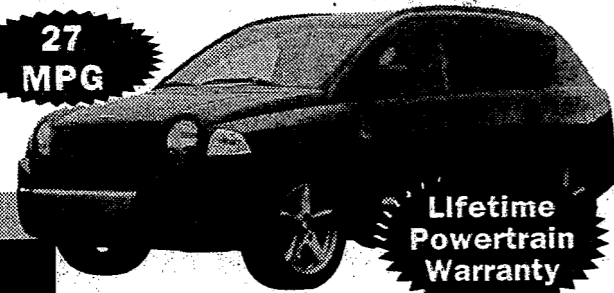
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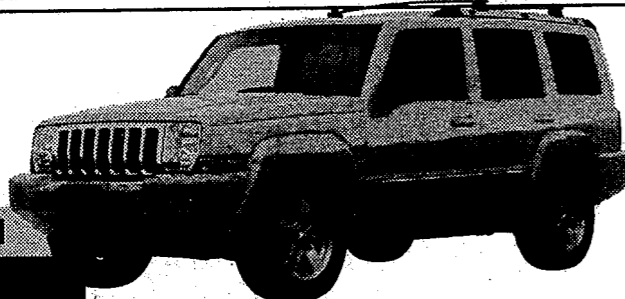
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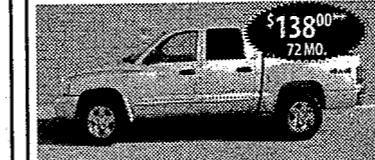


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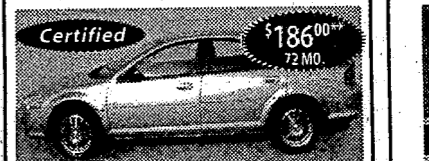
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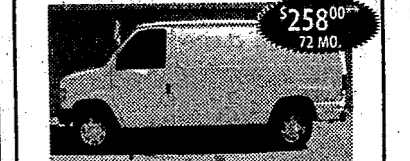
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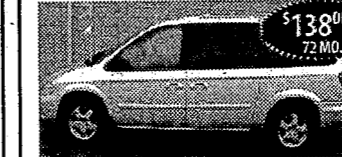
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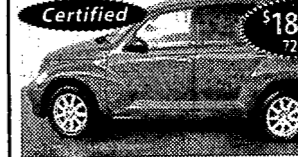


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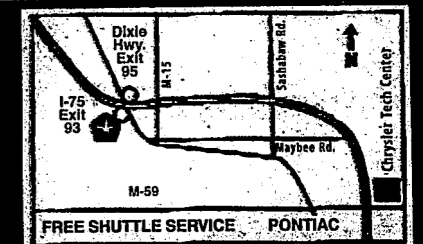
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**NOTICE OF ADOPTION
AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE NO. 16
JUNK, ANTI-LITTER AND
ANTI-POLLUTION ORDINANCE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at a Regular Meeting held March 13, 2008, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Springfield adopted amendments to Ordinance No. 16, Junk, Anti-Litter and Anti-Pollution Ordinance, which amendments are set forth herein and shall take effect seven (7) days after publication of this Notice of Adoption.

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND
ORDINANCE NO. 16, JUNK, ANTI-LITTER AND
ANTI-POLLUTION ORDINANCE**

AN ORDINANCE TO SECURE THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD BY THE REGULATION OF OUTDOOR PARKING AND STORAGE OF MOTOR VEHICLES, TRACTOR TRAILERS, TRAVEL TRAILERS, MOBILE HOMES, NEW OR USED PARTS OR JUNK THEREFROM, PROHIBITING THE THROWING AND DEPOSITING OF ANY LITTER ON PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROPERTY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, PROHIBITING THE MAINTENANCE OF A PUBLIC NUISANCE, AND PRESCRIBING THE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF ANY OF ITS PROVISIONS AND TO REPEAL ANY ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

The Charter Township of Springfield ordains:

The Junk, Anti-Litter and Anti-Pollution Ordinance, Ordinance No. 16, is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:

Section 1. Short Title.

This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the "JUNK, ANTI-LITTER AND ANTI-POLLUTION ORDINANCE".

Section 2. Purpose

The purpose of this Ordinance is to recognize that blight is observable at different stages of severity, and that moderate blight left uncorrected creates a strong probability of severe blight to follow. To that effect, this Ordinance limits and restricts the outdoor storage, parking or unreasonable accumulation of junk, unused, partially dismantled or inoperable and/or unlicensed motor vehicles, trailers, tractor-trailers, new or used parts thereof, travel trailers, mobile homes, new and used personal property of any description, whether held for resale or not; to prohibit the depositing of litter on private property, public property, and onto bodies of water; and to prohibit the maintenance of a public nuisance.

Section 3. Definitions

3.01 "Motor Vehicle" means every vehicle that is self-propelled.

3.02 "Mobile Home" means a factory assembled portable structure designed or used for year-round residence purposes, designed and built to be towed on its own chassis, connected to utilities, and installed on a homesite with or without a permanent foundation.

3.03 "Trailer" means every vehicle without motive power designed to be drawn by another vehicle and attached to the towing vehicle by means of a reach, pole or any other device and ordinarily used for the transporting of goods of any shape or description, whether or not the bed of said trailer shall be open to the elements or enclosed.

3.04 "Litter" shall mean any garbage, refuse, waste, rubbish, food containers or wrappings, discarded furniture boxes, crates, rags, discarded clothing, floor coverings, wallpaper, sweepings, newspapers or magazines, discarded appliances, offal, paper, cans, bottles, jars, trash or debris, whether animal, mineral or vegetable or whether such be constructed or manufactured, yard debris or rubbish, construction debris, including, but not limited to broken, rotted, deteriorated lumber, bricks, blocks, plumbing or heating materials, roofing materials, concrete, cement electrical materials, and siding.

3.05 "Public Nuisance" shall mean any act or omission to act on the part of any person, which creates or permits the existence of a situation which annoys, injures or endangers the peace, welfare, order, health or safety of the public in their persons or property. As defined herein, a nuisance includes, but is not limited to, emanations from noise, glare, lights, vibration, dust, smoke, odor, gas, steam, fly-ash, soot, acids, chemicals, fumes, cinders, worms, insects, rodents, flies, decaying matter, whether such effects and emanations are natural or result from human or mechanical alteration or manipulation of materials. A nuisance also includes the

accumulation of personal property for future use or sale, garbage containers, building materials and equipment, scaffolding, and other personal property that offends public decency or aesthetic sensibilities. A nuisance includes a condition which is indecent, obnoxious, or offensive to the senses.

Section 4. Storage and Parking

A. No person, firm or corporation shall park, store or cause or permit to be parked or stored upon any property within the Township of Springfield, any inoperable and/or unlicensed motor vehicle, watercraft, and trailer, including but not limited to all vessels, boats, recreational vehicles, off-road vehicles, snowmobiles, mobile homes, and campers, or new or used parts or junk therefrom unless the same be wholly contained within a fully enclosed building and does not, in addition thereto, violate any Zoning Ordinance or Building Code of the Township of Springfield or the State of Michigan.

B. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be interpreted to prohibit:

(1) Any operable farming and agricultural machinery and equipment on private property, provided, however, that (a) it is not parked, placed or stored in the front yard; and (b) it does not otherwise violate any of the Zoning Ordinances or Building Codes of the Township of Springfield or the State of Michigan.

(2) Duly licensed vehicles or trailers that are temporarily inoperable because of minor mechanical failures but which are not in any manner dismantled and have substantially all main component parts attached which may remain upon said private property not, however, upon any public right-of-way or public property for a period of time not to exceed fourteen days.

C. No repairing, redesigning, modifying or dismantling work or operations shall be allowed upon any motor vehicle, watercraft, or trailer or part thereof upon any public right-of-way or public property or upon any private property within the Township of Springfield, except such as may be accomplished within a fully enclosed building, provided further, however, if no fully enclosed building is located upon the premises, the same repairing, redesigning, modifying or dismantling work or operation, if not otherwise unlawful, may be conducted upon the premises for a period of time not to exceed one week. Repairing, redesigning, dismantling work or operations will not be permitted on any premises where the conduct of such work or operation would constitute a nuisance or annoyance, public or private, and/or is in violation of any provision of the Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance, Building Code or any law of the State of Michigan. Nothing contained herein shall prohibit such occasional minor repair work as may infrequently be required to maintain a vehicle or trailer or part thereof in normal operating condition, provided, however, that such minor repair work can be completed within a (48) forty-eight hour period.

Section 5. Littering

No person shall dump, deposit, throw or leave, or cause or permit the dumping, depositing, placing, throwing or leaving of litter upon any public or private property, or upon any lake, stream, pond or river within the Township, except in receptacles for collection or an official Township dump, and provided further that persons placing litter in receptacles shall do so in such a manner as to prevent it from being carried or deposited by the elements upon any public or private property.

Section 6. Public Nuisance

No person shall permit a public nuisance to exist on his/her property within the Township of Springfield.

Section 7. Penalties

A. A violation of the Charter Township of Springfield Anti-Litter and Anti-Pollution Ordinance, shall be deemed to be a municipal civil infraction and shall be subject to the following fines:

1. **The First Offense/Fourth Occurrence.** The civil fine for a first offense violation shall be in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), plus costs and other sanctions, for each offense.
2. **First Repeat of Offense/Fifth Occurrence.** The civil fine for any offense which is a first repeat offense shall be in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00), plus costs and other sanctions, for each offense.
3. **Second or any Subsequent Repeat of Offense/Sixth or Subsequent Occurrence.** The civil fine for any offense which is a second or subsequent repeat offense shall be in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), plus costs and other sanctions, for each offense.

Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to limit the remedies available to the Township in the event of a violation of this Ordinance.

B. In addition to ordering the defendant determined to be responsible for a municipal civil in-

fraction to pay a civil fine, costs, damages, and expenses, the Judge or Magistrate shall be authorized to issue any judgment, writ or order necessary to enforce, or enjoin violation of, this Ordinance.

C. Continuing Offense. Each act of violation and each day upon which any such violation shall occur shall constitute a separate offense.

D. Remedies Not Exclusive. In addition to any remedies provided for in this Ordinance, any equitable or other remedies available may be sought.

E. Judge or Magistrate. The Judge or Magistrate shall also be authorized to impose costs, damages, and expenses as provided by law.

F. Default on Payment of Fines and Costs. A default in the payment of a civil fine, costs, damages, or expenses ordered under Subsection A or B, or an installment of the fine, costs, damages or expenses as allowed by the court, may be collected by the Charter Township of Springfield by a means authorized for the enforcement of a judgment under Chapter 40 or 60 of the Revised Judicature Act, MCL 600.101, et. seq., MSA 27A.101, et. Seq., as amended.

G. Failure to Comply With Judgment or Order. If a defendant fails to comply with an order or judgment issued pursuant to this Section within the time prescribed by the court, the court may proceed under Subsection I.

H. Failure to Appear in Court. A defendant who fails to answer a citation or notice to appear in court for a violation of this Ordinance is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), plus costs and/or imprisonment not to exceed ninety (90) days.

I. Civil Contempt.

1. If a defendant defaults in the payment of a civil fine, costs, damages, expenses, or installment as ordered by the district court, upon motion of the Township of Springfield or upon its own motion, the court may require the defendant to show cause why the defendant should not be held in civil contempt and may issue a summons, order to show cause, or bench warrant of arrest for the defendant's appearance.
2. If a corporation or an association is ordered to pay a civil fine, costs, damages, or expenses, the individuals authorized to make disbursements shall pay the fine, costs, damages, or expenses, and their failure to do so shall be civil contempt unless they make the showing required in this subsection.
3. Unless the defendant shows that the default was not attributable to an intentional refusal to obey the order of the court, or to a failure on his or her part to make a good faith effort to obtain the funds required for payment, the court shall find that the default constitutes a civil contempt and may order the defendant committed until all or a specified part of the amount due is paid.
4. If it appears that the default in the payment of a civil fine, costs, damages, or expenses does not constitute civil contempt, the court may enter an order allowing the defendant additional time for payment, or reducing the amount of payment or of each installment.
5. The terms of imprisonment on civil contempt for nonpayment of a civil fine, costs, damages, or expenses shall be specified in the order of commitment and shall not exceed one day for each Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) due. A person committed for nonpayment of a civil fine, costs, damages, or expenses shall be given credit toward payment for each day of imprisonment and each day of detention in default of recognition before judgment at the rate of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) per day.
6. A defendant committed to imprisonment for civil contempt for nonpayment of a civil fine, costs, damages or expenses shall not be discharged from custody until one of the following occurs:
 - i. Defendant is credited with the amount due pursuant to Subsection I(5).
 - ii. The amount due is collected through execution of process or otherwise.
 - iii. The amount due is satisfied pursuant to a combination of Subsections I(6)(i) and (ii).
7. The civil contempt shall be purged upon discharge of the defendant pursuant to Subsection I(6).

J. Lien Against Land, Building or Structure. If a defendant does not pay a civil fine, costs or installment ordered under Subsections A or B within thirty (30) days after the date upon which the payment is due for a violation of this Ordinance involving the use or occupation of land, a building or other structure, the Charter Township of Springfield may obtain a lien against the land, building, or structure involved in the violation by recording a copy of the court order requiring payment of the fine and costs with the Register of Deeds for Oakland County. The court order shall not be recorded unless a legal description of the property is incorporated in or attached to the court order.

1. The lien is effective immediately upon recording of the court order with the Register of Deeds.
2. The court order recorded with the Register of Deeds shall constitute the pendency of the lien. In addition, a written notice of lien shall be sent by Springfield Township by first class mail to the owner of record of the land, building, or structure at the owner's last known address.
3. The lien may be enforced and discharged by the Charter Township of Springfield in the manner described by its Charter, by the General Property Tax Act, Act No. 206 of the Public Acts of 1893, being Sections 211.1, 211.157 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, or by an ordinance duly passed by the Township. However, property is not subject to sale under Section 60 of Act No. 206 of the Public Acts of 1893, being Section 211.60 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, for nonpayment of a civil fine or costs or an installment ordered under Subsections A or B, unless the property is also subject to sale under Act No. 206 of Public Acts of 1893 for delinquent property taxes.
4. A lien created under this Section has priority over any other lien unless one or more of the following apply:
 - i. The other lien is a lien for taxes of special assessments.
 - ii. Federal law provides the other lien has priority.
 - iii. The other lien is recorded before the lien under this Section is recorded.
5. The Township may institute an action in a court of competent jurisdiction for collection of the fines and costs imposed by a court order for a violation of this Ordinance. However, an attempt by the Township to collect the fines or costs does not invalidate or waive the lien upon the land, building, or structure.
6. A lien provided for by this subsection shall not continue for a period longer than five (5) years after a copy of the court order imposing a fine or cost is recorded unless within that time an action to enforce the lien is commenced.

Section 8. Repealer

All ordinances and portions of ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 9. Severability

Should any provision or part of this Ordinance be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the same shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the balance of this Ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 10. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect following publication in the manner prescribed by law. This Ordinance shall be published in the manner provided by law.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of amendments to Springfield Township Ordinance No. 16, Junk, Anti-Litter and Anti-Pollution Ordinance, adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Springfield Township Board held on the thirteenth day of March, 2008. A copy of the ordinance and related documents may be inspected or obtained at the office of the Springfield Township Clerk, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350 during regular business hours. Anyone needing a special accommodation should contact the Clerk's Office at least two (2) business days in advance. 248-846-6510.

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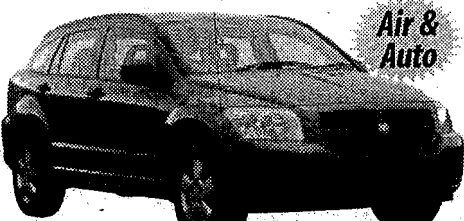
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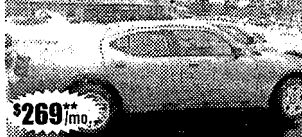
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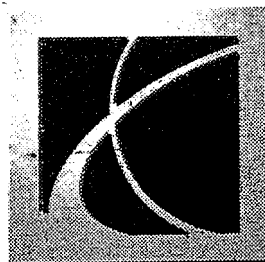
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