

Take a breather: After two tough games, the Clarkston Wolves finally got a break in their schedule. and Deana Kanipe (20) helped make good use of it in an easy win over Berkley./**B1**

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his week we conclude our look at the group "Countryside," formed in 1911 by a group of Oakland County women to preserve the lakes region. In the past we looked at their efforts to improve roads for tourists to the region, and to keep the area clean Once these initial concerns were under control, the group moved on to other charitable contributions. By 1915 the group had 100 members. They held fund-raisers such as raffles, bake sales, bridge parties and flower shows, and awarded scholarships. They joined the National Fruit and Flower Guild in distributing surplus food from their farms or gardens to the sick in hospitals and institutions. In 1916 they began to support the Detroit Free Press Fresh Air. Camp for inner city children, eventually helping to build the mess hall (now the Sylvan Lake Community Center) and continuing to support the camp until 1959. During World War I they opened a canning center where area residents could pay to have their garden surplus canned. George Booth loaned his private school (now Cran-brook) for the center. All proceeds

brook) for the center. All proceeds
went to the war effort. After the war,
the center was reopened during the
Depression to preserve and distribute
food to the needy.

Still going strong today, the Countryside Improvement Association is
strictly philanthropic. Its efforts are
mainly concentrated in West Bloomfield Township and Oakland County

Vintage Clarkston is written by Kim Huttenlocher; vice-president of the Clarkston Community Historical Society 1888 - 1887 - 1887 - 1888

Township tax bills won't rise in



and the news for taxpayers is good. Township, property tax bills are expected to stay about the same as last year, yet services, such as police protection, are expected to stay about the same as last year, yet services, such as police protection, are expected to stay about the same as last year, yet services, such as police protection, are expected to stay about the instantant of the ins police protection, are expected to increase.

BY CAROLYN WALKER

Independence Township residents won't see much of a tax increase, if any, when they get their township tax bills Dec. 1, according to Assessor David Kramer.

In the meantime, the township, which is in "a healthy financial condition," will consider adding two additional police officers and an investiga-tor when it adopts its \$6,2 million bud-get for 1998 later this month. The budget is up \$1.3 million from last year.

At a special meeting on Sept. 24, board members voted to set the millage levy rates that will support the town-

The 1997 levies were approved at a lower rate than those set by the board last year for this year's budget. The

rates went down, but the taxable val-ues went up a little bit," Kramer said.

Township officials expect the 7.9154 millage rate to bring in \$6,229,649 in revenue. A homeowner with a home having a taxable value of \$100,000 would pay \$791.54 in township property taxes under the new tax rate. (School taxes make up the lion's share of property tax bills.)

And while they heard budget propos limited to the inflation rate, which saw ... als from the township's department an increase of 2.8 percent, he said. ... heads at their Sept. ... 17, and 24 mept ... "The bottom-line is the township lines, board members agreed not to formally adopt the budget until a regular meeting in October.

The board unanimously agreed to set the seven millage rates at somewhat less than those approved by the voters due to the township's relative financial

Because the township is in such a

Please see TAXES, A8



Jalled: Pine Knob Elementary fourth graders Marcus Craft, Beth Gjergjaj, Jillian Fecteau, Anne Maxwell and Sara Hartley spend time behind bars after straying from their "families" while reenacting pioneer tife at Camp Tamarack, Ortonville.

Pioneer play

4th-graders try log cabin life

BY JAN BAKER SPECIAL WRITER

One "family" survived an entire year of pioneer life with beaver pelts to spare and enough food to feed its third cousins.

Another less-organized clan ultimately had to mosey up to that Big Log Cabin in the Sky after ers forgot to chop wood for a shelter But whether they were sticklers for security or

carefree cutups, fourth-graders from Clarkston's Pine Knob Elementary became ardent settlers in the simulated 1800s town of Smokler at Camp Tamarack in Ortonville on Sept. 24.

According to Pine Knob teachers Lisa Gia-obone, Debbie Luczyn and Marion MacCarrollthe survival experience at the mock town site corresponded with a year-long focus on Michigan as well as the learning themes of family and



Smokler: Camp Tamarack's 1800s town :- See PIONEERS, A6: includes a windmill, animals and barn.



Target practice: Allison Kanous shoots a paper "deer" as Katie Blouin watches.



Deputy sheriff: Brenda Lawson keeps an eye out for stray kids.



Modern outhouses: Fortunately, not everything in the 1800s town was authentic

Schools grow by 107 pupils; officials to analyze numbers

The Clarkston School District has grown by 107 students this year, and one school board member calls that increase no surprise

Board president Karen Foyteck said Monday that she "feels comfortable" with the district's numbers from this year's Fourth Friday count. The official student enrollment figure — which was calculated this year on the fourth Wednesday of September — deter-

mines the amount of state funding a

district will receive.

According to that count, the district gained 61 elementary students, 16 pupils in the middle grades and 30 additional high school students since the September 1996 tally.

"There are no surprises in these numbers," Foyteck said. "I think we're falling pretty much, where we thought we'd be. The numbers are a little lower than the projections and they would than the projections said they would

See FOURTH PRIDAY, A8

Crowned queen



Clarkston royalty: Heather Midkiff (center) "tapped" coming queen . Friday, will reign: over festivities

Springfield levies top tax rate to prepare for new town hall

BY CAROLYN WALKER

The Springfield Township Board, preparing for the expense of building a new township com-



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plex soon, voted unanimously Sept. 23 to approve the township's 1998 millage rates and \$1.6 million budget, levying for the first time in several years the maximum allowed by law.

"We usually try most years, at least with one of the funds, not to levy the maximum," said Clerk Nancy Strole. "This was one of the years which we felt we would have to levy the maximum that we could."

Levying a total of 4.6980 mills, board members hope to put away money for the future construction of a township complex, said Supervisor Collin Walls, Last year's millage rate was 4.3298

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Walls said he did not expect any unusual or large expenses in 1998 other than that of a fire department pumper which has already been ordered and which, according to Strole, will be paid for over a five-year loan.

"We are preparing for a future expenditure that will be very significant," Walls added, referring to the complex building that he hopes will be under way in two to five years. Plans for the complex are still in their infancy, but it could house new township government offices and the like.

Saying that Springfield officials like to have money in place before they authorize purchases, Walls called their rationale, "get the money before you spend it."

Government officials anticipate a revenue of \$1.637.725 for the general fund, which supports many of the township's expenses including those incurred by the parks and recreation department. Aside from taxes, much of the balance of the general fund is made up of state-shared revenue, said Strole. Last year's general-fund budget \$1,430,580.

The millage rates approved for supporting the 1998 budget are: 1.1072 mills for the general

- fund, expected to generate
- .9926 mills for the fire fund, expected to generate \$314,000.
- 2.1336 mills for the police fund, expected to generate
- .4646 mills for the library fund, expected to generate approximately \$160,000.

In addition, the board approved a revenue and expenditure of \$88,000 for the cable fund. Money for that fund is generated by franchise fees. Revenues and expenditures of \$22,800 were approved for the Shiawassee Basin Preserve fund. supported by the general fund.

The new millage rates will be reflected in the winter tax bills, said Treasurer Lois Stiles, The bills will be mailed in late November and are payable beginning Dec. 1 through Feb. 14, she said.

Fun run



She's not heavy; she's my sister: Maxx Johnson, a student at Springfield Plains Elementary School, carries his little sister, Cari, during the school's Fun Run Friday.



Money maker: Students and faculty run and walk around the parking lot of Springfield Plains after gathering pledges for the Fun Run. The PTA's only fund-raiser of the year, the annual event earned \$18,000 for the school, said Principal Sharon Devereaux.



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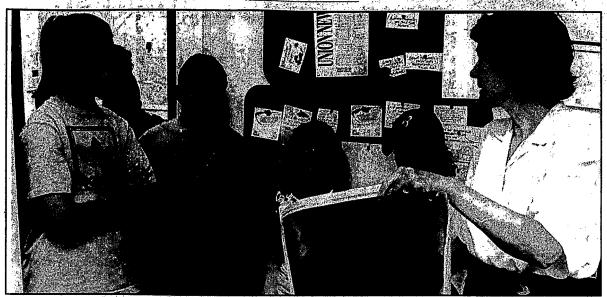
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Newsroom tour



Journalism 101: Clarkston Eccentric editor Karen Hermes-Smith (right), conducting a tour of the Eccentric newsroom for a group of home schoolers, explains how newspapers decide what stories to publish. From left to right are Berryl Pappas, 12; teacher Pam Buhler; George Buhler, 11; Chelsey Buhler, 9; and Joel Pappas, 11, all of Ortonville. The students also interviewed Eccentric staffers about their jobs and watched how the Eccentric is assembled electronically on a computer screen,

POLICE NEWS

During the week of Sept. 22-29, the following incidents were reported to police and fire agencies in Independence and Springfield townships and the city of

Clarkston Police

On Sept. 30, police officers were investigating the possibili-ty that the theft of a truck from a Holcomb Street residence and the vandalism of a truck on South Main Street were relat-

Both incidents took place during the early morning hours of Sept. 30, said Chief Paul Ormiston. A 1992 gray Chevrolet 1/2ton pickup was stolen from a North Holcomb Street residence and a cassette disc player was stolen from a truck on South Main Street.

"We also know there was an effort to steal the entire truck (from South Main)," Ormiston said. Police have no suspects.

On Sept. 23, officers investigated an accident at Washington and Main streets. Two drivers attempted to negotiate left turns, from opposite directions, at the same time. There were no injuries or citations issued.

On Sept. 24, officers assisted a Middle Lake Road resident

who had sustained a back injury. On Sept. 25, officers assisted a diabetic patient who was feeling faint at a residence on North Holcomb Street.

Springfield Police

Thefts

On Sept. 23, tools were reported stolen from a shed on Louise

On Sept. 26, a golf bag and clubs were reported stolen from a residence on Stonegate.

Vandalism

On Sept. 23, officers investipersons had soaped the windows of several cars and let the air out of several of the cars' tires while they were parked at a residence on **Ute Point**.

On Sept. 24, officers responded to a report that 14 windows had been broken with rocks at a house under construction on Osprey Bay.

On Sept. 27, officers investigated a pole barn fire on Andersonville Road.

Accidental Shooting

On Sept. 22, officers responded to a report that an 11-year-old boy had accidentally been shot in the arm by a BB, fired from a BB gun by another child at a residence on Morning Street.

Independence Police

Thefts

On Sept. 22, tools were reported stolen from a building on Woodhull: On Sept. 22, a trailer was

reported stolen from a residence on Parkwood Boulevard. On Sept. 23, cement chutes

were reported stolen from a construction site on Waldon Creek. On Sept. 23, tools were reported stolen from a residence on Garnet Circle.

On Sept. 24, money was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Clintonville Road.
On Sept. 24, approximately

\$120 was reported stolen from a residence on Perry Lake Road. On Sept. 25, a cellular phone

was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on East Church

On Sept. 25, a cellular phone was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Clearview.
On Sept. 26, a truck was

eported stolen while parked on Lancaster Hill. On Sept. 26, a light mixer was

reported stolen from a construc-tion site on Sashabaw Road. On Sept. 26, a motorcycle was

reported stolen from a residence on Lancaster Hill. On Sept. 26, a motorcycle was reported stolen from a residence

on Lancaster Court.
On Sept. 27, a circular saw was reported stolen from a

garage on **Glenalda.**On Sept. 27, a cellular phone was reported stolen from a vehi-

cle parked on Dixie Highway. On Sept. 27, a ring of shrimp was reported stolen from Kroger's on Dixie Highway.

On Sept. 27, a tool box was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Williamson.

On Sept. 28, a television was reported stolen from a residence on Sunnyside.

Vandalism

On Sept. 25, lattice and a window were reported damaged at a residence on Dale Court.

On Sept. 26, a window and steering column were reported damaged on a vehicle parked on Lancaster Hill.

Independence Fire

On Sept. 22, fire fighters assisted a person having difficulty breathing at a residence on Tappon.

assisted a man who fell from a ladder at a residence on New-

assisted a person who was having severe leg pain at a residence on Oak Park On Sept. 23, fire fighters

On Sept. 22, fire fighters

assisted a patient who was in possible cardiac arrest at a residence on Woodstone Court. On Sept. 24, fire fighters

assisted a 14-year-old male with a possible back injury from a fall at Clarkston High School on Middle Lake Road. On Sept. 24, fire fighters assisted a person who was having seizures at a residence on

North Eston Road. On Sept. 24, fire fighters assisted a 43-year-old man with a back injury at a residence on

Middle Lake Road.
On Sept. 25, fire fighters assisted a patient who was having diabetic problems at a residence on Mann Road.

On Sept. 26, fire fighters assisted a person who was hav-ing chest pains and difficulty breathing at a residence on Hummingbird.

On Sept. 27, fire fighters attended a vehicle fire on north-bound 1-75 south of Sashabaw Road.

Planners OK concept of Beaumont offices

BY CAROLYN WALKER STAFF WRITER

Developer Rudy Lozano's conceptual plans to bring a William Beaumont medical office to Independence Township were met with approval at the planning commission Sept. 25.

Asking only that he trim back the number of parking spaces, increase the proposed landscaping and provide a lighting scheme, the planners voted unanimously to follow Planner Dick Carlisle's recommendations and grant conceptual approval.

"The amount of parking that's being provided here seems to be well in excess," said Carlisle, as he encouraged authorization for the building that would go on Citation Drive across from Independence Township Fire Station No. 1 and near a proposed child care center.

Lozano, representing L. M. Clarkston and Associates, L.L.C, which also includes local developer Forrest Milzow, plans to

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build a 6,510-square-foot medi-cal building that would house primary care physicians. The exact specialties have not been specified, he told the commis-sioners. He said that he hopes to have the building operational by have the building operational by next May.

"Beaumont says, 'We want a presence out here," Lozano said. "They've got brand new people in charge."

Last week, Colette Stimmell, a spokesperson for the Royal Oak hospital, told the Clarkston Eccentric that Beaumont officials want to bring some of their physicians to the Clarkston area, making appointments easier for existing north-end patients and hoping to solicit new ones.

"We want to improve access to Beaumont for residents of the Clarkston area," she said.

The commissioners cast their votes with very little comment.

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Collectibles: The Clarkston High School PTSA is selling Main Street miniatures to raise money for scholarships for two CHS seniors. From left to right are the old Clarkston High School building (now Independence Township Hall), the Main Street Clock and the office building at 5 S. Main Street.

Main Street miniatures

Proceeds from sale will pay for scholarships

By JAN BAKER SPECIAL WRITER

They're trying to finance two scholarships for Clarkston High School seniors, promote local history, avoid cavities and give Beanie Babies a run for their money.

That's how Clarkston High's PTSA parents, Pat Weber and Barth, explain the plan behind their organization's sale

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and we wanted to come up with something that wouldn't step on anyone else's toes," said Weber in a recent interview.

The result ended up being the cat's meow -- Cat's Meow village pieces, that is. Currently, the CHS PTSA is selling three of the line's two-dimensional wooden block collectibles. The Clarkston Village Trio has been especially designed to accurately represent these local landmarks: the Main

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Clarkston High School, which currently houses Independence Township offices (\$15), and the historic office building at 5 S. Main St. (\$15). All three pieces sell for \$37.

Two more Clarkston collectibles are in the works, slated for a December arrival, Barth said. Though a price hasn't been set on them, replicas of the current Clarkston High School as well as Rudy's Market will add

to the PTSA's popular collection. 'They're selling very well," Weber said of the first three collectibles. "We received 200 of each piece in April - which was really toward the end of the school year — and we've sold about half of that."

(To order the Clarkston High PTSA collectibles, call Pat Weber at 625-7206. Weber is also taking pre-sale orders for the new

ACHIEVERS

The following students from The following students from Clarkston recently received degrees from Walsh College of Accountancy and Business Administration in Troy: Anne M. Auger, M.S.M. with high distinction; Leann M. Cooper, M.S.M. with high distinction; Michael Kenneth Demetriou, B.B.A.; Michael Andrew Eckhout, B.B.A. with high distinction; Denise M. Elias, M.S.F. summa cum laude; Kenneth M. Fenton, M.S.M. with distinction; Therese Annette Fulcher, B.Acc; Made-Annette Fulcher, B.Acct.; Madeline C. Hehl, M.S.F.; Thomas F. Macsay, M.S.M. with high distinction: Denise M. Thomas, B. Acct. Kenneth D. Howard, M.S.F. with distinction; Diane Marie Jackson, B.Acct.; Philip T. Merlo, M.S.M. with high distinc-tion; John J. Romzek, M.S.F. tion; John J. Romzek, M.S.F. magna cum laude; Joseph Perry Romzek, B.B.A.; Pamela Rose Scroby, B.B.A.; Daniel J. Carney, M.S.F. with distinction; Joseph Edward Chasteen, M.S.F. cum laude; Christy Lynn Green, B.Acct.; Craig Robert Jamison, B.B.A. cum laude; Noreen Flynn McKillop, M.S.F.; Edward Leo Mullin, B.B.A.; Angela Mae Oemig, B.Acct. and Shelia Ann Wheeler, B.B.A.

Springfield sues developer, saying he built 'beach'

BY CAROLYN WALKER STAFF WRITER

Springfield Township is suing a developer for allegedly creating an unauthorized "beach" on Dixie Lake where he is putting in a 32-lot single family develop-

A resident from the area, curious about construction work near the lake, called Springfield Township Supervisor Collin Walls on Sept. 17.

On Wednesday, township attorney Greg Need confirmed that he had filed a lawsuit against Zeerco Development Co. in Oakland County Circuit Court the previous day on behalf of the township. The suit asks the court to rule that Zeerco was in violation of the township's ordinances and requests that the property be restored and township legal costs be reimbursed.

Dixie Lake is near Dixie Highway and Davisburg Road.

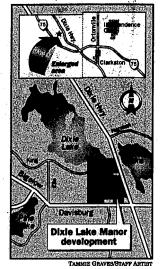
Zeerco received approval for a Planned Unit Development housing project for the southeast side of the lake in 1996 and the project was to include single family residences on 32 lots. The grounds surrounding the lake were to be left untouched, said

"It was supposed to be left in its natural state," he said, adding that the topsoil was stripped off, and fabric and sand were applied "presumably for a beach."

Walls added, "They could have asked for it (a beach) in the beginning. Not only did they not ask for it, they submitted a plan that said they would leave the shoreline alone. They removed almost everything that God put there. We're not talking about a heavily wooded site, but there was some vegetation there.'

But on Wednesday, Hikmat Zeer, president of the Sylvan Lake-based company, said he didn't feel they had done anything wrong.

"This is a lake-front development," he said, explaining that



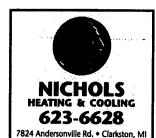
put prewashed sand along the lake to prevent erosion into the water. It was our opinion we don't need any permit to do that," he said.

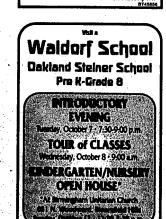
"To our knowledge, there was-n't much wetland to be disturbed. We put clean, good sand there. I don't know how we could damage the lake by doing that."

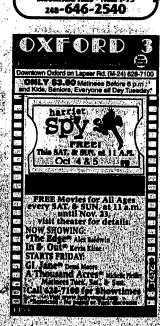
After visiting the site on Sept. 17. Walls said he estimated that the developers cleared about 800 linear feet of shoreline. He asked the developer that same day to discontinue working and to put a soil erosion silt fence in place. That same night, Walls said he contacted Need and authorized the paperwork for a lawsuit. The developer did not comply with Walls' request and continued on Sept. 18 and 19 to add sand, Walls said.

Need said that sand eroding into the lake and the stripping of natural vegetation nearby could damage the quality of the lake.

"By doing that, it is threaten-ing to the lake," Need said. "All of that has an effect on lake







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Clarkston crop walk

Helping the hungry: Nancy and Nicole Phillips (left to right) bow their heads in prayer before heading out Sunday for the Clarkston-area Crop Walk. The event, which began at Calvary Lutheran Church in Clarkston, drew about 40 people.



They're off: After weeks of soliciting pledges, Crop Walk participants take off. Twenty-five percent of the proceeds will benefit Clarkston programs.

Race track volunteer, 37, was 'a very selfless person

BY CAROLYN WALKER STAFF WRITER

On Wednesday morning, a grieving Rick Pawlowski took the time to discuss his wife, Peggy M. Pawlowski, hoping that he could somehow share her goodness — and his loss - with the community and people she

She was the type of person that when she got involved in something, she held nothing back," Pawlowski said. "She was very selfless person. She loved

relation to help people."

Peggy Pawlowski, 37, was killed Saturday at the Waterford Hills Road Racing Inc. track in Independence Township when a race car struck her while she was working as a flagger, said Rick Pawlowski. Waterford Hills is a sub-club of the Oakland County Sportsmen's Club on Waterford Road just north of Dixie Highway.

Accident investigator Deputy Dennis Wandrei of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department confirmed that Pawlowski was killed when a race car lost control, went over a barrier and

struck her.

A volunteer for the race track, "she was in an area where she was supposed to be," Wandrei

The race car driver, a 46-yearold Livonia man, was an experi-enced driver with a good record, Wandrei said, adding that there will be no charges brought against him because drugs, alco-hol and negligence are not suspected. The driver was not injured, he said.

Peggy Pawlowski, a Waterford Township resident, came to her love of racing via her love for her husband, who is a racer and has worked as a crew member for another driver. He introduced her to the sport on a date, he said, and she soon began to want her own involvement.

A survivor of adrenal cancer who had lost her adrenal glands to the disease during her late 20s, she could not stand in the sun for long periods as a racing flagger and communicator and so was assigned a position at the start/finish line.

She was doing that when she was killed," he said. It was her experience with decided she wanted to get into social work. She comforted people and wanted to get involved."
Peggy Pawlowski was a graduate of Wayne State University,

social worker, Pawlowski said. "Through that process is how she

where she received her masters of social work degree, carrying a 4.0 grade-point average during most of her educational career, Rick Pawlowski said. She was an employee of Hartland Home Care in Southfield and had a private practice as well.

"She demanded a lot of her-

A funeral liturgy is planned for Peggy Pawlowski at 9:30 a.m. Friday at the St. Vincent Ferrer

Madison Heights: A funeral mass is scheduled for 10 a.m.

mass is scheduled for 10 a.m.
In addition to her husband,
she is survived by her father,
Thomas A. McMasters Jr. of
Sterling Heights; three sisters,
Kristine A. McMasters of
Berkley, Lori J. Almashy, of Troy
and Nancy E. Pickens of Huntington Woods; a brother Thomas
A. McMasters III of Sterling
Heights: and two stepsons. Heights; and two stepsons, Richard J. Pawlowski and James

Douglas Pawlowski.
Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the A. J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home in Troy. Memorials be made to the American Cancer Society or Hospice organizations.





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1. Resolution approving Woodhull Lake petitions, project and properties to be included in dis-

2. Resolution of tentative declaration of intention to make improvements — Townsend Lake Water S.A.D.

3. Resolution of tentative declaration of intention to make improvements - Townsend Lake Sewer S.A.D.

4. Resolution approving 1998 5. Investment policy approval

New Business

1. Request for cul-de-sac variance - Indianwood Estates on

2. First Reading Zoning

ing official and building permit application
3. Tentative preliminary plat

approval - Stonebrook R1R

4. Judgment Amendment -

5. Bid Award — Chain Link Fence --- DPW

6. Annual request to participate with SMART 7. Employee computer pur-

8. Employee of the quarter

chase plan

9. Bid Award — Equipment Hauler Truck - Fire

Only those matters that are listed on the agenda are to be considered for action. A majority of the board members may add or delete an agenda item.

Pioneers from page A1

fourth-grade community.

Oh, pioneers!

Of course, while the field trip familiarized students with team-work and the good old days, it also gave parent chaperones the chance to ham it up as sheriff, banker, school teacher, candle maker or fur trader, just to name a few of Smokler's townsfolk.

Paul Maxwell, father of fourth-grader Anne, opted for the role of "Deputy Paul." With his Dockers' slacks, V-neck sweater, trusty Winchester rifle and steely eyed stare, the reallife accountant looked like a cross between Clint Eastwood and Fuzzy Zoeller.

Elizabeth Copeman's mother, April, transformed herself into feisty "Mrs. Olson" of the general store. A fan of the Mrs. Olson character from "Little House on the Prairie" television episodes, Copeman grabbed a broom and started sweeping her dusty storefront porch to ready it for

But before any fourth-grade settlers could roll into town to see their folks gussied up, Betty Betts — the mayor of Smokler — instructed the 13 fractured thespians on their mission: "These kids have to live the life of a pioneer for one whole year, but they only have two hours to do it," Betts said with a grin. "We want them to survive, but we want to make it as hard as possible. Mrs. Olson, when they come to do business, see how much money they have before you charge them. Sheriff, anyone who runs or strays from his or her family has to go to jail - but they like to be in that jail, really. School teacher, if they have their education, they're going to survive but we don't tell them that because stopping at the school is usually the LAST thing they

together" by holding hands: Additionally, each clan was to appoint a member who would carry and update its survival checklist — the record of things a pioneer family had to do and the places it had to go to com-

plete a year in Smokler. When everybody was ready, the settlers hit the streets. And as expected, they drew with them a wagon load of surprises.

Beaver pellets?

Fourth-grader John Sabo immediately set the scholarly tone for the day as he ran toward his teacher with the bounty of his family's first hunt. "Look, Mrs. MacCarroll!" John yelled, catching his breath. "We've already found seven beaver p-e-l-

(Luckily, John and his spirited family didn't search near the goat pen.)

Meanwhile, on the other side of town, Sheriff Bill Williams father of Amanda—was helping to apprehend the first law-break-ing varmint of the day, none other than ... KATIE HOUS-TON? (At least, that was the gasping reaction from Katie's classmates when they heard she'd been hauled off to the slammer for running. According to the kids. Katie had no prior

record.) Within five minutes, however, Katie's "family" — the Hender-sons — sprang her from jail for a \$1 fee. As the group departed with its detained member, Sher iff Bill shook his head and said to Deputy Paul, "I think we were too easy on 'em." (Sheriff Bill later confided that when he was a little perpetrator, he had to walk five miles in the snow just to GET to jail.)

I'm okay; you're okay

Though several families experienced run-ins with the law. some settlers found the greatest difficulty in resolving problems with their own kin. As a result of various family squabbles in the general store, Mrs. Olson soon adopted the no-nonsense approach of Judge Judy.

For example, the "family" of fourth-grader Bill Freed almost struck a deal with Olson for a \$15 bear. But while members of the group noisily debated the sale, Billy pointed out the folly in spending that much money for a goofy grizzly - one, by the way, that could provide months of food and hides. "No, don't get a REAR!" argued Billy. "We

need rice, eggs and flour!" His fellow family member, Katie Grunis, didn't exactly say that everyone in the clan would look pretty silly wearing flour and eggs in the winter. But she sort of reminded Billy that the three items he preferred wouldn't cover everything the family required to survive. "WE NEED required to survive. "WE NEED SOME MONEY LEFT!" Katie

snapped. (At this point, Olson politely informed Katie that in the 1800s, women had to quietly defer to men. Katie's eyes turned toward Billy with a look that said, "In your dreams, farm

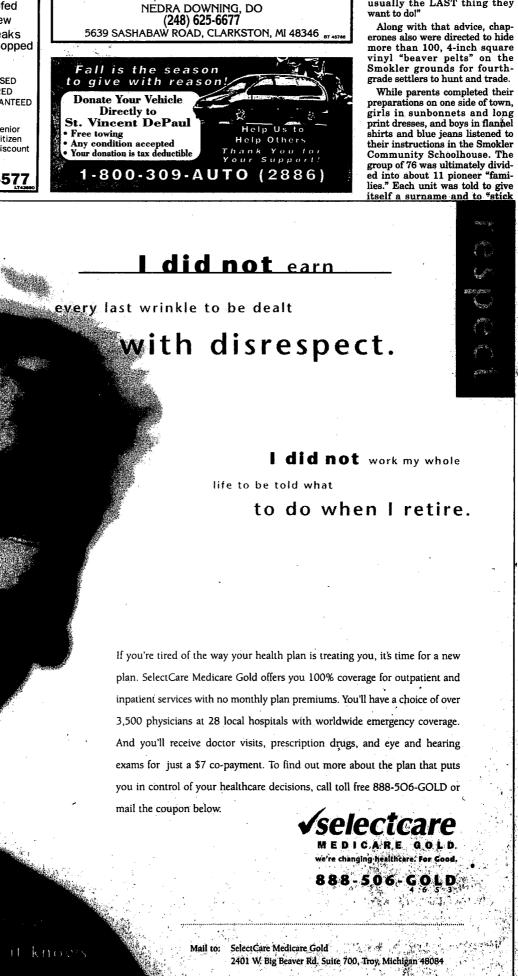
Ahem. With a calm lesson in reflective listening, the use of "I" statements and a few death threats — Olson convinced her seven customers to compromise. The endearingly dysfunctional family left with its dignity, three purchases and some money in its coffers. Olson even threw in a bag of seeds and a "Hail Mary." (The family, however, had to sweep her porch as a mediation

A memorable year

There were many such stories to tell about the short pioneers from Smokler. At the end of the two-hour year, the Henford family had served the most jail time. Mike Baker had shot a cardboard deer for a meal with zero grams of fat and the taste of a rice cake. Tiffany Lawson had fashioned an awesome rope. Allison Kanous had hand dipped her own candle, Anthony, Anderson own candle Anthony Anderson and Jason Combs, had sung "Fifty-Nifty United States" to complete their education in the one-room school house, And Brad Kolano was still proudly sporting his red bandanna and Dick Tracy suspenders in 128 (1977)

Some families survived the year. And some families didn't. But the sun shone bright. And dead or alive, everyone received a round of applause [22] and a les son they'll probably not ston for





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than me.

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Accidentinjures 1, spills oil on road

BY CAROLYN WALKER STAFF WRITER

A 46-year-old Goodrich woman, Connie Clark, is hospitalized in fair condition following an accident Sept. 24 that also left up to 300 gallons of diesel fuel spread along portions of M-15 south of Oakhill Road in Independence Township.

Fire fighters, called to the scene at about 4:50 p.m., spent several hours cleaning the spill, said Independence Township Fire Chief Gar Wilson. They used a foam product and broke down the fuel with an emulsifier and ordered 10 yards of sand from the Road Commission for Oakland County for application in their cleanup efforts, Wilson said. He said he did not think any fuel spilled onto neighboring

An Oakland County Sheriff's Department report said Clark's yehicle, a 1988 Chevrolet heading southbound on M-15, and the semi-tractor collided, with the semi then jackknifing.

"It was bad enough they couldn't stop the leak," Wilson said of the damage to the fuel tank. "It was so bad that we couldn't patch it. She was trapped in the

car. She was a very lucky lady." Clark had to be cut from her vehicle with the "jaws of life," a power tool that is used to cut car metals.

The driver of the semi, Harry Saylor, a 36-year-old Brown City resident, was not injured, the

police report said.

After being extracted from her car, Clark was transported to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac, where a hospital spokesperson on Tuesday said Clark is now listed in fair condition

Police continue to investigate.

Independence Oaks to host car show

Classic cars, classic tunes, clowns and more are all part of the 13th Annual Fall Color Car Classic Sunday, Oct. 5, at Independence Oaks County Park.

Spectators can view and vote for their favorite vehicles in 24 classes including antiques, street rods and sports cars.

The event features a '50s'60s'70s concert, disc jockey, miniature yacht club races, door prizes, concessions, nature cen-ter tours and trail hikes from noon-4 p.m.

"Kids have their own activity area with puppet shows, games, sports, contests, face painting and pumpkin decorating," Greg Lester, event organizer, said. Activities for Cruisin' Kids World are as follows:

Noon-? Kids have photos taken in a cartoon car

■ Noon-2 p.m. Magician Chris

Noon-3 p.m. Oakland Coun-

ty Parks Bumpa Bouncer

Noon-3:30 p.m. Arts and crafts, pumpkin decorating
1-1:30 p.m. Oakland County

Parks Puppet Show ■ 1:30 - 2 p.m. Pie eating con-

2:15-2:45 p.m. Bubble gum

blowing contest 2:45 p.m.-? Tricycle drag

racing On-site car show registration is \$12/vehicle. Vehicles must be operational. Show participants receive free hayrides, pedal boat, cance and row boat rentals, goodie bags and commemorative

dash plaques. Event set-up and check-in is 10 a.m. to noon. Judging takes blace 1-2:30 p.m. Trophies will also be awarded for "Club Partic-

A fall color cruise through his-toric Clarkston immediately fol-Tows the show.

The event is sponsored by Sat-urn North, The Shark Club, Oakland County Parks, 94.7 WGSX and Clarkston Chrysler

Plymouth Jeep Eagle H.A. spectator entry fee of \$8/vehicle (\$5/Oakland County resident discount rate) will be

Charged Independence Oaks County Fark is on Sashahaw Road, 2 1/2 miles north of 1-75;

Condo plan for Maybee Road site pleases planners

BY CAROLYN WALKER

STAFF WRITER
An Independence Township developer received conceptual approval last Thursday for 18 to 20 detached convos

Maybee Road site where he
huilding 58 once proposed building 58 apartments.

apartments.

Michael Clark plans to name
his development Gemini Landing in honor of his twin 5-yearold sons. Clark hopes the con-

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dos will some day be the "start of financing their education," he said, smiling, as he outlined the 10.7-acre proposal before the Independence Township Plan-

ning Commission. Gemini is an astrological sign with twins as its central fig-

The commissioners praised Clark's proposal before grant-ing conceptual approval to the site on Maybee Road at Clin-tonville

Several months ago the commission recommended denial of the apartment plan, and it was never reviewed by the township

board, Clark said.

The Gemini Landing, if it receives final site plan approval, will be located across

the street from the existing Alano Center on Clintonville Road.

Clark said the 18-22 residences would be about 2,000 square feet in size and that their owners would share grounds' maintenance costs. There would be a "theme" and

no lot lines, he added.

The commissioners voted to approve the concept after listening to a favorable review by

Planner Dick Carlisle, "In my opinion, it's one of the better plans we've seen in a long time. I'm extremely impressed with the landscaping," he said.

Voting to approve the concep tual plan were Dan Travis, Jill' Palulian, Cynthia Lohmeier, Todd Moss, Carolyn Place and Joe Figa. Chairman Steve Board was absent.

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YOU CAN HELP PREVENT FROZEN PIPES.

Here are a few tips to help you avoid the unpleasant consequences of burst pipes:

DISCONNECT garden hoses from outdoor faucets.

SHUT OFF and drain water supply to outdoor faucets. (Be aware this will deactivate your fire protection sprinkler system.)

INSULATE pipes in your crawl space and attic.

WRAP approved heat tape around vulnerable pipes.

LEAVE cabinet doors open beneath sink to let in warm air if pipes aren't insulated.

LEAVE the heat set no lower than 55 degrees Fahrenheit/12 degrees Celsius to discourage pipe freezing when you're away. Ask a neighbor to check you house daily.

KEEP water dripping from the faucet farthest from your home's main water line. Shut off and drain water supply if leaving for the winter season.



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STATE FARM INSURANCE COMPANIES HOME OFFICES: BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS

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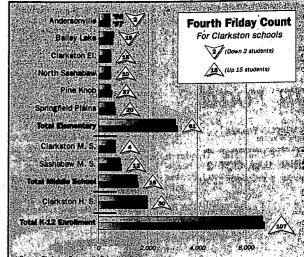
be, but homes are still being built and it takes time for people to move in. I think we're going to keep seeing a steady climb in enrollment every year. This is the steady increase that we anticipated and that we're planning for."

In a brief phone interview Monday, superintendent Al Roberts said he wouldn't comment on the district's growth numbers until those figures had been accurately weighed against projections from Michigan State University and those from the planners for Independence and Springfield townships. "We haven't had the time to analyze it yet, but we'll know in a few days where the numbers are falling at each grade and building in terms of projections, Roberts said.

Growth predictions aside, enrollment numbers at the elementary level have unsteadily climbed over the past three Fourth Friday counts. In 1995, the district's elementary population soared by 230 students. In 1996, however, primary enrollment inched ahead by only six students. This year, 63 more pupils trickled into K-5 classrooms. But within this year's overall growth number, Andersonville Elementary lost two students and Bailey Lake Elementary's figures slid by 19.

Pine Knob Elementary, however, saw the biggest enrollment increase with 37 more students over last September. That number represented more than half of the district's elementary

District wide, Clarkston grew from a September 1996 count of 6.679 to this year's 6,786 figure.



Though 107 additional K-12 allotments. tudents could mean an extra \$100,000 in state funding for the district's students, Craig Kahler, director of business services, said he's not holding his breath.

Kahler said in an interview Monday, "I'm not counting on anything until the State Aid Act gets finalized for this year. There are too many open issues right now." Up to this point, money for each student has been distributed based on a blended count, Kahler said. To arrive at that figure, students are counted in September of the current school year and in February of the pre-vious school year. Forty percent of the September count is then averaged with 60 percent of the February figure and that mean is used for calculating state aid

Under a new plan, however, 60 percent of the September count. would be averaged with 40 per-cent of the February count, bringing more money into the district because of the higher fall, head-count. And though Gov. John Engler vetoed that plan. Attorney General Frank Kelley recently ruled that veto invalid."

"I don't believe it's the final word on that," Kahler said Mon-day. "The governor has also; vetoed funding for at-risk stu-dents — which is about \$160,000, a year for us (in Clarkston). He' seems intent on holding fast to a certain amount of money for public education so we'll have to wait and see what happens."

Taxes from page A1

healthy financial condition, we're able to do that," said Supervisor Dale Stuart during a telephone interview on Tuesday.

The township would have had to have held a truth-in-taxation hearing in order to levy higher

The rates set are:

■ 1.0804 mills, down from the voted 1.41 mills, for a total tax levy of \$850,306 for the General Fund.

■ 2.7851 mills, down from the voted 2.8879 mills, for a total tax levy of \$2,191,954 for the Fire

■ 2.1595 mills, down from the voted 2.3032 mills, for a total tax levy of \$1,699,589 for the Police

■ 0.4188 mills, down from .4468 mills, for a total tax levy of \$329,608 for what is called the Additional Police Fund.

■ 0.3646 mills, down from the voted .5000 mills, for a total tax levy of \$286,951 for the Safety Path Fund.

■ 0.7032 mills, down from the voted .7500 mills, for a total tax levy of \$553,439 for the Library

Operating Fund.
■ 0.4038 mills, for a total tax levy of \$317,802, for the payment of the General Obligation

Tax Library Bonds. Among the proposals brought before the board by the department heads was a request by Lt. Dale LaBair, head of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department Independence substation, for two additional patrol officers and an investigator. LaBair told

the board an increase in township-wide traffic accidents and

crimes warranted the additional

manpower. During his turn before the board, LaBair told the members olice staffing in the township has remained the same since 1993. Automobile accidents have gone up 24 percent since that time and overall complaints

have gone up 40 percent, he said:

have gone any 40 percent, ne saudance "People are more inclined to call the police than ever before."

LaBair told the board.

He suggested that he would like to see two additional officers working area streets during the morning rush hour and during the avening than about 5 nm. the evening from about 5 p.m. ment and a \$6,000 disburse

until 1 a.m.
Asking for an additional investigator, LaBair, said 245 felonies were closed by the township's

two detectives last year.

I'm'in there every day, and they're not keeping up,"he said; referring to the heavy workload. Board members were inclined

board memoers were memoers to agree with LeBair.

If we can afford to have more. people, we need to have them on the road lead Stuart; referring to discussion that another officer might be needed to police the

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school system or its D.A.R.E. drug education program, which shares costs with the township.

Trustee Neil Wallace agreed.
"I think he's made the case for hiring these staff additions," he said. The board took no action on LaBair's comments.

They also heard requests that more personnel be added to the building department and the fire department

Beverly McElmeel, director of the building department, put in a request for an assistant director and for clerical help, Stuart said, adding that the board would have to approve the positions and salaries before anyone could be hired.

Fire Chief Gar Wilson told the board he would like the fire department to hire three more driver engineers and purchase 1953 Dodge owned and operated, by the township for all these?

"Is there something the matter with it? quipped Wallace, breaking the monotony of the statistic-filled meeting.

Requests made by other department heads were more. routine and included lighting and walkway improvements for Bay Court Park, moving equip ment, approved by the board previously, to investigate needs for the senior center that were requested by parks and recre-ation director Ann Conklin.

We're continuing to provide what we feel is an excellent service to the community and the township board is supporting its by giving us the tools," she said Tuesday. 10.35 mides: 6000000. Winter tax bills reflecting the

approved levies will be mailed Dec. 1 and payments are due in mid-February

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THURSDAY, OCT. 2

WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP 7 p.m., Independence Township Senior Center in Clintonwood Park. Informal sharing meeting. Speaker: Nancy Hampton. Topic: Microwave cooking, food safety and purchasing. Walk-in, no registration. Free of charge. For men and women of all ages recently widowed. Refreshments served. All area residents welcome. Call Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, 625-5231, for more information or to be on the mailing list.

EATING DISORDERS SUPPORT GROUP

7 p.m., Independence Township Library. Topic: "Gastrointestinal Problems and Their Role in Weight Management." Refresh ments served. Free admission. For more information, call Denise, 620-6879.

FRIDAY, OCT. 3 MOVIE AND PIZZA NIGHT

6:30-9 p.m, Independence Township Senior Center in Clintonwood Park. Enjoy a movie on big-screen TV, pizza, beverage and dessert. Registration required. 625-8223. Age: 12 and up. Cost: \$3 resident/\$4 non-resi-

SATURDAY, OCT. 4 **NORTH OAKLAND COUNTY HEART**

8:30 a.m.-11 a.m., Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion. Check in at 8:30 a.m.; the walk officially starts at 9:30 a.m. For more information, call Susan Lowell or Celene Edmonds at (800) 557-9501 ext. 533 and ext.

GENEALOGY WORKSHOP

10 a.m.-2 p.m., Independence Township Library. Sashabaw Plains Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution is offering a free genealogical lineage work

shop. There will be qualified D.A.R. personnel to help with questions. Bring any available information such as birth, marriage and death certificates, family Bible, court records or obituary clippings. For more information or to inquire about membership, call Georgena Miller at 627-4549.

SWAMP STOMP

10 a.m., Indian Springs Metropark. Not for the faint of heart. Trek through the great Huron Swamp in search of an old sawmill sight, large trees and a possible covote den. Plan on three or four miles of bush-whacking. Must be 9 years of age or older and in good physical condition. (If bad weather, call the nature center first). Registration required. 625-7280 or (800) 477-3192.

FALL CANOE/HIKE

3 - 5 p.m., Independence Oaks Nature Center. Each step on the trail and each stroke of the paddle puts participants in a new position to see the natural world. Dress for hiking and canoeing. Bring canoe or rent one. Space is limited. Registration required. (248) 625-6473.

SATURDAY, OCT. 4 & 11 WINDOWS 95

8 a.m.-2 p.m., Clarkston Com-munity Education Center, 5275 Maybee Road. Cost: \$89. Visa and M/C accepted. Call 674-3141 to register.

SUNDAY, OCT. 5

FALL COLOR CAR CLASSIC

Noon-4 p.m., Independence Oaks County Park. Classic cars, classic tunes, clowns, '50s/'60s/'70s concert, disc jockey, miniature yacht club races, door prizes, concessions, nature center tours and trail hikes. Kids' entertainment includes drag tricycle races, puppet shows, games, sports, contests, face painting and pumpkin decorating. They can also try the Oakland County Parks' Bumpa Bounce. On-site car registration is \$12/vehicle. Show participants receive free hayride, pedal boat, cance and row boat rentals, goodie bags and commemorative dash plaques. Fall color cruise through Clarkston immediately following show. Spectator entry fee: \$8/vehicle (\$5/Oakland County resident discount rate). Park is on Sashabaw Road 2 1/2 miles north of I-75 near Clarkston. (248) 625-0877, (248) 858-0916 or TDD: (248) 858-1684.

OXFORD ANNUAL FINE ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW OCTOBER 4th 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Located one mile east of Downtown Oxford Lakeville Rd. to Wildcat Dr. Info Call: Winddancer Inc. Admission \$1.00 Children under 5 free:

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Nicole Ann Taylor

Nicole Ann ("Niki") Taylor of Clarkston died Sept. 26, 1997, at age 19. Niki attended Waterford Mott

She is survived by her parents, JoAnn and Michael, both of Clarkston; sister, Courthey, and brother, Mitchell. She is also survived by grandparents John O. (Dora) Farstvedt of Ortonvitle, Edward Taylor of Clarkston. Clarkston and Charles (Jeanette) Watson of Drayton Plains; great grandfather Virgil Hickey of Nevada and many other family members.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home in Clarkston. Interment was at Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to SCAMP, 6590 Middle Lake Road, Clarkston 48346 or Waterfard, Mark High School. Waterford Mott High School S.X.I. program, 1151 Scott Lake Road, Waterford 48328.

Benjamin Tyler Baldes

Benjamin Tyler Baldes of Clarkston died Sept. 26, 1997, at

age 1 month.

He is survived by his parents, Matthew and Diana; sister, Ashley; grandparents, Patricia Baldes of Grand Rapids, Richard Baldes of Orion, Warren and Joanne Williams of Indiana and Marilyn Williams of White Lake He is also survived by his great grandparents, Everett and Lik

lian Baldes of Arizona, Ray and Gertrude Talsma of Florida and many aunts, uncles and other family member.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home in Clarkston A grave-side service was held at Ottawa Park Cemetery with Donald Kevern officiating. The Baldes family will be accepting donations for a future marker in Benjamin's name.

Allen E. Dyer

Allen E. Dyer of Clarkston

died Sept. 26, 1997, at age 74.
Mr. Dyer retired from Pontiac
Motors after serving 30 years. He was a member of American Legion Post 377 and Clarkston

He is survived by his wife, Margaret "Peg"; daughters, Leslie of Highland, Katherine (Ed) White and Melody (Brian) Blay of Clarkston and stepson Alan (Kathy) Carter of Florida. He is also survived by three grandchildren; two brothers, Norman of South Carolina and Robert of National City, and two sisters, Frances of Dafter and Beatrice of DeTour.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home in Clarkston with Don Kevern officiating. Interment was at Lakeview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association, 18860 W. 10 Mile

Road, Southfield 48075-2689.

Helen M. Henry

Helen M. Henry of Clarkston died Sept. 25, 1997, at age 76. Mrs. Henry is survived by two sons, Paul and Gerald, both of Clarkston, four grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home in Clarkston with Pastor Steven Combs officiating. Interment was at Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 17220 W. 12 Mile Road, Suite 100, Southfield 48076.

William J. Balconi

Brother William J. Balconi S. of Clarkston died Sept. 23, 1997, at age 69.

Brother Balconi was a religious brother/librarian who entered the order in April 1959. His assignments included posi-tion of librarian at St. Ignatius High School in Cleveland, Ohio, and assistant librarian at John Carroll University in University Heights, Ohio.

He is survived by his sister, Mary (Michael) Supernant of Bay City, and several nieces and

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to A. J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home in Troy. Funeral services were held at

Colombiere Center in Clarkston Memorial tributes may be sent to Jesuit Community, Colom, biere Center, 9075 Big Lake Road, P.O. Box 139, Clarkston 48347-0139.

Glen E. Breakie 🦠

Glen E. Breakie of Clarkston died Sept. 23, 1997, at age 77. Mr. Breakie attended St. uke's United Methodist Church of Rochester Hills and enjoyed

garage sales and fishing. He is survived by his wife, Pauline; daughters, Ethel, (Larry) Tribe of California, Glenda (Jim) Walls of Oklahoma. Maribeth (Eric) Schwandt of Dundee and Joy White of Clark-ston and sons Paul (Ardith) of Kingsley and Richard (Lana) of Texas. He is also survived by 17 grandchildren, 17 great grand-children and a brother, Milton (Chela) Breakie of McAllen,

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home in Clarkston. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 3980 Waldon Blvd., Rochester Hills with Pastor, Johnny S. Liles officiating. Friends may visit at the church from 10 a.m. until time of service. Memorials may be made to Hospice of North Oakland, 16250 Northland Drive, Suite 212, Southfield 48075.

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Fast-growing group

Chamber deserves own award

f you're a business person in the Clarkston area and aren't yet a member of the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, you're missing out on the action.

The 9-year-old chamber has to be one of the fastest growing and most active in the area. In one year's time, from September 1996 to September 1997, the chamber grew from 170 members to 250.

"The amazing thing is we didn't have a membership drive," said past president Carrol Cantor, owner of Carrol's Flowers, during the chamber's annual meeting Sept. 24. "They came to us."

Businesses have discovered that the chamber is fun, gets things done and supports the community, Cantor said.

Indeed that is the case.

The fun stuff:

Every month the chamber hosts a membership mixer at Deer Lake Athletic Club, giving members a chance to network. The hour-long event includes a short talk by a chamber member offering information about his or her product or service. Attendance averages about 45-50 chamber members each luncheon.

Once a year, in November, the chamber also hosts a business expo at Clarkston Creek Country Club where members display their goods and services for community members to see. Three years ago, 700 people attended. Last year, 1,700 people attended. (This year's event will be Nov. 5 so mark it on your calen-

Getting things done:

The chamber this year initiated programs to help local businesses advertise locally and nationally. Among them is a coupon program where the chamber mails a packet of coupons for local businesses to new residents. In addition, the chamber also launched a web site (www.clarkston.org).

Supporting the community:

For eight years, the chamber has hosted the

M We think the chamber itself, and all the dedicated people behind it, deserve an award too for making the chamber a fun, communityminded organization that successfully promotes local businesses.

summertime concerts in the park series, where families can listen to free concerts in beautiful Depot Park. This year, the chamber became a corporate sponsor of the Clarkston High School All-Night Party, a lifesaving event that keeps kids alcohol-free and off the roads the night of their graduation.

The chamber also gives out annual awards, including Michigan Week Community Awards in the spring, which recognize community members for their volunteer efforts, and various chamber awards in the fall, including the Beautification Award and President's Award. which honor chamber members.

On Sept. 24, the beautification award. which honors a business for making significant improvements to its exterior or property. went to Terry Lederman of Truck King U.S.A. on Dixie Highway, and the President's Award. which honors an individual for his or her exceptional contribution toward bettering the chamber, went to Donna McCloskey of State Farm Insurance, who volunteered in the chamber office when the chamber was between administrative assistants.

We think the chamber itself, and all the dedicated people behind it, deserve an award too for making the chamber a fun, communityminded organization that successfully promotes local businesses.

New president Marc Cooper, owner of the Impressive Type, believes this year, the chamber's 10th, will be another great year. We think so too. If you're a local business person who's not yet a chamber member, you'd be smart to get in on the action.

Memory benches make a nice tribute

"To provide all residents of Oakland County with recreational, leisure and learning experiences; parks, open spaces, facilities; and professional staff and fiscal management, resulting in a comprehensive county park system that enhances the residents' quality of life."

- Oakland County Parks mission statement

akland County Parks has adopted a nice idea to memorialize a loved one, commemorate a family event or honor a business associate: personalized park benches.

When you think about it, what nicer place there to create a lasting tribute than amid the beauty and solitude of nature.

"These memorials will transcend the years in a natural environment," said Clarkston's Dan Stencil, Oakland's chief of parks. "Future generations can reflect on the individual and their contributions to our world."

A \$400 donation brings either a cast bronze placard on a wooden bench or a cast aluminum placard on an aluminum bench. Donations may be tax deductible.

The idea sprang from a hope to bring Oaklanders closer to their parks. The project is not intended to be a fund-raiser. "It's to make our trails and parks more user friendly," said Stencil. "The benches will give people a chance to relax, read a book or just look around and enjoy nature's wonder."

Donations will cover the cost of building, installing and maintaining the benches, said Waterford's Kim Soncrainte, Oakland parks group sales coordinator.

Such tributes seem more lasting than an outright donation that, while welcome, ends up in a general accounting ledger. As Stencil aptly put it: "To recognize someone in this way, with something of utilitarian value, is truly a noble thing: This is something that will last many, many years."



Donors can choose which park or golf course they want their bench placed. Oakland County Parks will maintain each bench in its original spot for at least 15 years. Parks include Addison Oaks, Glen Oaks, Groveland Oaks, Independence Oaks, Lyon Oaks, Orion Oaks, Red Oaks, Rose Oaks, Springfield Oaks, Waterford Oaks and White Lake Oaks. The 11 parks boast 5,600 acres, many of which are eye-popping.

Personal or inspirational messages are limited to 24 characters. Additional characters cost 50 cents each. Oakland County Parks reserves the right to approve all messages. For donation details, call Soncrainte: (248)

Oakland County Parks operates on a \$15.4 million budget. Nearly 50 percent is derived from fees and charges. A quarter-mill property tax levy generates the other half.

Consider personalizing a park bench when surveying ways to honor a special memory. Your gift itself will be something special.

Bob Sklar is managing editor of our Oakland County editions.

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

What's your favorite new TV show?





"Ally McBeal (on Monday nights).

Judy Vincent Independence Township



answer that. I don't watch a lot of TV. I'm too busy. I'm a grandmother."

Lois Hardin Independence Township



"Third Rock from the Sun (or Wednesday nights)."

Bridgewater Independence Township



"I don't watch TV. I'm either watching movies or out riding my bike.

Dan Wavne Springfield

LETTERS

Thanks for newsroom tour

Thank you for taking time out of your busy day to show us how your newspaper oper-

I like the job of the food reporter because they are like spies. My sister, Chelsey, liked the cameraman's job. She thinks it would be exciting to cover a story on a famous movie

George and Chelsey Buhler Ortonville

Diana's death can save others

s the world continues to mourn the tragic death of Princess Diana and her companions, there is an important part of the story that has not been fully explored and deserves more coverage from the news media. The fact that the chauffeur had an extremely high blood alcohol level — three times the legal limit in France — is clearly a significant factor in the death.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) knows all too well the tragedies that result from the irresponsible and senseless crime of drunk driving. We are an organization dedicated to stopping drunk driving and supporting the victims of this violent crime.

Our hearts go out to the family of the Princess of Wales, especially her two children, Princes William and Harry, as well as the others involved in the car crash. It is our hope that her death will not be in vain.

The death of the Princess is a resounding and far-reaching reminder that no one is immune to the death, injury, and suffering caused by drunk driving. The princess was dedicated to saving lives while she was alive. Let us use that same example in her death.

> Michele Compton, Chapter Administrator Oakland County Chapter of MADD

State school board must hold

ne of my state Board of Education colleagues has criticized me for demanding accountability for charter schools.

Not only was I misquoted, I was apparently singled out as an object lesson because I asked too many questions in response to serious allegations of wrong doing made against charter schools.

Had either the official transcript or video tape of the board meeting been checked to

substantiate the quote, the error would have been detected and I would have been spared a personal and vitriolic attack in newspapers across the state.

When the state Supreme Court issued its decision on charter schools in July, it declared the schools to be public because they are supported by public funds. But the court also said the state Board of Education should provide leadership and general supervision - as outlined in the state Constitution — over them.

Charter school devotees believe the marketplace is their watchdog. Their prevailing view is "if the schools are doing a poor job, parents will pull their children out and they will close." That, to me, is not the way to monitor a school.

Parents should not have to endure their child's failure as if it were an experiment.

As a responsible member of the board, it is my duty to ensure the 20,000 boys and girls enrolled in charter schools are getting an education that is at least as thorough and rigorous as the experience offered the 1.6 million children who attend regular public schools.

Yes, we have problems in the general public schools, but we have safeguards in place for regulating and monitoring them. While those safeguards may not always work to the optimum, they nevertheless give us a framework.

Why is it that discussion of charter school oversight elicits accusations of double standards? Do charter school advocates and owners have something to hide?

It does Michigan's children great harm to allow the newly created charter schools or any other school to shortchange them educationally. It is also a great disservice to residents to let oversight of public tax money go unchecked as it enters the private pockets of charter school owners.

It is unfortunate that we need to interrupt helping the truly public schools attain lower class sizes, update buildings and computer fluency to focus on the serious allegation made against charter schools. To avoid the task is tantamount to defying our duties as members

of the state board. I stand firmly, without apology behind my call for high standards of accountability for charter schools - for the good of our children. I challenge my colleagues on the board to do the same.

treasurer, state Board of Education

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-Philip Power

PONTS OF VIEW

Best of U.S. can't be seen from jet, exit ramps

he knew all about America because he had spent time in New York City and Hollywood.

There are many seasoned travelers whose knowledge of our country is limited to airports and first-class

But America is more than that It is a combination of different people and local customs that can not be understood until experienced.

On one of our sun-worshiping vacations in the South, our family had a choice of: a three-hour antiseptic jet flight; a 24-hour switch-the-driver every-two-hours, mesmerizing jaunt down I-75 having all of our needs taken care of within 100 yards of a freeway exit; or venturing out the long way, through the mountains on two-lane roads and seeing the coun-

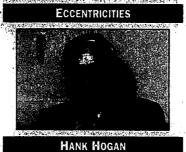
We decided to do the latter by rent-

Traveling in a motor home is not exactly primitive camping. The unit we rented was 26 feet long, slept six, had a stove, refrigerator, freezer, air conditioning, television, hot water, shower, toilet and even cruise control.

While it was big, the unit was easy to drive once you learned how to make wide right turns and had somebody look out the back window when back-

we stuck to the freeway through Ohio and Kentucky except to venture out into state parks to find secluded places to eat our meals. We also sought out the original Colonel Sander's Kentucky Fried Chicken establishment.

When we got to Tennessee, we stayed in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, traveled winding mountain roads with streams trickling by, ate country ham with red-eye gravy, hogs jowls, collard greens and



We saw tobacco fields in North Carolina, bought fireworks in South Carolina, passed up the opportunity to buy chenille bedspreads and Jimmy Carter souvenirs in Georgia and ended up camping in the Florida

In the Keys we bought stone crab and shrimp from fishermen for our dinner, snorkeled in the reefs and

camped by the side of the Gulf of Mexico, dipping into the Gulf five feet away from our motor home.

Campsites are available everywhere with water, sewer and electrical hookups. Of course, not all the sites are picturesque. We passed up one located behind a funeral parlor in Key Largo.

We toured the Everglades, walked endless miles of white beaches, including one nude beach north of Palm Beach, but also played tennis and ate gourmet meals at fine restaurants along the way.

Because we were on wheels, we were not tied down to any place and moved on when the spirit moved us.

We met many interesting people at the campsites, including a ham radio operator who let our daughter speak

to people all over the world. While we carried a variety of clothes, seldom was a sports jacket or home was filled with the best of our experiences, bags of oranges and grapefruit, a country ham, pralines, even a paim tree that took up most of the shower stall, mountain taffy, homemade candy, Key lime pie and

boiled peanuts.

Instead of just seeing the cement swimming pool in a Florida hotel, we shared little pieces of Americana.

But most important, it was a family experience of 17 days of rather close living. Everyone shared the chores, whether it be dumping the holding tank or cooking the shrimp on a grill by the side of the Gulf, which we all enjoyed doing.

Hank Hogan , former publisher of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, lives in Independence Township. He works as a Realtor on Main Street in downtown Clarkston.

Here's my 2 cents' worth on the vanishing penny

hen you've reached a certain age, the world doesn't just change — it turns upside down. All the old cliches need more than updating; they need to be rewrit-

Take money, for instance. I read a recent item that the penny is in danger - simply because too many people hoard them. Add to that the falling cost of copper and rising costs of minting, etc. etc. Now, in our bottom-line world, even I know that when something costs more to make than it's worth, it's headed for the upper regions of the endangered species lists.

That may be a shattering revelation to someone who grew up with "A penny saved is a penny earned." That "Old Richard" cliche was one of my dad's favorites. He'd repeat it to me constantly — after every request for an advance on the allowance. It was, he said, something to live by

As a kid, getting or finding a loose penny was a notable advance in your lifestyle. If we lose the penny, I wonder if any will remember what else we have lost? Today's kids most certainly don't have any appreciation for what a penny once was.

There was a certain corner grocery store (remember those? ah, but that's another story) down in the lower east side Detroit area where I grew up, where one single penny could buy a long list of things — like:

A jaw breaker in your choice of colors (and if you got the blue ones, then you could have a few additional hours of enjoyment sticking your blue tongue out at your parents and watching them turn green).

■ A foot-long strip of paper with sugar dots arranged three across in pastel colors and tastes.

A chewy chunk of bubble gum, usually wrapped in a small square of waxed paper imprinted with a short



color comic strip. The larger waferstyle gum with a trading card was for the high rollers - it cost a nickel.

■ Actually a plain old "sucker" hard candy ball on a stick was two for a penny - in your choice of lemon or lime (never!), orange (occasionally!), butterscotch, root beer or strawberry (always!).

A penny could get you pretzel sticks, gum and an unbelievable assortment of candy choices: There

were "Maryanne's" and "Squirrels" – flavored taffy candies — the still-popular chocolate Tootsie Rolls (is it my faulty imagination or did that pennysize roll actually contain five chewy bites for a 10-year-old back then?), and even a small penny-sized box of "Good 'n' Plenty"-type licorice. There were five shelves, each more than 4 feet in length, where you could safely browse without exceeding that penny limit in that fondly remembered store. And there was yet another area where a penny would get you your choice from cookie bins, too.

Ah, was it really 40-some years ago? That's not so long ago, really. When did penny candy vanish? Why didn't I notice?

Heck, there was more for a penny back then, than you can find in a 5&10 store today — if you can still find a 5&10, that is. No kids, I'm not

talking about a 5&10-dollar store. But

it was back in the days when a penny

than a penny earned.

And all of this was stirred by the fellow in front of me at the check-out the other day. As he received his change, a penny fell to the floor. He blithely ignored it, saying "it's only a penny - leave it for the sweeper," as he walked on.

It wasn't worth the effort to him to

stoop over and pick it up.
If the U.S. one-cent piece does finally vanish from circulation, I'll miss it. Yes, I picked up that loose penny. It's not that I'm cheap or nos-

I had to. My dad's voice was shouting at me.

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Michigan gets an A for effort in school reform movement

some years now, the movement to reform schools has gained broad support from the sane center of the Michigan political spectrum.

From moderate conservatives like Gov. John Engler to relative liberals like Kathleen Straus, the new chair of the State Board of Education, most agree that a sensible agenda to improve school performance includes:

■ Determining standards for what kids ought to learn, benchmarked against other schools around the world.

Developing tests to measure what kids in fact do learn.

Making the results of these tests publicly known, school district by district, building by building, so parents can know how their schools are doing when compared with others.

■ Building some slack into the system to al "charter" schools.

But developments, both nationally and here in Michigan, are threatening to pull the reform coalition apart. A bad outcome could set school reform back for decades.

Although testing as a spur to school improvement was a feature of the Republican Party during the Bush Administration, GOP leaders in both the Senate and House are now fiercely opposed to developing a national system of testing on the grounds that it does away with what is quaintly called "local control." They are being dined by Democratic liberals who are worried about what happens to kids, mostly minority from inner city school districts, who don't do well in the tests.

President Clinton didn't help things when he greed that testing could be voluntary and that tates or districts that didn't meet national tandards would be held harmless from penales. In other words, we've got this national program to improve schools, but you don't have to go along with it; and even if you do well in it, here's nothing in it for you.

In Michigan, trouble started emerging last ar when some parents in suburban communies started taking advantage of a loophole in the state law that allowed them to pull their ids out of the Michigan High School Proficien-Test. They were afraid that doing poorly on he test might hurt chances of admission to elite pleges and resisted being dubbed "novice" or, forse, "not yet novice" if they did badly



PHILIP POWER

State legislators pricked up their ears and started issuing press releases and holding hearings. The religious right wing, always a potent force in Michigan politics, started grumbling that standardized curricula and statewide testing infringed on "parents' rights."

Of course, when you get to complicated things like educational tests, the devil is in the details. And a House Education subcommittee is dutifully struggling its way through amending the law on testing.

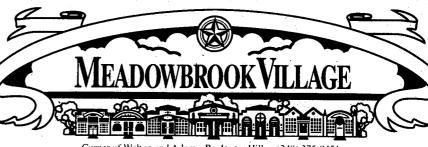
Quite rightly, members want to junk the unpopular ratings — "proficient," "novice" and "not yet novice — in favor of numerical scores that would appear on a student's official transcript but not on the diploma. And, again rightly, they want to make the test shorter and to give it during the senior year.

They also want the state Department of Education to "provide more specific feedback to students, parents and the schools to be used in improving the students' performance." That's fine, too.

What the subcommittee should do is keep working to improve the details of Michigan's testing program and avoid getting sucked into the partisan quarreling that is captivating Washington these days over national tests.

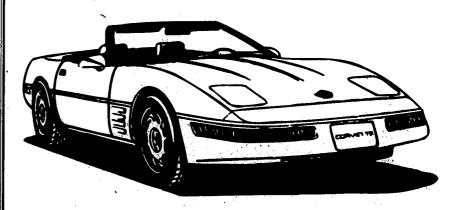
So far, we've done a wonderful job in Michigan in keeping the school reform coalition together. The markedly improved scores in the latest round of MEAP tests show conclusively that school reform is working. Now that we're making real progress, let's not get sucked into ideological bickering.

Phil Power is chairman of the company that owns this newspaper. His Touch-Tone voice mail number is (313) 953-2047 ext. 1880.



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Children in need

Oakland leaders get first-hand look

BY BECKY BURNS

"My name is Carlos. I am 7 years old. My mom whips me with a stinger belt because I'm bad. It leaves marks on my back that you can still see. She says she wouldn't have to do it if I weren't so bad. I'm afraid to tell anyone. They might take her away from me like they did with my grandma."

The words jump off the large red cut-out heart. Below them, a small black-and-white photo shows a little boy, with tousled hair, pursed lips and dirt on his face. His arms are folded defiantly across his chest.

Forty local political, religious and community leaders were handed similar laminated hearts as they boarded a SMART bus Monday morning in Birmingham for a tour along the north Woodward corridor to learn first-hand about child abuse and neglect in Oakland County.

Each heart contained a vignette about a child in Oakland County who has been a victim. Judy Hoeffler, executive director of Oakland County's Child Abuse and Neglect Council and a tour organizer, told the group the purpose of the excursion was to get a new perspective, to see "the other side of life we prefer not to see, or pretend doesn't exist. And it's the side of life that puts children in danger."

As the bus drove up Woodward Avenue, toward St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, riders took turns reading the stories:

Three-year-old Jack used to cry a lot. He lost his eyesight after his mother shook him in an attempt to quiet him down. Two-year-old Sally wet her pants at a picnic. Rather than clean her up, her drinking father took her inside and threw her against a wall. She died soon after.

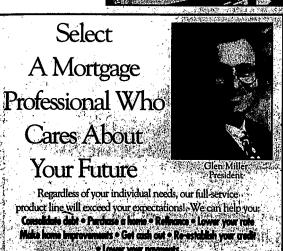
"What you're hearing are . . . stories that know no socioeconomic barriers," Hoeffler said, reiterating that whether it's in a wealthier neighborhood in Birmingham, or a more down-trodden one in Pontiac, child abuse

The bus tour was the first event sponsored by Oakland County Child Watch, a coalition of 25 local organizations working together to encourage local leaders to protect children. Last year, law enforcement agencies reported 1,300 substantiated cases of child abuse and neglect in Oakland County — out of 9,000 complaints they received.

Participants began the tour with breakfast Monday at the Community House in Birmingham. There they heard from several children who had been abused. The difference, however, between their stories and those read later on the bus, was that the ones the children at breakfast told were heading toward happy endings.

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Sen. Gary Peters
looks in at the
Neonatal ward at
St. Joseph Hospi
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the tour.





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— Melissa Freel Michigan's Children

Eight-year-old Emily shared a colorful journal she's been keeping, with the help of her therapist at the Child Abuse and Neglect Council. Her grandfather is awaiting trial for allegedly sexually assaulting her. Thirteen-year-old Tolice talked about being a foster child, and how she thinks it could have been avoided, if there had been parenting programs available to help her mother. Two months ago, Tolice was adopted by a relative of her last foster mother. Eighteen-year-old Kareem, who was physically and sexually assaulted over several years by an older relative, recently started classes at Oakland Community College in Royal Oak. He hopes to begin a four-year college in January.

The tour first took the group to St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital to learn the importance of prenatal care, especially among pregnant teenagers, and to see the tiny premature babies in the neonatal unit.

The bus then moved to Perdue Center in downtown Pontiac, where participants were paired with clients of various support agencies to learn more about programs being offered in the community, and where addition-

Looking for solutions

On the ride back participants discussed what they learned from the morning's events, and what they can do to make Oakland County better and safer for at-risk children.

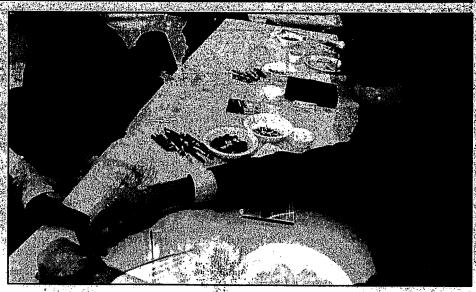
One minister said accessible, affordable transportation throughout the Metro area is needed. Hoeffler suggested the religious leaders encourage members of their church to volunteer to drive lower-income children and their parents to the groups that offer education and

State Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township, talked about a package of 11 bills that has passed through the state Senate to the House that focus on intervention after child abuse or neglect has occurred, including one that would require counties to create death investigation teams and another that would protect children from having to testify in the presence of their abusers.

Others stress the importance of prevention. For every dollar spent on child abuse prevention, \$2 is saved later on down the road, for example, in welfare costs, or jail costs, and Melissa Freel of Michigan's Children, a Lansing-based child advocacy, organization. Rep. Pan Godchaux, R-Birm

Rep. Pan Godchaux, R-Birmingham, suggested working on a way to link the county's many organizations that serve children. "An analogy is we have a lot of patches, but we haven't made them into a quilt," she said

Oakland County commissioner Eugene Kaczmar said he got at least one message, loud and clear, from the morning's events: "The earlier you start working with children, the more you keep them out of trouble in later years."



A helping hand: Ltoya Hildreth watches as Rochester Mayor Thomas Werth traces 2-year-old Marquis Madden's hand with a crayon.



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Grandma was no cookie-cutter grandmother

he other day, when I was going through my recipe file, I stum-bled upon my grandmother's recipe for sugar cookies.

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Oh, she was a traditional grandmother in all the ways that matter to a grandchild. She looked like a grandmother — short (a half-inch shy of 5 feet), round and bespectacled. She baked like a grandmother - sugar cookies, pies, and holiday meals with all the traditional fixings. And she loved like a grandmother - never minding the noise we made running around her house when we were little the long-haired hippie boyfriends

we brought over when we were older. But, beyond that, my grandmother was far from traditional

Born in 1908, my grandmother was always ahead of her time. In the 1930s, long before the U.S. surgeon general put warning labels on cigarette packages and long before most of us were aware of the dangers of second-hand smoke, my grandmother wore a button that said. "Don't smoke on me!"

She chose a husband who recognized the dangers of smoking, too. (The story goes that my grandfather heard his father coughing one morning and asked what made him cough. Upon hearing it was cigarettes, he

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Baby blues don't have to be so bad

■ An estimated 10 to 15 percent of new mothers experience severe postpartum depression, but drugs, therapy and support groups can help.



BY MARY RODRIQUE

Bizarre distorted thoughts plague some new mothers suffering postpartum depression. Common house-

hold chores become insurmountable

For one new mom, plastic wrap was taboo. It gave her the impulse to smother her baby. For another, hot water was the trigger for thoughts of scalding. Yet another couldn't handle carving meat on a cutting board without thinking of knifing her newborn.

Ten to 15 percent of new moms have significant postpartum depression," said Dr. Ronald Rosenberg, an ob/gyn specialist in the treatment of postpartum depression.

Rosenberg recently teamed with Dr. Alan Rosenbaum, former chairman of psychiatry at Harper Hospital and a specialist in mood disorders, along with several other physicians and support staff in a Farmington Hills practice called Psychopharmacology Associates at 28800 Orchard Lake Road.

"Inability to sleep, especially when the baby is sleeping, undue fatigue, inability to experience pleasure, an overwhelming sense of guilt for feelings they're having, also appetite changes, eating too much or too little are the

major symptoms," said Rosenberg.

Being able to identify postpartum depression is easy. Why it affects some women and not others is harder to determine.

"We've been trying to collect data," said Rosenbaum. "There are probably many issues. One of them is dramatic hormonal change. A group of women seem more susceptible to it. Sometimes you see it running in families. Then there are psychosocial issues, like



family not supporting you, issues

involving upbringing."

Adds Rosenberg: "A genetic predisposition that the hormonal change brings out along with normal sleep depriva-tion (can bring it on.) Unfortunately, it's too complex to hone down into one or two things.

Dr. James O'Neill, a Clarkston pediatrician who comes into contact with new mothers when they bring their newborns in for checkups, said pregnancy changes hormones and alters

metabolism. After delivery there is a huge increase in oxytocin, which is needed to help clamp the uterus and ready the body for nursing. The increase of this and other hormones can lead to postpartum depression, he

O'Neill estimates that about 80-85 percent of postpartum depression is hormonal and 10-20 percent is a true emotional letdown. The latter occurs when a new mother suddenly realizes

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Support group helps Clarkston mother to cope

For this Clarkston new mom, it was a classic case of Murphy's Law. Anything that could go wrong did.

It began with her baby shower in the

35th week of pregnancy.

"I contracted dysentery," said Kim (not her real name).

That meant several weeks of bloody diarrhea and cramping and one overnight stay in the hospital. Because it is also contagious, she feared for the health of her unborn child.

"For 18 days, I was really sick," she said. "I was told it's really uncommon." A health care worker told her the disease is transmitted oral-fecally and she could have contracted it by shaking

hands with someone who didn't wash their hands after using the bathroom.
"I delivered a healthy baby, but I still wasn't over the dysentery," she recalled. Because of the blood she was losing with the dysentery plus during delivery, she also became anemic after

her son was born. "Because of all the medicines, I had

to quit breast feeding."

Three days after giving birth, Kim,

29, says she couldn't eat or sleep.
"It was maddening. I was already stressed from the dysentery. Then I kept thinking when I laid the baby down that he would be getting up in a couple of hours and I really had to sleep now. That made my insomnia

worse.
"I was anxious and paranoid because of the dysentery. I was always washing my hands, afraid I'd pass it to the

"That first weekend at home I couldn't stop crying. I felt numb. My mom took over."

Her 52-year-old mother got up with the baby for nighttime feedings. Kim

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said, "Well, if that's what smoking does to you, I'll never smoke." He never did.)

And when my grandparents married in 1926, my grandmother, the granddaughter of a Lutheran minister who per formed the ceremony, had the words "to obey" taken out of her marriage vows. No way was my grandmother, then just 18, going to let any man order her around even a husband who was nearly a foot taller than she.

My grandfather, who adored my grandmother, probably had no desire to tell my grandmother what to do anyway. He regarded her as an equal, respected her opinion and often left important decisions to her, especially during the years he worked two jobs. He trusted her decisionmaking in his absence. A high school graduate, she had several years more formal schooling than he and many of their peers

My grandmother even pursued a music career and dabbled in, politics at a time when it was uncommon for women to do either. A mother of five, she learned the piano as an adult at the Detroit Conservatory of Music, landing a job as a church organist. She also taught piano in her home. Later, while living on a farm in Britton, Mich., my grandmother ran for, but lost, a position on the local school

My grandmother even broke

tradition in child-bearing, having a child (her youngest) at age – in 1954, long before it was commonplace for women to give birth much beyond 30.

I wish my grandmother were still alive today. Breast cancer stole her from us when I was just 20. I knew her as a child knows an adult. Not yet married or a mother or aware of the legacy she would leave, I never asked her the questions I would ask her now if I could talk to her today, one adult woman to

I especially wish my children, particularly my daughters, had known their great-grandmother.

The most I can do is make my grandmother's sugar cookies and tell her story as I stir.

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NOTABLES

Charles Keegan, a teacher at Clarkston, recently attended a National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) work shop, NEWMAST at NASA Lewis Research Center.

During the workshop Keegan learned about the latest advancements in aeronautics and space projects from nationally acclaimed scientists and engineers. Emphasis was placed on the connections between the motivating topics of aerospace with the national standards in science, mathematics and technology.

The National Science Teachers Association (NSTA), a recognized world leader in the improvement of science education at all grade levels, administers the program for NASA. NSTA consults with the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) and the International Technology Education Association (ITEA) in the workshop plans.

The two-week workshop Keegan attended was one of 10 such workshops scheduled nationwide this summer.

My mid-life cigar fantasy is likely to go up in smoke

some bizarre mid-life crisis or something but as I was standing in Rudy's Quality Market on Main Street in Clarkston a couple of weeks ago, awaiting my turn at the cash register, I was suddenly struck with the urge to buy myself a

There I was, kind of gently thumping the bread loaf in my hands and thinking of nothing in particular, when I came out of my reverie to glance at the cigar selection they have so beautiful ly displayed alongside the check-out aisle. I'd seen it a dozen times before but I'd never really paid attention, if you know what I mean.

This time, I was fascinated by the shapes and sizes of the cigars — their colors and boxes and the fact that they were available individually and in

Instantly, I wondered: Just what, exactly, is their appeal?

(I know. I know. There are women who smoke cigars — for a while it was even female fashionable - but still I think of them as being a "man" thing. Perhaps I am showing my age Understand, also, that I am a non-smoker.)

And so I stood there and pondered.

I am one of two daughters in my family, which, as you can probably guess, means that I have no brothers. I have been married to the same man for 27 years, and while I have an inkling about the male mystique based on that history, there are still a lot of things about it that I do not understand. But I am

Cigars are only one topic.

CAROLYN WALKER

A couple of years ago, I was invited to be the only woman at what was being hailed at the time as "a big-game hunting party." The get-together was to include a variety of well-heeled macho types -- who were considering a trip to Africa — as well as a variety of award-winning stuffed animals.

Even though I am neither well-heeled, macho nor a hunter (sometimes I'm stuffed), I accepted the invitation eagerly, curious to know how such an event would compare to the various all-women housewares parties I had endured over the years.

Men play different games, I

And, to my immense relief, only one weapon was produced.

After I got the idea about the cigar, I found myself speaking of it to various friends and acquaintances with a certain enthusi-

One man, a former police officer that I had only just met, fairly regaled me with information about cigars while I was on the iob. He informed me that real Cuban cigars cannot be purchased in this country, told me how to smoke one so I wouldn't. get sick, offered to share one with me out of a little box he car ried in his breast pocket and advised me about different fla-

He spoke at great length of one variety that he said tastes weet" and I knew if I tried one of those I would probably get hooked, given my penchant for desserts and donuts and all and so I avoided the store.

Later that morning, when I got to the office, one of my fellow workers said of my notion, "Carolyn, I can picture you smoking a cigar. You'd probably like it."

When I told The Perfectionist a few days ago that I was having an urge to try a cigar, he told me I was entering into my second infancy — getting a kind of dig in about what he obviously interpreted as an immature thought,

Tonight he brought me one home as a surprise, refusing to tell me where he got it, and I tucked it up in the cupboard, out of reach of my children, alongside the antacid and the aspirin and the cough decongestant to await the return of my urge.

I've decided that mid-life crises get a bum rap in the United States. I've come to look at mine as a kind of fun-filled venture into the unexplored. And I have a fantasy:

Picture me in the African bush, a beautiful lion before me, a cigar in one hand, a host of men who understand me at my sides.

I like to wonder, amid this scenario, who will reach for his lighter and who, in the presence of that lion, will choose to grab

Maybe I'm better off thumping

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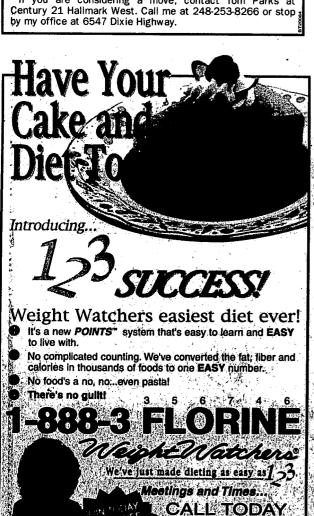
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she is "stuck" with the baby for 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Add to that the responsibility of caring for other children, a colicky baby, an nonsupportive spouse, household errands and upkeep, the cost of sitters or day care, medical expenses or health problems (for mom or baby), lack of a support system (extended relatives/friends) or a non-understanding employer and it becomes clear why some new mothers have difficulty coping at first. O'Neill adds that lack of "alone" time for the new mother, guilt at having to return to work or single parenting issues all compound the problem.

These stressors are all part of a normal process and, "difficulty coping is not your fault," O'Neill said.

Diagnosis is difficult because the new mother may not be in a depressive state all day long, every day, O'Neill said. It is also easy to miss when the health care practitioner is not familiar with the patient.

Rosenberg said many physicians treating new moms aren't trained to recognize or treat postpartum depression. Many new moms are afraid to admit to their bizarre feelings. In his old ob/gyn practice, Rosenberg saw many depressed new moms but didn't know how to treat them.

"I didn't have the skills to take care of these women," he said. "Education for ob/gyns is dreadfully negligent in this area.

"It's difficult for women to see a psychiatrist for the guilt they feel. And'I didn't have the tools to treat them."

Today he sees his role differently.

"I'm sort of a bridge. I'm half ob/gyn and half psychiatrist. People feel it's a moral weakness that they're not feeling all right at this time in their life when they are supposed-to be feeling the most joy."

the most joy."

Subtle signs of postpartum depression appear two weeks after giving birth. So Rosenberg now sees his new mothers two weeks after delivery as opposed

to the traditional six-week visit.

"Early treatment shortens the course and the severity," he said.

"Signs and symptoms are fairly obvious if you are looking for

them, but not so obvious if (the doctor is) not looking. Normal sleep deprivation can make people tired and irritable."

The support group is one of the mainstays of treatment. The Farmington Hills practice has group therapy led by Kathie O'Donohue, a registered nurse who suffered postpartum depression after each of her five children was born, and Linda Hoes, who has been working in psychiatric nursing 18 years.

"In therapy, people don't feel so peculiar and odd," said Rosenberg. "They realize there are other people who look normal on the outside but feel the same way inside."

way inside."
O'Donohue formerly led a support group for several years at Providence Hospital.

"You let the group take itself a lot of times," she said. "It's very helpful for women to be able to identify with other people. Sometimes you just see them cry because that person over there had the guts to say what this person couldn't say. There's a lot of healing going on that's great to see."

Hoes says the disorder is recurrent. Much of her group experience is with women who suffer depressive disorders.

"That commonality is really very important," she said. "Having a sense of trust with someone who can identify with you when an emerging depression is coming on or help you through a recovery stage is important."

Twenty years ago, Rosenbaum began noticing in new mothers that their PMS symptoms were difficult to treat.

"It was difficult to keep these women's moods stable," he said.

"Now the medicines have changed and we understand it a little more."

Once postpartum depression hits, many women who have never had PMS symptoms before often begin to suffer from it.

"It makes me think it's a hormonal thing because incidence of depression in adolescent boys and girls is the same. It diverges at the time of puberty and after menopause it comes together again so it has to have something to do with hormonal fluctuation," said Rosenberg.

Treatment depends on the severity of the depression. Often medications are prescribed. In mild cases, psychotherapy alone can be just as effective. That is where support groups come into play, especially for those resis-

"Probably for adequate treatment, I'd say continue the group sessions six to nine months after they are feeling well," said Rosenberg.

Overcoming the stigma of mental illness is probably the biggest roadblock.

"Many antidepressants can take several weeks to have an impact," said Kathie O'Donohue. "I've seen women who are so upset about seeing a psychiatrist that they'll suffer until either they hit bottom or come out of it eventually."

"The people who often pick up on it are the nurses. Through continuing education the nurses at least where I work have had multiple seminars and know what to look for," said Rosenberg.

"It's a problem as common as hypertension in pregnancy and that receives two or three chapters in a textbook," he added. "And there isn't even a chapter on postpartum depression in any ob/gyn textbook."

Especially at risk are women who have had a previous depressive episode or are depressed during pregnancy, or a woman whose mother had postpartum depression.

A group moderated by O'Donohue meets Thursday evenings from 7:30 - 9 p.m. Hoes' group meets Friday evenings.

"The Oakland County nurses do a fantastic job helping moms who are ill get to doctors," said Rosenberg. "They make sure they get adequate care. One woman I saw was in the hospital four times, including Northville. We hooked up because of the nurses. They made sure she made her appointments, took her medicines. She's doing well now."

(For more information on postpartum depression support groups, call 539-0200).

New mom from page A13

didn't want her husband to go to work in the morning. She would plead with him to stay home.

A lot of moms suffer in silence, but Kim took an important step. She told her home visiting public health nurse, Mary Ann Altenberg, that she was feeling blue. The nurse told her about Dr. Ronald Rosenberg, a Farmington Hills ob/gyn who specializes in postpartum depression. She made an appointment.

"I like him. He really helped me," Kim said.

He prescribed anti-depressants Zoloft and Adavan, plus group therapy. Kim's husband attended a couple of the sessions with her.

"My husband has been very supportive. He said if there are this many women suffering postpartum depression, he's sure

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there are a lot more out there not getting the help they need

not getting the help they need.
"I've had two friends give birth since I had my son in April, and they both feel blue but they don't say anything to their doctors."

Kim is over her dysentery now and is getting over her depres-

"The baby sleeps through the night now and that helps, too," she said. "I still have trouble right before my periods with not being able to sleep and migraine headaches."

A stay-at-home mom, she has also found solace on the Internet. "Depression after Delivery has

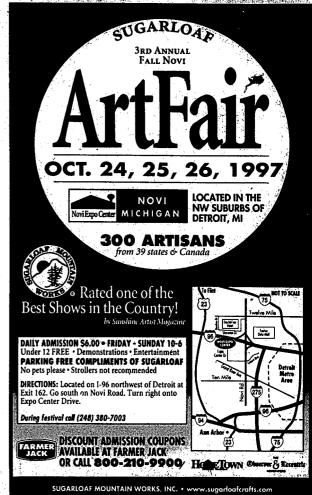
a home page on the Internet. It's kind of nice to talk to other women with the same problems,? she said.

Kim and her husband decided to limit their family to their son now five months old.

"After all I went through, no more kids," she said. "It was hard on all of us."

She urges new mome who are feeling depressed to let their health care provider know.

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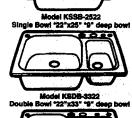
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HEARTWALK COSPONSOR

Pasta To Go of Troy plans to dish out 231 pounds of pasta salad to participants before and after the sixth annual Metro Detroit American HEART-WALK, "It's our way of supporting the fight for prevention of cardiovascular diseases and strokes," Pasta To Go president Mark Gunn said in a prepared statement. The dishes will consist of low-fat ingredients for health-conscious participants. The HEARTWALK will be held Oct. 4 at the Detroit Zoo. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the walk starts at 9:30 a.m.

TEEN DRIVER FORUM

To help parents and teens meet the requirements of Michigan's new graduated licensing law, AAA Michigan and local Students Against Driving Drunk will co-sponsor a Teen Driver Forum at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2, at the Village Inn, 35270 Woodward, Birmingham. The forum will include elements of AAA Michigan's step-by-step handbook and video titled: "Teaching Your Teens to Drive." As further incentive, AAA Michigan will give a 10 percent discount on its auto insurance for teens who complete the program. The offer is good for AAA Michigan policyholders only. SADD will assist with publicity, a safety exhibit and a speaker for the event. There is a 15 percent failure rate in the state's new mandatory road test, AAA Michigan reports.

MSU BLACK ALUMNI

The Michigan State University Black Alumni Inc. will host its 17th Annual Homecoming Celebration Oct. 3-5 in Lansing. The weekend will include the Homecoming Parade and a Green & White Party on Friday, a membership meeting, the MSU-Minnesota game, and an alumni dance on Saturday and a wor ship service on Sunday. For more information, call Merritta Proctor at (517) 373-2965.

FOOD, SHELTER FUNDS

United Way Community Services will be accepting applications for Federal Emergency Management Agency for phase six of Emergency Food and Shelter Program funding. Applica-tions are due by Oct. 24. They can be obtained by calling Laura Sanders-Crenshaw at (313) 226-9417. United Way Community Services has been designated to distribute program funds. Area applications will be reviewed by the Wayne-Oakland-Macomb Local Board.

OCC EVENTS

The Womencenter at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills, will present a workshop on women and anger from 10 a.m. to noon, Oct. 4 in Room 308 of the campus' J Building. Cynthia Koppin, MA, LPC, will lead the interactive workshop, which includes topics exploring the origins and consequences of anger, why "just venting" doesn't work and communicating feelings more effectively. For more information, call (248) 471-7602.

CRAFT SHOW

Crafters are needed for the Harvest Craft Show on Oct. 18 at William Tyndale College, 3570 W. 12 Mile at Drake in Farmington Hills. The show will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will include a special Beanie Baby raffle for \$1 a ticket and a raffle for the Salvation Army Food Bank — two canned or boxed food items will "buy" a raffle ticket for prizes of donated craft items. Admission is \$1 and all proceeds will go to local charities. For more information, call (248) 476-9074.

NEW SIGNS, BENCHES

More than 70 volunteers from EDS will install signs and benches, clear trails and pick up trash at Rose Oaks County Park on Saturday, Oct. 4, for the fifth EDS Annual Global Volunteer Day. The park was purchased by Oakland County in 1995 It has 592 acres with two large and five small lakes. The park is on Fish Lake Road, north of Rose Center Road in Rose, Township.

PUMPKIN PARTY A Pumpkin Painting Party is being held st'all Frank's Nurs-ery & Crafts locations from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday Oct. 12: Each child will receive one complimentary pumpkin and paints. Cider and donuts will be served.

MOVIE GALA

Nationally syndicated columnist Dr. Paul Donohue will be honored at the United Scleroderma Foundation Movie Gala and Afterglow at 7 p/m. Sunday, Oct. 12 at the new Star Southfield Entertainment Centre, 25333 W. 12 Mile Road, Southfield. Proceeds from the event will benefit patient services and national medical research. For more information and reservations, call the USF office at (248) 443-

GREAT LAKES CHORUS

Women who enjoy music and have always wondered what it would be like to sing will have that opportunity Oct. 21, 23, 28 and 30 when the Great Lakes Chorus offers vocal education workshops in the art of singing four-part harmony, a capella style. To register for the workshops, call (810) 254-5986 or (810) 263-1639. Those who attend the workshops will learn the basics of vocal direction from director Lee Davison and her music staff. Tips will be given on how to follow a musical score, and videos will be shown to demonstrate how choreography, costuming and make up enhance performance. The chorus of 94 women is part of Sweet Adelines International, a world-wide nonprofit organization.

Counties get job training funds

Residents of Oakland and Macomb counties were awarded more than \$380,000 for job placement services by the Michigan Jobs Commission, said state Senators Bill Bullard (R-Highland) and Mat Dunaskiss (R Lake Orion) and Michael Bouchard (R-Birmingham).

The grants will supply both state and federal funds to help job seekers with disabilities prefor employment and live more independently. The grants

- ■\$149,748 awarded to the United Cerebral Palsy Association of Metropolitan Detroit to help train persons with disabilities to exercise greater choice in making service decisions, as well as train rehabilitation counselors and other service
- \$31,133 awarded to the Oakland and Macomb Center for Independent Living to help students with disabilities make a smooth transition from school to work or to higher education:
- \$43,620 awarded to the Jay Shop, Inc. in Pontiac to improve employment opportunities in Oakland County for persons recovering from substance

■\$41.600 awarded to that Person Ability in Troy to help persons with disabilities in Macomb County prepare for the job mar-

■\$82,880 awarded to the Jewish Vocational Services in Southfield to develop the Career Exploration Opportunities (CEO) program providing Oakland and Macomb County students with special needs the chance to explore various career options. In addition, the agency received a grant of \$32,194 to help maintain the employment of persons with severe disabilities.

"Finding a job is key to becoming self-sufficient," Bullard said. am pleased to see that residents of these two counties have access to job training and job placement as away to gain that

Dunaskiss and Bouchard con-

"Partnerships between state government and local job training agencies have been highly successful in preparing Michigan residents for careers," Dunaskiss said. "I am pleased to see the programs do not exclude any portion of the work force."

"As individuals with disabili ties become employable and more independent, their person-al gain extends to all family members." Bouchard said. "Additionally, these programs have far-reaching effects on the entire community. That is why we, as Oakland County senators, have joined forces in supporting these crucial programs.

The Jobs Commission has 35 offices throughout the state and works directly with community organizations to provide job preparation services to persons with disabilities.

State approves development funds for Oakland County International Airport

Oakland County International Airport in Waterford is closer to improving air travel statewide after approval of 14 projects by the Michigan Aeronautics Com-

The MAC cleared the way for improvement grants and loans

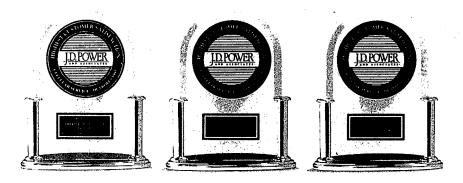
totaling \$11.7 million. The airport received a \$16,000 allocation to update airport zoning. The proposed budget consists of \$8,000 state and \$8,000

MAC's approval for federally funded projects authorizes state participation, subject to the issuance of a federal grant.

Federal and state dollars for airport development come from restricted, user generated funds. Primary sources of revenues are aviation fuel, passenger taxes and aircraft registration fees.

In other action, the commis-

sion elected new officers for the coming year and recognized the recipients of the 1997 MAC Award of Excellence. Commissioners Lowell Kraft of Pigeon and John Boerema of Grand Rapids will serve as chair and vice-chair respectively. The commission also honored Judge Michael Silver of West Bloom field for his contributions to aviation education and Suburban Aviation, Inc.



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Levin sees need for pact on federal road funds

BY TIM RICHARD STAFF WRITER

U.S. Sen. Carl Levin wants to pry more federal road money out of the U.S. Congress this year

after a tough, bipartisan battle.
"As long as I've been there, Michigan has been in the lower 40s (of the 50 states) as to the money we get back," said Levin, in his 19th year as a Democratic lawmaker. "When I got there, it was 72 cents on the dollar (returned to Michigan). Now it's up to 85 cents.

"It's not a partisan battle," he told an audience of 100 at the Sept. 28 breakfast of Temple Israel in West Bloomfield Township. "What happened was that 40 years ago, when the interstate freeways were being built, states got together and cooked up these formulas that benefited 30 states, the so-called donee states. They get more than

they give.
"You can imagine how difficult it is for 20 states to change the formula written by 30 states. The majority rules — except in the U.S. Senate, where it takes 60 votes because of the filibuster rule. So every time the highway bill comes up for reauthorization, those of us who are on the short end filibuster (speak for hours on end to hold up proceedings).

"We'll do better this year. It's a huge issue - I can't tell you how big. It's called the ISTEA (Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act). The states on the short end are going to fight for a fairer stake," he said, predicting an alliance with the western states against northeastern

"Rhode Island and Connecticut get \$1.30 back (for every \$1 of federal road taxes paid). The battle will begin in the next few weeks," he said, predicting Michigan would pick up an unspecified amount.

Gov. John Engler this year has set a goal of gaining \$200 million more in federal aid as part of his \$570 million road improvement package. The federal government sends about \$1 billion back to Michigan's Department of Transportation.

To some extent, Michigan is destined to be a donor state because its retirees move west and south (taking Social Security checks). The south's weather is more conducive to basic training (defense), and poverty programs are targeted to lowincome states (south).

That's not all bad, Levin said, because "California took some huge hits when defense reductions were made."

Later he said he has a "good" working relationship with Republican L. Brooks Patterson, the Oakland County executive.

particularly on the roads issue. "He was in my office Friday," Levin said.

Levin, 63, a former two-term Detroit city council member, is the state's highest ranking Democratic officeholder.

In an interview, he said he will remain neutral on the 1998 gubernatorial primary, which is shaking out as a contest between attorney Larry Owen of East Lansing and former state and federal cabinet official Doug

And Levin said he hasn't made up his mind about the coming 2000 presidential nomination contest between Vice President Albert Gore and House minority leader Richard Gephardt.

Audience and press questions covered all points.

Q. What should the federal role be in testing of students?

A. "I think it's useful to have voluntary tests for everybody to see how they measure up. The president's test is voluntary; no school district or state is obligated to take it."

The Clinton administration's plan is to test fourth-grade English and eighth-grade math. The House rejected the plan,

Q. What progress are you

making getting federal judges confirmed who don't agree with Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, chair of the Judiciary Committee?

A. "Very slight. This is going to be a major issue where Democrats will try to force the consideration of these judges on the floor. If they (Republicans) want to vote against them, that's one thing, but to refuse a hear-

"It's going to affect some Michigan judges. We've got three openings (in federal district courts). We have a circuit court of appeals judge — Helene White, a judge on the state Court of Appeals. "We've been unable to get a hearing on her. "It's an important constitution-

al issue that has to do with the independence of the judiciary. Sen. Hatch doesn't want 'activist' judges. It's no excuse for not allowing a hearing, a debate and a vote. President Clinton has appointed very moderate judges, when you look at the cross-sec-

Q. How can you run a campaign if you have less money through the McCain-Feingold campaign finance reform bill (being debated this week by the U.S. Sen-

A. "The campaigns will be less long, less nasty, less attack ads on TV, if everybody plays by the

ideas. They're battles of images and attacks

Levin said the money he and Republican challenger Ronna Romney spent in 1996 was regulated money, subject to \$1,000 contribution limits. Had his race been closer, Michigan might seen nasty "attack" ads, paid for by unregulated ("soft money") contributions to the parties, which don't say "Vote for" for "Re-elect" but merely attack the opposition's character.

Levin repeatedly attacked TV evangelist Pat Robertson's Christian Coalition for seeking tax-exempt status as a nonpartisan, nonprofit corporation when it sends out 72 million copies of so-called voter guides rating the candidates.

He attacked the practice of selling big contributors access to congressional committee chairs. "It is legal. It is wrong. It is a loophole. It is an unseemly business. The American people are turned off by huge amounts of money in campaigns."

Q. Where does he stand on giving the president "fast-track" authority to expand the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)?

A. The ideal trade agreement would be "one page — no tariffs, no more duties." Fast-track

same rules.
"The TV ads aren't battles of

U.S. Senator Carl Levin

means Congress couldn't make amendments to the agreement. which Levin opposes: "I don't want Congress to give up the right to amend a statute."

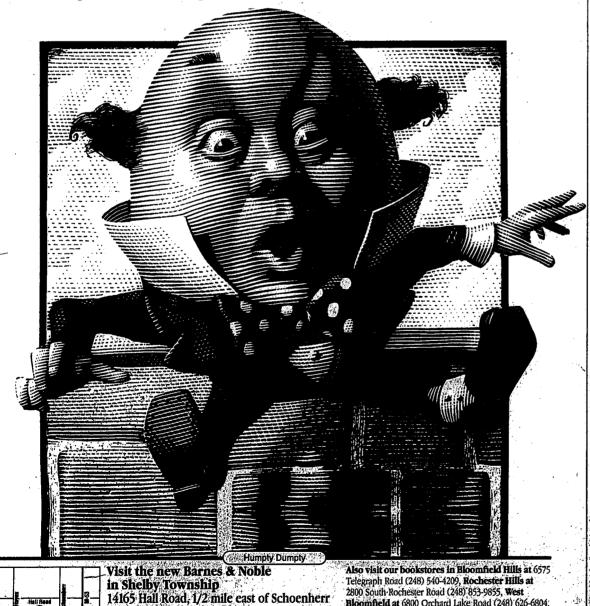
Levin voted no on NAFTA in 1993 because it was a 1,000-page bill that gave Mexico the right to restrict American exports of auto parts and prohibited the selling of American used cars in Mexico for 25 years. On the whole, NAFTA probably has hurt Michigan jobs and worsened the U.S.'s balance of trade with Mexico and Canada.

"I think our presidents have been weak on trade. I'm willing to compete, but I'm not willing to let the other guy discriminate while I'm open.

China is particularly restrictive: "We know what they're try-ing to do — build an auto indus-

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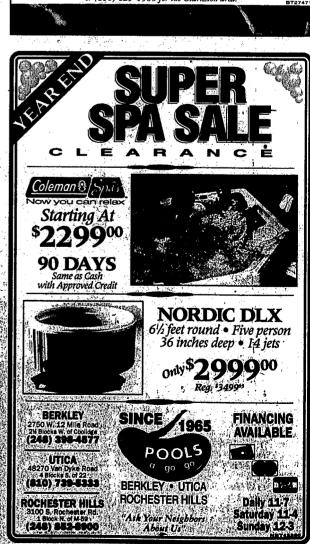
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Changes dilute ban on riding in back of pickups

By Tim Richard Staff Writer

A bill to ban people from riding in the beds of pickup trucks was watered down by the House, passed 67-37 and sent to an uncertain fate in the Senate.

It was too much water for Rep. Frank Fitzgerald, R-Grand Ledge, who complained about amendments to allow persons 16 and older, hunters and workers

"There is one immutable law we cannot change. Death is death. From 1994 to 1996, we suffered 19 deaths in pickups," said Fitzgerald, a safety-conscious lawmaker ambitious to become attorney general. But he voted yes.

It was just right for Rep. Andrew Raczkowski, R-Farmington Hills. "We made it a bill for kids. There were valid exceptions," said the anti-regulation freshman lawmaker.

Sponsor of the amendment to

exempt persons 16 and older was Rep. Eileen DeHart, D-West-land. Challenged during debate

Schoolscan't sue over lost charter

A charter school may not sue the body that revoked its charter, Attorney General Frank Kel-

ley has ruled. "The Legislature has provided, in clear and unambiguous lan-guage, that an authorizing body's decision to revoke a public school academy contract is not subject to judicial review under state law," Kelley said in an opinion requested by state Rep. Kirk Profit, D-Ypsilanti.

A charter school is a public school which has received a charter from a university, community college, intermediate district or local school district. "Public schools have no power to challenge their creator regarding the term of their existence," the attorney general said. Nor can the chartering agency be held liable for damages, he added.

Equal pay bills

The National Organization for Women, American Association of University Women and two female legislators spent a day promoting bills to require public and private employers to pay women the same as men for the same work.

The wage gap between men and women in our state is larger than it was five years ago," said Sen. Alms Wheeler Smith, D-Salem, "and the Michigan gap is worse then the wage gap in other states.

Supporters distributed sugar cookies with a large "bite" missing, indicating their belief women are paid 71 percent as much as men

Smith said she will introduce equal pay bills in the Senate. In the House, Rep. Lynne Martinez, D-Lansing, has sponsored House Bills 4257 and 4257. They require that wages be based on objective factors such as education, skills, responsibility and working conditions."

Legislators

Sen. Bob Geake, R-Northville, was appointed to the Michigan Sentencing Commission by Serate majority leader Dick Posthumus. The panel develops sentencing guidelines for judges that are to be uniformly applied across the state.

Sen. Bill Bullard Jr., R-Milford, has been appointed to the Senate Finance Committee, which handles tax legislation. As a representative in 1995-6, he

chaired the House Tax Policy Committee, Bullard replaces the late Sen. Ibug Carl, R-Utica.

Rep. Gerald H. Law, R-Plymouth, is sponsor of a bill to require insurance companies to require insurance companies to cover scalp hair prostheses, a treatment for a disease that causes loss of hair on the scalp. He was praised by the National Alopecia Areata Foundation for promoting awareness of a dis-ease that most often afflicts chil-dren

by members over the cutoff age, DeHart said, "If a police officer has a question about whether someone is 16 or 15, he does what he does in any other case. He pulls them over."

She added that victims tend to be the very young. "This amendment is good for hunters.

Moments later, the House unanimously approved still another amendment: people on search and rescue missions

The bill, by Rep. Deborah Cherry, D-Burton, was intro-duced Feb. 11 and languished in the House Transportation Committee until a late July accident in rural Jackson County claimed 11 lives, eight of them children riding in the bed of a pickup

The committee leaped into action and reported out the bill Sept. 23, the first day of the fall If adopted, it would apply \$100 fines to violating drivers but not passengers.

Rep. David Gubow, D-Huntington Woods, called the effort "a baby step forward. A pickup is not designed for passengers, and an auto is. But the auto law requires seat belts, and there are no seat belts in the cargo bed of a pickup," he said. Gubow voted yes anyway.

VS

Rep. Don Gilmer, R-Augusta, an apple grower in rural Kala-mazoo County, called the law unnecessary. "Why are we unnecessary. "Why are we attempting to outlaw stupidity? Last summer's tragedy involved 1) an unlicensed driver who 2) ran a stop sign and 3) had children under 4 who were not belt-ed in the cab. She 5) took all the back roads (to avoid traffic).

money for nice vans and station wagons," said Gilmer,

Rep. Rose Bogardus, D-Davison, said: "I walked my district and knocked on several hundred doors, especially those with pick-ups parked there. There was unanimous support for this bill," she said.

camping for a lot of people," said Rep. Alan Cropsey, R-DeWitt.

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OAKLAND DIGEST

Oakland Digest provides a summary of headline stories from around the county during the week leading up to Oct. 2.

BIRMINGHAM

Schools support test changes: Birmingham school district superintendent John Hoeffler is confident proposed recommendations in the state legislature to change the High School Proficiency Test match concerns of district students, parents and education officials. The recommendations are expected to be introduced as bills on the House floor next month.

Fashion show benefits survivors: This year's Downtown Birmingham Fall Spectacular fashion grossed more than

\$200.000. Put on by the Downtown Merchant's Association, in cooperation with the Beaumont Foundation, the event raises money for the Pediatric Cancer Survivorship Scholarship Program. The foundation expects to ward college scholarships of \$1,000 to 22 young cancer survivors from this year's revenues.

CLARKSTON

Workshop will help parents: Author and humorist Dr. Larry Koenig will share tips on getting siblings to stop bickering and other parenting secrets during an "Up With Parents" workshop from 6 to 8:30 p.m., Oct. 12, at St. Daniel Catholic Church in Clarkston, Tickets are \$7 in advance and \$10 at the door. For

information, call (248) 625-1750.

FARMINGTON

City wins award: Farmington was recognized at the 99th Annual Convention of the Michigan Municipal League, held Sept. 22-26 in Muskegon. The city won an honorable mention for creating its Interactive Public Access Internet Web Site in 1996.

LAKE ORION

Village suspends banner rules: Lake Orion's village council suspended an ordinance provision that forbids banners and flags on business fronts. Council members approved the temporary suspension, but plan to create a new and more flexible sign ordinance that pleases both

residents and business owners.

ROCHESTER

Nowos takes stand: Monica Nowos, the Rochester Hills woman accused of killing brother-in-law Michael Hockenberry, testified in her own defense Sept. 26 in Oakland County Circuit Court. Nowos claimed she shot Hockenberry out of fear for her family.

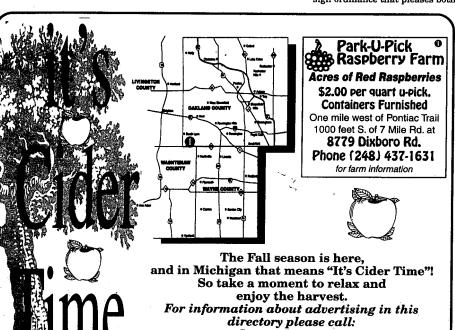
Classics go on screen: Classic films with a featured guest speaker begin at 7 p.m., Fridays, starting Oct. 17, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts. Tickets are \$3 per person and include light refreshments. This year's series opener is "Gentleman's Agreement." For information, call (248) 354-4224.

Prostitution case delayed again: The preliminary exam of James William Breen, of Bloomfield Township, and Domenico Caracci, of Plymouth, has been postponed until Oct. 16. Both men were charged with pandering and conspiracy to pander in connection with a prostitution ring in Troy. Breen is also charged with accepting the earnings of a prostitute. The latest postponement is the third.

WEST BLOOMFIELD

Road work delayed again: A moratorium on rezoning and building permits on Cass Lake Road in Keego Harbor, which previously expired Oct. 13, has been extended. Plans to widen the road are under way. Approximately 14 nearby buildings been demolished and 16 of 22 properties have been taken over by the Road Commission of Oakland County for the project.

> - compiled by staff writer Nicole Stafford



Credit union raises more than funds for Heart Association

By PAT MURPHY

Saturday morning in the Bald Mountain Recreation Area; about 1,100 people are expected to strut their stuff on behalf of the American Heart Association.

Their efforts are expected to raise as much as \$75,000, which will go to research, according to Dianne Addington, president and CEO of T&C Federal Credit Union, the walk's principal sponsor.

While the event will benefit the heart association, it's also... an example of a corporation adding to the quality of life in, Oakland County, according to county executive L. Brooks,

Patterson talked about the credit union's involvement. Tuesday at the 5th Annual Q2 (that's "Q squared") Breakfast at the Troy Marriott. The Q2 designation denotes the intent to honor "Quality People, Quality County."

The Bloomfield Hills-based credit union represents the first time county officials have commemorated the efforts of a corporation, rather than individuals as in the previous four

The credit union has 140 employees in six offices, including Clarkston where it helped sponsor the 4th of July Parade.

Individuals honored, too

Individuals honored at the Q2 breakfast this year are Alexander E. Bailey, superintendent Oak Park schools and Thomas G. Donomme, vice chair and chief administrative officer of the Chrysler Corporation.

Bailey was recognized for his work in education and his involvement in organizations like the Children's Center in Detroit and the local soup kitchen, noted Patterson.

Bailey, the son of a Baptist preacher, grew up in Philadelphia. I never realized we were poor until I was in my 20s," he said. "And I never believed being born poor meant you couldn't achieve your goals."

Donomme, a West Bloomfield resident, was honored because of his work as director of the Congressional Economic Leadership Institute and the Committee for Economic Development. He also serves on a number of hospital boards.

Donomme, one of seven children, grew up on Detroit's eastside. "When I was in high school, I knew my life always have something to do with automobiles."

He spent 20 years with the Ford Motor Co. before moving to Chrysler in 1980. He became a vice president in 1981 and was elected to the Chrysler Board of Directors in 1993. "I'd like to be remembered as somebody who was interested in the community as much as a successful businessman," he

"All of our Q2 recipients have made a difference in our community," said Patterson. "They made Oakland a better place in which to live, recreate and raise a family.

"We're honoring a corporate entity this year," said the executive, "because of its extensive involvement on behalf of

In addition to helping people meet financial needs, the credit union has been involved in the Baldwin Community. Center of Pontiac that, among other things, helps feed the homeless; the Three Rings Circle of Safety, a program to protect children; NetDay Michigan, when the credit union sponsored Frost Elementary School in Pontiac get wired on the

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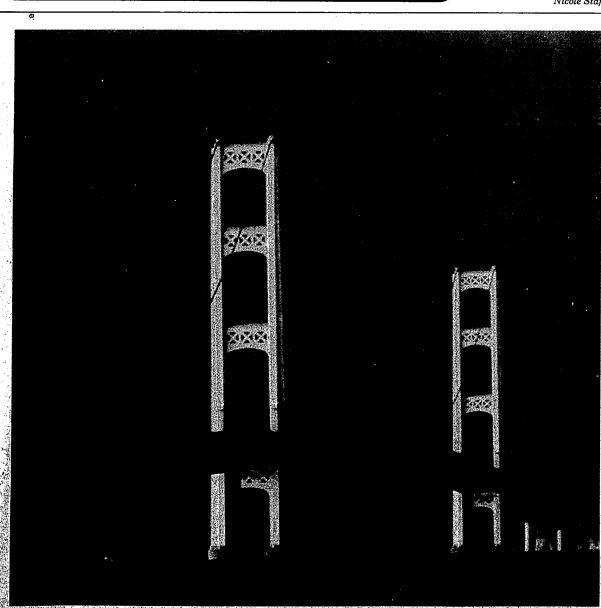
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Good Thinking

County board OKs slight millage cut for taxpayers

BY PAT MURPHY STAFF WRITER

Homeowners might be able to get pizza with their tax sayings under the Oakland County budget approved for 1998.

But they'll have to settle for a slice, rather than a whole pizza. The owner of a \$200,000 home,

for example, will realize about \$3 a year under the \$554 million budget approved last Thursday by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners.

The savings will result as the county's Millage Reduction and Stabilization Fund is eliminated over the next four year

The owner of the same \$200,000 home would have realized \$12 a year if the \$4.3 million fund had been eliminated in one year instead of spread out over four.

While some commissioners wanted the higher tax cut, all but one commissioner — John Garfield, R-Rochester Hills voted for the budget with the \$3

Those commissioners agreed with county executive L. Brooks Patterson, whose office prepared the budget, that the larger cut now might necessitate raising taxes in a year or two if the economy took a severe downturn.

Oakland is currently in excellent financial shape, according to Robert J. Daddow, who as director of management and budget is the main architect of the 1998

But there could be difficulty, Daddow insisted, if problems like jail overcrowding required an influx of cash. "We'd rather ■ 'We'd rather give a small reduction, so we don't have to have a tax hike if things get

Robert J. Daddow director of management and

give a small reduction, so we don't have to have a tax hike if things get tight," he said. Commissioner Sue Ann Dou-

glas, R-Rochester and chair of the county board's finance committee, said the new budget like previous budgets — represents compromise. "We held hours of hearings," she said. There was considerable discussion, but in the end we were able

to agree."
One who disagreed, however, was Garfield. He was particularly unhappy about Oakland allo-cating \$3 million as the local match for improvements for ramps on I-75 for access to the new Chrysler headquarters in Auburn Hills.

Garfield found it incongruous that Oakland officials would allocate \$3 million for the benefit of Chrysler while quibbling about a \$3 tax cut for homeown-

"I'm ashamed of my fellow Republicans," he said during one of the budget hearings.

Some of those colleagues, however, said the \$3 million had been promised in negotiations to the auto maker

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As road crews work to resurface roads throughout Oakland County, other longer term projects still ongoing include:

■ Beverly Hills — The reconstruction of the intersection of 13 Mile and Evergreen will start in the next two weeks The work is expected to take approximately

■ Birmingham — Adams between the northern city limits and Madison Avenue, is being resurfaced and is expected to finish the first week in Oct ber. Detours for the Adams project will route northbound traffic along Woodward and southbound traffic will be reduced to one

■ Bloomfield Township — Squirrel Road, between Long Lake

■ Biomineta Township — Squirrei Road, between Long Lake and Westview, is being resurfaced and reconstructed at the north end. A detour will route drivers along Adams and Square Lake roads until the roadway reopens in mid-November.
■ Farmington Hills — Expansion of the Haggerty Connector (M-5) closed 13 Mile Road, between Haggerty and Meadowbrook, until the end of September. Paving and drainage improvements at the east end of the Meadowbrook Hills subdivision near 8 Mile

at the east end of the Meadoworook Hills succession hear of Mine and Halsted will be completed Nov. 1.

Independence Township — White Lake Road near Andersonville Road is closed to through traffic. It is being widened to three lanes and realigned with Nelsey Road. Detours route drivers down Dixie Highway to Andersonville until the expected completion in November when the southern portion of White Lake Road will be turned into any location in the restriction. Lake Road will be turned into a cul-de-sac instead of intersecting Andersonville. Paving of the approach of Clement Street to

Andersonville will be completed in mid-October.

■ Orion Township — Silverbell Road at M-24 will be widened to include a left-turn lane and the right turn lane on westbound Silverbell at M-24 will be extended. The projects are expected to be completed by November. The changes will help with drainage

Oxford - An overlay of pavement will be added to East Street between Washington and Glaspie and on W. Burdick between Polly Anne Trail and the west village limit and will be

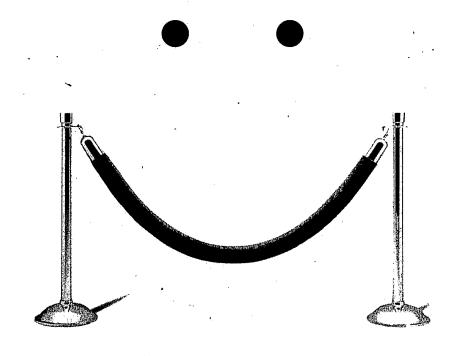
completed by mid-October Rochester Hills — Hamlin Road is being reconstructed to a four-lane boulevard from M-59 to Crooks Road. The project, which is expected to be completed by the spring of 1998, will include the completion of the east-west link from the new M-59 ramp to various business facilities. The roadway is closed, except for local traffic, with detours across M-59 and Avon Road. A left tor local traffic, with detours across M-59 and Avon Road. A left turn lane is being added at the intersection of Auburn Road and Technology with a traffic light installed. The new light will assist residents of Chateau Avon Mobile Home Park. The gravel roadways of June and Tamm will be paved this month. The project is expected to last 30 days. Alternating traffic is being planned from a.m. to 7 p.m. Sept. 26 for milling for an overlay of pavement on Adams between Auburn and M-59 and nor of Avon Road, Overlay on Adams between Auburn and M-59 will cause alternating lane closures from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 29, and on Adams between Hamlin an Avon from 7 a.m. to 7 n.m. 29, and on Adams between Hamlin an Avon from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

29, and on Adams between Hamlin an Avon from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 30.

Southfield — Greenfield bridge over the Northwestern Highway (M-10) is under construction for deck replacement with southbound Greenfield closed and traffic detoured along Pembroke. Lanes are expected to reopen Oct. 30, 1997. Residential roadways east of Laheer and west of Arlington between Winchester and 11 Mile are undergoing spot concrete replacement to be completed by Oct. 31. Ten Mile, between Beech and Inkster roads, will be payed due to deterioration and Holy Sepulchre Archdiocesan Cemetery; between Inkster and Telegraph, will be given a new approach. The project is expected to be completed by mid-November.

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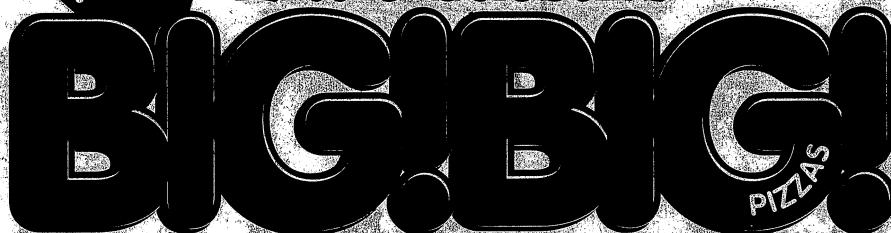
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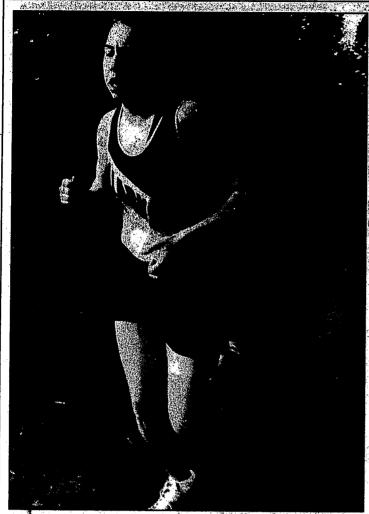
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On the run: Megan Plante of Clarkston finished fourth in 20:38, but Rochester Adams finished 1-2-3 to hand the Wolves their first dual-meet loss in years Tuesday.

Highlanders pin 1st loss on Wolves

Sage leads boys to narrow win

larkston's girls' cross country runners knew Tuesday's meet with Rochester Adams was going to be a tough one.

After all, the Highlanders had tal-ented transfer Nikki Thouin from Lake Orion and a good freshman class coming in. The Wolves hadn't lost a dual meet in at least four years, but knew that streak was in jeopardy.

They were right. Adams took the top three spots in



Big winner: Clarkston's Dave-Sage finished first overall, leading the Wolves to a win over Rochester Adams.

They seemed pretty upset about it, so I'm glad. because it shows they

> Debbie Zonca -Clarkston girls' coach

Tuesday's Oakland Activities Association Division I meet and beat the Wolves, 21-35. Clarkston took four of the top 10 spots, but when a team gets the top three, it can't be beat.

"If a team goes 1-2-3 on you, it's mathematically impossible to beat said, "Adams is an extremely tough team."

team.

Megan Plante was Clarkston's top finisher, coming in fourth in 20:38.

Jennifer Rooding was right behind hersin 21:22, and Christina Rooding

other Clarkston runners were Lissa
Lukens, who was 11th in 23:00, JeniGifford who was 12th in 23:10 and
April Rooding, who was 13th in 23:11.
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They seemed pretty upset about it, so I'm glad, because it shows they care. Zonca said. They wanted to win a league title, but that s going to be tough right now.

The Boys.

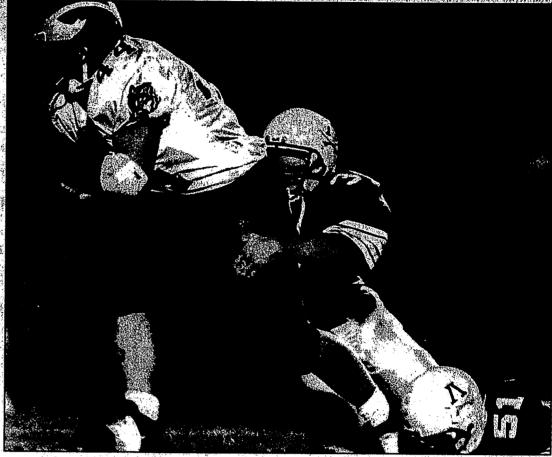
The Wolves captured three of the top six places and edged the Highlanders 26-31. Dave Sage was the top overall runner, finishing first in 16-46. Matt Haver finished fourth in

10:30 Mat. Haver inished fourth in 17:33 and Kevin Breen was sixth in 17:40, his best race of the year. "We thought we might go 1-2, but a couple of their guys picked off Haver." Clarkston coach Mike Taylor said. "Our boys did a real good job. Our depth ran well." Chris Weber finished seventh for

Chris Weber misses seventh for Clarkston, running the course in 18:08. Dan Burke (18:15) finished sighth, Dave Wicklund (19:08) was 10th Scott Watson (19:12) was 11th We knew it would be close. Taylor was the series of the course of the cou

we knew it would be close? Taylor said: "We'd run on the same course as them a couple of times, so we were able to time it out as if it was a dual meet, and we only won by a point."

Taylor credited the win to the performance of Breen, Weber and Burke. Those guys really turned it around for us," the coach said.



Long road: Clarkston's Jeff Long fights off the tackles of Rochester Adams' Mark Jacobson and Trevor Potts (51) to score a touchdown during Clarkston's 34-30 comeback win over the Highlanders Friday night in Rochester.

Fife drums Highlanders

Wolves come back twice to stop Adams

📕 Just when it looked like Rochester Adams would hand Clarkston its second loss, the Wolves roared back, twice erasing 10-point deficits on their way to a 34-30 win that kept them in the thick of the division race.

BY BRAD KADRICH

ochester Adams hounded Clarkston quarterback Pane And. Highlanders hurried him and, at ston quarterback Dane Fife. The times, frustrated him.

The one thing Adams couldn't do, however, was contain him, and the result was an exciting 34-30 Oakland Activities Association Division I prep

football win for the Wolves.

Fife completed 6-of-12 passes for 167 yards and a touchdown, and ran for a pair of second-half scores, as the Wolves (3-1 overall, 2-0 OAA I) erased a 30-20 third-quarter lead for the comeback victory

"Dane threw the ball well and he ran

it well," Clarkston coach Kurt Richardson said.

Clarkston refused to wilt, despite a air of 10-point Adams leads. The Wolves trailed 23-13 at halftime, and were behind 30-20 late in the third quarter. The Highlanders (3-1, 1-1) built their second 10-point lead of the night with an impressive 10-play, 70yard drive capped by Lee Ritter's 9-yard run with 28 seconds left in the third quarter. It was Ritter's second score of the game and gave Adams a

Adams followed that by burying Clarkston's Eric Jenks, who bobbled the ensuing kickoff, at his own 12 yard

Up Next

13-of 27 for 204 yards and a touch down, and Brad Phalen rushed for

Cagers get Berkley breather

fter a three-point loss to Rochester and a come-from-behind victory over Waterford Kettering in their last two outings, one could hardly blame the Clarkston Wolves for hoping for a breather in the schedule.

They got it Thursday.
The Wolves (7-1) scored the first eight points of the game, outscored Berkley 17-8 in the first quarter, and put their size advantage to good use in manhandling the Bears, 59-37, before

a large crowd at Clarkston.
Clarkston outrebounded Berkley 2213 in the first half and pounded the boards for a 38-26 advantage in the game. Clarkston's pressure defense helped secure a big lead, then helped preserve it, keeping the Bears at least 13 points behind after the 5;20 mark of the second quarter.

he second quarter.
"I told the kids to get all over the "I told the kids to get all over the boards," Clarkston coach Ann Serra said. "We had the height advantage and the athletic ability, and we wanted to pound them."

The game was basically over after the first eight minutes. Junior guard Deana Kanipe scored early and often getting the Wolves first six points and helped Clarkston build a 12-4 edge Kanipe hit a short jumper, then

edge. Kampe hit a short jumper, then canned a 12-footer and a pair of free throws to give Clarkston a 6-0 lead. Sophomore forward Lori Wild hit an inside bucket and, after two straight Berkley hoops, Corinne McIntyre



Georgia on their minds: Clarkston's Georgia Senkyr (10) drives to the hoop past Berkley's Kendrah Pickle during the Wolves easy win over the Bears Thursday 1.50

Grand Blanc hands Wolves' kickers 1st loss, 3-1

BY MIKE SCOTI SPECIAL WRITER

Dreams of an undefeated regular season were shattered Monday as Clarkston's soccer team was outplayed and beaten, 3-1, by visiting Grand Blanc in a non-conference battle.

The Wolves (6-1-4) were faced with the prospect of playing against the wind in the second half, but for the whole game the bigger challenge was finding a y to control the ball as the Bobcats utilized a disciplined passing attack to frustrate their

It took awhile for us to get used to their passing," admitted senior midfielder Brian McGeogh, Clarkston's lone goal scorer. "They really moved the ball well on us."

With the score tied 1-1 early in the second half, Clarkston's Dan Jackson forced Grand Blanc goalkeeper Chris Weiermiller to make a tough save in close, but the referee awarded the Wolves and indirect free kick from just outside the penalty box.

With players from both teams crowding the net, Mike Gabriel sent the free kick just over the crossbar. That proved to be Clarkston's best scoring chance of the second half.

Then the Bobcats (8-2-1) worked the ball downfield and senior forward Eric Salenski redirected a shot past a helpless Rean Turner with 33 minutes to play which put Grand Blanc up

Despite the loss, Clarkston head coach Dan Fitzgerald was upbeat about his team's performance and said a game like this canould help the Wolves down the

"It's good to play tough teams

like (Grand Blanc)," Fitzgerald said. "Today we played a team with a great deal of composure, and we didn't play badly, but we still need to improve."

Sophomore forward Matt Ignace scored his second goal of the game off a throw-in from the 50-yard line. Andrew Hayes dribbled the ball down the left sideline and found Ignace from 20 yards out and he buried it in the right corner past a diving Turner,

Throughout the game the Bobcats were assessed a number of fouls on pushes and shoves, and Clarkston was awarded free kicks on a regular basis. However, the Bobcats drifted five players back on their defensive alignment as the game wore on and limited the number of good scor-ing opportunities the Wolves

Grand Blanc head coach Doug Burroughs, whose team has tied state-ranked Flint Carman-Ainsworth, said his team passed the ball better Monday than they had the entire year.

"Our guys were moving off the ball extremely well," Burroughs

Fitzgerald didn't think his team was overly frustrated by the Bobcats' ball control or physical play, saying his squad played solid defense and that much of the play was waged in the middle of the field.

"Their first two goals were kind of fluke goals," Fitzgerald

The Bobcats struck early in the game as Ignace scored on a header which arced over Turner at the 38:08 mark of the first

The Wolves did not get many quality scoring chances in the first half. The best during the

Gabriel took a free kick from 45 yards out and found Mike Hard just outside the penalty box. Hard directed it off Weiermiller's hands and McGeogh headed the rebound just over the net.

Clarkston finally struck with 4:39 to play in the half as McGeogh directed a loose ball into the Grand Blanc goal. Fullback Russ Parrott received an assist on the throw-in.
"I just challenged their goalie

and came up with the loose ball," McGeogh said. "We played well late in the first half, but I think were surprised when they scored their second goal. We lost a little of our confidence after that goal."

Fitzgerald admitted he was disappointed about the loss, but felt it came at a good time, close on the heels of games with Clawson Wednesday and tonight at Goodrich.

He praised the work of Gabriel, who played at midfield throughout the contest after spending much of the season on

"I think (Gabriel) was as good as any player on the field tonight. He really made things

happen for our team." Clarkston is also preparing for perhaps its biggest game of the regular season, Monday's home clash with defending division champion Lake Orion

Wednesday — Clarkston 7, Clawson 0: The Wolves got back on track with the easy road win. behind two goals from Tom

Parrot, Lenhardt, Shawn Verlinden, Dan Jackson and Jared Bauer all added goals for the Wolves, who got a shutout from Turner,



Playing keepaway: Clarkston's Brian McGeogh (left) and Grand Blanc's Kyle Mooney battle for the ball during the Bobcats' 3-1 win Monday night. It was Clarkston's first loss of the season.McGeogh got Clarkston's only goal. The loss comes just before a busy part of the Wolves' schedule, which includes a home game against Lake Orion Monday night. The Wolves and Dragons battled to a 3-3 tie earlier in

Schultz is second, Wolves sixth at county golf meet

BY BRAD KADRICH SPORTS EDITOR

So close, yet so far.

That's the kind of day it was for Clarkston's golf team at Mon-day's Oakland County meet, won by Cranbrook-Kingswood at Pontiac Country Club.

The Cranes won the meet with a 310 on the par-72 course.

Clarkston shot 329, but finished five spots lower than the

And medalist Michael Beether shot 74 and was the meet's medalist. But Clarkston's Bob Schultz was even par through 14 holes before suffering two dou-ble-bogeys on the final four

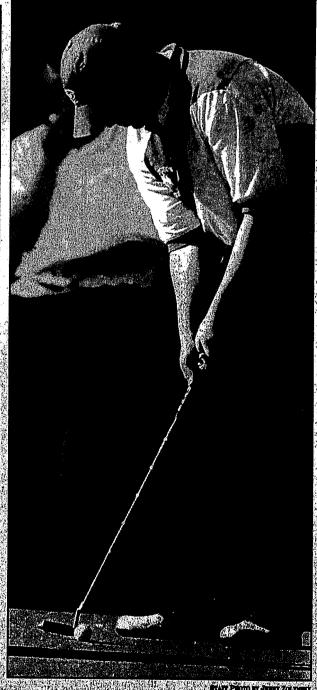
"We had a pretty good day," Clarkston coach Jim Chamber-lain said. "I thought we shot well, considering the kind of

day."
Playing on a windy day,
Schultz finished with 76 and was fourth overall in the individual standings.

"That's right where he should be," Chamberlain said of his top finisher. "He's averaging 77, so that's right in his range.

Ben Ness was next for the Wolves with an 82. Bryan Haggard shot 85, while Dave Benner and Derek Hool each carded an





Silver medal: Clarkston's Bob Schultz taps in during his round of 76 at the Oakland County golf meet Mon-day. Schultz finished tied for second, leading the Wolves to a sixth-place finish at Pontiac Country Club

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For the second straight year, sports (mad lines heads young second playars in the client straight second level; second playars the high school level; second playars grant free admission (these "Youth Opportunity Night," will also be coupon; ay allable presented by soccer parents. takes place Monday input during the Lake Orion; Clarkston include a Mc minute activities also ing the Lake Orion; Clarkston include a Mc minute activities also years the Clarkston game between the Clarkston.

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Bogle and da ball: Clarkston's Lauren Bogart returns a shot during a match at No. 2 singles at Tuesday's Oakland Activities Association league meet. The meet was halted before the finals could be played because of darkness:

Wolves net third place finish, darkness stops league meet

BY BRAD KADRICH SPORTS EDITOR

The Clarkston Wolves finished third in the Oakland Activities Association Division II tennis meet that didn't finish because it barely had a chance to get started Tuesday.

Confused? So were the participating teams, for awhile. The meet was delayed more than five hours by rain, then had to be called because of darkness before the finals could be played.

The outcome, however, had already been determined, so the teams chose not to finish the meet. West Bloomfield, the regular season leader, had teams in the finals of all eight flights and weren't going to be caught.

"It wouldn't change anything, so we decided it wasn't worth taking the girls out of school another day," Clarkston coach Dick Swartout said.

Before the meet was called, though, the Wolves were doing pretty well for themselves. Courtney Schubring, just back ■ 'It wouldn't change anything, so we decided it wasn't worth taking the girls out of school another day.'

> Dick Swartout Clarkston tennis coach

from an injury, had reached the finals at No. 1 singles, and the Wolves top duo — Kristin Atkinson and Alaina Dodds -

done likewise at No. 1 doubles.
"Courtney played tremendous-Swartout said. "They both played pretty well."

The meet wrapped up with West Bloomfield in first place, followed by Troy Athens and Clarkston. Royal Oak Kimball was fourth behind the Wolves.

Knights out: The match with Kimball that was suspended last week due to darkness with Clarkston up 4-2 and two matches in progress will not be made up after all.

It seems a Kimball player involved in one of the interrupted matches suffered a broken hand and has to default due to injury. That gives Clarkston a 5-2 victory and a 4-5 overall record.

Clarkston plays Lapeer West today (Thursday) and Brandon

Monday — Waterford Ket-tering 5, Clarkston 3: The Wolves couldn't overcome the aptains, despite dominating the doubles play.
Dodds and Kristen Maynard

teamed to stop Kathy Tucker and Kristine Rohl 6-4, 6-1 at No. doubles. Lauren Stout and Jenny Claus beat Jenny Irish and Carrie Sage 6-2, 7-5 at No. 2 doubles; and Emily Tate and Allison Olinger beat Pam Tarpening and Kim Harrington 6-4, 6-0 at No. 3 doubles.

But the Captains won all four singles matches, although it took them three sets to win two of them, and won at No. 4 doubles to beat the Wolves.

County mat meet gets new format

BY BRAD KADRICH

The best matches in the Oakland County wrestling tournament may now actually take place in the finals after a change in the tournament's format was OK'd by county athletic directors

The tournament, which annual draws some of the best wrestling in the state, has been switched to a two-site format beginning with the 1997 tournament. Wrestling will be held at

Lake Orion and South Lyon both days this year, and the finals will be at South Lyon.

The two-site format is expect-

ed to eliminate the biggest prob-lem the tournament had at four sites: having the potential top two seeds in a given weight class face off on the first day, often as early as the quarterfinals. The new format will allow for proper seeding.

"The problem at four sites is it's impossible to seed the tour-nament favorably," said Clark-ston coach Mike DeGain, who made the presentation to the athletic directors on behalf of ounty coaches. "The finals were being fought in the quarterfi-nals. That doesn't give a proper perspective of the tournament." Until three years ago, the

tournament was held on the two campuses of Oakland Community Colleges. When that became cost-prohibitive, the meet was moved back to the high schools,

at four sites.
"At two sites, you can seed it the proper way," DeGain said. "It will work out fine."

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However, the Wolves embarked on a nine-play, 88vard drive that included the game's biggest play: a 35-yard Fife strike to wide open tight end Justin Dionne on a fourthand-one play from the Adams 35 vard line with 9:41 left in the

A 35-yard pass on fourth-and-

"The idea is to give Dane the all," said Gordie Richardson, Clarkston's offensive coordina-tor. "Either they have to stop him running or stop him throwing, but you give him the chance.

The score pulled Clarkston within 30-27 and set the stage for a wild finish. On the following possession, Adams quarterback Matt Danielson, who missed last week's win over Troy Athens with an injury, led the Highlanders to the Clarkston 21

vard line. But the Highlanders fumbled and Clarkston's Mike Underwood recovered, stalling that drive.

The Highlanders held Clarkston to three downs and a punt, but the Wolves returned the favor and forced Adams into three-and-out. Linebacker Jeff Long hauled Ritter down for a 1yard loss on first down, and Mike Underwood stopped John Wolf for no gain on second down. After an incomplete third-down pass, Adams was forced to punt.

Clarkston took over at its own 36 with 2:54 left in the game and went 64 yards in just 1:37 for the winning score. The drive only took four plays, including a 27-yard screen from Fife to Brad Phalen and a 28-yard run by Phalen on a draw play.

The touchdown came on the legs of Fife, who has been reluctant to run in the past, on a nifty

3-yard run.

"They (the defense) are dropping guys back, so it's obvious I should run," Fife said. "Coach has been telling me that for three years. I guess I just decided the time was right."

The Highlanders had one last shot, moving to the Clarkston 14 yard line with the help of a pass interference call on the Wolves. But Danielson was sacked by Tim Loveless and Mark Whiteman to end the game.

Long finished with six carries and 72 yards rushing, including an 11-yard touchdown run Phalen finished with 14 carries and 58 yards.

Long tied the score at 7-7 with his 11-yard burst early in the second quarter.

Clarkston hosts Waterford Kettering in its annual Home, coming game Friday. Game time







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Outbreak raises questions about impact on deer

The recent outbreak of tuberculosis in Michigan's whitetail deer herd is raising concerns and questions. How will the outbreak impact the health of Michigan's deer herd? Will it affect hunting? What affect will it

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These questions and many more remain unanswered as state and federal officials study this rare occurrence.

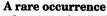
In 1994, a buck was shot on a private hunt club in Alpena County. As the hunter field-dressed the animal he noticed some yellow pea-sized nodules in the lungs and body cavity. He contacted the DNR, tests were conducted and it was determined that the animal was infected with bovine tuberculosis.

Normally rare in whitetail deer, prior to 1994 only eight cases of bovine TB in deer had been recorded throughout North America. Each of those cases was associated with an outbreak of bovine TB in nearby livestock. When the problem cleared up in the livestock, it cleared up in the deer.

TB is a serious disease caused by several bacteria that attack the respiratory system. It can be treated successfully in humans through six months of treatment with antibiotics. TB is primarily spread through the air through coughing and sneezing. Animals that are in close, nose-to-nose contact with each other are susceptible to the disease.

Michigan was granted TB-free status for livestock in 1979 by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. This is an extremely important rating for the prosperity of the state's livestock agriculture.

"After the infected deer was found in 1994 over 900 livestock in the four-county area of the outbreak (Alcona, Alpena, Oscoda, and Montmorency) were immediately tested. No evidence of TB was found in the livestock.



In 1995 the DNR asked hunters in a 10-mile radius of the outbreak area to voluntarily submit heads and lungs for testing from the deer they harvested. With funding provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the DNR tested 354 deer and found 18 more cases of TB. This finding confirmed the belief that a very unique situation was occurring. TB was being maintained in a wild deer population without it being present in nearby livestock.

"This has never happened before," said Bob Holzman, a Michigan State University research biologist working on the case. "This is the first time in North America that there is a TB outbreak in a wild deer herd and not in the livestock. We don't have all the answers, because this is the first time anything like this has happened."

Over last two years state and federal veterinarians literally went door-to-door and checked every farm within a five-mile radius of the outbreak. Over 3,700 cows, goats, pigs and llamas were tested and not one case of TB was found.

A multi-agency task force made up of personnel from the Michigan Department of Agriculture, the Michigan Department of Health and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources was formed to develop a risk assessment and to come up with recommendations on how eliminate the disease in Michigan's deer herd. The agency has received assistance from MSU, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Farm Bureau, Michigan United Conservation Clubs, hunters, farmers and citi-

DMU 452

Deer Management Unit 452 encompasses the area in which the outbreak has occurred. It was formed specifically so the DNR and the task force can better monitor and manage deer in this area. DMU 452 is basically a 200-square mile section of land where the corners of Alcona, Alpena, Oscoda and Montmorency counties meet.

'It's not likely that a hunter . . . would become infected, but it's not impossible.'

Dr. Steven Schmidt

—DNR veterinarian

To date, 4,522 deer have been tested statewide and 74 cases of bovine TB have been documented. All of those cases except one have been restricted to the four-county area of the outbreak. One case was found 15 miles north of the area in Presque Isle County. It's not known if that deer moved from the infected area or if there is another area of bovine infected deer. Of the 74 infected deer, 72 were taken on private land.

An infected coyote was also found in Alcona County. That's not terribly surprising since a coyote will eat the carcass and viscera of a dead deer and most likely contacted the disease this way.

Hunters are not at a high risk of contacting the disease, according to Dr. Steven Schmidt, DNR veterinarian at Rose Lake.

"It's not likely that a hunter field-dressing a TB-infected deer or eating a TB-infected deer will become infected, but it's not impossible," said Schmidt.

TB is normally confined to the organs and body cavity of an infected deer, not the muscles.

Even so, thorough cooking of venison would kill any TB bacteria that may be present. It is possible that a hunter could contact the disease from a deer if an open cut came into contact with an infected part of a deer.

Close encounters

Researchers believe the disease is maintaining itself in the deer herd because of the close contact between deer resulting from massive feeding and baiting practices in the area.

"There are high deer numbers in this area relative to the habitat," said Schmidt. "In some areas in DMU 452 there are 30 to 40 deer per-square-mile. At the feeding sites many deer are gathered together wheezing on each other and sneezing on each other and feeding pose to nose.

That's not normal. Even in a deer yard the deer are not together as long or feeding at a specific pile. In deer yards they are spread out more than on a bait pile. Some feeders in DMU 452 feed upwards of 500 deer. There are some pretty heavy concentrations."

Task force goal

The goal of the task force is to eliminate TB in the deer herd using the best science possible.

Along those lines the task force has come up with the following recommendations. These recommendations have been passed along to the directors of the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Community Health for further action:

•Impose a mandatory ban on feeding and baiting in the fivecounty area of the outbreak.

Prevent an increase in deer numbers.
 Reevaluate the situation

periodically.

•Test and retest all livestock
in a five-mile radius of the out-

in a five-mile radius of the outbreak area.

• Check all deer killed in the

five-county area.

•Offer free TB skin tests in

the infected area.
•Continue to provide public

Continue to provide public information.
 Learn more about deer move-

ment and the potential for the spread of the disease.

•Learn what economic impact

TB in the deer herd will have.

•Learn more about the possi-

 Learn more about the possibility of TB being be passed on to humans and livestock.
 Hunters can also help. Pay

close attention when you field dress a deer this fall. If you see any small pea-sized yellow or tan lumps, particularly in the lungs or body cavity, contact the nearest DNR field office or call (517) 373-9358. Lymph nodes in the head of the deer can be tested to determine if TB exists.

Anglers and hunters are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI. 48009. Fax information to (810) 644-1314 or call Bill Parker evenings at (810) 901-2573.

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wrapped a free throw and a layup around a Georgia Senkyr free throw, and the Wolves were off and running.

A 3-pointer from Kanipe and a layup by Candace Morgan capped Clarkston's first quarter scoring. The Bears pulled within 19-12 on a 10-foot baseline jumper by Lindsey Baldwin with 5:20 left in the second quarter. The Wolves then pulled away with a 10-2 spurt, fueled by two baskets apiece from Morgan and Kanipe and a pair of free throws from senior guard Kelly Hanna.

The Bears never got closer than 16 points the rest of the way.

"We came out ready to play," said Kanipe, who finished with a game-high 18 points. "You have to be ready to play every night, and tonight we were ready."

The Wolves, in their first year under Serra, are still getting used to their roles in her uptempo, high-pressure system. If Thursday's game was any indication, they're beginning to take to it.

"We're starting to get used to playing together," Serra said. "We're getting comfortable in ourpositions, and that's making a difference."

Morgan finished with 11 points, while Wild added seven and McIntyre had five. Aimee Giroux, Georgia Senkyr, Kelly Hanna and Jenny Bauer all chipped in four points for the Wolves.

The other thing the easy win did was allow Serra to get every-one in the game.

"It gave me a chance to play some kids I didn't get to play (last week)," Serra said. "Our bench has to be ready, and this was a good chance to give them some time."

Clarkston hosts rival Lake Orion today (Thursday), then travels to Troy Athens Tuesday. Game time both nights is 7 p.m.

Tuesday — Clarkston 44, Troy 35; Kanipe scored a teamhigh 11 points and grabbed seven rebounds for the Wolves (8-1), who won their third straight after suffering their first (and only) loss of the season to Rochester.

Wild finished with nine points, while McIntyre scored six and Morgan had five. Senkyr and Tiffany Honey each scored four.

Lakers end streak for Dragon cagers

BY JEFF THEISEN SPECIAL WRITER

The "Old Dog" taught the young pup some new tricks Tuesday night, and the result was an easy win.

West Bloomfield coach Lance Davis, who coached Lake Orion coach Eve Claar when Claar was a star at North Farmington, brought his girls into the Dragon's Den at Lake Orion and dominated Claar's Dragons, 67-37, in an Oakland Activities Association Division III contest.

The win lifted the Lakers to 8-1 overall and 3-1 in the OAA and dropped the Dragons to 6-3 and 3-1.1 The loss ended Lake Orion's six-game winning streak.

"Our focus was beating Lake

Orion," Davis said. "Seeing a protege on the sidelines was a pleasure. Seeing one of your own giving back to the community, that's awesome!"

Claar was equally pleased with the matchup, although she would have preferred a different outcome.

"It was kind of strange. I did look over there a couple of times," Claar said. "I would love to play against somebody as competitive as Lance Davis every night."

The Lakers used a major size advantage, grabbing a 45-22 rebounding edge. The Lakers used a stingy defense to take an early lead and expand on it throughout the game despite a couple of Dragon comebacks.

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Join co-hosts Jimmy Barrett, WXYT on air personality, and Dave Varga, Editor of The Farmington Observer as they broadcast live from Ginopolis on the Grill on 12 Mile and Middlebelt Road in Farmington Hills. A panel of Farmington and Farmington Hills community leaders will be on hand to answer questions and discuss issues.

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CLASSES

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ning at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Oc 18, at the Novi Expo Center, Call 248 681-7429 for more information and to register.

HUNTER SAFETY

The Wayne County Sportsmen's Club in Romulus will offer two two-day Michigan DNR Hunter Education Classes. The dates for the classes are Oct. 11-12, and Nov. 1-2. Preregistration is required. Call (313) 532-0285 for more information

BIRDS OF PREY

This wildlife education program featuring 10 live predator birds will be presented at 1, 3 and 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 6, in the Waterman Center at Schoolcraft College. Call (313) 462-4422 for more information.

FLY TYING

Bueters Outdoors in Northville still has openings for its fall fly tying classes. Call (248) 349-3677 for more information.

TOURNAMENTS OAKLAND BASS MASTERS

Oakland Bass Masters will hold its final tournament of the 1997 season on Sunday, Oct. 12, on Pontiac Lake. Call (248) 542-5254 for more information.

SEASONS/DATES

The 1997 bear season runs through Oct. 26.

DEER

The early archery season for whitetail deer runs Oct. 1-Nov Firearms season begins Saturday Nov. 15.

DUCKS

Duck season runs through Oct. 4-Dec. 2 in the North and Middle zones and Oct. 11-Dec. 9 in the South Zone.

Michigan's second elk season runs Dec. 9-16 in designated areas by special permit only. GOOSE

dle zones. The season runs Oct. 11-19 and Nov. 27-Dec. 7 in the South zone outside the five Goose management units. Check the 1997 Michigan Waterfowl Hunting Guide for dates of the season in the GMU's. **PHEASANT** Pheasant season runs Oct. 10-20

4-Oct. 19 in the North and Mid-

in Zone I and Oct. 20-Nov. 14 in Zones II and III. A special late hunt will once again be offered in southern Michigan Dec. 1-15. Check the 1997-98 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide for exact boundaries of the hunt

TROUT

Trout season ends Sept. 30 8n designated trout lakes and designated trout streams. The season runs through Dec. 31 on extended season trout streams. Check the 1997 Michigan Fishing Guide for a list of designated streams.

WOODCOCK

Woodcock season runs through Nov. 3 statewide.

JUNIOR OLYMPICS

The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (810) 623-0444 for more information.

OUTDOOR CLUBS

SOLAR

The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation, a non-profit organization interested in promoting the apprecia-tion of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

FISHING CLUBS METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call (313) 420-4481 for more information.

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The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Liyonia Clarenceville Junior High School Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shot-

gun, and archery ranges. Range

hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays.

The range will close at 5 p.m. beginning Oct. 26. Pontiac Lake

Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (810) 666-

Ortonville Recreation Area in

Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities.

Range hours are 10 a.m. to 5

p.m. Thursdays through Mon-

days (closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays). Oct. 19-Nov. 15

the range will be open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Nov. 16-Dec. 22 range hours will be 10 a.m. to 5

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FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Senior Citizen's Center in the Livonia Civic Center. The guest speaker for the Oct. 1 meeting will be Joe Zawislak, who will discuss surf fishing for salmon in Lake Huron, Call Jim Kudej at (313) 591-0843 for more informa-

FISHING BUDDYS

Fishing Buddys Fishing Club meets monthly in Rochester Hills. Call (810) 656-0556 for more information.

BASS ASSOCIATION

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club. meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Dearborn Civic Center, Call (313) 676-2863 for more information

SHOOTING RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN

Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Range hours through Oct. 12 are: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays; 10 a.m. to sunset on Wednes-days; on Mondays and Tuesdays the rifle and pistol range is open 3 p.m. to sunset and the sporting clays course is open noon to sunset. The range is closed Thursdays and Fridays. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Rd. (three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills). Call (810) 814-9193 for more informa-

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COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS

Advanced registration is required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

FABULOUS FELINES

Learn about members of the cat family through stories, games and other educational activities during this program, which begins at 4:15 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 8, at Independence Oaks.

FALL CANOE/HIKE Enjoy the fall colors through a

hike or a canoe trip during this program, which begins at 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, at Independence Oaks.

STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS

Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the pro-grams at Maybury call (810) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2433.

(810) 229-7067. **FARM STORIES**

Listen to "Winter Tales" during this program, which begins at 11 a.m. Saturday and Sunday at

For programs at Island Lake call

Future Hall of Famer?



Football star: Michael Vogts, Jr., recently placed first in Independence Township's NFL Gatorade Punt, Pass & Kick competition. Vogts was first in the 8/9 age division with 163.6 points and earned the right to advance to regional competition at Clintonwood Park later this month. Jake Davis was second in the 8/9 age bracket and Daniel Peteuil was third. Other age division results included: 10/11 — Aaron Powell, Bradley Goodman and Michael Phillips; 12/13 — Nathan Davis, Addison Turk and Eric Kieras; 14/15 — Justin Smith, Brent McKenna and Jeff McKenna. Caitlin Wylie of Clarkston won the girls' 10/11 age division with 92.6 points, and Jennifer Fredricksen, also of Clarkston, won the 14/15 age bracket.

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Village Players raises the roof

→ Expectations for a diamond season →

BY FRANK PROVENZANO STAFF WRITER

t's less than three weeks before the curtain will rise on their 75th season, and dust from ongoing construction at the Village Players Theatre has settled - everywhere.

In true theater tradition, the recent reincarnation of the oldest continuous community, theater group in the country, is "bringing down the house." First with a wrecking ball, and then, they anticipate, with

unprecedented applause.

Because the ceiling was literally falling in at the 70-year-old Village Theatre playhouse in Birmingham, a major reconstruction began last spring. The \$425,000 project isn't mere cosmetics. On the contrary, it's literally the erection of a new foundation.

tion. Basically, everything from the roof to wiring, will be new and improved. All that remains are the informal 240 folding chairs, perhaps a reminder that audiences merely have to pull up a seat for produc-

In many ways, however, the renovation actually began two years ago when the theater group — generally considered more as an exclusive social club—opened its membership. At the same time, Village Players also initiated a marketing/public relations campaign to broaden its presence in the community. The results are paying off. Season ticket sales for the 1997-98 five-play season are nearly doubled from last year, according to Diane McKeon, Village Players president.

president. "There was a club mentality for years," she said: There was a club mentality for years, a he said. We realized if we wanted to survive we had to demonstrate that this theater belongs to everyone. Our goal is to offer live theater with mainstream appeal at a reasonable rate.

Ironically, Village Players may be the longest running community theater group in the country, but members concede that many residents and nearby downtown businesses had heat of them.

That a not to say they didn't have an innect. For

That's not to say they didn't have an impact For years, Village Players has performed benefits for local charities, nursing home residents and, most recently, at community events like the Woodward Dream Cruise.

"For years, when the Birmingham Theatre had live theater, they overshadowed us," said Sally Savoie of Bloomfield, season ticket coordinator and familiar

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Curtains up: Weeks before the opening night performance of "Rehearsal for Murder" and construction continues at the Village Players Theatre in Birmingham (Left to right) Sally Savoie, actor, James Woods, director, and Helen Parrish, producer, inspect the interior of the playhouse.

What: "Rehearsal for Murder," a mystery performed by

When: Show opens 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17, and,continues weekends to Sunday, Oct. 26. Curtein –8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18; 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19; 8 p.m. Thursday Seturday, Oct. 23-25; 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26

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WSU theaters help students realize dreams

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

Kathleen Crosby has a clear recollection of precisely when she wanted to become a costume designer. It was during an Avon Players production of "The

"I was in the first grade and my brother and I got trapped under Anna's hoop skirts. From then on, I wanted to do costumes," said Crosby.

Now she is pursuing her dream as a graduate student at Wayne State University where she has been busy preparing costumes for the Hilberry Theatre's first play of the season, Christopher Fry's "The Lady's Not for

Wayne State operates two student theaters. The Hilberry is the graduate school's repertory theater. The Bonstelle is an undergraduate theater.

"Hilberry is the only true graduate repertory company in the country," said Heather Ginn, a student in theater

management with the Hilberry Company. Ginn followed her

husband John Franklin Ginn from Georgia to Wayne State where he auditioned and was accepted into the Master of Fine Arts program.

Ginn said production accounts for about 85 percent of a student's time. The Hilberry presents seven plays during the school year, with 2-4 presented in repertory. (The Bonstelle produces five plays, including one musi-

"We do focus on learn by doing. That's how we learn something," Ginn

In her case, she is responsible for handling publicity and advertising for the productions. In her husband's case, it was a chance to get lots of stage time.



Matthew Taylor

Kathleen Crosby

Sara Wolk

"When he started checking on universities, he made a list of where he

could get the most on-stage training," Ginn said. She said WSU has a "fabulous reputation" and they care for their students with insurance programs and stipends.

Crosby, a graduate of Rochester High School and Eastern Michigan, also enjoys the hands-on approach. She said she's been sewing since she was 5 years old and loves combining her love for theater with her love for sewing.

The upcoming production offered special challenges.
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BY KEELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER

You don't have to run away to be a part of the circus anymore. Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey.—The Greatest Show On Earth, at Joe Louis Arena through Oct. 5 invites you to par-ticipate in their Three Ring Adventure.

An hour before show time, the arena floor will be open, and you can mingle with the performers, and even walk on a

with the performers, and even walk on a tight rope. Bring your camera, all of us will be there in costume, and we'll give autographs too," said Todd Zimmerman of Temperance, Mich. (near Monroe) who joined the show in 1996.

Inside the ring, Zimmerman's a clown, but outside, he's serious — "I dreamed about it forever. The odds are slim to none, Only 30 of 3,000 people who audition are accepted. I auditioned for clown college three times. The third time was college three times. The third time was the charm."

But even after you go through clown college, there's no guarantee you'll be chosen to four with the show. The number of Clown College students who are offered apprenticeships with the show varies from year to year.

It's not an easy life, the circus, performers tour, 11-and a-half months out of the contract of the circus.

the year, presenting over 500 shows. But there's no place Zimmerman would rather be:

"It's magical," he said. "The dircus has always held us in awe. We're doing what people dream about doing. We fly — on the trapeze and get to travel. Not every, one can just pick up and go. As clowns we are able to touch people, and for a few moments, make them forget their problems with our frivolity I've always wanted to be a part of that" Zimmerman's a rascally clown, and

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keeps the momentum going and the energy flowing for the cast and audience of The Greatest Show On Earth.

Ringmaster:

Dinny

McGuire



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onstage presence at Village Play-"Now we realize that we're the last live theater in Birming-ham. We're going to make the most of the opportunity."

Pessimists - heck, even realists - might take a look at the layers of fallen plaster and dust at the playhouse and suffer high anxiety with opening night two weeks away

But for those who believe in the future of Village Players, they prefer another name - gold

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In late September, not only were there few vestiges of the former playhouse, but signs of the new auditorium and lobby were more evident on blueprints than bricks, mortar and plaster.

"We're optimistic that we'll produce a play on opening night," said Helen Parrish of Troy, a 25-year veteran of com-

glass-block wall in the new lobby. It might be close, but the show This is, after all, community. theater which takes place on stage by sheer perseverance and

plenty of optimism. For instance, because of the construction at the playhouse? the 15-member cast have met four nights a week to rehearse at the United Methodist Church and The Community House in Birmingham.

munity theater and producer of

the season opener, D.D. Brooke's classic "Rehearsal for Murder."

Parrish crossed her fingers as

she looked around at the play-

house interior and tried to esti-

mate how long it might take for

the installation of drywall and

With typical theatrical flair,

Fortunately, "Rehearsal for Murder" relies on a sparse set and an elaborate lighting design, which means audiences will see the revamped lighting system at Village Players

If there's anything symbolic about the opening play, said director James Woods of Royal Oak, it's that Brook's tale is an old-fashioned yarn that relies on storytelling, not high-tech the-

"There are misconceptions that community theater is amateurish," he said. "Ask yourself what is the true purpose of theater. We're dedicated to what we do because we love theater."

A jewel

As a nonprofit, Village Players exists on donations, and the behind-the-scenes and onstage work of their 250 volunteers, from age 20 to 90. Members handle all facets of a production, including constructing sets, operating lights and selling tickets. And of course, take turns in the onstage spotlights.

In the future, said Village Players president McKeon, the group will produce more children's theater workshops and look for ways to broaden its presence in the community.

Village Players will hold a performance on Dec. 31 as part of the annual First Night celebration. This will be the first year the event doesn't include support from the Birmingham Bloomfield Cultural Council.

Village Players members will also lend their acting talents to the Santa House, sponsored by the Birmingham Principal Shop ping District.

Emerging as a community theater group, however, won't mean that Players will stray from its founding mission when it held performances in a building on

Pierce and Bates in the early

Today, Birmingham has stretched beyond the confines of Birmingham has a village alongside an 18-foot concrete strip called Woodward Avenue.

Yet Woods and other Players members have renewed the call for a modern-day village. "I joined because I was looking for a tight-knit group with a community spirit," he said.

"We're an example of teamwork. We can't put on a play without everyone helping, said. "This is one of the jewels of the community."

Some may claim that if you look beyond the dust at the newly constructed playhouse you'll find the jewel. After 75 years, it's sparkling like a dia-

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the town carry on their own complicated relations.

Crosby said the play's director. James Thomas, wanted a fairy tale look, not a strictly 1400s period look.

"I decided on a color palette," she said. "The set uses warm colors,lots of wood. I decided to do the costumes in reds, navies, powder blues. It's really a European thing that I wanted to do.

"It's like watching a fairy tale

Crosby said this fairy tale look is especially true in the princess costume she designed for the character of Alizon, played by Sara Wolf of Rochester Hills

Wolf auditioned for the Hilberry in March. They liked me and said I

could stay," she said.

The character she plays comes out of a convent to get married but falls in love with someone else. She said the play is both a love story and a life story.

The language is especially challenging," she said. "You have to understand what you're saying and what it is your character

Wolf joked that she got into theater when she realized she wasn't any good at math and didn't want to join the ski team

"I felt comfortable doing it," she said. "I get stage fright, but this is what I love doing."

Wolf said she has her near future planned out,

"Ideally, my three year plan, I want to go to London and, then, even if I'm an out-of-work actor at least I'll be in a cool place."

Matt Trover's ambitions are estward to Chicago or Los Angeles when he finishes his final two years at WSU.

Troyer, of Ferndale, plays Richard, the object of Alizon's affections in "Lady."

His desire to be an actor also blossomed as a child.

"I did the forgetful Easter Rabbit in first grade and did a show every year after that," he said.

He has more recently played Mercutio in "Romeo and Juliet," Jerry in Albee's "Zoo Story," and Brick in "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof." He has also performed in local

film productions.

Publicists, costume designers, actors, lighting technicians, directors and set designers are all getting their experience under fire at Wayne State's two theaters, where they are realizing their childhood theater

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the 20 minutes before show time when the clowns warm-up the audience is his favorite time. "We get to create, and put out our own stuff," he said. This year the clowns are presenting a classic clown act in Act I. "We do a clown car wash, it's a soap gag," he said. "Then we do the clown car where there's a chase, and we try to stuff a lot of clowns

Later in the show they do something different, ringmaster Dinny McGuire tells the story of 'Rapunzel," and the clowns try to foil his attempt in their own clown way.

"Anytime the audience laughs it pumps us up," said Zimmer-

McGuire said doing the routine, which includes some cur-rent event stuff, is "way too much fun for any adult to have.'

McGuire is to the circus what the pipe organ was to silent movies. He sets the tone, helping create tension before death-defying acts, and builds the excitement for main attractions such as Airiana the Human Arrow.

"I'm the number one fan leading people through the circus adventure," he said. McGuire does enjoy a walk on the wild side, he plays the tuba; and: spent two years in Australia

with Silver's Grand magic Circus, where he met and married his wife Emily, currently a dancer with Ringling Bros., but didn't think there was a place for him in the circus until the 1970s when he saw the singing ringmaster.

The same thing that makes the USA great makes this show great," he said. "We take our talent from all over the world. The very finest want to perform here. We have the hardest working people, we're the like the melting pot of the world circus. That's what keeps us viable, the quality of the show"

There are special effects aplenty, but no video trickery. "Everything is real," said McGuire. "Audiences are a little tired of

seeing things that aren't real."
Part of what makes Ringling Bros. & Barnum Bailey great is the build up, and hype of what is

to come. This year's show McGuire said is one of the best he's seen. "It's fast paced with top notch acts, culminating in this fantastic

aerial shot.

For him, the chance to be tour guide, getting people in the right mood to watch the three-ring spectacular taking place before their eyes is rewarding.

"I'm a big fan trying to share: the experience with everyone

When the jugglers make their entrance, look for Gena Shvartzman in ring one. She's only 14, and is making her debut with Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey. She began juggling when she was only six. A fourth-generation circus performer, she was born in Chechyna. Her parents performed in circuses all over Russia before moving to the United States as political refugees in 1991.

She learned juggling from her father, Eugene, and was tutored by her mother Viktoriya the age-old art of contortion. Viktoriya traveled to the U.S. in 1979 as a member of the Russian Gymnastics Team, she also performed as a trapeze artist, acrobat and ballerina in Russian circuses.

Gena is having fun doing her solo juggling act. She twirls a baton, bounces a ball on her

head, and juggles eight balls.
"I grew up with the circus," she "It's really fun, it's great."

She juggles performing with school, which attends while traveling with the circus. Parents prodding their children to prac-tice their piano, can only imagine what it would be like to have a child like Gena. She does her school work, and practices jug-

gling seven to eight hours a day.
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Hopkins, Baldwin go to Extremes in 'The Edge'

BY JOHN MONAGHAN SPECIAL WRITER

The idea seemed ludicrous at first. Anthony Hopkins battling bears in the Alaskan wilderness? Married to model Elle Macpherson? In a script written by the king of clipped dialogue, David

Thankfully, "The Edge" turns into a more-than-satisfying adventure outing. Directed by New Zealand's Lee Tamahori ("Once Were Warriors") it finds equal parts beauty and danger

as Hopkins and co-star Alec Baldwin crash-land in the mid-dle of nowhere.

After swimming out of their drowned plane, equipped only with a handful of matches and some flares, their first priority is to survive the northern exposure. Soon they discover that their real challenge will be the roaming Kodiak bear that wants to have them for supper.

Hopkins' Charles is a billionaire with a fashion model wife and a heavy reader. For him the adventure puts to the test the

million little facts that he has at his fingertips, "All theory," he admits earlier. "Nothing I could

ever put into practice."

A cross between Richie Rich and Ewell Gibbons, he can create compasses from paper clips and fishing tackle from watch chains.

After a search plane has swept over and missed them, he tries to buoy his partner's morale with the observation, "did you know you can create fire from a block

"The Edge" is often hilarious, far funnier than the audience I saw it with gave credit for. Then. in a wicked twist, Mamet ("Glengarry Glen Ross") introduces the notion that "the broad and the boodle" might give Baldwin's Bob the impetus to bump Charles off.

Bob, you see, doesn't hide his attraction for the rich man's wife. He's a self-centered fashion photographer, handsome, the kind of guy whose previous idea of rugged was probably driving a 4-wheel-drive Blazer to work in

There's another member of the party, a young photographer's assistant (L.Q. Jones), but, like the expendable crew members in an old "Star Trek" episode, you know he's first to come face to face with the man-eating bear.

From there, Bob and Charles surround themselves with a ring of fire. With no way to leave the protection of the circle for food or even more firewood, they realize that if they are ever going to make it home, they will have to take on the animal themselves. But Mamet and Tamahori have more in mind than just a conventional action movie climax. They

successfully bring the moral tale to a close as the two men square off against each other.

Here's where "The Edge" is a different animal. Even during their most outlandish acts and sacrifices, Hopkins and Baldwin stay completely, delightfully in

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Lavish 'Aida' never falters through Verdi's score

BY HUGH GALLAGHER

"Aida" is noted for its spectacle almost as much as for Verdi's magnificent music. Yet, the story of "Aida" is intimate, a love trian gle full of jealousy, secrecy and unrequited feelings complicated by the demands of patriotism in a time of conflict.

The Michigan Opera Theatre production is lavish, even eyepopping at times, but not so overwhelming that it drowns out that intimate story and Verdi's sonorous, complex and breathtaking music.

"Aida" is set in ancient Egypt during a time of war between Egypt and Ethiopia on its southern border. Aida is a princess held prisoner as personal slave to the pharach's daughter,

though her own royal status is

unknown to the Egyptians. Radames, the Egyptian's eatest warrior, has become Aida's fervent lover even as he is about to be named commander of the Egyptian forces against her homeland. The pharoah's daughter, Amneris, is in love with Radames and suspects that Aida

At the Sept. 24 press night, Marquita Lister, who is scheduled with the alternate night cast, was substituted for an ailing Camellia Johnson. If there was an adjustment problem it was undetected by the audience. Lister gave rich, warm, emotionladen reading to her performance as the tortured Aida, torn by her love for her homeland and her father and her love for

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Radames. Even as she skillfully soared through "O patria mia," a paen to her lost home, she also reached into the depths of emotion on "Ritorna vincitor." Her duets with father and with lover were heart-rending. And her acting was as convincing as her

Fabio Armiliato's Radames was sung with a glorious, full tenor. He and Lister had song these roles together in San Francisco and their familiarity was evident in the duets. But Armiliato is more singer than actor and he was of the "stand and deliver" school of opera singer. But the love duets are still very

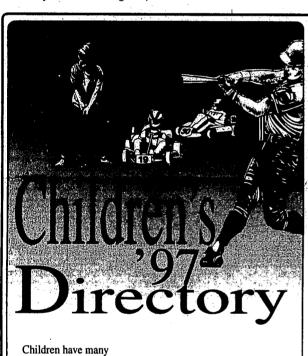
effective. Irina Mishura as Amneris comes from the opposite approach. She is, perhaps, actress first who bends her singing for its greatest dramatic effect. Her mezzo cuts sharply through the trios and rages fitfully in her solos. Her commendation-lamentation scene was clearly the most popular moment in Wednesday's performance.

This local singer has won a devoted following for her emotional style.

Another actor-singer is the incredible Mark Rucker who's Amonasro, the Ethiopian king, is every bit the raging patriot, the caculating warrior. Rucker's baritone is clear, properly aged and emotionally expressive. His acting is intense and fluid.

Kevin Bell's rumbling bass and dignified manner capture the essential dignity of Ramfis, even as we are likely to see him as the

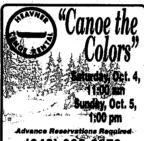
Conductor Steven Mercurio has created a musical fabric that never falters through one of Verdi's most honored scores, rich with lush, swooning love songs, triumphal military marches, a variety of dance rhythms and religious chants (more Franciscan than Egyptian). The orchest tra is outstanding.



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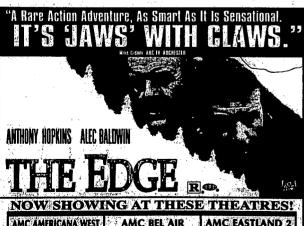
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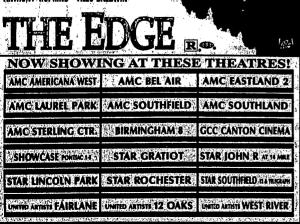








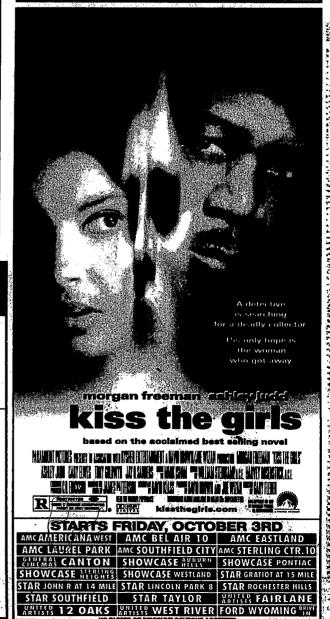






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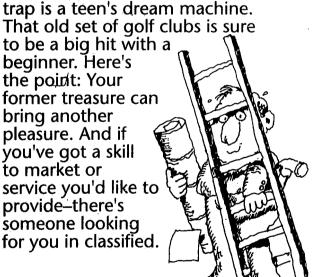
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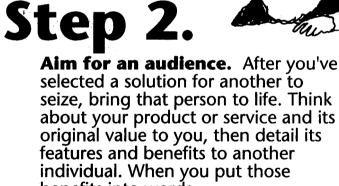
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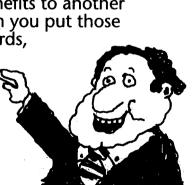
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Artistic elements: Hus band and wife artists Russell and Margaret Cobane of Clarkston are among the 150 juried artisans presenting gifts, home accessories and gourmet foods at the 22nd annual Callco Arts and Crafts Show, Friday-Saturday, Oct. 3-4, at Marian High School, 7225 Lahser in Bloomfield Hills. Russell is known for wildlife art work, and Margaret for Santa oil paintings and ornaments. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.r Saturday. Call (248) 644-4029.



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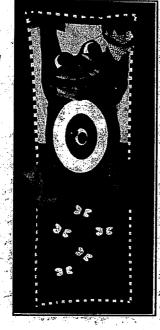
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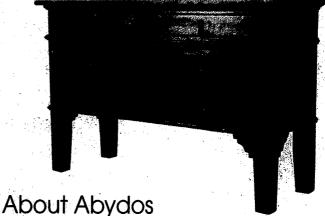
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Froggy went a playin': This unusual door banner turns an ordinary room into a frog pond full of dragonflies, ladybugs, Illy pads and a very playful frog. The banner is available at Enalish Gardens' four locations. including the West Bloomfield store at 6370 Orchard Lake Road at Maple. Instructions are included for three games: Tummy Target, Splash Duck and Tic-Tac-Toad, but the nature of this product is sure to inspire the creation of many more. Made of water-resistant fabric, the game includes four bug balls, five ladybugs and five dragonfiles. The frog pond door banner retails for \$149.98. Call (248) 851-7506.



AT HOME, Mary Klemic, editor (248) 901-2569 We are looking for your ideas for At Home and for the Marketplace roundup of new ideas. Send your comments to: Mary Klemic,

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By design: Andrea Delling, new owner-designer of the Abydos Collection, will present the handcrafted, heirloom-quality furniture 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 3-4, at Mesa Arts, 32800 Franklin Road in Franklin. Custom orders will be taken. The collection reflects antique Shaker, Southwestern and European country designs. Call (248) 851-9949. The Taos, N.M., company offers four distinct lines. The Chimayo line combines stained wood, generally distressed, with iron stands. The Taos Country series includes painted wood pieces typically accented with punched or painted tin work; the wood and tin finishes are often treated to look aged. The Mennonite series blends stained and painted wood on curved wooden legs for a European country look. The Rustic line is one-of-a-kind barnwood pieces set on iron stands or cedar pieces that use the natural wood contours to form the furniture.

Bewere of technician commission



JOE GAGNON

On Monday mornings when I drive to the Livonia office of this newspaper and hand in my column for the week, I also pick up my mail.

Last week, I received a letter from Bill in Farmington Hills who

writes, "May I please ask a question for your column? I do not recall any discussion about the BIG firm's service offerings. Specifically, I had a Sears tech in to fix my dryer. We discussed how some service companies can rip you off. He said that he is paid hourly, so it would not benefit him to overcharge or make unnecessary repairs. I felt comfortable with this, I hope it was justified. Could you perhaps comment on this?"

I would like to thank Bill for writing his fine letter which was filled with

interesting viewpoints on the service industry.

In regards to Sears' service, he is absolutely correct in relating that they are paid hourly. This can prove to be of great benefit to the consumer needing a service technician because the word greed is almost removed from the thought process while the product is being repaired.

One of my three sons is a service technician for Sears and absolutely loves his job. I can assure you that if Sears' code of ethics didn't match his, he wouldn't be there and I wouldn't be writing about it.

The practice of paying a service technician a commission on a service call is widespread in the service industry. In my opinion, it has proven the down fall of many a company's reputation. In my many interviews with former employees of some of these unethical companies, a 30 percent commission on a job was all that was needed to create a repair bill that was out of sight. The incentive of

commission can cause overcharges on labor, replacement of unnecessary parts and even the use of used parts representing new parts. I have been told by some of these former employees that the company owner mandated these methods be used whenever they did a service call.

The Appliance Service industry has a very tainted image because of these kinds of operations. There are some very fine companies out there. It is up to the consumer to find out who they are before they call for service.

The recent proposal to enact the Appliance Repair Act into law was defeated by Republican state representatives in Lansing who voted it down because they were afraid to offend a lobbying group. Naturally this group has members who belong to the service industry. Had this law, which was sponsored by a Republican, state Rep. Lyn Bankes of Livonia, gone through, much of the above would have been taken care of.

Dear reader, please excuse the boldness of this closing paragraph. A few months ago, when the final vote was being taken on the Appliance Repair Act, a letter was placed on the desk of every Republican representative. That letter asked them to vote Nay on the bill and many of them did. I have that list of those who thought so much of their political careers and so little of consumer protection. In my opinion, it is a crying shame how these people can look in the mirror and come out into the public and look at their constituents and say. I'm there for the people. Thank you, Bill. for the letter, I hope more of you will spend a few minutes and write me.

Joe Gagnon, the Appliance Doctor, will answer your questions about maintaining and repairing large appliances. Gagnon is president of Carmack Appliances in Garden City and does a weekly radio program on WJR-AM. He is author of "First Aid from the Appliance Doctor," available of the Replantage.

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LISA LUCKOW

The overwhelming majority of Michiganians more than likely don't frequently, if ever, stop to reflect upon what our state represents.

If your child asks you what the state reptile is, could you tell him it is the painted turtle? Did you

know Michigan's state tree is the white pine? Did you know tife state flower is the apple blossom and the state bird is the robin redbreast?

Michigan has a great deal to be proud of when we really stop to think about it. According to "Getting to Know Michigan," a booklet published by the state, Michigan has more to brag about than any other state in the Union.

To fully appreciate our home state, it is important to understand its heritage.

Around 1622, Brule and Grenoble, two French explorers, were the first Europeans to set their sights on what we know as Lake Superior.

They wanted to claim the area for France. They built Fort Michilmackinac, Fort Miami (at the St. Joseph River) and Fort Pontchartrain (on the Detroit River) to guard their interests from the Spanish and the British.

"Sault Ste. Marie was founded more than 100 years before the American Revolution (1668). It is the oldest city in the

According to "Getting to Know Michigan," the colonies declared their independence from European rule in

1776. In 1805, a division of the Ordinance of 1787 named the territory of the Great Lakes "The Michigan Territory."

Michigan became the 26th state to enter the Union in 1837. Ten years later, Lansing was chosen as Michigan's capital - the same year telegraph communications were introduced in the state.

Michigan is the home of many famous inventors. In 1879, Port Huron native Thomas Edison invented the incandescent light bulb. In 1896, Henry Ford built his first automobile by hand. A year later, the first automobile company was founded in Michigan by Ransom

"By 1912, Michigan led the nation in auto production and Detroit became the 'Motor City.'

Did you know the following? According to "Getting to Know Michigan":

- No point in Michigan is more than 85 miles from any one of the Great
- Michigan has 11,037 inland lakes that are 10 acres or more in size.
- Michigan ranks first in the production of tart berries, blueberries, cranberry beans, navy beans and black turtle beans.
- Kalamazoo is the "birthplace" of celery
- Michigan had the world's first concrete road, built in 1901 in Detroit.
- Michigan was the first in the nation in developing roadside parks and picnic
- The Mackinac Bridge is one of the greatest manmade wonders of the world.
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Mounting and framing pictures may seem hard, complicated and expensive, and so you stay clear of what truly is an exciting and rewarding part of photog-

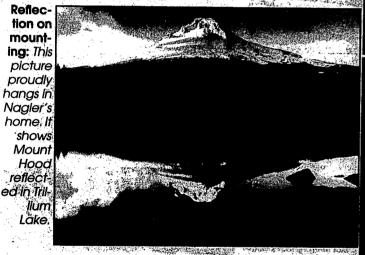
raphy. Actually, mounting is easy and framing effortless.

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By MARY KLEMIC At Home Editor

Excitement, glamour, adventure, fum - those ingredients aren't restricted to movies.

They're just a few of the elements illustrated at "Stylemakers," fall market 1997 at Michigan Design Center in Troy

The market, which took place Sept. 25, included presentations at various showrooms; a visit by actress Dina Merrill, who will host "Decor." a new interior design program start-ing on public TV in November; and awards from the International Furnishings and Design Association

Style suggestions and innovations had major roles at the daylong event, offering interior design worthy as

four stars or thumbs up responses Besides raising the curtain on styl ish scenes, the window treatment by K-Bloir of itself can set the mood: Blinds and Kaleldoscope shades, such as those by Hunter-come in a

variety of treatments) have taken styles. a tremendous jump since wooden blinds," said Miriam Feinseth, advertising/communica-

tions director for Hunter-Douglas Blinds and shades, displayed in the Kaleidoscope show-room at MDC, come in a wide range of styles, colors and textures, and may be shaped to fit a window arch:

You're out of the loop - the loop cord, that is, as treatents are raised, lowered, opened and closed by wands and even battery-operated, remote control devices. Blinds may be lowered from the top and raised from the bottom.

Roller shades are still around, but without the old springactivated movement.

Styles can eliminate even the smallest cracks of light. Horizontal or vertical, blinds are pleated or folded. The Silhouette® style is made with fabric vanes between sheer knit facings. Safety and dust-shield aspects are among the features; aluminum, vinyl, wood and woven fabric are among the materials.

Turning the spotlight on lamps, the Lighting Concepts Studio featured the "Intermezzo" line of lamps, which was given an IFDA product award. The line gives a soft look to clean geometric shapes. The table lamps, chandeliers and torchieres have classic lines - similar to Art Deco - covered in silver and gold leaf, and shades with subtle textures.

Furniture (acets

Furniture wins applause in both practical and imaginatables come in different styles.

"It's not sticky in the summer, in cold in the winter, said Joelle Aitta ma, manager of All ut Leather.

Leather may mbined with fabric. All About Leather s a Leathercraft sole in a popular retro-itra 17th cent style, with plump, and interior.

dal septi. David St. Edwards Collec tions at MDC alsolaved this Vene · man arm chair in cast aluminum.

At Beacon Hill, Guy Chaddock pieces feature wood that can be distressed to various degree

Creative Collections at Lacoff's - which was given an award for best customer service, along with Bill Perlmutter Collections - presented furniture designer Larry Laslo of Directional Laslo showed sticles of his dissigns for houses and a New York City store.

e furniture should shout, I don't aslo said

Laslo's furniture pieces included "Bugs," a chair with ears"; "Satellite," with legs featuring inetal circles like a artoon spaceship; "Portrait," a chair that invites slinky poses; and "40 Carats," with legs shaped like giant diamonds

Laslo's presentation included slides of a dining room he designed for a showhouse. For the room, he designed a chandelier made out of Dynel hair. Red orchids on the table.



Going retro: This sofa at All About Leather features plump cushions and a contrast welt detail.

vere the only splash of color.

Laslo draped the table in linen, lined with green satin and having green buttons at the corners, and the chairs were green mohair. A bookcase was removed and the space padded in green satin. Two rods were at the window, one padded in green satin. Iwo rods were at the window, one with gauze and one with taffeta (both materials were into the satisfication). green). The gauze could be pulled across the window or draped over the taffeta.

The designer likes animal patterns, and white, Oriental screens for gentle lighting.

Surfaces

Fabrics and tiles show a wide range of expres JAB's Louis Féraud collection, at Stroheim & Romann, is literally fashion for the home. Feraud interpreted his clothing designs - full of vibrant colors, bold patterns, elaborate cessories and accepts - into prints, sheers and tassels: B. Berger's offerings include metallic and silk sheers, as well as earth tones. F. Schumacher & Co.'s time of «Colors of India" features pink, copper, turquoise, saffron and

Ann Sacks Tile & Stone which received IFDA awards for best hard floor covering and best wall covering offer glass tiles of shimmering color over testured backgrounds jewel-like hues and abstract designs in smaller squares for borders; and antique Venetian mosaics in such materials as

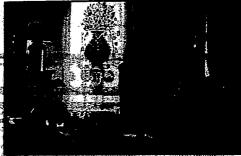
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Madison Design Group and given an IFDA award for its the Lava Lavasche from France for countertops. The material cetters in a variety of colors, is easy to maintain and is durable. The bright surface is slightly textured to reflect light.



Fashion statement: Louis Féraud interpreted his vibrant, bold clothing designs into sheers, prints and tassels, seen at Stroheim &

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Before a gathering, MDC advertising director Ginger Vintzel talked with Merrill and "Decor" executive producer Linda Corley Webb, and showed clips from the program.

These included spots on area designer Susie Leader and her project in New Baltimore, Mich., and Kristen Catto Armstrong, who has a showroom of European antiques and accessories at MDC. Armstrong now carries Themonti and Brown custom furniture.

Bob Cummings of Home Theatre, USA, said that home theater audio and video design systems are the most sought after products of the '90s. Here's a rule of thumb for planning home theater seating, he said: Multiply the diagonal of the screen by 2.5 to get the middle section of the seating. For example, for a 10-foot diagonal screen, the middle seating should be about 20 feet away. seating should be about 20 feet away.

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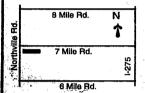
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New plants follow long route to sale



MARTY FIGLEY

Have you ever wondered just where and how new plants are made available?

Each new find is well traveled before it reaches the market. I recently spoke with Timothy Wood, plant prop-

agation specialist at Spring Meadow Nursery Inc. in Grand Haven.

Wood has followed the path of many plant explorers (although in a slightly different way) such as Bartram, Wilson and Fortune, who searched the world for new and unusual plants, many of which carry the name of their founder or breeder.

Wood, who specializes in flowering

shrubs, travels to small nurseries in the United States, to Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands and England seeking out those plants that may be propagated that will eventually add beauty to our gardens.

"It is the best job a person could have," he said.

It takes several years before a plant is ready for the buying public; much patient work is involved and many specimens don't make it through the first trial.

Before Woods begins the hunt, he has some idea of what he is looking for from evaluating and comparing it to existing cultivars. The plant must be significantly superior or unusual to what's now on the market.

"Many new shrubs and perennials

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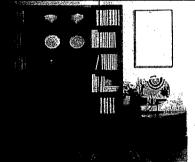
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ed for the mass market, and to see if it

will be really good enough to be patent-

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For evaluation he uses root cuttings

After Wood finds a potential plant, he

educate the public about it."

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Many garden-worthy plants aren't patented and are still available, Wood

New offerings

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As you plan for flowering shrubs to

add a bright note and interest in your garden, check your supplier for the following exciting new offerings from Spring Meadow. There are others.

Keep this for future reference because these are very new, but should be available spring 1998.

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Weigela florida "Wine & Roses" - Dark burgundy-purple leaves shimmer like a fine wine. Hot pink-rose-colored flowers add a touch of romance when displayed against the dark glossy foliage. As autumn approaches, leaf color intensifies. Best in full sun. Matures to four to five feet tall.

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Euonymus fortunei "Blondy" - Big and bright deep yellow spotted evergreen foliage and yellow stems provide seasons of color. Low growing with a neat habit; sun or shade. Matures to 18 inches

And finally, Spiraea betulifolia "Birch Leaf Spirea" - Beautiful! A multitude of tightly packed, white flowers clusters against a backdrop of iridescent green leaves. Compact, rounded habit with

exceptional gold, yellow, bronze and red autumn color adds to its allure. Best in full sun. Blooms mid to late spring. Grows two to three feet.

Wood has M.S. and B.S. degrees from Michigan State University and has worked in several botanical gardens.

He interned at Chicago Botanic Garden, Longwood and Arnold Arboretum and was a horticulturist at Kingwood Center in Ohio.

He also worked for Zelenka Nurserv in research and development before moving to Spring Meadow Nursery, a propagating nursery that distributes to growers. You can find their products at Wiegand's Nursery, Romeo Plank Road, Macomb.

Congratulations to Telly's Nursery and Greenhouse of Troy, which recently opened a new facility in Brighton.

GOOD GARDEN TIPS

- Remove ground covers that have overgrown their bounds.
- Continue to mow the lawn until growth stops.
- Trim shade tree limbs that obstruct views or interfere with walkers.
- Prepare soil in flower and vegetable beds for spring planting.
- Begin preparing for winter: Drain hoses, store garden furniture and service irrigation systems.
- Sunday, Oct. 12, HGTV will begin a new garden series, "Great Gardeners," with favorite TV hosts Jim Wilson and Peter Seabrook. More next week:



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- The Metropolitan Rose Society will meet 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3, at the Royal Oak Senior/Community Center, 3500 Marais, east of Crooks and south of 13 Mile. The public may attend. Speaker will be Lois Wier, chairperson of arrangements for the Great Lakes District of the American Rose Society.
- English Gardens will welcome the fall season with its fifth annual Harvest Happening, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5, at its four locations, including the West Bloomfield store at 6370 Orchard Lake Road at Maple. Call (248) 851-7506. Harvest Happening will feature a variety of family-oriented activities, includ-

ing country music and a petting 200 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. The event also will entail free children's projects, such as planting activities, decorating mini pumpkins and a tulip bulb search.

- The Hardy Plant Society will meet 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 6, at the Bloomfield Hills Bowers School Farm, on the north side of Square Lake Road, the second road east of Squirrel Road and the third road west of Adams. Guest fee is \$3. Call Maryann Whitman at (248) 652-4004 for information.
- Widely traveled photographer Fran Johnson will speak on "Art in the Garden" to the Troy Garden Club at its October meeting, noon to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 8, at the Troy Community Center. Refreshments will be served at noon. Guest donation is \$3. For information, call Barb at (248) 879-1393. The center is at 3179 Livernois.
- The Beverly Hills Home Tour will take place 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9, featuring five historically designated houses with arrangements donated by Rangers Floral Garden, Moran's Flora Inc., Paterson Carney Florist, Blossoms Fresh Flower Market and Affordable Flowers. Bring your slippers. No strollers. The tour isn't appropriate for children; babysitting will be available at My Place for Kids at Maple and Lahser.

Tickets, \$10, may be bought 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Oct. 8, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. the day of the tour at the Village Offices of Beverly Hills, 18500 W. 13 Mile. Call Mary Ann at (248) 642-1308. The truit is sponsored by the nod profit Village Women's Club of Beverly Hills. Also featured will be a historical display of the village presented by Randy Munguia, and complimentary light refreshments at the village offices, decorated by Carolyn Hefner of The China Closet. Tavern on 13, Brady's and the Beverly Hills Grill will provide a com-

plimentary dessent with the purchase of a lunch or dinner entree Oct. 9 and the presentation of the tour ticket. Tourists may receive a complimentary one day family pass at the Beverly Hills Racquet and Health Club, and get a free loaf of bread when they buy another at the Townsend Bakery. Tour proceeds will benefit SCHOLAR, Beverly Hills Outreach, Bloomfield SCAMP and Beverly Hills Community Improvement. Call Gayle Orlow at (248) 646-1818 or Mary Lou Munguia at (248) 646-8896 for more information.

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Tap possibilities:

Cook with water



RUTH MOSSOK JOHNSTON

Cooking with water is a technique that has been perceived as "for Chefs only," unless it means iust steaming vegetables. These cooking techniques don't necessarily require a degree in culinary arts or the need for expensive fish poachers or

stainless steel steamer sets.

You can improvise with the use of inexpensive collapsible steamer baskets (the ones that expand to the size pot you are using), bamboo steamers that fit into a wok, or just a large pot or pan with a

, Poaching and steaming food is easy to learn, and opens up a myriad of opportunities for cooking. If not adding a high-in-fat sauce to your poached or steamed food - these remain low in fat and very nutritious. Sauces that are low in fat can provide a flavorful addition to foods cooked in this manner.

Poaching actually involves water coming in contact with what is being cooked (fish, poultry, eggs, meat and

If poaching a whole fish, using a fish poacher is ideal (available at all cooking shops), if poaching fillets and steaks (as in salmon or halibut) they can be poached in almost any household pot, as long as it accommodates the size of the fish, and can be lidded.

Poached chicken is sensational for salads and other cold dishes, as it can cool down in its own liquid which keeps it moist.

While it is most appropriate to poach in water (with the use of herbs and spices to flavor the water), poaching can also be done in other liquids, such as cider, wine, and milk.

Steaming, often considered the perfect preparation for vegetables, is a great cooking technique for fish, seafood, poultry and filled pasta (dumplings, pot stickers, etc...)

"Steaming doesn't transform food; rather, it uncovers its natural essence" relates Jacques Manière, author of Cuisine à la Vapeur (The Art of Cooking with Steam, translated by Stephanie Lyness, published by William Morrow and Company, Inc., 1995).

If you have a wok and bamboo steamers – this technique is fun for

in the kitchen, and fill the basket steamers with an assortment of vegetables and fish or seafood - this way, you not only have the ability to cook a multi-course meal in 20 minutes, you are providing the creative means to an interesting, unique, and delicious meal.

Poaching tips

■ Always start with cool water.

■ Add vegetables, spices, and herbs to the water when cooking meat for added flavor.

Flavor water ahead of time when cooking fish and shellfish - cooking time is not long.

■ Keep the temperature for delicate foods just below the boiling point (210 degrees) - the water will shake and shiver instead of actually bubbling - and will cook gently.

■ Poaching time for poultry starts after the liquid starts to ripple and the foam is removed.

■ Almost all types of fish are suitable for poaching - stick to fish that doesn't fall apart.

■ If cooking vegetables, make sure not to overcook - they should remain

■ Poaching liquids make great stocks and sauces.

Steamina tips

■ The food in the steamer, should not touch the water below - the water should be brought to a boil prior to adding the steamer with food.

■ The pot should be lidded while cooking.

Timing is crucial, the food should not be overcooked.

■ Steaming can be done on a bed of aromatic herbs, greens, seaweed or vegetables.

If steaming in bamboo steamers with a wok or large pot:

Make sure the water in the wok is simmering before placing the filled steamers over it.

■ Make sure the lid is in place to keep the steam circulating around to cook the food.

■ Always keep the water level consistent - not too high - you don't want it to touch the food, not too low - you don't want the wok (or pot) to boil dry.

Some Steam Cuisine Ideas: dumplings (pot stickers); assorted vegetables, rice paper rolls stuffed with glutinous rice and shrimp, fish, and meat balls.

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Gardening fair set Saturday

The Master Gardener Society of Oakland County will present its annual Fall horse-drawn havrides, free refresh-Gardening Fair adds to 4 p.m. Saturday, imens, a glagic frow at 250 p.m. annual Cct. 4, at the Michigan State University composite monstration. Tollgate Education Center, on the north-west corner of 12 Mile and Meadowbrook in Novi.

Admission and parking are free. Call

(248) 347-3860, Ext. 300, for information.

The fair will feature a Tollgate Gardens Volunteers plant sale, children's activities (including pumpkin painting, flower pressing and leaf painting),

Speakers will discuss backyard birds, bats, butterflies, beekeeping and backyard composting, Master gardeners will be available to ariswer questions. MSU Extension representatives will be on

Guided tours of the Tollgate Gardens will be conducted.

Cook up your kitchen design

"Design Your Own Kitchen," a threeweek course beginning Saturday, Oct. 11, at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, offers homeowners the services of a certified kitchen design professional.

Students will learn to identify cabi-

netry, the advantages of various countertops, and what else is required to design a functional, efficient, attractive

Fee is \$57. Call (313) 462-4448. The college is at 18600 Haggerty.

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SOLE STEAMED ON A BED OF **CEYLON TEA**

Yield: 4 servings as a main course

Ceylon Tea-Infused Vinegar

Yield: 7 cups (this is more than you will need for the recipe, it keeps for several months, or is delicious in a vinaigrette).

7 cups white wine vinegar

8 Ceylon tea bags

Bring the vinegar to a boil in a nonaluminum pot. Add the tea bags, cover, and remove from the heat. Let cool. Store in sealed bottles or jars.

Make the Burr Blanc Sauce:

Yield: makes about 1 cup

1 medium shallot, chopped (about 1 1/2 tablespoons)

2/3 cup Ceylon Tea-Infused Vinegar Scant 1/4 teaspoon salt

1/8 teaspoon freshly ground pepper, preferably white

3 tablespoons heavy cream

14 tablespoons unsalted butter, cut into pieces

1 1/2 tablespoons loose Ceylon tea (or leaves from 3-4 tea bags)

2 Dover Sole, skinned and filleted (to give 8 fillets), or 4 flounder fillets (6-7 ounces each), cut in half lengthwise along the center line of the fillet.

1/2 tablespoon unsalted butter

2 small limes, peeled, seeded, and cut into small dice · ·

Cheesecloth >

Large stackable steamer, stackable steamer with two steaming compartments, or toasting pan with wire rack. Make the butter sauce:

Combine the shallot, Ceylon Tea-Infused

Vinegar, salt, and pepper in a nonaluminum saucepan and reduce over medium-high heat until almost dry. Add the cream and reduce by one third. Then, whisking constantly, whisk in the pieces of butter a few at a time, adding more a the butter is emulsified into the sauce, and bring just to a boil. Remove from the heat. Use immediately or keep

warm for up to 2 hours in a thermos.

Make the fish:

Cut a double layer of cheesecloth that is twice as long as the steamer rack. Lay the cheesecloth on the steamer rack so that half of the cheesecloth covers the rack and the other half fall outside the steamer. Sprinkle the tea over the cheesecloth in the steamer and fold the outer half of the cheesecloth over the tea to

Fold each fillet in half, skinned side in. Sprinkle with salt and place in a single layer on the cheesecloth on the steamer rack. Place over simmering water, cover, and steam until tender, 4 to 5 minutes.

Just before the fish is cooked, melt the butter in a frying pan over high heat. Add the lime and saute just to warm through, about 30 seconds. Remove from heat.

To serve, divide the fillets among four plates. Sprinkle the lime over the fish and spoon the sauce over.

This recipe is from the book "Cuisine à la Vapeur" (The Art of Cooking with Steam), by Jacques Manière, and translated by Stephanie Lyness.

Chef's Note: If you are steaming to avoid calories and fat - eliminate the Beurre Blanc Sauce - steam the fish as directed and squeeze fresh lime juice over the fish and serve. The butter sauce is quite wonderful - save this recipe for a

To leave a Voice Mall message for Ruth Mossok Johnston, dial (313) 953-2047, mallbox 1902.



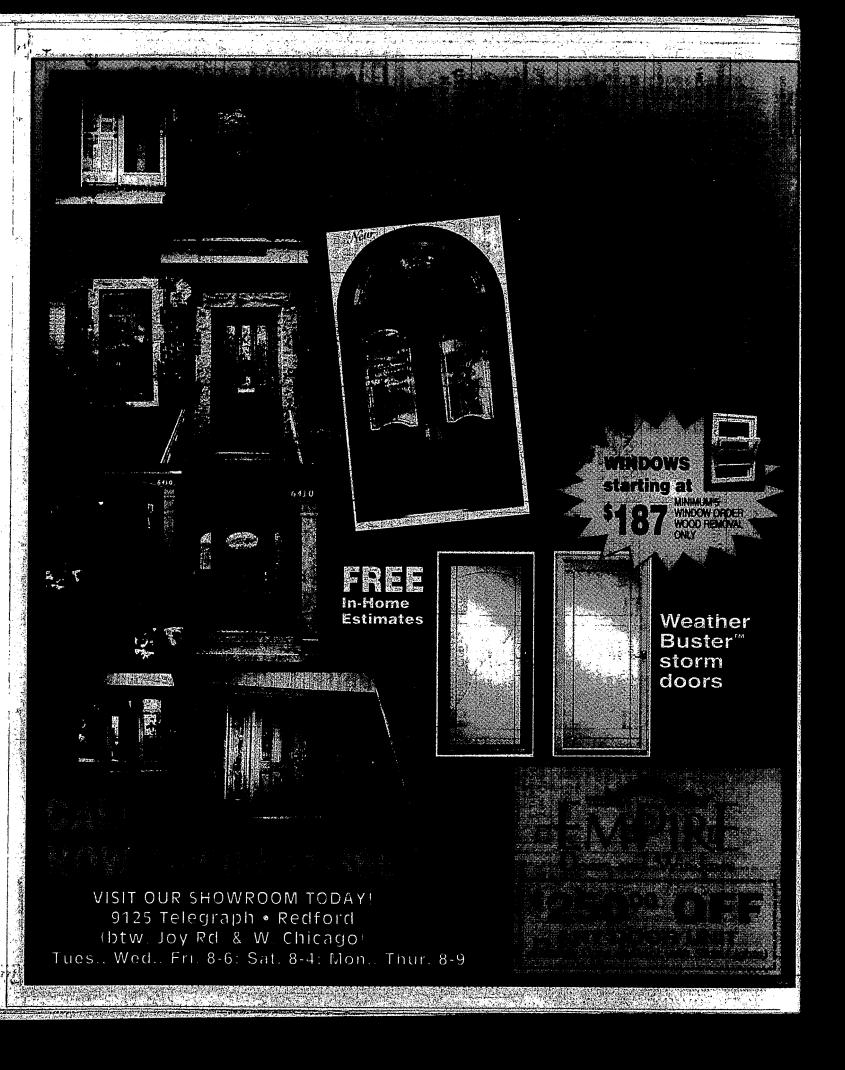
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Mortgage servicing, II

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To protect consumers, the National Affordable Housing Act requires lenders or servicers to do the following: Provide a disclosure

Provide a disclosure statement which says whether the lender intends to sell them mortgage servicing immediately, whether the mortgage servicing can be sold at any time during the life of the loan; and the percentage of loans the lender has previously sold. Beginning in

1993, lenders must report figures for the previous three years. The percentages should be noted in the ranges 0-25 percent, 26-50 percent, 51-75 percent and 76-100 percent. The lender also must provide information about servicing procedures, transfer practices and complaint resolution.

If you have a face-to-face interview with a lender, you must receive the disclosure statement at the time of the loan application. If you apply for a loan by mail, the lender has three business days to send you the disclosure statement after receiving your application. If you do not return a signed disclosure statement, the lender can't fund a mortgage for you.

Lenders must respond promptly to written inquiries. If you believe you have been improperly charged a penalty or late fee or there are other problems with the servicing of your loan, contact your servicer in writing. Be sure to include your account number and explain why you believe your account is incorrect. Within 10 business days, the servicer must either correct your account or determine it is accurate.

the servicer must send you a written notice of what action it took and why. Do not subtract any disputed amount from your mortgage payment. Many mortgage servicers will refuse to accept what they consider to be partial payments. They may return the check and charge a late fee or declare the mortgage is in default and start foreclosure proceedings.

This article will be continued in my column next week. I'll continue with the other key features of mortgage servicing responsibility including lenders giving proper notification when the loan servicing is going to be sold and what consumers can do if they have complaints.

David Mully has worked as a senior loan officer for several years. He is a mortgage consultant. To contact Mully, call Continuity Programs Inc. at 1-800-521-0026 ext. 227, fax him as (248) 669-6875 or mail to him at P.O. Box 485, Novi MI 48376. You can access Mully's previous Mortgage Shopping articles and current mortgage rates online at http://www.observer-eccentric.com/realestate/mully

Realtors roll up sleeves - again

BY DOUG FUNKE STAFF WRITER

It impresses every year.

Dozens of Realtors, affiliate members and friends of the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors gathered recently at a small ranch home in Livonia for their fourth annual home renovation project.

Volunteer laborers hung new doors, remodeled the bathroom, replaced light fixtures, painted inside and out, landscaped and cleaned up after themselves.

All in one day.

Susan Murphy, who lives there with children Michael, Shaughn and Kaitlynn and grandchildren Amber and Michael, was thrilled with the response.

response.

"This is unbelievable, wonderful,"
Murphy said. "I'm overwhelmed. I'll
have to adopt them all (workers) as
my children. I could never do this by
myself as hard as I try."

Diane Winkelmann, a Realtor with Century 21 Hartford in Farmington, has coordinated the WWOCAR renovation since its inception.

"We have success every year," she said. "People come out and have a good time. It's very time consuming, but very, very rewarding for everyone involved."

Teri Spiro, an associate broker with Century 21 Town & Country in West Bloomfield, chairs WWOCAR's public relations committee.

"None of us probably does as much around our houses as we do that day," she said. "We've all become handy."

"There's a core team that has become so cohesive over the years, it's become a fine art. We've been planning this since March," Spiro said.

"Each year, more people jump on the bandwagon," Winkelmann added.

Upwards of \$10,000 in materials and supplies were used in the renovation. Much of it was donated, the rest paid with money from a raffle sponsored by the association.

All of the workers, including some skilled trades people, donated their services. Corporate sponsors included Dearborn Federal Credit Union, HomeTeam Inspection Service and NBD Bank.

Murphy was recommended for the renovation project by the Livonia Head Start Program for which she has volunteered. Murphy also works as a caregiver in the health field.

Work that was completed before or scheduled after the one-day gathering included electrical upgrading, replacing the kitchen floor and cabinets, a new roof, windows and carpeting.

new roof, windows and carpeting.
Brad Cox, a Realtor with Century 21
Town & Country in West Bloomfield,
tore out floor tiling in the bathroom
during his first home renovation par-



Break time: Valunteer workers take time out from their tasks for a group pk

"Agents in my office are pretty affluent," he said.
"Agents in my office are pretty affluent," he said.
vacations. A lot of people don't have the nice stuff we have:

"God knows I'm a lucky guy. I'm blessed. I'm convinced this gal needs help. That's why I'm out here," Cox said.

Genee Doletzky and Meriem Kadi, both Realtors with Remerica Family in Westland, scraped peeling paint from the garage. "It's for a great cause." Doletzky said.

Doletzky said.
"I think it's great trying to make this a team effort," Kadi added.
Monica Luther, affiliated with Real Estate One

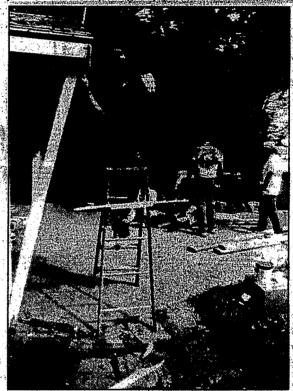
in West Bloomfield, was on the landscaping crew.

"It's a feeling of accomplishment, the before and after," she said. "It's nice to let people know Real-tors do things besides sell houses. A lot of people think Realtors are snakes. At least they know a few of us are good eggs."

Claire Williams, associated with Remerica Hometown One in Canton, washed walls in a bedroom prior to painting.

"What I enjoy seeing is so many people helping, not just a few," she said.

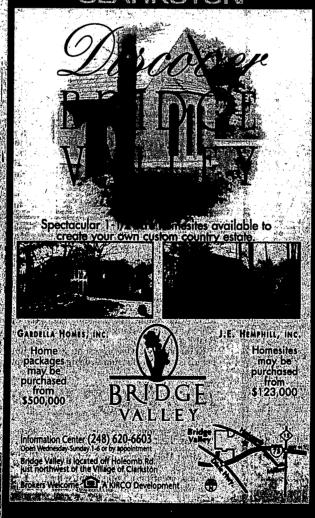
"I guess when you combine the forces, it actually makes the difference," said Brad Dilley, who worked with wife, Jeanette, on landscaping. Both are Realtors with Century 21 Hartford North in Livonia.

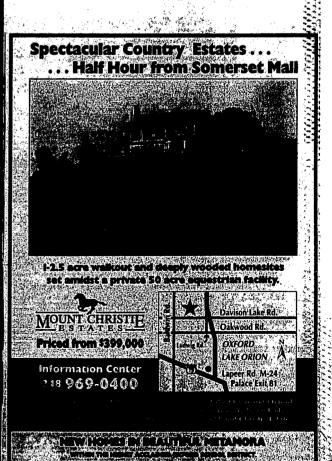


Making inroads: Dan Haverty works on replacing part of the facia on the garage while those in the background build a small playscape for the background









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egion. "We believe this market will continue to provide us with outstanding opportunities for growth," he said. The portfolio consists primarily of single-

tenant industrial buildings in three business parks in Troy and Farmington Hills.

In Troy, Liberty has bought 10 buildings consisting of 379,458 square feet in the Indusco Industrial Park, and 11 buildings totaling 268,297 square feet in the Kirts Industrial Park.

Both Indusco Industrial Park and Kirts Industrial Park are near Liberty's Maple Research Park and have excellent access to the I-75 expressway.

According to a recent Grubb & Ellis report, industrial vacancies in the Troy submarket were less than 6 percent at mid-year.

In Farmington Hills, Liberty has bought West Tech Park, a 224,000-square-foot business park consisting of seven buildings. The park also includes 3.9 acres of vacant land, which could accommodate a maximum of 65,000 square feet of development.

With Technology Park, bought by Liberty in July, Liberty now owns more than 400,000 square feet in Farmington Hills.

According to Grubb & Ellis, industrial vacancy in the Farmington Hills market is 8.2 percent.

Liberty established a full-service regional office in Southfield.

Kevin Shea has joined Liberty as vice president, overseeing the daily operations of the new office. He previously was vice president of leasing and marketing for Hayman Company.

Shea's team will be responsible for executing Liberty's commitment to superior tenant

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tion of Graduate Realtors Institute. Bakirci lives in Detroit.

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> She has a bachelor s degree in planning and resource management from Grand Valley State University

Mortgage rates fall to 19-month low

BY DAVE SKIDMORE
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

(AP) - Mortgage interest rates fell, is week toithe lowest level in 19.

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HOME BUILDING WORK. SHOPS

Jim Nawrot of Home Building Workshops offers a series of free introductory seminars previewing his more in-depth classes on

house building issues.

The freebies go 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 4 at the Marriott Courtyard in Auburn Hills; 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5 at Best Western in Livonia; and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7 and Thursday, Oct. 9, at the Radisson Plaza in Southfield.

Registration required in advance at (800) 462-0899.

HOME BUILDING CLASS II

Southfield Community Educa-tion in cooperation with Oakland Builders Institute presents a 24

hour class, How to Build Your Own Home, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Mon-days and Wednesdays Oct. 13 through Nov. 5 at Southfield Community Education Center, 18575 W. Nine Mile, Southfield.

Topics include estimating material costs, buying property, financing, building codes and permits, insurance requirements and the basics of wood frame construction, concrete, masonry and roofing.

Cost is \$195 plus a \$25 text-

book fee.

Registration required by Oct. 9 at (248) 746-8700.

REAL ESTATE INVESTORS

The Real Investors Association hosts its monthly meeting 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7, at the Southgate Holiday Inn, 17201 Northline one Block east of I-75.

Cost is \$10 for non-members Beginning landlords interested in a free introductory package may contact Wayde Koehler, president, at (313) 277-4168.

HOME BUYING WORKSHOP

The Neighborhood Project, a program of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit, hosts a free home buying work-shop 6:45-9 p.m. Wednesday Oct. 8, at the Jimmy Prentis Morris Jewish Community Center, 15110 W. 10 Mile, Oak Park.

The workshop will focus on how to qualify for a mortgage, understand a credit report, complete a purchase agreement, choose a lender and real estate

Co-sponsors are Stratford Funding and Advest Realty. Reservations required at (248)

BUYING WORKSHOP II

Vicky Love, a mortgage consultant with Concept One Mortgage in Southfield, presents a Home Buyers Workshop 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9, at the Southfield Community Education Center, 18575 West Nine Mile.

Topics include common buying mistakes, determining how much house you can afford, finding the right home, negotiating the best deal buying with little cash and how to overcome bruised credit. Cost is \$12. To register, call

(248) 746-8700.

REAL ESTATE INVESTORS

The Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland sponsors a dinner/seminar, "Find, Fix and Flip," a guide to purchasing single family houses and reselling at a profit, 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10, at the Royal Oak American

Legion, 1815 Rochester Road. Topics include what properties to look for, sources of distressed

properties, financing and fixing. Cost is \$14 for members, \$24 for non-members. Reservations required by Oct. 6 to (800) 747-

TRADE SHOW

The Apartment Association of Michigan and the Building Industry Association of South eastern Michigan host their sixth annual trade show 3-7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15, at the Southfield Civic Center Pavilion, 26000 Evergreen

Exhibitors will feature products and services relating to maintenance items, marketing, appliances, pest control, recre ational equipment, laundry equipment, rental furniture, win dows, doors and more.

There is no admission charge

CONDO MANAGEMENT. CLASS

Robert M. Meisner, a lawyer and O&E columnist, teaches a lass, "Condominium Operation: Introduction to the Essentials for Success," 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays, Oct. 21 through Nov. 11 at Bingham III Office Park, 30200 Telegraph Rd. Suite 404, Bingham Farms.

Topics include reserve analysis and budgeting, avoiding legal disputes and liability, environmental concerns, civil rights issues, bylaw enforcement procedures and how to run an effec-tive board meeting.

Cost is \$75, \$60 for each additional attendee from the same

To register, call (248) 471-

ENERGY EFFICIENCY SEM-

Detroit Edison sponsors a free seminar on energy-efficient techniques for existing homes and geothermal heating and cooling systems 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday,

but tickets, available at (248). Oct. 22, at the Livonia Holiday 737-4477, are required for Inn, 17123 Laurel Park Drive North.

To register, call (800) 833.

TECHNOLOGY/ DESIGN

The American Institute of Architects and the Associated General Contractors of America Greater Detroit Chapter co-sponsor an Information Technology Conference for the Design/Cor struction Project Team 8 a.m. to. 4 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 22, at, Lawrence Technological University in Southfield.

Topics include law, technology, and the construction industry; groupware for construction process management; online per-mits; and CD-ROM information resources for the construction industry.

Cost is \$50 for members, \$60. for non-members and \$25 for

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These tips may help you finance your first home

The biggest financial step . Tor the majority of many people will take in their working people, home entire lifetime is buying a home, and financing a first home can be an intimidating process to the uninitiated.

'All the complex financial details that are involved in purchasing a home can bring anxiety to even the most veteran of home buyers," said Mike Wisok, branch manager of the Farmington office. "For first-time home buyers, the process can be extremely nerve wracking."

To ease the home financing process for first-time buyers. Wisok suggested "10 Tips For Financing Your First Home

Team with a reputable loan officer. An experienced loan officer will walk you through the financing procedures, simplifying the complex process and thus easing any anxiety. They also will help you choose a loan that helps you move into your first ownership is the single most reliable way to achieve financial secu-

home easily and affordably.

Examine your credit history. Preferably, you should have a clean record with no bills overdue more than 30 days within the past year. The quality of your credit background can influence the type of mortgage for which you qualify. Even bruised credit histories may be eligible for home loans, but the loans most likely will be at higher interest rates. All lenders will order your

credit report to determine whether your credit history is of the quality necessary to secure a home loan. The credit report shows your history of debt, repayments, as well as any recent credit inquiries.

■ Determine how much you can afford. This will save time, energy and frustration before you shop for a house. Contact a loan officer to prequalify you with basic information on your income, debts and assets. Prequalification determines how much home you can afford, shows you what your down payment will be, lets you know what your monthly payment will be, and identifies the loan programs you qualify for.

Save now for your down payment. Depending upon the type of loan you apply for, funds for your down payment can come from bank account, 401(k) accounts, stocks, bonds or gifts from family Most conventional loans require down payments of 5 to 10 percent. But government loans, such as FHA and VA mortgages, require as little as 3 percent down toward the sale price.

Research the various mortgage loans available to you. Conventional or government loans. 30-year or 15-year. Fixed rate vs. adjustable rate. Some loans, such as the 203(k), allow you to buy and renovate your home with just one monthly payment.

Avoid changing jobs. This can create a problem in qualifying for a loan if the new job is in a different line of work or at a lower rate of pay.

■ Avoid making any major purchases. Buying a new car, furniture, appliances or incurring any new credit card debt before your loan closes can make it difficult to get your loan approved -

even if you were preapproved.

Do not switch banks or move

your money around. This can wreak havoc with the verifica-

■ Do not pay off bills. Your loan officer will advise you if it is necessary to pay off bills - and show you the best way to do it.

■ Find a reputable real estate agent. Talk to your friends, coworkers, family and loan officer to see who they recommend. You, your Realtor and your

loan officer will work as a team to ensure that you obtain the home of your dreams. a first-time home buyer, the process can seem over

whelming, but it's worth it," Wisok said. "For the majority of working people, home ownership is the single most reliable way to achieve financial

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For more information about. home financing, call Wisok at (810) 488-8800.



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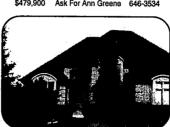
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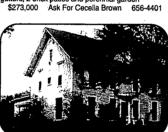
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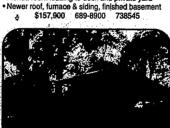


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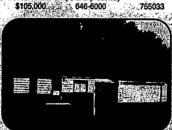


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Affordable home or great rental properly
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COMMERCE TWP. - BUILDERS TAKE NOTE! Only \$2,100 per lakefront foot of 185 ft. private all sports lake frontage prime value in land, splitable lot
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- On this beautiful property!
 Custom built, 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick ranch located near I-596 in quiet low traffic neighborhood
 Full basement, fireplace in basement & living room
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ENJOY ROOM TO ROAM IN THIS WIXOM RANCH

• Family room offers doorwall to large deck & gazebo

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Open cathedral cellings, gournet http://enced backyard
 Beautiful landscaping & completely-fenced backyard
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WATERFORD - WALK TO LAKE OAKLAND

Dramatic 2 story great room with mirrored fireplace Merrilat oak kitchen with hardwood floor & island

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WATERFORD - READY FOR YOUR FINISHING TOUCH

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Three bedrooms, 2½ baths, approximately 2,200 sq. ft., great room, main floor laundry & formal dinling
Get the most of your dollar & finish yourself)

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SIMPLE FABULOUS! Magnificent English Tudor alturated on a 1.3 scre wooded lot. 4 bedrooms, 3 full and 2 half beths, juli finished walk-out basement, custom milled molding. 2 fireplaces, in-ground pool and not tub: \$649,900 (OE12SUN)
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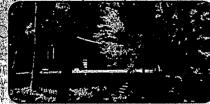
COOL SHADY YARD. Shows off like a model. Remodeled, tree-spanned street. Easy commute, warm hearth. Family room, 3 bedrooms, partially finished basement, deck, fencing. PLUS in-town. Immediately available. \$149,900 (OE14FE)



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FARMINGTON HILLS, 3 bedroom colonial in desirable Lincolnshire Sub with remodeled kitchen and hardwood floors highlight this lovely family home with den or office. 1st floor laundry, partially finished basement, new windows on upper story. \$199,900 (COB11LEE) 626-8000



VILLAGE OF ORCHARD LAKE. Fabulous contemporary adjoining Orchard Lake golf course, magnificent treed setting, 4 bedrooms, 3 full baths, 2 half baths on over an acre, 1st floor master, full wall windows, 5000 sq. ft., walk out lower level with spa & library, \$500,000 (COB25OLD) 626-8000



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CLAWSON. 3 bedrooms, 1 ½ story with an updated kitchen & bath. Finished basement. Large lot and a 2 ½ car garage. One Year Home Warranty! \$137,900 (06NAH) 524-1600



BRUCE TOWNSHIP. 3 bedroom bungalow totally updated. Vinyl windows, carpet, copper plumbing, kitchen & bath with updated sinks & faucets. 1.70 acres with dog kennel area. \$124,900 (83THI) 524-1600.



TROY. 3 bedroom ranch home with large lot. Living room with natural fireplace. Family kitchen. Enclosed back porch plus a 2 car attached garage with workshop. \$149,900 (25SYL) 524-1600



IMPRESSIVE PILLARED COLONIAL in excellent Rochester sub featuring parks & trails. Family room w/fireplace. Large master suite with walk-in closet & bath. Kitchen with oak cabinets, convenient work area & eating space tool Call for private show of this great family home. \$189.900 (56PAR) 652-8000



ATTRACTIVE three bedroom ranch in move-in condition. Cathedral ceiling in family room, two doorwalls to deck, fireplace, ceiling fan and newer carpeting. \$209,900 (29PEP) 652-

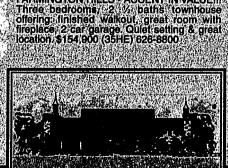


GREAT LOCATION! Great home! A winning combination of house & lot. Wooded privacy in this open Great room is enhanced wilarge windows, gleaming hardwood floors, elegant formal dining room. Home boasts of large master suite wisitting area, finished walk-out basement \$254.900 (18SAL) 652-8000



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TROY: Popular sub: 4 bedroom, 2 ½ bath quad level, home: Large family, room with lireplace & wet ban Updated kitchen, newer carpeting and decon. Troy schools. (16CR) \$179,900 626-8800



COMMERCE TOWNSHIP PURR FECT HOME!!! 3 bedrooms, basement, 20x24 garage. Completely remodeled in 1994 with open floor plan. Must see to appreciate. Beach & boat privileges, Beautiful landscaping & exterior. \$117,900 (93CO) 626-8800



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TROY. 3 bedroom ranch home with 2 full baths. Private yard, updates include roof, driveway, walkway, water heater, sump pump. Much morel \$339,000 (58MOO) 524-1600





WALLED LAKE SCHOOLS: 3 bedrooms, totally updated! 1,243 sq. ft.!:Updates: siding, shingles, flooring, most windows, cabinets, counter tops, etc. Lake privileges on Round Lake. \$99,900 (70COO) 363-1200



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TÜCKED-AWAY PRIVACYIII Drive down the winding driveway to this stunning home on a wooded ravine. Expansive marble foyer, dining room, kitchen & breakfast room. Master bedroom with skylight & Jacuzzi. Lower level has lap sized pool. 3 car garage. \$849,000 or lease \$7,500 (19SH) 626-8800



FABULOUS NEW CONSTRUCTION in North Oaks. 5 bedrooms, 3 ½ baths, daylite basement, 2 fireplaces, ¾ acre wooded lot, all custom inside. \$539,900 (37WES) 652-8000



ROYAL OAK. This 3 bedroom brick ranch awaits for your furnishings. Newer kitchen. Sunroom, freshly painted throughout. Refinished hardwood floors. New entry doors and ceramic floor in kitchen, foyer, sunroom. \$149,813 (12CAT) 524-1600



TROY. 3 bedroom blick ranch with 145 lot. Finished basement: Newer roof, furnace, windows, finished basement with bath. Home Warrantyl \$150,000 (75TRA) 524-1600



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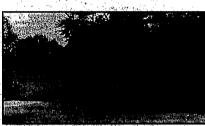
WEST BLOOMFIELD. Heart warming 4 bedroom colonial in popular Pine Lake Estates Formal dining room living room and family room with fireplace. Glassed-in porch overlooking large landscaped backyard, Lake privileges. Bloomfield Hills schools: \$249,500 (43WE) \$249,500 626-8800



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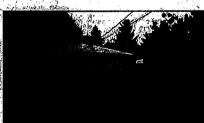
BEAUTIFUL 3. LAKE PRIVILEGES. Contemporary with fabulous kitchen nestled amongst natural setting. 3 bedrooms, 2 ½ baths, 1st floor laundry, separate dining room, 1st floor office/den, basement, garage, brick paver patio, central air. \$247,900 (73WOO) 363-1200



ABSOLUTELY GORGEOUS SETTING. This three bedroom, two-bath, contemporary, offers a 3 car garage, walk-out lower level. Central air and cedar deck over-looking nature area, if you want privacy and that up north feeling this is itl \$259,900 (05HUR)



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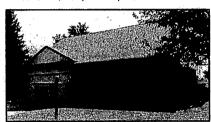
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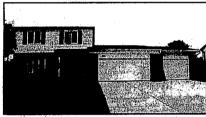
EMERAL LAKE RANCH. This 3 bedroom ranch overlooks Andale Lake. Family room with fireplace. Full bath in basement. Central air. New roof in '96. All vinyl trim. One year home warranty! \$216,900 (34CRE) 524-1600



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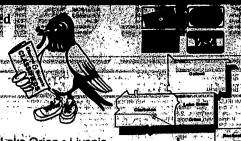
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