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## THIS WEEK

**Honored:** A Clarkston woman received a medal Monday for her parents' heroism in protecting a young Jewish girl during the Holocaust. /A4

**Big step:** A 6-year-old Clarkston girl with cerebral palsy received therapy in Poland that enables her to walk farther. /A11

## SPORTS

**No cigar:** The Clarkston Wolves are proving they belong on the same court as the county's top hoops team. Now they have to take the next step. /B1

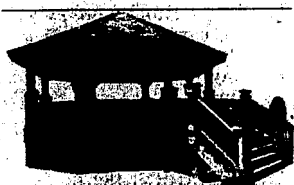
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## VINTAGE



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Today we return to the Civil War. With the unseasonably hot weather this past week, Edgar's letter of June 7, 1863, caught my eye. Imagine marching in a wool shirt on a hot day in the South...

"My dear affectionate wife, I hasten to answer your letter that I received tonight. I was very glad to hear of your continued good health. Mine continues good. I was sent to meeting today for the first time since we left the fortifications around Washington. It was a noble sermon. I have not put on a shirt that has been ironed since I left home. If I can get these woolen shirts washed, I will be glad. I have not wore a cotton shirt since I left home. We wear drawers with big heavy woolen pants. Sky blue makes it rather warm for this weather.

We are under marching orders with three days of cooked rations in our haversacks. Our extra blankets and overcoats and the sick have been sent to the rear. I was on guard again yesterday. I slept on the ground with one blanket half over and half under with my cartridge box for a pillow and did not sleep very well, but I think I will make it up tonight. I certainly would if I was to home in a good feather bed with you. We are watching the enemy's movements all the time. There are two balloons that look over the rebels all the time so we are very well posted. Hoping that we may soon meet again, I remain your husband, Edgar W. Clark (Kiss the children for me)." /A11

Vintage Clarkston is written by Kim Buttenlocher, vice president of the Clarkston Community Historical Society.

## Rudy's plans to leave downtown



■ Rudy's Quality Market, a 64-year-old Main Street landmark, will move from downtown Clarkston into Independence Township in the next 18 months. The business is the latest in a series of businesses to leave downtown.

BY CAROLYN WALKER  
STAFF WRITER

Rudy's Quality Market will move from downtown Clarkston to an undisclosed location in Independence Township, adding what can only be insult to injury in the already dwindling retail district of Clarkston.

"I am moving out of town. We've bought property. We're gone," said 29-year-old proprietor Robert Esshaki last week, obviously upset over the turn of events taking place in downtown Clarkston. "We're 18 months away from relocating."

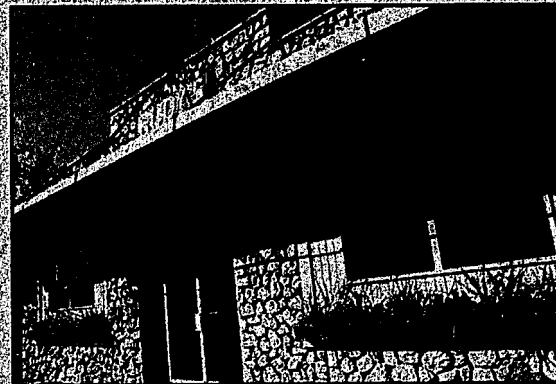
He declined to indicate exactly where he and business partner, Chris Thomas, would move the 64-year-old

grocery business, other than to say it would be in Independence Township. Esshaki said if his business is prospering under the difficult circumstances of downtown, it can only do better in another locale.

They have not yet sold their store at 9 S. Main St., he said.

While many representatives of the city council could not be reached for comment, councilwoman Karen Sanderson, who was instrumental in circulating a survey about the business district among property owners a year ago, reacted with shock at Esshaki's announcement.

"Oh, no," she said. "I had heard that. I think it's awful."



Landmark business: Rudy's Market on Main Street in downtown Clarkston will relocate to a location in Independence Township.

Like Sanderson, Police Chief Paul Ormiston, head of the city police agency that Esshaki blames in part for his departure, confirmed that he had heard rumors that Rudy's might leave

the area. "According to Esshaki, he and Thomas knew their situation wouldn't be perfect when they purchased the

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## Parking, politics get blame for city's woes

BY CAROLYN WALKER  
STAFF WRITER

One by one the retail businesses of downtown Clarkston have been closing up shop, in many cases to be replaced by offices or specialty stores, causing concern for local officials about how the downtown can be rejuvenated.

On the heels of Robert Esshaki's announcement that he and business partner Chris Thomas will be moving Rudy's Quality Market — a 64-year staple in the city — out of Clarkston, other business owners, contacted by the Clarkston Eccentric during an informal survey last week, agreed to discuss their views on the floundering business district.

Many complained about a shortage of parking and a lack of insight on the part of the city council, and a few mentioned high rent or the costs of purchasing property as contributing to the problem. One, like Esshaki, felt the police department contributes to the problem.

"Businesses are not doing well," said Shirley Wilson, owner of the Parsonage, a gift and flower shop that recently moved from Main Street onto Church Street. "I have a good business but with the addition (to her store) and everything, I'm holding on by my fingernails."

"This is a quaint town. This is a

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Stuck up: Clarkston High School student Courtnei Brewer was taped to the wall during Field Day activities Friday, a spirit-building competition for Homecoming.



Royalty: Homecoming King Mike Underwood and Queen Heather Midkiff preside over the activities.



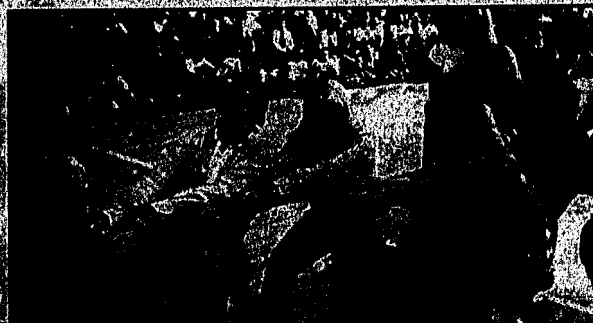
Pin contest: Stacey Steiner gets off face full during the fun.

## Homecoming

### Kids had a field day

Homecoming is notorious for wacky fun, and Field Day was no exception Friday at Clarkston High School.

The event, designed to build spirit for the next day's football game against Waterford Kettering, featured silly contests among the four classes.



Tug of war: Carrie Ann Phillips (left) heads a group of girls in the tug-of-war.

## High school construction on schedule

BY JAN BAKER  
SPECIAL WRITER

Though a summertime construction fatality cast a pall over the site of Clarkston's new high school, workers there expect to complete the facility's academic wing in several weeks, a school official said. Preparations are also under way for an end-of-fall seeding of the grounds, which includes the school's football field.

According to Craig Kahler, director of business services for Clarkston schools, construction of the new school continues to run on time for an August 1998 completion. In an interview Monday, Kahler said that though a tradesman died last summer after falling from a beam at the site, that tragedy hasn't deterred workers from forging ahead.

"There's kind of an unwritten code among ironworkers that I found out about after the fact," Kahler said. "When the accident happened, A.J. Etkin (official) Bill Stewart told all the guys, 'If you need time, take time.' And these guys said, 'No, we'll get back up on the roof the next day. They took the rest of the day off, and I didn't blame them because the ironworkers I

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# Illness forces longtime Clarkston physician to retire

By CAROLYN WALKER  
Staff Writer

The tables have turned for Dr. Ronald LePere. Long beloved as a family physician in the Clarkston area, he now finds himself in the unenviable position of patient.

LePere, 64, was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease, a neuromuscular disorder, in 1994. An increase in its symptoms, worsened by the stress of long hours in his practice, forced him to retire at the end of September.

But he departs content in the knowledge that he birthed babies, nursed the sick and brought to the local community as much compassion as he could.

"You couldn't always help everybody," he remembered with a voice softened by the symptoms of his disease, from his office on M-15 last week. "It used to bother me a lot. It took me about 10 years to realize it just couldn't be done. You do the best you can."

LePere, who was the son of a Missouri physician and who knew medicine as a way of life in his childhood, brought his practice to downtown Clarkston after completing his education in 1958. He is a graduate of the Kansas City College of Osteopathy and Surgery and did his internship at Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital.

ic Hospital.

When he came to Clarkston, there were only a handful of doctors practicing, he noted, marveling at the influx of physicians that has come this way recently.

He recalled predictions from public service companies that said growth was headed north, all those years ago, and credited those predictions with his decision to move to Clarkston.

Few things over the years have affected his practice, or his outlook on medicine, as much as the relatively new third-party insurance paying system, he said, recalling that his father, like many physicians of old, sometimes bartered his services for chickens or other goods.

Managed-care insurances ration patient care, he said. "I went to school to learn to be a patient's advocate, to tell what's right for the patient. When I started practice, you could hang out your shingle and wait for people, by word of mouth, to come."

Opposed to managed health care, which sometimes dictates which doctors a patient can see, LePere said, "The only person who can control costs is the consumer. Trying to make the doctors the gatekeeper, to me, is the wrong way to do it."

LePere recalled that he founded his practice on July 1, 1959,

and that he delivered the babies of two women who walked into his office that same day.

When he started his practice, he oftentimes worked until 10 p.m. daily and had Sunday hours, he said. He also made house calls to those, especially the elderly, who were unable to get out.

Unfortunately for LePere, the effects of the Parkinson's have worsened its symptoms.

His hands have been especially hard hit, making the practice of medicine difficult, he said, with some irony that addresses the lore about physicians with bad writing. "My writing isn't good anyway. Now when the pills wear off, I can't read my own writing."

"You can't sense things with your hands," he added, referring to a doctor's need to palpate organs and stitch lacerations. "I don't think it's fair to patients to continue to practice that way."

LePere, nevertheless plans to fight his disease with grace. He will do so on Marco Island, Fla., where he will live near two of his six children with his supportive wife, Peggy.

"I have a very optimistic attitude," he said. "I very seldom get depressed."

A local doctor is negotiating the purchase of LePere's practice and expects to sign the final



STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

**Retired:** Dr. Ronald LePere (right) visits with employees Tresa Morse (left), whom he delivered as a baby, and Pomalu Cottrell, who's worked for him the longest.

papers this week.

Remembering his favorite part of doctoring — the delivery of babies — LePere noted that he delivered one of the women who grew up to become his employee.

Sherrie Woon, who has worked for him for only six months, grew wistful as she contemplated his

retirement from medicine.

"He has restored my faith in the medical profession. I have been a nurse for almost 30 years," he said. "This man takes the time with every one of his patients. I'm just glad that his life touched mine."

Like Woon, Pomalu Cottrell, who as of his retirement had

been with him the longest of his many employees, said she's going to keep in contact with LePere even if it means she has to travel to Florida to see him.

"His retirement is well-deserved," she said. "He needs his life. I've certainly learned a lot from that man."

## OBITUARIES

### Darlene K. Grubba

Darlene K. Grubba of Clarkston died Oct. 3, 1997, at home. She was 51.

Mrs. Grubba was former owner of Bloomfield Optical, Birmingham.

She was a member of Lake Louise Church of the Nazarene.

Mrs. Grubba is survived by her husband, Walter A. Grubba Jr.; two sons, Todd Banfield of Clawson and Larry Padgett of Athens, Ohio; two stepsons, Wally Grubba of Kentwood and Tom Grubba of Bowling Green, Ky.; two daughters, Jacqui Bell of Waterford and Lisa Forbes of Oxford; a step-daughter, Ronda Carver of Franklin, Ky.; three brothers, Robert Harding of Clarkston, Richard Harding of Troy; and Charles Harding of Clarkston; and 12 grandchildren. Funeral services were held at A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, Troy. Burial was at Rose-

land Park Cemetery, Berkley. Memorial tributes may be sent to the Michigan Cancer Society.

### Evelyn M. Hancock

Evelyn M. Hancock of Davisburg died Oct. 3, 1997, at age 76.

She is survived by her husband, Charles; daughter, Della (Dick) Weaver; sons, James (Barbara) and Wayne; and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother, Robert, and sister, Virginia.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral in Clarkston. A private family service was held. Interment was at Ottawa Park Cemetery.

### Marie "Paula" Phipps

Marie "Paula" Phipps of Davisburg died Oct. 2, 1997, at age 95.

Mrs. Phipps is survived by her daughters, Priscilla (Clifford)

Husereau of Pontiac and Marie Elise (Glen) Vermilye of Davisburg; sons, Charles Jr. (Kathy) of Arizona and Thomas J. of Davisburg. She is also survived by 15 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, two brothers and two sisters.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home in Clarkston with the Rev. Jay Gantz officiating. Interment was at All Saints Cemetery.

### Marie R. Guellec

Marie R. Guellec of Clarkston, formerly of Pontiac, died Sept. 30, 1997, at age 89.

Mrs. Guellec was a member of St. Michael's Altar Society and the Pontiac Gardeners, Waterford/Pontiac.

She is survived by her son, Francis (Theresa) of Waterford; daughters, Louise (Alan) Van Loon of Clarkston and Marie (William) France of Waterford. She is also survived by 14 grandchildren and 27 great grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home in Clarkston. Funeral services were held at St. Daniel's Catholic Church in Clarkston with Monsignor Robert Humitz officiating. Rite of Committal took place at White Chapel Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. Michael's Church, 120 Lewis St., Pontiac 48342, or Propagation of the Faith, Attn: Monsignor James A. Maloney, 1234 Washington Blvd., Detroit 48226.

### Jeremy Frank Grogan

Jeremy Frank Grogan, infant son of Ed and Lois Grogan of Clarkston, died Sept. 27, 1997.

Besides his parents, Jeremy is survived by his sister, Jennifer; grandparents Donald (Joan) Barney of Maryland, JoAnn (Bob) Wilt of Florida, Evelyn M. Grogan of Clarkston and great grandparents Earl and Lydell Barney of West Virginia. He is also survived by aunts, uncles and other family members.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home in Clarkston. A grave-side service was held at Lakeview Cemetery. Any donations to the Grogan family will be used towards a marker in Jeremy's memory.

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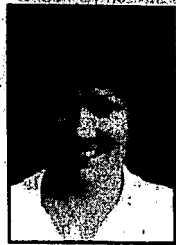
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## 3 Clarkston Eccentric writers win first-place in state contest

Clarkston Eccentric staffers won four writing awards — three for first place and one for third place — in a statewide competition sponsored by the Michigan Press Association it was announced last week.



Hermes-Smith

Smith beat out 26 other Michigan editors competing for the award. In selecting her editorials for first place, the judges wrote, "Taking a stand, offering solutions and using clear, simple language separated these entries from all others."

Entrants were required to submit three editorials of their choice published between April 1, 1996, and March 31, 1997. Hermes-Smith entered the following editorials: "Depot Park: Portable potties a plumb idea," "Action item: City must run better meetings," and "Cars as benefits: Custom must come to a stop."

Class B is for weekly newspa-

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pers having circulations of 10,001 to 25,000.

Staff writer Carolyn Walker took first place for local columns, also in Class B, beating out 52 other columnists from across the state. The judges wrote of Walker's work: "Carolyn's columns are among 53 entries



Walker

in a league by themselves. Carolyn has a good eye for detail ... This is fine writing. Not cutesy, but writing that reaches deep within oneself and surrounds an otherwise light subject with pathos. There is substance here which all of the other entries sought but failed at because they couldn't inject themselves into the story with style. That lifts one's work into literature."

Walker was required to submit three columns of her choice during the contest period. She submitted the following columns: "Sometimes a look — or even a whistle — says it all," "Beauty's where the beholder sometimes least expects it" and "Skating in

the kitchen — who's the one off track?"

Sports editor Brad Kadrich, who's also sports editor for the Lake Orion and Oxford Eccentrics, won a first-place award for sports columns in Class B. Nineteen other sports columnists competed for the award. The judges wrote of Kadrich's winning entries, "These columns



Kadrich

touch on the range of emotions, events and athletes in the community — athletes of all backgrounds — to make for a good sports section." The entries carried the following headlines: "Priorities will come easily from now on," "Finally, Wildcats get chance to light up" and "A refreshing look at some of life's lessons."

In addition, Kadrich won a third-place Class B award for sports writing for a story headlined "Wildcats zip Jackets." The judges said the story's opening paragraphs grabbed readers' attention. It was selected over 31 other sports stories.

### POLICE NEWS

During the week of Sept. 29-Oct. 6, police and fire agencies in Springfield and Independence townships and the city of Clarkston responded to the following incidents:

#### Independence Police

##### Indecent Exposure

On Oct. 4, officers responded to a report of a white male who entered the Subway shop on Sashabaw Road wearing only a blue windbreaker. The man fled the shop when a clerk ordered him to leave after she observed that he wasn't wearing anything other than the jacket. Police were unable to locate the man during a search of the nearby premises.

##### Shot Animal

On Oct. 1, officers responded to a report that unknown persons had shot and killed a ram at a residence on M-15.

##### Thefts

On Sept. 29, a television, video cassette recorder and other items were reported stolen from a residence on Meyers.

On Sept. 29, a fuel gauge, seat belt harness and other car parts were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Dixie Highway.

On Oct. 1, cassette discs, a boom box, amplifiers and other radio equipment were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Klais.

On Oct. 1, a wallet was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Timberway Trail.

On Oct. 4, a container containing raffle money was reported stolen from a business on Dixie Highway.

##### Minors in Possession

On Oct. 5, officers responded to a report of a vehicle of youths harassing pedestrians at the McDonald's restaurant on Dixie Highway. The officers then traced the vehicle to the Big Boy restaurant on Dixie Highway, where four occupants appeared to be under the influence of liquor. After detaining the four, one of the men, a 19-year-old, attempted to strike one of the officers. He was arrested and transported to the Oakland County Jail. The driver of the vehicle was cited for having open intoxicants in his car and for having minors in possession of alcohol in his vehicle.

##### Vandalism

On Oct. 2, a lock on a vehicle was reported damaged after it appeared that someone attempted to break into the car while it was parked on Timber Ridge Trail.

#### Independence Fire

During the week of Sept. 29-Oct. 6, fire personnel responded to 40 calls. Among them were the following:

On Sept. 29, fire fighters assisted a disoriented man on Mary Sue Street.

On Sept. 30, fire fighters assisted an elderly woman who had fallen at a residence on Dixie Highway.

On Oct. 1, fire fighters assisted a 20-year-old man after he fell from his bicycle on White Lake Road.

On Oct. 2, fire fighters assisted a patient who was having back pain at a residence on Middle Lake Road.

On Oct. 3, fire fighters responded to a home on Wellesley Terrace after the owner threatened to burn his home.

On Oct. 4, fire fighters assisted a patient experiencing severe back pain at a residence on Thendara.

#### Springfield Police

##### Thefts

On Sept. 29, a handgun was reported stolen from a residence on Andersonville Road.

On Oct. 1, tools were reported stolen from two storage sheds on Dixie Highway.

On Oct. 3, tools were reported stolen from a residence on Ormond Road.

On Oct. 4, a bow, arrows, a cassette disc player and a car

phone were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Canterbury Circle.

On Oct. 4, a radar detector was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Melvin.

On Oct. 6, a portable phone was reported stolen from a building on Broadway Street.

On Oct. 7, tools were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on King Road.

#### Clarkston Police

On Oct. 1, officers investigated a rear-end accident on Waldon Road at Main Street. There were no injuries or citations issued.

On Oct. 1, officers stopped a vehicle on White Lake Road near Deer Lake Road for a speed violation. The driver, a Clarkston female, was found to have a warrant for her arrest through the Oakland County Sheriff's Department for failure to pay a fine. She was turned over to the sheriff's department.

On Oct. 4, officers responded to a West Washington Street residence where a suspicious person was seen lurking in the bushes. The person was in his late 20s wearing dark clothing and a baseball cap. Officers have no suspects.

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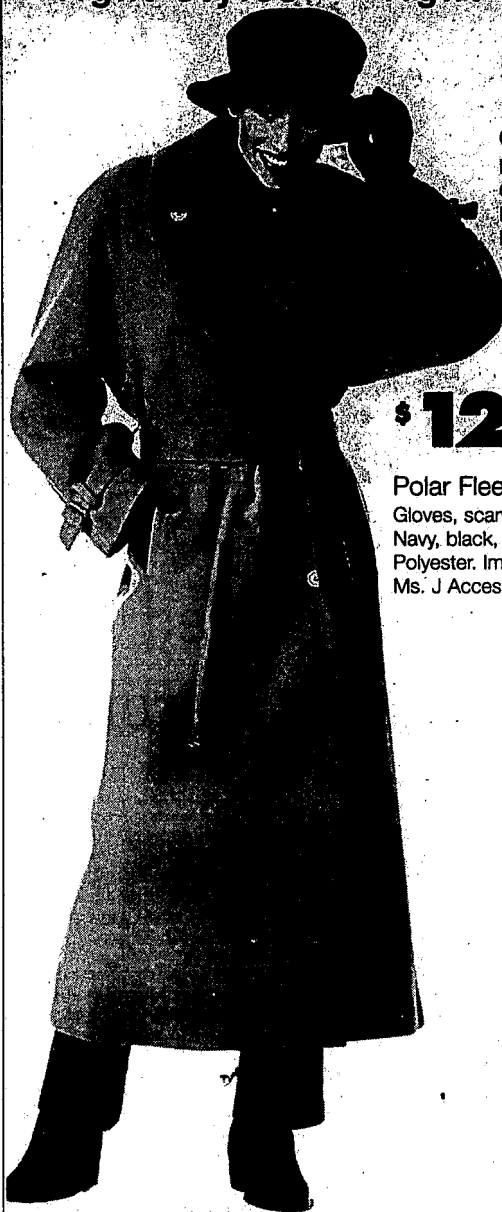
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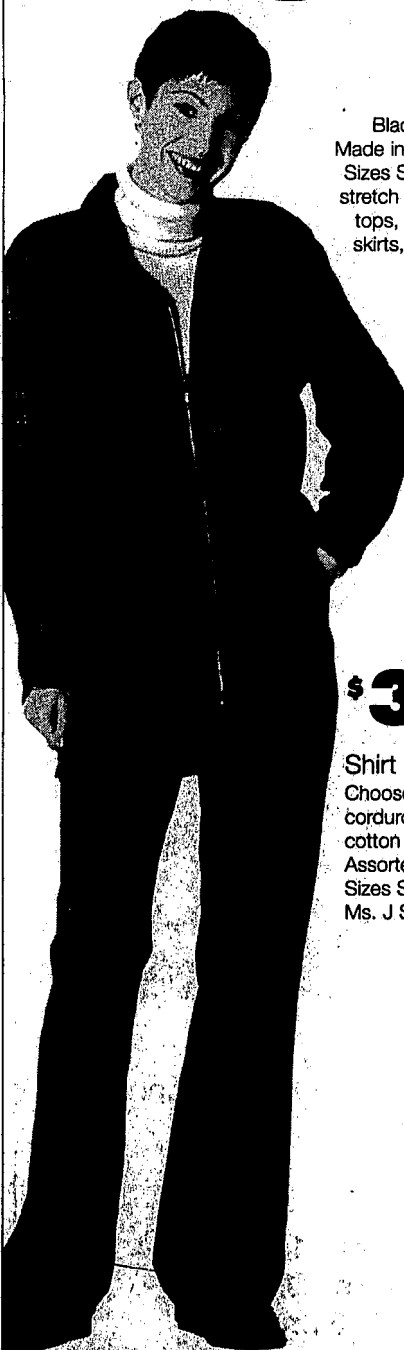
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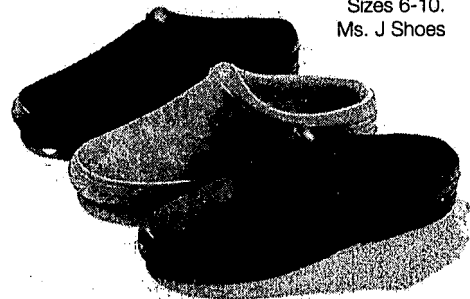
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**Honored:** Teresa Golab-Paygert of Clarkston (left) receives a medal from Israeli consul Tzipora Rimon for her parents' efforts to save a child during the Holocaust.

## Clarkston woman honored for for parents' Holocaust heroism

BY GREG KOWALSKI  
STAFF WRITER

The Jewish people make a point of never forgetting the Holocaust. And neither do they forget the gentiles who risked their lives to save Jews.

Jozef and Jozefa Paygert were two Polish gentiles who took in a young Jewish girl named Hanka Betty Sheinholtz during the Holocaust and hid her from 1941 to 1944.

That feat of bravery was remembered Monday with a special presentation ceremony at the Holocaust Memorial Center in West Bloomfield.

Although the Paygerts are no longer alive, their daughter Teresa Golab-Paygert, who lives in Clarkston, and granddaughter Elizabeth Brueckner were on hand for the ceremony.

**■ 'It's always a special event when we deal with a person who contributed a righteous deed during that darkest period.'**

*Charles Rosensveig  
Rabbi*

Teresa received a medal, a certificate of honor and her parents were given the title of "Righteous Among the Nations." Their names will be added to the Righteous Honor Wall at the Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial in Jerusalem.

"It's always a special event when we deal with a person who contributed a righteous deed during that darkest period," said

Rabbi Charles Rosensveig.

"To be a righteous person during the Holocaust is not an ordinary phenomenon," Rosensveig said.

Doing what is morally right in a time when evil is fashionable deserves special recognition, Rosensveig said.

Speaking to Teresa, Rosensveig said, "You're very fortunate that your parents were not only righteous but were righteous in an era of evil."

Teresa said she still keeps in contact with Sheinholtz and visited her at her home in Haifa, Israel. "She's a very nice girl," Teresa said.

Presenting the award was Tzipora Rimon, Counsel General of Israel to the Midwest. "The whole family endangered themselves," Rimon said. "But Hanka was saved."

## Problems from page A1

strolling town. People should love to come to Clarkston to shop."

While she has adequate parking, Wilson said she perceives parking to be a problem for other business owners and said that rent is too high for many.

"Rent is way too high on Main Street," she said, adding of the city council, "I think the council is apathetic. They just think the town's going to go on forever, and it's not. You have to shove some new blood into it. I really think the council or a committee or whoever needs to go out and ask businesses to come in and make it appealing for them."

Dick Morgan founded Morgan's Service station on Main Street in 1932, and he has watched the downtown flourish and fade over time.

"It's not falling apart. It fell," he said during a telephone interview on Monday. "When we lost Hallman's (Apothecary), we lost a big deal," he said, referring to the drug store that closed when its owner retired a few years ago.

Hallman's is one of several stores, including the Village Bookstore, the Milieu Gallery, the National Bank of Detroit and Calcote Country, that have closed for a variety of reasons recently.

Morgan was less inclined than Wilson to blame the council for the city's problems.

"They try hard, I guess," he said. "You can't do the things that are supposed to be done and keep the taxes down. It takes a lot of money to operate the city. I think they're doing a pretty good job. All of them have the city at heart."

Morgan recalled that city residents and business owners have been debating the parking issue

for nearly 40 years. At one time, the Rotary wanted to purchase a few homes on East Washington to increase parking but they were defeated by residents who wanted to preserve the houses.

"Businesses increased and facilities didn't. That's what happened," he said.

Just north of Morgan's, Coach's Corner is doing well, said its 22-year manager, Diane Brozovich, though she, too, said rent and property are high.

"Our business is as good as ever," she said. "We feel bad about all the other businesses, and we feel awful at the bank leaving."

She added, "From what I've heard, it's really hard for small businesses to come into town because the costs are exorbitant. They make it very tough to be here in business."

Nick Saiz, manager of Vanessa's dry cleaning store further up Main Street and husband of its owner, said limited parking is a problem for them.

"That's our main gripe," he said. "Our business, if we had parking, would be three times as good," he said.

Saiz also faulted the Clarkston Police Department for over-ticketing and said officers waste time marking and checking vehicles to make sure they have not over-stayed the two-hour parking limit on downtown streets and in the city's lot.

"The police could be doing something better," he said.

Paul Ormiston, chief of the city's police, disagreed. He credited the city's two-hour parking limit for helping to preserve retail businesses.

"What is a waste of time?" he countered. "The retailers are trying to survive in this town. Who

else is going to enforce the two-hour parking in this town?"

Ormiston said the time limit is necessary to help retailers, who depend on a turnover of clientele. If the city was all office space, all-day parking would work, he said, adding, that if it was all retail, there would be no need for time restraints because people would shop and move on.

"Our situation is that we have a mix. Retail needs two-hour parking to survive. Office needs all day."

"A year ago, before we started enforcement, you could not find a parking space downtown," he said. "We studied this issue and after attempting to get input from all concerned, it was decided we didn't have a parking problem; we have a parking management problem."

For her part, Karen Sanderson, a city council woman instrumental in circulating a questionnaire among property owners last year on the downtown situation, took umbrage at the council's receiving blame.

She said of the business people surveyed, in general, "I had the feeling that the business people complained but were not willing to work with us toward a solution. They wanted us (the council) to solve their problems, was my feeling."

Sanderson said she received about a 60-percent response from home and business owners in the community.

"As far as I'm concerned, government isn't going to solve downtown's problems. We're not at that point where we can recruit businesses. I don't pretend to speak for everybody, but I do know that everybody is vitally interested in downtown."

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## Clarkston cycling club hosts road ride

The Flying Rhino Cycling Club of Clarkston will present its 16th semi-annual "Back 40 Challenge" bicycle ride Sunday, Oct. 12. Registration is 7:30 a.m. until noon.

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## ON THE AGENDA

**Independence Township**  
90 N. Main St.  
Clarkston  
625-5111  
**Planning Commission**  
7:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 9  
*Tentative Agenda*

**Roll Call:**  
**Public Comment:**  
**Public Hearing:**  
**File No. 97-1-032**  
Amendment to Zoning Ordinance No. 83 Chapter V shall be amended by adding a new section 5.28 hardship planned unit development.

**File No. 97-1-033**  
Amendment to Zoning Ordinance No. 83 Chapter V shall be amended by adding a new section 5.27 special accommodation use.

**Old Business:**  
**File No. 97-1-030 (Tabled from 6/12/97)**

**Mr. Oliver Rose, Petitioner** requests special land use approval to grow and store plants in R-1R zone, Mann Road, 5 acres, 08-36-300-016.

**File No. 94-1-017 & W96-019**  
**Mr. Gerald Odom, Petitioner** requests extension of final site plan and wetland approvals granted 10/24/96 for Fox Creek of Independence, Clintonville Road, R-2 Zone, 08-36-151-004 & 005.

**New Business:**  
**File No. 97-1-051**  
Zoning Ordinance Amendment, Municipal Civil Infraction Penalty Discussion.

**Approval of Minutes:**  
Sept. 11 & 25, 1997  
**Continuing Review:**  
**Planner's Report:**  
**Staff Report:**  
**Committee Report:**  
Any further information regarding the above public hearings may be obtained at the Township Planning Office during regular office hours 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday or by phone at 625-8111.

**Springfield Township**  
650 Broadway  
Davisburg  
625-4802, 634-3111  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
7:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 9  
*Tentative Agenda*

**Call To Order**  
**Roll Call**  
**Agenda Changes**  
**Public Comment**  
**Consent Agenda:**  
a) Approval of Minutes: Sept. 2, 1997, trustee interviews; Sept. 4, 1997, trustee interviews; and Sept. 11, 1997, regular meeting.  
b) Acceptance of September Treasurer's Report  
c) Receipt of September Build-

ing Department Reports: Building, Electrical and Plumbing Inspectors  
d) Receipt of September Litigation Report  
e) Receipt of September Fire Report

f) Authorize payment of bills as presented  
g) Authorize up to \$2,200,000 for purchase of equipment additions to new fire pumper  
h) Authorize request for bids for Fire Department air packs and equipment upgrade  
i) Appoint Elaine Field-Smith to fill vacancy on Township Election Commission

j) Extend current contract with Fenton Grounds Keeper snow removal for 97-98  
k) Adopt resolution urging legislators to restore township immunity from sidewalk liability

l) Set November regular meeting for Public Hearing: 1998 CDBG Funds

m) Receive Youth Appreciation Week information and authorize clerk to prepare letter of support to Holly Optimist Club

n) Appoint Collin Walls as representative and Nancy Strole as alternate (if required) to Steering Committee of Shiawassee & Huron Headwaters Resource Preservation Project

o) Receipt of Communications-Receipt of Burning Ordinance Petition and Fire Department Report.

**Old Business:**  
1. Continuation of Second Reading: Request for rezoning by Barry Stulberg  
2. Continuation of Second Reading: Water Systems Operating Ordinance  
3. Second Reading: Municipal Ordinance Violation Bureau and Municipal Civil Infraction Regulations Ordinance; and Amendments to Ordinance No. 16, 27, 42, 45-A, 50, 52, 57, 59, 63, 65

**New Business:**

1. Edge of Pines-Site Plan Revision  
2. MetalForm Industries-Site Plan & Consent Agreement

3. Susin Lake 1998 Special Assessment

4. Gypsy Moth Coordination Contract

5. Salary Study

6. Authorization to Sell 1973 GMC Fire Truck

7. Budget Amendments

a) Cable Fund  
b) Fire Fund  
c) General Fund for Grant Account

8. Authorization to advertise for & fill Planning Coordinator

**position.**  
**Public Comment**  
**Adjourn**

**Clarkston Schools**  
6389 Clarkston Road  
625-4402  
**Board of Ed Meeting**  
7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 13  
*Tentative Agenda*

1. Call to Order  
1.1 Closed Session-Negotiations  
1.2 Pledge of Allegiance  
1.3 Roll Call

1.4 This month's bulletin board display was provided by the students and staff of Andersonville and Bailey Lake Elementary schools

2. Approval of Consent Agenda

2.1 Approval of Agenda

2.2 Approval of Minutes: Sept. 22, 1997

3. Citizen Requests to Address the Board

Protocol procedures for addressing the board:

1. You are given two opportunities to address the board

Under Items 3.1 you can request to address the board following board discussion on a particular topic, or

Under Item 8 you are welcome to address the board on any topic

2. When asking questions or making comments, please state your name and then direct your comments to Bill McGregor, president, Clarkston Board of Education

4. Reports/Presentations

4.1 Technology Report:

4.2 Construction Report (high school): Craig Kahler

4.3 Drug Free Schools/WMU Studies Update: Pat Brumback

4.4 Playground Partnership Update: Dave Reschke

5. Action Items

5.1 Approval of expenditures for the month: Kurt Shanks

5.2 Acceptance of Donations: President Foyteck

5.3 Presentation of Annual Audit: Craig Kahler/Fred Hailer of Plante & Moran

5.4 Approval of Instructional/Non-Instructional Staff: Linda Nester

5.5 Approval/Acceptance of Child's Contract: Al Roberts

5.6 Phase 3 Construction Phasing recommendation: Craig Kahler

5.7 Phase 3 Management Recommendation: Al Roberts

5.8 Ratification of Cafeteria Association Contract Agreement (July 1997-June 30, 1999): Linda Nester

6. Discussion Items

6.1 Identify site for new elementary school: Al Roberts/President Foyteck

6.2 Schedule for phase-in projects of renovations to buildings: Al Roberts/President Foyteck

7. Information Items

8. Citizen Comments: Citizens are welcome to address the board on any topic at this point on the agenda.

9. Closed session: None

10. Adjournment

Note: This agenda is prepared in advance of the meetings; changes may occur.

**Independence Township**  
90 N. Main St.  
Clarkston  
625-5111

**Zoning Board of Appeals**  
7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 15  
*Tentative Agenda*

**Case No. 97-0100**

Nancy Dusney, Petitioner, Applicant requests rear yard setback variance of 12' to construct addition, Campfire Circle, Lot 28, R-1A, Lake Waldon Village II, 08-28-277-020.

**Case No. 97-0101**

Michelle Ginn, Petitioner, Applicant requests variance for outdoor sales of Christmas trees plus signage, Rattalee Lake Rd., R-1R, corner of Rattalee Lake Rd. and M-15, 08-05-300-045.

**Case No. 97-0102**

Donald Fisher, Petitioner, Applicant requests variance to keep miniature horses on property, Pine Knob Lane, R-1A, 08-35-127-019.

**Case No. 97-0103**

Michael DeVault, Petitioner, Applicant requests variance to retain detached garage, Allen Rd., R-1R, 08-18-200-010.

**Case No. 97-0104**

Ahdi Dasugi, Petitioner, Applicant requests rear yard setback variance of 4' for shed (already constructed), Bronco, Lot 9, R-1A, Timberline Estates No. 1, 08-31-202-021.

**Case No. 97-0105**

Mark Wibel, Petitioner, Applicant requests additional signage for Outback Steakhouse, Dixie Hwy., C-3, Outback, 08-32-277-111.

**Case No. 97-0106**

Larry Stone, Petitioner, Applicant requests variance to effectuate splitting of property, Allen Rd., Acreage, R-1R, 08-05-300-037

## Man wins \$10,000 on 'Road to Riches'

Clinton Smith of Clarkston won \$10,000 Saturday night on "Road to Riches," the Michigan Lottery's weekly television game show. Regina Husted, Smith's daughter, played for him.

An avid sportsman, Smith, 67, plans to buy a new bass boat with his winnings. "I will also pay all my bills and be debt-free," he said. Smith, a retired apartment manager, enjoys golfing, scuba diving, bowling, hunting and traveling in his free time.

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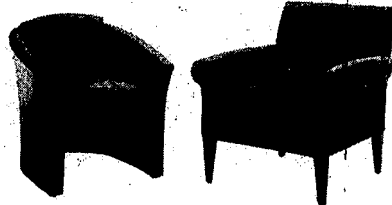
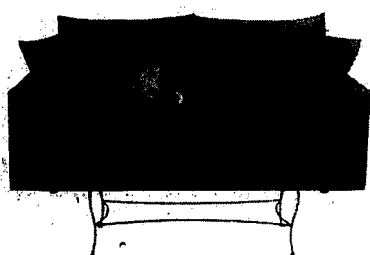
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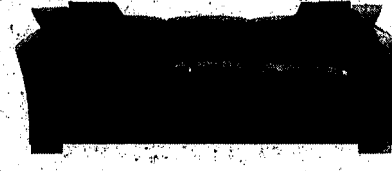
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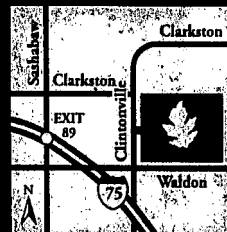
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## NBD expects to sell branch this month

BY CAROLYN WALKER  
STAFF WRITER

National Bank of Detroit officials expect to have a successful buyer for their Main Street branch in Clarkston by the end of October, said Susan Cherry, a public relations spokeswoman for the bank on Monday.

Interested buyers have until Friday to request bidding packets from NBD, she said, noting that bankers put the branch out for bids last week. No cutoff date has been set by the bank for returning bids, Cherry said.

Banking officials announced several months ago that they would be closing the bank as a part of overall changes taking place within their organization. That announcement met with an outcry from the public and local government officials who do not want to lose the bank downtown.

Some still hope that another bank will come forward to make the purchase.

Cherry said she did not know how many bidders had requested packets, but said there were several and because of that fact, banking

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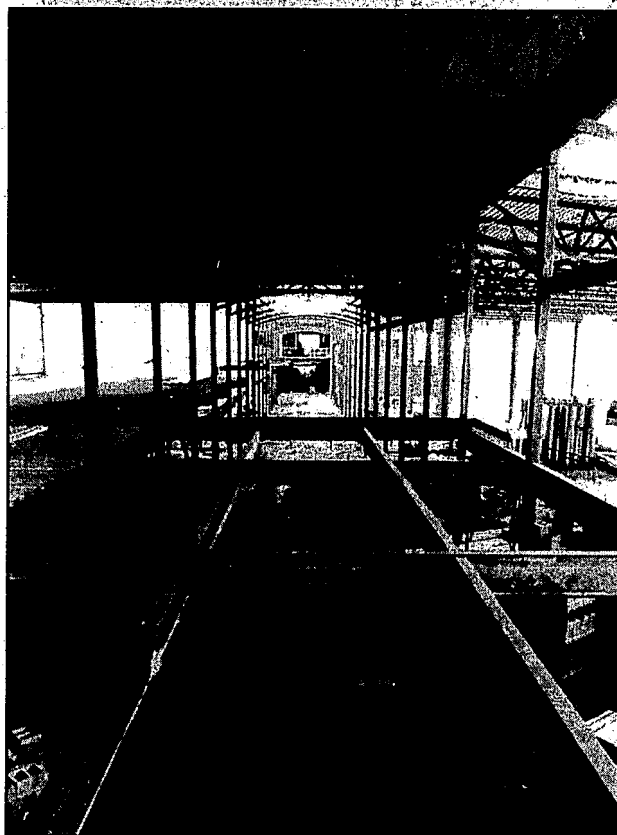
officials do not expect to have to go through a broker to sell the historic building.

"There was a lot of interest in the building," she said.

Last month, banking officials decided not to donate the structure, which has housed a bank since the 1920s, to the Clarkston Community Museum Foundation, which has been seeking a museum site in the Independence Township community for several months.

In making their decision to not donate the building, the bankers solicited pro and con letters from members of the community. Ultimately, they decided that a retail business at that location would be in the best interests of local residents, Cherry has said.

## High school from page A1



Corridor construction: Workers are in the process of laying the floor of the corridor to the gym and pool.

STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

saw there that day had no business going near a roof if they were going to stay. These guys were visibly shaken.

"But their thinking was, you can't let something like that keep you from doing your job. I guess if you think about it too much, you're going to have an unfortunate accident yourself ... They're a tough breed. They know there are risks. But they also know that it was a freak accident and that the person who died wasn't a careless person."

As a result of that attitude and some favorable fall weather, work at the school continues on schedule, Kahler said. "I would say on the academic wing, we're about two weeks from closure — maybe three weeks, tops," he said. "Once we get closure, we're going to start running the mechanical systems and get set so we can start painting, putting down floors and getting the finishes done in that area."

By April or May, Kahler said school officials are hoping to begin bringing furniture, computers and other equipment into the academic area.

At the other end of the site, the facility's swimming pool walls are also close to completion, he pointed out.

And sometime after those natatorium sides go up, grass seed will be sprayed on the school grounds. "We have to do that," Kahler said. "Otherwise, particularly the football field won't be ready for next fall."

The director of business services said he has his fingers crossed for continued cooperation from Mother Nature in other construction areas. "Masonry can go on throughout the winter," he said. "That's not a problem. The problem is, how much is it going to cost to do it? If it's cold and snowing, those guys can work. But they're going to have to build temporary enclosures and the heat that

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Craig Kahler

Clarkston Community Schools business manager

goes with those will cost a lot of money. We hope we'll have mild temperatures so we can keep it more economical."

To keep CHS staff and students one step ahead of next year's routines in the new building, Kahler said identification cards will most likely be introduced at the current facility during this year's second semester. "We'd like to get the kids accustomed to having the ID cards because they're going to have multiple purposes (in the new building)," he said. "The card is going to tell (CHS principal) Brent Cooley who you are. It's going to handle your lunch fee. It can be used for attendance if we want. And it can be used for access to the building."

Kahler said the next 10 or 11 months will be packed with all kinds of preparations as the last year of construction winds down for the new CHS and the first year of remodeling revs up for the district's elementaries.

Regardless of that hectic timeline and the excitement behind Clarkston's high school, however, the director of business services said one sad construction memory will stick with him, always. "I still think about it every time I see the gym," Kahler said. "I will for the rest of my life. I see the spot where he fell. It's amazing how things like that leave marks on you."

### NOTABLES

Janalee Grainer of Clarkston was recognized as a 1997 Sales Achiever by the Longaberger Co. at its annual convention in Columbus, Ohio, for generating annual sales of

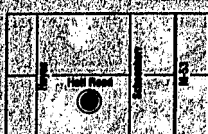
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# Rudy's from page A1

long-established and beloved Rudy's eight years ago. Limited parking, they figured, could be a problem. But they were willing to work around the difficulties of small town life in exchange for running a business in the quaint historic town.

Generally speaking, business has been good for them; Eshaki said, noting that sales have probably doubled in the past few years.

But recent ticketing by the police that Eshaki feels was unnecessary, lack of parking and what he calls the "pettiness" of local business politics have forced the men to make a move, he said.

"It's the overall attitude" of the Clarkston city council, the police department and the downtown district, Eshaki said, citing the reasons they will be leaving.

"It's the whole atmosphere. The general belief that nothing is wrong. If they want to attract entrepreneurs, they're not going to do it with the reputation they have. I see the police as a ridiculous part of the problem," he said, adding — and admitting that he was being sarcastic — that parking was "a major problem but it's not anymore because all the businesses are leaving."

In recent months, the Village Bookstore, National Bank of Detroit, Milieu Gallery and Calcoté Country gift shop, all once located within just a few feet of each other, have closed for a variety of reasons that ranged from retirement to disgust on the parts of the owners. In addition, Morgan's Service Inc., long a staple on Main Street, has stopped selling gasoline.

Eshaki said that in addition to the cost of purchasing their building, he and Thomas have invested \$750,000 in stock and repairs that he believes enhance the downtown district.

"I've gone out of my way to clean things up," he said, noting that he has the old stone building power-washed twice a year, that he has added decorative outside planters and fresh paint to improve its looks and that he regularly cleans the city-owned parking area next door.

Late last month, he said, the Clarkston police ticketed him for having open garbage in the parking lot after trash haulers accidentally tore a bag while they were removing the trash.

"He came here and wrote me a ticket, automatically," Eshaki said, adding that he feels the officer should have come into the store and offered him the opportunity to clean it up before issuing a citation. The incident happened about 9:30 a.m., he said.

"I feel people should go out of their way, whether it be the council members or business members or police, to feed off each other," he said, struggling for words that would convey the importance of community members working together. "I believe everybody should go out of their way to help each other. Everybody benefits this way."

Ormiston, however, said city Manager Art Pappas had warned Eshaki about the garbage situation once in a letter, and the police had warned him twice.

"My response to that is that Robert has been warned on several occasions to clean up the mess," Ormiston said. "It's unsightly. It stinks. He was written a letter by Pappas and warned by police two times. He was given an opportunity to clean it up just as requested. He failed to do that and was cited."

"He wants us to come in and make him aware of every violation every single time. He's been warned repeatedly."

Eshaki has been cited twice for violating the city trash ordinance, Ormiston said.

Eshaki said he has held his tongue in expressing his views about the council and the city's situation.

"Now I just feel that the time has come," he said.

He said he thinks the city council should initiate improve-

ments in the business district and said he favors a Hyett Palma study that has been suggested by councilman David Savage, but which has never been approved by the council.

"They're always reacting instead of acting," he said of council members. "They should bend over backwards to attract the people who are willing to put money back into the community."

Hyett Palma, an out-state company, offers a visioning study that helps small communities to understand their strengths and weaknesses and teaches them how to attract the businesses they desire.

In a door-to-door effort, Savage has obtained a commitment of \$5,000 toward the study from various business owners and he has asked the council to contribute \$5,000 as well, which it has not yet done.

Eshaki said he and Thomas began considering a move from the city about one-and-one-half years ago but not without regrets.

"It's important to me that you put in there how much I love the community and the people and the customers," he said.

Rudy's Market has stood somewhere on Main Street since 1933, said local business owner Dick Morgan, who founded Morgan's Service station across Main Street in 1932. The original Rudy's, he said, endured two fires over a period of time that forced its founder to relocate. Rudy's had been in four separate locations, he said.

## Family fun

**Hole-in-one:** Chris Trudell, 10, of Bloomfield nibbles on a doughnut during a doughnut-eating contest Sunday during the 13th annual Fall Color Car Classic at Independence Oaks in Clarkston. Chris was pronounced the winner.



PHOTOS BY LEE SMITH



**Sticky subject:** Ashley Young, 9, attempts the bubble-gum blowing contest. Kids' activities were a big part of the car show, which featured antique cars, street rods and sports cars.

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## Awards night Let's help show Clarkston cares

**T**he Clarkston Community Task Force for Youth is a dedicated group with an important message that all parents, grandparents, care givers and community members need to hear.

Unfortunately, the message is also a mouthful. The task force, which formed two years ago after a study showed Clarkston youth abuse substances at a rate higher than the national average, has been trying to educate the Clarkston area about what can help prevent youngsters from using drugs, alcohol and tobacco.

Since the message is such a mouthful, the non-profit group has had a difficult time getting it across.

Now, the task force has hit upon a good way to spread the word and make it easy to understand.

First, we'll try to tell you in a few paragraphs what the message is: If a youth possesses a majority of 40 "assets," he or she is less likely to engage in at-risk behaviors including substance abuse; premarital sex; and violent, antisocial activities.

The 40 assets were arrived at by a research organization, the Search Institute based in Minneapolis, Minn., which studied 250,000 youth from 33 states in more than 400 communities. Many of these "assets" are under the direct control of parents, but some are also under the control of community members.

The assets fall into two categories — external and internal. The 20 external assets include working one or more hours per week serving the community, having parents who are actively involved in helping the youth succeed in school, being involved in a religious community at least one hour per week and having a family that monitors the youth's whereabouts.

The 20 internal ones include spending one or more hours per day doing homework, telling the truth even when it's not easy, resolving conflict in a non-violent manner and feeling a sense of purpose in life.

The task force has decided to host a dinner recognizing community members who are helping Clarkston youth acquire these assets. "We

want to acknowledge what's already happening positively," explained Cindy Dixon, administrative coordinator of the task force. "We are wanting to help people get more comfortable with asset building."

The first annual "Clarkston Cares" Awards Night will take place 6:30-9 p.m. Monday, Oct. 27, at Clarkston Creek on Maybee Road, west of Sashabaw. Guest speaker will be Mary Ann Solberg, executive director of the Troy Coalition, who will give practical ideas on how communities can work together for the benefit of youth.

Clarkston-area residents and business people can help support this worthwhile effort by nominating adults (even youth) they know who are doing concrete things to help youth in the Clarkston area acquire assets. The task force hopes to get nominations from as many sectors as possible including schools, churches, civic organizations, the media, law enforcement and government. Nominees may be well-known or not. For example, a neighbor who's opened her home after school to the children of working parents on her block would qualify because she helps the children feel safe in their neighborhood (asset No. 10).

The names of everyone nominated will be printed on a program distributed the night of the dinner, and the "winners" from each sector will receive a special plaque and free dinner.

Nominations (and dinner reservations) will be accepted until Oct. 15. To nominate someone, send your name, phone number, the name of the person you're nominating and a 50- to 100-word description of the person's asset-building activities to Clarkston Community Task Force for Youth, P.O. Box 702, Clarkston, MI 48347. For a list of the 40 assets, visit the Independence Township Library or call this newspaper and we'll fax one to you. Dinner is \$15 each or \$25 a couple. Students pay \$10.

Let's help the task force spread the word about asset-building by nominating those we know who are currently helping youth acquire assets.

Let's help the task force show that Clarkston truly does care.

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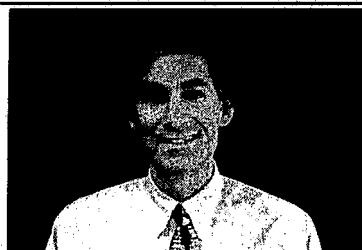
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"I have...for my kids."

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### LETTERS

#### Road won't be closed long

**M**any Oakland County citizens have written or called my office this week regarding the delay in the opening of White Lake Road near Teggerdine Road in White Lake Township, where a culvert is being constructed. I am writing to update you with the most current information available from the Road Commission for Oakland County about this project.

Initially, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) requirements dictated a certain type of material be used for the road project. However, the soil conditions could not accommodate installation of that material. Two other proposals were made and finally a solution was reached that would satisfy both the environmental concerns and the soil conditions. The proposal directs that a 6-foot pipe be buried in the ground and covered with soil in order to provide the "natural bottom" required by the DEQ.

While these issues were being resolved, the contractor for this project understandably moved his equipment to another job. Materials have now been ordered and discussions are being held with the contractor for completion of the project. The OCRC is anticipating a Dec. 1, 1997, date for the reopening of White Lake Road to traffic.

I certainly understand the frustration of motorists who have been affected on a daily basis by this construction project, and I trust that it will be completed without delay. Your patience during this time is greatly appreciated. I will maintain frequent contact with the RCOC regarding this issue until White Lake Road traffic is flowing smoothly once again.

Tom Middleton

State Representative, 46th District

#### Up with Parents to draw crowd

**W**ow! What a response we are receiving for the "Up With Parents" workshop being sponsored by Clarkston Community Task Force for Youth from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 12, at St. Daniel's Church, Clarkston.

Parents and other concerned adults who attend will not only have a chance to learn a few new parenting ideas but will also have a chance to hear the Schulte Family share a few songs about family. Parenting resource materials will be available from the following organizations, which will be on hand with table displays: Developmental Assets/Task Force, DARE, Clarkston Area Youth Assistance, Haven, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, PTA Council, Oakland County Health Department Parent Network and Triad Associates.

Whenever hundreds of parents gather together for the good of children and young people, wonderful things are bound to happen. Plan to join us! Advance tickets from the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce or St.

Daniel's are \$7. Tickets at the door are \$10. All parents need the opportunity to attend, and the Task Force is offering scholarships to anyone in need. Call 394-0252 for details. See you Sunday!

Susette Hart

Up With Parents Program Coordinator

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Because of the corporate greed of the past two decades, we have failed to train a whole generation of young American workers. We have abandoned an entire generation of young Americans to low-paid, low-skill "service jobs." All in the name of corporate profits!

Corporations were too busy moving factories to Mexico and China to train our American youth. They would rather hire a low-paid engineer from India to run an even lower-paid factory in Thailand!

Yet now, the greedy corporations have the audacity to blame our school system, or our youth, which are certainly no better or worse than they were 50 years ago when America was the world's industrial powerhouse.

The solution? Stop the corporate greed and go back to the old system that has worked for generations.

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Walter Warren  
Westland

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## POINTS OF VIEW

## For cartoonist, erasing bigotry is serious work

Once had the opportunity to hear Al Capp, the creator of "Li'l Abner," of funny paper fame. He, incidentally, could have been a double for the character in the comics.

Capp said that the motivation researchers of Madison Avenue spent years trying to determine just what influences the American mind.

They researched newspapers, television, radio, paperback novels and the like and discovered that 70 million people in our nation read the "funnies."

When the ad people found this out, they started falling over each other to get the funnies and see what they were doing to influence people, and, of course, how they could sneak products

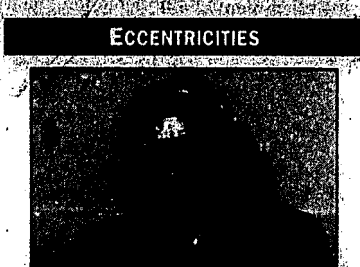
they wished to promote into the comic pages.

When they came to Capp, they pointed blank asked him what he was trying to do with "Li'l Abner" to change America. He indicated that for some of his rival cartoonists, this was a ridiculous question, but he, himself, did have a message.

He said that he was born in New Haven, Conn., on Stevens Street. It was the type of neighborhood that is now the target of urban renewal projects.

He indicated that there was no prejudice because no one had anything and everyone was accepted for what he was.

The Hogans upstairs (no relation that I care to admit to) were no differ-



HANK HOGAN

ent than the Caplans downstairs, except that they went to their synagogue on Sunday instead of Saturday and when their "rabbi" came to visit them, he had his collar on backwards.

The Macottis across the street served the same low-cost food, but

they called it ravioli instead of knishes.

I had great empathy with what he was saying because I remember when we were first married, we were still in college and had little money, and all our friends were in the same position.

When Capp's (nee Caplan) family moved to a better neighborhood, all of a sudden he found that he was different. He was at a decided disadvantage because he didn't know whom he was supposed to hate.

But he learned. He said he found out that people who are able to make their own way in the world don't need to tear down the other guy. It is only the guy who can't make the grade who

has to try to verbally cut off the legs of other people to make himself appear taller.

He learned to hate what he called the "phonies" — people who didn't make the grade themselves, or by themselves, and who looked down on those who did because of an inferiority complex.

Summing up, he said, "If I try to do anything with my comic strips to influence the American mind, it is to try to get our whole nation back to Stevens Street."

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

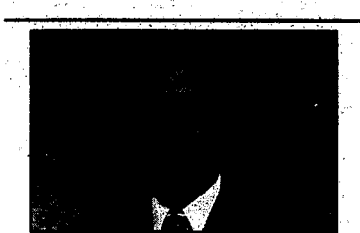
## Good communication a priority for Clarkston schools

The other day, I met with a small group of administrators, parents and a few board members to discuss how we might establish an open, ongoing dialogue with our public. Since important educational issues impact virtually everyone in the community, high-quality communication must become a Clarkston priority. It doesn't matter whether the focus is test scores or school construction, fund-raising or redistricting, today "inquiring minds want to know." As superintendent of schools, I am committed to clarifying district positions, providing additional perspective and encouraging people to think through the complexities of any problem.

The recent gathering began with some reflection. I asked all present to share their most memorable school experience. It seemed important for this group to discuss, from varying perspectives, what it is that makes school important to kids of all ages. Some participants remembered their school pals, while others thought of

caring teachers who motivated them to achieve or helped them to consider a particular career path. A few even recalled moments of self doubt. All the stories, however, touched upon the importance of a supportive environment, the positive consequence of a challenging classroom atmosphere and the significance of self confidence. As importantly, we began to understand that it is often the little things that make a difference: an encouraging word, a short congratulatory note or even a needed "kick in the pants."

The recollections also provided needed perspective. We, as educators, don't always get such feedback. Sometimes it takes years to learn that your efforts really made a difference. When I was a teacher in New Jersey, I taught Herbie. Now this sixth grader was a bit of a rascal, a really mischievous kid, difficult to control, but easy to like. One day, I told him to stay after school, but he sneaked out of the room and got on the bus instead. Imagine his surprise when he walked



AL ROBERTS

into his house, and I was sitting in the living room with his mom. This made a lasting impression on Herbie. Someone cared enough not to let him get away with misbehavior.

Today educators know so much more about how kids learn, and we have better research to help us recognize the activities that positively impact young minds. So, an approach to school that is much different than the one parents remember is unfolding in classrooms around the world. It is likely that misunderstandings and

distrust will arise, especially if we do not discuss issues. The establishment of open dialogue to compare perspectives, to foster mutual understanding and trust, and to nurture respect among all members of the community is worth pursuing.

So where do we begin? The planning group began by expressing their thoughts about the characteristics of the ideal parent/school administrator. Such information, along with the memories that were provoked, would provide a good base from which dialogue topics could be compiled. According to the planning group, the ideal parent:

- loves and takes good care of her/his children.
- allows the child to develop independently.
- is a good role model.
- has reasonable expectations of his/her child.
- communicates with school.
- considers the family first.
- is open-minded and searches for

the truth.

- listens, pays attention.
- judges behavior but not people.
- is willing to seek advice.

The ideal school administrator was seen as someone who possesses all the characteristics of an ideal parent, but also:

- is able to build a sense of team among teachers, parents and community.
  - is knowledgeable of the best promising educational practices.
  - keeps him/herself informed and is creative.
  - is diplomatic and addresses problems with a good knowledge base.
  - puts children first.
  - is open to suggestions.
- Now, what are we going to do with this information? That is the challenge! Stay tuned.

Al Roberts is superintendent of Clarkston Community Schools. His hotline number is 620-7350.

## Patterson's right: Truckers should pay extra fuel tax, too

You've gotta hand it to Brooks Patterson. The Oakland County executive has become one of the few large political figures in Michigan with the guts to call a spade a spade, regardless of whose feathers he ruffles.

First it was posing for publicity shots in an enormous pothole and calling on his fellow Republican, Gov. "Pothole John" Engler to quit posturing and support a gasoline tax increase to pay for badly needed road repairs.

Now Patterson is after the tax break the trucking industry gets on diesel fuel, now effectively 15 cents per gallon, as opposed to the 19 cents the rest of us pay on gasoline purchases. Patterson visited Lansing last week where a bill to wipe out the difference is stalled in the tax-writing Senate Finance Committee. "When it (the bill) gets ripe, I'll go up there," he said.

This time the Oakland County boss is taking on what must be one of the most powerful, longest-lasting and best-hidden lobbies in Michigan politics: The alliance between the trucking industry and the Teamsters Union that for decades has hog-tied both parties in the Legislature.

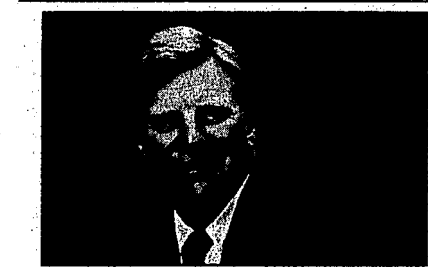
The industry wants low fuel taxes and high weight limits to prosper. The Teamsters know that a prosperous trucking industry means more jobs for the boys.

What do those of us who don't happen to own truck fleets or drive 18-wheelers get from the deal? Higher gasoline taxes and terrible roads, damaged disproportionately by heavily laden trucks.

Here's the detail:

Michigan's Motor Fuel Tax Act, a law going back to 1927, provides for a specific tax on diesel fuel (predominantly used in trucks) equal to the rate per gallon imposed on gasoline. Under pressure from the trucker-Teamster lobby, the Michigan Legislature in 1980 adopted a unique measure that awarded a 6-cents-a-gallon discount for diesel fuel bought in Michigan, on the theory that Michigan truckers were at a "competitive disadvantage" to those in neighboring states.

Until the Legislature increased the gasoline tax this year, this tax break meant that while motorists were paying 15 cents tax per gallon of gasoline, truckers were paying 9 cents on diesel fuel. This disparity ended briefly in April when



PHILIP POWER

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the diesel fuel tax was increased to 21 cents a gallon.

But the trucker-Teamster lobby went back to work. On Aug. 1, when the state gasoline tax was increased to 19 cents, the 6-cents diesel discount went back on the books. Best estimates are that the trucker-Teamster tax break costs taxpayers around \$20 million per year.

Michigan's diesel fuel tax ranks 45th among all states. Since 1980, Michigan taxes on diesel fuel have increased from 11 cents to 15 cents, a 36 percent change. During the same period, diesel taxes in Illinois increased by 186 percent, in Ohio by 214 percent, and in Indiana by 100 percent.

While Michigan truckers pay low fuel taxes, they enjoy a weight limit of 164,000 pounds, more than double the 80,000-pound limit imposed in most states. And conventional wisdom is that a heavily loaded truck is responsible for as much damage to our roads as 9,600 cars.

Go get 'em, Brooks!

Chair of the Senate Finance Committee is Joanne Emmons, 805 Farnum Building, PO Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48909. Telephone (617) 373-3760.

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# O&E's Oakland editions win 25 awards

The Oakland County editions of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers captured 25 awards in the Michigan Press Association's 1997 Better Newspaper Contest.

The Observer & Eccentric competed in Class B — weekly or twice-weekly newspapers with a circulation between 10,001 and 25,000.

## Newspaper of the Year

The West Bloomfield-Lakes Eccentric won eight awards, including Newspaper of the Year in its circulation class based on total points accumulated in all contest categories. It took second place for General Excellence and first place for Design. It placed both first and third for Enter-

prise Feature (Pat Murphy and Greg Kowalski, respectively).

Other first-place winners included the Lake Orion Eccentric for Editorial Pages (editor Gerald Frawley), the Clarkston Eccentric for Editorial Writing (editor Karen Hermes Smith) and Local Columns (reporter Carolyn Walker), the Troy Eccentric for Spot News Picture (photographer John Stormzand) and the Oxford Eccentric for Sports Column (sports editor Brad Kadrich).

In the Special section category, the Observer & Eccentric took first place for Eccentric, its spring fashion magazine edited by retail editor Susan DeMag-

gio.

Observer & Eccentric opinion columnist Judith Doner Berne of West Bloomfield, who writes for many of the Oakland County editions, placed second for Local Columns for the second straight year. The topics of her award-winning columns included elderly residents Ernie Harwell and Cecelia "C" Himes, both of whom are so vital at their age, the sensitive sentencing of Itsumi Koga of Farmington Hills by Circuit Judge Jessica Cooper, and the sad effects of the burning of playgrounds in Southfield.

## Special mentions

Other award winners were: • West Bloomfield-Lakes Eccentric — Picture Story, Honorable Mention (photogra-

pher Dan Dean); Sports Column, honorable mention (sports editor Bill Parker); Sports Coverage, third place (sports editor Bill Parker).

• Birmingham-Bloomfield Eccentric — Local News Reporting, second place (reporter Sally Tato); Sports Feature, second place (sports reporter Chris Mayer).

• Southfield Eccentric — Human Interest Feature, second place (reporter Sue Buck); Editorial Writing, third place (editor Wayne Peal).

• Troy Eccentric — Editorial Writing, second place (editor Allee Collins); Sports Coverage, honorable mention (sports editor

Jim Toth).

• Farmington Observer — Spot News Picture, second place (photographer Sharon LeMieux); Local News Reporting, third place (former Farmington editor Tom Baer now with the Rochester Eccentric; reporter Larry O'Connor, former reporter Bill Coutant).

• Oxford Eccentric — Sports Writing, third place (sports editor Brad Kadrich).

• Rochester Eccentric — Sports Coverage, honorable mention (sports editor Jim Toth).

"We're equally proud of all our award winners," said Bob Sklar, Oakland County managing edi-

tor. "Such sweeping recognition from our peers underscores the dedication and skill level of our writers, photographers and editors. Plainly put, we're deeply committed to meeting reader needs professionally and creatively in the hometowns that we serve."

Newspaper of the Year winners will receive plaques at the MPA's winter convention Jan. 30 in Grand Rapids. Members of the North Carolina Press Association evaluated 3,000 entries submitted by 148 Michigan newspapers in three circulation classes during this year's Better Newspaper Contest.

The Lansing-based MPA is a state association serving daily and weekly newspapers since 1868.

## OU senior is first to earn school's new math award

Danielle Driscoll-Cummings, who will graduate from Oakland University this academic year, won the Louis R. Bragg Graduating Senior Award. She is the first recipient of the award, established in honor of Louis R. Bragg, a long-time Oakland professor of mathematical sciences who retired last month.

The award will be presented annually to graduating students who demonstrate outstanding academic and leadership achievement.

At the awards ceremony on May 20, 1997, Professor Darrell Schmidt, acting chair of the department, presented Driscoll-

Cummings with a plaque commemorating her award and a book. The book, "The Moscow Puzzle" by Boris Kordensky, is a collection of mathematical problems and was chosen by faculty because of her plans to teach mathematics at the secondary level after graduation.

Her name will also be engraved on a permanent plaque in the department. Driscoll-Cummings is currently completing her student teaching and working at the International Academy in Bloomfield Hills. She is guiding a group of students in the U.S. First Robotics competition.



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ROCHELLE SMITH

## Volunteers at churches are saints, for sure

**T**his weekend, the church I have attended my entire life, First Baptist Church of Pontiac, is celebrating its 175th anniversary. My mother started attending First Baptist Church of Pontiac in 1936 at age 16. She was brought to church by her older sister, Ethel, and our family has continued to attend the church for the past 61 years. What is there about a church that keeps families coming back? I am probably not the best person to answer that question. I don't claim to be a great theologian, nor have I studied fundamental church organization or congregational satisfaction studies, but I do know what makes me love the church I attend.

Anyone who knows me, probably knows that I am a religious person. I don't go around saving souls or preaching the gospel, but I try to plant little seeds of thought by having a happy outlook or repeating funny stories the pastor has shared on Sunday morning or some cute thing one of the children has done in the Sunday morning class of 4- and 5-year-olds that my husband and I teach once a month. Although subtle, it is apparently getting a message across because I have been approached by coworkers several times over the years and asked to settle discussions

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## Polish therapists help girl, 6, walk

**■ A Clarkston girl with cerebral palsy is walking 55 unassisted steps after her mother took her to Poland for a treatment unavailable in the United States.**



BY CAROLYN WALKER  
STAFF WRITER

As it happens, Greta Ledgerwood's dream came true. Her daughter, Megan Montgomery, began walking in Poland — just as Ledgerwood dreamed she would one night last April.

Proud and encouraged now, Ledgerwood is embarking on a quest to share with other American families the 5-year-old Polish treatment her daughter underwent for cerebral palsy.

The treatment, deemed a success by Ledgerwood — who saw not only Megan but children in wheelchairs get up and take their first steps — involves grueling exercises performed while wearing an "Adeli suit," a gizmo comprised of powerful elastic cords and belts that is modeled after the space uniforms of the Russian cosmonauts. The suit mimics the action of healthy muscles and teaches the brain how to position and use limbs in a normal way, Ledgerwood said.

Ledgerwood chose the treatment for her child over recommended, generally accepted surgical procedures that are performed in the United States, due in part to her fears of anesthesia.

The five-week treatment, which is not available in the United States, allowed Megan to progress from taking only three or four independent steps to taking 55, her mother said.

It's progress that Ledgerwood finds absolutely remarkable.

"I want to get the word out to the parents, if they want to give it a shot," she said last week as she prepared for a Euromed seminar that will be held

Saturday at the Auburn Hills Church of Christ. "I want that place to be packed. If I didn't go, how much longer would it have taken Megan to learn to walk?"

"Now I've got the opportunity to share Euromed with the whole United States and say, 'Hey, you have another option out there.'"

The Euromed Rehabilitation Center is located in Mielno, Poland. When Megan and two other children from Michigan made a trek there this summer, they represented the first Americans to try the Polish approach to cerebral palsy treatment, Ledgerwood said, though children from other European nations as well as Polish children have been treated there in the past.

As could be expected with most parents, Ledgerwood has made it her mission in life to provide Megan with all the advantages that she can to help normalize the 6-year-old's childhood. It is a painstaking quest for both of them.

"One of the things we want most for our children is to be independent," Ledgerwood said. "When you have to work with your child, even to sit up, you have a different perspective. When you get pregnant, you have a baby, you never think that this is going to happen."

Ledgerwood was given the opportunity while in Poland to try on and experience an Adeli suit and found wearing it and moving about in it difficult. "I couldn't do some of the exercises they had her doing," she said.

But if the exercises were hard, they were, according to Ledgerwood, the very things that turned little Megan's life around. Conventional therapy begun when Megan was six months old, she contended, did not succeed the way the Adeli suit did.

And, she said, those who watched the North Sashabaw Elementary first-grader take her first free steps in Poland were deeply moved.

"On Aug. 30, the actual day that she started walking... there was all these



STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

**On her own:** Megan Montgomery, a North Sashabaw Elementary School first-grader, walks at home as her mother, Greta Ledgerwood, watches. Megan received an unconventional treatment for cerebral palsy in Poland, where she performed exercises while wearing an "Adeli suit," a gizmo comprised of powerful elastic cords and belts modeled after the space uniforms of Russian cosmonauts. The suit mimics the action of healthy muscles and teaches the brain how to use limbs in a normal way.

things she had to remember. It just clicked. Kasha (her Euromed therapist) had goose bumps," said Ledgerwood. "You could see them on her arms. It was very emotional."

According to Ledgerwood, therapy and exercise at home will have to continue throughout her life if Megan is to maintain what she has gained.

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# Loss of Rudy's would devastate downtown Clarkston

My heart sank last week when Robert Eshaki, who co-owns Rudy's Quality Market with Chris Thomas, confirmed for me rumors that I have been hearing lately: The two plan to move the market from downtown Clarkston to a location in Independence Township, probably sometime in about 18 months.

They are, he told me, frustrated by the downtown climate, the flight of other businesses, and by what Eshaki deems to be "politics" and a lack of cooperation between government officials, the police and other proprietors.

Eshaki said he would like to see the city's powers-that-be take a more proactive stance in cultivating the business district. He would, he said, like to see the above-mentioned groups work together to resolve the situation and restore retail prosperity.

In speaking with Eshaki and other business owners, I have learned that the downtown district's problems, as

they view them, are many and varied — they range from parking restrictions to police questions to high-rent complaints — and it would appear that the answers to these problems will be extremely difficult to find.

Unfortunately, the city council finds itself in the awkward position of having to balance history preservation and progress; residences and businesses. And small business proprietors find themselves competing against a glut of chain stores that can't make doing business in a small town very easy.

Space limitations, money limitations, legislative limitations and the ever-present threats of potential lawsuits over zoning issues, no matter how obscure or distant, also contribute to the trouble.

It is the latter — the potential for lawsuits —, I think, that presents the biggest problem. Fear of the unknown is the city's greatest enemy and that fear immobilizes the very ones who are in a position to take action.



CAROLYN WALKER

Obviously, whoever or whatever comes to the city's rescue won't be able to please everybody. I am confident, however, based on my experience sitting through city meetings, that everyone, down to the individual, has the city's best interests at heart.

But I digress . . . . The quaint atmosphere that we have all come to love, most assuredly, includes the presence of Rudy's.

Let's face it, Rudy's, which has stood in one downtown spot or another since 1933, is an integral part of the district and its identity. And, certainly, it is one of the focal points for customers seeking to do business downtown.

Anybody who's lived around here for any length of time, I'm sure, remembers the original Rudy Schwarze dispensing gum sticks to the children of his customers.

And anybody who's lived locally for 10 or 12 years must also remember the sometimes funny battle that ensued when the village officials of the 1980s attempted to force Rudy to quit feeding the pigeons that flocked to his roof and parking lot.

Rudy did not give in easily. Nor did the pigeons.

Most days, the birds could be seen lining the trenches of his building's roof, surrounding and mocking the silly, fat, inflatable owls that were placed there to frighten them away. Sometimes, even,

they could be seen giving those owls affectionate pecks, much to the joy of rebellious passersby.

All of that, for me, only reinforced the affection I have for the store.

I hope that the sale of Rudy's, if it comes, does not sound the death knell for Clarkston.

There are very few things that I can think of — short of some sort of devastating fire or earthquake hitting town — that would constitute a greater loss for the city.

It occurs to me that maybe the city of Clarkston is a lot like a growing child, which must be guided — but not suppressed if it is to be healthy.

Maybe we have reached the point where, in order to preserve what we have, we will have to let go of our fears just a bit.

Carolyn Walker is a staff writer for the Clarkston Eccentric. She lives in the city of Clarkston.

## CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Clarkston Eccentric publishes calendar items free of charge. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Type or print: Event, date and time, location, telephone number and any additional information and mail to the Clarkston Eccentric, 7151 Ortonville Road, Suite 2, Clarkston, Mich., 48346 or fax to 248-625-5712. Deadline for calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper.

### FRIDAY, OCT. 10

#### SPAGHETTI DINNER

5-8 p.m., North Sashabaw Elementary, 5290 Maybee, Clarkston. Fund-raiser for the fifth-grade Toronto trip. Adults, \$5; children 8 and under, \$3.

#### SPAGHETTI DINNER

5-7 p.m., Independence Township Senior Center. All-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner, tossed salad and garlic toast. (Dessert is 75 cents extra). All proceeds go directly to the senior center. No registration required. Center is at 5980 Clarkston Road in Clintonwood Park. Cost \$4 adults, \$2 child.

#### RECREATION FOR SPECIAL PEOPLE

7-9 p.m., Hart Community Center at the Mill Pond in Davisburg. Karaoke-dance to the music of disc jockey Rodney Perry. Refreshments. No charge. While NWOCOS, a volunteer organization, provides recreational activities, care givers have responsibility for direct supervision of participants. For more information, call 634-9570.

### SATURDAY, OCT. 11

#### AUTUMN COLOR HIKE

11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Indian Springs Metropark. A cool walk under a forest canopy of brilliant oranges, reds and yellows. Registration required. 625-7280 or (800) 477-3192.

#### CIDER SATURDAY

Indian Springs Metropark. Do-it-yourself cider-making session. Bring one bushel of apples and three 1-gallon plastic containers. (We'll supply the cider press.) Great for families and Scout groups. Call 625-7280 or (800) 477-3192 for times.

### SUNDAY, OCT. 12

#### AUTUMN MAGIC

1-4 p.m., Independence Oaks

Nature Center. Family event includes hayrides, cider pressing, games, make-and-take crafts for the kids. The Farm Lady, Margaret Schmidt, will provide a taste of harvest time life and introduce her 40-pound turkey during a special presentation at the Cohn Amphitheater. Cost: \$2.50/person. Tickets are limited. Call (248) 625-6473 for additional information.

#### CIDER SUNDAY

Same program as Cider Saturday above.

#### LEAF PRINT T-SHIRTS

1 and 2 p.m., Indian Springs Metropark. Do Michigan's beautiful autumn colors "leaf" an impression on you? Then you'll really "fall" for this program. Bring your own T-shirt and deco-

rate it with autumn's spectacular burst of colors. Fee: \$1 per person. Registration required. 625-7280 or (800) 477-3192.

#### "UP WITH PARENTS"

6-8:30 p.m., St. Daniel's Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park, Clarkston. Workshop offering guaranteed ways to stop sibling rivalry and boost self-esteem (even in negative kids). Advance tickets are \$7 from the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce or St. Daniel's; \$10 at the door. For registration and child care information, call 625-1750.

### MONDAY, OCT. 13

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**Adeli suits:**  
Greta Ledgerwood and daughter Megan Montgomery of Clarkston, in this photo taken in Poland, model the "Adeli suits" used in the treatment there for patients with cerebral palsy. Ledgerwood credits the treatment with helping her daughter walk for greater lengths unassisted.

## Megan from page A11

return trip to Poland in January. The purpose of her second visit will be to help the child improve her walk so that it appears more normal.

People who have relatives or children with cerebral palsy, or who are patients themselves, are invited to attend the Euromed seminar on Oct. 11. It is free and it will feature Euromed's director as well as one of its neurologists. Parents are encouraged to bring their children.

The seminar, scheduled in conjunction with the men's forthcoming trip to Children's Hospital of Michigan, is scheduled to

begin at 2 p.m. at the Auburn Hills Church of Christ, 3246 Lapeer Road, kitty-corner to the Palace of Auburn Hills. Phone: 373-7000.

In addition, people who wish to contribute funds toward Megan's \$7,000 return visit to Poland may make out checks payable to Megan's Fund and send them to the church's address. The money will be used to help Megan, as well as Kaya Koscielnny, 6, of West Bloomfield and Lindsey Freund, 2, of Flint, who accompanied Megan on the first step of what her mother hopes will be a walk to freedom.

## Saints from page A11

about biblical matters. Unfortunately, I can think of at least three times that the question was on a subject that I have never studied — saints. When these questions arise, I usually state in an apologetic manner, "I'm sorry, I don't know anything about saints. I'm Baptist."

Though I can't answer questions about who the Saint of Health is, or what saint is watching over travelers, I have my own definition of what I, personally, believe a saint to be. If you look in the dictionary, it defines "saint" as "a holy person." Well, I have had the wonderful experience of being surrounded by saints here on earth for 40 years. When I think about what makes a church worth attending for an entire lifetime, there are certain factors that are obvious: the pastor, the biblical foundation for the sermons, the warmth of the church staff.

But these things are only a beginning. When I look around my church, I see saints. I see the couple who taught me when I was in preschool, and they're still working with children today. I see my fifth-grade Sunday School teacher, and she's still helping out on Sunday mornings. I see the loving lady who was my Pioneer Girl Secret Pal when I was 11, and she still remembers me by name. Although many saints are senior

citizens, there are also busy men and women who work full time as doctors, teachers, stock brokers and professional hockey league coaches who volunteer to be active saints in our church.

Although thoroughly appreciated by the church, often these people go unnoticed by others because their work is done so well, it appears to be easy. It's often not until you attempt to fill their shoes that you completely appreciate how difficult their work is. I've had a taste of this over the years, and there are certain saints who immediately come to mind.

The Sunday School teacher in the "Two and Three-Year Olds" class — my husband and I worked in this class during church, once per month for a few years. I use the phrase "worked" instead of "taught" because it was truly "work." It takes a very special person to be able to handle a room full of 2- and 3-year-olds and maintain a loving, nurturing atmosphere. The Sunday School teacher is there every Sunday morning, after working as a full-time sixth grade teacher during the week.

The people who organize and run the church's Neighborhood Family Festival every year — there are rides, games, food, entertainment, free blood pressure and cholesterol tests, a petting farm, paddle boats, a moon

walk and much more. The amount of work necessary to organize and run this festival each year is phenomenal. My husband and I have helped with set-up and take-down most years, but cannot even imagine the tremendous amount of work that goes on before the day arrives. For the past 11 years, the festival has been planned and orchestrated largely by the same small group of people.

While I could go on to mention the extraordinary people who work with the junior high and high school classes or the wonderful people in the choir who grace us with their beautiful songs each Sunday or the many volunteers who run the MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) program every other week, I can't possibly mention everyone who falls under my definition of a saint.

As First Baptist Church of Pontiac celebrates its 175th anniversary, I would like to thank the saints who have touched my life and the saints who are touching the lives of people in other churches and synagogues everywhere. Thank you, and may God bless.

*Rochelle Smith, who lives in Clarkston, writes a column every other week in this space. Her column alternates with Karen Hermes Smith's column.*

## Mt. Zion stages its first dinner theater

The Mt. Zion Theatre Co. of Clarkston will present its first ever dinner theater production, a two-act play about the family entitled "Snapshots and Portraits."

The play will be presented Oct. 17, 18, 24 and 25 at the Mt. Zion Center for Performing Arts, 4453 Clintonville Road (off Maybee), Waterford. Dinner is at 6 p.m., and the show is at 8 p.m.

The play, written by Paul McCusker, includes special interests for singles; single parents, parents with rebellious kids, the aging, the lonely, and all members of a typical family. At the heart of the script is the alienation that exists between a 20-year-old son and his father, and the show runs the gamut from hilarity to pathos.

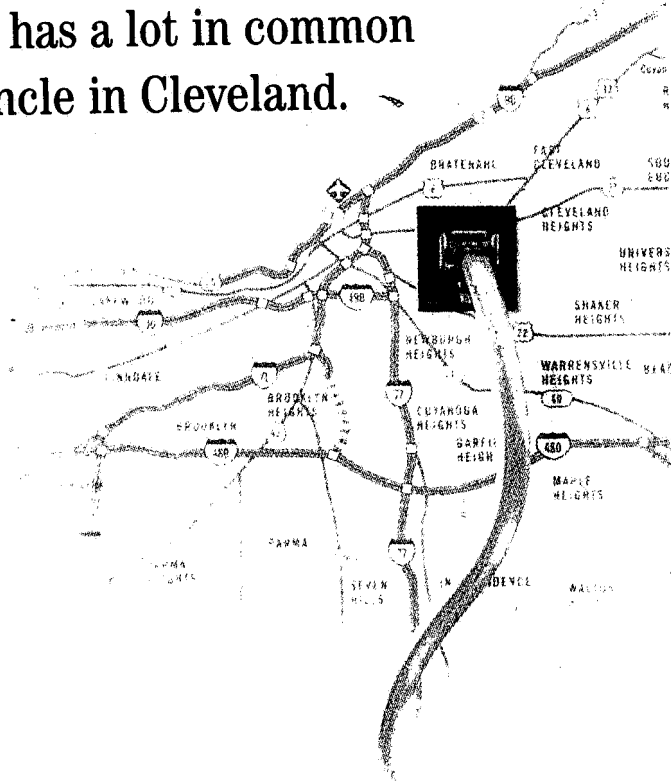
Mt. Zion's production, directed by Monika Christensen of Waterford and Clare Carnell of Pontiac, will feature a cast of 16 from the 3,000-member congregation.

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## OCC expansion assured as Engler signs spending bill

BY TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

Oakland Community College can complete its expansion and renovation of F Building on the Auburn Hills Campus under a new state capital outlay bill signed by Gov. John Engler.

"It's our showcase for the sciences," said OCC spokesman George Cartsonis.

"The project is built to state specifications, so the state pays half and we pay half," he said. When the college pays the full bill, it sets project specifications. Total state-local outlay will be \$8.5 million.

The F Building work has already received \$7 million on a 50-50 basis from past budgets. State cost estimates were low, so the new capital outlay measure increases the total authorization by \$1.5 million with the state building authority paying \$750,000 and the college \$750,000.

"The building no longer will be an amphitheater. It's being rebuilt from a circle to a square," Cartsonis added. Space is being reconfigured for smaller classrooms.

Engler signed the \$397 million bill Friday, saying, "Dollar for dollar, there is no better value than that provided by Michigan's community colleges. We have an outstanding community college system, and I hope these additional funds will enhance educational opportunities for the people of Oakland County."

The bill sailed through the Senate Oct. 1 on a 35-0 vote with two absent. All area senators voted yes.

The House approved it Sept. 30 on a 93-8 vote with eight Republicans voting no, including Greg Kaza of Rochester Hills, Dan Gustafson of Williamston and David Jaye of Macomb County.

#### Other spending criticized

Jaye placed a formal protest in the House Journal, though he had no problem with either the OCC appropriation or \$2.6 million for University of Michigan-Dearborn campus renovations. Jaye criticized:

■ "\$700,000 to plan a state Supreme Court facility budgeted for \$72 million, costing \$2.3 million per judge, including a private kitchen and bathroom for each judge."

■ "\$5.5 million to subsidize the lifestyles of the rich and famous yacht owners using the Mackinac Island Harbor."

■ "\$1.28 million for a similar Port Austin facility."

■ **'Dollar for dollar, there is no better value than that provided by Michigan's community colleges. We have an outstanding community college system, and I hope these additional funds will enhance educational opportunities for the people of Oakland County.'**

— Gov. John Engler.

■ "\$500,000 for each office remodeling for the House and Senate."

The big project will be the appellate court facility housing both the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals.

The Supreme Court has one floor in the Law Building, which also houses the attorney general and regulatory offices, on the mall west of the Capitol. The Court of Appeals has several floors in a downtown Lansing office building a block east of the Capitol.

Engler had asked for the full \$70 million for construction this year. The Senate whacked it to \$350,000 for planning, the House raised it to \$700,000 for planning, and the Senate agreed to the House amendment.

Other goodies in the capital outlay bill:

■ \$13.1 million for aeronautics, including \$10 million for airport improvement projects and \$3 million for the Northwest Air terminal at Detroit Metro Airport.

■ \$4.2 million authorized for Wayne County Community College general campus renovations. The state and WCCC will split the cost 50-50.

■ \$3.5 million authorized for UM-Dearborn to increase the amount of campus renovations. The state will pick up \$2.6 million, UM-D \$875,000.

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# Prison workers unload work woes at Corrections Committee hearing

By TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

State prison workers unloaded hours of complaints against Gov. John Engler's administration when two state representatives held a public hearing in Jackson.

Things have steadily worsened since 1991 under Gov. John Engler and Corrections director Ken McGinnis, they told Reps. John Freeman, D-Madison Heights, and Eileen DeHart, D-Westland.

"I spent five years behind the Iron Curtain in Poland," said John Kadela, acting chief psychologist at the Reception and Guidance Center through which all 40,000 inmates pass before being assigned to one of 36 corrections facilities.

"I was followed and chased by the KGB, both Polish and Russian. The psychological atmosphere (in Corrections), at this time and in this administration, is like the Iron Curtain," Kadela said.

Employees are blackmailed, asked to betray friends, subject to conspiracies to get them fired and exposed to "countless acts of racism," Kadela said.

## Hard to believe

Freeman, chair of the House Corrections Committee, will be term-limited out in 1998. He was clearly stunned by the prison workers' outpourings.

"I'm a Democrat and don't like Engler. But I have a hard time believing Engler is telling McGinnis to do this," said Freeman, who freely acknowledged his political ambitions and pro-unionism.

Freeman sought testimony on how to reduce the rate of recidivism — 62 percent of parolees are back in prison in two to four years — and got a couple of samples.

"We create passive, dependent individuals," psychologist Kadela said. "They're incapable of reintegration into society. This (Michigan Corrections) system is run on the punishment model" with no positive reinforcement. He quoted high prison officials as referring to "shiftless, lazy, stupid blacks."

"The prisoners are not stupid. They know when employees are being harassed," Kadela said.

## Health an issue

Michael Devine, an official of UAW Local 6000, which represents many state workers, urged Freeman and DeHart to put prisoner health "on the front burner."

Devine, who spent 22 years as a parole and probation officer, cited three reasons for recidivism: "A certain percentage are criminals, (others have problems with) substance abuse, and mental and physical health. There's a lot of horror stories," he said, citing prisoners with closed-head injuries that prompt criminal behavior.

"It's just your basic, conservative, Republican, Mackinac Center attitude," said Devine of the administration.

Nurse Kathleen McFarland criticized "privatization of health care . . . Sick people around the state are shipped to Jackson so their (private contractors') figures look good."

## Little job training

Devine and others said there are no skilled trades offerings.

Fred Ziegler, who works at the South Complex, said, "We have no vocational training. We have sex offenders and train 'em in accounting and computers. Do you think an employer is going to hire them in an office full of women?"

Ziegler said outside facilitators from Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous have been limited.

Harry Visschler, a Tecumseh resident who ministers to

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— John Kadela  
acting chief psychologist

inmates serving drug sentences, said non-English speaking inmates aren't taught English. "We are filling our prisons with a lot of non-violent criminals," he said. "We're the only state with a life (natural life sentence) law for 650 grams (of drugs)."

Charles Feigel, who works in the Reception and Guidance Center, said a Braille transcribing service is being shut down. "Last year it produced a million pages of school books," he said.

When a House staff member said that the Braille program was preserved in the new state budget, Feigel replied, "It's not running. The computers are in storage."

Freeman held the hearing near the prison complex in the Jackson County Road Commission office. He reminded the audience that his is a policy committee and not equipped to micro-manage the prison administration.

"I'm very apprehensive about getting involved in internal union business," said Freeman, but he asked for specific com-

plaints in writing so he could follow through:

## 'You got a job'

DeHart repeatedly asked employees if they had used union and civil service grievance procedures. Some of the answers:

Tom Morris, a corrections officer, said the administration's attitude was "You oughta be thankful you got a job." He accused Corrections officials of "harassment for the sheer enjoyment of it. We've gone to the director's office, to the deputy director, to complain about the warden, and nothing gets done. The union can fight our battle, but when the director says 'forget it'..."

Denise Botko, a social worker at two prisons, said she was "totally appalled at the way the administration speaks to employees — the cuss words, the names. They violate policies right and left." She said rules were invented to block her work with suicidal patients.

Sandy Muzurack, of UAW

Local 6000, said the administration ignores grievances, forcing the union to take them to mediation. "All they want to do is lock people up, lock people up, lock people up. We're getting our asses kicked."

Fred Ziegler said the concept of breaking up a large prison into a series of smaller regional prisons has meant "management is getting larger, but we've lost front-line staff. I'm a building trades supervisor. Now overtime is running rampant."

Ziegler said the prison administrator won't process workers' compensation claims. "I've advised everyone hurt to call the Accident Fund (workers comp firm) yourself," he said.

Perry Schoneboom, a representative of AFSCME union members, said workers need to be able to disclose rule violations without revealing their names for fear of retaliation. "We need a tool to protect any state employee who reports violations. The Whistleblowers Protection Act isn't diddly-squat," he said.

"They are devious people. They'll change your shift to disrupt your family life," said Robert LaVergne, who works in a Coldwater prison. "Everybody in DOC is paranoid. Everybody is afraid of losing their job. They have the power to destroy your life."

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**Animal watch:** Walkers enjoy the animals as they walk through the Detroit Zoo.



## Heartwalk exceeds fund goal

BY RENA FULKA  
SPECIAL WRITER

With his pompons raised high above his head, Southfield resident Brad Wright led his fellow cheerleaders in "the wave" as American Heart Association supporters trekked a 10K path around the Detroit Zoo on Saturday, Oct. 4.

"This is a good event and a really good cause, and I've been motivating all the walkers," said the consultant for M-Care, a major sponsor of the Metro Detroit American Heart Walk.

The hoorays were a welcome incentive for the 6,500 walkers who raised \$400,000 during the non-competitive event. Though temperatures climbed to 80 degrees, a scattering of yellow, orange and red fallen leaves served as a reminder that autumn had arrived.

Jim Oswald of Rochester and two dozen of his employees were among the early morning crowd gathered for pre-walk aerobic warm up exercises led by Miss Michigan, Kimberly Stec of Rochester Hills. "I'm here on behalf of Rite Aid for a good cause and to help raise awareness to physical fitness," said the retail manager.

Oswald raised \$100 in pledges for heart research...a cause that hits close to home. "My father's death from congenital heart failure prompted me to be more aware," he said.

Rexene Hannon of Walled Lake, a machine operator in Wixom, wore a tribute on her back to a relative she never knew as she walked to raise \$110. "My grandmother died a year before I was born from a stroke," said Hannon. "I like to walk and I like to help out."

Matt and Leanne DeRousse of Farmington Hills raised \$125 with young daughter, Taylor, in tow. "It's a nice day for a walk and it's more fun with the family," said Leanne DeRousse, who was representing Gallagher Abow, Inc. in Troy.

"We're here just for the fun of it," added her husband, a Brighton sales representative.

The walk kicked off with 200 Red Caps, individuals who have survived a heart attack, stroke or heart surgery.

Walled Lake resident John Johnson took his place among fellow Red Cappers with his three stepchildren. "They wouldn't let me go without them," explained Johnson, who later stopped to visit the bears.

A former underground sprinkler installer, Johnson is a kidney patient who suffered from congested heart failure two years ago at age 30. He and his wife, Pat Crusan, an employee of American Plastic Toys of Walled Lake, raised \$75. "My wife has walked for diabetes and a lot of other causes," said Johnson. "We walk because we're concerned about other people."

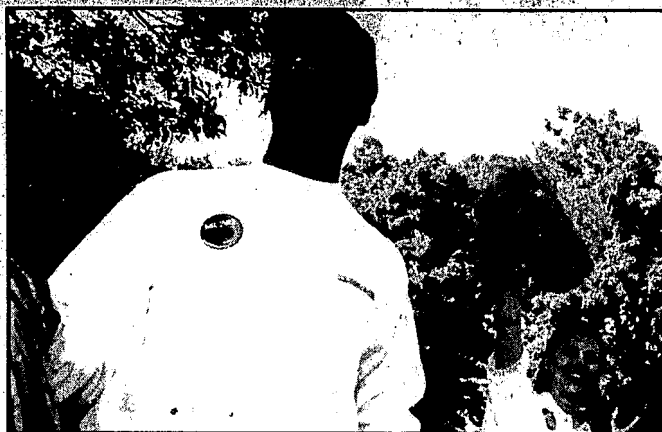
Carol and William Duthie of Southfield took a break to enjoy heart healthy snacks like bagels, orange juice, pasta salad and raisin bread before starting the third leg of their jaunt to complete the 6.2 miles.

Since Carol's first angioplasty, the elderly couple has been working out together three times a week at Cardiology Associated in Birmingham. "My mother died at 49 of a heart attack and that puts us right in the gene pattern," said William. "If you just sit and talk about it, you might not live long."

"It's so nice knowing so many people are interested in keeping healthy by exercising," added William, who raised \$100.

Throughout the day, a steady stream of health-conscious individuals lined up for cholesterol and blood pressure screening. This year's walk also included a women's heart assessment.

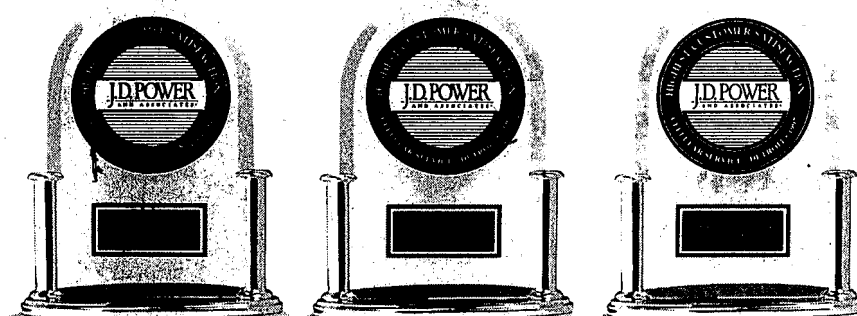
Heart disease is the largest cause of death in every county in Michigan. The fund-raising event was organized by the American Heart Association of Metropolitan Detroit based in Lathrup Village and sponsored by the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, a subsidiary of HomeTown Communications Network, Inc. of Livonia.



**Stretching out:** Walkers loosen up before heading out on an (animal) trek around the zoo to raise funds for heart research.

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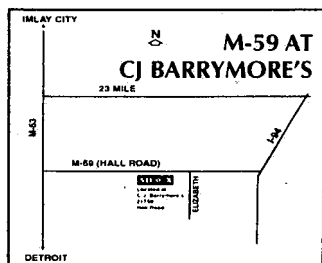
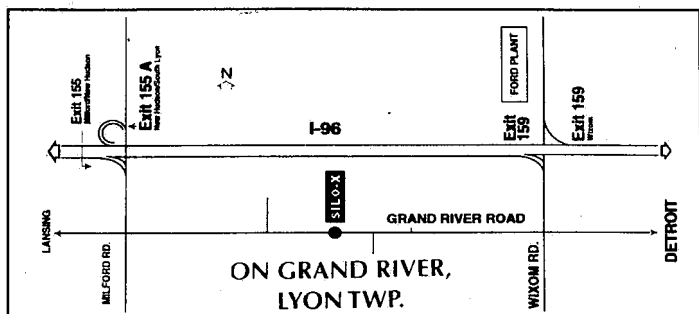
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# OCC building new computerized learning network

BY TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

It's just an "interim agreement," but it gives you a picture of how Oakland Community College will run its business and teach its students in about five years.

By Internet.

The OCC board Monday gave 4-0 approval to a two-month, \$240,000 contract with SCT Software and Resource Management Corp. of Malvern, Pa.

"There will be a new learning environment," said David Sorenson, SCT's executive director of higher education. "It will be independent of place and time."

On the administrative side, Sorenson said, "there will be more effective communication between students, faculty and administration."

"A student can look up admissions information, get schedules, see the course catalog and enroll."

"He can set up a meeting with a faculty advisor and request his own transcript."

"This interim agreement starts the planning of an overall program that will be gradually implemented. We'll have three to five people here (OCC's five campuses and central office) at any one time."

### Computer access

Educationally, a student will be able to research the contents of a university library thousands of miles away, added G. Scott Cornell, SCT's principal consultant.

"The academic community doesn't know yet what it can accomplish with multi-media techniques. There is an emphasis on learning in a student-centered institution," Cornell said.

Anatomy, for example, can be taught better on a computer screen than on a flat chart. "They actually have doctors who do operations on a PC (personal computer) before they do it

**Technology won't replace a good teacher. We're talking about a wide mix of strategies with technology and the traditional teacher.'**

— G. Scott Cornell,  
consultant.

on a patient," Cornell said.

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### Ahead of universities

"Community colleges are leading the way," added Sorenson, "doing things even universities can't."

A major task will be teaching faculty of all ages how to take advantage of Internet to enhance their own teaching skills.

The interim agreement, said OCC Chancellor Richard Thompson, is necessary to "obtain early faculty involvement in the Teaching, Learning and Technology Roundtable Workshop process."

The discussion recalled the days of Dr. Joseph Hill, OCC's second president in the 1970s. An education theorist, Hill spun out abstract ideas of how every student had a different cognitive learning style — not just lectures and books but spoken words, pictures, three-dimensional hands-on experiences.

"Joe Hill was years ahead of his time," observed Thompson, who was an English teacher and counselor in those days.

The OCC-SCT interim agreement is a two-month deal that the board may extend in November through next Jan. 31.

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# Animal rights activists up in arms against hunters

BY PAT MURPHY  
STAFF WRITER

As Michigan hunters are preparing to take to the field, Oakland County animal rights advocates are getting ready to take to the streets.

Killing animals — especially for sport — is wrong, according to the state wildlife coordinator for The Fund For Animals, Inc. "And we intend to bring that fact to the public's attention," said Michael Chiado of Huntington Woods.

The Fund, and its allies, are planning to picket a special hunt Saturday — organized by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) — for youngsters aged 12 to 16.

They're also training their sights on the St. Hubert Hunt Camp, a secluded retreat near Alpena where some Catholic priests sometimes hunt.

The priests insist hunting is good, clean recreation — and an activity on which the Catholic church and many other religions are neutral. But Chiado and others say sport hunting amounts to legalized cruelty to animals — as well as contrary to Catholic teachings.

Chiado and other animal rights activists considered a protest earlier this month prior to the opening of the bow and arrow deer season. But instead, they conserved their resources for this weekend — the opening of the waterfowl season as well as date of the youth hunt, which animal rights activists find particularly offensive.

"It's an attempt by the DNR to cultivate new hunters... new customers," said Chiado. While many youngsters seem naturally to shy away from hunting, the DNR and parents who hunt encourage the cruelty.

"Ninety percent of DNR revenue comes from hunting licenses," said Chiado. "Bureaucrats are simply trying to assure their jobs."

## A family practice

But Sam Walsh, cochair of the Junior Conservation Club of the Multi-Lakes Conservation Association in Walled Lake, sees the youth hunt in a much different light.

"It's a chance for parents to enjoy nature with their youngsters," he said. "It's very educational, and families thoroughly enjoy it."

It's difficult to talk about the joys of hunting — and teaching youngsters to hunt — without coming across very badly, Walsh said. "They (animal rights advocates) are entitled to their opinion, but I think the youth hunt (and hunting) is good, healthy sport. It helps the balance of nature."

The youth hunt is designed to encourage youngsters, said Capt. Craig Wales of the DNR. It allocates to youngsters accompanied by a parent a choice hunting spot where, based on prior experience, they're likely to see ducks or geese and get a shot or two.

"If you go fishing — but don't catch anything — you're likely to get discouraged," Wales explained. "It's the same principle here. The youth hunt is designed to provide a good experience for youngsters so they don't get discouraged about hunting."

The fact that animal rights activists are getting ready to protest isn't surprising, said Wales. "I'm surprised it hasn't happened before this."

Protests or not, the youth hunt will get under way this weekend at Parson's Island and elsewhere, he said.

That's also where Chiado and his colleagues intend to be. "We want a strong showing," he said. "I'm sure we'll have a dozen or more people out to protest this senseless cruelty."

Chiado is active in a number of animal rights groups represented or based in Oakland County. In addition to being the Michigan wildlife coordinator for the Fund, he's acting president of HARE (Humanitarians for Animal Rights Education) in Royal Oak.

Earlier this month, the Michigan Federation of Humane Societies and Animal Advocates awarded Chiado its Humanitarian of the Year award.

At the presentation in Lansing, a theologian from Portland University, who is also a Catholic priest, spoke out against the morality of sport hunting, Chiado said. "The theologian was unequivocal," he said. "Hunting is against the teachings of the Catholic Church."

Furthermore, most religions or philosophies have principles that, when interpreted in a modern context, either forbid or discourage sport hunting, he said.

His religion, for example, has a general precept, or command, "to be harmless," said Chiado, who classifies himself as a Tibetan Buddhist.

Norm Phelps, national spokesman for The Fund for Animals in Maryland, sent a letter to some of the priests urging

them to recall the gentleness with which saints like St. Francis of Assisi or St. Philip Neri treated animals.

## Priests under fire

Chiado and other animal rights advocates plan on picketing the Archdiocese of Detroit on the first weekend in November to protest what they consider to be, at best, inconsistencies.

"We have about 200 people, mostly in Oakland County, who

subscribe to our newsletter," said Chiado. He's sure many of them will see the inconsistencies as well.

A spokesman for Adam Cardinal Maida, Archbishop of Detroit, this week said the Catholic Church is neutral on sport hunting, leaving any morality up to the individual's conscience. "But no priests from Detroit hunt at the camp, and it's out of our area."

A spokesman for the Archdio-

cese of Gaylord — in which the Alpena camp is located — said the camp is not owned or sponsored by the church. "As far as we know, it's privately owned," said Sam Barbaro, director of communications for Bishop Patrick R. Cooney.

"Priests use it on their own time," he said.

One of the priests who hunts at St. Hubert's said he and his brethren are not particularly concerned about animal rights

protesters. "They're entitled to their opinion," said the Rev. Jack Johnson of Midland. "And we're entitled to ours."

"We're not going to change their minds," said the priest, "and they're not going to change ours."

The protesters would probably like to picket the camp rather than any archdiocese or bishop's residence, said Johnson. That's why the priests are keeping quiet about its location, he said.



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**Charity benefit:** Kelly Cook, dressed in a Highland costume, will be among the dancers at a Scottish event to benefit charities of Princess Diana. Kelly organized the benefit. Refreshment sales also will go to the charities.



Staff photo by Jerry Zolynsky

## Benefit to fund princess' charities

BY VIVIAN DEGAN  
STAFF WRITER

The death of Princess Diana triggered an outpouring of emotions abroad and touched many local families here in the states.

For one 15-year-old Franklin girl of Scottish heritage, the traffic death of Diana seemed personal because the girl had been visiting the princess' motherland just the week before that tragedy occurred.

Kelly Cook, a sophomore at Birmingham Groves High School in Beverly Hills, said the news about Diana was very personal. Cook had just spent three weeks in Scotland touring with an Oakland County Highlanders dance troupe.

"The night I heard Princess Di was in the hospital, I felt really awful. The next morning, when my mom told me she had died, I felt really bad for Prince William and Prince Harry, and I wanted to help out. We talked about it and I thought maybe we could raise some money for one of her last charities for children — victims of land mines," Cook said.

Using family resources, and the help of grandmother Nancy Brodie, the Cooks located the contacts for Diana's charities in Great Britain.

Cook, her friends and dance associates have planned an evening of Scottish in music and dance Saturday, Oct. 11, featuring performances by St. Andrew's Pipe Band, Kathleen McMahon Highland Dancers, Royal Scottish Country Dancers of Detroit and Donna Novac, a Celtic Harpist.

The event will take place at the White Heather

Club, 150 Vester, in Ferndale. All proceeds from the \$5 tickets, and the additional sales of such ethnic foods as meat pies, Bradies (a vegetable-and-meat pie), and pastries will go to the Princess Diana Memorial Fund and the victims of land mines. Doors open for the event at 7 p.m. and entertainment begins at 8 p.m.

Cook, who has been practicing the art of Highland Dancing since she was 5 years old, will join the McMahon dancers to perform such dances as The Highland Fling, The Horn Pipe and The Sword. Traditional Scotch dancing, she said, is similar to the Irish dancing popularized in the River Dance review, but Cook said there are distinct differences. "We use our arms in traditional Scotch dance, and we jump on every count. Also, the costumes in River Dance are contemporary, and we use the traditional costumes of the dance," Cook said.

The event will draw friends together from many communities, including instructor Kathy McMahon and students Jennifer Prince from Birmingham Groves, Sarah Tobie from Farmington Harrison High, Caroline Shaw and Brenna Kwasky from Farmington's Power Middle School and Melissa Smith of Royal Oak Dondro High.

Ethnic foods for the event will be prepared by Ackroyd's Scottish Bakehouse of Birmingham. For information about the event, call (248) 626-2340. Co-sponsors are St. Andrew's Society of Detroit and White Heather Club.

To make a donation to the Princess Diana relief fund, write the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit, 2864 Baylif Ct., Ann Arbor 48108.

## OAKLAND DIGEST

**Oakland Digest** provides a summary of headline stories from around the county during the week leading up to Oct. 9.

### BIRMINGHAM

**Liquor ban during Halloween.** The Birmingham Community Coalition is asking local stores ban liquor promotions associated with Halloween. Four local businesses have agreed to participate in the "Hands Off Halloween" campaign aimed at curbing underage drinking.

### CLARKSTON

**Local township sues developer.** Springfield Township Oct. 1 filed a lawsuit in Oakland County Circuit Court against Zeeco Development Company. The suit alleges that the developer built a beach on Dixie Lake in a 32-lot single family development.

### FARMINGTON

**Halloween festival coming.** The fourth annual Downtown Farmington Holiday Fun Fest is slated for Oct. 25 and will feature what many parents see as a safer approach to the children's holiday, daytime trick-or-treating in downtown shops.

### LAKE ORION

**Councilman considers leg-**

**islative bid.** Village council member Tom Athans announced his intent to explore seeking the open 45th district state representative seat. The seat, currently occupied by State Rep. Penny Crissman, is open since new term limitation laws prevent her from running again. Athans is also an aide to U.S. Congressman Dale Kildee.

### OXFORD

**Arraignment.** Charles Frederick Dupon was arraigned Sept. 26 on charges of first degree home invasion in connection with a six-week investigation into the disappearance of a local woman's parties. Police allegedly found 105 pairs in a hidden compartment of Dupon's home.

### ROCHESTER

**Family seeks clues.** The family of Elizabeth Grob, who was found shot to death in her Rochester apartment in the Oaks of Hampton complex, is offering \$5,000 for any information leading to the killer's arrest. Grob was killed in the early morning hours of Sept. 27 and was found by her aunt. Anyone with information can call the sheriff's department at (248) 656-4728 or (248) 858-4950.

### SOUTHFIELD

**Tainted blood case begins.** Opening arguments in a medical malpractice suit filed against Southfield's Providence Hospital were given Oct. 2 in Oakland County Circuit Court. The suit was filed by the Tobin family in connection with the death of Rollin G. Tobin, former Southfield public safety director and former Birmingham police chief. Tobin entered the hospital for surgery Nov. 12, 1993, but died the following day.


### TROY

**Delphi makes it official.** Delphi Automotive Systems dedicated its new World Headquarters and Customer Center in Troy with a Oct. 2 ribbon-cutting ceremony.

### WEST BLOOMFIELD

**Haggerty construction picks up.** Construction on the Haggerty Connector has quickened. Excavation north to 13 Mile Road in Navi has been completed and the roadway between Haggerty and Meadowbrook has been reopened to traffic.

—compiled by staff writer  
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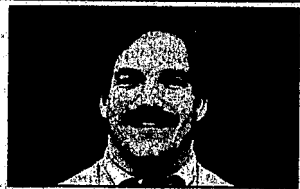
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BRAD KADRACH

## Of hoops, catcalls and other tidbits

Clearing out the old notebook...  
■ If anyone thought their first loss in at least four years — the first ever for Clarkston seniors — was going to dull the Wolves' girls cross country team probably out to get another think coming, as my grandmother used to say.

Within days of that first loss, which came last Tuesday to a talented Rochester Adams team, the girls were back at it, finishing sixth at the Oakland County meet at Kensington Metropark Saturday.

Megan Plante led the way with an eighth-place medal, but the rest of the girls also showed they can pick themselves up with the best of them. The Roodings, Liz Cook, and the surprising Lissa Lukens will follow Plante to the state meet.

That's prediction No. 1. You read it here first.

■ If the state football playoffs were held today, Clarkston would not be among the participants. The Wolves are sixth in Class AA Region 2, just ahead of Lake Orion, just behind Grand Blanc and Walled Lake Central. The top four teams in each region qualify.

Troy is second in Region 3. The Colts and Wolves meet at Clarkston Oct. 24 with a boat-load of playoff points on the table. The Colts will almost certainly come into that game unbeaten, while Clarkston already has the season-opening loss to Kimball to worry about. Who will need the game more?

If the Wolves can find a way to contain Troy's Jim Essian, they've got a shot. But no one has been able to do that yet. The Troy senior has 16 touchdowns in the season's first five weeks. Clarkston has to hold him to somewhere in the vicinity of 100 yards and not give him more than two touchdowns. If the Wolves can do that, Dane Fife, Brad Phalen, et al, should be able to score on the Colts, who gave up 18 points to Lake Orion Friday.

■ Referees generally take a lot of abuse, most of it undeserved, from fans at athletic events. Most of the time, I ignore the jeers because they're so similar.

Except for the one I heard at the Clarkston-Troy Athens girls' basketball game Tuesday night. After a particularly bad call, a disgruntled Wolves fan shouted: "Hey, if you didn't blow your whistle, we wouldn't know how bad you are!"

■ The thing that distinguishes this Clarkston soccer team, in my admittedly inexperienced eyes, is the teamwork it displays. On any given night, any given Wolf might score. Shawn Verlinden is arguably the team's best position player, while Rean Turner is turning eyes with his play in the nets.

But it isn't always those two who get things going. On Tuesday, for example, Mike Lenhardt scored Clarkston's second goal in a 4-2 loss. In Thursday's win over Goodrich, Verlinden, Mike Renda and Mike Gabriel all scored.

Tom Dewa has had a terrific, if not statistically significant, season. Verlinden, a defenseman by trade, leads a pack of defenders including Russ Parrott, Dave Midkiff, Brent Bergkoetter, et al.

Prediction No. 2: A district title for these guys.

■ Ann Serra was nearly fuming, and perhaps rightfully so, after her Wolves lost another close basketball game to a good team, this time a 53-51 heartbreaker at Troy Athens. It comes a couple of weeks after Clarkston held Rochester under 40 points but lost 39-36.

This is a team, with Georgia Senkyr at the heart and Deana Kanipe at the trigger, that can play with the best in the area, and it has a shot at going someplace in the state tournament.

The Wolves are getting plenty of points from Kanipe, the transfer student who has never met a shot she didn't like. They're getting plenty of leadership from Senkyr, the senior of whom much has been asked. And they're getting surprising performances from girls like Lori Wild and Corinne McIntyre, along with dead-on role players from Jenny Bauer, Tiffany Honey and Abby Wiley.

Now all they have to do is believe. Like Serra.

## Homecoming a hit in easy win

■ With one loss already, Clarkston had to make sure it didn't stumble against Kettering Friday. The Wolves needn't have worried.

BY MIKE SCOTT  
SPECIAL WRITER

If the Clarkston Wolves want to make the state football playoffs, they may have to go undefeated the rest of the season.

On Friday, the Wolves made sure their chances for the post-season weren't ruined in Week 5.

The Wolves (4-1) used a balanced attack to upend Waterford Kettering, 32-10, in an Oakland Activities Association crossover game at Clarkston's Homecoming.

Senior quarterback Dane Fife threw two touchdown passes, but Tim Loveless may have come up with the game's biggest play. With a 10-7 lead starting the third quarter, Kettering mishandled Clarkston's kickoff to start the second half. Loveless recovered the ball at the Captains' 25 yard line. Six plays later, Fife scrambled seven yards for a touchdown, and the Wolves never trailed again.

Clarkston coach Kurt Richardson said afterward he hadn't called for a squib kick and that his Wolves caught a break, but there was no doubt in his mind which team controlled the second half.

"Maybe we thought it would be too easy for us after we scored on the first drive (to start the game)," he said. "But in the second half, we came out strong and played very aggressive. Kettering is a good, physical team and we needed a good showing."

The Wolves stopped Kettering three-and-out on the ensuing drive and took over on their own 40 after a punt. Three plays later, running back Brad Phalen caught a long pass from Fife, but fumbled at the Kettering 20. He scooped it up, juiced several defenders and took it the distance with 7:07 left in the third quarter. Kevin Mason's point-after increased the lead to 21-10.

Mason added a field goal and Phalen a four-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter as Clarkston won its fourth consecutive game.

Senior co-captain Jeff Long said after the game his team needs to cut down on needless penalties (Clarkston had six for 52 yards in the first half), but that he was pleased with his teammates' intensity in the second half.

"That was Clarkston football," Long said. "It was a tremendous atmosphere out here. For us, every game from here on out is like a playoff game. After last year, everyone wants a piece of Clarkston."

Richardson said Kettering did a good job of containing the Wolves' running



STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

Off and running: Clarkston tailback Brad Phalen takes off on one of his runs during the Wolves' 32-10 Homecoming win over Waterford Kettering Friday. Phalen finished with 87 yards on 20 carries.

attack, holding Phalen to 87 yards on 20 carries, but he praised his senior back.

"Bard made some cuts tonight that were awesome," Richardson said.

Fife finished 10-of-19 for 157 yards and two touchdowns. He was sacked only once even though Kettering had three defensive linemen listed at more than 240 pounds.

"Our depth helped us," Richardson said. "I thought it would be to our advantage (Friday) because of the warm weather."

The Wolves scored on their opening drive as they moved the ball 77 yards on eight plays in just under two minutes. Fife hit tight end Justin Dionne on a 20-yard pass to give Clarkston the early lead.

Fife's favorite target on that drive was senior Mike Maitrott, playing his second game since being injured the first week of practice. Maitrott, who caught the first two passes of the game, said he is not yet completely healthy, but is happy to be contribut-

ing to the team.

"I feel good about our offense," Maitrott said. "We're starting to come together. We wanted to pound it down their defense as much as possible."

Kettering took advantage of good field position and strong special teams play. Nate Warren returned a punt 53 yards to the Clarkston 2-yard-line midway through the second quarter and fullback Dan Armstrong scored on a run.

The Captains added an Aaron Quinn 36-yard field goal late in the second half. The senior kicker had been booting 50-yards in warm-ups.

Clarkston outgained Kettering on the ground by only 21 yards, but the Wolves held Kettering's passing game to 61 yards. The Wolves also nearly doubled the Captains in first downs, 15-8.

**Injury front** — Sophomore guard/defensive lineman Bubba Clement hobbled off to the sidelines late in the second quarter. His status for this Friday is uncertain.

## Up Next

**This week's opponent:** Clarkston hosts Troy Athens in an Oakland Activities Association Division I game Friday at 7 p.m.

**Last year:** Quarterback Dane Fife was 16-of-20 for 244 yards and a pair of touchdowns, while tailback Brad Phalen carried 18 times for 103 yards in Clarkston's 45-0 win.

**This year:** Athens is coming off a 19-0 loss to Rochester during which the Falcons returned a pair of punts for touchdowns. The Wolves battered Kettering 32-10 in their Homecoming game last week.

**Playoff Picture:** The Wolves currently stand sixth in the Class AA Region 2 playoff race with 77,000 points. The top four teams from each region qualify for the playoffs.



PHOTO BY JEFF KESSEL

Trapped: Clarkston's Georgia Senkyr finds her path blocked by Athens' Julie Warichow (right) and Chrissy Irwin during the Red Hawks 53-51 win over the Wolves.

## Cage comebacks come up short as Wolves fall, 53-51

BY BRAD KADRACH  
SPORTS EDITOR

Clarkston coach Ann Serra believes her Wolves are as good as any team in the Oakland Activities Association Division I race.

Now, she has to convince her team.

For the second time this year the Wolves came within a whisker of knocking off a top OAA I team. And, for the second time, they fell a couple of points short, this time in a 53-51 loss at Troy Athens Tuesday that left Clarkston two games off the pace in the race for the division title.

"We're a darn good team, and we have to start playing like it," an agitated Serra said after watching her Wolves (9-2 overall, 3-2 OAA I) fall to the Red Hawks. "We played scared. Everyone says games like this and Rochester (a three-point loss) are moral victories, but we're past that. Way past it."

The Wolves and Red Hawks hooked up in a titanic battle Tuesday, a game that saw Athens pull away only to watch Clarkston come back time and again. The entire fourth quarter was a good example.

Athens entered the final eight minutes with a 38-33 lead, then watched

■ 'We're a darn good team, and we have to start playing like it.'

Ann Serra  
—Clarkston hoops coach

the Wolves pull within 38-37 on a Lori Wild basket inside (off a pretty feed to the post from Corinne McIntyre) and a pair of free throws from Deana Kanipe.

The teams swapped hoops before Athens went on a 6-0 spurt that gave the Red Hawks a 47-41 lead with 2:04 left. But Clarkston put on a 6-0 run of its own on a 3-pointer from Candace Morgan and a three-point play by Georgia Senkyr that tied the game. She had been fouled, made the first but missed the second, then banked in a shot when the rebound came right back to her.

"I think we got a little happy with 2:07 left and they tightened it up," Athens coach Joe Clinton said.

Athens scored six of the next seven points — the only Clarkston point in that stretch came on a Senkyr free throw — to put the game away.

Senkyr made it close with another

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## THIS WEEK

**Honored:** A Clarkston woman received a medal Monday for her parents' heroism in protecting a young Jewish girl during the Holocaust. /A4

**Big step:** A 6-year-old Clarkston girl with cerebral palsy received therapy in Poland that enables her to walk farther. /A11

## SPORTS

**No cigar:** The Clarkston Wolves are proving they belong on the same court as the county's top hoops team. Now they have to take the next step. /B1

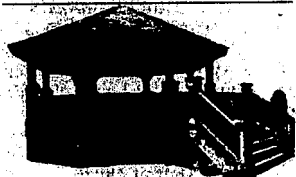
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## VINTAGE



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**T**oday we return to the Civil War. With the unseasonably hot weather this past week, Edgar's letter of June 7, 1863, caught my eye. Imagine marching in a wool shirt on a hot day in the South...

"My dear affectionate wife, I hasten to answer your letter that I received tonight. I was very glad to hear of your continued good health. Mine continues good. I was sent to meeting today for the first time since we left the fortifications around Washington. It was a noble sermon. I have not put on a shirt that has been ironed since I left home. If I can get these woolen shirts washed, I will be glad. I have not worn a cotton shirt since I left home. We wear drawers with big heavy woolen pants. Sky blue makes it rather warm for this weather."

We are under marching orders with three days of cooked rations in our haversacks. Our extra blankets and overcoats and the sick have been sent to the rear. I was on guard again yesterday. I slept on the ground with one blanket, half over and half under with my cartridge box for a pillow and did not sleep very well, but I think I will make it up tonight. I certainly would if I was to home in a good feather bed with you. We are watching the enemy's movements all the time. There are two balloons that look over the rebels all the time so we are very well posted. Hoping that we may soon meet again, I remain your husband, Edgar W. Clark. (Kiss the child dear for me)." Oct 11/63

*Vintage Clarkston* is written by Kim Hattenlocher, vice-president of the Clarkston Community Historical Society.

## Rudy's plans to leave downtown



■ Rudy's Quality Market, a 64-year-old Main Street landmark, will move from downtown Clarkston into Independence Township in the next 18 months. The business is the latest in a series of businesses to leave downtown.

BY CAROLYN WALKER  
STAFF WRITER

Rudy's Quality Market will move from downtown Clarkston to an undisclosed location in Independence Township, adding what can only be insult to injury in the already dwindling retail district of Clarkston.

"I am moving out of town. We've bought property. We're gone," said 29-year-old proprietor Robert Esshaki last week, obviously upset over the turn of events taking place in downtown Clarkston. "We're 18 months away from relocating."

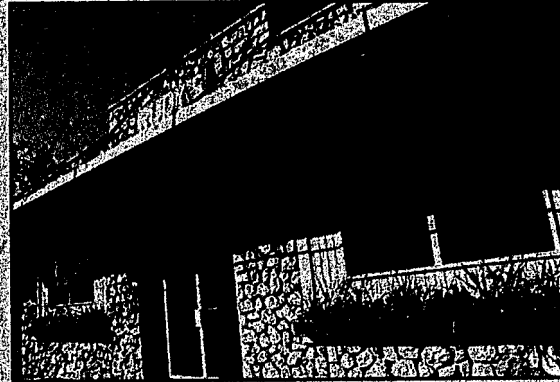
He declined to indicate exactly where he and business partner, Chris Thomas, would move the 64-year-old

grocery business, other than to say it would be in Independence Township. Esshaki said if his business is prospering under the difficult circumstances of downtown, it can only do better in another locale.

"They have not yet sold their store at 9 S. Main St., he said."

While many representatives of the city council could not be reached for comment, councilwoman Karen Sanderson, who was instrumental in circulating a survey about the business district among property owners a year ago, reacted with shock at Esshaki's announcement.

"Oh, no," she said. "I had heard that. I think it's awful."



**Landmark business:** Rudy's Market on Main Street in downtown Clarkston will relocate to a location in Independence Township.

Like Sanderson, Police Chief Paul Ormiston, head of the city police agency that Esshaki blames in part for his departure, confirmed that he had heard rumors that Rudy's might leave

the area. "According to Esshaki, he and Thomas knew their situation wouldn't be perfect when they purchased the

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## Parking, politics get blame for city's woes

BY CAROLYN WALKER  
STAFF WRITER

One by one the retail businesses of downtown Clarkston have been closing up shop, in many cases to be replaced by offices or specialty stores, causing concern for local officials about how the downtown can be rejuvenated.

On the heels of Robert Esshaki's announcement that he and business partner Chris Thomas will be moving Rudy's Quality Market — a 64-year-staple in the city — out of Clarkston, other business owners, contacted by the Clarkston Eccentric during an informal survey last week, agreed to discuss their views on the floundering business district.

Many complained about a shortage of parking and a lack of insight on the part of the city council, and a few mentioned high rent or the costs of purchasing property as contributing to the problem. One, like Esshaki, felt the police department contributes to the problem.

"Businesses are not doing well," said Shirley Wilson, owner of the Parsonage, a gift and flower shop that recently moved from Main Street onto Church Street. "I have a good business but with the addition (to her store) and everything, I'm holding on by my fingernails."

"This is a quaint town. This is a

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**Stuck up:** Clarkston High School student Courtney Brewer was taped to the wall during Field Day activities Friday, a spirit-building competition for Homecoming.

STAFF PHOTOS BY STEVE CANTRELL

## Homecoming

### Kids had a field day

**H**omecoming is notorious for wacky fun, and Field Day was no exception Friday at Clarkston High School.

The event, designed to build spirit for the next day's football game against Waterford Kettering, featured silly contests among the four classes.



**Royalty:** Homecoming King Mike Underwood and Queen Heather Midkiff preside over the activities.



**Face contest:** Stacey Steiner gets a face full during the fun.



**Tug of war:** Carrie Ann Phillips (left) heads a group of girls in the tug of war.

BY JAN BAKER  
SPECIAL WRITER

Though a summertime construction fatality cast a pall over the site of Clarkston's new high school, workers there expect to complete the facility's academic wing in several weeks, a school official said. Preparations are also under way for an end-of-fall seeding of the grounds, which includes the school's football field.

According to Craig Kahler, director of business services for Clarkston schools, construction of the new school continues to run on time for an August 1998 completion. In an interview Monday, Kahler said that though a tradesman died last summer after falling from a beam at the site, that tragedy hasn't deterred workers from forging ahead.

"There's kind of an unwritten code among ironworkers that I found out about after the fact," Kahler said. "When the accident happened, A.J. Etkin (official) Bill Stewart told all the guys, 'If you need time, take time.' And these guys said, 'No, we'll get back up on the roof the next day. They took the rest of the day off, and I didn't blame them because the ironworkers I

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# Illness forces longtime Clarkston physician to retire

By CAROLYN WALKER  
STAFF WRITER

The tables have turned for Dr. Ronald LePere. Long beloved as a family physician in the Clarkston area, he now finds himself in the unenviable position of patient.

LePere, 64, was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease, a neuromuscular disorder, in 1994. An increase in its symptoms, worsened by the stress of long hours in his practice, forced him to retire at the end of September.

But he departs content in the knowledge that he birthed babies, nursed the sick and brought to the local community as much compassion as he could.

"You couldn't always help everybody," he remembered with a voice softened by the symptoms of his disease, from his office on M-15 last week. "It used to bother me a lot. It took me about 10 years to realize it just couldn't be done. You do the best you can."

LePere, who was the son of a Missouri physician and who knew medicine as a way of life in his childhood, brought his practice to downtown Clarkston after completing his education in 1958. He is a graduate of the Kansas City College of Osteopathy and Surgery and did his internship at Pontiac Osteopath-

ic Hospital.

When he came to Clarkston, there were only a handful of doctors practicing, he noted, marveling at the influx of physicians that has come this way recently.

He recalled predictions from public service companies that said growth was headed north, all those years ago, and credited those predictions with his decision to move to Clarkston.

Few things over the years have affected his practice, or his outlook on medicine, as much as the relatively new third-party insurance paying system, he said, recalling that his father, like many physicians of old, sometimes bartered his services for chickens or other goods.

Managed-care insurances ration patient care, he said. "I went to school to learn to be a patient's advocate, to tell what's right for the patient. When I started practice, you could hang out your shingle and wait for people, by word of mouth, to come."

Opposed to managed health care, which sometimes dictates which doctors a patient can see, LePere said, "The only person who can control costs is the consumer. Trying to make the doctors the gatekeeper, to me, is the wrong way to do it."

LePere recalled that he founded his practice on July 1, 1959,

and that he delivered the babies of two women who walked into his office that same day.

When he started his practice, he oftentimes worked until 10 p.m. daily and had Sunday hours, he said. He also made house calls to those, especially the elderly, who were unable to get out.

Unfortunately for LePere, the effects of the Parkinson's have worsened its symptoms.

His hands have been especially hard hit, making the practice of medicine difficult, he said, with some irony that addresses the lore about physicians with bad writing. "My writing isn't good anyway. Now when the pills wear off, I can't read my own writing."

"You can't sense things with your hands," he added, referring to a doctor's need to palpate organs and stitch lacerations. "I don't think it's fair to patients to continue to practice that way."

LePere, nevertheless plans to fight his disease with grace. He will do so on Marco Island, Fla., where he will live near two of his six children with his supportive wife, Peggy.

"I have a very optimistic attitude," he said. "I very seldom get depressed."

A local doctor is negotiating the purchase of LePere's practice and expects to sign the final



STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

**Retired: Dr. Ronald LePere (right) visits with employees Tresa Morse (left), whom he delivered as a baby, and Pomalu Cottrell, who's worked for him the longest.**

papers this week.

Remembering his favorite part of doctoring — the delivery of babies — LePere noted that he delivered one of the women who grew up to become his employee.

Sherrie Woon, who has worked for him for only six months, grew wistful as she contemplated his

retirement from medicine.

"He has restored my faith in the medical profession. I have been a nurse for almost 30 years," he said. "This man takes the time with every one of his patients. I'm just glad that his life touched mine."

Like Woon, Pomalu Cottrell, who as of his retirement had

been with him the longest of his many employees, said she's going to keep in contact with LePere even if it means she has to travel to Florida to see him.

"His retirement is well-deserved," she said. "He needs his life. I've certainly learned a lot from that man."

## OBITUARIES

### Darlene K. Grubba

Darlene K. Grubba of Clarkston died Oct. 3, 1997, at home. She was 51.

Mrs. Grubba was former owner of Bloomfield Optical, Birmingham.

She was a member of Lake Louise Church of the Nazarene.

Mrs. Grubba is survived by her husband, Walter A. Grubba Jr.; two sons, Todd Banfield of Clawson and Larry Padgett of Athens, Ohio; two stepsons, Wally Grubba of Kentwood and Tom Grubba of Bowling Green, Ky.; two daughters, Jacqui Bell of Waterford and Lisa Forbes of Oxford; a step-daughter, Ronda Carver of Franklin, Ky.; three brothers, Robert Harding of Clarkston, Richard Harding of Troy and Charles Harding of Clarkston; and 12 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, Troy. Burial was at Rose-

land Park Cemetery, Berkley. Memorial tributes may be sent to the Michigan Cancer Society.

### Evelyn M. Hancock

Evelyn M. Hancock of Davisburg died Oct. 3, 1997, at age 76.

She is survived by her husband, Charles; daughter, Della (Dick) Weaver; sons, James (Barbara) and Wayne; and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother, Robert, and sister, Virginia.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral in Clarkston. A private family service was held. Interment was at Ottawa Park Cemetery.

### Marie "Paula" Phipps

Marie "Paula" Phipps of Davisburg died Oct. 2, 1997, at age 95.

Mrs. Phipps is survived by her daughters, Priscilla (Clifford)

Husereau of Pontiac and Marie Elise (Glen) Vermilye of Davisburg; sons, Charles Jr. (Kathy) of Arizona and Thomas J. of Davisburg. She is also survived by 15 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, two brothers and two sisters.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home in Clarkston with the Rev. Jay Gantz officiating. Interment was at All Saints Cemetery.

### Marie R. Guellec

Marie R. Guellec of Clarkston, formerly of Pontiac, died Sept. 30, 1997, at age 89.

Mrs. Guellec was a member of St. Michael's Altar Society and the Dirt Gardeners, Waterford/Pontiac.

She is survived by her son, Francis (Theresa) of Waterford; daughters, Louise (Alan) Van Loon of Clarkston and Marie (William) France of Waterford. She is also survived by 14 grandchildren and 27 great grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home in Clarkston. Funeral services were held at St. Daniel's Catholic Church in Clarkston with Monsignor Robert Humitz officiating. Rite of Committal took place at White Chapel Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. Michael's Church, 120 Lewis St., Pontiac 48342 or Propagation of the Faith, Attn: Monsignor James A. Maloney, 1234 Washington Blvd., Detroit 48226.

### Jeremy Frank Grogan

Jeremy Frank Grogan, infant son of Ed and Lois Grogan of Clarkston, died Sept. 27, 1997.

Besides his parents, Jeremy is survived by his sister, Jennifer; grandparents Donald (Joan) Barney of Maryland, JoAnn (Bob) Wilt of Florida, Evelyn M. Grogan of Clarkston and great grandparents Earl and Lydell Barney of West Virginia. He is also survived by aunts, uncles and other family members.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home in Clarkston. A graveside service was held at Lakeview Cemetery. Any donations to the Grogan family will be used towards a marker in Jeremy's memory.

## REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE TO BIDDERS OXFORD AREA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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Bids will be received until October 24, 1997 until 11:00 a.m. at Oxford Area Community Schools, 105 Pontiac Street, Oxford, MI 48371. All bids will be publicly opened and read at 11:00 a.m. at Oxford Area Community School Building Board Room Office on October 24, 1997.

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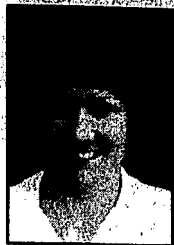
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## 3 Clarkston Eccentric writers win first-place in state contest

Clarkston Eccentric staffers won four writing awards — three for first place and one for third place — in a statewide competition sponsored by the Michigan Press Association it was announced last week.



Hermes-Smith

Smith beat out 26 other Michigan editors competing for the award. In selecting her editorials for first place, the judges wrote, "Taking a stand, offering solutions and using clear, simple language separated these entries from all others."

Entrants were required to submit three editorials of their choice published between April 1, 1996, and March 31, 1997. Hermes-Smith entered the following editorials: "Depot Park: Portable potties a plumb idea," "Action item: City must run better meetings," and "Cars as benefits: Custom must come to a stop."

Class B is for weekly newspa-

### See related story page 10A

pers having circulations of 10,001 to 25,000.

Staff writer Carolyn Walker took first place for local columns, also in Class B, beating out 52 other columnists from across the state. The judges wrote of Walker's work: "Carolyn's columns are among 53 entries



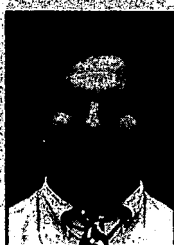
Walker

in a league by themselves. Carolyn has a good eye for detail ... This is fine writing. Not cutesy, but writing that reaches deep within oneself and surrounds an otherwise light subject with pathos. There is substance here which all of the other entries sought but failed at because they couldn't inject themselves into the story with style. That lifts one's work into literature."

Walker was required to submit three columns of her choice during the contest period. She submitted the following columns: "Sometimes a look — or even a whistle — says it all," "Beauty's where the beholder sometimes least expects it" and "Skating in

the kitchen — who's the one off track?"

Sports editor Brad Kadrich, who's also sports editor for the Lake Orion and Oxford Eccentrics, won a first-place award for sports columns in Class B. Nineteen other sports columnists competed for the award. The judges wrote of Kadrich's winning entries, "These columns



Kadrich

touch on the range of emotions, events and athletes in the community — athletes of all backgrounds — to make for a good sports section." The entries carried the following headlines: "Priorities will come easily from now on," "Finally, Wildcats get chance to light up" and "A refreshing look at some of life's lessons."

In addition, Kadrich won a third-place Class B award for sports writing for a story headlined "Wildcats zip Jackets." The judges said the story's opening paragraphs grabbed readers' attention. It was selected over 31 other sports stories.

## POLICE NEWS

During the week of Sept. 29-Oct. 6, police and fire agencies in Springfield and Independence townships and the city of Clarkston responded to the following incidents:

### Independence Police

#### Indecent Exposure

On Oct. 4, officers responded to a report of a white male who entered the Subway shop on Sashabaw Road wearing only a blue windbreaker. The man fled the shop when a clerk ordered him to leave after she observed that he wasn't wearing anything other than the jacket. Police were unable to locate the man during a search of the nearby premises.

#### Shot Animal

On Oct. 1, officers responded to a report that unknown persons had shot and killed a ram at a residence on M-15.

#### Thefts

On Sept. 29, a television, video cassette recorder and other items were reported stolen from a residence on Meyers.

On Sept. 29, a fuel gauge, seat belt harness and other car parts were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Dixie Highway.

On Oct. 1, cassette discs, a boom box, amplifiers and other radio equipment were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Klais.

On Oct. 1, a wallet was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Timberway Trail.

On Oct. 4, a container containing raffle money was reported stolen from a business on Dixie Highway.

#### Minors in Possession

On Oct. 5, officers responded to a report of a vehicle of youths harassing pedestrians at the McDonald's restaurant on Dixie Highway. The officers then traced the vehicle to the Big Boy restaurant on Dixie Highway, where four occupants appeared to be under the influence of liquor. After detaining the four, one of the men, a 19-year-old, attempted to strike one of the officers. He was arrested and transported to the Oakland County Jail. The driver of the vehicle was cited for having open intoxicants in his car and for having minors in possession of alcohol in his vehicle.

#### Vandalism

On Oct. 2, a lock on a vehicle was reported damaged after it appeared that someone attempted to break into the car while it was parked on Timber Ridge Trail.

### Independence Fire

During the week of Sept. 29-Oct. 6, fire personnel responded to 40 calls. Among them were the following:

On Sept. 29, fire fighters assisted a disoriented man on Mary Sue Street.

On Sept. 30, fire fighters assisted an elderly woman who had fallen at a residence on Dixie Highway.

On Oct. 1, fire fighters assisted a 20-year-old man after he fell from his bicycle on White Lake Road.

On Oct. 2, fire fighters assisted a patient who was having back pain at a residence on Middle Lake Road.

On Oct. 3, fire fighters responded to a home on Wellesley Terrace after the owner threatened to burn his home.

On Oct. 4, fire fighters assisted a patient experiencing severe back pain at a residence on Thendara.

### Springfield Police

#### Thefts

On Sept. 29, a handgun was reported stolen from a residence on Andersonville Road.

On Oct. 1, tools were reported stolen from two storage sheds on Dixie Highway.

On Oct. 3, tools were reported stolen from a residence on Ormond Road.

On Oct. 4, a bow, arrows, a cassette disc player and a car

phone were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Canterbury Circle.

On Oct. 4, a radar detector was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Melvin.

On Oct. 6, a portable phone was reported stolen from a building on Broadway Street.

On Oct. 7, tools were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on King Road.

### Clarkston Police

On Oct. 1, officers investigated a rear-end accident on Waldon Road at Main Street. There were no injuries or citations issued.

On Oct. 1, officers stopped a vehicle on White Lake Road near Deer Lake Road for a speed violation. The driver, a Clarkston female, was found to have a warrant for her arrest through the Oakland County Sheriff's Department for failure to pay a fine. She was turned over to the sheriff's department.

On Oct. 4, officers responded to a West Washington Street residence where a suspicious person was seen lurking in the bushes. The person was in his late 20s wearing dark clothing and a baseball cap. Officers have no suspects.

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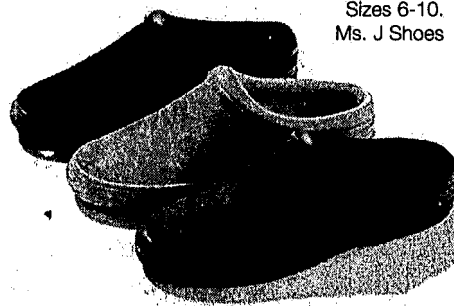
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**Honored:** Teresa Golab-Paygert of Clarkston (left) receives a medal from Israeli consul Tzipora Rimon for her parents' efforts to save a child during the Holocaust.

## Clarkston woman honored for parents' Holocaust heroism

BY GREG KOWALSKI  
STAFF WRITER

The Jewish people make a point of never forgetting the Holocaust. And neither do they forget the gentiles who risked their lives to save Jews.

Jozef and Jozefa Paygert were two Polish gentiles who took in a young Jewish girl named Hanka Betty Sheinholtz during the Holocaust and hid her from 1941 to 1944.

That feat of bravery was remembered Monday with a special presentation ceremony at the Holocaust Memorial Center in West Bloomfield.

Although the Paygerts are no longer alive, their daughter Teresa Golab-Paygert, who lives in Clarkston, and granddaughter Elizabeth Brueckner were on hand for the ceremony.

**■ 'It's always a special event when we deal with a person who contributed a righteous deed during that darkest period.'**

*Charles Rosensveig  
Rabbi*

Teresa received a medal, a certificate of honor and her parents were given the title of "Righteous Among the Nations." Their names will be added to the Righteous Honor Wall at the Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial in Jerusalem.

"It's always a special event when we deal with a person who contributed a righteous deed during that darkest period," said

Rabbi Charles Rosensveig.

"To be a righteous person during the Holocaust is not an ordinary phenomenon," Rosensveig said.

Doing what is morally right in a time when evil is fashionable deserves special recognition, Rosensveig said.

Speaking to Teresa, Rosensveig said, "You're very fortunate that your parents were not only righteous but were righteous in an era of evil."

Teresa said she still keeps in contact with Sheinholtz and visited her at her home in Haifa, Israel. "She's a very nice girl," Teresa said.

Presenting the award was Tzipora Rimon, Counsel General of Israel to the Midwest. "The whole family endangered themselves," Rimon said. "But Hanka was saved."

## Problems from page A1

strolling town. People should love to come to Clarkston to shop."

While she has adequate parking, Wilson said she perceives parking to be a problem for other business owners and said that rent is too high for many.

"Rent is way too high on Main Street," she said, adding of the city council, "I think the council is apathetic. They just think the town's going to go on forever, and it's not. You have to shove some new blood into it. I really think the council or a committee or whoever needs to go out and ask businesses to come in and make it appealing for them."

Dick Morgan founded Morgan's Service station on Main Street in 1932, and he has watched the downtown flourish and fade over time.

"It's not falling apart. It fell," he said during a telephone interview on Monday. "When we lost Hallman's (Apothecary), we lost a big deal," he said, referring to the drug store that closed when its owner retired a few years ago.

Hallman's is one of several stores, including the Village Bookstore, the Milieu Gallery, the National Bank of Detroit and Calcote Country, that have closed for a variety of reasons recently.

Morgan was less inclined than Wilson to blame the council for the city's problems.

"They try hard, I guess," he said. "You can't do the things that are supposed to be done and keep the taxes down. It takes a lot of money to operate the city. I think they're doing a pretty good job. All of them have the city at heart."

Morgan recalled that city residents and business owners have been debating the parking issue

for nearly 40 years. At one time, the Rotary wanted to purchase a few homes on East Washington to increase parking but they were defeated by residents who wanted to preserve the houses.

"Businesses increased and facilities didn't. That's what happened," he said.

Just north of Morgan's, Coach's Corner is doing well, said its 22-year manager, Diane Brozovich, though she, too, said rent and property are high.

"Our business is as good as ever," she said. "We feel bad about all the other businesses, and we feel awful at the bank leaving."

She added, "From what I've heard, it's really hard for small businesses to come into town because the costs are exorbitant. They make it very tough to be here in business."

Nick Saiz, manager of Vanessa's dry cleaning store further up Main Street and husband of its owner, said limited parking is a problem for them.

"That's our main gripe," he said. "Our business, if we had parking, would be three times as good," he said.

Saiz also faulted the Clarkston Police Department for over-tickering and said officers waste time marking and checking vehicles to make sure they have not over-stayed the two-hour parking limit on downtown streets and in the city's lot.

"The police could be doing something better," he said.

Paul Ormiston, chief of the city's police, disagreed. He credited the city's two-hour parking limit for helping to preserve retail businesses.

"What is a waste of time?" he countered. "The retailers are trying to survive in this town. Who

else is going to enforce the two-hour parking in this town?"

Ormiston said the time limit is necessary to help retailers, who depend on a turnover of clientele. If the city was all office space, all-day parking would work, he said, adding that if it was all retail, there would be no need for time restraints because people would shop and move on.

"Our situation is that we have a mix. Retail needs two-hour parking to survive. Office needs all day."

"A year ago, before we started enforcement, you could not find a parking space downtown," he said. "We studied this issue and after attempting to get input from all concerned, it was decided we didn't have a parking problem; we have a parking management problem."

For her part, Karen Sanderson, a city council woman instrumental in circulating a questionnaire among property owners last year on the downtown situation, took umbrage at the council's receiving blame.

She said of the business people surveyed, in general, "I had the feeling that the business people complained but were not willing to work with us toward a solution. They wanted us (the council) to solve their problems, was my feeling."

Sanderson said she received about a 60-percent response from home and business owners in the community.

"As far as I'm concerned, government isn't going to solve downtown's problems. We're not at that point where we can recruit businesses. I don't pretend to speak for everybody, but I do know that everybody is vitally interested in downtown."

## Fund-raisers set for fire fighters' camera

### ■ SPRINGFIELD

Springfield Fireman's Association is raising money to purchase a thermal imaging camera for the Springfield Township Fire Department. A thermal imaging camera will allow firefighters to search a burning building, search outdoors at dark for heat-producing items and search for "hot spots" in a fire to develop a

point of entry with the least amount of risk.

Entertainment coupon books are being sold at the Springfield Parks and Recreation office and at the Fire Department office for

\$10 each. For more information, call Stacey Walls at (248) 634-0412.

Donations are also being accepted. Make checks payable to Springfield Fireman's Association and send to Fundraising Committee, 700 Broadway, P.O. Box 1038, Davisburg, MI 48350.

## Clarkston cycling club hosts road ride

The Flying Rhino Cycling Club of Clarkston will present its 16th semi-annual "Back 40 Challenge" bicycle ride Sunday, Oct. 12. Registration is 7:30 a.m. until noon.

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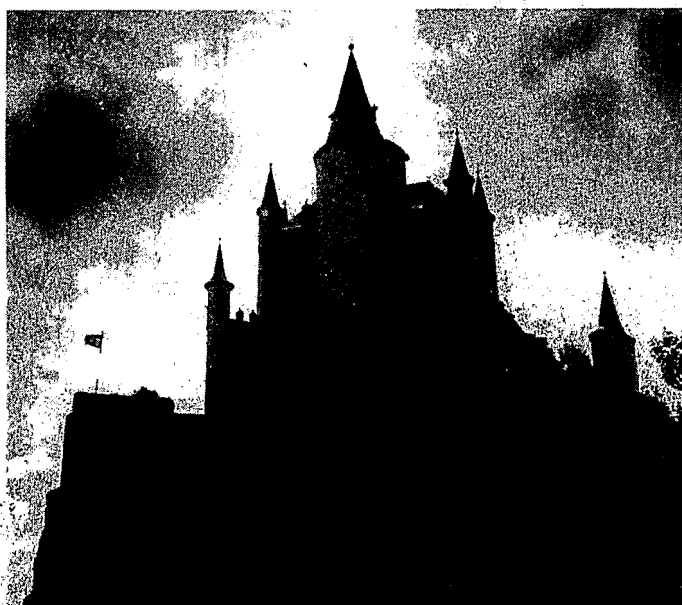
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## ON THE AGENDA

**Independence Township**  
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**Planning Commission**  
7:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 9  
*Tentative Agenda*

**Roll Call:**  
**Public Comment:**  
**Public Hearing:**  
**File No. 97-1-032**

**Amendment to Zoning Ordinance No. 83 Chapter V** shall be amended by adding a new section 5.28 hardship planned unit development.

**File No. 97-1-033**  
**Amendment to Zoning Ordinance No. 83 Chapter V** shall be amended by adding a new section 5.27, special accommodation use.

**Old Business:**  
**File No. 97-1-030 (Tabled from 6/12/97)**

**Mr. Oliver Rose, Petitioner** requests special land use approval to grow and store plants in R-1R zone, Mann Road, 5 acres, 08-36-300-016.

**File No. 94-1-017 & W96-019**  
**Mr. Gerald Odum, Petitioner** requests extension of final site plan and wetland approvals granted 10/24/96 for Fox Creek of Independence, Clintonville Road, R-2 Zone, 08-36-151-004 & 005.

**New Business:**  
**File No. 97-1-051**  
**Zoning Ordinance Amendment, Municipal Civil Infraction Penalty Discussion.**

**Approval of Minutes:**  
Sept. 11 & 25, 1997

**Continuing Review:**  
**Planner's Report:**  
**Staff Report:**  
**Committee Report:**

**Any further information** regarding the above public hearings may be obtained at the Township Planning Office during regular office hours 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday or by phone at 625-8111.

**Springfield Township**  
650 Broadway  
Davisburg  
625-4802, 634-3111  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
7:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 9  
*Tentative Agenda*

**Call To Order**  
**Roll Call**  
**Agenda Changes**  
**Public Comment**  
**Consent Agenda:**

a) Approval of Minutes: Sept. 2, 1997, trustee interviews; Sept. 4, 1997, trustee interviews; and Sept. 11, 1997, regular meeting.  
b) Acceptance of September Treasurer's Report  
c) Receipt of September Build-

ing Department Reports: Building, Electrical and Plumbing Inspectors  
d) Receipt of September Litigation Report  
e) Receipt of September Fire Report

f) Authorize payment of bills as presented  
g) Authorize up to \$2,200,000 for purchase of equipment additions to new fire pumper

h) Authorize request for bids for Fire Department air packs and equipment upgrade

i) Appoint Elaine Field-Smith to fill vacancy on Township Election Commission  
j) Extend current contract with Fenton Grounds Keeper snow removal for 97-98

k) Adopt resolution urging legislators to restore township immunity from sidewalk liability

l) Set November regular meeting for Public Hearing: 1998 CDBG Funds

m) Receive Youth Appreciation Week information and authorize clerk to prepare letter of support to Holly Optimist Club

n) Appoint Collin Walls as representative and Nancy Strole as alternate (if required) to Steering Committee of Shiawassee & Huron Headwaters Resource Preservation Project

o) Receipt of Communications-Receipt of Burning Ordinance Petition and Fire Department Report.

**Old Business:**  
1. Continuation of Second Reading: Request for rezoning by Barry Stulberg

2. Continuation of Second Reading: Water Systems Operating Ordinance

3. Second Reading: Municipal Ordinance Violation Bureau and Municipal Civil Infraction Regulations Ordinance; and Amendments to Ordinance No. 16, 27, 42, 45-A, 50, 52, 57, 59, 63, 65

4. Retiree Benefit Policy  
**New Business:**  
1. Edge of Pines-Site Plan Revision

2. MetalForm Industries-Site Plan & Consent Agreement  
3. Susin Lake 1998 Special Assessment

4. Gypsy Moth Coordination Contract  
5. Salary Study  
6. Authorization to Sell 1973 GMC Fire Truck

7. Budget Amendments  
a) Cable Fund  
b) Fire Fund  
c) General Fund for Grant Account

8. Authorization to advertise for & fill Planning Coordinator position.

**Clarkston Schools**  
6389 Clarkston Road  
625-4402  
**Board of Ed Meeting**  
7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 13  
*Tentative Agenda*

1. Call to Order  
1.1 Closed Session-Negotiations  
1.2 Pledge of Allegiance  
1.3 Roll Call

1.4 This month's bulletin board display was provided by the students and staff of Andersonville and Bailey Lake Elementary schools

2. Approval of Consent Agenda  
2.1 Approval of Agenda  
2.2 Approval of Minutes: Sept. 22, 1997

3. Citizen Requests to Address the Board  
Protocol procedures for addressing the board:

1. You are given two opportunities to address the board

Under Items 3.1 you can request to address the board following board discussion on a particular topic, or

Under Item 8 you are welcome to address the board on any topic

2. When asking questions or making comments, please state your name and then direct your comments to Bill McGregor, president, Clarkston Board of Education

4. Reports/Presentations  
4.1 Technology Report:  
4.2 Construction Report (high school): Craig Kahler

4.3 Drug Free Schools/WMU Studies Update: Pat Brumback  
4.4 Playground Partnership Update: Dave Reschke

5. Action Items  
5.1 Approval of expenditures for the month: Kurt Shanks  
5.2 Acceptance of Donations: President Foyteck

5.3 Presentation of Annual Audit: Craig Kahler/Fred Hailer of Plante & Moran

5.4 Approval of Instructional/Non-Instructional Staff: Linda Nester  
5.5 Approval/Acceptance of Child's Contract: Al Roberts

5.6 Phase 3 Construction Phasing recommendation: Craig Kahler  
5.7 Phase 3 Management Recommendation: Al Roberts

5.8 Ratification of Cafeteria Association Contract Agreement (July 1997-June 30, 1999): Linda Nester

6. Discussion Items

6.1 Identify site for new elementary school: Al Roberts/President Foyteck  
6.2 Schedule for phase-in projects of renovations to buildings: Al Roberts/President Foyteck

7. Information Items:  
8. Citizen Comments:  
Citizens are welcome to address the board on any topic at this point on the agenda.

9. Closed session:  
None  
10. Adjournment  
Note: This agenda is prepared in advance of the meetings; changes may occur.

**Independence Township**  
90 N. Main St.  
Clarkston  
625-5111  
**Zoning Board of Appeals**  
7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 15  
*Tentative Agenda*

**Case No. 97-0100**  
Nancy Dusney, Petitioner, Applicant requests rear yard setback variance of 12' to construct addition, Campfire Circle, Lot 28, R-1A, Lake Waldon Village II, 08-28-277-020.

**Case No. 97-0101**  
Michelle Ginn, Petitioner, Applicant requests variance for outdoor sales of Christmas trees plus signage, Rattalee Lake Rd., R-1R, corner of Rattalee Lake Rd. and M-15, 08-05-300-045.

**Case No. 97-0102**  
Donald Fisher, Petitioner, Applicant requests variance to keep miniature horses on property, Pine Knob Lane, R-1A, 08-35-127-019.

**Case No. 97-0103**  
Michael DeVault, Petitioner, Applicant requests variance to retain detached garage, Allen Rd., R-1R, 08-18-200-010.

**Case No. 97-0104**  
Ahdi Dasugi, Petitioner, Applicant requests rear yard setback variance of 4' for shed (already constructed), Bronco, Lot 9, R-1A, Timberline Estates No. 1, 08-31-202-021.

**Case No. 97-0105**  
Mark Wibel, Petitioner, Applicant requests additional signage for Outback Steakhouse, Dixie Hwy., C-3, Outback, 08-32-277-111.

**Case No. 97-0106**  
Larry Stone, Petitioner, Applicant requests variance to effectuate splitting of property, Allen Rd., Acreage, R-1R, 08-05-300-037

## Man wins \$10,000 on 'Road to Riches'

Clinton Smith of Clarkston won \$10,000 Saturday night on "Road to Riches," the Michigan Lottery's weekly television game show. Regina Husted, Smith's daughter, played for him.

An avid sportsman, Smith, 67, plans to buy a new bass boat with his winnings. "I will also pay all my bills and be debt-free," he said. Smith, a retired apartment manager, enjoys golfing, scuba diving, bowling, hunting and traveling in his free time.

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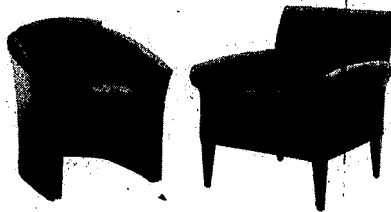
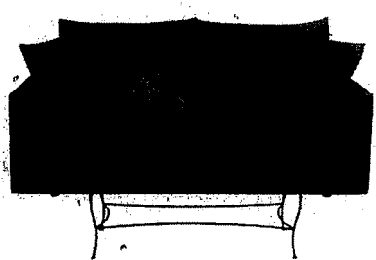
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## NBD expects to sell branch this month

BY CAROLYN WALKER  
STAFF WRITER

National Bank of Detroit officials expect to have a successful buyer for their Main Street branch in Clarkston by the end of October, said Susan Cherry, a public relations spokeswoman for the bank on Monday.

Interested buyers have until Friday to request bidding packets from NBD, she said, noting that bankers put the branch out for bids last week. No cutoff date has been set by the bank for returning bids, Cherry said.

Banking officials announced several months ago that they would be closing the bank as a part of overall changes taking place within their organization. That announcement met with an outcry from the public and local government officials who do not want to lose the bank downtown.

Some still hope that another bank will come forward to make the purchase.

Cherry said she did not know how many bidders had requested packets, but said there were several and because of that fact, banking

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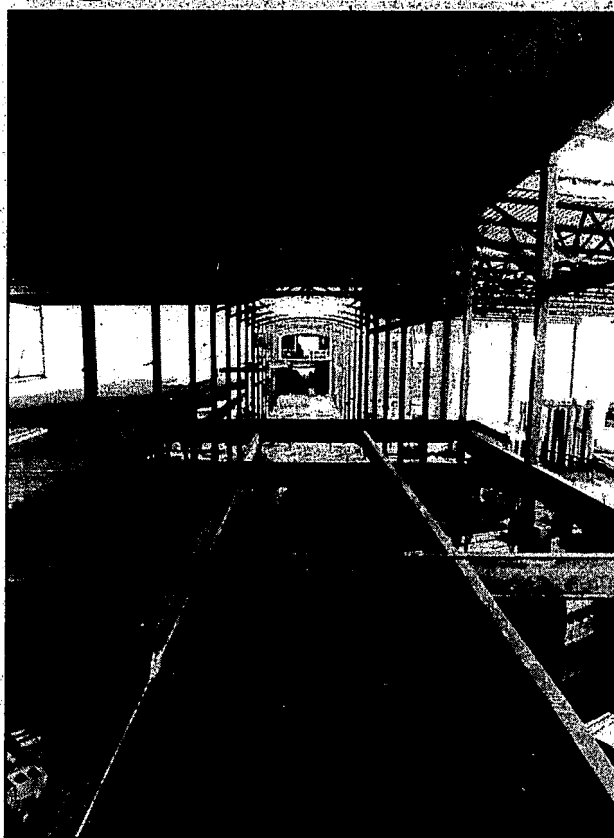
officials do not expect to have to go through a broker to sell the historic building.

"There was a lot of interest in the building," she said.

Last month, banking officials decided not to donate the structure, which has housed a bank since the 1920s, to the Clarkston Community Museum Foundation, which has been seeking a museum site in the Independence Township community for several months.

In making their decision to not donate the building, the bankers solicited pro and con letters from members of the community. Ultimately, they decided that a retail business at that location would be in the best interests of local residents, Cherry has said.

## High school from page A1



Corridor construction: Workers are in the process of laying the floor of the corridor to the gym and pool.

STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

saw there that day had no business going near a roof if they were going to stay. These guys were visibly shaken.

"But their thinking was, you can't let something like that keep you from doing your job. I guess if you think about it too much, you're going to have an unfortunate accident yourself ... They're a tough breed. They know there are risks. But they also know that it was a freak accident and that the person who died wasn't a careless person."

As a result of that attitude and some favorable fall weather, work at the school continues on schedule, Kahler said. "I would say on the academic wing, we're about two weeks from closure — maybe three weeks, tops," he said. "Once we get closure, we're going to start running the mechanical systems and get set so we can start painting, putting down floors and getting the finishes done in that area."

By April or May, Kahler said school officials are hoping to begin bringing furniture, computers and other equipment into the academic area.

At the other end of the site, the facility's swimming pool walls are also close to completion, he pointed out.

And sometime after those natatorium sides go up, grass seed will be sprayed on the school grounds. "We have to do that," Kahler said. "Otherwise, particularly the football field won't be ready for next fall."

The director of business services said he has his fingers crossed for continued cooperation from Mother Nature in other construction areas. "Masonry can go on throughout the winter," he said. "That's not a problem. The problem is, how much is it going to cost to do it? If it's cold and snowing, those guys can work. But they're going to have to build temporary enclosures and the heat that

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**Craig Kahler**  
Clarkston Community Schools  
business manager

goes with those will cost a lot of money. We hope we'll have mild temperatures so we can keep it more economical."

To keep CHS staff and students one step ahead of next year's routines in the new building, Kahler said identification cards will most likely be introduced at the current facility during this year's second semester. "We'd like to get the kids accustomed to having the ID cards because they're going to have multiple purposes (in the new building)," he said. "The card is going to tell (CHS principal) Brent Cooley who you are. It's going to handle your lunch fee. It can be used for attendance if we want. And it can be used for access to the building."

Kahler said the next 10 or 11 months will be packed with all kinds of preparations as the last year of construction winds down for the new CHS and the first year of remodeling revs up for the district's elementaries.

Regardless of that hectic time line and the excitement behind Clarkston's high school, however, the director of business services said one sad construction memory will stick with him always. "I still think about it every time I see the gym," Kahler said. "I will for the rest of my life. I see the spot where he fell. It's amazing how things like that leave marks on you."

### NOTABLES

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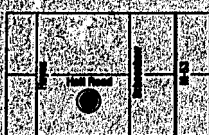
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## Rudy's from page A1

long-established and beloved Rudy's eight years ago. Limited parking, they figured, could be a problem. But they were willing to work around the difficulties of small town life in exchange for running a business in the quaint historic town.

Generally speaking, business has been good for them. Eshaki said, noting that sales have probably doubled in the past few years.

But recent ticketing by the police that Eshaki feels was unnecessary, lack of parking and what he calls the "pettiness" of local business politics have forced the men to make a move, he said.

"It's the overall attitude" of the Clarkston city council, the police department and the downtown district, Eshaki said, citing the reasons they will be leaving.

"It's the whole atmosphere. The general belief that nothing is wrong. If they want to attract entrepreneurs, they're not going to do it with the reputation they have. I see the police as a ridiculous part of the problem," he said, adding — and admitting that he was being sarcastic — that parking was "a major problem but it's not anymore because all the businesses are leaving."

In recent months, the Village Bookstore, National Bank of Detroit, Milieu Gallery and Calcoté Country gift shop, all once located within just a few feet of each other, have closed for a variety of reasons that ranged from retirement to disgust on the parts of the owners. In addition, Morgan's Service Inc., long a staple on Main Street, has stopped selling gasoline.

Eshaki said that in addition to the cost of purchasing their building, he and Thomas have invested \$750,000 in stock and repairs that he believes enhance the downtown district.

"I've gone out of my way to clean things up," he said, noting that he has the old stone building power-washed twice a year, that he has added decorative outside planters and fresh paint to improve its looks and that he regularly cleans the city-owned parking area next door.

Late last month, he said, the Clarkston police ticketed him for having open garbage in the parking lot after trash haulers accidentally tore a bag while they were removing the trash.

"He came here and wrote me a ticket, automatically," Eshaki said, adding that he feels the officer should have come into the store and offered him the opportunity to clean it up before issuing a citation. The incident happened about 9:30 a.m., he said.

"I feel people should go out of their way, whether it be the council members or business members or police, to feed off each other," he said, struggling for words that would convey the importance of community members working together. "I believe everybody should go out of their way to help each other. Everybody benefits this way."

Ormiston, however, said city Manager Art Pappas had warned Eshaki about the garbage situation once in a letter, and the police had warned him twice.

"My response to that is that Robert has been warned on several occasions to clean up the mess," Ormiston said. "It's unsightly. It stinks. He was written a letter by Pappas and warned by police two times. He was given an opportunity to clean it up just as requested. He failed to do that and was cited."

"He wants us to come in and make him aware of every violation every single time. He's been warned repeatedly."

Eshaki has been cited twice for violating the city trash ordinance, Ormiston said.

Eshaki said he has held his tongue in expressing his views about the council and the city's situation.

"Now I just feel that the time has come," he said.

He said he thinks the city council should initiate improve-

ments in the business district and said he favors a Hyett Palma study that has been suggested by councilman David Savage, but which has never been approved by the council.

"They're always reacting instead of acting," he said of council members. "They should bend over backwards to attract the people who are willing to put money back into the community."

Hyett Palma, an out-state company, offers a visioning study that helps small communities to understand their strengths and weaknesses and teaches them how to attract the businesses they desire.

In a door-to-door effort, Savage has obtained a commitment of \$5,000 toward the study from various business owners and he has asked the council to contribute \$5,000 as well, which it has not yet done.

Eshaki said he and Thomas began considering a move from the city about one-and-one-half years ago but not without regrets.

"It's important to me that you put in there how much I love the community and the people and the customers," he said.

Rudy's Market has stood somewhere on Main Street since 1933, said local business owner Dick Morgan, who founded Morgan's Service station across Main Street in 1932. The original Rudy's, he said, endured two fires over a period of time that forced its founder to relocate. Rudy's had been in four separate locations, he said.

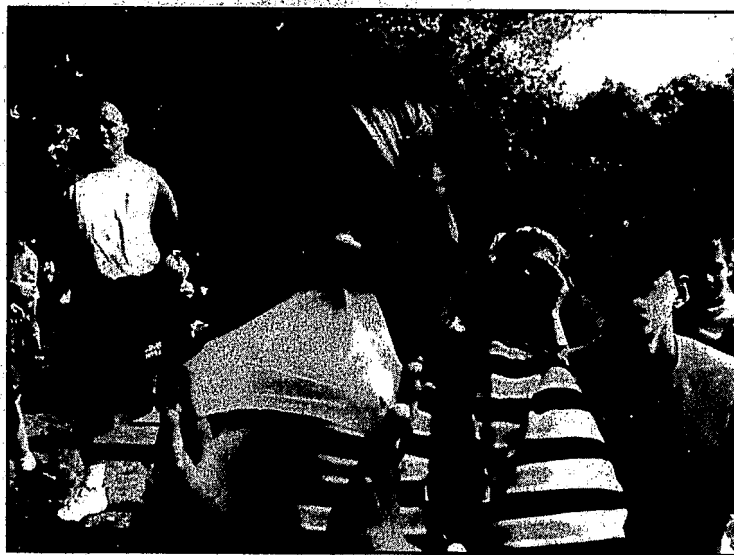
## Family fun

**Hole-in-one:** Chris Trudell, 10, of Bloomfield nibbles on a doughnut during a doughnut-eating contest Sunday during the 13th annual Fall Color Car Classic at Independence Oaks in Clarkston. Chris was pronounced the winner.



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**Sticky subject:** Ashley Young, 9, attempts the bubble-gum blowing contest. Kids' activities were a big part of the car show, which featured antique cars, street rods and sports cars.



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## Awards night

### Let's help show Clarkston cares

**T**he Clarkston Community Task Force for Youth is a dedicated group with an important message that all parents, grandparents, care givers and community members need to hear.

Unfortunately, the message is also a mouthful. The task force, which formed two years ago after a study showed Clarkston youth abuse substances at a rate higher than the national average, has been trying to educate the Clarkston area about what can help prevent youngsters from using drugs, alcohol and tobacco.

Since the message is such a mouthful, the non-profit group has had a difficult time getting it across.

Now, the task force has hit upon a good way to spread the word and make it easy to understand.

First, we'll try to tell you in a few paragraphs what the message is: If a youth possesses a majority of 40 "assets," he or she is less likely to engage in at-risk behaviors including substance abuse; premarital sex; and violent, antisocial activities.

The 40 assets were arrived at by a research organization, the Search Institute based in Minneapolis, Minn., which studied 250,000 youth from 33 states in more than 400 communities. Many of these "assets" are under the direct control of parents, but some are also under the control of community members.

The assets fall into two categories — external and internal. The 20 external assets include working one or more hours per week serving the community, having parents who are actively involved in helping the youth succeed in school, being involved in a religious community at least one hour per week and having a family that monitors the youth's whereabouts.

The 20 internal ones include spending one or more hours per day doing homework, telling the truth even when it's not easy, resolving conflict in a non-violent manner and feeling a sense of purpose in life.

The task force has decided to host a dinner recognizing community members who are helping Clarkston youth acquire these assets. "We

want to acknowledge what's already happening positively," explained Cindy Dixon, administrative coordinator of the task force. "We are wanting to help people get more comfortable with asset building."

The first-annual "Clarkston Cares" Awards Night will take place 6:30-9 p.m. Monday, Oct. 27, at Clarkston Creek on Maybee Road, west of Sashabaw. Guest speaker will be Mary Ann Solberg, executive director of the Troy Coalition, who will give practical ideas on how communities can work together for the benefit of youth.

Clarkston-area residents and business people can help support this worthwhile effort by nominating adults (even youth) they know who are doing concrete things to help youth in the Clarkston area acquire assets. The task force hopes to get nominations from as many sectors as possible including schools, churches, civic organizations, the media, law enforcement and government. Nominees may be well-known or not. For example, a neighbor who's opened her home after school to the children of working parents on her block would qualify because she helps the children feel safe in their neighborhood (asset No. 10).

The names of everyone nominated will be printed on a program distributed the night of the dinner, and the "winners" from each sector will receive a special plaque and free dinner.

Nominations (and dinner reservations) will be accepted until Oct. 15. To nominate someone, send your name, phone number, the name of the person you're nominating and a 50- to 100-word description of the person's asset-building activities to Clarkston Community Task Force for Youth, P.O. Box 702, Clarkston, MI 48347. For a list of the 40 assets, visit the Independence Township Library or call this newspaper and we'll fax one to you. Dinner is \$15 each or \$25 a couple. Students pay \$10.

Let's help the task force spread the word about asset-building by nominating those we know who are currently helping youth acquire assets.

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Bob Sklar is managing editor of The Eccentric Newspapers. Share your impressions with him by fax (248-644-1314) or e-mail (skater@oeonline.com).

### COMMUNITY VOICE

#### QUESTION:

Have you started your Christmas shopping yet?



This question was asked at Kroger on Dixie at Maybee Road in Independence Township.

Julie Wing  
Waterford



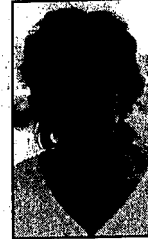
"No. It's too early."

Lee Armstrong  
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"No not yet...I'm taking a vacation the first two weeks in November, and that's when I plan to do it."

Mary Eves Clark  
Springfield



"I have...for my kids."

Bobbi Laliberte  
Springfield

### LETTERS

#### Road won't be closed long

**M**any Oakland County citizens have written or called my office this week regarding the delay in the opening of White Lake Road near Teggerdine Road in White Lake Township, where a culvert is being constructed. I am writing to update you with the most current information available from the Road Commission for Oakland County about this project.

Initially, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) requirements dictated a certain type of material be used for the road project. However, the soil conditions could not accommodate installation of that material. Two other proposals were made and finally a solution was reached that would satisfy both the environmental concerns and the soil conditions. The proposal directs that a 6-foot pipe be buried in the ground and covered with soil in order to provide the "natural bottom" required by the DEQ.

While these issues were being resolved, the contractor for this project understandably moved his equipment to another job. Materials have now been ordered and discussions are being held with the contractor for completion of the project. The OCRC is anticipating a Dec. 1, 1997, date for the reopening of White Lake Road to traffic.

I certainly understand the frustration of motorists who have been affected on a daily basis by this construction project, and I trust that it will be completed without delay. Your patience during this time is greatly appreciated. I will maintain frequent contact with the RCOC regarding this issue until White Lake Road traffic is flowing smoothly once again.

Tom Middleton  
State Representative, 46th District

#### Up with Parents to draw crowd

**W**ow! What a response we are receiving for the "Up With Parents" workshop being sponsored by Clarkston Community Task Force for Youth from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 12, at St. Daniel's Church, Clarkston.

Parents and other concerned adults who attend will not only have a chance to learn a few new parenting ideas but will also have a chance to hear the Schulte Family share a few songs about family. Parenting resource materials will be available from the following organizations, which will be on hand with table displays: Developmental Assets/Task Force, DARE, Clarkston Area Youth Assistance, Haven, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, PTA Council, Oakland County Health Department Parent Network and Triad Associates.

Whenever hundreds of parents gather together for the good of children and young people, wonderful things are bound to happen. Plan to join us! Advance tickets from the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce or St.

Daniel's are \$7. Tickets at the door are \$10. All parents need the opportunity to attend, and the Task Force is offering scholarships to anyone in need. Call 394-0252 for details. See you Sunday!

Susette Hart  
Up With Parents Program Coordinator

#### Skilled labor

**M**any American corporations are complaining about our shortage of "skilled labor." But the corporations have only themselves to blame! Here's why:

During the massive layoffs and downsizings of the 1980s and 1990s, American corporations quit training workers in the skilled trades, choosing instead to rely on the existing pool of "downsized" skilled labor.

During this period, corporations would often run job advertisements for skilled workers with "10 years experience required."

But now the pre-downsizing labor pool of skilled workers is starting to retire, and there are no young replacement workers in the pipeline.

For centuries, crafts and skilled trades were passed from one generation to the next through the system of masters, journeymen and apprentices. Many of the skilled trades simply must be learned "on the job." They cannot be effectively learned out of books or taught in schools.

Because of the corporate greed of the past two decades, we have failed to train a whole generation of young American workers. We have abandoned an entire generation of young Americans to low-paid, low-skill "service jobs." All in the name of corporate profits!

Corporations were too busy moving factories to Mexico and China to train our American youth. They would rather hire a low-paid engineer from India to run an even lower-paid factory in Thailand!

Yet now, the greedy corporations have the audacity to blame our school system, or our youth, which are certainly no better or worse than they were 50 years ago when America was the world's industrial powerhouse.

The solution? Stop the corporate greed and go back to the old system that has worked for generations.

If you want a skilled worker tomorrow, hire a young apprentice today!

Walter Warren  
Westland

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## POINTS OF VIEW

## For cartoonist, erasing bigotry is serious work

Once had the opportunity to hear Al Capp, the creator of "Li'l Abner," of funny paper fame. He, incidentally, could have been a double for the character in the comics.

Capp said that the motivation researchers of Madison Avenue spent years trying to determine just what influences the American mind.

They researched newspapers, television, radio, paperback novels and the like and discovered that 70 million people in our nation read the "funnies."

When the ad people found this out, they started falling over each other to get the funnies and see what they were doing to influence people, and, of course, how they could sneak products

they wished to promote into the comic pages.

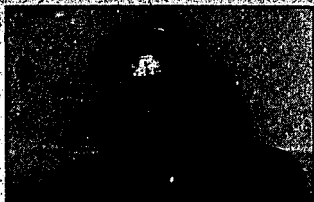
When they came to Capp, they point blank asked him what he was trying to do with "Li'l Abner" to change America. He indicated that for some of his rival cartoonists, this was a ridiculous question, but he, himself, did have a message.

He said that he was born in New Haven, Conn., on Stevens Street. It was the type of neighborhood that is now the target of urban renewal projects.

He indicated that there was no prejudice because no one had anything and everyone was accepted for what he was.

The Hogans upstairs (no relation that I care to admit to) were no differ-

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HANK HOGAN

ent than the Caplans downstairs, except that they went to their synagogue on Sunday instead of Saturday and when their "rabbi" came to visit them, he had his collar on backwards.

The Macottis across the street served the same low-cost food, but

they called it ravioli instead of knishes.

I had great empathy with what he was saying because I remember when we were first married, we were still in college and had little money, and all our friends were in the same position.

When Capp's (nee Caplan) family moved to a better neighborhood, all of a sudden he found that he was different. He was at a decided disadvantage because he didn't know whom he was supposed to hate.

But he learned. He said he found out that people who are able to make their own way in the world don't need to tear down the other guy. It is only the guy who can't make the grade who

has to try to verbally cut off the legs of other people to make himself appear taller.

He learned to hate what he called the "phonies" — people who didn't make the grade themselves, or by themselves, and who looked down on those who did because of an inferiority complex.

Summing up, he said, "If I try to do anything with my comic strips to influence the American mind, it is to try to get our whole nation back to Stevens Street."

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

## Good communication a priority for Clarkston schools

The other day, I met with a small group of administrators, parents and a few board members to discuss how we might establish an open, ongoing dialogue with our public. Since important educational issues impact virtually everyone in the community, high-quality communication must become a Clarkston priority. It doesn't matter whether the focus is test scores or school construction, fund-raising or redistricting, today "inquiring minds want to know." As superintendent of schools, I am committed to clarifying district positions, providing additional perspective and encouraging people to think through the complexities of any problem.

The recent gathering began with some reflection. I asked all present to share their most memorable school experience. It seemed important for this group to discuss, from varying perspectives, what it is that makes school important to kids of all ages. Some participants remembered their school pals, while others thought of

caring teachers who motivated them to achieve or helped them to consider a particular career path. A few even recalled moments of self doubt. All the stories, however, touched upon the importance of a supportive environment, the positive consequence of a challenging classroom atmosphere and the significance of self confidence. As importantly, we began to understand that it is often the little things that make a difference: an encouraging word, a short congratulatory note or even a needed "kick in the pants."

The recollections also provided needed perspective. We, as educators, don't always get such feedback. Sometimes it takes years to learn that your efforts really made a difference. When I was a teacher in New Jersey, I taught Herbie. Now this sixth grader was a bit of a rascal, a really mischievous kid, difficult to control, but easy to like. One day, I told him to stay after school, but he sneaked out of the room and got on the bus instead. Imagine his surprise when he walked



AL ROBERTS

into his house, and I was sitting in the living room with his mom. This made a lasting impression on Herbie. Someone cared enough not to let him get away with misbehavior.

Today educators know so much more about how kids learn, and we have better research to help us recognize the activities that positively impact young minds. So, an approach to school that is much different than the one parents remember is unfolding in classrooms around the world. It is likely that misunderstandings and

distrust will arise, especially if we do not discuss issues. The establishment of open dialogue to compare perspectives, to foster mutual understanding and trust, and to nurture respect among all members of the community is worth pursuing.

So where do we begin? The planning group began by expressing their thoughts about the characteristics of the ideal parent/school administrator. Such information, along with the memories that were provoked, would provide a good base from which dialogue topics could be compiled. According to the planning group, the ideal parent:

- loves and takes good care of her/his children.
- allows the child to develop independently.
- is a good role model.
- has reasonable expectations of his/her child.
- communicates with school.
- considers the family first.
- is open-minded and searches for

the truth.

- listens, pays attention.
- judges behavior but not people.
- is willing to seek advice.

The ideal school administrator was seen as someone who possesses all the characteristics of an ideal parent, but also:

- is able to build a sense of team among teachers, parents and community.
- is knowledgeable of the best promising educational practices.
- keeps him/herself informed and is creative.
- is diplomatic and addresses problems with a good knowledge base.
- puts children first.
- is open to suggestions.

Now, what are we going to do with this information? That is the challenge! Stay tuned.

Al Roberts is superintendent of Clarkston Community Schools. His hotline number is 620-7350.

## Patterson's right: Truckers should pay extra fuel tax, too

You've gotta hand it to Brooks Patterson. The Oakland County executive has become one of the few large political figures in Michigan with the guts to call a spade a spade, regardless of whose feathers he ruffles.

First it was posing for publicity shots in an enormous pothole and calling on his fellow Republican, Gov. "Pothole John" Engler to quit posturing and support a gasoline tax increase to pay for badly needed road repairs.

Now Patterson is after the tax break the trucking industry gets on diesel fuel, now effectively 15 cents per gallon, as opposed to the 19 cents the rest of us pay on gasoline purchases. Patterson visited Lansing last week where a bill to wipe out the difference is stalled in the tax-writing Senate Finance Committee. "When it (the bill) gets ripe, I'll go up there," he said.

This time the Oakland County boss is taking on what must be one of the most powerful, longest-lasting and best-hidden lobbies in Michigan politics: The alliance between the trucking industry and the Teamsters Union that for decades has hog-tied both parties in the Legislature.

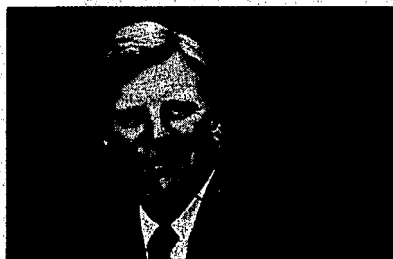
The industry wants low fuel taxes and high weight limits to prosper. The Teamsters know that a prosperous trucking industry means more jobs for the boys.

What do those of us who don't happen to own truck fleets or drive 18-wheelers get from the deal? Higher gasoline taxes and terrible roads, damaged disproportionately by heavily laden trucks.

Here's the detail:

Michigan's Motor Fuel Tax Act, a law going back to 1927, provides for a specific tax on diesel fuel (predominantly used in trucks) equal to the rate per gallon imposed on gasoline. Under pressure from the trucker-Teamster lobby, the Michigan Legislature in 1980 adopted a unique measure that awarded a 6-cents-a-gallon discount for diesel fuel bought in Michigan, on the theory that Michigan truckers were at a "competitive disadvantage" to those in neighboring states.

Until the Legislature increased the gasoline tax this year, this tax break meant that while motorists were paying 15 cents tax per gallon of gasoline, truckers were paying 9 cents on diesel fuel. This disparity ended briefly in April when



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the diesel fuel tax was increased to 21 cents a gallon.

But the trucker-Teamster lobby went back to work. On Aug. 1, when the state gasoline tax was increased to 19 cents, the 6-cents diesel discount went back on the books. Best estimates are that the trucker-Teamster tax break costs taxpayers around \$20 million per year.

Michigan's diesel fuel tax ranks 45th among all states. Since 1980, Michigan taxes on diesel fuel have increased from 11 cents to 15 cents, a 36 percent change. During the same period, diesel taxes in Illinois increased by 186 percent, in Ohio by 214 percent, an in Indiana by 100 percent.

While Michigan truckers pay low fuel taxes, they enjoy a weight limit of 164,000 pounds, more than double the 80,000-pound limit imposed in most states. And conventional wisdom is that a heavily loaded truck is responsible for as much damage to our roads as 9,600 cars.

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# O&E's Oakland editions win 25 awards

The Oakland County editions of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers captured 25 awards in the Michigan Press Association's 1997 Better Newspaper Contest.

The Observer & Eccentric competed in Class B — weekly or twice-weekly newspapers with a circulation between 10,001 and 25,000.

## Newspaper of the Year

The West Bloomfield-Lakes Eccentric won eight awards, including Newspaper of the Year in its circulation class based on total points accumulated in all contest categories. It took second place for General Excellence and first place for Design. It placed both first and third for Enter-

prise Feature (Pat Murphy and Greg Kowalski, respectively).

Other first-place winners included the Lake Orion Eccentric for Editorial Pages (editor Gerald Frawley), the Clarkston Eccentric for Editorial Writing (editor Karen Hermes Smith) and Local Columns (reporter Carolyn Walker), the Troy Eccentric for Spot News Picture (photographer John Stormzand) and the Oxford Eccentric for Sports Column (sports editor Brad Kadrich).

In the Special section category, the Observer & Eccentric took first place for Eccentrique, its spring fashion magazine edited by retail editor Susan DeMag-

gio.

Observer & Eccentric opinion columnist Judith Doner Berne of West Bloomfield, who writes for many of the Oakland County editions, placed second for Local Columns for the second straight year. The topics of her award-winning columns included elderly residents Ernie Harwell and Cecelia "C" Himes, both of whom are so vital at their age, the sensitive sentencing of Itsumi Koga of Farmington Hills by Circuit Judge Jessica Cooper, and the sad effects of the burning of playgrounds in Southfield.

## Special mentions

Other award winners were West Bloomfield-Lakes Eccentric — Picture Story, Honorable Mention (photogra-

pher Dan Dean); Sports Column, honorable mention (sports editor Bill Parker); Sports Coverage, third place (sports editor Bill Parker).

Birmingham-Bloomfield Eccentric — Local News Reporting, second place (reporter Sally Tate); Sports Feature, second place (sports reporter Chris Mayer).

Southfield Eccentric — Human Interest Feature, second place (reporter Sue Buck); Editorial Writing, third place (editor Wayne Peal).

Troy Eccentric — Editorial Writing, second place (editor Alice Collins); Sports Coverage, honorable mention (sports editor

Jim Toth).

Farmington Observer — Spot News Picture, second place (photographer Sharon LeMieux); Local News Reporting, third place (former Farmington editor Tom Baer now with the Rochester Eccentric); reporter Larry O'Connor, former reporter Bill Contant).

Oxford Eccentric — Sports Writing, third place (sports editor Brad Kadrich).

Rochester Eccentric — Sports Coverage, honorable mention (sports editor Jim Toth).

"We're equally proud of all our award winners," said Bob Sklar, Oakland County managing edi-

tor. "Such sweeping recognition from our peers underscores the dedication and skill level of our writers, photographers and editors. Plainly put, we're deeply committed to meeting reader needs professionally and creatively in the hometowns that we serve."

Newspaper of the Year winners will receive plaques at the MPA's winter convention Jan. 30 in Grand Rapids. Members of the North Carolina Press Association evaluated 3,000 entries submitted by 148 Michigan newspapers in three circulation classes during this year's Better Newspaper Contest.

The Lansing-based MPA is a state association serving daily and weekly newspapers since 1868.

## OU senior is first to earn school's new math award

Danielle Driscoll-Cummings, who will graduate from Oakland University this academic year, won the Louis R. Bragg Graduating Senior Award. She is the first recipient of the award, established in honor of Louis R. Bragg, a long-time Oakland professor of mathematical sciences who retired last month.

The award will be presented annually to graduating students who demonstrate outstanding academic and leadership achievement.

At the awards ceremony on May 20, 1997, Professor Darrell Schmidt, acting chair of the department, presented Driscoll-

Cummings with a plaque commemorating her award and a book. The book, "The Moscow Puzzles" by Boris Kordentsky, is a collection of mathematical problems and was chosen by faculty because of her plans to teach mathematics at the secondary level after graduation.

Her name will also be engraved on a permanent plaque in the department. Driscoll-Cummings is currently completing her student teaching and working at the International Academy in Bloomfield Hills. She is guiding a group of students in the U.S. First Robotics competition.



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ROCHELLE SMITH

## Volunteers at churches are saints, for sure

**T**his weekend, the church I have attended my entire life, First Baptist Church of Pontiac, is celebrating its 175th anniversary. My mother started attending First Baptist Church of Pontiac in 1936 at age 16. She was brought to church by her older sister, Ethel, and our family has continued to attend the church for the past 61 years. What is there about a church that keeps families coming back? I am probably not the best person to answer that question. I don't claim to be a great theologian, nor have I studied fundamental church organization or congregational satisfaction studies, but I do know what makes me love the church I attend.

Anyone who knows me, probably knows that I am a religious person. I don't go around saving souls or preaching the gospel, but I try to plant little seeds of thought by having a happy outlook or repeating funny stories the pastor has shared on Sunday morning or some cute thing one of the children has done in the Sunday morning class of 4- and 5-year-olds that my husband and I teach once a month. Although subtle, it is apparently getting a message across because I have been approached by coworkers several times over the years and asked to settle discussions

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## Polish therapists help girl, 6, walk

**■ A Clarkston girl with cerebral palsy is walking 55 unassisted steps after her mother took her to Poland for a treatment unavailable in the United States.**



BY CAROLYN WALKER  
STAFF WRITER

As it happens, Greta Ledgerwood's dream came true. Her daughter, Megan Montgomery, began walking in Poland — just as Ledgerwood dreamed she would one night last April.

Proud and encouraged now, Ledgerwood is embarking on a quest to share with other American families the 5-year-old Polish treatment her daughter underwent for cerebral palsy.

The treatment, deemed a success by Ledgerwood — who saw not only Megan but children in wheelchairs get up and take their first steps — involves grueling exercises performed while wearing an "Adeli suit," a gizmo comprised of powerful elastic cords and belts that is modeled after the space uniforms of the Russian cosmonauts. The suit mimics the action of healthy muscles and teaches the brain how to position and use limbs in a normal way, Ledgerwood said.

Ledgerwood chose the treatment for her child over recommended, generally accepted surgical procedures that are performed in the United States, due in part to her fears of anesthesia.

The five-week treatment, which is not available in the United States, allowed Megan to progress from taking only three or four independent steps to taking 55, her mother said.

It's progress that Ledgerwood finds absolutely remarkable.

"I want to get the word out to the parents, if they want to give it a shot," she said last week as she prepared for a Euromed seminar that will be held

Saturday at the Auburn Hills Church of Christ. "I want that place to be packed. If I didn't go, how much longer would it have taken Megan to learn to walk?"

"Now I've got the opportunity to share Euromed with the whole United States and say, 'Hey, you have another option out there.'"

The Euromed Rehabilitation Center is located in Mielno, Poland. When Megan and two other children from Michigan made a trek there this summer, they represented the first Americans to try the Polish approach to cerebral palsy treatment, Ledgerwood said, though children from other European nations as well as Polish children have been treated there in the past.

As could be expected with most parents, Ledgerwood has made it her mission in life to provide Megan with all the advantages that she can to help normalize the 6-year-old's childhood. It is a painstaking quest for both of them.

"One of the things we want most for our children is to be independent," Ledgerwood said. "When you have to work with your child, even to sit up, you have a different perspective. When you get pregnant, you have a baby, you never think that this is going to happen."

Ledgerwood was given the opportunity while in Poland to try on and experience an Adeli suit and found wearing it and moving about in it difficult. "I couldn't do some of the exercises they had her doing," she said.

But if the exercises were hard, they were, according to Ledgerwood, the very things that turned little Megan's life around. Conventional therapy begun when Megan was six months old, she contended, did not succeed the way the Adeli suit did.

And, she said, those who watched the North Sashabaw Elementary first-grader take her first free steps in Poland were deeply moved.

"On Aug. 30, the actual day that she started walking ... there was all these



STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

**On her own:** Megan Montgomery, a North Sashabaw Elementary School first-grader, walks at home as her mother, Greta Ledgerwood, watches. Megan received an unconventional treatment for cerebral palsy in Poland, where she performed exercises while wearing an "Adeli suit," a gizmo comprised of powerful elastic cords and belts modeled after the space uniforms of Russian cosmonauts. The suit mimics the action of healthy muscles and teaches the brain how to use limbs in a normal way.

things she had to remember. It just clicked. Kasha (her Euromed therapist) had goose bumps," said Ledgerwood. "You could see them on her arms. It was very emotional."

According to Ledgerwood, therapy and exercise at home will have to continue throughout her life if Megan is to maintain what she has gained.

"I have to exercise with her every day," she said. "If I didn't do anything, she would lose what she gained. It's not like a magic wand. It's just like physical fitness in a normal person."

In addition, Ledgerwood has been told that Megan will have to make a

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# Loss of Rudy's would devastate downtown Clarkston

**M**y heart sank last week when Robert Eshhaki, who co-owns Rudy's Quality Market with Chris Thomas, confirmed for me rumors that I have been hearing lately: The two plan to move the market from downtown Clarkston to a location in Independence Township, probably sometime in about 18 months.

They are, he told me, frustrated by the downtown climate, the flight of other businesses, and by what Eshhaki deems to be "politics" and a lack of cooperation between government officials, the police and other proprietors.

Eshhaki said he would like to see the city's powers-that-be take a more proactive stance in cultivating the business district. He would, he said, like to see the above-mentioned groups work together to resolve the situation and restore retail prosperity.

In speaking with Eshhaki and other business owners, I have learned that the downtown district's problems, as

they view them, are many and varied — they range from parking restrictions to police questions to high-rent complaints — and it would appear that the answers to these problems will be extremely difficult to find.

Unfortunately, the city council finds itself in the awkward position of having to balance history preservation and progress; residences and businesses. And small business proprietors find themselves competing against a glut of chain stores that can't make doing business in a small town very easy.

Space limitations, money limitations, legislative limitations and the ever-present threats of potential lawsuits over zoning issues, no matter how obscure or distant, also contribute to the trouble.

It is the latter — the potential for lawsuits —, I think, that presents the biggest problem. Fear of the unknown is the city's greatest enemy and that fear immobilizes the very ones who are in a position to take action.



CAROLYN WALKER

Obviously, whoever or whatever comes to the city's rescue won't be able to please everybody. I am confident, however, based on my experience sitting through city meetings, that everyone, down to the individual, has the city's best interests at heart.

But I digress . . . The quaint atmosphere that we have all come to love, most assuredly, includes the presence of Rudy's.

Let's face it, Rudy's, which has stood in one downtown spot or another since 1933, is an integral part of the district and its identity. And, certainly, it is one of the focal points for customers seeking to do business downtown.

Anybody who's lived around here for any length of time, I'm sure, remembers the original Rudy Schwarze dispensing gum sticks to the children of his customers.

And anybody who's lived locally for 10 or 12 years must also remember the sometimes funny battle that ensued when the village officials of the 1980s attempted to force Rudy to quit feeding the pigeons that flocked to his roof and parking lot.

Rudy did not give in easily. Nor did the pigeons.

Most days, the birds could be seen lining the trenches of his building's roof, surrounding and mocking the silly, fat, inflatable owls that were placed there to frighten them away. Sometimes, even,

they could be seen giving those owls affectionate pecks, much to the joy of rebellious passersby.

All of that, for me, only reinforced the affection I have for the store.

I hope that the sale of Rudy's, if it comes, does not sound the death knell for Clarkston.

There are very few things that I can think of — short of some sort of devastating fire or earthquake hitting town — that would constitute a greater loss for the city.

It occurs to me that maybe the city of Clarkston is a lot like a growing child, which must be guided — but not suppressed if it is to be healthy.

Maybe we have reached the point where, in order to preserve what we have, we will have to let go of our fears just a bit.

Carolyn Walker is a staff writer for the *Clarkston Eccentric*. She lives in the city of Clarkston.

## CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The *Clarkston Eccentric* publishes calendar items free of charge. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Type or print: Event, date and time, location, telephone number and any additional information and mail to the *Clarkston Eccentric*, 7151 Ortonville Road, Suite 2, Clarkston, Mich., 48346 or fax to 248-625-5712. Deadline for calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper.

### FRIDAY, OCT. 10

#### SPAGHETTI DINNER

5-8 p.m., North Sashabaw Elementary, 5290 Maybee, Clarkston. Fund-raiser for the fifth-grade Toronto trip. Adults, \$5; children 8 and under, \$3.

#### SPAGHETTI DINNER

5-7 p.m., Independence Township Senior Center. All-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner, tossed salad and garlic toast. (Dessert is 75 cents extra). All proceeds go directly to the senior center. No registration required. Center is at 6980 Clarkston Road in Clintonwood Park. Cost \$4 adults, \$2 child.

#### RECREATION FOR SPECIAL PEOPLE

7-9 p.m., Hart Community Center at the Mill Pond in Davisburg. Karaoke-dance to the music of disc jockey Rodney Perry. Refreshments. No charge. While NWOCs, a volunteer organization, provides recreational activities, care givers have responsibility for direct supervision of participants. For more information, call 634-9570.

### SATURDAY, OCT. 11

#### AUTUMN COLOR HIKE

11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Indian Springs Metropark. A cool walk under a forest canopy of brilliant oranges, reds and yellows. Registration required. 625-7280 or (800) 477-3192.

#### CIDER SATURDAY

Indian Springs Metropark. Do-it-yourself cider-making session. Bring one bushel of apples and three 1-gallon plastic containers. (We'll supply the cider press.) Great for families and Scout groups. Call 625-7280 or (800) 477-3192 for times.

### SUNDAY, OCT. 12

#### AUTUMN MAGIC

1-4 p.m., Independence Oaks

Nature Center. Family event includes hayrides, cider pressing, games, make-and-take crafts for the kids. The Farm Lady, Margaret Schmidt, will provide a taste of harvest time life and introduce her 40-pound turkey during a special presentation at the Cohn Amphitheater. Cost: \$2.50/person. Tickets are limited. Call (248) 625-6473 for additional information.

#### CIDER SUNDAY

Same program as Cider Saturday above.

#### LEAF PRINT T-SHIRTS

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#### "UP WITH PARENTS"

6-8:30 p.m., St. Daniel's Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park, Clarkston. Workshop offering guaranteed ways to stop sibling rivalry and boost self-esteem (even in negative kids). Advance tickets are \$7 from the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce or St. Daniel's; \$10 at the door. For registration and child care information, call 625-1750.

### MONDAY, OCT. 13

#### HUNTER SAFETY COURSE

6 - 10 p.m. Learn the safe way of hunting and respect for the woods. Class is Oct. 13, 15 & 22.

Participants must attend all three classes to receive certificate. Registration is necessary. Call Independence Twp. Parks & Recreation for additional information, 625-8223.

### TUESDAY, OCT. 14

#### AAUW MEETING

7:30 p.m., Grayson Elementary School, 3800 Walton, Waterford. The Pontiac-Waterford Area Branch of the American Association of University Women will meet at 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker Sally Janke will speak on "Money Talks." For information, call Kitty Daggy at (248) 852-9078 or Susan Ritchey at (248) 625-9467.



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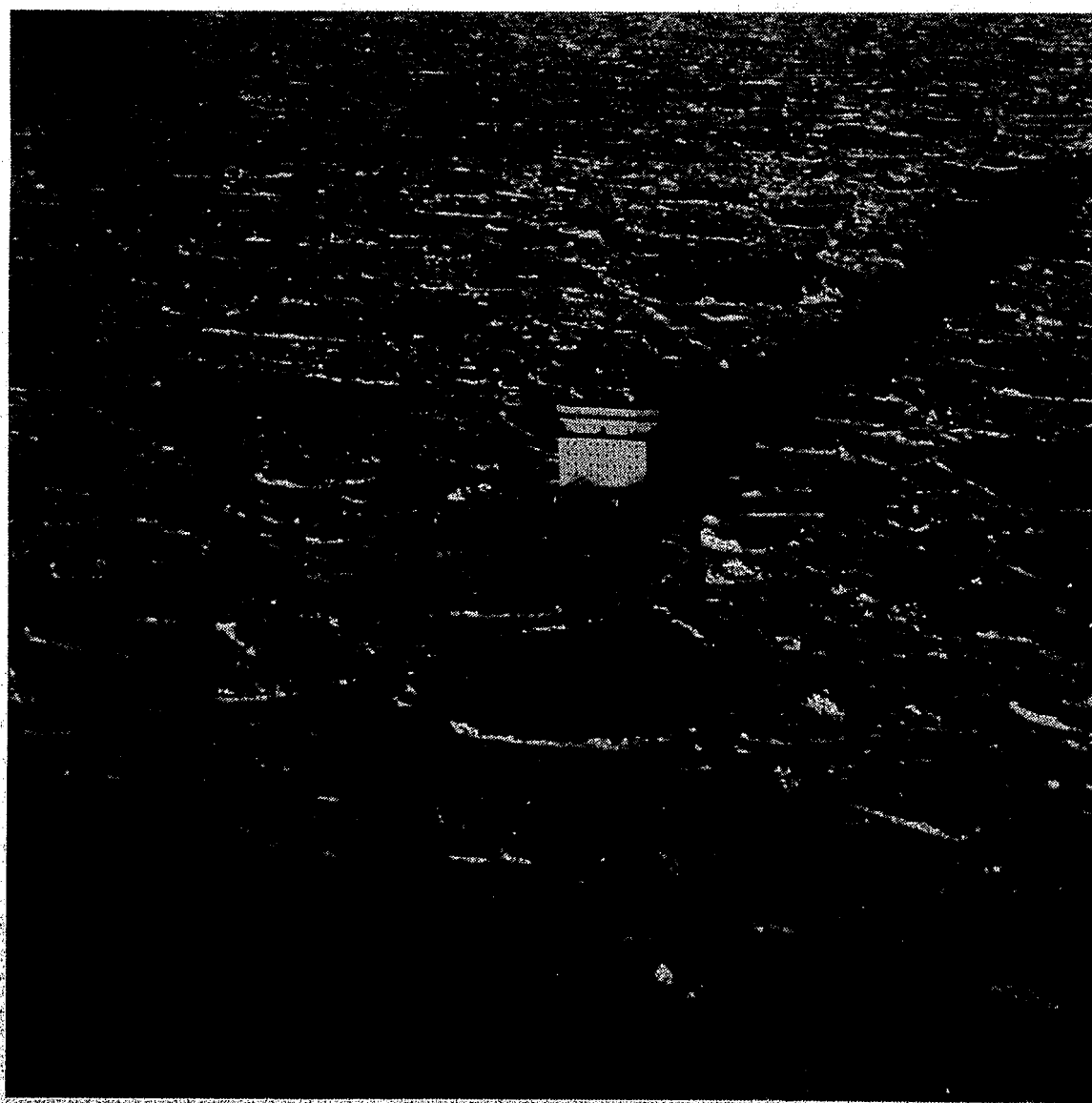
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**'Adeli suits':**  
Greta Ledgerwood and daughter Megan Montgomery of Clarkston, in this photo taken in Poland, model the "Adeli suits" used in the treatment there for patients with cerebral palsy. Ledgerwood credits the treatment with helping her daughter walk for greater lengths unassisted.

## Saints from page A11

about biblical matters. Unfortunately, I can think of at least three times that the question was on a subject that I have never studied — saints. When these questions arise, I usually state in an apologetic manner, "I'm sorry, I don't know anything about saints. I'm Baptist."

Though I can't answer questions about who the Saint of Health is, or what saint is watching over travelers, I have my own definition of what I, personally, believe a saint to be. If you look in the dictionary, it defines "saint" as "a holy person." Well, I have had the wonderful experience of being surrounded by saints here on earth for 40 years. When I think about what makes a church worth attending for an entire lifetime, there are certain factors that are obvious: the pastor, the biblical foundation for the sermons, the warmth of the church staff.

But these things are only a beginning. When I look around my church, I see saints. I see the couple who taught me when I was in preschool, and they're still working with children today. I see my fifth-grade Sunday School teacher, and she's still helping out on Sunday mornings. I see the loving lady who was my Pioneer Girl Secret Pal when I was 11, and she still remembers me by name. Although many saints are senior

citizens, there are also busy men and women who work full time as doctors, teachers, stock brokers and professional hockey league coaches who volunteer to be active saints in our church.

Although thoroughly appreciated by the church, often these people go unnoticed by others because their work is done so well, it appears to be easy. It's often not until you attempt to fill their shoes that you completely appreciate how difficult their work is. I've had a taste of this over the years, and there are certain saints who immediately come to mind.

The Sunday School teacher in the "Two and Three Year Olds" class — my husband and I worked in this class during church, once per month for a few years. I use the phrase "worked" instead of "taught" because it was truly "work." It takes a very special person to be able to handle a room full of 2- and 3-year-olds and maintain a loving, nurturing atmosphere. The Sunday School teacher is there every Sunday morning, after working as a full-time sixth grade teacher during the week.

The people who organize and run the church's Neighborhood Family Festival every year — there are rides, games, food, entertainment, free blood pressure and cholesterol tests, a petting farm, paddle boats, a moon

walk and much more. The amount of work necessary to organize and run this festival each year is phenomenal. My husband and I have helped with set-up and take-down most years, but cannot even imagine the tremendous amount of work that goes on before the day arrives. For the past 11 years, the festival has been planned and orchestrated largely by the same small group of people.

While I could go on to mention the extraordinary people who work with the junior high and high school classes or the wonderful people in the choir who grace us with their beautiful songs each Sunday or the many volunteers who run the MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) program every other week, I can't possibly mention everyone who falls under my definition of a saint.

As First Baptist Church of Pontiac celebrates its 175th anniversary, I would like to thank the saints who have touched my life and the saints who are touching the lives of people in other churches and synagogues everywhere. Thank you, and may God bless.

*Rochelle Smith, who lives in Clarkston, writes a column every other week in this space. Her column alternates with Karen Hermes Smith's column.*

## Mt. Zion stages its first dinner theater

The Mt. Zion Theatre Co. of Clarkston will present its first-ever dinner theater production, a two-act play about the family entitled "Snapshots and Portraits."

The play will be presented Oct. 17, 18, 24 and 25 at the Mt. Zion Center for Performing Arts, 4453 Clintonville Road (off Maybee), Waterford. Dinner is at 6 p.m. and the show is at 8 p.m.

The play, written by Paul McCusker, includes special interests for singles; single parents, parents with rebellious kids, the aging, the lonely, and all members of a typical family. At the heart of the script is the alienation that exists between a 20-year-old son and his father, and the show runs the gamut from hilarity to pathos.

Mt. Zion's production, directed by Monika Christensen of Waterford and Clare Carnell of Pontiac, will feature a cast of 16 from the 3,000-member congregation.

Tickets are now on sale for \$25 each. A table of eight is \$200. Ticket prices include admission to the play, as well as dinner prepared by Chef Besh of Cameo Catering in Birmingham.

For reservations, call Debbie McClure at 248-391-6166.

## Megan from page A11

return trip to Poland in January. The purpose of her second visit will be to help the child improve her walk so that it appears more normal.

People who have relatives or children with cerebral palsy, or who are patients themselves, are invited to attend the Euromed seminar on Oct. 11. It is free and it will feature Euromed's director as well as one of its neurologists. Parents are encouraged to bring their children.

The seminar, scheduled in conjunction with the men's forthcoming trip to Children's Hospital of Michigan, is scheduled to

begin at 2 p.m. at the Auburn Hills Church of Christ, 3246 Lapeer Road, kitty-corner to the Palace of Auburn Hills. Phone: 373-7000.

In addition, people who wish to contribute funds toward Megan's \$7,000 return visit to Poland may make out checks payable to Megan's Fund and send them to the church's address. The money will be used to help Megan, as well as Kaya Koscielny, 6, of West Bloomfield and Lindsey Freund, 2, of Flint, who accompanied Megan on the first step of what her mother hopes will be a walk to freedom.

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## OCC expansion assured as Engler signs spending bill

BY TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

Oakland Community College can complete its expansion and renovation of F Building on the Auburn Hills Campus under a new state capital outlay bill signed by Gov. John Engler.

"It's our showcase for the sciences," said OCC spokesman George Cartsonis.

"The project is built to state specifications, so the state pays half and we pay half," he said. When the college pays the full bill, it sets project specifications. Total state-local outlay will be \$8.5 million.

The F Building work has already received \$7 million on a 50-50 basis from past budgets. State cost estimates were low, so the new capital outlay measure increases the total authorization by \$1.5 million with the state building authority paying \$750,000 and the college \$750,000.

"The building no longer will be an amphitheater. It's being rebuilt from a circle to a square," Cartsonis added. Space is being reconfigured for smaller classrooms.

Engler signed the \$397 million bill Friday, saying, "Dollar for dollar, there is no better value than that provided by Michigan's community colleges. We have an outstanding community college system, and I hope these additional funds will enhance educational opportunities for the people of Oakland County."

The bill sailed through the Senate Oct. 1 on a 35-0 vote with two absent. All area senators voted yes.

The House approved it Sept. 30 on a 93-8 vote with eight Republicans voting no, including Greg Kaza of Rochester Hills, Dan Gustafson of Williamston and David Jaye of Macomb County.

### Other spending criticized

Jaye placed a formal protest in the House Journal, though he had no problem with either the OCC appropriation or \$2.6 million for University of Michigan-Dearborn campus renovations. Jaye criticized:

■ "\$700,000 to plan a state Supreme Court facility budgeted for \$72 million, costing \$2.3 million per judge, including a private kitchen and bathroom for each judge."

■ "\$5.5 million to subsidize the lifestyles of the rich and famous yacht owners using the Mackinac Island Harbor."

■ "\$1.28 million for a similar Port Austin facility."

■ **'Dollar for dollar, there is no better value than that provided by Michigan's community colleges. We have an outstanding community college system, and I hope these additional funds will enhance educational opportunities for the people of Oakland County.'**

— Gov. John Engler.

■ "\$500,000 for each office remodeling for the House and Senate."

The big project will be the appellate court facility housing both the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals.

The Supreme Court has one floor in the Law Building, which also houses the attorney general and regulatory offices, on the mall west of the Capitol. The Court of Appeals has several floors in a downtown Lansing office building a block east of the Capitol.

Engler had asked for the full \$70 million for construction this year. The Senate whacked it to \$350,000 for planning, the House raised it to \$700,000 for planning, and the Senate agreed to the House amendment.

Other goodies in the capital outlay bill:

■ \$13.1 million for aeronautics, including \$10 million for airport improvement projects and \$3 million for the Northwest Air terminal at Detroit Metro Airport.

■ \$4.2 million authorized for Wayne County Community College general campus renovations. The state and WCCC will split the cost 50-50.

■ \$3.5 million authorized for UM-Dearborn to increase the amount of campus renovations. The state will pick up \$2.6 million, UM-D \$875,000.

■ \$14 million authorized for Northwestern Michigan College's Science and Technology Center. The state and the college will split the cost 50-50.

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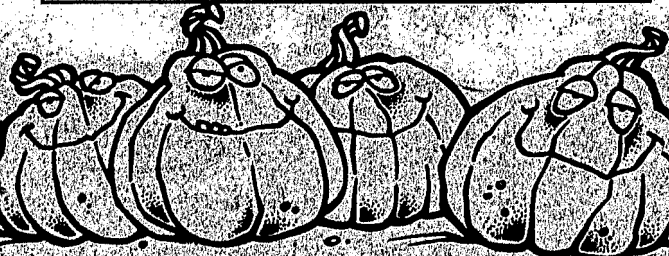
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# Prison workers unload work woes at Corrections Committee hearing

BY TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

State prison workers unloaded hours of complaints against Gov. John Engler's administration when two state representatives held a public hearing in Jackson.

Things have steadily worsened since 1991 under Gov. John Engler and Corrections director Ken McGinnis, they told Reps. John Freeman, D-Madison Heights, and Eileen DeHart, D-Westland.

"I spent five years behind the Iron Curtain in Poland," said John Kadela, acting chief psychologist at the Reception and Guidance Center through which all 40,000 inmates pass before being assigned to one of 36 corrections facilities.

"I was followed and chased by the KGB, both Polish and Russian. The psychological atmosphere (in Corrections), at this time and in this administration, is like the Iron Curtain," Kadela said.

Employees are blackmailed, asked to betray friends, subject to conspiracies to get them fired and exposed to "countless acts of racism. I will be testifying in court," Kadela said.

## Hard to believe

Freeman, chair of the House Corrections Committee, will be term-limited out in 1998. He was clearly stunned by the prison workers' outpourings.

"I'm a Democrat and don't like Engler. But I have a hard time believing Engler is telling McGinnis to do this," said Freeman, who freely acknowledged his political ambitions and pro-unionism.

Freeman sought testimony on how to reduce the rate of recidivism — 62 percent of parolees are back in prison in two to four years — and got a couple of samples.

"We create passive, dependent individuals," psychologist Kadela said. "They're incapable of reintegration into society. This (Michigan Corrections) system is run on the punishment model" with no positive reinforcement. He quoted high prison officials as referring to "shiftless, lazy, stupid blacks."

"The prisoners are not stupid. They know when employees are being harassed," Kadela said.

## Health an issue

Michael Devine, an official of UAW Local 6000, which represents many state workers, urged Freeman and DeHart to put prisoner health "on the front burner."

Devine, who spent 22 years as a parolee and probation officer, cited three reasons for recidivism: "A certain percentage are criminals, (others have problems with) substance abuse, and mental and physical health. There's a lot of horror stories," he said, citing prisoners with closed-head injuries that prompt criminal behavior.

"It's just your basic, conservative, Republican, Mackinac Center attitude," said Devine of the administration.

Nurse Kathleen McFarland criticized "privatization of health care . . . Sick people around the state are shipped to Jackson so their (private contractors') figures look good."

## Little job training

Devine and others said there are no skilled trades offerings.

Fred Ziegler, who works at the South Complex, said, "We have no vocational training. We have sex offenders and train 'em in accounting and computers. Do you think an employer is going to hire them in an office full of women?"

Ziegler said outside facilitators from Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous have been limited.

Harry Visschler, a Tecumseh resident who ministers to

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— John Kadela  
acting chief psychologist

inmates serving drug sentences, said non-English speaking inmates aren't taught English. "We are filling our prisons with a lot of non-violent criminals," he said. "We're the only state with a life (natural life sentence) law for 650 grams (of drugs)."

Charles Feigel, who works in the Reception and Guidance Center, said a Braille transcribing service is being shut down. "Last year it produced a million pages of school books," he said.

When a House staff member said that the Braille program was preserved in the new state budget, Feigel replied, "It's not running. The computers are in storage."

Freeman held the hearing near the prison complex in the Jackson County Road Commission office. He reminded the audience that his is a policy committee and not equipped to micro-manage the prison administration.

"I'm very apprehensive about getting involved in internal union business," said Freeman, but he asked for specific com-

plaints in writing so he could follow through.

## 'You got a job'

DeHart repeatedly asked employees if they had used union and civil service grievance procedures. Some of the answers:

Tom Morris, a corrections officer, said the administration's attitude was "You oughta be thankful you got a job." He accused Corrections officials of "harassment for the sheer enjoyment of it. We've gone to the director's office, to the deputy director, to complain about the warden, and nothing gets done. The union can fight our battle, but when the director says 'forget it' . . ."

Denise Botko, a social worker at two prisons, said she was "totally appalled at the way the administration speaks to employees — the cuss words, the names. They violate policies right and left." She said rules were invented to block her work with suicidal patients.

Sandy Muzurack, of UAW

Local 6000, said the administration ignores grievances, forcing the union to take them to mediation. "All they want to do is lock people up, lock people up, lock people up. We're getting our asses kicked."

Fred Ziegler said the concept of breaking up a large prison into a series of smaller regional prisons has meant "management is getting larger, but we've lost front-line staff. I'm a building trades supervisor. Now overtime is running rampant."

Ziegler said the prison administrator won't process worker's compensation claims. "I've advised everyone hurt to call the Accident Fund (workers comp firm) yourself," he said.

Perry Schoneboom, a representative of AFSCME union members, said workers need to be able to disclose rule violations without revealing their names for fear of retaliation. "We need a tool to protect any state employee who reports violations. The Whistleblowers Protection Act isn't diddly-squat," he said.

"They are devious people. They'll change your shift to disrupt your family life," said Robert LaVergne, who works in a Coldwater prison. "Everybody in DOC is paranoid. Everybody is afraid of losing their job. They have the power to destroy your life."

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However, the picture session got a little out of hand.

Everyone wanted to wave an award in the air.

What did we do? We used some of the creativity that makes us award-winners and pulled a few of last year's awards off the wall and smiled for the camera.

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**Animal watch:** Walkers enjoy the animals as they walk through the Detroit Zoo.



## Heartwalk exceeds fund goal

BY RENA FULKA  
SPECIAL WRITER

With his pompons raised high above his head, Southfield resident Brad Wright led his fellow cheerleaders in "the wave" as American Heart Association supporters trekked a 10K path around the Detroit Zoo on Saturday, Oct. 4.

"This is a good event and a really good cause, and I've been motivating all the walkers," said the consultant for M-Care, a major sponsor of the Metro Detroit American Heart Walk.

The hoorays were a welcome incentive for the 6,500 walkers who raised \$400,000 during the non-competitive event. Though temperatures climbed to 80 degrees, a scattering of yellow, orange and red fallen leaves served as a reminder that autumn had arrived.

Jim Oswald of Rochester and two dozen of his employees were among the early morning crowd gathered for pre-walk aerobic warm up exercises led by Miss Michigan, Kimberly Stec of Rochester Hills. "I'm here on behalf of Rite Aid for a good cause and to help raise awareness to physical fitness," said the retail manager.

Oswald raised \$100 in pledges for heart research...a cause that hits close to home. "My father's death from congenital heart failure prompted me to be more aware," he said.

Rexene Hannon of Walled Lake, a machine operator in Wixom, wore a tribute on her back to a relative she never knew as she walked to raise \$110. "My grandmother died a year before I was born from a stroke," said Hannon. "I like to walk and I like to help out."

Matt and Leanne DeRousse of Farmington Hills raised \$125 with young daughter, Taylor, in tow. "It's a nice day for a walk and it's more fun with the family," said Leanne DeRousse, who was representing Gallagher Abow, Inc. in Troy.

"We're here just for the fun of it," added her husband, a Brighton sales representative.

The walk kicked off with 200 Red Caps, individuals who have survived a heart attack, stroke or heart surgery.

Walled Lake resident John Johnson took his place among fellow Red Cappers with his three stepchildren. "They wouldn't let me go without them," explained Johnson, who later stopped to visit the bears.

A former underground sprinkler installer, Johnson is a kidney patient who suffered from congested heart failure two years ago at age 30. He and his wife, Pat Crusan, an employee of American Plastic Toys of Walled Lake, raised \$75. "My wife has walked for diabetes and a lot of other causes," said Johnson. "We walk because we're concerned about other people."

Carol and William Duthie of Southfield took a break to enjoy heart healthy snacks like bagels, orange juice, pasta salad and raisin bread before starting the third leg of their jaunt to complete the 6.2 miles.

Since Carol's first angioplasty, the elderly couple has been working out together three times a week at Cardiology Associated in Birmingham. "My mother died at 49 of a heart attack and that puts us right in the gene pattern," said William. "If you just sit and talk about it, you might not live long."

"It's so nice knowing so many people are interested in keeping healthy by exercising," added William, who raised \$100.

Throughout the day, a steady stream of health-conscious individuals lined up for cholesterol and blood pressure screening. This year's walk also included a women's heart assessment.

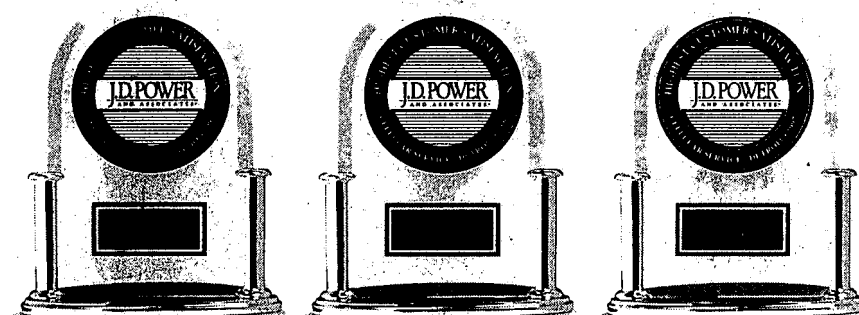
Heart disease is the largest cause of death in every county in Michigan. The fund-raising event was organized by the American Heart Association of Metropolitan Detroit based in Lathrup Village and sponsored by the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, a subsidiary of HomeTown Communications Network, Inc. of Livonia.



**Stretching out:** Walkers loosen up before heading out on an (animal) trek around the zoo to raise funds for heart research.

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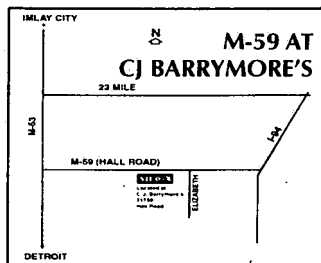
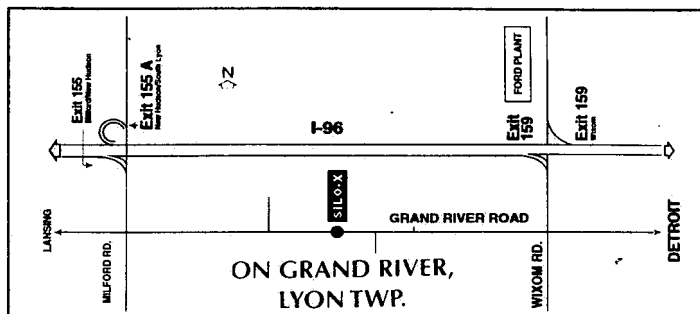




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# OCC building new computerized learning network

BY TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

It's just an "interim agreement," but it gives you a picture of how Oakland Community College will run its business and teach its students in about five years.

By Internet.

The OCC board Monday gave 4-0 approval to a two-month, \$240,000 contract with SCT Software and Resource Management Corp. of Malvern, Pa.

"There will be a new learning environment," said David Sorenson, SCT's executive director of higher education. "It will be independent of place and time."

On the administrative side, Sorenson said, "there will be more effective communication between students, faculty and administration."

"A student can look up admissions information, get schedules, see the course catalog and enroll."

"He can set up a meeting with a faculty advisor and request his own transcript."

"This interim agreement starts the planning of an overall program that will be gradually implemented. We'll have three to five people here (OCC's five campuses and central office) at any one time."

### Computer access

Educationally, a student will be able to research the contents of a university library thousands of miles away, added G. Scott Cornell, SCT's principal consultant.

"The academic community doesn't know yet what it can accomplish with multi-media techniques. There is an emphasis on learning in a student-centered institution," Cornell said.

Anatomy, for example, can be taught better on a computer screen than on a flat chart. "They actually have doctors who do operations on a PC (personal computer) before they do it

**■ 'Technology won't replace a good teacher. We're talking about a wide mix of strategies with technology and the traditional teacher.'**

— G. Scott Cornell,  
consultant.

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### Ahead of universities

"Community colleges are leading the way," added Sorenson, "doing things even universities can't."

A major task will be teaching faculty of all ages how to take advantage of Internet to enhance their own teaching skills.

The interim agreement, said OCC Chancellor Richard Thompson, is necessary to "obtain early faculty involvement in the Teaching, Learning and Technology Roundtable Workshop process."

The discussion recalled the days of Dr. Joseph Hill, OCC's second president in the 1970s. An education theorist, Hill spun out abstract ideas of how every student had a different cognitive learning style — not just lectures and books but spoken words, pictures, three-dimensional hands-on experiences.

"Joe Hill was years ahead of his time," observed Thompson, who was an English teacher and counselor in those days.

The OCC-SCT interim agreement is a two-month deal that the board may extend in November through next Jan. 31.

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# Animal rights activists up in arms against hunters

BY PAT MURPHY  
STAFF WRITER

As Michigan hunters are preparing to take to the field, Oakland County animal rights advocates are getting ready to take to the streets.

Killing animals — especially for sport — is wrong, according to the state wildlife coordinator for The Fund For Animals, Inc.

"And we intend to bring that fact to the public's attention," said Michael Chiado of Hunting-ton Woods.

The Fund, and its allies, are planning to picket a special hunt Saturday — organized by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) — for youngsters aged 12 to 16.

They're also training their sights on the St. Hubert Hunt Camp, a secluded retreat near Alpena where some Catholic priests sometimes hunt.

The priests insist hunting is good, clean recreation — and an activity on which the Catholic church and many other religions are neutral. But Chiado and others say sport hunting amounts to legalized cruelty to animals — as well as contrary to Catholic teachings.

Chiado and other animal rights activists considered a protest earlier this month prior to the opening of the bow and arrow deer season. But instead, they conserved their resources for this weekend — the opening of the waterfowl season as well as date of the youth hunt, which animal rights activists find particularly offensive.

"It's an attempt by the DNR to cultivate new hunters... new customers," said Chiado. While many youngsters seem naturally to shy away from hunting, the DNR and parents who hunt encourage the cruelty.

"Ninety percent of DNR revenue comes from hunting licenses," said Chiado. "Bureaucrats are simply trying to assure their jobs."

## A family practice

But Sam Walsh, cochair of the Junior Conservation Club of the Multi-Lakes Conservation Association in Walled Lake, sees the youth hunt in a much different light.

"It's a chance for parents to enjoy nature with their youngsters," he said. "It's very educational, and families thoroughly enjoy it."

It's difficult to talk about the joys of hunting — and teaching youngsters to hunt — without coming across very badly, Walsh said. "They (animal rights advocates) are entitled to their opinion, but I think the youth hunt (and hunting) is good, healthy sport. It helps the balance of nature."

The youth hunt is designed to encourage youngsters, said Capt. Craig Wales of the DNR. It allocates to youngsters accompanied by a parent a choice hunting spot where, based on prior experience, they're likely to see ducks or geese and get a shot or two.

"If you go fishing — but don't catch anything — you're likely to get discouraged," Wales explained. "It's the same principle here. The youth hunt is designed to provide a good experience for youngsters so they don't get discouraged about hunting."

The fact that animal rights activists are getting ready to protest isn't surprising, said Wales. "I'm surprised it hasn't happened before this."

Protests or not, the youth hunt will get under way this weekend at Parson's Island and elsewhere, he said.

That's also where Chiado and his colleagues intend to be. "We want a strong showing," he said. "I'm sure we'll have a dozen or more people out to protest this senseless cruelty."

Chiado is active in a number of animal rights groups represented or based in Oakland County. In addition to being the Michigan wildlife coordinator for the Fund, he's acting president of HARE (Humanitarians for Animal Rights Education) in Royal Oak.

Earlier this month, the Michigan Federation of Humane Societies and Animal Advocates awarded Chiado its Humanitarian of the Year award.

At the presentation in Lansing, a theologian from Portland University, who is also a Catholic priest, spoke out against the morality of sport hunting, Chiado said. "The theologian was unequivocal," he said. "Hunting is against the teachings of the Catholic Church."

Furthermore, most religions or philosophies have principles that, when interpreted in a modern context, either forbid or discourage sport hunting, he said.

His religion, for example, has a general precept, or command, "to be harmless," said Chiado, who classifies himself as a Tibetan Buddhist.

Norm Phelps, national spokesman for The Fund for Animals in Maryland, sent a letter to some of the priests urging

them to recall the gentleness with which saints like St. Francis of Assisi or St. Philip Neri treated animals.

## Priests under fire

Chiado and other animal rights advocates plan on picketing the Archdiocese of Detroit on the first weekend in November to protest what they consider to be, at best, inconsistencies.

"We have about 200 people, mostly in Oakland County, who

subscribe to our newsletter," said Chiado. He's sure many of them will see the inconsistencies as well.

A spokesman for Adam Cardinal Maida, Archbishop of Detroit, this week said the Catholic Church is neutral on sport hunting, leaving any morality up to the individual's conscience. "But no priests from Detroit hunt at the camp, and it's out of our area."

A spokesman for the Archdio-

cese of Gaylord — in which the Alpena camp is located — said the camp is not owned or sponsored by the church. "As far as we know, it's privately owned," said Sam Barbaro, director of communications for Bishop Patrick R. Cooney.

"Priests use it on their own time," he said.

One of the priests who hunts at St. Hubert's said he and his brethren are not particularly concerned about animal rights

protesters. "They're entitled to their opinion," said the Rev. Jack Johnson of Midland. "And we're entitled to ours."

"We're not going to change their minds," said the priest, "and they're not going to change ours."

The protesters would probably like to picket the camp rather than any archdiocese or bishop's residence, said Johnson. That's why the priests are keeping quiet about its location, he said.



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**Charity benefit:** Kelly Cook, dressed in a Highland costume, will be among the dancers at a Scottish event to benefit charities of Princess Diana. Kelly organized the benefit. Refreshment sales also will go to the charities.

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Jerry Zolynsky



## Benefit to fund princess' charities

BY VIVIAN DEGAIN  
STAFF WRITER

The death of Princess Diana triggered an outpouring of emotions abroad and touched many local families here in the states.

For one 15-year-old Franklin girl of Scottish heritage, the traffic death of Diana seemed personal because the girl had been visiting the princess motherland just the week before that tragedy occurred.

Kelly Cook, a sophomore at Birmingham Groves High School in Beverly Hills, said the news about Diana was very personal. Cook had just spent three weeks in Scotland touring with an Oakland County Highlanders dance troupe.

"The night I heard Princess Di was in the hospital, I felt really awful. The next morning, when my mom told me she had died, I felt really bad for Prince William and Prince Harry, and I wanted to help out. We talked about it and I thought maybe we could raise some money for one of her last charities for children — victims of land mines," Cook said.

Using family resources, and the help of grandmother Nancy Brodie, the Cooks located the contacts for Diana's charities in Great Britain.

Cook, her friends and dance associates have planned an evening of Scotland in music and dance Saturday, Oct. 11, featuring performances by St. Andrew's Pipe Band, Kathleen McMahon Highland Dancers, Royal Scottish Country Dancers of Detroit and Donna Novac, a Celtic Harpist.

The event will take place at the White Heather

Club, 150 Vester, in Ferndale. All proceeds from the \$5 tickets, and the additional sales of such ethnic foods as meat pies, Bradies (a vegetable-and-meat pie), and pastries will go to the Princess Diana Memorial Fund and the victims of land mines. Doors open for the event at 7 p.m. and entertainment begins at 8 p.m.

Cook, who has been practicing the art of Highland Dancing since she was 5 years old, will join the McMahon dancers to perform such dances as The Highland Fling, The Horn Pipe and The Sword. Traditional Scotch dancing, she said, is similar to the Irish dancing popularized in the River Dance review, but Cook said there are distinct differences. "We use our arms in traditional Scotch dance, and we jump on every count. Also, the costumes in River Dance are contemporary, and we use the traditional costumes of the dance," Cook said.

The event will draw friends together from many communities, including instructor Kathy McMahon and students Jennifer Prince from Birmingham Groves, Sarah Tobie from Farmington Harrison High, Caroline Shaw and Brenna Kwasky from Farmington's Power Middle School and Melissa Smith of Royal Oak Dondero High.

Ethnic foods for the event will be prepared by Ackroyd's Scottish Bakehouse of Birmingham. For information about the event, call (248) 626-2340. Co-sponsors are St. Andrew's Society of Detroit and White Heather Club.

To make a donation to the Princess Diana relief fund, write the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit, 2864 Bayliff Ct., Ann Arbor 48108.

## OAKLAND DIGEST

**Oakland Digest** provides a summary of headline stories from around the county during the week leading up to Oct. 9.

**BIRMINGHAM**  
**Liquor ban during Halloween:** The Birmingham Community Coalition is asking local stores ban liquor promotions associated with Halloween. Four local businesses have agreed to participate in the "Hands Off Halloween" campaign aimed at curbing underage drinking.

**CLARKSTON**  
**Local township sues developer:** Springfield Township Oct. 1 filed a lawsuit in Oakland County Circuit Court against Zeeco Development Company. The suit alleges that the developer built a beach on Dixie Lake in a 32-lot single family development.

**FARMINGTON**  
**Halloween festival coming:** The fourth annual Downtown Farmington Holiday Fun Fest is slated for Oct. 25 and will feature what many parents see as a safer approach to the children's holiday, daytime trick-or-treating in downtown shops.

**LAKE ORION**  
**Councilman considers leg-**

**islative bid:** Village council member Tom Athans announced his intent to explore seeking the open 45th district state representative seat. The seat, currently occupied by State Rep. Penny Crissman, is open since new term limitation laws prevent her from running again. Athans is also an aide to U.S. Congressman Dale Kildee.

**OXFORD**  
**Arraignment:** Charles Frederick Dupon was arraigned Sept. 26 on charges of first degree home invasion in connection with a six-week investigation into the disappearance of a local woman's panties. Police allegedly found 105 pairs in a hidden compartment of Dupon's home.


**ROCHESTER**  
**Family seeks clues:** The family of Elizabeth Grob, who was found shot to death in her Rochester apartment in the Oaks of Hampton complex, is offering \$5,000 for any information leading to the killer's arrest. Grob was killed in the early morning hours of Sept. 27 and was found by her aunt. Anyone with information can call the sheriff's department at (248) 656-4728 or (248) 858-4950.

**SOUTHFIELD**  
**Tainted blood case begins:** Opening arguments in a medical malpractice suit filed against Southfield's Providence Hospital were given Oct. 2 in Oakland County Circuit Court. The suit was filed by the Tobin family in connection with the death of Rollin G. Tobin, former Southfield public safety director and former Birmingham police chief. Tobin entered the hospital for surgery Nov. 12, 1993, but died the following day.

**TROY**  
**Delphi makes it official:** Delphi Automotive Systems dedicated its new World Headquarters and Customer Center in Troy with a Oct. 2 ribbon-cutting ceremony.

**WEST BLOOMFIELD**  
**Haggerty construction picks up:** Construction on the Haggerty Connector has quickened. Excavation north to 13 Mile Road in Novi has been completed and the roadway between Haggerty and Meadowbrook has been reopened to traffic.

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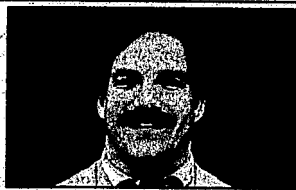
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Sunday, October 2, 2004



BRAD KADRACH

## Of hoops, catcalls and other tidbits

Clearing out the old notebook...

■ If anyone thought their first loss in at least four years — the first ever for Clarkston seniors — was going to dull the Wolves' girls cross country team probably out to get another think coming, as my grandmother used to say.

Within days of that first loss, which came last Tuesday to a talented Rochester Adams team, the girls were back at it, finishing sixth at the Oakland County meet at Kensington Metropark Saturday.

Megan Plante led the way with an eighth-place medal, but the rest of the girls also showed they can pick themselves up with the best of them. The Roodings, Liz Cook, and the surprising Lissa Lukens will follow Plante to the state meet.

That's prediction No. 1. You read it here first.

■ If the state football playoffs were held today, Clarkston would not be among the participants. The Wolves are sixth in Class AA Region 2, just ahead of Lake Orion, just behind Grand Blanc and Walled Lake Central. The top four teams in each region qualify.

Troy is second in Region 3. The Colts and Wolves meet at Clarkston Oct. 24 with a boat-load of playoff points on the table. The Colts will almost certainly come into that game unbeaten, while Clarkston already has the season-opening loss to Kimball to worry about. Who will need the game more?

If the Wolves can find a way to contain Troy's Jim Essian, they've got a shot. But no one has been able to do that yet. The Troy senior has 16 touchdowns in the season's first five weeks. Clarkston has to hold him to somewhere in the vicinity of 100 yards and not give him more than two touchdowns. If the Wolves can do that, Dane Fife, Brad Phalen, et al, should be able to score on the Colts, who gave up 18 points to Lake Orion Friday.

■ Referees generally take a lot of abuse, most of it undeserved, from fans at athletic events. Most of the time, I ignore the jeers because they're so similar.

Except for the one I heard at the Clarkston-Troy Athens girls' basketball game Tuesday night. After a particularly bad call, a disgruntled Wolves fan shouted: "Hey, if you didn't blow your whistle, we wouldn't know how bad you are!"

■ The thing that distinguishes this Clarkston soccer team, in my admittedly inexperienced eyes, is the teamwork it displays. On any given night, any given Wolf might score. Shawn Verlinden is arguably the team's best position player, while Rean Turner is turning eyes with his play in the nets.

But it isn't always those two who get things going. On Tuesday, for example, Mike Lenhardt scored Clarkston's second goal in a 4-2 loss. In Thursday's win over Goodrich, Verlinden, Mike Renda and Mike Gabriel all scored.

Tom Dewas has had a terrific, if not statistically significant, season. Verlinden, a defenseman by trade, leads a pack of defenders including Russ Parrott, Dave Midkiff, Brent Bergkoetter, et al.

Prediction No. 2: A district title for these guys.

■ Ann Serra was nearly fuming, and perhaps rightfully so, after her Wolves lost another close basketball game to a good team, this time a 53-51 heartbreaker at Troy Athens. It comes a couple of weeks after Clarkston held Rochester under 40 points but lost 39-36.

This is a team, with Georgia Senkyr at the heart and Deana Kanipe at the trigger, that can play with the best in the area, and it has a shot at going someplace in the state tournament.

The Wolves are getting plenty of points from Kanipe, the transfer student who has never met a shot she didn't like. They're getting plenty of leadership from Senkyr, the senior of whom much has been asked. And they're getting surprising performances from girls like Lori Wild and Corinne McIntyre, along with dead-on role players from Jenny Bauer, Tiffany Honey and Abby Wiley. Now all they have to do is believe. Like Serra.

## Homecoming a hit in easy win

■ With one loss already, Clarkston had to make sure it didn't stumble against Kettering Friday. The Wolves needn't have worried.

BY MIKE SCOTT  
SPECIAL WRITER

If the Clarkston Wolves want to make the state football playoffs, they may have to go undefeated the rest of the season.

On Friday, the Wolves made sure their chances for the post-season weren't ruined in Week 5.

The Wolves (4-1) used a balanced attack to upend Waterford Kettering, 32-10, in an Oakland Activities Association crossover game at Clarkston's Homecoming.

Senior quarterback Dane Fife threw two touchdown passes, but Tim Loveless may have come up with the game's biggest play. With a 10-7 lead starting the third quarter, Kettering mishandled Clarkston's kickoff to start the second half. Loveless recovered the ball at the Captains' 25 yard line. Six plays later, Fife scrambled seven yards for a touchdown, and the Wolves never trailed again.

Clarkston coach Kurt Richardson said afterward he hadn't called for a squib kick and that his Wolves caught a break, but there was no doubt in his mind which team controlled the second half.

"Maybe we thought it would be too easy for us after we scored on the first drive (to start the game)," he said. "But in the second half, we came out strong and played very aggressive. Kettering is a good, physical team and we needed a good showing."

The Wolves stopped Kettering three-and-out on the ensuing drive and took over on their own 40 after a punt. Three plays later, running back Brad Phalen caught a long pass from Fife, but fumbled at the Kettering 20. He scooped it up, juiced several defenders and took it the distance with 7:07 left in the third quarter. Kevin Mason's point-after increased the lead to 21-10.

Mason added a field goal and Phalen a four-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter as Clarkston won its fourth consecutive game.

Senior co-captain Jeff Long said after the game his team needs to cut down on needless penalties (Clarkston had six for 52 yards in the first half), but that he was pleased with his teammates' intensity in the second half.

"That was Clarkston football," Long said. "It was a tremendous atmosphere out here. For us, every game from here on out is like a playoff game. After last year, everyone wants a piece of Clarkston."

Richardson said Kettering did a good job of containing the Wolves' running



STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

Off and running: Clarkston tailback Brad Phalen takes off on one of his runs during the Wolves' 32-10 Homecoming win over Waterford Kettering Friday. Phalen finished with 87 yards on 20 carries.

attack, holding Phalen to 87 yards on 20 carries, but he praised his senior back.

"Bard made some cuts tonight that were awesome," Richardson said.

Fife finished 10-of-19 for 157 yards and two touchdowns. He was sacked only once even though Kettering had three defensive linemen listed at more than 240 pounds.

"Our depth helped us," Richardson said. "I thought it would be to our advantage (Friday) because of the warm weather."

The Wolves scored on their opening drive as they moved the ball 77 yards on eight plays in just under two minutes. Fife hit tight end Justin Dionne on a 20-yard pass to give Clarkston the early lead.

Fife's favorite target on that drive was senior Mike Maitrott, playing his second game since being injured the first week of practice. Maitrott, who caught the first two passes of the game, said he is not yet completely healthy, but is happy to be contribut-

ing to the team.

"I feel good about our offense," Maitrott said. "We're starting to come together. We wanted to pound it down their defense as much as possible."

Kettering took advantage of good field position and strong special teams play. Nate Warren returned a punt 53 yards to the Clarkston 2-yard-line midway through the second quarter and fullback Dan Armstrong scored on a run.

The Captains added an Aaron Quinn 36-yard field goal late in the second half. The senior kicker had been booting 50-yards in warm-ups.

Clarkston outgained Kettering on the ground by only 21 yards, but the Wolves held Kettering's passing game to 61 yards. The Wolves also nearly doubled the Captains in first downs, 15-8.

**Injury front** — Sophomore guard/defensive lineman Bubba Clement hobbled off to the sidelines late in the second quarter. His status for this Friday is uncertain.

## Up Next

**This week's opponent:** Clarkston hosts Troy Athens in an Oakland Activities Association Division I game Friday at 7 p.m.

**Last year:** Quarterback Dane Fife was 16-of-20 for 244 yards and a pair of touchdowns, while tailback Brad Phalen carried 18 times for 103 yards in Clarkston's 45-0 win.

**This year:** Athens is coming off a 19-0 loss to Rochester during which the Falcons returned a pair of punts for touchdowns. The Wolves battered Kettering 32-10 in their Homecoming game last week.

**Playoff Picture:** The Wolves currently stand sixth in the Class AA Region 2 playoff race with 77,000 points. The top four teams from each region qualify for the playoffs.



PHOTO BY JEFF KIRBY

Trapped: Clarkston's Georgia Senkyr finds her path blocked by Athens' Julie Warichow (right) and Chrissy Irwin during the Red Hawks 53-51 win over the Wolves.

## Cage comebacks come up short as Wolves fall, 53-51

BY BRAD KADRACH  
SPORTS EDITOR

Clarkston coach Ann Serra believes her Wolves are as good as any team in the Oakland Activities Association Division I race.

Now, she has to convince her team. For the second time this year the Wolves came within a whisker of knocking off a top OAA I team. And, for the second time, they fell a couple of points short, this time in a 53-51 loss at Troy Athens Tuesday that left Clarkston two games off the pace in the race for the division title.

"We're a darn good team, and we have to start playing like it," an agitated Serra said after watching her Wolves (9-2 overall, 3-2 OAA I) fall to the Red Hawks. "We played scared. Everyone says games like this and Rochester (a three-point loss) are moral victories, but we're past that. Way past it."

The Wolves and Red Hawks hooked up in a titanic battle Tuesday, a game that saw Athens pull away, only to watch Clarkston come back time and again. The entire fourth quarter was a good example.

Athens entered the final eight minutes with a 38-33 lead, then watched

■ 'We're a darn good team, and we have to start playing like it.'

Ann Serra  
—Clarkston hoops coach

the Wolves pull within 38-37 on a Lori Wild basket inside (off a pretty feed to the post from Corinne McIntyre) and a pair of free throws from Deana Kanipe.

The teams swapped hoops before Athens went on a 6-0 spurt that gave the Red Hawks a 47-41 lead with 2:04 left. But Clarkston put on a 6-0 run of its own on a 3-pointer from Candace Morgan and a three-point play by Georgia Senkyr that tied the game. She had been fouled, made the first but missed the second, then banked in a shot when the rebound came right back to her.

"I think we got a little happy with 2:07 left and they tightened it up," Athens coach Joe Clinton said.

Athens scored six of the next seven points — the only Clarkston point in that stretch came on a Senkyr free throw — to put the game away.

Senkyr made it close with another

Please see HOOFS, B3



# Early goal not enough as kickers fall to Dragons



Beating the Dragons: Clarkston's Russ Parrott eludes the chase of Lake Orion's Mike Spencer during their Oakland Activities Association Division II battle Monday. Orion won the game, 4-2.

## Wolves score in 12 seconds, but Orion rallies to win, 4-2

BY BRAD KADRICH  
SPORTS EDITOR

Clarkston soccer coach Dan Fitzgerald has seen Lake Orion play before, so he wasn't too excited when his Wolves scored just 12 seconds into their game against the Dragons Monday night.

He was right to keep his cool. The Dragons came back from that early deficit and posted a 4-2 win over the Wolves that left Orion the only unbeaten team in Oakland Activities Association Division II play.

Clarkston's Shawn Verlinden scored with 39:48 to play in the first half, on what started out to be a crossing pass, to put Clarkston up 1-0 early.

"It's nice to get an early goal," Fitzgerald said after watching his Wolves lose for just the second time this season. "But sometimes it can be too early. I knew Orion would come back."

Come back the Dragons did, and it didn't take them very long. Six minutes after Verlinden's goal, the Dragons were awarded a penalty kick when Clarkston goalkeeper Rean Turner was whistled for a foul in the penalty box. Orion's Paul Mozik slapped it into the right side of the goal, just past a div-

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**Dan Fitzgerald**  
—Clarkston soccer coach

ing Turner, to knot the game 1-1.

The Dragons then put together two goals in a four-minute span midway through the first half to put the game away. Jeff Schlicht converted a Mozik corner kick with a header at the 13:28 mark to make it 2-1, and curled a shot into the upper right corner four minutes later to give Orion a 3-1 lead with 9:27 to play before halftime.

Mike Lenhardt entered the game for Clarkston with 23:03 left and had an immediate impact. He moved from the check-in table on the sideline to the right side of the field, got the ball immediately on his foot, moved upfield and sent a shot screaming past Orion keeper Justin Richman to pull the Wolves within 3-2.

But Schlicht capped the scoring with 11:48 left when he took a cross from Mike Spencer, got Turner to move to the right of

the net, then slid a shot past the Clarkston keeper for a 4-2 lead.

The Wolves had their chances at staying in the game in the second half. With 14:10 left, Verlinden had a header clear the crossbar. With 3:47 remaining, Mike Gabriel's indirect free kick just barely missed the crossbar.

"I'm happy with the number of scoring chances we got," Fitzgerald said. "We had six or seven quality chances, and that's pretty good."

Fitzgerald was also pleased with his team's effort, calling it "the hardest they've played this year."

"We hung in there," the coach said. "(Orion) won the game in the last 15 minutes of the first half. I thought we had a few chances and put some pressure on them."

Clarkston is at Brandon tonight, then hosts Waterford Mott Tuesday. Both games start at 7 p.m.

**Thursday — Clarkston 3, Goodrich 0:** Verlinden, Gabriel and Mike Renda all scored for the Wolves.

Turner wasn't tested much in goal, turning away three shots while posting his fifth shutout.

**'It's nice to get an early goal. But sometimes it can be too early.'**

**Dan Fitzgerald**  
—Soccer coach

## Harriers medal at county

BY BRAD KADRICH  
SPORTS EDITOR

If Clarkston's girls' cross country team was down after its first loss in years last week, they didn't let it show for long.

Days after losing to Rochester Adams, the Wolves were back at it, with style, at the Oakland County meet at Kensington Metropark Saturday.

The Wolves finished sixth with 189 points, well behind the 62 posted by Milford. But Clarkston's total was only 16 points behind fourth-place Troy Athens.

Megan Plante turned in one of her traditionally solid performances, finishing the Kensington course in 20:30, good enough for fifth place. Junior Jennifer Rooding was Clarkston's only other medalist, finishing 24th in

21:04. The top 30 individuals earned medals.

Clarkston's other finishes came from junior Christina Rooding (22:14), senior Liz Cook (22:30), junior Lissa Lukens (22:32) and junior April Rooding (23:18).

The boys, meanwhile, were posting a seventh-place finish of their own. Clarkston scored 199 points, well behind eventual champion Lakeland, but not far off the pace set by fourth-place Troy Athens, which scored 181 points.

The Wolves were led, as has become the custom, by sophomore Dave Sage, who ran the Kensington course in 16:47, good enough for an eighth-place finish.

Fellow sophomore Matt Haver was Clarkston's only other

medalist, finishing 30th in 17:37.

Kevin Breen finished in 18:03, Chris Weber finished in 18:17, Dan Burke ran it in 18:40 and Scott Watson finished in 19:09.

**Tuesday — Boys, girls split at Athens:** Clarkston's Plante scored the race's top time of 20:13. Behind her was Athens' Cathy Rein (20:56) and Clarkston's Jennifer Rooding (20:58). The loss was Clarkston's second of the season. Athens and Clarkston both beat West Bloomfield, which posted no team score.

Athens' Brian Dowdy earned top honors for the boys with a time of 17:01, followed by teammate Ryan DeCook (17:10). Clarkston's Matt Haver (17:18) and Kevin Breen (17:19) placed third and fourth, respectively.

Clarkston stands at 3-2 and West Bloomfield falls to 0-5.

## Oxford's White sets school's 3-point record

The Oxford Wildcats held host Holly to six second-half points

Thursday, and their leading scorer set a new school record.

Needless to say, it was a good night.

Oxford blitzed the Broncos behind 35 points and a school-record 10 3-pointers from senior guard Jenny White, pounding Holly 74-19 in a Flint Metro League contest.

White's performance broke the old record of nine, set by Krista Stransky in 1993.

"It feels good, but the important thing is the win," White said after the game. "After we were beaten by Fenton on our home court, we decided to set new goals. This is the beginning of a new season for us."

The Wildcats held a players-only meeting following the Fenton loss and determined there is no reason they can't run the

table through the remainder of the regular season. Such a run would include victories at home against Lapeer East and on Fenton's home court. Those are currently the Flint Metro League's top two teams.

White also said her squad feels it can make a run in the post-season state tournament, as well.

Oxford (7-3 overall, 3-2 Flint Metro) began its "second season" by jumping out to a 9-0 lead after two baskets by senior co-captain Sarah Courtright and a triple from junior guard Kelli Davidson. Holly scored the final six points of the quarter and actually had some success, breaking Oxford's full-court press, cutting the Wildcats' lead to 15-8 after eight minutes.

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# Golfers top Dragons on links

BY BRAD KADRICH  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Lake Orion Dragons went over to Clarkston Creek for a practice round a day before their Oct. 1 golf meeting with Clarkston, so it figured the Dragons would be familiar enough with the course to shoot a solid round the next day.

What happened only goes to show what a goofy game golf is.

The Dragons did not follow up their practice round with a good round, and the result was a 159-174 Clarkston victory that left the Wolves in command and the Dragons on the outside looking in in the Oakland Activities Association Division I golf race.

The Wolves and Troy appear to be the top two contenders when the teams meet for the final league meet next week.

"We're right there, and we control our own destiny," Clarkston coach Jim Chamberlain said. "If we beat Troy, we can win it. That is, as long as we're not beating them for fifth or sixth."

The Wolves got a career game from sophomore Derek Hool, who shot a one-over 37 on the par-36 Clarkston Creek course. He was followed by Bob Schultz, who shot 38. Ben Ness and Dave Benner shot matching 42s.

It was Hool's round that had Chamberlain bubbling.

"I have no idea where that came from," Chamberlain said. "I talked to him before the match and told him to just play within himself, not try to do anything fancy, just keep it in play. Then he goes out and shoots a career round."

The Dragons, meanwhile, were paced by Lee Pesca's 41 and a 42 from Colin Smith. Jim Davert shot 45 and Eduardo Garcia, who has really come on of late, shot 46.

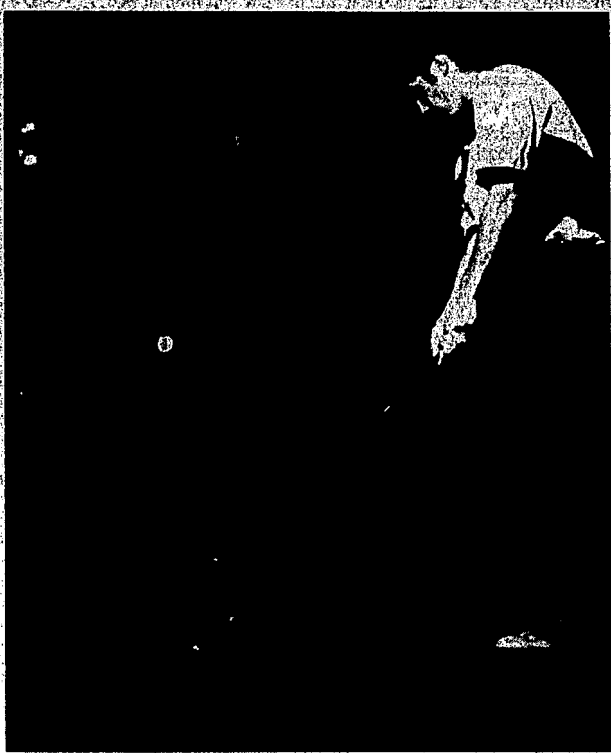


PHOTO BY BOB KNOCKA

**Chipping away:** Clarkston's Bryan Haggard hits his approach to the green during last week's match with Lake Orion.

"We kind of stunk the place up a little bit," Dragon coach Gary Newcomb said. "We just played bad. We've been playing bad for a week now, so we just have to hang on the rest of the way."

Chamberlain admitted he expected a better showing from the Dragons.

"I'm not surprised how we shot, because that's about where we should be," Chamberlain

said. "But they came over for a practice round, and we played the same side with the same pin placements. I thought they'd shoot better."

**Tuesday — Clarkston 161, West Bloomfield 164:** Schultz, Ness and Benner shot matching 40s, and Mark Churray added a 41 for the Wolves.

Hool shot 42 and Bryan Haggard shot 45 for Clarkston.

## JV gridders still unbeaten

BY JACKIE TRIPI  
SPECIAL WRITER

### Freshman football

**Clarkston 23, Rochester Adams 13:** The freshmen improved their record to 4-0 two weeks ago against Rochester Adams. Rob Conley led the Wolves with 21 carries for 160 yards and one touchdown. Nick Beadles ran for a 3-yard touchdown, and used the same play to score the two-point conversion. Blake Fields ran for his first touchdown of the season to close the scoring. Quarterback Ryan Kaul completed 8-of-10 passes for 111 yards. The Kaul-Briceland connection were shaking and baking again, combining for three catches for 64 yards.

Matt Pearsall had a great game defensively, recording the freshmen's second sack for a safety this season. Briceland led the team in tackles with six solos, and added an interception. Beales, Conley and Eric Wheatley each had five solo tackles.

A problem in the game was the changing of the minds of the officials, who called back touchdowns and first downs. "We played through the raining flags and a well-coached, tough Adams team to get the win," Clarkston coach Dave White-

head said.

**Clarkston 25, Waterford Kettering 12:** Conley led this show once more with 139 yards on 10 carries with two touchdowns. Fields added 31 more ground yards, including a 13-yard touchdown. Ryan Kaul launched the air attack with 6-of-12 and 106 yards with one touchdown. Bryan Endreszl scored on a 41-yard touchdown strike. Briceland aided the touchdown with a crippling block on the Captains.

Dustyn Swendsen and Wheatley combined for 10 solo tackles and several assists defensively for the Wolves. Kyle Smith added a quarterback sack, and Mike Atkinson and Beadles each recovered key fumbles from the Captains.

The freshmen improved their record to 5-0.

### Freshman hoops

**Kettering 34, Clarkston 30:** The freshmen's record dropped to 4-2 after a close loss to Kettering. Nicole Thrift had six points, while Tricia Brewer and Tovah Bazley each scored five.

The key moment came when Clarkston had a chance to win at the end, but committed a key turnover and watched Kettering make free throws down the

stretch to preserve the win.

"As a team, we committed 20 turnovers, which are too many for one game," coach John Zittel said. "We made an excellent rally in the fourth quarter and I am proud of that."

**Clarkston 54, Berkley 19:** The freshmen improved their record to 5-2 with a win over the Bears.

Mary Warchuck had 12 points, eight rebounds and five steals for the Wolves. Nicole Thrift finished with 11 points, five assists and five rebounds, while Tricia Brewer chipped in nine points and four steals and Bazely had seven points and seven rebounds.

The girls got out to an 18-0 lead and kept a good lead the whole game. Good job!

**Clarkston 25, Troy 16:** Bazley led the Wolves with eight points and nine rebounds, while Thrift scored five points, had 11 rebounds and six steals. Lisa Ferguson had four steals in a great defensive game.

The girls were able to hang tough and keep their composure even when the game got very physical. Thrift and Ferguson came up with key steals.

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three point play with three-tenths of a second remaining.

Clarkston had to make those final rallies with Kanipe, Wild and McIntyre on the bench with five fouls apiece. That's a lot of firepower to be missing trying to come back against an unbeaten team.

"I think it's huge," Serra said. "Deana leads us in scoring and Lori is a big presence under the boards."

Clarkston struggled to get points inside early and settled for outside shooting, and the plan worked for awhile. Clarkston led 17-15 after one quarter before going cold. With nothing available inside, it was tough to keep up, and the Wolves watched Athens take a 29-24

lead.

McIntyre and Wild had more of a presence inside after intermission, and the progress showed for the Wolves.

"Once we got the ball inside, we started going after their big people," Serra said. "Before that, we were trying to beat them from outside, and it wasn't working."

Kanipe scored 11 points in the first half and finished with 16 points to go with four steals. Morgan chipped in 12 points, while Senkyr scored seven points, grabbed 10 rebounds, had seven steals and two assists. Wild had seven points and nine rebounds, and McIntyre added four rebounds.

Clarkston is off tonight, then

hosts Rochester Adams Tuesday at 7 p.m.

**Thursday — Clarkston 60, Lake Orion 43:** Kanipe poured in 26 points, including six 3-pointers, and the Wolves staved off a furious Dragon rally before pulling away for a win that looked easier than it was.

Kanipe hit three 3-pointers in the first half, then buried her other three down the stretch when Orion threatened. She also pulled down six rebounds.

McIntyre finished with 10 points and five rebounds, while Aimee Giroux chipped in six points. Tiffany Honey handed out four assists, while Senkyr had four points, three rebounds and nine assists.

lifted as the netminder and inserted as a midfielder.

"It's so unfortunate for Adam, because he's our leader and such a great player," fellow co-captain Luke Fouracre said. "To apparently have his season end like this... I just can't believe it."

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Hall of Fame bound

The Michigan High School Tennis Coaches Association recently announced Flint's Jim Fowler, Monroe's Stan Noland and Portage Northern's Dick Rossio will be inducted into the 12th class of the MHSTCA's Hall of Fame.

The three coaches will receive their plaques and rings on Friday, Feb. 13, 1988 in Troy during the association's annual tennis clinic.

### On the run

Birmingham marathoners Nancy Broadbridge and Anthony Lopetrone completed race No. 37 last weekend. The couple, attempting to complete marathons in the 50 states and the District of Columbia this year, participated in last Saturday's East Lyme Marathon in East Lyme, Conn.

Lopetrone finished Connecticut's oldest marathon in three hours, 25 minutes, while Broadbridge clocked a 4:47.

The pair was scheduled to take part in yesterday's New Hampshire Marathon in Bristol, N.H. After that is the St. Louis

Marathon, slated for Sunday, Oct. 12 in Missouri.

Sunday against the Defectors.

### Rolling along

The High Rollers men's in-line hockey team holds a 2-1 record after its opening three games.

High Rollers dropped a 7-5 decision to Kryptonics on Wednesday night at U.S. Blades in West Bloomfield, snapping a season-opening two-game winning streak.

Kyle Freesen scored four of High Rollers' five goals and Tim Wilson had the other. Goalie Anthony Matti, Dan Havlin and Scott Turnbull also notched assists.

High Rollers, which won its season opener by a forfeit, downed Twin Oaks in its second game, 11-4, at U.S. Blades. Freesen and Wilson recorded hat tricks, Rob Hake and Phil Stewart each scored two goals and Mike Havlin scored one goal. Dan Havlin collected five assists and Freesen four assists as Matti won in his High Rollers debut.

High Rollers, which competes in the Silver Division of the USA Hockey In-Line men's 20-24 league, returns to the rink next

### Galaxy takes title

TPSA Galaxy, a U-13 Troy-based boys' soccer team, used a stingy defense and clutch goal scoring to win the U-13 Division championship at last month's "Soccer World Classic" at Oakland University.

The Galaxy, coached by Stefan Nilsson and his assistants Bob Lurie and Mike Massoglia, defeated the Brighton Express 2-0, in the championship match.

"We were runners-up in the Oakland University tournament last year and it's a real thrill for the players, coaches and parents to win the championship this year," Nilsson said. "I think (the championship match) may have been the best game we played."

Outscoring our opponents 9-1 in the tournament says a lot about our (goal)keeper, our defense and our offense. Overall, I couldn't have asked more of our team."

The Galaxy won its flight and reached the semifinals with victories over Clarkston Impact (2-0), Genesee Star Sharks (3-0) and Perrysburg Yellowjackets (2-1).

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## Wildcats win game, lose top keeper

BY MIKE SCOTT  
SPECIAL WRITER

What had been a strange but successful game for the Oxford soccer team for 78 minutes turned into a disastrous one in the contest's waning moments.

The Wildcats defeated visiting

Lakeville 6-0 in a Flint Metro League game Monday, behind two goals each from forward John Strauss and goalkeeper Adam Wolosiewicz. But Wolosiewicz, the starting all-league goalkeeper and team captain, suffered a broken leg with 1:43 to play after he had been



## Outdoor Calendar

## CLASSES

## SNOWMOBILE SAFETY

The DNR and Snomads Snofari Club will offer a snowmobile safety certification class beginning at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, at the Novi Expo Center. Call 248-681-7429 for more information and to register.

## FLY TYING

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

## EXPLORING AUTUMN

Children ages four and five accompanied by a parent will explore the autumn season during this program, which begins at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, at the E.L. Johnson Nature Center in Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 339-3497 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

## BEAR

The 1997 bear season runs through Oct. 26.

## DEER

The early archery season for whitetail deer runs through Nov. 14. Firearm season begins Saturday Nov. 15.

## DUCKS

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

## ELK

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

## GOOSE

Canada goose season runs Oct. 4-Oct. 19 in the North and Middle 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 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 area.

## WOODCOCK

Woodcock season runs through Nov. 3 statewide.

## ARCHERY

## 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 appreciation 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.

## MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

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

## 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 information.

## 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.

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## BALD MOUNTAIN

Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), 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 Wednesdays; 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 information.

## PONTIAC LAKE

Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, 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) 666-1020 for more information.

## ORTONVILLE RECREATION

Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursdays through Mondays (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 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (810) 693-6767 for more information.

## POINTE MOUILLEE

Pointe Mouillee State Game Area in Rockwood has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Starting Oct. 15 the range will be open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, except during waterfowl season when the range will close one hour before sunset on Wednesdays and Sundays. Pointe Mouillee State Game Area is located at 37205 Mouillee Road. Call (313) 379-3820 for more information.

## METROPARKS

## METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks, toll free: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178.

## TREE COOKIES

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## CIDER MAKING

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## STAINED GLASS LEAVES

Preserve the beauty of fall's many colors through an easy craft for kids and parents during this program, which begins at 10 a.m. Saturday at Kensington.

## AUTUMN COLOR HIKE

A naturalist-led hike to view nature's brilliant display of colors begins at 1 p.m. Saturday at Indian Springs.

## LEAF PRINT T-SHIRTS

Scatter a pattern of autumn leaves on your t-shirt and learn why leaves change colors in the fall during this program, which begins at 2 p.m. Sunday at Indian Springs.

## SQUIRREL'S FAMILY TREE

Learn about several members of the squirrel family during this naturalist-led hike, which begins at 2 p.m. Sunday at Kensington.

## AUTUMN EXTRAVAGANZA

A fall color walk to enjoy the beauty of the woods begins at 3 p.m. Sunday at Kensington.

## HUNTER'S MOON

An outdoor program in which participants will search for the circumpolar constellations and learn about moon lore begins at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15, at Stony Creek.

## OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

## 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.

## SUPERNATURAL SATURDAY-BEARS

Children ages 7-11 will explore the myths and legends about the black bear and learn about scientific research used in studying the bear during this program, which begins at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, at Independence Oaks.

## TRUTH ABOUT AUTUMN

Take an extended hike and learn about fall colors during this program, which begins at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19, 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 programs 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. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7067.

## BIRD HIKE

Listen to and learn about birds during this program, which begins at 8 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, at Maybury State Park.

## HARVEST FESTIVAL

Participants can play in the hay maze, churn butter, press apple cider and learn about other traditional harvest time activities during this program, which begins at noon Sunday, Oct. 12, at Maybury State Park.

## HALLOWEEN AT THE PARK

Pumpkin carving contests, horse-drawn hay rides, trick-or-treating and much more awaits participants in this program, which will be held Friday and Saturday, Oct. 17-18 and Oct. 24-25 at the Metamora State Park.

## OU fights with mark in 8-0 romp

It's unusual for a soccer team to score eight goals in a match. The Oakland University women's team reached that mark Sunday and flirted with a school record in the process.

OU attempted 40 shots against former Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference rival Saginaw Valley State en route to an 8-0 home win at Pioneer Field. The victory left the Pioneers with a 6-1 record heading into Saturday's 1 p.m. match against visiting Central Michigan University.

The Pioneers collected four goals in the both the first and second halves. The school's single game record for goals is 12.

Junior Brooke Kairies opened the scoring just six minutes in on a pass from sophomore Julie Kosakowski. Senior Jessica Mrozek (Troy), freshman Anita Rapp and senior Renee Czuk would also score before halftime.

Junior Cathy Miniuk (Troy/Madison Heights Bishop Foley) highlighted OU's second-half effort with unassisted goals at 83:20 and 89:50.

Goalkeeper Kristi McGough (Troy Athens) and Holly Runstadler (Rochester Adams) split time in net. Neither was credited with a save.

The Pioneers were coming off Friday's impressive 2-0 victory at Division I University of Detroit Mercy. Miniuk scored OU's first goal at 15:08 of the first half on an assist from Mrozek; sophomore Anna Muccino added an insurance goal with 20 seconds remaining before halftime.

On Sept. 23, Mrozek and forward Kristen Luoma (Athens) netted second-half goals, helping OU edge the University of Findlay for the Pioneers' first road victory. 2-1 Runstadler (Rochester Adams) made 11 saves en route to the victory.

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Most of our techs. you want to come each day with a smile. So do we.  
Call to set up an interview time.  
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Must be experienced. Cold heading tooling and assembly. Must have own tools. Good benefits. (313) 522-3350

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• Full or part time, all shifts available  
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**IMPORT COORDINATOR**  
Import Coordinator for international supplier. Assigns/covers shipping and arriving schedules. Coordinates with trucking companies and customs. Also investigates damage claims, files medical reports, and monthly reports. Must have Bachelor's degree or equivalent work experience. Associate Degree with some college level chemistry desirable. We offer excellent fringe benefits package, etc.  
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Accepting applications for janitors on Tue & Thurs. between 11:00-3:30pm. Afternoon shift. Call: Lakeside Building Maintenance 810-352-1494

**JANITORIAL**  
Office cleaners-evenings. Up to \$7/hr to start.  
• Area managers must have experience & be customer service driven.  
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**JOB DEVELOPER**  
job placement training agency seeking employment consultants to develop to assist local businesses with hiring & training employees with disabilities. Qualifications require BA in Marketing, Public Relations education or related Human Service field. Extensive related work experience may be substituted for education. Applicants must possess excellent communication and organizational skills, reliable transportation, willingness to work flexible hours. Openings in Wayne & Oakland Counties. 248-473-1190 or 248-618-9933

**JOIN OR WINNING TEAM** - now recruiting. Exciting housekeeping, room attendants, front desk, part time maintenance. Apply in person: Comfort Inn of Farmington Hills, 30715 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48334. Competitive salary, benefits (248) 471-9220 An Equal Opportunity Employer

**KITCHEN DESIGNER**  
Growing Wholesale Distributor of kitchen & bath products is seeking to add qualified kitchen designers for our Troy location. Candidate must be experienced with exceptional interpersonal skills. Previous kitchen design experience a plus. Must be able to communicate effectively with customers. Competitive compensation and benefits package. Call Mike at 800-729-3597, ext. 387 or FAX: 248-585-3917

**LABORERS**  
Commercial roofing firm seeks laborers. No experience necessary. Own transportation required. Contact Doug today! 313-265-9990

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Good pay. Must have own transportation. Year-round work. Painting skills a plus. Men & women needed. Call today! 313-265-9990

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CALL TODAY  
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Mortgage experience required. Full time with benefits. Send resume, MVB Mortgage, 24315 Northeast Hwy, Southfield, 48075

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**LUMBER YARD**  
help customer service for growing retail building materials center. Full-time/part-time. Excellent pay and benefits. Apply in person 41500 Ford Rd. Canton

**MACHINE OPERATORS**  
We are an expanding tool company and have requirements for various grinding and machine operators. Starting wages from \$7.50 - \$10.50 per hr. Experienced operators from \$9.50 - \$10.50 per hr. Modern, air conditioned factory with great benefits, lot of overtime, and opportunities for advancement.

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for immediate openings. 2nd and 3rd shift positions. Competitive wage/benefit package. Please respond by 4:00 PM. Call Mike at 800-729-3597, ext. 387 or FAX: 248-585-3917

**MACHINE REPAIR**  
Individual with Machine Repair & electrical background, own tools, shop repairs. Send resume with salary requirements to: P.O. Box 51641 Livonia, MI 48151-6411

**MACHINE REPAIR OPTICAL EQUIPMENT**  
D.O.C. Optics has an opening for an Optical Lab Machine Repair Person. Must have mechanical and electrical background. Position requires travel to stores throughout Metro Detroit. Excellent compensation and benefits package. Please call Mike at 800-729-3597, ext. 387 or FAX: 248-585-3917

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Rebuilder & Retrofitter needs experienced mechanical person for rebuilding and retrofitting machine tools. Mechanical, dental, 401K. Send resume to: MMSI, 21312 Hilltop, Southfield, MI 48034

**MACHINIST WANTED**  
for job shop. Livonia area. Ages 20-35. Must be 18 yrs old, transportation a must. Benefits include medical & retirement. Call today! 313-265-9990

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Experienced person for Ann Arbor. Complex knowledge in heating, working appliances, etc. Must have own tools. Send resume to: P.O. Box 7413, Ann Arbor, MI 48107.

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For apartment complex in Northville. 800-352-4580

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Full-time live on position available at Westland Apt. complex. Excellent benefits. Call Mike at 800-729-3597, ext. 387 or FAX: 248-585-3917

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Cleaning/Grounds positions to Maintenance Technicians positions available at a premier apartment community in West Bloomfield. Excellent benefits. Call today! 313-265-9990

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A Detroit based production facility is searching for the right individual to handle machine repair. We are requiring a minimum of two years hands on experience. You must have your own tools.  
We offer an excellent salary and an excellent benefit package for the person who fills our need.  
Interested applicants, please forward resume and salary requirements to: Maintenance  
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Suite 100  
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No experience necessary at Chatham Hills Apts. Must be eager to learn, dependable and productive. 8am-5pm Mon-Fri. Apply in person. Opportunity for advancement. 36135 Grand River, Farmington, MI 48335 248-478-8060

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The right candidate will be dependable & enthusiastic with management experience in produce or grocery.  
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for apartment community in Westland. Full time. Benefits available. Call 248-425-4411

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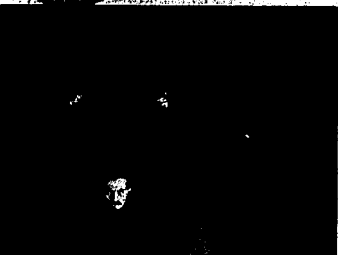
## THE WEEKEND

### FRIDAY



**Rick James and the Stone City Band** perform at 8 p.m. at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit, \$27.50-\$50, (248) 433-1515 or (313) 983-6611.

### SATURDAY



Michigan Opera Theatre presents Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre's production of "Dracula," 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway at Madison Avenue, Detroit, \$21 to \$155, (313) 874-7464.

### SUNDAY



Guest pianist Cristina Ortiz joins the Detroit Symphony Orchestra at 3 p.m. in a "Celebration of Music for Film," at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., \$42 to \$13, (box seats \$60), call (313) 833-3700.



**Hot fix:** Discover the shocking truth about electricity at "Experiment Gallery," the newest exhibit at Cranbrook Institute of Science, 1221 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Museum admission \$7 adults, \$4 children ages 3-17 and senior citizens 60 and older. Children under 3 admitted free. The museum is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Call (248) 645-3200 for more information.



On the small screen: Former "All My Children" star Matt Borlenghi stars as Rich Casey, and Birmingham Marian High School graduate Heather Campbell is Annie Medford on "Police Academy: The Series." The show airs at 1 p.m. Saturdays on Fox.

## MARIAN GRADUATE TAKES ON THE Police Academy

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO  
STAFF WRITER

After stunts as the love interest of Billy on "Melrose Place" and George on "Seinfeld," and as an alcoholic lifeguard on "Baywatch," actress Heather Campbell has found a home.

The 1986 graduate of Marian High School in Birmingham stars as the cursed cadet Annie Medford on the Warner Bros. television show "Police Academy: The Series." Airing at 1 p.m. Saturdays on local Fox stations, the show also features former "All My Children" star Matt Borlenghi, "Police Academy" veteran noise-maker Michael Winslow, SCTV's Joe Flaherty, and "L.A. Confidential" star Jeremiah Birkett.

"The neat thing is I don't think there's anything on TV like it," said Campbell. "I'm surprised they haven't done the show before. It's not your sophisticated sitcom. It's not like a 'Fraser' or a 'Seinfeld' and it's shot like a film. It looks like a little movie every week."

The hourlong comedy, she said, is "good clean fun."

"It seems like a lot of the sitcoms and stuff are getting so racy. Our show is funny and sort of like family fun. It doesn't cross that line of being really rude."

On the show, Campbell's character, Annie Medford, has left her small hometown and her widowed father and nine brothers — all of whom make up the local police department — to study at the acad-

emy. Her dream is to graduate and return to her hometown where she'll join the force and overcome her brothers' chauvinism.

Annie feels she is cursed because every time she likes a guy terrible things happen to him.

"I'll smile at a guy or I'll wave to him and he'll fall off a curb and break his leg. The background story is that I was married and that night my husband died. I think now that I'm cursed. Not that I killed him but that somehow he's put a curse on me because he doesn't want me to be with anybody else," Campbell explained.

Borlenghi, who played Brian Bodine on "All My Children," plays her love interest, Rich Casey.

"We always get really close. But I'll kiss him and somebody will come over and knock him down a hill and he'll fall into this huge pile of mud. I'm always causing a lot of harm to the guys that I like," Campbell said.

In an upcoming episode, Annie thinks that her curse is gone so she actively pursues Rich.

"I tell him that I think the curse is gone and he says, 'No I'm afraid for my life.' I'm jumping on his back and kissing him like crazy. He's a really good actor. He's done a lot of stuff. He's great. The whole cast is really good."

Borlenghi is equally as thrilled to work with Campbell.

"She's always professional. She never really joins us for drinks or even a beer because she's already

working on the next day I like that. I come out of a heavy disciplined work ethic having done 'All My Children' for a couple years," said Borlenghi who has also starred on "The Jeff Foxworthy Show," "Party Girl," and "Pig Sty."

"In the van on the way to the set, her attention is always on her scripts. I was always very impressed by that. They (the writers) kind of have an audience-baiting love interest going on between my character and hers. We have that side to our working relationship also. We get to run the gamut from comedy to nice, sweet little tender moments."

Christine Gonzales, who plays cadet Alicia Conchita Montoya Cervantes, also commented on Campbell's professionalism.

"She's great. She's a total professional. She's always prepared. She's just fun and easy going, but then she's serious, too, at work. She's very smart and very cool. We hang out on the off time, too. She has a really good heart."

### Pursuing a dream

After graduating from Marian, the Toronto-born Campbell moved to New York to pursue an acting career. She did several commercials in New York but found most of the work was in Los Angeles.

"I went out there for one year and I never really went back. That's really where all the business was."

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## Golfer pens book for collectors

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

Former Westland mayor Tom Taylor admits that his golf game wouldn't exactly qualify him for the PGA Seniors Tour.

"My golf game can be described as brief flashes of brilliance and long stretches of mediocrity," said Taylor with a hearty laugh.

Taylor, 61, said he didn't even start golfing until he was 40.

"I had poophaped golf with all the usual clichés about chasing a little white ball," he said. "But the city built a golf course that was completed early in my first term, and they invited me to play. I hit a golf ball, hit another and one went into a hole, and I said: this could be fun."

Now Taylor, director of the nonprofit Elderly Housing Corp. which operates Thomas Taylor Towers Senior Housing in Westland, has combined his love for golf, books and collecting into a special book for collectors, "The Golf Murders."

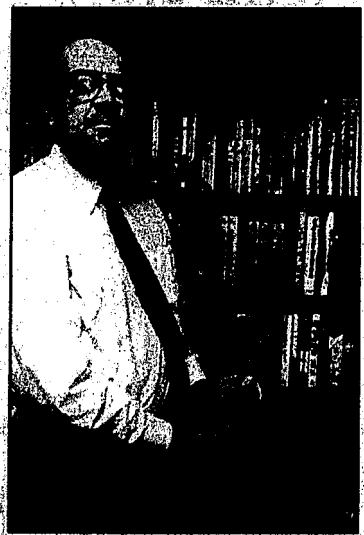
"The Golf Murders" is a limited edition (400), leather-bound, slip cased catalogue of every known mystery novel with a golf connection. But in addition to the bibliographic information devoured by collectors, the book also has succinct plot summaries (without spoiling the mystery), evaluations of the quality of the books, a chart for quick reference and a list of golf mystery short stories.

But, perhaps, the most impressive part of the book is 16 pages of color reproductions of 144 dust jackets, many of them rare.

Taylor began the book because of his own search for golf mysteries, one of many interests of this renaissance man.

"If you get serious about collecting

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STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JACOBSON

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## COMEDY

### "Generation X-Files"

Where: Second City-Detroit, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit

Show times: 8 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Additional shows: 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. The show is sold out for the remainder of the season.

Call (313) 963-3333 for more information.

## Second City's 'Generation X' opens 'Files' on complicity

KEELY WYGONIK  
STAFF WRITER

With two new cast members, Eric Black and Keegan-Michael Key, but the same old creative energy and drive, The Second City-Detroit introduces audiences to their "Generation X-Files," in revue 11, which opened Thursday.

"American complicity. I saw it on TV, someone should do something, because I'm just doing fine — the cast sings their strong musical opening, weaving in 'Oh Beautiful' for spacious malls and parking lots."

Complicity — association or participation in as if in a wrongful act — is the theme of this show, which proves in a poignant, humorous way that apathy is a crime, just like racism and violence, standard Second City-Detroit themes also incorporated into this show.

A crash — should he get out to help the victim? (That's being a paramedic, says Black who is featured in the act with Key.)

"Every, pointless crime, the night would be safe. I would just get involved, but I'm just doing fine. My Country, 'Tis of Thee, Sweet



Generation X: The cast of Second City's 11th revue, (left to right) Brandon Johnson, Larry Campbell, Margaret Exner, Catherine Worth, Keegan-Michael Key, and Eric Black.

### Land of Apathy

Mixed in with commentary are funny skits about careers, assimilation into American culture, an outrageous fashion show and an assault on the new stadium.

"We need a name for the new baseball park," declares Margaret Exner to her minions. How about the Laurus Center, suggests Larry Campbell. "Hope you're fired," she says. "Rosa

Parks Park," suggests Catherine Worth. "Oh yes, you could go to the Park Park to see the game and have a pizza pizza," says Exner, gunning for the next victim Eric Black who suggests Coleman Young Park.

Exner thinks, and says, "Something that sits there but does nothing. That's perfect," she says.

To the opening "I Heard It Through the

Grape Vine," the cast recites familiar love song beginnings, weaving them into a "Silly Love Song" montage of feelings, and crimes "You Don't Bring Me Flowers Anymore" — "Heard it in a love song, can't be wrong," wraps it all up.

Some skits, however well intended, take too long to get to the punch line. "Why can't a license plate just be a license plate?" is a good idea, but it needs polish. The scene drags along like a car with a broken muffler and tailpipe. You're not sure where they're going, are they talking about what's wrong with this guy's racism or the license plate?

Larry Campbell, a white mechanic, and his partner, Brandon Johnson, an African American, refuse to work on Key's BMW because of the vanity plate — "X-Slave."

"The only chains you have are gold. I'd feel oppressed working on your car," says Campbell. "I'm sick and tired of apologizing for my great, great grandparents."

"You're still a slave," says Johnson. "You're

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you start looking for reference books to help and there are no reference books on golf mysteries," he said.

Taylor said he believes he has the largest collection of golf mysteries in the world. He began compiling a list of golf mysteries to aid his own searches. Other collectors and dealers took notice and offered to buy the list.

Taylor has operated a book search service, himself, for the last 15 years.

"The problem was getting prices on reproducing the covers in color, that held me up for years," he said.

Commercial publishers offered

to publish the book but would only reproduce the covers in black and white. Taylor decided to self publish and do the covers in color. That accounts for the hefty \$150 price. But, Taylor said, that is typical for collector catalogues like his - signed, limited editions. He said a book on golf clubs with color prints is \$400 for its limited edition.

Taylor was Westland mayor from 1978 to 1981 and before that was a Westland police officer. He said his police background didn't spur his interest in mysteries but has made him more critical.

"Maybe my being a police officer made me appreciate them more and be more critical. But I was a suburban police officer for 13 years and more crime novels are set in big cities," he said.

Rather his interest in crime novels comes from his interest in books in general. He said his mother used to bring home bags full of books and that led to his becoming an avid reader. He has definite tastes about the mysteries he enjoys.

"I'm not a fan of splatters, the farthest end of the hard core and I'm also not particularly a fan of cozies, sanitized like Agatha

Christie," he said. "She wrote great puzzles and the puzzles are as fresh now as they were then, but she doesn't talk about life as we know it."

A recent mystery novel he enjoyed was "Snow Falling on Cedars." The best-selling novel about Japanese-Americans had a special appeal to Taylor because he has a Japanese-American daughter-in-law.

"My favorite mysteries are the ones that incorporate more into it, a setting, a person with an interesting hobby or job that I'm interested in. It's a poor fiction that you don't learn something from," he said.

His favorite golf mystery writer in Britain's Herbert Adams who wrote from the '30s to the '60s. Some of the Adams covers are among the most attractive in the book.

In addition to golf, Taylor also enjoys books on weaving, Japanese swords and Japanese woodblock prints and he enjoys the comic novels of P.G. Wodehouse (author of the "Jeeves" books).

Weaving and golf are two hobbies Taylor shares with his wife, Phyllis. They each have their own loom.

Books have also given the Tay-

lors a chance to travel to book conferences and be part of the book community. There Taylor has been able to meet many of the writers he collects.

Taylor calls collecting "a disease."

"I don't think I made a conscious decision to be a collector," he said.

Now he is helping other collectors feed their obsession.

"The Golf Murders" is available by sending a check or money order to Golf Mystery Press, 38602, Belliveau St., Westland, MI 48185. For more information, call 1-800-563-2748.

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Her guest appearances have been high-profile ones. On two episodes of "Melrose Place" Campbell was the love interest of Billy (Andrew Shue).

"That was such a fun show to work on. I am a fan of the show. I walked on the set and said, 'Oh my God. It's Andrew Shue.'"

She also played Sheila the photo clerk at the shop where George (Jason Alexander) dropped off for development the nude photos of himself. Instead of impressing Sheila, they got the attention of a male clerk.

"On the top shows I found the nicest people in the world. 'Melrose Place' and 'Seinfeld' have

the nicest cast and crew people I've ever worked with."

Her television credits also include "Baywatch," "Baywatch Nights," "Weird Science," and "Beverly Hills 90210." As for movies, Campbell had starring roles in "Ski School II" and "Secret Bodyguard."

Campbell spent 1996 in Mexico working on "Shadow," a novel-la or Mexican soap opera that unlike its American counterparts has a beginning, middle and end.

"The weird thing it wasn't shot like a soap here in the States. It was shot totally out of sequence. I played Ashley. One day I would spend the whole day in the bed-

room shooting scenes for episode 10, episode 20, episode 35 and episode 60."

"It was kind of difficult that way. You had to figure out where you were emotionally in the story. It was tough. I don't think I'll ever have a job that was quite as tough. It was fun living in Mexico, though. It's an incredible country. I always thought that in becoming an actor it would let me travel and see different parts of the world and it really has."

Campbell, who is single and "looking for a boyfriend," is now seeing a lot of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, where "Police Academy: The Series" is shot. She moved there in April and will be there through March. Originally 11 episodes of the show were ordered, but recently it was picked up for 26 episodes. By Christmas she will know if it

was picked up for another season.

Campbell explained that she has a lot of fun on the set. Michael Winslow, who starred in all seven of the "Police Academy" movies as "Jones," is constantly doing his trademark yoyos.

"We're just always having a silly fun time. In one of the episodes, we go undercover and dress as clowns with rubber noises and big orange afros. There's always animals on the set, too. We had llamas one week, pigs another week. These animals are always doing funny things," said Campbell, whose parents are moving from Dearborn to Malibu, Calif., to be closer to their daughter.

"If I have to do any sort of show long term, this is the sort of show I want to do."

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**40TH ANNIVERSARY AT BBAA**  
The Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association will celebrate its 40th anniversary during the weekend of Oct. 18-19. Beginning 7 p.m. Friday, the festivities kick off with dinner, dancing, formal recognition of donors, a tour of the new building and the unveiling of the exhibit. The "40th Anniversary Retrospective Exhibition" is curated by Sergio De Giusti. The exhibit, which runs through Nov. 15, features works of Michigan artists who have been instructors at the BBAA over the last four decades. At 2 p.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, the BBAA will welcome the community highlighting student work, class demonstrations, refreshments, and the ribbon cutting by dignitaries.

**GUY FAWKES BALL AT CRANBROOK**  
In celebration of its 20th year, the Cranbrook Academy of Art Women's Committee will sponsor the Guy Fawkes Ball on Saturday, Nov. 1. "20,000 leagues under the sea" is this year's theme, a reference to the notorious Englishman, Guy Fawkes and his journey toward the millennium in the ocean depths of the Greek Isles.

The back-tie event will take place at Cranbrook Art Museum in Bloomfield Hills. The Ball originated as a means to support student scholarships, educational programs and museum exhibits. A portion of this year's proceeds will to Cranbrook's millennium project, an ongoing forum whereby artist around the world can communicate and exchange ideas. Tickets for the evening, including dinner and dancing are \$250 per person, and \$175 for patrons. Cost for the Ball excluding dinner is \$75 per person. Cocktails begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner and dancing. For more information, call (248) 645-3333.

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# Acclaimed violinist Chee-Yun opens Rochester Symphony season

Internationally known violinist Chee-Yun will open the Rochester Symphony Orchestra's season with a performance of Mendelssohn's E minor Violin Concerto at 8 p.m. this Friday at Varner Hall on the Oakland University campus.

Widely recognized as one of the music world's most gifted young violinists, Chee-Yun has won numerous awards and performed with many major orchestras worldwide.

High points in her young career include an appearance at the Kennedy Center's "Salute to Slava" gala honoring its departing music director, Mstislav Rostropovitch, the Mostly Mozart Festival, the premier of Lou Harrison's Suite for Violin and String Orchestra at the Pacific

Music Festival with Michael Tilson Thomas conducting, and the first concert at the newly opened Danny Kaye Playhouse in New York City. Chee-Yun has also performed for President Clinton at The White House.

In Europe, she has appeared with the London Philharmonic, the Staatsphilharmonie Rheinland-Pfalz in Germany and the Bilbao Symphony in Spain.

Her recording of one of a Mendelssohn concerto was described as "full of sparkle and imagination... (at) the top of the list of recommended versions," according to Gramophone Magazine.

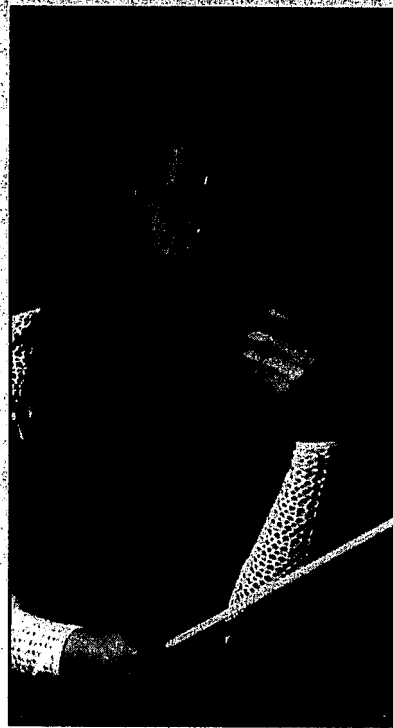
## Upcoming season

Under the baton of maestro James Fenwick Hohmeyer, the Rochester Symphony Orchestra will bring world-class musicians to Oakland County's doorstep in a six-concert schedule.

At the opposite end of the musical spectrum from violinist Chee-Yun is the RSO's second concert, the New Reformation Dixieland. The popular jazz band has performed with the RSO in past seasons.

A traditional Christmas concert will be held at St. Andrew's Church on Friday, Dec. 12. The concert will feature the Rochester Community Chorus and the Michigan State University Children's Choir, and the Catholic Chorale.

In early February, pop music will return with a performance by the well-known group, Three



**Extraordinary strings:** Violinist Chee-Yun performs in the Rochester's Symphony opening concert this Friday.

Manzoni Requiem Mass on Friday, April 17 at St. Andrew's Church. The Rochester College Chorale, the Rochester Community Chorus, the DeHaven

Chorale and the St. Irenaus Choir will join soprano Glenda Kirkland, mezzo Jayne Slender, tenor Robert Bracey, and bass John Paul White.

**What:** Rochester Symphony Orchestra in concert with special guest violinist Chee-Yun

**Program:** "A Night in Old Austria," featuring the music of Mozart, Beethoven, Respighi's "Pines of Rome" and Mendelssohn's Concerto for Violin Op. 64 in E minor

**When:** 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10  
**Where:** Varner Hall, Oakland University campus, Rochester Hills

**Tickets:** \$15; \$12, children under 12; (248) 651-4181

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■ The New Reformation Dixieland Band - 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2 at Varner Recital Hall, Oakland University

■ Holiday Concert at St. Andrew Church - 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12

■ Three Men and a Tenor - 8 p.m. Friday & Saturday, Feb. 6-7 at Varner Recital Hall, Oakland University

■ An Evening of Great Classics featuring pianist Ralph Votapek - 8 p.m. Friday, March 6 at Varner Recital Hall

■ A Cast of Thousands, featuring Verdi's Requiem Mass - 8 p.m. Friday, April 17 at St. Andrew Church

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## MOVIES

## Stone's twisted 'U-Turn' may be year's worst

BY JOHN MONAGHAN  
SPECIAL WRITER

Mindless violence. Flashy editing. Uninspired storytelling. Wasted talent. Oliver Stone. "U-Turn" embodies everything I hate about modern movies.

This one lost me from the get-go when Sean Penn, tooling across the desert in a candy apple Mustang, flattens a cat in the center of the highway. A lingering shot of kitty road kill is only a taste of the ugliness to come.

By the time the closing credits roll, you will have feasted on point blank shotgun blasts, sloppy sex beside a bloody corpse, and a Native American woman chopping a man with a tomahawk.

That last image really bugged me because it was such an obvious ploy by Stone to generate controversy. He knows more than anybody that once an organization pickets a movie at least

some curious folks will pay to see it. Don't give him the satisfaction.

The movie is yet another retread of a classic "film noir" premise. When his car stalls in a podunk Arizona desert town, the fated Penn hooks up with a femme fatale (Jennifer Lopez) and her abusive, older husband (Nick Nolte), each wanting to bump the other off.

Where most directors would recognize the thinness of the script and bring it in at a tight 90 minutes, Stone drags the proceedings to over two hours. The plot holes and stupid revelations (is Lopez really married to her father?) only make you long for better movies, like "Red Rock West" and "After Hours."

Stone has presented grotesque characters before, but shows no restraint with a slimy shop rat who holds Penn's car, played by an almost unrecognizable Billy Bob Thornton ("Slingblade").

Speaking through rotted teeth and covered in grease, Thornton's character pays a twisted tribute to those bumpkins Red Skelton popularized on early television (and he's about as funny).

While the verdict is still out on Jennifer Lopez's acting, the movie is a waste for Penn, who can be seen on area screens in no less than three pictures. His presence gives the movie its only anchor, and he does try hard to take the audience along for the ride.

Aside from Jon Voigt's irritating turn as a blind Indian, you'll also meet Claire Danes as the town flirt and Joaquin Phoenix as a jealous boyfriend TNT, white trash parodies that are like shooting fish in a barrel (the one act of violence that Stone forgot to put on screen). Blink and you'll miss Liv Tyler in a scene where Penn tries to buy a bus ticket.

Before it was a distraction. Now I'm downright sick of Stone's visual calling card, the flashy take-three-shots for every one and then edit them all together technique that worked so well in the multi-perspective "JFK."

The movie also squanders the talents of composer Ennio Morricone, who delivers what may be his worst score ever. You can see Stone urging him to make the music goofier, proving to the audience that this is indeed a "dark comedy," a modern director's excuse to showcase the ugliest side of his psyche.

Think of "U-Turn" not as entertainment, but as a sick man's cry for help. "Stop me, before I direct again," Stone seems to say in every frame.

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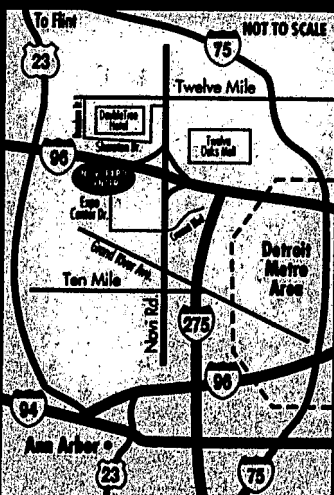
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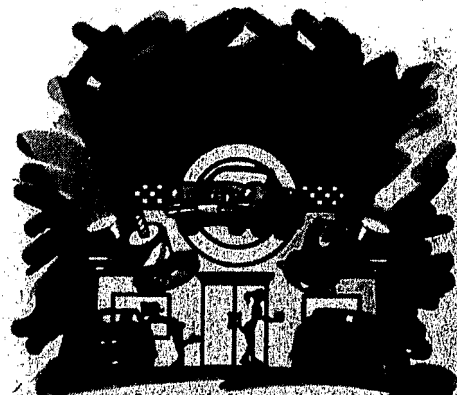
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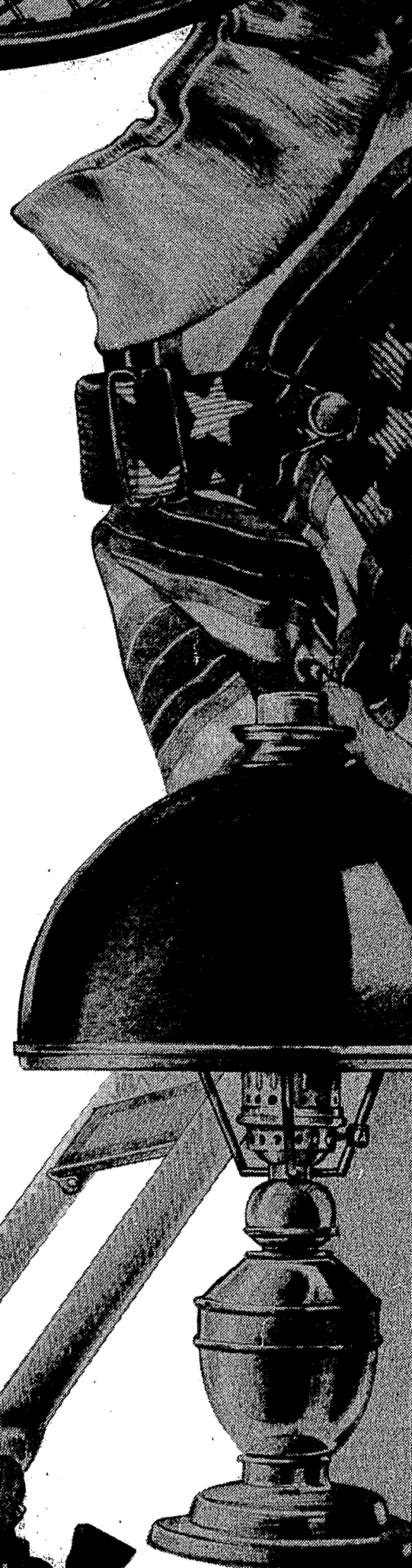
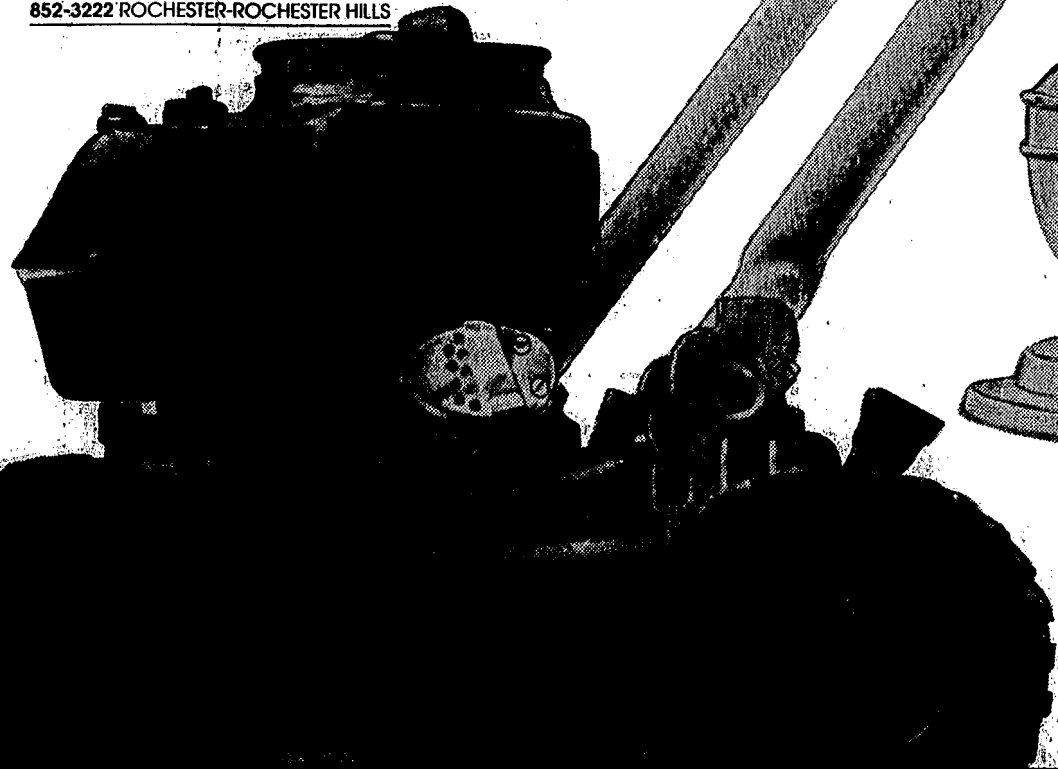
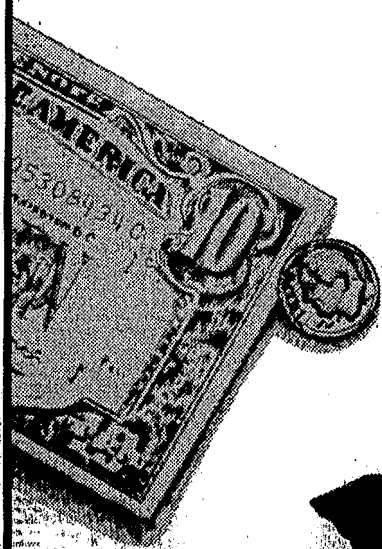
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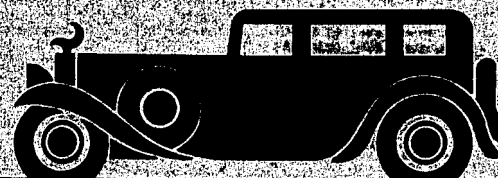








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focus on photography

# Checklist helps assure good photos



MONTE NAGLER

We all know that pilots go through an extensive checklist before and during takeoffs and landings to assure that we'll arrive safely at our destinations.

As a photographer, you should go through a checklist also to make sure that your pictures

"arrive safely" in your photo album.

Consistently good results depend largely on good habits. Many of the disappointments experienced when pictures come back from the lab can be avoided by using a checklist.

Never assume that everything is all right. Check it once, check it twice — you'll be glad you did. Here's a checklist to get you started:

■ Check to make sure there's film in the camera and it's advancing properly. With manual cameras, watch for the

rewind knob to turn as you advance the film. On automatics, "E" for empty will appear on the LED screen:

■ Check to see that the back of the camera is properly closed. And be careful not to knock your camera. The back could pop open and ruin the film.

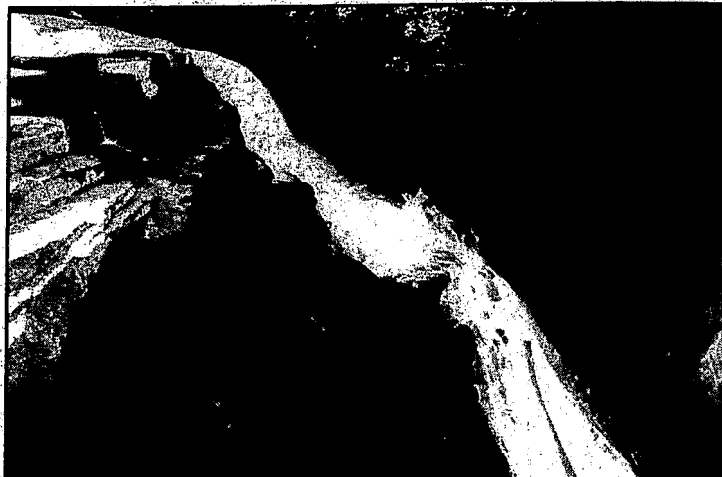
■ Check battery power. Whether manual or automatic, your camera instructions will show you how.

■ Check to see that the lens is securely fitted to your camera body.

■ Check the ASA setting on your camera. Make sure it corresponds to the film that you're using. Many of the newer cameras automatically read the ASA.

■ Check what film is in your camera, especially if it hasn't been used in a while, and make sure it's the film you want. Placing the end of the film box in the holder on the camera back will always keep you reminded.

■ Check that there is no unwanted



**Check it out:** By following his checklist, Monte Nagler was assured that his photo of Brandywine Falls near Cleveland, Ohio, would come out just fine.

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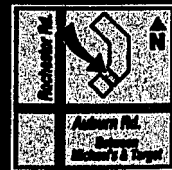
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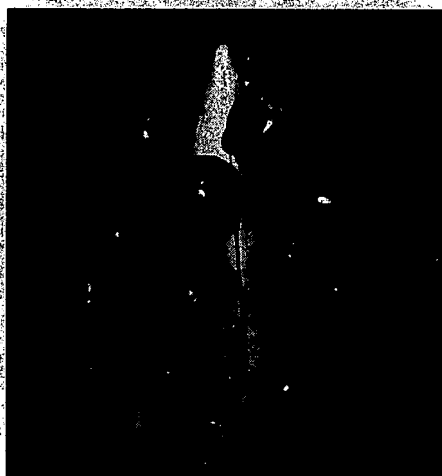


## marketplace

### Peerless pyramid

#### Tree triangle:

Mary Magdalene, whose design studio is in the Merrillwood Building at 251 Merrill in Birmingham, came across this interesting decorating idea when she dined at Fukier's, a fine restaurant in Warsaw, this summer. The restaurant's decor included an apple tree such as this one. When Magdalene returned, she had her wood craftsman make several forms that she is selling from her studio. The cones, 20 inches high, are made of pine. Apples, grapes or other fruit are held by pegs. The stylized form enhances traditional as well as contemporary settings, and the aroma is inviting. Cost is \$150. Call (248) 642-2175.



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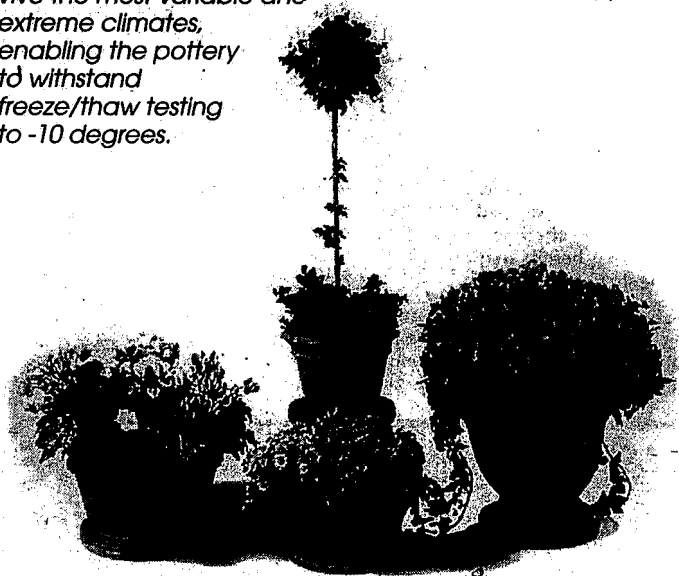
**Talk of the town:** This table by Janine Cantle of Bloomfield Hills is one of the works by 257 Michigan artists featured in the 12th annual Our Town art exhibit and sale at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham. Our Town opens with a gala preview (including At Home columnist Ruth Mossok Johnston preparing and serving her buffalo chili) Wednesday, Oct. 15, and continues through 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19. Admission to the exhibit is free. An art and jazz event, special presentations and artist demonstrations are scheduled. Call (248) 644-5832 for information.

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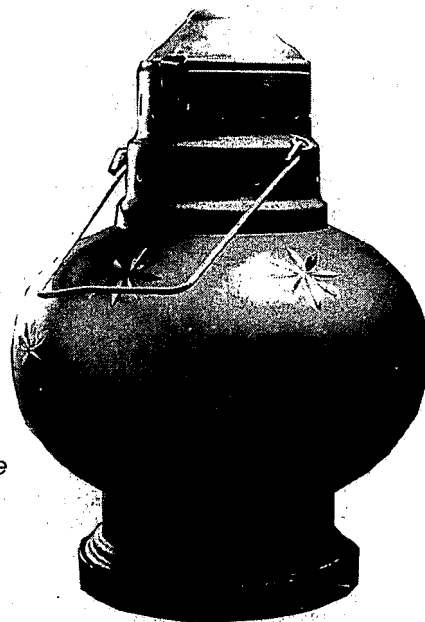
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### Pumped for pumpkin

**Decorating treat:** Light the way for Halloween's little goblins with a rustic glass lantern in pumpkin with star motif by The Fireside Company. The lantern is available at Jacobson's for \$40.







appliance doctor

# Before your trip, check appliances



JOE GAGNON

This column is directed to anyone who plans to take an extended trip. There are things you should know about your major home appliances that can save you a lot of money.

1. Your dishwasher has a seal kit which is on the shaft of the motor. This seal is made of

**Nagler**

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filter mounted on the front of the lens. For example, if you've used a polarizer filter during the afternoon, make sure you remove it before snapping those nighttime shots.

■ Check your automatic camera to make certain it's in the right mode for the subject you're shooting. With manual cameras, be sure the shutter speed is fast

rubber and prevents water from leaking onto the motor while the machine is running. It is important that this seal doesn't sit in a dry condition for too long a period or it will shrink. Some manufacturers will put water in the bottom of a dishwasher previous to it leaving the factory. They anticipate the product may sit in a warehouse for a long period of time and that it would leak when installed in a home. I would suggest that a quart of water be poured into the dishwasher every month.

2. Your garbage disposer can be the

enough to stop any action or that the aperture is small enough to give you the required depth-of-field.

You can probably come up with more items for your personal checklist. In any case, your photographs are sure to check out for impact when you begin using a checklist.

source of a pretty foul odor. Most of us have experienced the occasion of walking into the kitchen and because we forgot to turn on the disposer earlier, it smells. A good practice is to fill the disposer with ice cubes and cut up some lemon, lime or orange peels and put them in there. Let this mixture sit for an hour before you turn on the water and the disposer. It would be wise to turn on the disposer for 30 seconds every month and to run the water for a minute in that sink.

3. Your refrigerator should never be left inoperative for more than two months. At that point you should turn it on and let it run for a couple of hours. Temperatures below 55 degrees can cause damage to the compressor and that creates a very serious repair bill.

4. Your gas range has a shut off valve which should be shut off when you leave. There's nothing worse than coming home and flicking on the light switch and having the house blow up. This time your trip wasn't even planned.

5. Your hot water heater whether it be gas or electric should be shut off. The water supply line should be closed off as well.

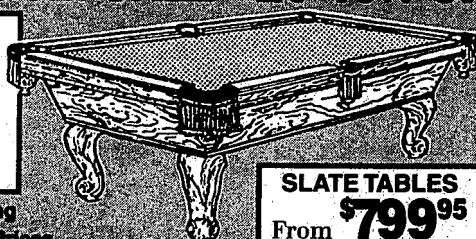
6. Your washer has two hoses which come to it and that water supply should be in the off position. These two fill hoses have been known to burst and cause thousands of dollars of damage. This is a frequent happening across the country, so if your shiny fittings on the end of the hoses look corroded, change the hoses.

7. Your clothes dryer has a vent leading to the outside. Check the flapper outside to make sure that it is closing all the way. Take an old toothbrush and clean the hinges on the flapper. You don't want a little critter visiting you while you're away.

While on an extended leave from home, I'm sure you don't want to spend your time worrying about things at home. Have a family friend or relative come over once in a while and check out the house. Leave a copy of this column on the counter and enjoy your vacation.

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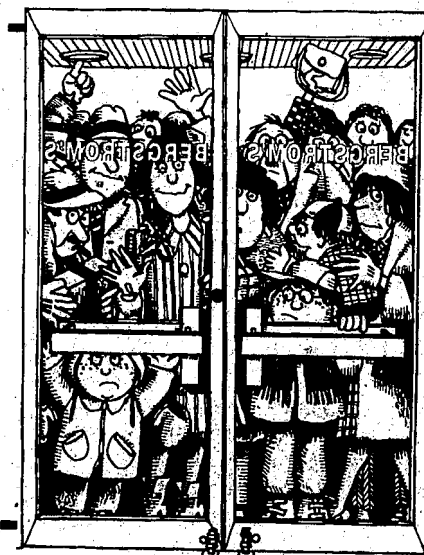
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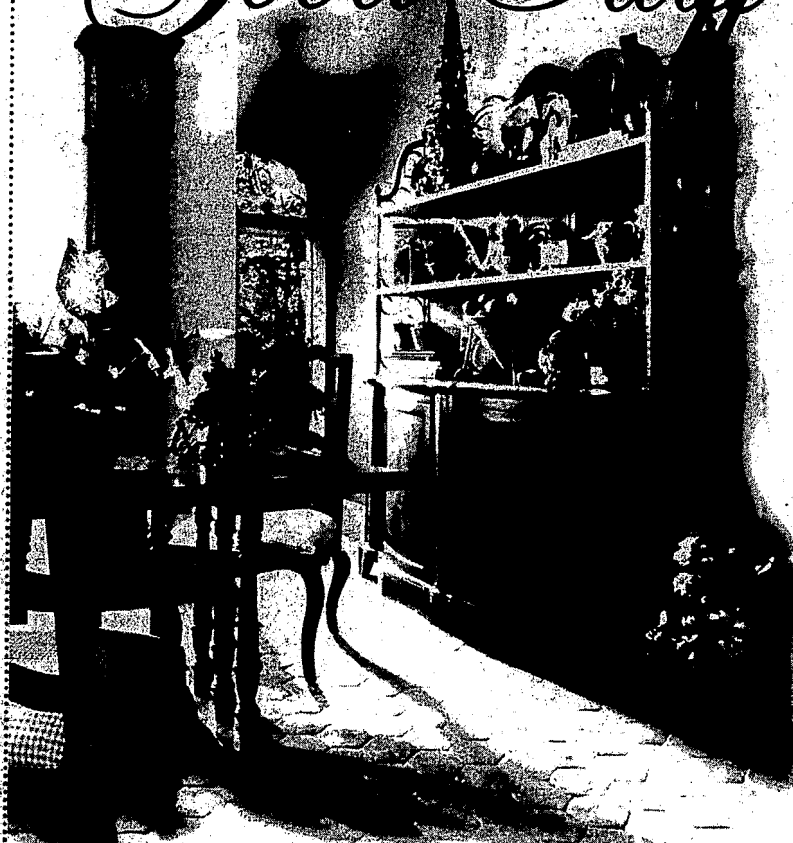
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inviting ideas

## Here's what's hot on food scene



**RUTH MOSSOK  
JOHNSTON**

Food is hotter than hot, even if it's served cold. What's hot and what's not in terms of food trends? 'Retro' is still in, hanging on by an Angora thread - you know those good old comfort foods from the early

rock-n-roll scene; meatloaf peppered with bread crumbs, buttered mashed potatoes (not the garlic ones) piled a mile high, pricey home-made white bread, and warmed fruit pies served in soup bowls.

Ethnic is in and transforming from immigrant comfort food to upscale trendy homeland meals, along with Neo-Polynesian, Nuevo Latino, Argentinian, Brazilian and Chilean fusion, and keep your eye out for Indian ... Ghee may mean glee to many food enthusiasts. Hispanic food is becoming less Americanized, Italian is definitely keeping to the North and kosher is hot even for those that are not kashrut committed.

Bison is back on the range and on many of our plates, but its not the only game in town. Ostrich has left the pages of our children's dictionaries under O and has found itself shaped that way and placed on buns - which beats bison shaped like Buffalo coming out of Denver. Steak (Where's the Beef? Where's that Ad?) is again on plates and 'houses' are being devoted to them.

Olestra has lost its glow, and butter in moderation is back. Bad low-fat unmeltable cheese is out. Delicious real cheese (soft or hard) in moderation is in - be on the lookout for singular shops selling cheese, cheese tastings, and an actual cheese course in upscale trendy restaurants.

Health food is becoming gourmet, with lots of esoteric ingredients added to all those cancer fighting veggies. Salad greens are greener, and everyone seems to know that iceberg lettuce has absolutely no nutrients. Mixed field greens are dressed to thrill, especially the ones with fruited vinaigrette made from foreign tropical fruit. Flavored oils have cooled down, flavored honey, flavored cream for coffee and flavored mayonnaise is hot.

Chilies are still hot, even the mild ones, and that goes for herbs and spices

■ Sweet endings are breadly, sugared, filled with custard, topped with whipping cream, or just plain - chocolatey, sinful, and decadent. There is no doubt, desserts are really hot, even the ones that are served cold!

too. Salt is now coarse, sea or kosher - we soon may all need a course. Pepper is hot, especially if it's Mombassa, cayenne, Chinese, or roasted red - black is still in, but only if it's freshly, fashionably grindable.

Tastings won't just include vino, added will be: beer, olive oil, vinegar and anything else fluid ... and marketable. Brewed or brewable tea for drinking, marinating and cooking is in. Colored carbonated water is out, clear is in, especially if it's loaded with colorless jolt-filled added caffeine or little floating balls of hot colors.

Familiar foods will be doing the twist, but not a retro version - caviar is now flavored with all kinds of wild stuff (even wasabi) and infused with vodka. Wild mushrooms are appearing on forest floors and on oh so many of our entrees. The simple doughnut is being filled with fancy liquor flavored creams and jellies, and pizzas are being topped with unusual imported cheese, and assorted fish.

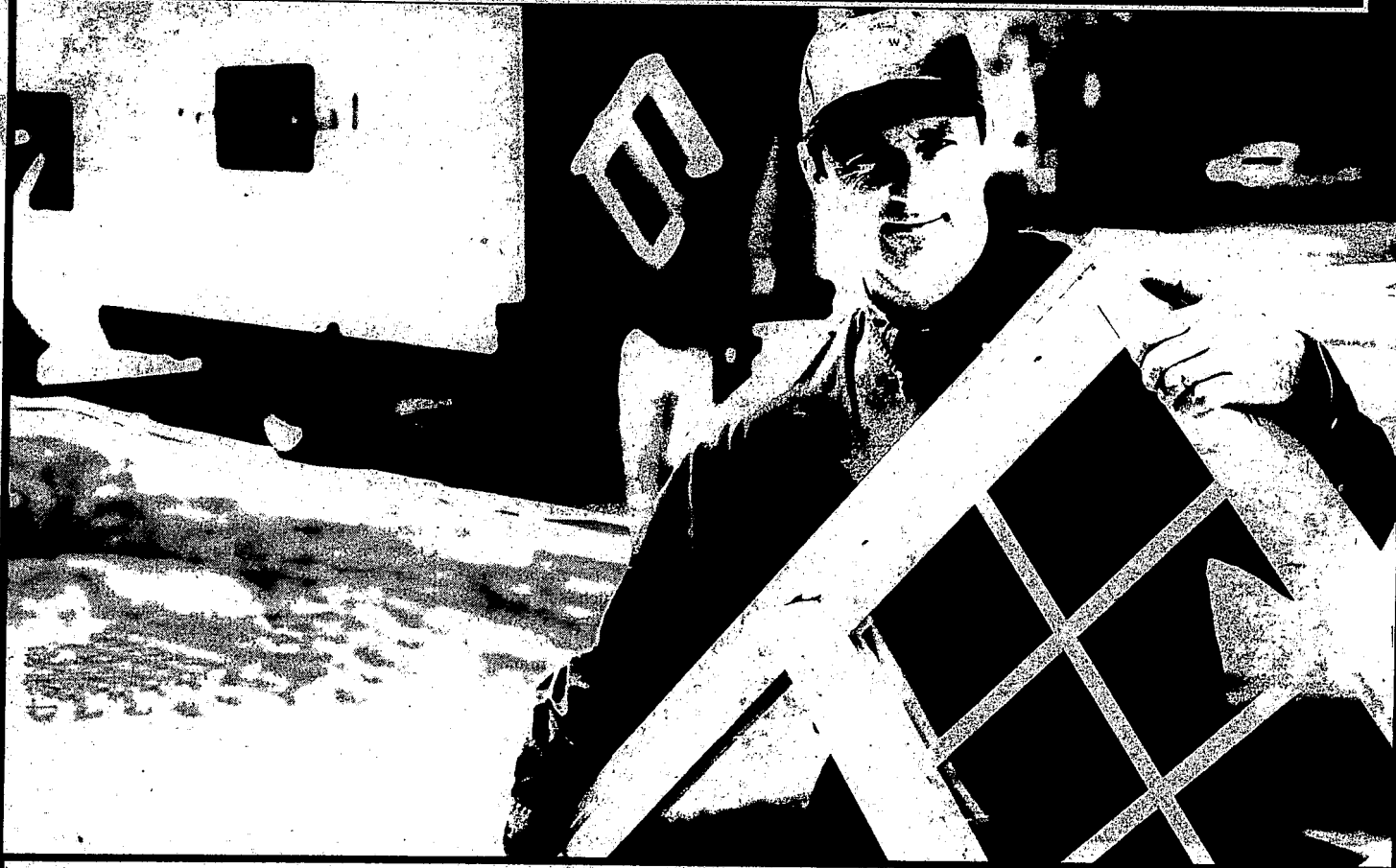
Raw fish (and/or shellfish) is out for some, make mine at least 145 degrees - please!

Raw nuts are in, if they are oven toasted - raw seeds are still in, but hotter when they are hot, and added to ethnic foods. Raw eggs are out - did you get your Hepatitis shot?

Basmati, Arborio and Jasmine rice are hot, but served sometimes cold. Wild rice is always in, even though it's not rice but very nice grass. Noodles are hot, served hot or cold - especially the Asian ones we get to slurp. Figs are big, biscotti are bigger, but only in size. Couscous, risotto and polenta sit on the cusp - especially when we see them listed as trendy side dishes on local department store menus.

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# Style, function harmonize in showhouse

BY MARY KLEMIC  
At Home Editor

The Rochester Symphony Orchestra Guild Designer Showhouse is a concerted effort among the owners, builders and designers.

It's a harmonious blend of details that aren't immediately apparent and grand effects that sing out; the structure and the landscape; style and function.

The showhouse at 2313 Pond Vallée in Oakland Township is open to the public through Sunday, Oct. 26. Proceeds benefit the Rochester Symphony Orchestra, which is scheduled to have its first concert of the season Friday, Oct. 10, at Oakland University.

The two-story foyer is an example of the smooth merging of the elegant and the practical.

"You don't get a second shot at a first impression," said David Michael Johns of DMJ Interiors of Rochester, one of the 12 designers who decorated rooms in the 13,000-square-foot residence.

The foyer is impressive indeed. Here is a floating staircase as well as a chandelier that can be lowered for easy cleaning and maintenance. A table rests on a colorful Oriental rug near the arched doorway. Light fixtures on walls around and along the staircase glitter like jewels.

The \$2 million house, on a 2-1/2-acre property, was designed by Alexander Bogaerts & Associates Architects

and built by Vito Anthony Homes.

Its features include four fireplaces, five full baths, two half baths, a spa room, an all-maple study and a sun room with handpainted ceramic tile flooring.

Elements throughout the house pull it together, such as taupe color, angled ceilings, recessed lighting and creative use of space.

The kitchen features an Old World European look, with its floor resembling stone and its richly hued tiles behind the stove.

Countertops are granite, and the wallpaper bears a cheery floral pattern. The island, also topped with granite, has a surface large enough for display as well as for work.

Appliances include a side-by-side Sub-Zero refrigerator-freezer and a Viking oven.

"(The owners) were looking for a modern working kitchen.

"They really live in their kitchen. This is where they make their home."

Cabinets reach to the ceiling. A step stool pulls out from under the bottom of a cabinet. Long, narrow shelves by Rutt Manufacturing slide out of the woodwork. There is a similar use of space in the adjoining butler pantry.

A cozy feeling emanates from the "visitor's retreat," a guest bedroom by Mitzelfeld's of Rochester.

Vines and a floral spread are on the bed, which is at an angle to the door. Coziness is enhanced by a round table, a desk and a tiny night table. An animal pattern is on a small rug and a throw pillow. The view to the outside is unimpaired.

The 1,500-square foot master suite by Scott Shuptrine Inc. of Troy has his and her baths and walk-in closets, a built-in entertainment center, a morning kitchen, and a sitting area with an



**Visitor's retreat:** This guest bedroom, also shown on the cover, offers a cozy feeling. It was designed by Mitzelfeld's of Rochester. Staff photos by Tom Hoffmeyer.

exterior balcony.

A vine adorns each bedpost, and the wallpaper is ornate. The windows present a clear view of the outside. A table and chairs present a comfortable sitting area.

Individual and efficient help describe the bath designs. The vanity appears to be adorned with columns under the counter; these actually pull out like the shelves in the kitchen to serve as a towel rack and a medicine cabinet.

His sink is higher to accommodate a taller user. Drawer space is at a bay window. Pieces by California Closet are arranged to fill personal needs.

Careful consideration was involved in the exterior as well. The building was designed to fit in with the property and to allow the views to be enjoyed. Out back, an architecturally designed rear terrace and veranda overlook a 26-by-41-foot, custom-designed swimming pool.

The loggia continues the Old World look, with dryvit in place of limestone; and indented moldings. Bluestone was used in the terrace. Columns are terra cotta style.

The showhouse is north off Orion Road, 1/4-mile east of Adams. Hours are noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, also 6-8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

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**Suite success:** Scott Shuptrine Inc. of Troy designed the master suite in the Rochester Symphony Orchestra Guild Designer Showhouse.



**Concerted effort:** Anna-Marie Kleckner, showhouse chairman, and David Michael Johns of DMJ Interiors of Rochester pose in the stylish working kitchen designed by Johns. At right, Thomas Saracino (left) and Vito Pampalona, vice president and president respectively of Vito Anthony Homes, stand at the top of the staircase above the foyer.



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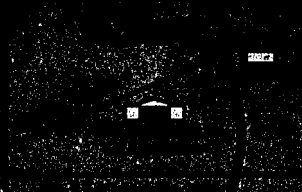


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**Johnston**  
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Beans, nutrient and fiber filled are in, even those with funky names like Cranberry, and Christmas Limas. Lentils once only identified in greenish-brown are now green, red and black, not blue - that is saved for corn chips. Speaking of chips - vegetable chips are really hot except for white potato. Regular old potato chips are now not regular, but flavored with flavors we are amazed and sometimes appalled to find, why can't potatoes taste like real potatoes any more? What is that dill chip thing anyhow?

Sweet endings are breadly, sugared, filled with custard, topped with whipping cream, or just plain - chocolatey, sinful, and decadent. There is no doubt, desserts are really hot, even the ones that are served cold!

With that thought, here is a trendy "hot" food item to try - but it just might not be served that way.

**CHOCOLATE WAFFLES WITH PUMPKIN CREAM AND CINNAMON ICE CREAM**

Serves 4

For the pumpkin cream:

- 1 pound pumpkin (from a fresh pumpkin), 4 1/2 teaspoons butter
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar

- 8 teaspoons sugar, pinch ground cloves
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon, 1 star anise
- scraped contents of 1/2 vanilla bean
- 1/2 teaspoon grated fresh ginger
- pinch freshly grated nutmeg
- 2 teaspoons cognac
- 1/4 cup whipping cream

For the waffles:

- 1 cup flour, 1 teaspoon cocoa powder
- 1 cup cream, 2 egg yolks
- pinch ground cloves, pinch ground anise
- pinch ground cinnamon
- scraped contents 1/2 vanilla bean
- grated zest of 1/2 lemon
- 2 tablespoons melted butter, room temperature
- 3 egg whites, pinch of salt, 1/4 cup sugar

To decorate:

- maple syrup, almond croquant (nuts mixed with melted sugar)\*
- cinnamon stick

\* to cut down the effort - use a pre-

made nut brittle

You will also need:

- foil for the pumpkin, clarified butter for the waffle iron
- confectioners' sugar for dusting
- 4 scoops of cinnamon ice cream (or any ice cream that suits your taste)

To make the pumpkin cream, remove the seeds from the pumpkin and cook the flesh.

Preheat the oven to 425 degrees F.

Grease a large piece of foil with butter and sprinkle with the brown sugar. Place the pumpkin slices on the foil. Wrap up in the foil. Cook in the oven for 20-25 minutes. Remove the skin from the flesh.

Mix the spices, about 1 1/4 cups pumpkin flesh, and sugar in a saucepan, and bring to a boil. Simmer until it is a thick dry puree.

Strain, stir in the cognac, and stand in a cold place.

To make the waffles, sift the flour with the cocoa powder into a bowl. Add the cream, egg yolks, spices, vanilla, lemon zest, and melted butter. Stir until smooth. Whip the egg whites with the sugar and salt into soft peaks. Whisk one third into the batter, then fold in the remainder. Heat the waffle iron, brush with clarified butter, spoon in the batter, and cook. Cool the waffles on a wire rack. Dust with confectioners' sugar and arrange on plates.

Stir 3 tablespoons of the whipped cream into the pumpkin puree. Stir in the remaining cream so loosely that it creates a marbled effect.

Place a scoop of pumpkin cream and a scoop of cinnamon ice cream on the waffle and decorate with maple syrup, almond croquant (or broken pieces of brittle), and a cinnamon stick.

This recipe comes from "The Chocolate Bible," The Definitive Sourcebook with over 600 Illustrations, written by Christian Teubner, first published in the United States of America in 1997, by Penguin Studio, a member of Penguin Group Inc. This book has decadent recipes - lavish and beautifully photographed, this book is loaded with history, technique, and fabulous recipes, not all desserts (well, almost all). There is a great recipe for Mexican Mole sauce traditionally served with chicken, turkey, as well as some interesting drinks make with chocolate. This book is definitely for the serious cook - a must for this waffle recipe, for the serious eater.

Ruth Mossok Johnston is an author and food columnist who lives in Franklin. To leave her a voice message, dial (313) 953-2047, mailbox 1902.

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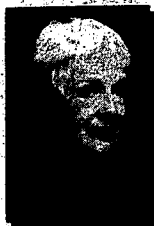
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# Learn from questions by readers



MARTY FIGLEY

When you readers call or write to me with gardening questions, it gives me a chance to find out what is on your mind and perhaps others may be interested in the subject. Here are some of the latest:

**Q. I have a curry plant that smells just like the curry spice, and I wonder if it is edible.**

**A.** *Helichrysum angustifolium* is a tender perennial and does have the fragrance of the mixture called curry powder, although it isn't the same thing. The leaves can be used for garnish on deviled eggs, rice and vegetables, but when heated the flavor can be bitter.

**Q. My tall summer phlox haven't bloomed for several years. What's wrong?**

**A.** Perhaps your plants need to be divided; wait until spring. Phlox like sunshine, so transplant them to a more sunny place and watch them recover! Cut stems to ground this fall, and

mulch.

**Q. I planted several flats of geraniums. Can I save them over the winter?**

**A.** Yes, they can be saved with very little effort. Around the end of this month, unless the temperatures reach 20 degrees (at which time, rush them into the house), cut away dead branches and fading blooms. Set them in pots in a rather cool area with lots of light. Turn regularly. Water when needed and continue to fertilize monthly. Blooms may appear in early 1998.

**Q. Squash vines and others such as cucumbers developed whitish spots on the leaves in a short time and rotted at the stem. When the stem was cut, a liquid ran out. What happened?**

**A.** Without actually seeing the plants, I can just guess. It was probably a mildew or a fungal disease. Perhaps it was caused by over watering or under watering, strange as that may seem.

Rotating crops can often avoid the problem. Avoid overhead sprinkling to help prevent mildew, destroy affected

plants and look for disease-resistant varieties.

Many nurseries have in-store help. You can also take any plant to your county extension agent for expert advice: Oakland, (248) 858-0880; Wayne, (313) 494-3011; Macomb, (810) 469-6400; Livingston, (517) 546-3956; Washtenaw, (313) 971-0079.

**Q. I have a round flower bed and wonder: Do I need to plant tall plants in the center? I also have an arch I'm planning to use.**

**A.** If you want a symmetrical design, tall in the center is good. On the other hand, if they are placed off-center, a more casual look can be achieved.

You may wish to use a piece of sculpture in the center as a focal point and taller plants can be a balance toward the edges. The arch could be placed in the middle, or at one edge to guide visitors.

Set a few plants or objects in various places to see what is most pleasing



MARTY FIGLEY

**Urn-ing compliments:** A pretty urn would be suitable to grace a round flower bed.

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## Take time to get organized

Get Organized Week, which continues to Saturday, Oct. 11, is an opportunity to step back and evaluate how you spend your time.

Take this chance to decide what you want to be doing with your time, and then implement organizing systems to support your activities.

Ann Savell of the Birmingham-based Savell Inc., specializing in professional organization, helps companies and individuals clear the clutter out of their homes, offices and lives so that they can stop struggling with the overload and find a fresh approach.

She offers these tips for those wanting to get and stay better organized:

■ Make a promise to yourself not to buy anything new until you have seri-

ously looked at what you currently have in your closets, cupboards, drawers, garage, basement and attic.

■ After donating or recycling what you can live without, think about finding the most convenient locations for the things you really need and use often. You may be surprised to find how many steps you are wasting each day.

■ Decide to tackle one item or area a day. Get rid of the clutter that is cramping your style. An example would be to clear the clutter from one drawer while you're on the phone. Also, take a good look at the top of your desk and begin to sort through what isn't a priority.

Get Organized Week is sponsored by the National Association of Professional Organizers.

## Observation platform planned

The Ann Arbor branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association has donated \$1,000 to the Matthaei Botanical Gardens.

This money will be used to build an observation platform in the constructed wetland to encourage general access to the area while protecting its delicate beauty.

The gift will make it possible for visitors to experience the serenity and learn about the function of a wetland first hand.

The observation platform will be incorporated into existing nature trails. One of the paths will lead directly to the platform, which will extend over the water's edge.

With this addition, visitors will be surrounded by the sights, sounds, feel and smells of a functioning wetland.

The design and construction of the observation platform will be done in house. The structure itself will be a hexagon with benches on three sides and with one side open to the water, overlooking the wetland. It will seat 10 people comfortably.

Additional money will be raised to provide interpretive signs so that people can learn about wetlands as an environmentally friendly way to purify water.

The construction of the observation platform is scheduled for completion by mid-October.

To get to the gardens at 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor, take US-23 north to Geddes Road. Head east on Geddes to Dixboro Road. Turn left onto Dixboro and go 2-1/2 miles north. Call (313) 998-7061.

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before you dig. Enjoy the experience.

### Here and there

Following my column about primroses, I have had several delightful conversations with people who grow them and all are enchanted by their special qualities. I will soon have new varieties in my garden because of their generosity. Isn't gardening a happy occupation?

Here's a hot exclusive: A new television show entitled "Great Gardeners," to be aired on HGTV, will begin Sunday, Oct. 12. Check your local cable company for times.

Jim Wilson, popular garden writer and lecturer, formerly with TV's "Victory Garden," will be the host for interviews with American experts.

They are Dan Hinkley, Heronswood Nursery; David Leach, rhododendron/magnolia breeder; the late J.C. Raulston, North Carolina State University; Panyoti Kelaidis, rock garden specialist; Marco

Polo Stufano, curator of horticulture, Wave Hill Gardens; Richard Lightly, director, Mount Cuba Center for the Preservation of Piedmont Plants; and Fred and Mary Ann McCourty, perennial specialists, Hillside Nursery.

Peter Seabrook, also formerly of "Victory Garden," will host shows with English experts.

They are Graham Stuart Thomas, author and expert breeder; Beth Chatto, garden designer; Alan Blum, plantsman; Rosemary Verry and Penelope Hobhouse, gardeners and lecturers; and Christopher Lloyd, author and lecturer.

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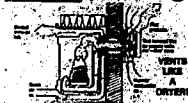
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## ASPCA offers Halloween safety tips for pets, pet owners

Halloween can be a traumatic and even dangerous time for your pet.

Jacque Schultz, ASPCA director of companion animal services, offers some common-sense tips to protect your pet on Halloween:

■ Don't leave your pet out in the yard on Halloween. There are plenty of stories of vicious pranksters who have teased, injured, stolen, even killed pets on this night.

■ Trick-or-treat candies aren't for pets. Chocolate is poisonous to a lot of animals, and tin foil and cellophane candy wrappers can be hazardous if swallowed.

■ Be careful of pets around a lit pumpkin. Pets may knock it over and cause a fire. Curious kittens especially run the risk of getting burned.

■ Don't dress the dog in costume unless you know he loves it. Otherwise, it puts a lot of stress on the animal.

■ If you do dress up your dog, make sure the costume isn't constricting, annoying or unsafe. Be careful not to obstruct her vision – even the sweetest dogs can get snappy when they can't see what's going on around them.

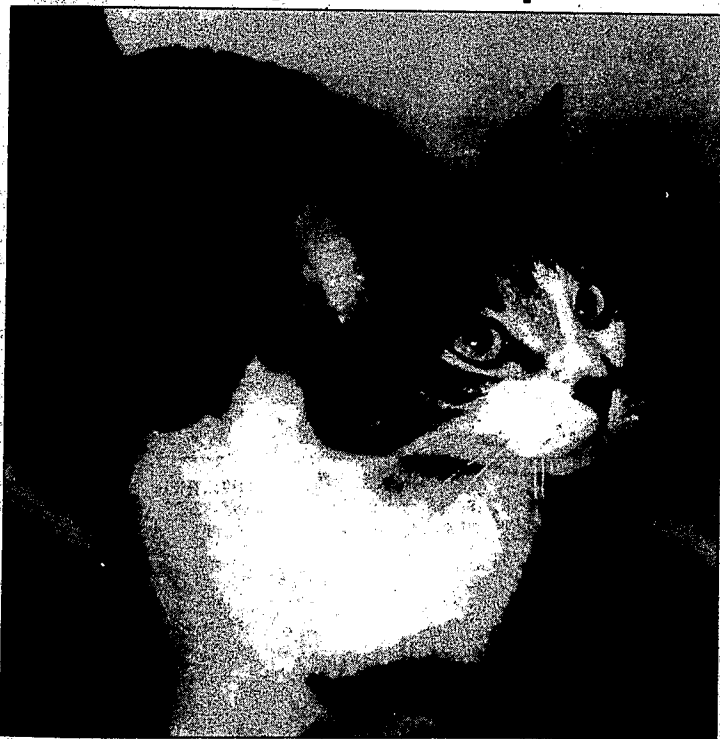
■ All but the most social dogs should be kept in a separate room during trick-or-treat visiting hours; too many strangers in strange garb can be scary for a dog.

■ Be careful your cat or dog doesn't dart out through the open door.

While this can be a fun time for people and pets alike, remember that your pets are depending on you to keep them safe from the more dangerous goblins and ghouls that this holiday brings.

Further questions about animal safety and behavior can be directed to the Animal Behavior Helpline, (212) 876-7700, Ext. 4357 (HELP), 1-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

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### HOME

■ The Beverly Hills Home Tour will take place 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9, featuring five historically designated houses. Bring your slippers. No strollers. The tour isn't appropriate for children; babysitting is available at My

Place for Kids at Maple and Lahser. Tickets, \$10, may be bought 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Village Offices of Beverly Hills, 18500 W. 13 Mile. Call Mary Ann at (248) 642-1308. The tour is sponsored by the non-profit Village Women's Club of Beverly Hills, which is celebrating its 40th anniversary. Also featured will be a historical display of the village, and complimentary light refreshments at the village offices. Tavern on 13, Brady's and the Beverly Hills Grill will provide a complimentary dessert 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.

■ "Design Your Own Kitchen," a three-week course beginning Saturday, Oct. 11, at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, offers homeowners the services of a certified kitchen design professional to guide through the design process. Fee is \$57. Call (313) 462-4448 for information. Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile.

■ Gain ideas and information on the latest trends and products in home fashions at Super Saturday Seminars at Haberman Fabrics, 117 W. Fourth in Royal Oak. No sewing experience is necessary for the free seminars, but advance reservations are required. Call (248) 541-0010. "Upholster Your Dining Room Chairs" is the topic 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11. Learn how quick and easy it is to tear down, restyle and reconstruct a drop-in chair seat.

■ A Collectible Treasure Hunt will take place noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12, in the Collector's Gallery at Hudson's at Twelve Oaks, 27550 Novi Road

in Novi. Call (248) 344-6800. Guests will have the opportunity to meet representatives from some of the most renowned names in collectibles. Exclusive items and introductions will be featured.

■ Hudson's Interior Design Studio presents an ongoing series of seminars on home interior design and decor. The "Design 101" and "Focus On" presentations are free and open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis. The seminars take place in Hudson's furniture departments. Scheduled topics include "Design 101: Creating Moods With Lighting," 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 13, at Northland in Southfield (call (248) 443-6000), with designer Wanda Brown.

■ A Cherished Teddies Event will take place Wednesday-Friday, Oct. 15-17, at Always Christmas in Olde World Canterbury Village in Lake Orion. Call (248) 391-5700. Canterbury Village is three miles off I-75, Exit 83, North, Joslyn Road.

■ The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham, offers a variety of classes related to the home and garden, as well as for leisure time and hobbies. Call (248) 644-5832 for fees and other information. Scheduled classes include "Organizing Your Family Photos," Wednesdays, Oct. 15 and 22 (two sessions).

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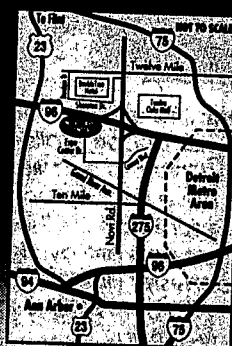
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■ The Wetsman Gallery and the Yaw Gallery of Birmingham; the Anderson Gallery, Gallery: FunctionArt, Habatat Galleries and the ShawGuido Gallery of Pontiac; and The Sybaris Gallery of Royal Oak will be among the exhibitors at the fourth annual international exposition of sculpture, objects and functional art (SOFA), Thursday-Sunday, Oct. 16-19, at Chicago's Navy Pier. Call (800) 561-SOFA for information.

■ "Entertaining with Style" is a series of four workshops to be presented at the Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn by Bloomfield Hills party consultant Leslie Jacobs. Chefs, celebrity guests and professionals in entertaining will share their expertise. The last session will be a wine-tasting party featuring prizes and live music. Cost is \$75 per session, or \$225 for all four. Each participant may bring a guest to the wine-tasting event at no charge. Space is limited, so register early. Call (248) 646-4517 for information. Scheduled are: "The Best Dressed Tables" Sunday, Oct. 19; "You Are Cordially Invited" Sunday, Nov. 2; "Explore the Possibilities" Sunday, Nov. 16; and "Red, Whites & You!" Thursday, Dec. 4.

■ The Remodelers Council of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan will present the "ABCs of Remodeling," sponsored by Andersen Windows, Four Seasons Sunrooms of Southfield and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham. Call (248) 737-4477. Advance registration fees are \$5 per person. Homeowners are asked to bring a picture of their residence. The program will cover what a homeowner needs to know about major and minor remodeling for kitchens, baths and home additions and financing the remodeling project.

### GARDEN

■ Four Seasons Garden Center, 14471 W. 11 Mile in Oak Park, will present its fourth annual Fall Fun Festival 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 11-12. Call (248) 543-4400. Youngsters ages 3-12 may take part in pumpkin bowling and gourd golfing, and try to name varieties of leaves and guess how much "Pauly the Pumpkin" weighs. These ages may also paint a purchased mini-pumpkin during the festival; judging will take place 3 p.m. Sunday and the winner of each age group will take home a special prize. Scheduled demonstrations are master furniture builder BIM WILLOW, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday; "Fall Planted: Bulbs: The Promise of Spring Color," bulb specialist Peter van der Lans, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday; "Winterizing Your Roses," American Rose Society consulting rosarian and Detroit Rose Society first vice president Diane Schrist, 2-4 p.m. Saturday; and "Let's Make a Pumpkin Head Scarecrow," Four Seasons manager Stacy Feldman, 12:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Tickets at \$1 are on sale now through Sunday for a

willow furniture raffle, in which the winner chooses a corkscrew willow or birdhouse bench valued at \$175. All proceeds go directly to FOCUS HOPE. The drawing will take place 3 p.m. Sunday.

■ To help with Halloween preparations and add to the excitement, Frank's Nursery & Crafts invites all neighborhood children to a Pumpkin Painting Party noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12, at all Frank's locations. Each child will receive one complimentary pumpkin and paints. Cider and doughnuts will be served. For families wishing to host their own in-home decorating party, Frank's offers many different project options, including a large assortment of fresh pumpkins (\$2 to \$13) and Pumpkin Masters carving kits (\$6.99), Halloween plaster figures in a variety of shapes and sizes ready for painting (\$4 to \$30), and Halloween wreaths that are easy to create with pre-formed grapevine wreaths (\$4), novelty characters and fall silk leaves and flowers.

■ Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor, offers a variety of adult education courses. Call (313) 998-7061 for fees and other information. Scheduled classes include "Fall Garden Cleanup," Wednesday, Oct. 15; and "Windowsill Plants," Thursday, Oct. 16.

■ English Gardens conducts free seminars on a variety of gardening topics during October. The weekly seminars take place at each of English Gardens' four locations, including 7 p.m. Wednesdays at the West Bloomfield store, 6370 Orchard Lake Road. Call (248) 851-7506. The next topic, Oct. 15 in West Bloomfield, is "Decorate Your Home For the Holidays" by Kay Kiebusch.

■ "The Gardens of Scotland: From Edinburgh to Inverewe," a lecture and slide presentation that is the first in the "Art of Living with Nature" series of the Friends of the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens, will take place noon Thursday, Oct. 16. Enjoy the diverse beauty of Scotland's gardens, and a luncheon with Highland cuisine. Cost per person is \$30, \$25 for members. Seating is limited and early registration is required. Call (313) 998-7061.

■ Area youngsters, ages 3-16, will grab their plumpest pumpkins and most bootiful costumes Saturday, Oct. 25, and head to English Gardens for its 11th annual Great Pumpkin Celebration, which includes pumpkin decorating and Halloween costume contests, Halloween safety tips and refreshments. The event takes place at all four English Gardens locations, including the store at 6370 Orchard Lake Road at Maple in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 851-7506. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded to contestants with the best pumpkin and costume entries. Winners in each category will receive English Gardens gift certificates. Participants must arrive at English Gardens by 1:45 p.m. for registration.

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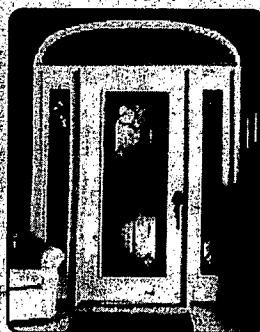
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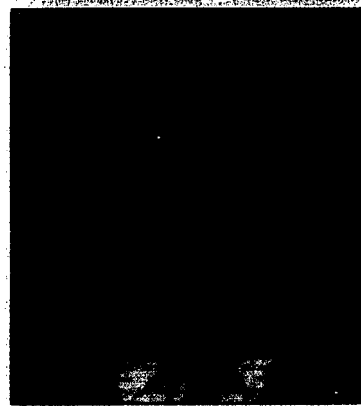
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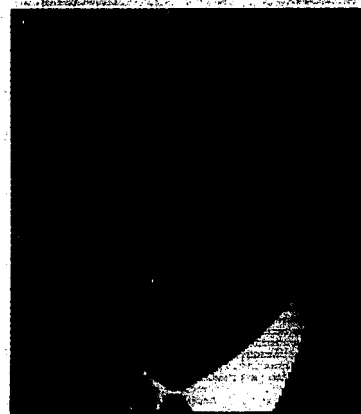
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## Meet all three Realtors of the Year



**Tradition continues:** Jim Newton, president of the North Oakland County Board of Realtors, was named Realtor of the Year by that association.



**BBRSOAR Honoree:** Bob Corbett, a 20-year veteran, was chosen Realtor of the Year by the Birmingham Bloomfield Rochester South Oakland Association of Realtors.

BY DOUG FUNKE  
STAFF WRITER

They're knowledgeable, energetic and involved. They're productive in their work and respected by their peers. They're Realtors of the Year.

Betty Bjarnesen, a Livonia resident and a Realtor with the Michigan Group in that community, was selected by the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors.

James M. Newton, a Waterford resident and a vice president at Standard Federal Bank in Troy in charge of appraisal operations, was named by the North Oakland County Board of Realtors.

Robert J. Corbett, a Madison Heights resident and an associate broker with Century 21 Campbell there, was chosen by the Their selections were based on service to the industry and personal career achievement.

"You have to be organized, no question about that," said Bjarnesen, affectionately known as Betty B. She made the transition from public relations to real estate in 1989.

"A lot of Realtors feel they have their license so now they're a Realtor," Bjarnesen said. "They have to have that professionalism, go to workshops and seminars. At Western Wayne, we have the classes. We have the teachers. Full training is available.

"I believe if you get involved in your profession early on, then everything you do just becomes part of your daily schedule," she said.

Bjarnesen, 65, holds the professional designations of Graduate Realtors Institute, Leadership Training Graduate, Accredited Buyer Representative and Referral Relocation Certification.

She serves on WWCAR's board of directors, education committee, professional standards committee and is active with the Women's Council of Realtors.

Family support is crucial to success in this business, Bjarnesen said.

"If not for my husband (Gunnar) and his pride in what I do, I probably wouldn't be Realtor of the Year. He's very understanding and not jealous of my



STAFF PHOTO BY LAWRENCE R. MCKEE

**Top Realtor:** Betty Bjarnesen was selected Realtor of the Year by the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors.

time."

She has five grown children.

The North Oakland County Board traditionally names its president Realtor of the Year in recognition of all the work that goes with the job.

"This Realtor of the Year award is something I'm proud of," Newton said. "It's something I can look back on in years to come and know my work was appreciated."

Newton, 34, is a licensed appraiser, licensed broker and licensed builder. He's either serving or has served on his association's budget and finance committee, R-PAC legislative affairs and task force on computers.

"Every transaction is unique, presents unique problems and presents unique satisfactions," Newton said. "It's very rewarding to bring a deal together. You meet a lot of great people, also."

Real estate has fared well in the political arena during 1997, he said.

"It has been a good year legislatively

with the new federal tax law and the state Subdivision Control Act. R-PAC legislative committees around the state have done a wonderful job facilitating passage of these bills."

Newton, also, recognizes the time commitment and organization needed to succeed in this field.

"My wife, Marji, and 19-month-old son, James II, are very understanding and pick up the slack," he said. "They have to hold down the fort while dad is away doing business."

"My boss and Standard Federal have been very helpful," Newton added. "I have a full-time job here. They deserve some gratitude, also."

Corbett, 42, is BBRSOAR president. He's held all offices for that association and with the South Oakland Board before the merger. He currently serves on the issues mobilization committee with the Michigan Association of Realtors.

"There's no lack of changing personalities in this business," said Corbett, a

20-year veteran. "At any given time I have 10 different bosses. I've enjoyed it, helping them work through one of the most stressful activities they will be faced with."

Corbett and wife Linda, also a Realtor and his business partner, have five children.

"She knows the hours, the details," Corbett said. "It's worked out very well."

Here's how each of the three honorees described themselves:

Corbett - "Detail oriented, tenacious, enjoy meeting people."

Newton - "I would say leadership through good communication and perseverance. I always want to take into consideration what others think. I'm a good people person, a good customer-service person."

Bjarnesen - "People can always count on me. I'm loyal, friendly as well as someone a person can depend on and never feel they couldn't ask me to help."



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These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real estate closings recorded September 15 - 19 at the Oakland County Register of Deeds Office and compiled by Advertising That Works, a Bloomfield Township company that tracks deed and mortgage recordings in Southeastern Michigan. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

## Auburn Hills

67 Ashburnham St \$115,000  
3699 Eaton Gate Ln \$228,000  
2600 Forester Ave \$139,000  
2600 Pontiac Rd \$76,000  
2435 Richmond Rd \$94,000  
675 Sheffield Rd \$115,000

## Clarkston

6420 Almond Ln \$207,000  
7992 Brookwood Dr \$71,000  
5868 Hummingbird Ln \$164,000  
6886 Northwest Way E \$135,000  
6886 Northwest Dr \$309,000  
6920 Oak Hill Rd \$145,000  
7200 Oak Valley Dr \$30,000  
7200 Oak Pond Dr \$145,000  
4404 Pinedale Ave \$133,000

## Commerce Township

2174 Calle Dr \$155,000  
4800 Charlevoix St \$163,000  
4405 Commerce Woods \$181,000  
1885 Falls Pointe Ln \$285,000  
1777 Hollingsworth Dr \$131,000  
6020 Huxley St \$154,000

3927 Lakes Edge Dr \$341,000  
5404 Leafwood \$195,000  
1834 Luneta Ct \$119,000  
3568 Oak Mews \$154,000  
2004 Oakside Ct \$181,000  
2489 Rocky Top Ct \$262,000  
3341 Royal St \$99,000  
4726 Surlwood \$479,000  
4270 White Oak Trl \$162,000  
181 Woodcreek Ct \$70,000

## Davidsburg

11965 Andersonville Rd \$173,000  
10106 Creekwood Trl \$377,000  
6168 Hillside Rd \$46,000  
10296 King Rd \$95,000  
9955 Old Farm Trl \$140,000  
12170 Scott Rd \$207,000

## Farmington

22951 Hayden St \$138,000  
31660 Lee Ln \$130,000  
31600 Loomis St \$126,000  
32948 Slocum St \$142,000  
23960 Whittaker St \$172,000

## Farmington Hills

27832 Alycey St \$117,000  
28350 Bayberry Rd \$165,000  
22120 Colgate St \$95,000  
33239 Edmonston St \$89,000  
29719 Fernhill Dr \$243,000  
37634 Glenview Dr \$293,000  
21614 Hamilton Ave \$86,000  
29823 Highmeadow Rd \$270,000

## Livonia

25550 Kilgore Dr \$200,000  
30091 Muntland Dr \$216,000  
35284 Northmont Dr \$208,000  
34345 Oak Forest Dr \$241,000  
35135 Pennington Dr \$215,000  
22850 Purdue Ave \$137,000

33625 Rhonwood St \$100,000  
31410 Rocky Crst \$183,000  
21710 Roosevelt Ave \$139,000  
21714 Roosevelt Ave \$137,000  
27317 Rosewood Ct \$259,000  
29537 Sierra Point Cir \$175,000  
29278 Stillwater \$284,000  
29880 W 12 Mile # 806 \$73,000

## Franklin

30945 Bruce Ln \$75,000  
27315 Gardenway Rd \$195,000  
24920 N Cromwell Dr \$212,000  
25701 River Dr \$512,000

## Keego Harbor

1647 Cass Lake Rd #b \$80,000  
3025 Moss St \$55,000  
1835 Sylvan Gln \$56,000

## Lake Orion

2496 Armstrong \$170,000  
3760 Bald Mountain Rd \$160,000  
1083 Bayfield St \$78,000  
475 Bellevue Ave \$165,000  
2679 Cedar Key Dr \$175,000  
2791 Cedar Key Dr \$227,000

## Livonia

3944 Fieldview Rd \$285,000  
851 Grix Ct \$150,000  
753 Heights Rd \$99,000  
3620 H Dale Dr \$168,000  
3630 H Dale Dr \$173,000  
435 Hiram St \$197,000  
1984 Hunters Ln \$139,000  
2914 Lochmoor Blvd \$179,000  
2683 Pine Ridge Ct \$66,000  
807 Pinetree St \$225,000  
1568 Pleasantview St \$39,000

## Livonia

18180 Ramgate Dr \$169,000

## Novi

45539 Addington Ln \$313,000  
45556 Addington Ln \$334,000  
45579 Addington Ln \$331,000  
23435 Broadmoor Park \$481,000  
45947 Cider Mill Rd \$219,000  
21102 Dundee Dr \$357,000  
23974 Elizabeth Ln \$281,000  
24023 Elizabeth Ln \$330,000  
24009 Glen Ridge Ct \$164,000  
22700 Heatherwoode \$166,000  
23404 N Rockledge \$90,000  
24624 Olde Orchard St \$94,000  
24564 Picara Dr \$265,000  
41834 Ridge Rd E \$176,000  
21940 Roxbury Dr \$244,000  
47296 Sierra \$126,000  
23741 Stonehenge Blvd \$96,000  
30846 Tanglewood Dr \$195,000  
41128 Todd Ln \$201,000  
23733 Wintergreen Cir \$424,000  
23805 Wintergreen Cir \$463,000  
22385 Worcester Dr \$460,000

## Oakland Township

2923 Oakland Oaks St \$215,000  
1923 Orion Rd \$177,000  
3155 Orion Rd \$208,000  
3155 Orion Rd \$250,000

## Orchard Lake

5527 Shore Dr \$310,000

## Orion Township

3318 Blasser Dr \$135,000  
2680 Calais Dr \$148,000  
2408 Forest Hills Dr \$197,000  
3844 Gainesborough Dr \$129,000  
3346 Regency St \$136,000  
3951 Spring Hollow Ct \$218,000

## Oxford

960 Crestmoor Dr \$192,000  
2798 Grant Rd \$134,000  
4588 Granger Rd \$175,000  
730 Lakes Edge Dr \$340,000  
3603 Harrison Ave \$145,000  
1338 Kings Cove Dr \$120,000  
1442 Kings Cove Dr \$129,000  
1875 W Oakwood Rd \$179,000

## Rochester

5211 Aintree Rd \$265,000  
1915 Beaver Creek Dr \$85,000  
1932 Beaver Creek Dr \$85,000  
1984 Beaver Creek Dr \$259,000  
1990 Beaver Creek Dr \$248,000  
1673 Riverside Dr # 36 \$77,000  
2143 Rochelle Park Dr \$157,000  
427 Rolling Green Cir S \$197,000  
3199 Salem Dr \$289,000  
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476 Tanglewood Dr \$280,000  
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1060 W Auburn Rd \$70,000  
2849 Walsh Dr \$99,000  
2621 Weaverston \$112,000  
1853 Willowood Dr \$160,000  
3057 Wilmington Blvd \$247,000  
306 Wimpole Dr \$153,000  
179 Windrift Ln \$215,000

## Rochester Hills

2889 Alexander Ave \$101,000  
616 Ashley Cir E \$153,000  
2954 Avalon St \$50,000  
1304 Brook Ln \$126,000  
3628 Cone Ave \$119,000  
3830 Cone Ave \$118,000  
3800 Cross Creek Blvd \$375,000  
2219 Crystal Dr \$165,000

## Southfield

25910 Acacia St \$150,000  
15598 Addison St \$125,000  
23585 Brandywine St \$135,000  
20405 Brookshire St \$140,000  
17322 Cambridge Ave \$108,000  
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22880 Coventry Woods \$290,000  
27490 Dover St \$143,000  
16591 Edwards Ave \$130,000  
23300 Evergreen Rd \$111,000  
18208 Fairfax St \$128,000  
25637 Hickory Hill St \$158,000  
21776 Hickory Hill St \$109,000  
24841 Lee Baker Dr \$170,000  
17315 Lincoln Dr \$156,000  
24581 Mulberry Dr \$155,000  
27522 Northwestern \$400,000  
30405 Old Stream \$176,000  
26808 Pierce St \$176,000  
27335 Selkirk St \$145,000  
30260 Southfield # A157 \$37,000  
25224 Southwood St \$113,000  
27680 Spring Arbor Dr \$117,000  
26549 Summerdale Dr \$106,000  
24351 Tamarack Cir \$155,000  
22580 W 11 Mile Rd \$80,000  
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6493 Rochester Rd \$97,000  
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116 E Waite Lake # 3 \$167,000  
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6790 E Dartmoor Rd \$167,000  
2215 Eastman Blvd \$365,000  
2625 Elizabeth Ln \$398,000  
5745 Fox Hunt Ln \$243,000  
1893 Heron View Dr \$209,000  
2502 Ivanhoe Dr \$96,000  
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2258 Plumgrove Ln \$287,000  
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## HOME SELLING CLASS

Realtor Rosemary Firestone of RE/MAX 100 and her financial services team host a free, no-obligation class on how to sell a house 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 14, at First Michigan Title, 38777 W. Six Mile just west of I-275, Livonia.

Topics include how to prepare for showing, eight steps for selling and nine deadly mistakes.

Presenters include Jim Athens, Cohcord Financial; Michael Rich, lawyer; Jeffrey Sprague, financial planner; Kanter Associates; Sharon Johnson, First Michigan Title; Craig Lee, Home Inspection Team; and Firestone.

For reservations, call (313) 429-9600.

## REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT

The Institute of Real Estate Management Chapter 5 hosts a breakfast meeting 8 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15, at the Gandy Dancer restaurant, 401 Dept Street, Ann Arbor.

Fabian Beltran, railroad historian, presents a guided tour of the old Michigan Central Station, built in 1886, now the restaurant.

Cost is \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members. To register, call Bea King at (248) 615-3885.

## FAIR HOUSING WORKSHOP

The Property Management Council of the Apartment Association of Michigan sponsors a fair housing workshop 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15, at the Southfield Civic Center Pavilion, 26000 Evergreen.

Thom Harris of Fair Housing Compliance Services, presents an overview of fair housing conscious techniques with prospective residents and monitoring fair housing performance of employees.

Cost is \$29 for PMC members, \$39 for AAM and Building Industry Association of South-

eastern Michigan members and \$49 for others.

To register, call (248) 737-4477.

## TRADE SHOW

The Apartment Association of Michigan and the BIA 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, recreational equipment, laundry equipment, rental furniture, windows, doors and more.

There is no admission charge, but tickets, available at (248) 737-4477, are required for admission.

## CONDO MANAGEMENT CLASS

Robert M. Meisner, a lawyer and O&E columnist, teaches a class, "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, environ-

mental concerns, civil rights issues, bylaw enforcement procedures and how to run an effective board meeting.

Cost is \$75, \$60 for each additional attendee from the same organization.

To register, call (248) 471-7729.

## MORTGAGE MANAGEMENT

Ross Mortgage presents a free, no-obligation seminar, "How to Mine Gold - Effective Management of Your Mortgage to Build Wealth," 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 21, at the Carl Sandburg Library, 30100 W. Seven Mile, Livonia.

To register, call (248) 968-1800 ext. 363.

## ENERGY EFFICIENCY SEMINAR

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, Oct. 22, at the Livonia Holiday Inn, 17123 Laurel Park Drive North.

To register, call (800) 833-2786.

## TECHNOLOGY/DESIGN EXPO

The American Institute of Architects and the Associated General Contractors of America Greater Detroit Chapter co-sponsor an Information Technology Conference for the Design/Construction 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 permits; and CD-ROM information resources for the construction industry.

Cost is \$50 for members, \$60 for non-members and \$25 for students.

To register, call Joe Neussendorfer at (248) 948-7000.

## GIFFELS AWARD

Giffels Associates, an architectural/engineering firm, has received a city of Southfield Standard of Excellence Award presented to businesses making a positive cosmetic appearance in the community.

This is the second consecutive year in which the building on Telegraph, designed and occupied by Giffels, has been honored.

## FIRMS MERGE

Ayres, Lewis Norris & May, engineers, planners and surveyors, has agreed to merge operations with C.C. Johnson & Malhotra of Washington, D.C.

The newly-formed company, CCJM/ALNM Group, with a combined revenue of some \$25 million, will have more than 240 employees in eight offices in Michigan, Maryland, Colorado and D.C.

Ann Arbor will be the corporate home.

## BUILDING BOOK

"The Owner-Builder Book, How You Can Save More than \$100,000 in the Construction of Your House, has been written by a Utah couple who claims to have saved 45 percent in building a house by acting as their own general contractors.

Topics include developing a list of materials, obtaining bids, shopping for bargains and managing the project on a daily basis.

The book, written by Mark and Elaine Smith, is priced at \$26.95 and available at (888) 333-2845.

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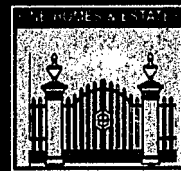
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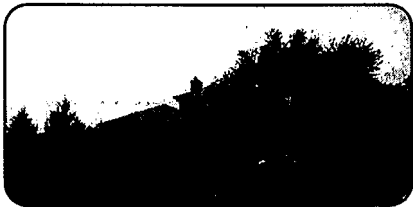
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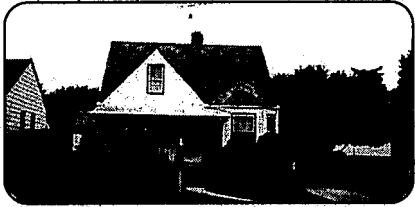
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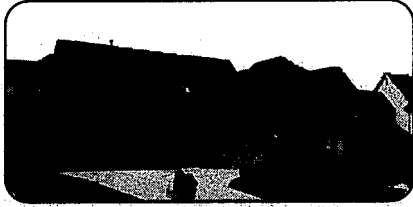
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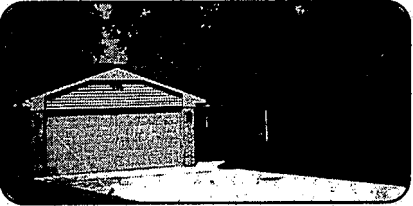
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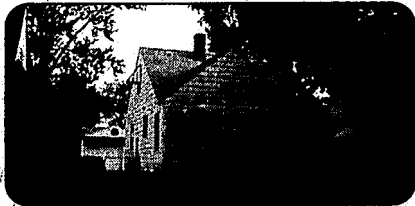
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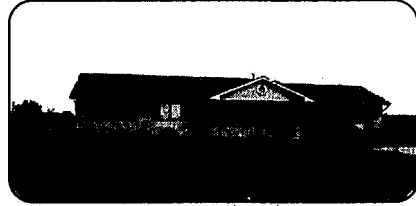
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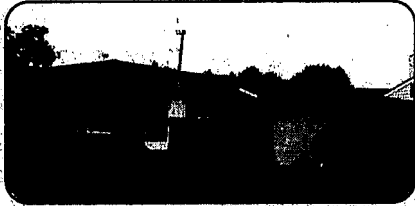
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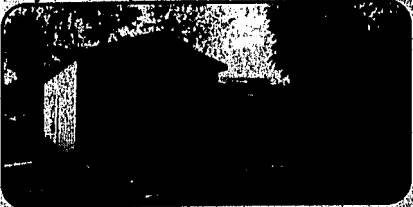
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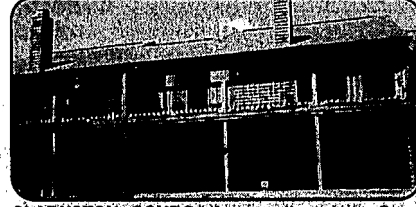
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## MOVERS AND SHAKERS

This column highlights promotions, transfers, hirings, awards won and other news within the real estate, construction, architecture and mortgage communities.

Send a brief summary including town of residency and black and white photo to Real Estate Movers and Shakers, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, 48150.

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Bango

Tom Miner and Anthony Bango have been promoted from senior estimators to managers of preconstruction services at E.J. Etkin Construction in Farmington Hills.

Miner, who joined Etkin five years ago, holds civil engineering and engineering management degrees from the University of Detroit.

Bango, who joined Etkin in 1995, holds a degree in landscape architecture from Michigan State University.

Howard Satovsky of Howard Stanley Custom Homes in Farmington Hills has received a National Pacesetter Award from Custom Home Magazine.

Satovsky was honored for a unique approach to design build, a three-stage architectural process easing the buyer into both the detail and expense of home building.

Satovsky created the program for Franklin where installation of a pressure sewer system opened up groups of infill lots in established subdivisions serviced by Birmingham schools.

Cecelia E. Brown has been appointed vice president and sales manager at the Prudential Great Lakes Realty Rochester Hills office.

Brown, a real estate professional for 27 years, is an experienced new-build marketer and trainer.

Brown lives in Rochester and has acquired the professional designation of Graduate Realtors Institute. She's also a licensed broker.



Brown

Village Green Construction in Farmington Hills announces two promotions and a pair of new hires.

Eric Brown, promoted to vice president of construction from regional project manager, will oversee activity in Detroit and various secondary markets.

Kevin Thornton will assume the position of regional project manager overseeing all activity in the Chicago region.

Tim Bailey and Randy Williams have been hired as project managers.

Village Green Construction has 2,300 apartments under construction, with another 1,500 in development and slated to begin before the end of the year.

## Last look at mortgage servicing

## MORTGAGE SEARCH



DAVID C. MULLY

The current servicer has up to 30 days after the effective date of the transfer to send you notification if:

■ The lender terminates the contract because, for example, you have defaulted on the loan.

■ The servicer files for bankruptcy.

■ The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or the Resolution Trust Corporation begins proceedings to take over the servicer's operations.

If your loan servicing is going to be sold, you should receive two notices — one from the current servicer and one from the new mortgage servicer. The new servicer must notify you not more than 15 days after the transfer has occurred. The notices must

include:

■ The name and address of the new servicer, the date the current servicer will stop accepting mortgage payments, the date the new servicer will begin accepting them.

■ Free or collect-call telephone numbers for both the current servicer and the new servicer that you can call for information about the transfer.

■ Information that tells whether you can continue any option insurance, such as mortgage life or disability insurance, and what action, if any, you must take to maintain coverage. You also must be told whether the insurance terms will change.

■ A statement that the transfer will not affect any terms or conditions of your mortgage documents, unless the terms are directly related to servicing the loan.

For example, if your contract specifically allowed you to pay property taxes and insurance premiums on your own, the new servicer cannot demand that you establish an escrow account. However, if your contract merely limited the actions of your old lender, the new servicer may require such an account.

After the transfer, you can not be charged a late fee for 60 days if you

sent your mortgage payment to the old mortgage servicer instead of the new one. In addition, the fact that your new servicer may have received your payment late cannot be reported to a credit bureau.

If you are dissatisfied with the answers, contact your local or state consumer protection office and the Department of Housing and Urban Development to file a complaint under the National Affordable Housing Act. Write: Office of Single Family Housing, HUD, Room 9282, Washington DC 20410.

Under federal law, consumers can initiate class action suits and obtain actual damages, plus additional damages, for a pattern or practice of noncompliance.

David Mully has been researching mortgage lenders, products and services for more than 10 years. To contact Mully, call 1-800-521-0026 ext. 227, fax him at (248) 669-6875 or mail him at P.O. Box 485, Novi MI 48376.

You can access Mully's previous Mortgage Shopping articles and current mortgage rates on-line at <http://www.observer-eccentric.com/realestate/mully>

## Take steps now to winterize home

Last week's cold snap and frost warnings air remind us of last year's heavy winds, massive snowfalls and never-ending winter storms. While the harsh winter weather could be weeks away, what better time get prepared? "Preparing for winter early will save you time and money," says Russell Harlow Home Depot associate. Here are a few tips that can help battle the winter chill and keep you warm and dry.

## Winter checklist:

Caulk around windows, door frames and baseboards. Winter home heating bills can increase due to escaping heat. Avoid this situation by using white silicone caulking around your doors, windows and baseboards. Clear plastic film can also be melted over windows with a hair dryer to help stop drafts and prevent the inevitable frost build up. "This simple task could save homeowners up to \$500 throughout the season," said Harlow.

Check attic and basement insulation. "Insufficiently insulated attics and walls can cost a homeowner hundreds of dollars in heating costs each winter," Harlow said. There are generally two types of insulation:

fiberglass and cellulose (chemically treated paper). Also, an attic blanket can help lock out the cold and keep your family warm.

Inspect room humidifiers. Make sure humidifiers and space heaters you use are in good working order. Replace filters in humidifiers and refill the water often. Watch for fraying cords on space heaters and keep them away from flammable objects such as curtains, furniture and paper-lined wastebaskets.

Apply an extra coat of waterproofing to your decks. Decks built with pressure-treated lumber need to be protected against water, which can ultimately cause black algae. With a roller or a brush, make sure to completely cover your area with sealant. Do this at or above an outdoor temperature of 50 degrees.

Invest in a snowblower. Don't wait for 10 inches of snow to fall before purchasing a snowblower. "Murray blowers are powerful and reliable. Prices start as low as \$300," said Harlow. "If you have a big driveway, a blower could turn out to be your best friend during heavy snowfalls."

Stock up on the basics. Make sure you have an ample supply of ice-melting chemicals and sand hidden

away. One of the most dangerous winter hazards is ice on walking areas. Have the proper materials to melt ice before it has the chance to build up. Also, check reserves of flashlight batteries, canned goods and bottled water in preparation for a snowy day or severe winter emergency.

Wrap basement pipes and hot water heaters. "This is one of the easiest and least expensive options that can save you hundreds of dollars in hot water expenses," says Harlow. Pipes bursting are one of the biggest causes of winter household flooding. It is a good idea to wrap your pipes and water heater with special blankets. Prices for blankets start at \$30. Pipe insulation can also be used. Insulation is cheap (approximately \$2/package) and easy to install.

Getting a head start on these winter projects can make the cold, brutal winter weather a warmer experience.

"Homeowners who prepare for winter often avoid unnecessary hazards and injuries," says Harlow. "Completing your winter checklist also leaves more time to play in the snow!"

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In one sense, this is how it should be. There's enough to maintain in a home without worrying about your roof. In another sense, it overlooks the fact that a roof can go a long way toward improving or changing your house's appearance, and this has never been more true than today.

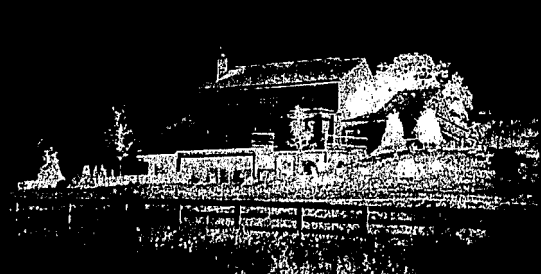
There are more roofing materials than ever — you don't have to settle for standard black shingles. You have your choice of color, texture and, of course, price. Furthermore, there's no reason your roof can't be worry-free. Today's roofing products combine durability with good looks.

Ask for as many references as you can get. Check that the contractor has a license if you live in a state that requires it (not just a business license but a license for the trade). Ask to see insurance and bonding certificates.

Review the contract carefully. Any home-improvement contract should be specific. It should cover when the work will start and when it will be completed (depending on weather), the complete cost (including the disposal of roofing debris), and the type and color of roofing should be specified in detail. Incidentally, the word "square" will probably come up in the contract or in your discussions. A square is 100 square feet of roofing.

Ask the contractor if the existing roofing needs to be torn off because some communities allow no more than two layers of shingles on a roof. Also ask if the deck or portions of it need to be replaced.

For more information on working with roofing contractors, contact the National Roofing Contractors Assn., 10255 W. Higgins Rd., Suite 600, Rosemont, Ill. 60018.

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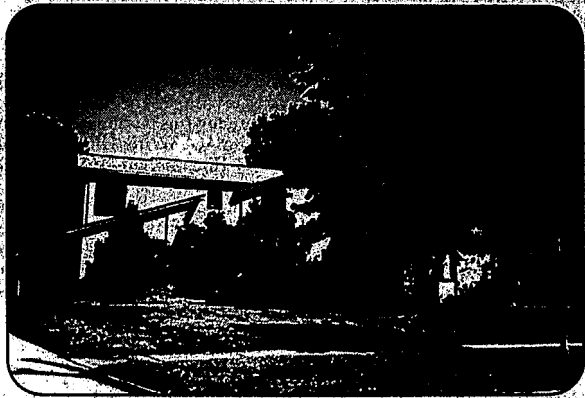
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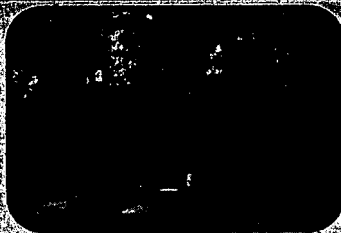
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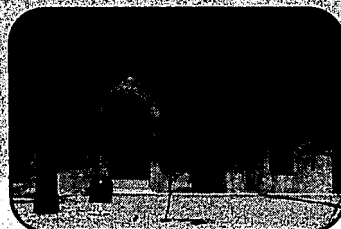
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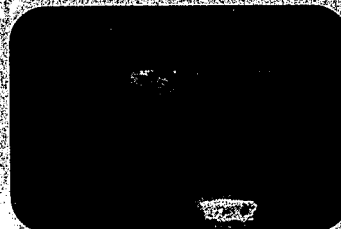
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 • Master bedroom with cathedral ceiling, fireplace, separate shower & spa, large walk-in closet  
 • Four bedrooms, in-ground pool, circular drive  
 \$739,900 646-6000 736994



**DOWNTOWN BIRMINGHAM - CLASSIC VICTORIAN**  
 • Four bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths in private downtown locale  
 • Huge master suite with study and dressing area  
 • Bay windows, crown moldings, cove ceilings, window seats, hardwood floors and more!  
 • Over 2,800 square feet on lot and a half  
 \$619,900 646-6000 741231



**WEST BLOOMFIELD - BETTER THAN NEW**  
 • Magnificent Colonial newly built in 1996 finished with the finest details and amenities  
 • Hand painted Italian tile, granite counters, low E Andersen windows, wired for surround sound  
 • Over 3,700 sq. ft., 4 1/2 baths, 3 car attached garage  
 \$489,900 683-8900 729021



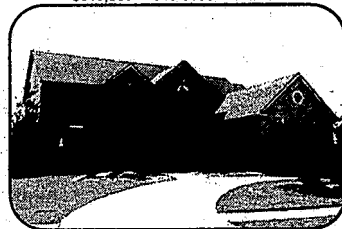
**WEST BLOOMFIELD - MARBLE ACCENTS**  
 • Fabulous Contemporary sets on wooded lot  
 • Spacious kitchen with work station, island & eating area plus 2-way fireplace in kitchen & family room  
 • High volume ceilings; lower level offers sauna, full bath, bedroom, exercise room plus storage  
 \$429,000 689-8900 740705



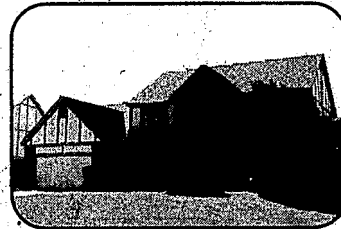
**COMMERCE TWP. - BUILDERS TAKE NOTE!**  
 • Only \$2,100 per lakefront foot of 185 ft. private all sports lake frontage prime value in land, splittable lot  
 • Three bedroom ranch with addition possibilities or build your own dream home with walk-out  
 • Must see to appreciate!  
 \$399,000 626-9100 733062



**OXFORD - PRE-CONSTRUCTION SALE**  
 • Ten lots to choose from in Lakes of Indianwood  
 • The "Cranbrook" model offers large foyer with curved staircase, 2 story family room & garden room  
 • Waterfront & wooded ranging 3,500 - 4,000 sq. ft.  
 • Your floor plan welcome - Base lot prices range from:  
 \$389,900-489,900 626-9100 740899



**NOVI - TRANSITIONAL BEAUTY**  
 • Proudly overlooks custom landscaped lawn  
 • Oversized palladian window, dramatic 2-story foyer  
 • Bay window in living & dining rooms, front & rear staircase, white gourmet island kitchen, 3 car garage  
 \$379,900 626-9100 719165



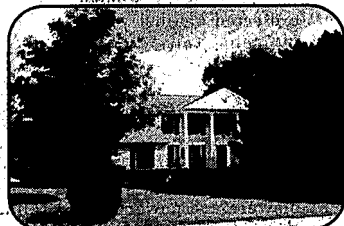
**FARMINGTON HILLS - COUNTRY RIDGE BEAUTY**  
 • Over 3,200 sq. ft. Colonial offers impressive foyer with sweeping circular staircase, island kitchen  
 • Vaulted ceiling in sunlit family room, finished lower level with wet bar & 3rd bath, jetted tub in master suite  
 \$319,900 626-9100 756299



**LAKE ORION - A RARE FIND WITH 5 ACRES!**  
 • Expansive 4,600 square foot Colonial  
 • Luxury of in-door pool, great home for entertaining  
 • Spacious kitchen with work station, island & eating area plus 2-way fireplace in kitchen & family room  
 • High volume ceilings; lower level offers sauna, full bath, bedroom, exercise room plus storage  
 \$295,000-345,000 Ask For: Kimberly Compton-Selden 625-5700



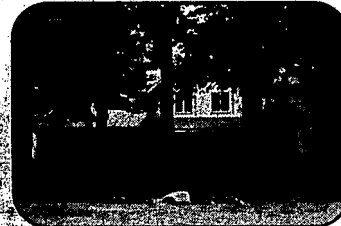
**WEST BLOOMFIELD - UPPER STRAITS**  
 • Enjoy beach & boat privileges on exclusive lake  
 • Spacious 4-5 bedroom home, heated 3 car garage  
 • Finished basement, manicured & private yard  
 • Three bedrooms, approximately 2,700 square feet  
 \$288,000 683-8900 749820



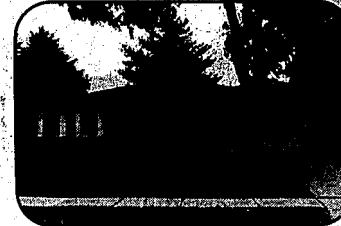
**ROCHESTER HILLS - PARK-LIKE SETTING**  
 • This Traditional Colonial offers extensive crown moldings, beautiful decor & hardwood floors  
 • Marble bath off master, newer roof, windows, trim and gutters, 2 brick patios and perennial garden  
 \$273,000 651-8850 758218



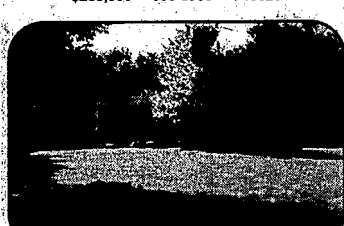
**WATERFORD - WALK TO LAKE OAKLAND**  
 • Dramatic 2 story great room with mirrored fireplace  
 • Merril oak kitchen with hardwood floor & island  
 • Built-in bar in dining area, ceramic foyer, Jacuzzi in master suite - Lease option available  
 \$259,900 651-8850 757336



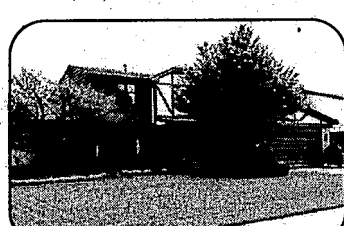
**WEST BLOOMFIELD - PICTURESQUE TREED SETTING**  
 • Spacious well maintained Colonial with 4 bedrooms  
 • Crown moldings, wood windows, Parquet floors  
 • Library, large family room offers gas fireplace, doorwall to extensive decking and brick patio  
 \$259,900 683-8900 744970



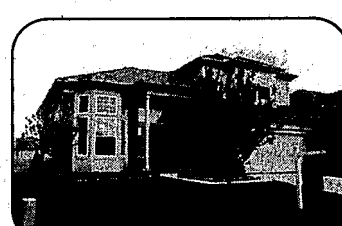
**TROY - STUNNING RANCH WITH MANY UPDATES**  
 • Skylight in spacious family room, cathedral ceiling  
 • Dream size kitchen, bay windows highlights dining room, crown moldings & built-in bookcases  
 • Strategic landscaping for privacy  
 \$255,000 689-8900 758282



**ROCHESTER SCHOOLS - OAKLAND TOWNSHIP**  
 • Wonderfully maintained from the peaceful, scenic setting to the superior quality updates within  
 • New Andersen windows & doorways, kitchen appliances stay, ceiling fans, 3 bedrooms, deck  
 \$229,950 Ask For: Eleanor Feeley 656-4404



**TROY - WALK TO LEONARD ELEMENTARY**  
 • Recently remodeled kitchen in 1991  
 • Family room with fireplace & wet bar  
 • Main floor laundry, new furnace & humidifier in '97  
 • Four bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths plus a home warranty!  
 \$229,900 689-8900 738447



**ROCHESTER AREA - 1994 BUILT QUALITY HOME**  
 • Wonderful kitchen with hardwood floors  
 • Spacious main floor master entails jetted tub  
 • Formal dining room, skylight in main bath  
 • Custom moldings, tall ceilings & ceramic entry  
 \$215,000 Ask For: Anna Pearty 656-4400



**ROCHESTER HILLS - WALK TO SCHOOL**  
 • Treed lot deep within this desirable subdivision  
 • White kitchen with pantry & double ovens  
 • Main floor laundry, ceramic entry, garden window  
 • Extra deep treed lot plus a home warranty  
 \$204,900 Ask for: Anna Pearty 656-4400



**WEST BLOOMFIELD - BACKS TO MISSION SPRINGS**  
 • Family room with volume ceilings & brick fireplace  
 • Beautifully maintained inside & out with many updates  
 • Four bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, central air, patio  
 • Immediate occupancy!  
 \$199,900 626-9100 747749



**BLOOMFIELD - EXCITING & INVITING**  
 • Newer kitchen, neutral decor, ready for your move!  
 • Fireplace in living room, 3 bedrooms, almost 1,500 sq. ft. plus large deck on 1/2 acre lot  
 • Appliances in kitchen stay, private setting  
 \$189,000 646-6000 753363



**WEST BLOOMFIELD - GREEN LAKE FRONTAGE**  
 • Three bedroom brick home loaded with charm  
 • Newer 100% furnace, central air and wiring  
 • Lakeside porch with million-dollar view!  
 • Two car garage, basement & fenced yard  
 \$284,900 683-8900 762488



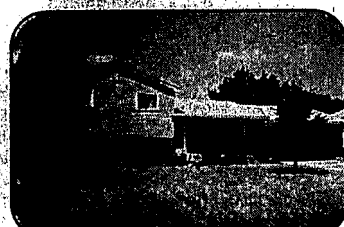
**STERLING HEIGHTS - A FABULOUS FIND!**  
 • Ceramic entry foyer, beautiful bay window  
 • Formal dining room, cathedral ceiling in great room  
 • Appliance kitchen with Merrill cabinets, 2 baths  
 • Full basement, 1st floor laundry, security system  
 \$168,900 689-8900



**ROYAL OAK - LOVINGLY MAINTAINED CAPE COD**  
 • Ever dreamed of that home with the picket fence?  
 • Here it is & it's ready for you with white kitchen, sizzling fireplace for cool fall evenings & 3 bedrooms  
 • Finished basement, 2 full baths, on a large lot  
 \$159,900 Ask For: Colleen Hood 646-4024



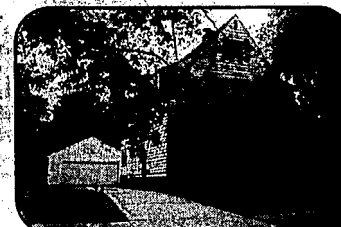
**ROYAL OAK - ACT QUICKLY!**  
 • Berber carpet throughout this brick bungalow  
 • Many updates include kitchen, bath, doors, finished basement, water heater, doorwall, deck & windows  
 • Three bedrooms plus two car garage  
 \$139,900 689-8900



**WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP - NEAT & CLEAN**  
 • Award winning Huron Valley schools with formal dining  
 • Charming 3 bedroom tri-level with fireplace in family room, central air, newer kitchen cabinets & windows  
 • Breakfast room in kitchen, 2 car garage  
 \$145,900 Ask for: Diana Cordova 620-4371



**FARMINGTON HILLS - EXCELLENT VALUE!**  
 • Two bedroom ranch with basement & desk  
 • Formal dining, aluminum exterior, on large lot  
 • Give this doll house your personal touch  
 • All reasonable offers considered!  
 \$104,000 626-9100 752323



**BLOOMFIELD HILLS SCHOOLS SYSTEM**  
 • Walk to St. Joseph Hospital  
 • 1,843 Square feet  
 • Large tree lot  
 • Unfinished basement, walk-up attic  
 \$84,900 Ask for: Rusty Kawalec 646-6448



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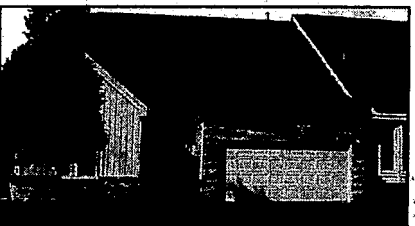
**BIRMINGHAM** - End unit Birmingham Condo. Many up-dates. Hardwood floors. One car detached garage. Close to downtown, shopping and freeways. \$115,000 (55ETO) 642-8100



**BLOOMFIELD HILLS** - Remarkable Bloomfield Ranch on 2.5 acre county lot. Minutes from Birmingham. Totally updated. Newer roof and gutters, bathrooms, newer white Kitchen and appliances. Prestigious home in a great location! \$339,900 (95BRO) 642-8100



**BIRMINGHAM** - Perfect starter home close to town. Hardwood floors, finished basement, and C/A. Home Warranty included. \$134,900 (79COL) 642-8100



**FARMINGTON** - 13th Tee - Decorator perfect Condo. 3 bedroom, 3 bath, possible in-Law quarters, skylights, deck, 1st floor laundry and loft overlooking Great Room. \$239,900 (59MAR) 642-8100



**TROY** - 4 bedroom, 3 bath Ranch. 2000 sq. ft., 2 way Fireplace, 2 1/2 car garage, slab on .48 acres. Newer A/C, furnace and roof. Neutral decor. Birmingham Schools. \$214,900 (52OAK) 642-8100



**BLOOMFIELD** - 3 bedroom Ranch with over 1900 sq. ft. of living space plus a full, finished basement. Updated GFA, C/A, roof, Living Room with fireplace, Florida room, Sun room, fenced yard and great location. \$209,900 (94LAH) 642-8100



**TROY** - MOVE RIGHT IN to this delightful open & airy custom built 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial. Cul-de-sac location. High ceilings. Troy schools. \$240,000 (23SA) 626-8800



**WEST BLOOMFIELD** - UNBELIEVABLE!!! This wonderful 3 bedroom Colonial features a 1/3 acre lot, lake privileges, C/A, fireplace, 2 1/2 car garage & immediate occupancy. Don't miss it! Call today! \$169,900 (36FI) 626-8800



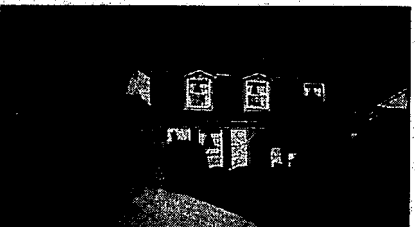
**INDULGE YOUR TASTE OF QUALITY** in this 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial located in the heart of Farmington Hills. Large family room, master suite, 1st floor laundry, 2 car garage. Updated T/O! \$229,900 (28ST) 626-8800



**W. BLOOMFIELD** - BREATH TAKING VIEW of the backyard makes this house a "One of a kind". 4 bedroom Colonial with 4 baths. W. Bloomfield Schools 1st floor laundry. Library. Finished walk-out LL. Immediate occupancy. \$239,900 (54TE) 626-8800



**HARD TO FIND!!** - 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath Ranch in Northern Farmington Hills. Basement, 2 way fireplace, hardwood floors, central air, Scenic backyard overlooking stream. Walk to all schools. \$168,500 (29AR) 626-8800



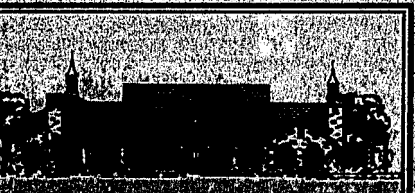
**TROY** - 4 bedroom Colonial with 2 1/2 baths. Family room, living room and library. First floor laundry. Fireplace and a professionally finished basement. Troy schools. \$209,900 (19PAT) 524-1600



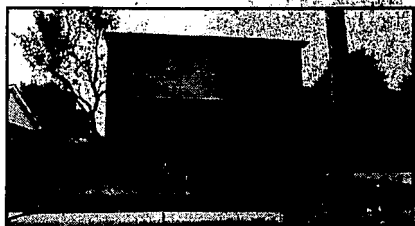
**BEAUTIFUL** - 3 bedroom Troy Ranch on a huge lot. Family room, living room. Kitchen and bath with new ceramic floors. Finished basement. Move in condition. \$154,900 (45HOP) 524-1600



**CHARM/GALORE!** Move in condition 3 bedroom Colonial. Updated kitchen and bath. Hardwood floors. Formal dining room. Fireplace, skylights and stained glass windows and so much more! \$282,900 (42FLO) 524-1600



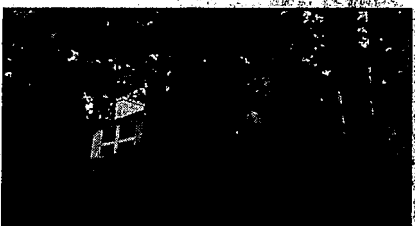
**JUST LISTED** - 3 bedroom Troy Quad-Level with 1973 square feet. 2 1/2 baths. First floor laundry. Oak kitchen cabinets. Furnace. Attic fan. Central air. Family room with fireplace. Walk to Troy Schools. \$169,900 (25HUB) 524-1600



**TROY COLONIAL** with 3 bedrooms. Neutral decor. Master suite off massive walk-in-closet. Finished basement adds more living space. Many updates. Fussy buyers will be impressed. \$189,750 (91KIN) 524-1600



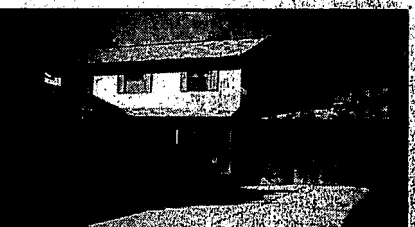
**SUPER SHARP** - 4 bedroom Colonial with a great floor plan. Neutral decor. Large family room with jacuzzi tub and shower in master suite. Ceramic 2 story foyer. Great location. \$242,500 (27PAR) 524-1600



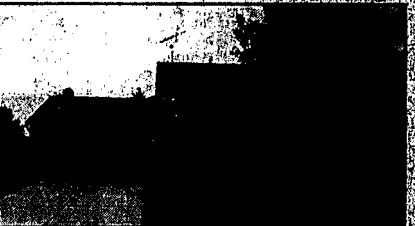
**PARADISE FOUND!** On all sports Lake Orion! Fabulous contemporary nestled among towering pines. 180' of water frontage. Meticulously maintained 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths. Finished walkout. Breathtaking views & privacy! \$459,900 (26WPI) 652-8000



**CONTEMPORARY RANCH**, neutral decor in wonderful family sub. New in 1997, painting/ext, carpet & lino, roof, kitchen & bath cabinet doors & light fixtures. Replacement windows & doorwalls. Troy schools, sidewalks, trees and more - sharp! \$154,900 (10CYP) 652-8000



**WELL MAINTAINED** 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial. Open floor plan. Some updating. Large private lot with beautiful landscaping and large deck. \$234,900 (14DEN) 652-8000



**LOVELY COLONIAL** in popular family sub. 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, neutral, clean, air sprinklers. \$195,000 (77DRE) 652-8000



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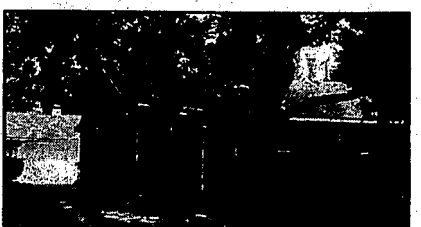
**COMMERCE TOWNSHIP LAKEFRONT** - 4 bedroom Brick Quad-Level with 3 full baths. Many extras. Appliances and Home Warranty included. Approx. 4,000 square feet. Call Today! \$650,000 (40SUR) 524-1600



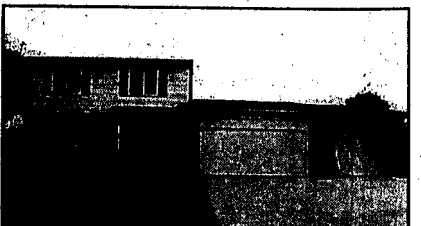
**LAKEFRONT WALK-OUT RANCH** - on a beautiful sloping lot with southern exposure. 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths, 2,200 sq. ft., 2 1/2 car att. garage, C/A, Walled Lake Schools, all-sports lake. \$239,900 (65COO) 363-1200



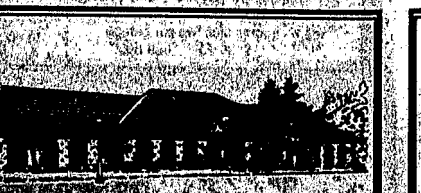
**JUST REDUCED!!** 4 bedroom Colonial with 2 1/2 baths. First floor laundry. Library. Andersen windows and doorwall. Central air. Updated kitchen. Finished basement and a One Year Home Warranty! \$198,000 (86ALT) 524-1600



**ROYAL OAK** - Super sharp 3 bedroom Ranch home with a finished basement. Updated kitchen. Newer windows, garage, driveway. Built in hot tub with gazebo & deck. Possible 4th bedroom in basement. \$169,000 (10WEB) 524-1600



**RARE FIND!!!** 4 bedroom Colonial built in 1987. 2 1/2 baths. Glass block basement, 3 car garage/workshop 14x33 heated drywall also great for boat storage. Large lot. Sprinklers. Rochester Hills Schools. \$204,900 (92WAR) 524-1600



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**CLARKSTON - Cranberry Lake Estates** - Great neighborhood tucked in off M-15 just N of I-75. Private lake privileges. 4/2/fin/2 att. All appliances - all custom window treatments! Tastefully updated! Cul-de-sac setting - Must See!! \$173,900 (28DAL) 652-8000



**WEST BLOOMFIELD** - Fabulous customized Lagoon's Forest Condo - 1st floor master bedroom suite plus 3 bedrooms upstairs. One of a Kind! 3000+ sq. ft., finished basement, premium location, less than a year old. \$449,900 (01WIL) 642-8100



**BLOOMFIELD HILLS SCHOOLS - WELL MAINTAINED** - 4 bedroom Colonial with beautifully updated kitchen. Hardwood floors in living room, family room, dining room & Library. Newer carpeting (96). \$299,000 (42SE) 626-8800



**BLOOMFIELD HILLS** - Exclusive Bloomfield Hills Estate on over 3.3 acres of professionally manicured grounds. Over 12,000 sq. ft. of luxurious amenities. Very private! \$4,000,000 (00ORC) 642-8100



**ALL SPORTS LAKE ORION!** Fantastic 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home. Enjoy the good life on your 45x30 ft. deck overlooking lake. 2200 sq. ft. Home features central air, 2nd floor laundry, finished walk out & more. 1 year warranty. \$320,000 (10KIN) 652-8000



**MIDDLE STRAITS LAKEFRONT** - with 114' of frontage, older 2 bedroom home in need of renovation, large detached garage & a small outbuilding, great potential, priced to sell! \$89,900 (19UNI) 363-1200



**BETTER THAN NEW!!** - Move right into this charming 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial. Updated inside and out. Hardwood floors, beautiful wooded lot & much more. Hurry, won't last long! \$249,900 (31BY) 626-8800



**WEST BLOOMFIELD** - Gorgeous custom-built two story with open floor plan. Custom cabinets T/O. Master suite with Jacuzzi, 2nd level with 3 Lg Bedrms each w/private bath. Too many extras. \$649,900 (53WI) 626-8800



**'BLOW YOUR MIND LAKEFRONT'** - Phenomenal new 6000+ sq. ft. All sports lake front. Superior quality & design. 4-6+ bedrooms poss. mother in-law quarters, huge 3rd fl. studio, fin w.o. inc. kit. area, media area, add'l bedrooms. 20 minutes to Tech Center. One of a kind! \$489,000 (60GAR) 652-8000



**CANAL FRONT-LOON, MOHAWK** - Schoolhouse & Wormer Lakes. Sharp 3 bedroom Ranch, C/A, Florida room, many updates, 2 car attached garage. Beautiful lot, 2 decks, sea wall, sprinkler system, great sub. \$199,900 (78IND) 363-1200



**CHARMING** - Farmhouse on 1.1 acre lot in West Bloomfield Township. Lake and swim privileges on Morris Lake. 4 bedroom, 2 baths, recently updated kitchen & bath. \$194,000 (47AF) 626-8800

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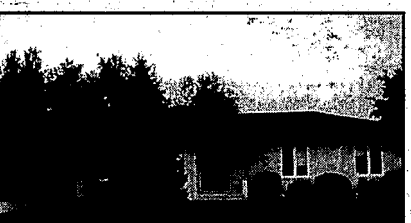
**THIS HOME OFFERS it all in Rochester Hills!** Totally updated. 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial. Features include newer kitchen & baths, finished basement, roof, furnace, CA, alarm, sprinklers and custom deck and gazebo. \$219,900 (63DOW) 652-8000



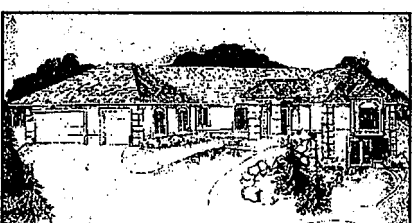
**FANTASTIC VIEWS** - from fantastic lakefront lot. 4 bedrooms, 2 bath home. Great view from lakeside living room or front Florida room. Formal dining room, family room, fireplace, attached garage. \$229,900 (31LAK) 363-1200



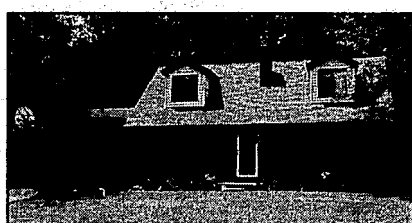
**WOLVERINE RANCH** - HUGE LOT. Great location! Two bedroom brick Ranch on huge treed Wolverine Lake lot with scenic view. Covered porch two car garage. Room for addition on lot. \$103,500 (60LAD) 363-1200



**CLASSIC TIENKEN MANOR RANCH!** 3 large bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths. 4th bedroom or office fully finished recreation room with kitchen. Very large family room, built in china cabinets in dining room. 1st floor laundry. Alarm system, all kitchen appliances stay. Home Warranty. \$179,900 (92BRI) 652-8000



**ATTENTION GOLFERS.** 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath custom new construction overlooking 15th fairway at Paint Creek Golf Club. Ready for Spring 1998 - still time to pick colors. \$289,900 (00TUR) 652-8000



**CASS LAKE PRIVILEGES** - Almost 2,000 sq. ft. Cape Cod, 4 bedroom, possibly 5, 2 1/2 baths full finished basement, deck full length of house and home warranty. West Bloomfield. \$183,900 (86MAP) 363-1200



**VILLAGE OF MILFORD** - Charming custom built 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths, formal living room and dining room. Open floor plan with 1st floor laundry, roomy kitchen and family room with fireplace. All appliances stay, C/A, Security alarm. Daylight windows in basement. \$207,900 (35HUR) 363-1200



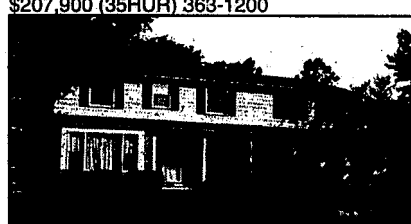
**SUPER SHARP** - executive home - judges paneling in library, vaulted family room, spacious kitchen, open floor plan. Neutral decor, freshly painted in and out! \$305,000 (14CHA) 652-8000



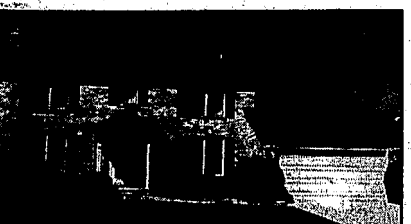
**BLOOMFIELD** - Magnificent Spanish Ranch. 3 bedroom on 1st floor include master bedroom, bath suite with private study & WIC. Expansive walkout with 3 additional bedrooms, 2 bath, family room with wet bar. Indoor pool. \$875,000 (60WAB) 642-8100



**CONTEMPORARY** - WEST BLOOMFIELD. Gorgeous 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath. Full finished basement, vaulted ceilings. Lake privileges, swim & boat park. W. Bloomfield Schools. \$189,900 (95FIE) 363-1200



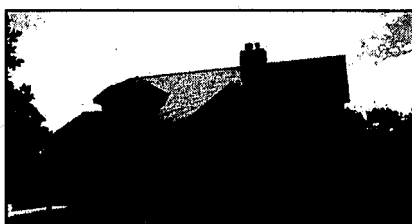
**LAND CONTRACT TERMS!** This Bloomfield Colonial offers 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, large master suite with fireplace, full basement and two car attached garage, recently updated - won't last at this price. \$225,400 (90WAL) 363-1200



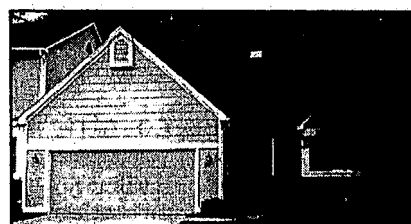
**LOVELY COLONIAL** in Chichester Sub. Freshly painted. Loaded with amenities including 2 fireplaces & hot tub. 4 bedrooms. Rochester schools. Home Warranty. \$224,900 (45ROY) 652-8000



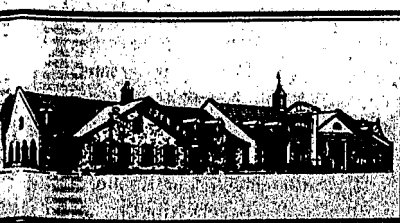
**COMMERCE** - Newer 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial offers private wooded acre + lot. Lake privileges and private beach on Commerce Lakes. 2378 sq. ft., built in '94, walkout basement, whirlpool master tub, FP, C/A and many custom features. \$279,900 (40VAN) 642-8100



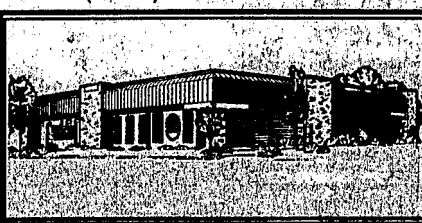
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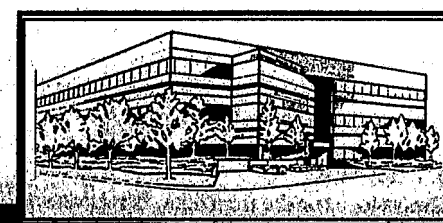
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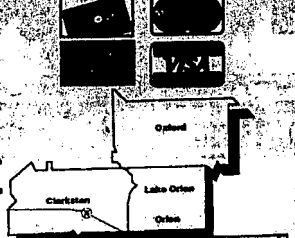
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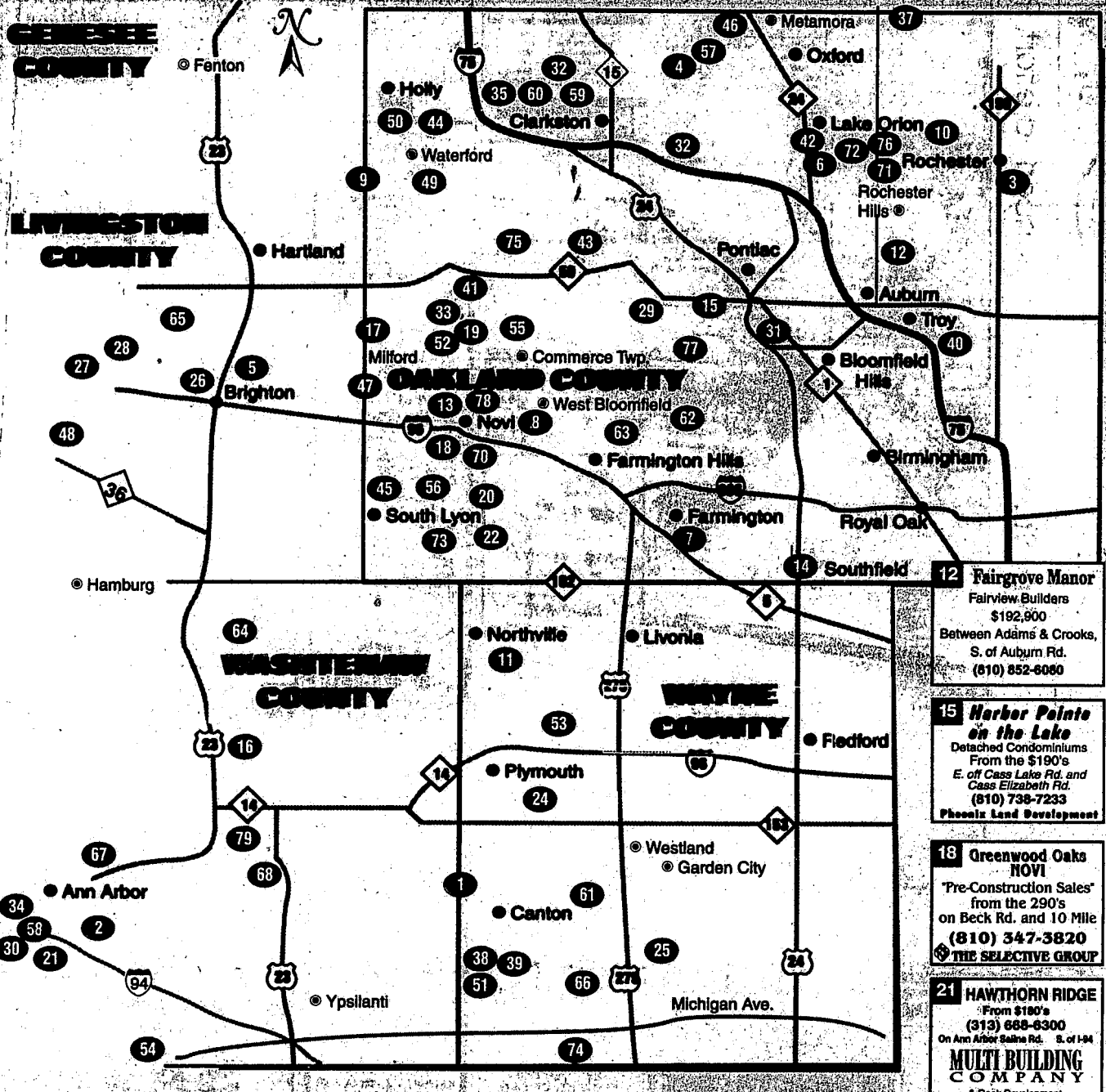
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