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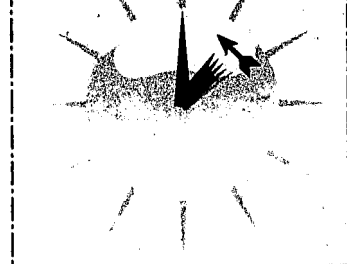
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THIS WEEK

FALL BACK

Don't forget to turn your clock **BACK** one hour at 2 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 26 (or before you go to bed on Saturday, Oct. 25).



Going home: Clarkston girls' hoops coach Ann Serra found out you can't, as Birmingham Seaholm turned the tables on their former coach. /B1

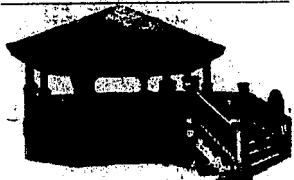
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Archaeology in Oakland County? Absolutely. For the past 10 years, dedicated volunteers from the Rochester Avon Historical Society and the Van Hoosen Museum have been excavating the area around their museum on Van Hoosen Road. The site was once the Van Hoosen farm, and buildings on the farm include the original log cabin (1823), the farmhouse (1860), the west wing (1865) and the big barn (1872).

About 125,000 artifacts have been recovered, including more than 50 pounds of coal, square nails, glass fragments and ceramic pieces. (Several "mocha" patterned bowls and stoneware vessels are being carefully reconstructed.) Several Kaolin smoking pipes from Montreal, Canada, and Glasgow, Scotland, have been found and are being pieced together, along with lots of buttons, beads, eating utensils (including a demitasse spoon from Bavaria), coins (c. 1850-1870) and hundreds of animal bones.

Among the most interesting items to be unearthed are a Zachary Taylor campaign button (c. 1848), an 1844 half penny from the bank of Montreal, a business token from R. G. Tyler, wholesale grocer in Detroit (c. 1870), a "Malby, Detroit" button (a clothing store on Woodward, c. 1852), and a Blindbury's Hotel token from Detroit (c. 1870).

The museum at 1005 Van Hoosen Road in Rochester is open 1-4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. Call (248) 856-4683 for more information.

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



A winning policy: Gov. John Engler shakes hands with Clarkston student athlete Dane Fife as Clarkston Athletic Director Dan Fife looks on from behind the podium.

Governor's award

Clarkston cited for tough drug policy

BY CAROLYN WALKER
STAFF WRITER

There was no mistaking the feeling of "down home" pride that swept through the Clarkston High School gymnasium Friday as Gov. John Engler breezed into town to present a Governor's Blue Ribbon Award to the Clarkston Athletic Council.

The award was given in honor of



Thumbs up: Wearing a Wolves cap, Engler gives the thumbs up sign.

the council's new, tough zero-tolerance policy, which enforces strict rules against athletes who use alcohol or other drug substances, including suspension from athletics following a second incident.

"I wanted to come today and recognize something that you've done that led the way," Engler told a packed gymnasium that included CHS students, athletes, teachers, local government officials and representatives of the school board.

"Your zero tolerance athletic code makes Clarkston High a leader among schools in Michigan and, I would submit, throughout the nation. You've decided to get tough when it comes to drugs."

"It's about being able to compete in life. That's why this policy sends such a clear and powerful message."

This week, Clarkston Superintendent Al Roberts and Clarkston High School Principal Brent Cooley said they were proud of the school's achievement and they noted that the policy is being considered for adoption by other school departments.

"This really transcends our athletic program," Cooley said. "We're looking at this for all of our students, ultimately."

Roberts echoed his comments during a telephone interview, saying



Kodak moment: The governor poses for a photo with student Annie Whittington.

that other departments within the school are investigating a similar code.

"We're working with the other folks to make sure we have that kind of discipline. I think every teacher in our school district... wants to prevent drugs," Roberts said.

Roberts also said he did not know how Clarkston came to the governor's attention and added that he doubted if any other school districts in the state have policies as strict as Clarkston's.

"I would be very much surprised if there's any school in the state whose

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Future politicians?: Clarkston High School's student council gathers around Engler for a group shot.

BY CAROLYN WALKER
STAFF WRITER

Area police and fire personnel found themselves busy last Thursday afternoon when two serious automobile accidents occurred on Sashabaw Road near Pine Knob Road within hours of one another.

Independence Township Fire Chief noted how the accidents "happened almost identically in the same spot" — sending the drivers of two cars to hos-

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pitals with serious injuries, he said.

During the first accident, which occurred at about 2:30 p.m., a 1993 Geo, driven by Ortonville resident Ronald Myers Conn, 47, left the roadway, went through a swamp and became airborne as it crossed Pine Knob Road, according to a press release from the Oakland County Sher-

iff's Department.

The Geo rolled over several times before coming to rest, the press release said. Conn was transported by ambulance to Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital. He remained in serious condition Wednesday afternoon.

The second accident, which occurred at about 8:30 p.m., had its origins on Sashabaw Road in Waterford Township south of Lamson Road.

During that accident, driver Lesuna

McAvoy, 38, visiting Waterford from North Carolina and traveling northbound on Sashabaw, collided with a vehicle driven southbound by a 65-year-old Waterford Township man, who received minor injuries in the accident, said Sgt. Dave Bush of the Waterford Township Police Department. The man was treated at the scene by paramedics and sought his own medical care privately.

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Robber holds up bank branch

■ Wearing a long-haired wig and baseball cap as a disguise, a robber stole about \$4,000 from a bank at M-15 and I-75 Monday in a late-afternoon heist.

BY CAROLYN WALKER
STAFF WRITER

Oakland County Sheriff's deputies are continuing their investigation into a bank robbery that took place at the Great Lakes Bancorp on M-15 at about 4 p.m. Monday.

Police are seeking a man who approached a teller, pushed a bag toward her and demanded money, saying, "Fill it. If you don't, I'll shoot you," said Detective Tom Cavalier of the Independence substation. The man held his hand in a coat pocket and implied that he had a weapon, Cavalier said. No gun was produced, and there were no injuries.

The man's image was captured on surveillance film and police have released a picture from it, hoping that someone will be able to identify him. He is described by police as a white man, who was wearing a long-haired wig and a baseball cap, blue jacket, blue jeans and white tennis shoes.

After the teller complied with his order, the man fled the building with about \$4,000, Cavalier said. He then ran across the parking lot and a nearby grassy embankment to a car parked in a Northview Drive driveway. In the process, he dropped about \$785, which was found by a passerby who had just turned off from M-15 and who notified police.

The Waterford woman who found the money on her way to a friend's house on Northview Drive at first saw two \$10 bills lying separately in the grass.

"When she looked in the ditch, she saw a pile of (money)," said Cavalier. "She really didn't realize what happened when she found the money. She went down to her friend's house and called the sheriff's department."

Cavalier said the suspect entered a red, late-model car, possibly a Grand Am or a Grand Prix, and drove east on Northview, almost hitting a different woman who was backing her vehicle out of her driveway.

On Wednesday, Cathie Surdu, regional manager for the bank, declined to comment on the case other than to say that no one in the bank was injured. She would not confirm the amount of money taken.

The investigation into the felony robbery is being joined by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which routinely investigates bank robberies. Bank robberies are a federal offense.



Mug shot: Surveillance photo of suspect

■ 'When she looked in the ditch, she saw a pile of (money)... She went down to her friend's house and called the sheriff's department.'

Tom Cavalier
Detective

Award from page A1

substance abuse policy is as tough as ours," he said. Roberts said he has had nothing but positive feedback from parents and community members regarding the policy.

During the morning ceremony, which included performances by the CHS band and Madrigal Singers, Engler presented proclamations and blue ribbons to high school Athletic Director Dan Fife as well as school Superintendent Al Roberts and Kelli Kanigowski, substance abuse counselor, and several athletes.

After the assembly, Fife spoke privately about the school's policy and award.

"It is a strong policy," he said, adding that the idea for the code was conceived of by the school's coaches, reviewed by Roberts and adopted by the Clarkston school board this year.

"We're no different than any other community. We have a problem. I think what we're trying to say is, 'Yes, we do have our problems, but we're trying to deal with them,'" Fife said.

Fife said his athletes have a strong following of fans from among local children and their integrity as role models is important.

"In many ways, our athletes are becoming role models,

replacing college and professionals because of their problems," Fife said. "I want these kids to identify with my players."

Fife credited community and parent involvement as a secret to the code's success.

Parents and players are required to sign an agreement that they will abide by the code, he said.

Under the code, athletes who commit a first infraction must endure a month's punishment. During the first two weeks they must attend practice every day but not participate and they must serve 10 hours of community service as well, Fife said. During the second two weeks they are permitted to practice but not allowed to participate in games.

Punishment, he said, must come during a scheduled participation time. A second violation results in an athlete being barred from school sports, but that can be appealed, he added.

Fife equated the policy to old-fashioned manners that were routine when he was a student.

"I think we're just trying to bring back a value system," he said. "We didn't start it to be forerunners. We just started it because we think it's best for our kids."

On Tuesday, John Truscott,

press secretary for Engler, explained that Engler implemented his Blue Ribbon Award only a few months ago. Recipients are chosen from recommendations made by intermediate school district superintendents or from items seen in local newspapers.

Award winners can include students in any grade throughout Michigan, teachers and school administrators, Truscott said, adding that the governor intends to honor "great programs or great achievements."

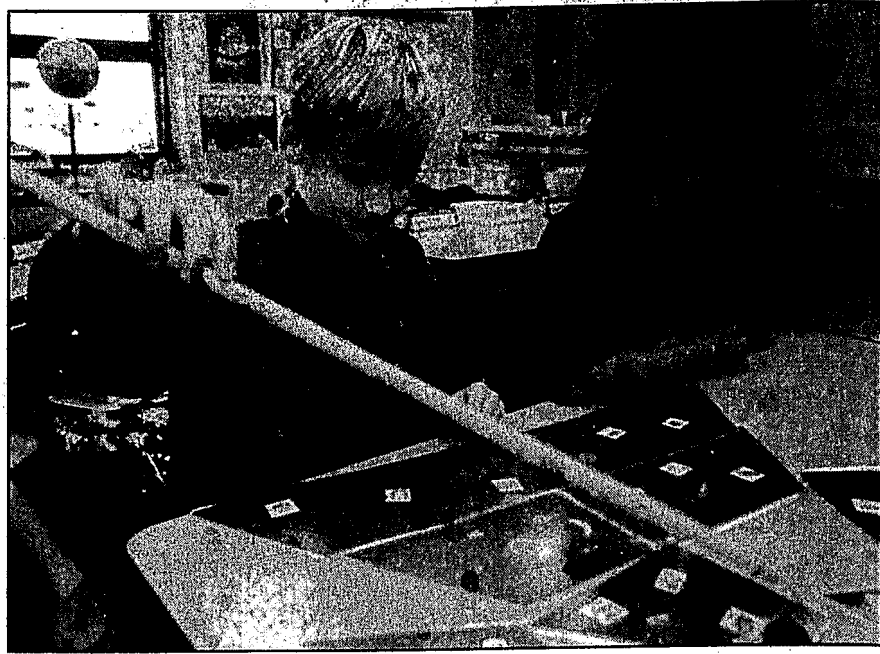
Engler considered CHS's athletic code "great," Truscott said, adding that he did not know specifically how Engler learned of it.

"What we've been doing is recognizing schools in different parts of the state or teachers who've done something extraordinary," he said. "What we're trying to do is recognize worthwhile programs."

"When I talked to (Engler) about (Clarkston) he said he really enjoyed it and it went very well," Truscott said.

Cooley echoed that sentiment. "It was very well received by everybody," he said. "It was a nice piece of recognition for our community and our schools as well."

Fishing for nutrition



STAFF PHOTO BY JEFF KIESSEL

Hooked on health: Springfield Plains fourth-grader Brandon Gibson (left) catches photos of food items with a "fishing pole" for placement on a food pyramid during a health class Monday as classmate Jenna Jackson watches. Health specialist Bill Gunther said the "Fishing for Nutrition" game kicked off the fourth-graders' unit on nutrition, where they will learn to read food labels and choose healthy snacks.

ON THE AGENDA

Independence Township
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Planning Commission
7:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 23
Tentative Agenda

Roll Call:
Public Comment:
Public Hearing:
File No. 97-1-047
Mr. Michael Collins, Petitioner requests special land use approval for home occupation in R-1A Zone, Westview, Pt of Lot 43, Supervisor's Plat #6, 08-35-226-038.

Old Business:
File No. 97-1-046
Mr. David Lies, Oakhurst Golf LLC, Petitioner requests final site plan approval for Oakhurst Phase III, Clubhouse in PRD Zone, Clintonville & Waldon

Roads, 08-24-200-002.

File No. 96-1-014 & W97-008

Mr. Jerry Pattah, Petitioner requests final site plan, wetland/natural feature setback approvals for Rite-Aid Pharmacy, C-1 Zone, Clarkston & Sashabaw Rds, 3.3 Acres, 08-15-376-004.

New Business:

Approval of Minutes:

Sept. 25 & Oct. 9, 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 625-5111.

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Special Meeting

There will be a special meeting of the Independence Township Board at the Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, 7 p.m., Oct. 30.

Agenda

1. General discussion of library functions.

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According to Bush, McAvoy allegedly left the scene of the accident in her vehicle after sustaining serious head and facial injuries. She was followed along Sashabaw Road by witnesses who found her out of her vehicle near Pine Knob Road, where she had stopped.

Bush said it was remarkable that McAvoy managed to drive that distance considering her injuries and the fact that her

right rear tire had been knocked out of position at about a 45-degree angle.

"How she made it that far has sort of boggled everybody's mind," he said.

Police have not yet determined whether they will bring charges in that accident pending reports from the Michigan State Police lab, Bush said.

McAvoy's condition could not be determined Wednesday.

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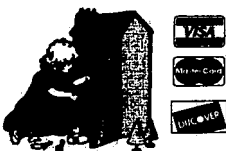
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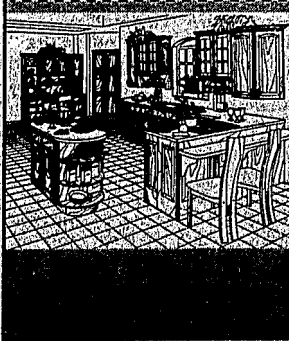
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Student clubs first to try new technology

BY JAN BAKER
SPECIAL WRITER

Cougars on computers? Well, maybe the mascots of Sashabaw Middle School aren't involved in helping that school increase its knowledge and use of technology. But some two-legged SMS staff members and students are setting the pace toward a building-wide goal with three computer-related endeavors.

Under the supervision of SMS computer teachers Jeff Peariso and Kim Prentice, the school is housing its first computer club this year. The fledgling group's eight to 10 students spend their after-school club time experimenting on icon-laden screens. But they also pass along their discoveries to SMS teachers through a weekly staff technology newsletter called "The Tech News." Computer club students write and design the publication on Desktop Publisher software.

According to SMS principal John Dilegghio, the computer club is familiarizing its members and the SMS staff with learning tools that are going to be available to everyone in the school soon. As the first building slated for renovation on the district's construction phasing schedule, Dilegghio said the club's efforts represent just one way of preparing for that wired future.

"We don't want students to join the club just to have access to technology," the principal said. "Really, our ultimate goal is that every student has access to technology. This is a just an extra. But we're hoping that this club is really going to blossom because it's an outlet for kids who are really into computers ... The club gives them an opportu-

nity to associate with other kids who are in the same realm. At the same time, it provides them with an opportunity to have some sophisticated equipment available to them."

Peariso described the club as a technology sampler for the school. "We're kind of like the resource for the staff and the rest of the building on what's new coming into the building and also about what's new on the Internet," he said.

When SMS computer club member Drew Mazza was asked what he enjoyed most about the new club, he seemed to confirm Dilegghio's claim that some kids just love to log-on. "I really like being able to work on the computers," Drew said. The SMS student admitted that he also spends a lot of recreational time near a mouse pad at home.

As the computer club progresses through the school year down one hallway, another after-school entity is also stepping into a new venture with the help of technology at another end of the building.

Language Arts teacher John Matheus is overseeing the SMS yearbook club this year as it composes the school's annual tome via computer. In a recent interview, Matheus said he prepared for the first-time drag-and-double-click activity by attending a three-day yearbook workshop at Oakland University during the summer.

"Instead of cut and paste, or doing layout by hand and using a lot of geometry, we're using a ladder diagram (on the computer screen)," Matheus said in a recent interview. So, not only are students snapping photos and practicing their writing skills, they're also learning how to use the yearbook software, PageMaker, he said.

With the new computerized process, Matheus said that he expected Sashabaw students to receive their yearbooks earlier this year, "by the middle of May instead of in June."

Though the club hasn't experienced any major on-screen



STAFF PHOTOS BY JEFF KISSER

New era for yearbooks: Sashabaw Middle School Yearbook Club members Devon Gilbert, Amy Kinney and Kate Kelly (left to right) work on this year's yearbook, the first in Sashabaw Middle School's history to be designed and assembled on a computer.

glitches yet, and attendance at club meetings is averaging 25 students — three times a week — the teacher quipped that one yearbook problem seems to be transcending all technological advances.

"We get five or six notes a week from parents that say, 'Under NO circumstances will my child's first picture go in the yearbook!'" the teacher said with a chuckle.

As computer and yearbook club students test their technology tools, the staff also is planning to attend a workshop to become more knowledgeable about windows, webs, discs and drives. Dilegghio explained that

SMS teachers will be attending a half-day in-service Nov. 14 to learn how to use the Internet, Power Point, Microsoft Office Word and HyperStudio. The staff also will be instructed on how to access information from a CD-Rom.

Peariso, one of the SMS computer gurus who will be providing the instruction, said that he is one of only five SMS staff members who currently doesn't have a computer at home. "I have a wife who doesn't like me to be on it all the time — and I also have a new daughter," the teacher confessed with a yes-I-am-a-borderline-techno-junkie smile. "I use a computer all day at school, but when you have one at home, you get hooked."



Reminiscing: Amber Dixon, Laura Arpke and Stacey Mercado (left to right) look through old yearbooks.

POLICE NEWS

During the week of Oct. 13-20 police and fire agencies in Independence Township and the city of Clarkston responded to the following calls:

Independence Police

Thefts

On Oct. 13, scrap copper was reported stolen from a business on **White Lake Road**.

On Oct. 13, money, a car stereo and cassette disc player were reported stolen from a residence on **Woodcreek**.

On Oct. 14, a camera was reported stolen from a residence on **Wellesley Terrace**.

On Oct. 16, unknown persons broke into the Classic Coney Cafe on **Dixie Highway** and took money after removing the cash register drawer. The drawer and some coins were found outside and a \$5 bill was found immediately outside the door, which had its glass shattered.

On Oct. 17, a snow mobile and trailer were reported stolen from a residence on **Ashwood Court**.

On Oct. 19, firewood was reported stolen from a garage on **Rohr Road**.

Vandalism

On Oct. 13, a windshield was reported smashed on a vehicle parked on **Stonagate**.

On Oct. 17, windows were reported smashed at a residence on **Independence Drive**.

On Oct. 18, a mailbox was reported damaged, a house was

reported egged and a car window was reported broken at a residence on **Paramus Drive**.

On Oct. 19, windows were reported broken on a vehicle parked on **Warbler**.

Independence Fire

During the week of Oct. 13-20 fire personnel responded to 27 calls. Among them were the following:

On Oct. 13, firefighters assisted at the scene of a personal injury accident on northbound I-75 near Sashabaw Road.

On Oct. 13, firefighters assisted a person who was having trouble breathing at a residence on **Lancaster Hills Drive**.

On Oct. 14, firefighters assisted a person who was choking at a residence on **North Marshbank Drive**.

On Oct. 15, firefighters assisted at the scene of a personal injury accident on **Andersonville** at White Lake roads.

On Oct. 15, firefighters attended a vehicle fire on **Andersonville Road** at White Lake Road.

On Oct. 18, firefighters responded to an automatic alarm on **Bridge Valley**.

On Oct. 19, firefighters responded to a vehicle fire on I-75 north of Sashabaw Road.

Clarkston Police

On Oct. 16, officers responded to an accident on **Main Street** near Waldon Road, where a vehi-

cle driven by a White Lake woman rear-ended the vehicle of a Pontiac woman. There were no injuries or citations issued.

On Oct. 16, officers stopped two youths on **Holcomb Street** near Surrey Lane for possession of tobacco products. Both were cited and the case will be forward to the Oakland County Probate Court juvenile division.

On Oct. 18, officers responded to a **Buffalo Street** residence regarding a report of a bicycle taken from a resident's garage. Police have no suspects. The bike is a Ridge Line 18-speed mountain bike, turquoise in color and had a Mickey Mouse bell ringer on the handlebar.

On Oct. 18, officers investigated an accident on **Main Street** near Middle Lake Road. A vehicle driven by a Waterford man rear-ended a vehicle driven by a White Lake man. No citations were issued. There were no injuries.

On Oct. 18, officers happened upon two youths in the parking lot next to Rudy's Quality Market on **Main Street**. While talking to them, a grocery owner came out with a third youth who had attempted to purchase alcohol with false identification. All were juveniles, according to Chief Paul Ormiston.

One youth was charged with a minor in possession of alcohol. That youth had a preliminary breath test that showed a blood alcohol level of 0.08. The youth had not purchased liquor from Rudy's, Ormiston said.

Another was cited for attempting to purchase alcohol and for possession of an altered drivers license. The third was charged with minor in possession of tobacco products, also not purchased at Rudy's. All three are Clarkston youths, and all citations will be forwarded to the probate court juvenile division, Ormiston said.

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Suspect faces trial in carjacking case

BY CAROLYN WALKER
STAFF WRITER

A 25-year-old suspect in an Independence Township carjacking was bound over to Oakland County Circuit Court on three felony charges Wednesday morning following a preliminary hearing before 52/2 District Court Judge Gerald McNally.

The charges against Dwon Charles Sherrors stemmed from an incident that took place near Sashabaw and Waldon roads at about 10 a.m. Sept. 4. During that incident, a 66-year-old Independence Township woman had her 1994 Lincoln Town Car taken after she was pulled from the car onto the ground. The woman had just hung a garage sale sign on a pole when she was approached.

The assailant then fled the scene in the victim's car and got onto I-75, where he was captured by officers from the Oakland County Sheriff's Department following a high-speed chase.

Sherrors was charged with one count of carjacking and one count of fleeing and eluding police in connection with that case. He was also charged with one count of receiving and concealing stolen property over \$100 in a separate, but related incident.

McNally continued Sherrors' \$525,000 bond, and he was returned to the Oakland County Jail to await a circuit court date.

During the preliminary hearing, the victim and several police officers testified.

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"There was no one around. I'd checked the area," said the victim, as she explained how she hung the sign and returned to her car on foot. "I saw him across the road, and then he turned and came towards me."

"He looked like he had something in his hand, and he was mumbling."

After the assailant fled in her car, she said, "I ran all the way up to Sashabaw Road and, of course, I was hysterical. I was waving my arms (for help)."

She testified that she did not receive any injuries other than bruises and that no weapon was produced. Nearby truck drivers came to her aid and she was transported by ambulance to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital for evaluation.

In other testimony, a man named John Brown testified that his gray, 1987 Mazda was stolen from his driveway some time before Labor Day.

According to testimony given by sheriff's officers, the Mazda, which was unoccupied when it was found, was on an I-75 ramp at Sashabaw during their investigation on the day of the carjacking.

During the hearing, sheriff's deputy Charles Young of the Springfield substation testified that he pursued the woman's burgundy Lincoln Town Car north on I-75 at speeds reaching as high as 108 mph until the assailant turned into a rest area



STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

Bound over: Dwon Charles Sherrors on Wednesday was ordered bound over for trial in Oakland Circuit Court.

and lost control of the vehicle, sliding backwards onto I-75.

The assailant then fled on foot into a nearby woods, where he was arrested by sheriff's deputies.

At a preliminary hearing, a

judge must determine whether enough evidence exists to bind a case over for trial at the circuit court level. Because he was charged with felonies, a mute plea was automatically entered on Sherrors' behalf.

Lighthouse manager leaves post for new job

BY CAROLYN WALKER
STAFF WRITER

Wendy Halsey, 32, former branch manager of Lighthouse Clarkston, thinks she will be able to bring twice the knowledge to her position as president-elect of the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce next year due to her broadening experience in the work world.

Halsey left the "community" sector, where she worked with volunteers, when she resigned from Lighthouse on Oct. 10 and moved into the "corporate" sector when she began a new job as office manager with The Impressive Type, a print shop, recently.

After four years with Lighthouse, Halsey felt it was time to move on, she said Tuesday during a telephone interview. "I'm just trying out the waters of the for-profit business," she said, adding of her Lighthouse experience and her reasons for leaving:

INDEPENDENCE

"I'd done what I could do, I guess."

During her employment with Lighthouse, which is located on Maybee Road and which has had an Independence Township branch since 1990, Halsey oversaw and implemented the organization's volunteer efforts on behalf of thousands of clients.

"In my tenure, I put a lot of structure in some programs," she said, describing Lighthouse as "a fabulous core of dedicated volunteers reaching out to help people."

Lighthouse volunteers provide food, clothing and emergency services for approximately 300 families per month, she said.

According to information supplied by a Lighthouse spokesperson, Halsey's position has not yet been filled.

OBITUARIES

Phyllis Flora Covert

Phyllis Flora Covert of Clarkston died Oct. 17, 1997, at age 89.

Mrs. Flora played piano at the Clarkston Station Sunday School for many years.

She is survived by her daughters, Thelma (Jerry) Cobb of Clarkston and Beverley Winstanley of Pontiac; 10 grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements were

entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home in Clarkston with Pastor Rebekah Day officiating. Interment was at Lakeview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Michigan Animal Rescue League.

Richard Mirolla

Richard Mirolla of Clarkston died Oct. 16, 1997, at age 56.

Mr. Mirolla was employed by Chrysler Corp.

He is survived by his wife, Jane; daughters, Cindy Moody, Joyce Prince and Peggy Borst; son, Brian Mirolla; and mother, Jennie Grossfield. He is also survived by three grandchildren, three stepdaughters and two sisters, Rose VanHamel and Nancy Nieman.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home in Clarkston.

Julia Ann Whisman

Julia Ann Whisman of Clarkston died Oct. 14, 1997, at age 87.

Mrs. Whisman was a member of Clarkston United Methodist Church and formerly worked at Sanders Confectionate.

She is survived by her husband, Earl; daughter, Patricia Clees of Clarkston; and sister, Lilly Johnson of Farmington.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home in Clarkston. Interment was at Lakeview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road, Clarkston 48346.

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Health care group focuses on consumer protection

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Consumer protection is a top priority for a presidential commission on health care, according to a member from southeastern Michigan.

"They're focusing first on a consumer bill of rights - what the consumer's rights and responsibilities are as it relates to access, choice of plan, choice of provider, availability of information and ability to grieve," said Gail L. Warden, president and CEO of Henry Ford Health System in Detroit.

"That will come out for discussion probably in November," Warden said, praising the bipartisan, 29-member group that meets twice a month in Washington, D.C. President Clinton appointed it in March.

"The second area is performance measurement. Those of you who are employers are aware there are probably 10,000 different plans for measuring health care. They've been created by employers, state government, federal government, and health care agencies which develop their own report cards," Warden said Sept. 30 at the annual meeting of the Citizens Research Council of Michigan in Detroit.

"There's all kinds of overlap. And still, in some cases, the right information is not available. The commission will focus on priorities for measurement and how it can be made more uniform."

"The third issue you in southeastern Michigan are aware of - how can we improve the quality of health care when we introduce total quality health care, as Henry Ford Health Systems has been doing for the last nine years - how can we improve the infrastructure, the clinical process, patient satisfaction and outcomes."

"The fourth issue is the whole question of oversight - what agencies exist, what kind of duplication. I happen to chair

the oversight committee, and we meet three or four days a month.

"The report of the commission is due in March. I don't think we're going to see a lot of legislation come out of it. But it's certainly going to heighten public knowledge."

State's role

CRC, supported by major corporations and chaired by S. Martin Taylor of Detroit Edison Co., focuses on Michigan issues.

Warden, a Grosse Pointe resident, said the state 1) directly provides health care through the remaining mental hospitals, 2) subsidizes health care in prisons, 3) regulates professionals and insurers, 4) issues certificates of need for hospital expansion and 5) purchases services such as Medicaid.

"The role you can play is to make sure there's good, fact-based research going on," Warden said. CRC president Earl M. Ryan said CRC would issue several reports in the coming year.

Warden said there was "a perception" that health care organizations imposed a "gag rule" on doctors' discussions with patients. Very few gag rules exist, he said.

In reply to audience questions, Warden said:

■ The panel hasn't taken a position on whether health care, like a free public education, is a "right."

■ Urban medical centers are becoming more expensive to operate than their competitors. Since they are teaching institutions, "we as a public need to decide whether to pay for medical education."

Warden, who holds a master's degree in health care management from the University of Michigan, came to Detroit 10 years ago to head the extensive health care system founded by auto pioneer Henry Ford in 1915.

That system includes the 903-

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—Henry Ford Health System

bed Henry Ford Hospital, the 1,000-physician HF Medical Group, the Health Alliance Plan (managed care for 3,500 employers and 500,000 members), HF Cottage Hospital in Grosse Pointe Farms, HF Wyandotte Hospital, Horizon Health System in Trenton, Kingswood psychiatric hospital in Ferndale, Maple Grove psychiatric hospital in West Bloomfield, HF Hospice, HF Mercy Health Care Network, and the Child Health Network.

State roundup

Michigan's Patients Bill of Rights, drafted last year by then-Rep. John Jamian, R-Bloomfield Township, took effect Oct. 1.

Under it, insurers must disclose in plain English which providers are members of a network, their credentials and how they refer patients within the network; which drugs providers may prescribe; pre-authorization review policies; financial relationships between a plan and its providers; policies on emergency and out-of-state care; and details on deductibles, co-pays and other financial responsibilities of patients.

Other health and medical news from the State Capitol:

■ Rep. Judith Scranton, R-Brighton, introduced House Bills 5067 and 5072 to protect people exposed to blood at work. If passed, they will require testing for Hepatitis C in cases where HIV or Hepatitis B screening is mandated.

Scranton said her bills would

protect prison employees, medical personnel, firefighters, police officers, paramedics and others routinely exposed to blood.

■ Gov. John Engler on Sept. 29 used an executive order to establish a Michigan Commission on Genetic Privacy and Progress. Its 11 members will make policy recommendations to protect the privacy of genetic information and regulate its use. Genes are units of inheritance, about 100,000 in all.

Among panel members will be David J. Aughton, MD, of Bloomfield Township, chief of Beaumont Hospital's genetics division. Chair will be Edward Goldman, attorney for the University of Michigan Medical Center.

■ Engler also unveiled a plan called "MICChild" (pronounced My Child), to provide federal funds to insure children of working low- and moderate-income families that don't qualify for Medicaid. The federal government will provide expanded health care to families with children under 19. Eligible would be families of four with an income between \$24,000 and \$32,000.

■ Infant mortality in Michigan declined to 8.0 per 1,000 live births in 1996, down 4 percent from '95 and the seventh straight year of decline. "Since 1991, the rate of infant mortality has decreased 23 percent," Engler said. For white infants, the death rate from 6.2 per 1,000 in 1995 to 6.0 in 1996. For black infants, the rate increased from 17.3 to 17.5, though the

actual number of deaths decreased.

■ The percentage of low-weight babies remained at 7.7 percent and the percentage of women receiving adequate prenatal care remained at 75 percent in 1996.

■ Rep. Derrick F. Hale, D-Detroit, said the African-American Initiative, a consortium of black leaders from across the state, was calling for an audit and investigation of more than \$19 million spent by the Michi-

gan Department of Community Health on care of African-Americans. He charged the department "has produced no substantive documentation to support these spending figures."

■ First lady Michelle Engler and the governor designated Friday, Oct. 17, as "Michigan Mammography Day," part of breast cancer awareness month. Mrs. Engler is honorary chair of a public information and media campaign encouraging women over 40 to have an annual mammogram.

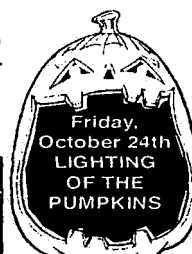
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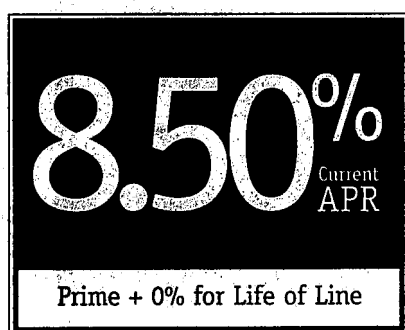
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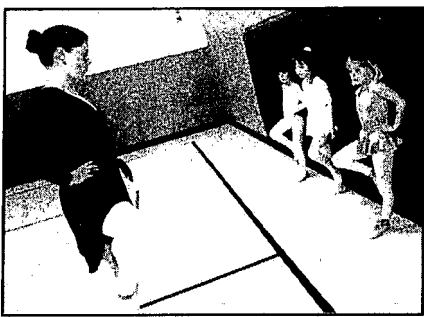
After-school enrichment: Lisa Pelio of Pelio School of Dance works with a group of ballet students at Bailey Lake Elementary School in Clarkston. Ballet is one of a variety of after-school enrichment classes offered at the school through the district's community education department.



Practice makes perfect: Emily Chaney, 5, watches her instructors carefully as she tries to master the art of ballet.



Here's how: Instructor Keri Stadler demonstrates for students.



Road commission concerned about roads serving new Clarkston High

BY CAROLYN WALKER
STAFF WRITER

Due to concern about how the new Clarkston High School will affect Flemings Lake Road and Walters Road, the Road Commission for Oakland County has decided not to issue a driveway approach permit until the Clarkston School District or its architects, URS Greiner Inc., have undertaken a traffic impact study.

In a letter to Clarkston Community Schools dated Oct. 9, Thomas Blust, a permit engineer for the road commission, said an impact study should be done because Flemings Lake Road and Walters Road, which are adjoining, two-lane dirt roads, might not be able to withstand increased traffic due to weather conditions that sometimes make the roads "impassable."

"In fact, during the spring thaw these roads may become impassable," his letter reads. "Further, the proposed bus traffic will have a significant impact on the condition of the road."

The letter goes on to state that turning movements of buses at the Flemings Lake Road intersection to Clarkston Road, where there is a sharp curve, could delay traffic on Clarkston Road during rush hours.

Blust suggests that the study should also take into consideration traffic at the Walters Road/Waldon Road intersection, as well as that at nearby Almond Lane, Snow Apple Drive and Peach Street.

It is expected that the high school, due to open in August 1998, could release as many as 2,000 students and faculty members onto the roads after school lets out in the afternoon.

While Blust could not be reached for comment, Gerald Holmberg, deputy managing director and county highway

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Thomas Blust

Road Commission for Oakland County

engineer for the road commission, said the commission would not issue the permit for four driveway approaches onto Flemings Lake Road until a traffic impact study has been done.

He said the road commission did a preliminary review "to begin looking at what we think is going to be a concern as to how traffic is going to get in and out."

Meetings between the road commission and school officials began taking place about one year ago, he said.

"We want to make sure they have looked at all those things. The road commission does not have a say in development but we do have a say in safe access. We're very concerned about that."

Holmberg said the traffic study should, and could, be undertaken by Greiner; and James Hess, their representative, said the architectural firm hired by the school district would be willing to conduct it on the district's behalf.

"That is our recommendation also," Hess said. "The road commission's giving no choice. The school will have to abide."

When contacted at his office on Tuesday, Clarkston school Superintendent Al Roberts said he recognized the severity of the matter, but said he felt Indepen-

dence Township and the road commission should contribute financially, as well, to such a study.

The school district did not have to seek site plan approval from the township for the development, nor did it have to seek permission for it from the road commission.

"I'm really concerned about Flemings Lake Road. There seems to be a lot of misinformation out there," said Roberts, who noted that the township Department of Public Works building is on Flemings Lake Road, an otherwise residential setting.

"We're not the only ones who use that road. Lots of folks will benefit from this school. It's time to put all the old baggage behind and move forward," Roberts said.

"It's time for all of us to step to the plate on this issue, including the schools. I'm perplexed why some intelligent people can't come together on this," he said.

"We'll do what we have to do to get that done... but we ought not to be in this alone. This requires, by the nature of the problem, a common response."

For his part, Independence Township Supervisor Dale Stuart, reacting to Roberts' statement that the DPW is on Flemings Lake Road, said, "The road is adequate for our needs."

He said it would be the increase in school traffic that would be at the root of any problem. "Therefore," he said, "the consequence of the use should be born by the people who cause the problem."

The township would contribute to road improvements if a special assessment district were to be established that would spread the costs, Stuart said.

"I would not be opposed to the township sharing in that cost," he said.

Judges name winners in painting contest

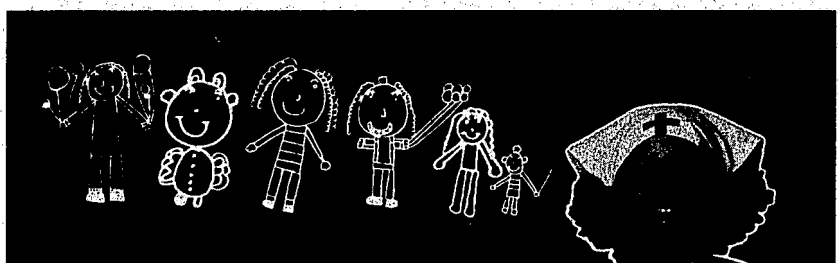
Following are the winners in the annual Paint The Town contest, a Halloween competition involving Clarkston and Sashabaw middle school art students. The students painted the front windows of downtown Clarkston businesses:

First place: "Trick or Treat Tiger" at Tierra's by Brittany McLeod and Diane Doyle of Sashabaw Middle School (SMS).

Second place: "Pooh Post Card" at Real Estate One by Dana Parker and Danielle Buzzo of SMS.

Third place: "Van Gogh" at Tierra's by Bethany Gozdziński and Syd Bassett of Clarkston Middle School.

Honorable Mention: "Pumpkins and Mummies" at Clarkston Cafe by Sarrah Benson and Jennifer Pasco of SMS.



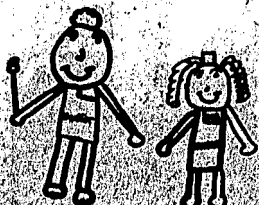
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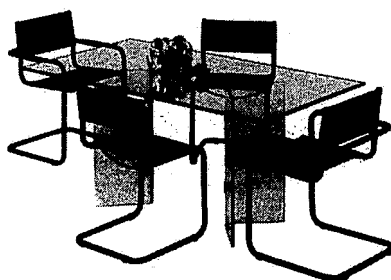
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Oakland woman persists in leukemia fight

BY RENA FULKA
SPECIAL WRITER

Mirella Panozzo makes her training runs through the streets of Birmingham's downtown district and sometimes on the outdoor track at the city's Seaholm High School.

It's not a passion for the sport that sends the petite Italian

teacher on the road to building bodily endurance. She runs in hopes of a cure for leukemia patients like 4-year-old Mark Filippi of Clinton Township.

As a member of the Leukemia Society's Team in Training program, Panozzo set a goal to raise \$4,000 in pledges as she runs the 26.2-mile Honolulu Marathon on

Dec. 12 in honor of her new friend.

Though the Bloomfield Township woman's heart remained true to the cause, sponsorship has fallen desperately short. Between the pledges and her fund-raising block party, Panozzo has only tallied \$1,400. "If I could get the money right now, I

could do it," she said.

But with the marathon only weeks away, the Oakland County woman feels compelled to postpone her commitment and hope for the best by the time the next marathon rolls around in June.

Panozzo's desire to help others in crisis was sparked shortly

after she recovered from a chronic shoulder condition of her own that took seven months of physical therapy to heal. "For weeks, I couldn't do anything by myself the pain was so strong in my shoulders and arms," she recalled.

As she struggled through her own therapy at the Beaumont Rehabilitation and Health Center in Birmingham, Panozzo couldn't help but notice so many individuals going through a similar ordeal.

"That was what made me think about others and feel that I really have to do something to help," said the Italian-born painter. "The experience is still in my mind because I was so unable to do anything for so long. I see this as a reaction to it. I want to tell myself that I'm fine ... that I'm finally O.K."

Leukemia became Panozzo's central focus in August when she received a letter describing the marathon and asking volunteers to attend a meeting in Royal Oak.

"I went out from that door and thought this was crazy. I'll never be able to run all those miles," said Panozzo, who became an avid walker when her illness left her unable to drive a car. "But

by the time I got home, I was convinced I could do it."

What she wasn't prepared for was the difficulty of reaching her financial goal.

In an attempt to raise the balance of her funding, Panozzo held a block party at her home two weeks ago featuring a family fun walk, crab race, drawing with 78 gifts donated from area businesses, the Seaholm High School Pep Band and face painting and pumpkin decorating by the St. Regis Youth Group.

The honored guest was Mark Filippi, who came with his parents, Dan and Ida, and his sister, Deanna. "He was holding my hand all the time like we knew each other forever," said Panozzo, who met Mark for the first time that afternoon.

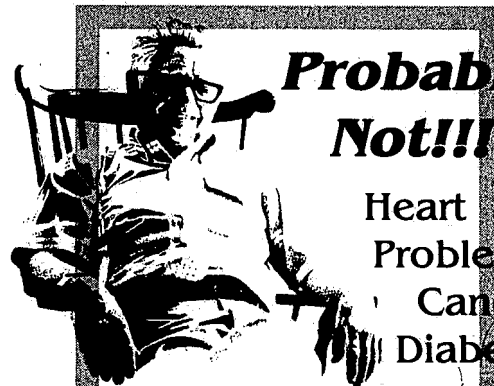
Now in remission, Mark was diagnosed with Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia last November and is in the midst of 30 months of weekly chemotherapy treatments.

"The Leukemia Society asked us if we'd like to have Mark become an 'honored patient,'" said Ida. "There are 24 individuals who are bicycling, walking or running in honor of Mark. (Panozzo's) the only one that



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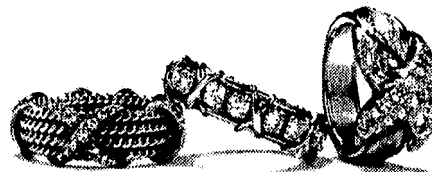
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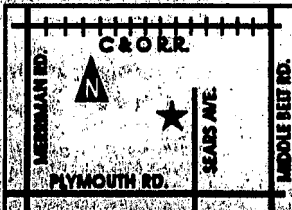
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Church installs pipe organ to glorify God

BY DIANE BALDWIN
SPECIAL WRITER

On Sunday, Oct. 12, for the first time ever in the village of Clarkston, parishioners of the Clarkston United Methodist Church were serenaded by the 2,800 plus pipes of their new pipe organ.

"It was an emotional experience when we sang the anthem," said Jack Byers, chair of the organ committee and long-time pipe organ enthusiast. Byers has been dreaming of adding a pipe organ for more than 20 years, he said. "It was a culmination of a lot of hard work... (it was) done for the glory of the Lord our Father... I hope he appreciates it as much as we do," Byers said with a laugh.

It's also a dream come true for Louise Angermeier, director of music and principal organist. "All the great churches of the world have pipe organs," she said proudly. The church was using an electronic organ, but, Angermeier explained, the new pipe organ will allow for greater diversity in sounds for various church music composed from different periods. For instance, the



Musical arrangement: Jim Lauck and Chris Cole (rear) ready pipes for their proper placement.

music of Bach, Beethoven, Brahms or Franc will sound sweeter and be truer to form now that it can be played on the pipe organ, she said. As long as it is updated and maintained, she added, it can last more than 300 years, as compared to the 20-25 years life expectancy for an average electronic organ.

The members of the organ committee began working toward this goal five years ago

by researching, gathering information and raising money. It was a "blessing in disguise," said Angermeier, that the builders of the sanctuary had the foresight to create chambers for the pipes so that there was minimal need for structural changes to install the pipes of the new organ.

Four years ago, the church was able to purchase the "old" pipes from a 19-rank pipe organ and use them as a base for their

new 48-rank pipe organ. For the past two years, the builder, Lauck Organ Co. of Otsego, has been hand-producing many of the pipes by melting metal and rolling the pieces to the specific size requirements of each pipe needed. Each piece was then installed by hand with the help of some volunteer members of the congregation.

Although the new quality of sounds of the pipe organ has been noticed and appreciated by the congregation during Sunday services, it will be showcased best during processions, solos, preludes, postludes and concerts, Angermeier said.

The organ dedication service will be held at 4 p.m. Nov. 23. The celebration will include solos and duets played by Dr. David Wagner of St. Paul Church in Grosse Pointe, vice president of programming of WQRS; professional brass; the church choir and Leslie Wills, a member of the church's congregation.

Pipe fitter: Jim Lauck helps install the new 2,800-pipe organ that played for the first time Sunday at Clarkston United Methodist Church. The organ will be dedicated at a special service Nov. 23. Says Louise Angermeier, the church's director of music and principal organist, "All the great churches of the world have pipe organs."

Rudy's, police offering free glow sticks for Halloween

The Clarkston City Police Department and Rudy's Quality Market are joining forces this year to make Halloween a safer holiday for area children.

Calling their effort "Operation Night Stick," the police and business will be giving free fluorescent green glow sticks to the children ages 10 and younger, or their parents, who request them at police headquarters in the government building off Depot Road or at Rudy's at 9 S. Main St.

The project is intended for all children who plan to trick-or-treat within city limits regardless of where they may live, though quantities are limited.

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In addition to the sticks, Ormiston provided this list of safety tips to keep city goblins safe:

- Wear light-colored clothing that is short enough to prevent tripping.
- Make sure children can see well through face masks or, better yet, use make-up.
- A parents should always accompany young children.
- Carry a flashlight.
- Keep costumed children away from pets, which may become frightened.
- Examine all candy before allowing children to eat it.

Election draws 6 candidates

CLARKSTON

David Savage.

Seeking election to one-year terms are Anne N. Clifton and Douglas L. Roeser. Both were appointed to the council this year to fill vacancies. The two are running unopposed.

Six Clarkston residents have filed to seek five seats on the Clarkston City Council in the Nov. 4 election.

Daniel A. Colombo, who works in the insurance field, is the only newcomer among those seeking two-year terms. The other applicants are incumbents William K. Basinger, Walter Gamble Jr. and

Rotary Club to hold raffle party

Clarkston Rotary Club's 16th annual raffle party will be 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Nov. 1, at Deer Lake Banquet Center. The grand prize is \$10,000. The runner-up will win \$1,000; second runner-up will receive \$250. Donated prizes will also be given away.

The evening starts with a grand buffet, a cash bar and a floor show featuring comic impressionist Joey Van. Van has performed around the country for more than 25 years with notable comedians, including Sammy Davis Jr.

Through the years this project has enabled the Clarkston Rotary Club to purchase the first two senior citizen vans for Independence Township, purchase and maintain the Christmas dec-

orations that adorn downtown Clarkston, provide scholarships to Clarkston High School seniors and buy shoes for kids. The Rotary also participates in Habitat for Humanity, the annual SCAMP cook-out, Lighthouse North and is working with the Clarkston Community Historical Society to establish a museum for the area. The Goodfellow Paper sale funds the ongoing Shoes for Kids program every December.

The slogan of the Clarkston Rotary Club is "Rotary Doing The Things People Think Just Happen." Tickets to the raffle party can be purchased by calling Sam Hoff at 625-3488 or any Rotarian. Cost is \$150 per couple.

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Oakland University sets record for enrollment

A record jump in first-year student enrollment shows the value of Oakland University's increased commitment to giving applicants personal attention, said Robert Johnson, associate vice president, Enrollment Management and director, Admissions.

This fall OU enrolled a record 1,556 FTIAC (first time in any college) students, up 145 from last fall.

"We personalized our approach to recruitment, calling students regularly, requiring each admissions adviser to have a certain number of contacts with each of their prospective students and guide the student through the enrollment process," Johnson said.

"So early in January for students who need financial aid, we work with them to make sure they apply for funds. Then in February and March we follow up with the students to ensure that they submitted all the paperwork to complete the admissions process," Johnson said. "We call students to arrange campus visits. We call each student to remind them to attend new student orientation."

Oakland is also reaching prospective stu-

dents by having more visibility with community groups.

Oakland top advantages are compelling, Johnson said: OU has a safe campus, excellent academic programs, small class sizes and is the only four-year institution that has a main campus in Oakland County.

"Even though we're growing as an institution, we can keep the campus small in terms of the way we deliver services and the way that our classes are taught. Our student-to-faculty ratio is still 19 to 1," Johnson said.

A new computer system also helps OU focus on personal attention.

The Exeter Student Marketing System is a database management marketing system, enabling processing of students quicker and providing a wealth of demographic information.

The system also reminds recruiters to call students back during the enrollment process.

Leukemia from page A7

called me. I find it moving that she wanted to meet the child. He needs good things in his life right now, not just going to the doctor."

Mark readily climbed into Panozzo's lap as he related the fun he had as the guest of honor at the block party. His fascination, though, was with the pumpkins and Halloween decorations lovingly placed around the house. "Guess what I'm gonna be for Halloween?" asked Mark. "It starts with a 'B.' Yeah, Batman."

As she persists in reaching her \$4,000 goal for much needed research, Panozzo wishes to thank everyone who has contributed in the fight against Leukemia, which takes the lives of 50,000 individuals

annually and is the number one cause of death for children ages 1 to 14.

Last Sunday, Mark received the Young Hero Foundation's Medal of Honor for courage in the face of terminal illness, with Panozzo looking on proudly from the audience. "They say that by the year 2000, they hope to have a cure," added Panozzo. "If he can stay there (in remission) for a few more years, he might have an opportunity to live a little more freely and as normal as can happen."

Donations made payable to 'Leukemia Society of America' can be sent to Mirella Panozzo, 3262 E. Bradford Drive, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301.

CAPITAL CAPSULES

Senate OKs wiretap

The state Senate approved 27-9 a wiretap bill that its sponsor called "a model" and opponents called an expensive and useless intrusion into people's private lives.

Senate Bill 633 allows a police agency to get clearance from the attorney general to apply for court authorization to tap the telephones of suspected high-level drug dealers. A 30-day authorization could be renewed twice for a total of 90 days, said sponsor Jon Cisky, R-Saginaw. The bill was sent to the House.

"This is a model bill on the Fourth Amendment (search and seizure)," said Cisky, a former sheriff's officer and college professor. "The State Police will also monitor this process to make sure that everything is in accordance with proper procedure and police work. There is also a penalty for law enforcement should they abuse their privilege — up to \$1,000 a day fine."

He praised two fellow senators who are former law enforcement agents — Mike Bouchard, R-Birmingham (local police), and Mike Rogers, R-Brighton (FBI).

Among supporters of the bill were Loren Bennett, R-Canton, Bouchard, Bill Bullard, R-Milford, Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion, Bob Geake, R-Northville, George Hart, D-Deerborn, and Rogers.

Opponents, all Democrats, included John Cherry of Clio, Gary Peters of Bloomfield Township, and Alma Wheeler Smith of Salem.

Cherry called wiretap "a meager weapon" in the war on drugs because drug kingpins are international and can shift to the Internet rather than telephones.

"You can't conduct a wiretap for less than \$30,000 to \$60,000 per tap," Cherry said. "For a simple \$500 to \$1,000, these targets can sweep their phones and be free and clear of that surveillance." He said the 37 states with wiretap laws don't have less severe drug problems than Michigan.

Cherry said Ohio and Illinois police weren't stopped from "illegal and

unauthorized wiretapping within the past 10 years . . . Even the women's rape crisis center in Norfolk, Va., has been illegally wiretapped."

Smith said the bill feeds the fears of anti-government extremists and the general citizenry that police can "reach into their daily lives" by mistake or otherwise.

Bond bill OK'd

Critics from the left and right voted no when the House raised the state's bond issue limit by \$700 million to \$2.7 billion. Senate Bill 277 will fund new building projects at state universities and community colleges, according to its sponsor, Sen. John Schwarz, R-Battle Creek.

Rep. David Jaye, R-Macomb County, failed with three amendments to limit what can be spent on a new state Hall of Justice; to require voter approval at the 1998 election; and to dedicate the proceeds to road construction rather than higher education. None of the Jaye amendments got a roll call vote.

The bill passed 88-18 and was sent to Gov. John Engler for signing.

The only area representative voting no was Greg Kaza, R-Rochester Hills.

Schwarz said raising the bond cap won't raise taxes. It allows the State Building Authority to sell bonds and use the proceeds for building projects. "The average debt in Michigan is \$333 per person while the national average is \$633," said Schwarz. "Even with the \$700 million increase, Michigan's debt per capital would be only \$406."

Jobless rate up

Unemployment in Michigan rose to 4 percent in September from 3.7 percent in August, but Gov. Engler put a good face on it.

"New Workers Flood Michigan's Job Market," said the headline on his news release. "Michigan's labor force climbed by 15,000 workers, reaching a near-record high of 4.86 million. At the same time, total employment climbed by 1,000."

Senate bills

■ Bill Bullard, R-Milford, introduced SB 754 will raise the threshold for levying Michigan's inheritance tax by \$50,000 a year for 10 years. Currently, heirs pay taxes on estates greater than \$600,000. Bullard's bill would raise the threshold to \$1 million, matching the new federal tax law. His bill went to the Senate Finance Committee.

House bills

Rep. Patricia Godchaux, R-Birmingham, introduced House Concurrent Resolution 44 and House Resolution 75 asking the U.S. Congress to redirect some military spending to domestic needs.

"The battlefields of the 21st Century," she said, in committee testimony, may be "infrastructure, education, public health, environmental protection, feeding our people and strengthening our economy." The resolutions were debated in committee this week.

Appointments

Gov. Engler has appointed:

■ Jacquelyn Stewart of Farmington Hills, as chair of the Liquor Control Commission, replacing former Sen. Phil Arthurhult, who resigned Oct. 10. Her term expires June 12, 2000. Stewart is a former state House candidate (from Garden City in 1970), worked the Oakland County prosecutor's criminal investigations unit (1973-89), and graduated from the Oakland Police Academy (1978). She has been on the LCC since 1995.

■ Jeffrey Weston of Farmington Hills to the Michigan Underground Storage Tank Financial Assurance policy board. Weston is district engineer for Amoco Oil and will represent the Petroleum Refiner-Supplier Trade Association for a term expiring Sept. 17, 1999.

■ Ronald Moore of Bloomfield Hills to the Athletic Board of Control, which regulates boxing and wrestling, both pro and amateur. Moore is chairman of RDM Holdings, Ltd., and will represent professionals for a term expiring March 31, 2001.

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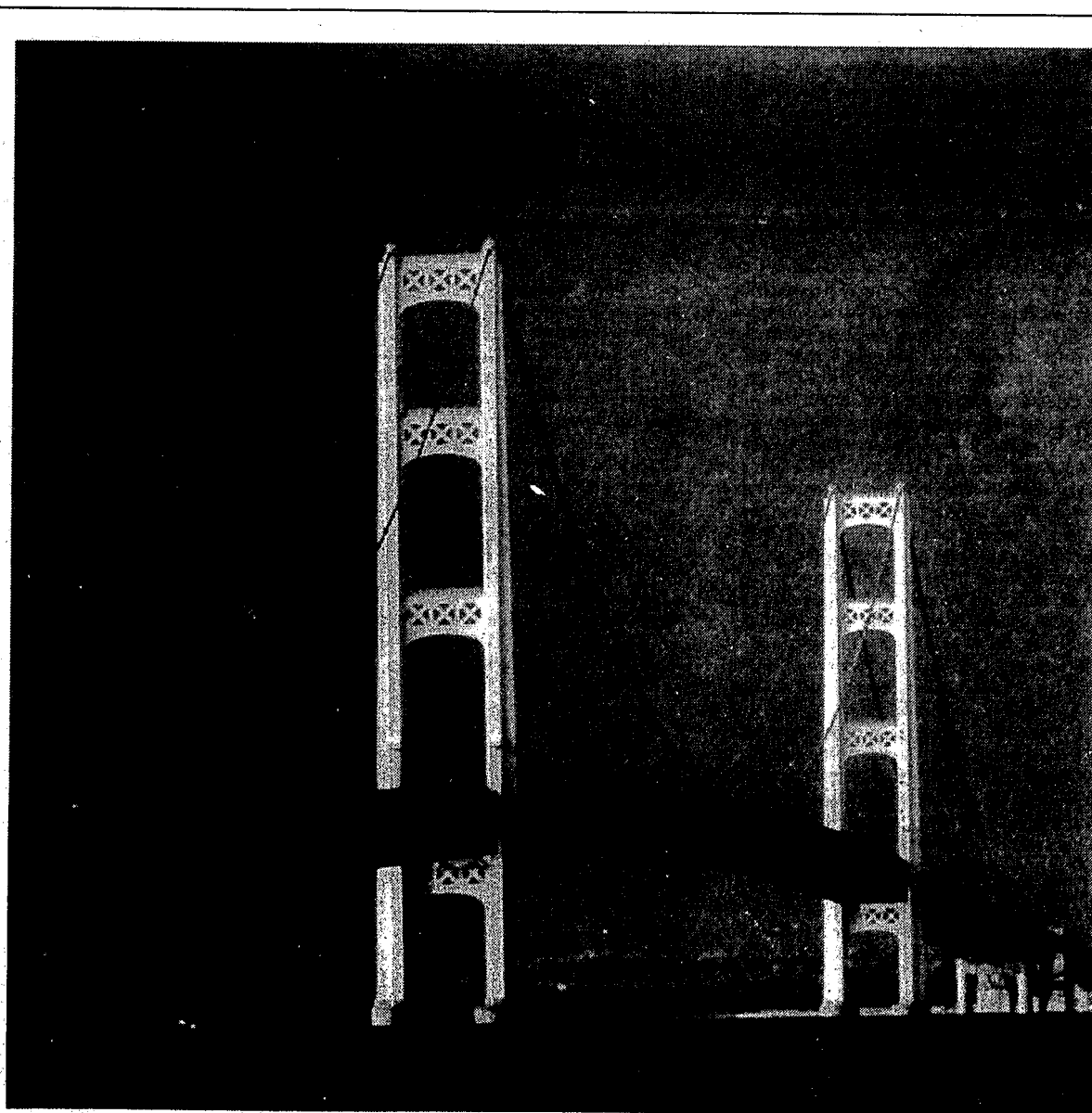
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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1997

Governor's award Clarkston deserves recognition

Clarkston school and athletic officials received blue ribbon awards from Gov. John Engler Friday for a tough new athletic code they put into effect the beginning of this school year.

We're thrilled to see Clarkston officials receive statewide recognition for the code, which benches athletes caught smoking, drinking, using steroids or taking illegal drugs even when their sport is not in season. In fact, we applauded the new zero-tolerance policy in this space soon after it was adopted.

Like Engler, we were impressed with Clarkston's willingness to lead the way in the fight against substance abuse. The school district has adopted one of the toughest, if not the toughest, policies in the state.

Here's how the policy works:

Athletes are benched for four consecutive weeks of scheduled play for a first offense and for at least one year and possibly for their entire high school careers for a second offense.

If the athlete is caught using substances when his or her sport is not in season, the four-week suspension will be carried over to the next season. During the first two weeks of being benched, offenders must watch their teammates practice, but they can't join in. They must also complete 10 hours of commu-

nity or in-school service and meet with a substance-abuse counselor.

For most school athletes, it is a real punishment to have to sit on the sidelines while their teammates play.

Clarkston Athletic Director Dan Fife, who initiated the change, realizes that the district's old policy of punishing athletes during their off season was like a slap on the wrist.

The new policy has the endorsement of the Clarkston Community Task Force for Youth, which formed two years ago after a survey indicated that Clarkston youths abuse substances at a rate higher than the national average.

We hope that Clarkston school officials expand the policy, as they intend, to all extracurricular groups at the school. We also trust, as they have pledged, that the policy will be enforced when the first infraction occurs. And we would encourage high schools across Michigan to follow Clarkston's example and adopt similar policies.

As Engler pointed out in his speech Friday, the No. 1 barrier to unemployed Michigan residents getting jobs is substance abuse. "This is not just about being eligible for athletics," he said. "It's about being able to compete in life."

OU gains momentum as key resource

Oakland University has embarked on a power play with its Creating the Future maze of task forces.

It's not a political power play but an effort by which President Gary Russi aims to thrust an awareness of OU's value under the noses of the region and state. It's a good kind of power play.

Consider the past: OU was founded 40 years ago on a country estate as a branch of Michigan State University. It settled into a niche as one of the "regional," commuter universities, with three-fourths of its students coming from Oakland and Macomb counties.

Consider the present, as Russi did in his budget message last spring to legislative appropriations committees: "Graduate growth is exploding. Graduate enrollment has increased 32.8 percent in just six years. Each time a major business such as the Chrysler Tech Center moves to the area, we experience a significant increase in graduate enrollment." Last school year, 28 percent of all degrees were at the graduate level — master's and doctoral candidates. "Since 1991-92, we have awarded an average of 13 Ph.D.s annually," Russi said. All were awarded without a law or medical school, or even a football team.

But Russi, now in his second year, complained that OU, based in Rochester Hills, still isn't funded like a doctoral institution.

Lawmakers were impressed and did well by OU, but they weren't encouraging about ambitions for the future. There are the Big Three universities and Michigan Tech in line ahead of OU; there is a cancerous prison budget to be fed; there are the hungry special education programs, the concerns for the fragile Great Lakes environment . . . and so on.

Numerically, OU is in the middle of the pack: eighth largest of the 15 state universities. That number, however, fails to tell the story of its importance to the Michigan's economic heartland.

Oakland County is geographically at the center of Michigan's economic action: in the heart of the high-tech, financial, shopping mall, legal and artistic thorax. This isn't the boondocks any more. Much of what used to be in downtown Detroit surrounds OU in the I-75 corridor.

Consider the future: If a university is to serve such a world-class economic player, it must be perceived as more than a regional commuter school. OU must be more than an inner-circle player in this matrix of brainpower. It must be treated by community leaders, business leaders, political leaders and the public at large as Big Time.

So Russi and the campus brass announced Oct. 9 they will be ringing the telephones and tapping the e-mails of key players. Their service will be sought on task forces recommending the future of six colleges and schools, the library and information systems, student affairs and "market positioning and visibility."

We suspect the last one will be where the ideas come to a head.

Said OU board chairman Rex E. Schlaybaugh Jr.: "The involvement of community leaders, both those serving on the task forces and those serving in an advisory capacity, will establish Oakland University as an indispensable and responsive resource."

"Will establish"? OU already is that kind of resource.

We shouldn't anticipate what eggs the task forces will hatch. But we won't be surprised if the message is recognizing what insiders already know: Oakland University is a key research institution as well as the good ol' commuter college near the freeways.

It's an important partner with Oakland Community College, the two-year school that teaches so many of the job skills that the world economy will soak up.

That is the reality. OU is letting the world around it in on the secret.

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

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Independence Township



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Independence Township



"I dressed up as a tube of toothpaste... It was hard to sit down."

Norb Capistrant
Independence Township



"I was Hopalong Cassidy... That was around the turn of the century."

Scott Robeson
Independence Township

This question was asked at the Clarkston Post Office.

LETTERS

Ghost town coming?

I see where recently Hallman's Pharmacy, the Village Bookstore, Milieu Gallery and Cal-cote Country Gift Shop have closed their doors in downtown Clarkston. National Bank of Detroit is leaving and now another mainstay business, Rudy's Market, is closing up to relocate somewhere else.

What with the parking problem and what I hear of the not best reputation of the city council, are we going to eventually be faced with a ghost town of boarded-up businesses? With the poor parking and the police department eager to issue tickets as quickly as they can, no wonder the town is getting less desirable as a thriving community. Oh well, with all the businesses leaving, parking may not be a major problem anymore.

Vernon Kath
Clarkston

Attend library meeting

The Independence Township Board of Trustees is holding a special meeting concerning the library at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30. It will be held at the library. I urge everyone who cares about the library to show up to express their views to the board. Our library is a tremendous resource for our entire community and it will take careful planning to ensure the library continues to prosper. A large turnout will demonstrate how important the library is to us. Please attend. Every voice must be heard; every voice matters.

Jeff Gallant
Clarkston

Task force is thankful

The Clarkston Task Force wishes to thank the many individuals, businesses and organizations that came together to make "Up With Parents" such a success. More than 425 adults attended the conference that provided parenting tips, suggestions and resources while 120 children enjoyed songs, crafts, snacks and story time during the child care that St. Daniel's coordinated.

Special Thanks to: St. Daniel's, Food Town, Kroger, the Schulte Family, Parent Network, Photography by Joanne Gentile, Independence Township Parks & Recreation Department, Oakland County Parks & Recreation Department, Clarkston News, Clarkston Eccentric, Oakland Press, WWCK AM/FM, WTAC-Grand Blanc, Clarkston Schools, Clarkston Chamber of Commerce, DARE, PTA/PTO, Haven, Oak-

land County Health Department, St. Joseph Mercy Fox Center, Clarkston Area Youth Assistance, Triad Associates and Tough Love. The time and dedication of everyone involved certainly shows the community commitment to building "assets" in our young people.

Susette Hart
Up With Parents Program Coordinator

Heart Walk a success

On behalf of the American Heart Association, we extend our sincere appreciation to you for your contribution to the success of the 1997 North Oakland Heart Walk. To date, more than \$82,000 has been raised to fund life-saving research and community health education programs. Companies and residents from the communities of north Oakland County will directly benefit from this united effort by promoting awareness of heart disease and stroke while raising funds for the American Heart Association.

Once again, we were fortunate to have beautiful weather, an enthusiastic crowd and the inviting Bald Mountain Recreation Areas as our host. We hope you will continue to support the American Heart Walk on an annual basis and will also continue to "walk" and promote heart healthy behavior among co-workers, family and friends. Please forward any additional donations, ASAP, in care of North Oakland Heart Walk to Susan Lowell or Celene Edmonds-16310 West Twelve Mile Road, Southfield MI 48075. In addition, the 1998 North Oakland Heart Walk has been set for Saturday, Oct. 3, 1998, at Bald Mountain Recreation Area. Please mark your calendars!

Dianne Addington
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POINTS OF VIEW

Start of school before Labor Day cuts family time

There is proposed legislation before the state legislature that would forbid public schools from starting classes before Labor Day in the fall.

The measure is primarily backed by the tourist industry, which is Michigan's second largest industry.

In Michigan the summer tourist season has been 10 weeks long, starting the Fourth of July weekend and ending Labor Day.

During this period people from other states invade Michigan, renting cottages, buying things and paying a big hunk of sales tax to our state.

Summer in Michigan is more than a season. It is an attitude. It seems to be more family-oriented than the other seasons. It offers more recreational opportunities for family participation.

Business is usually slower. People take more vacations, and parents

have more free time.

Since the kids are not involved in school activities, they are more willing to devote time to family outings.

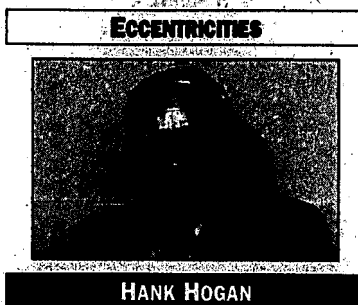
Labor Day weekend used to mark the end of summer, a three-day respite when the family could have its last fling together before facing school and football weekends.

But a couple of years ago, the educational system started to take away some of this for all of us.

The school year was designed many years ago with agriculture in mind. The kids were freed from classes in the summer to help with the crops.

Summers off meant the schools didn't have to be air-conditioned, although it was always considered an economic waste to have school buildings sit idle for a third of the year.

School always started after Labor



HANK HOGAN

Day.

But then, colleges decided it was foolish to start the school year in mid-September, take a two week break at Christmas and finish the semester in January.

Some went on a trimester system so they could utilize their facilities

better. They wanted to get a semester out of the way before Christmas so that they could slip in a spring and summer semester. This meant starting school before Labor Day.

This meant the older kids had to leave home and summer jobs before the holiday weekend.

Now the public schools are starting earlier so they can meet the state mandate requiring them to add days to their calendars.

While this may be necessary for political reasons, it raises the devil with family life.

It certainly affects the tourist industry by cutting 10 percent out of a short period to begin with.

College and high school kids make

a good part of the tourism work force. Early school causes a problem because not only do the workers have to leave early, it cuts down their opportunity to earn summer money for school.

College kids can't start earlier because the summer season doesn't start in May when they are now available to work.

So the problem is, the educators ask, "Do you want us to be more efficient and save taxpayers money? If so we should start earlier." Maybe the answer is to extend the school year later in June.

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

School board modeled civility in deciding recent issue

Did you read about the recent fight that took place during a Lions football game at the Silverdome? Have you heard about the riot last month at a soccer match in Italy? Did you see the newspaper account last week of the deplorable sportsmanship of high school fans attending a game?

Such stories are not hard to find because examples of ill-mannered, disrespectful behavior and suspicion seem to be newsworthy while courteous, unselfish and generous acts are ignored. The media is so impassioned to be reporting the negative that people begin to believe the hype.

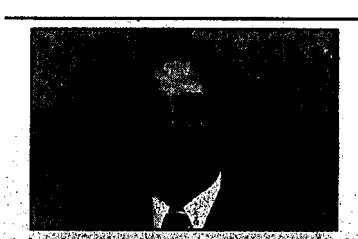
Sadly, there are enough genuine examples of misbehavior to keep all those who follow the rules wondering if they are the weirdos. After all, punching someone out when you disagree with them, disrupting a public meeting or acting violently when

things don't go your way seem to be portrayed as standard behavior, right?

I think not. We must remember that these stories are in the news precisely because they are not the norm! However, I must admit there are signs that, as a country, we could benefit from a course with Miss Manners. Even our elected state and federal officials have been seen displaying an alarming lack of civility toward one another, and the barrage of banter has caused trepidation among citizens of all political persuasions.

So how are we expected to settle differences? How can we all work to make examples of courteous, positive and unselfish behavior the standard that all strive to achieve?

Perhaps our recent school board session can be used as an example. The board was faced with a very com-



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plex — and potentially volatile — problem, developing a schedule for construction work at all of our elementary schools.

The problem was that the board had to select a plan that would place some schools in the first phase of construction while other schools would have to wait.

Potentially, any decision could create suspicion and distrust among certain school neighborhoods. So how did

they come to consensus on a plan of action? They did so by modeling civility and by following the principles listed below.

The school board:

- listened to a wide variety of perspective. Our employees, parents and other citizens did phone in their concerns, write to express their viewpoints and some spoke to the issues at the board session.

- paid attention to issues and concerns brought to them by members of the community.

- applied objective criteria to evaluate the various possibilities.

- worked to develop an understanding of the challenges of tackling several construction projects at one time.

communicated clearly and with absolute respect for all constituents.

Daniel Yankelovich has written about the path we all travel as we move from individual opinion to group consensus and has described that journey as "a bumpy road full of potholes and roadblocks and detours."

I suggest that if we all listen, pay attention, use objectivity, communicate, and work to develop an understanding, we will find — as our school board did — that difficult issues can be resolved in an orderly and mannerly way.

Surely this is one way to teach our youngsters to be respectful and civil even when faced with disagreements.

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

Newspapers and change:
It's a love-hate relationship

It should come as no surprise to perceptive readers of this column that newspapers and the people who make them are a bit odd, maybe even schizophrenic.

On the one hand, we thrive on change, the new — the root word for "news" — on different happenings that we can put in the next edition of the paper. One of the worst things that can happen to a newspaper person is to be trapped inside a slow news day, which means boredom and having to concoct something newsworthy out of the mundane.

On the other hand, just below our excitable surface lies a deep conservatism and stubborn resistance to change. We go through months of doubt and hesitation when we contemplate changing the least little thing — the face of our headline type or the way we present bylines for instance — that most readers never will notice.

The venerable New York Times, for example, only this past week ran, for the first time in its history, a full-color picture on the front page.

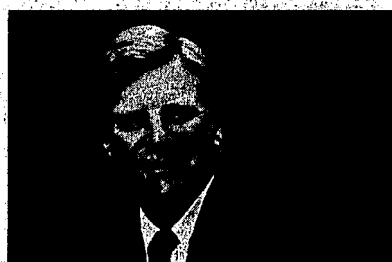
So when a newspaper that has been published once a week for its entire history decides to put out a second-of-the-week edition — goes "semi-weekly," in technical terms — it's a very big deal for us.

I remember back in the 1970s when I decided to take the Observer Newspapers, six weekly newspapers serving communities mostly in western Wayne County, semi-weekly by adding a Saturday edition to our regular Wednesday publication schedule. It was triply scary; I wasn't sure we could deliver the paper regularly and timely, and I wasn't sure readers would read it.

So it was with a real sense of anticipation tinged with anxiety that I went out to Howell over the weekend to see folks at the Livingston County Press and Brighton Argus on the home stretch of putting out their first-ever Sunday editions.

For deeply conservative newspapers that had been printed and delivered weekly for 153 years (in the case of the Press) and 118 years (in the case of the Argus), contemplating an entirely new second-of-the-week edition was a big break with the past, let alone a significant risk.

Could a beefed-up staff maintain both newspapers, a tradition of hometown journalism? Could we sell enough advertising in the new Sunday papers to make up for all the extra costs in labor, newsprint and delivery?



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Could we get the papers delivered on time, especially because we had to break with tradition and change entirely our delivery method from the U.S. Postal Service to our own carrier force? So the folks in Howell were justifiably nervous and more than a little jumpy.

What was so moving to me about the visit was that their anxious pride in what they were attempting reminded me so much of my own feelings some 25 years earlier. Would the Friday night football game between two undefeated high school teams end early enough so our reporter could write the story in time for the press start? But the visit was also thrilling. The folks working late into the night in Howell had the same dedication to the needs of the communities their newspapers serve as motivates all good community news people. They're running an all-new program listing for the local cable TV channels in the Sunday paper, together with a page listing the salaries of all local people on the public payroll, from U.S. Rep. Debbie Stabenow (\$133,600 annually) to John Esbrook, who is the ordinance officer in Genoa Township (\$11.50 an hour). As Press editor Maria Stuart wrote in her last column before Sunday publication, "Let's face it, folks. Livingston County is growing and changing, and we're expanding right along with it." Perhaps general manager Rich Perlberg got the best take on the attitude of passionate service to the community when he wrote in his column, "I love this place. It's my home. We deserve a Sunday paper whose roots, focus and interest lie solely with Livingston County."

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Big TVs, Internet, coming soon to a school near you

A new partnership between the National Education Advancement Team and Oakland Schools will result in Oakland County school districts beginning to receive large-screen color TVs and Internet appliances this school year.

The National Education Advancement Team, known as Projectneat, is an independent non-profit organization based in the Silicon Valley of California. The partnerships it is pursuing will address President Clinton's challenge to the nation to link every U.S. school to the Internet. "Working together with Projectneat, we can brighten the future of our young people and improve the economy of our state," said Jan Van Dam of Oakland Schools, Michigan's Projectneat director, in a press release.

Projectneat's goal is to donate 10,000 large-screen TVs and Internet appliances to schools nationwide this school year. Systems will be allocated among the 50 states in proportion to student population.

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school in the nation, and eventually throughout the world, to the Internet. Since the program began in California in May, Projectneat has placed 1,300 systems in K-12 schools free of charge throughout the U.S.

The program is intended to serve every school, but those in underserved and disadvantaged neighborhoods, without Internet access, in rural areas, in towns without libraries or in special-needs districts will receive priority.

Oakland Schools is one of five partner agencies of MOA.NET, one of Michigan's eight shareable earning hubs funded by a state grant to provide Internet services to Michigan's K-12 schools.

Visit Projectneat's website at www.projectneat.org



Despite the cooler weather, road construction is continuing throughout Oakland County, including the following areas:

■ **Beverly Hills** — The intersection of 13 Mile and Evergreen is being reconstructed. The work is expected to be completed this week.

■ **Bloomfield Township** — Squirrel Road between Long Lake and Westview is being resurfaced and reconstructed at the north end. A detour will route drivers along Adams and Square Lake roads until the roadway reopens in mid-November.

■ **Farmington** — Grand River will be widened to include a left turn lane and traffic signal at the Shiawassee intersection. Shiawassee, from Grand River to Farmington Road, will be closed during construction which should be completed this month. M-5 is reduced to one lane in each direction at Farmington Road. The project is expected to be completed this week.

■ **Farmington Hills** — Expansion of the Haggerty Connector (M-5) has closed 14 Mile Road between Haggerty and Welch until October 1998. A detour routes drivers along 13 Mile. Paving and drainage improvements

at the east end of the Meadowbrook Hills subdivision near 8 Mile and Halsted will be completed Nov. 1.

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

■ **Novi** — Expansion of the Haggerty Connector (M-5) has closed 14 Mile Road between Haggerty and Welch until October 1998.

■ **Orion Township** — Silver bell Road at M-24 will be widened to include a left turn lane and the right turn lane on westbound Silver bell at M-24 will be extended. The projects are expected to be completed by November. The changes will help with drainage problems. Joslyn Road at Flintridge is being widened to include a center left turn lane from northbound Joslyn to westbound Flintridge. The project includes the addition of a traffic signal which is expected to facilitate school bus traffic. The project is expected to be completed in mid-November.

■ **Oxford** — An overlay of pavement is being added to East Street between Washington and Gaspie will be completed within a week.

■ **Rochester Hills** — Hamlin Road is being reconstructed to a four-lane boulevard from

M-59 to Crooks Road. The project, which is expected to be completed by the spring of 1998, will include the completion of the east-west link from the new M-59 ramp to various business facilities. The roadway is closed except for local traffic, with detours across M-59 and Avon Road. A left turn lane is being added at the intersection of Avon Road and Technology with a traffic light installed. The new light will assist residents of Chateau Avon Mobile Home Park. The gravel roadways of June and Tamm will be paved this month. The project is expected to last 30 days.

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

■ **Springfield Township** — Dixie Highway at Cedar Crest Academy is being widened to include a center turn lane. The project is expected to be completed in mid-November.

NOTE: Unless otherwise stated, detours are unknown or not planned.

Source: Local, county, city and village road officials.

— Compiled by staff writer Jennifer Placinto

Free health screenings

Oakland County Medical Society plans to make a difference.

Medical residents and members of the society will offer free health screenings, child immunizations and health information on "Make a Difference Day," Saturday, Oct. 25, at the North Oakland Medical Center on Huron

in Pontiac.

For more information, call (248) 857-7255.

They join other area medical societies, including the Michigan State Medical Society, which has planned a tailgate benefit at the Michigan State/University of Michigan game.

Michigan gov't to assist assault victims

Gov. John Engler announced that Michigan will award local grants to help victims of domestic violence and sexual assault and lessen the incidence of violent crimes against women, including a \$223,674 grant to HAVEN in Pontiac, which serves folks in Oakland County.

"Michigan continues to be a national model when it comes to dealing with domestic violence," said Engler. "In addition to the most comprehensive domestic violence laws in the country, Michigan has been successful in receiving additional funds to help victims of domestic abuse."

Awarded to the Family Independence Agency by the U.S. Department of Justice, the federal STOP Violence Against Women grant provides financial assistance to develop victim services in cases involving violent crimes against women and effective law enforcement and prosecution strategies. (STOP is an acronym for services, training, officers, prosecution.) The grants to support local projects in Michigan total \$2.9 million.

"Grant funds will strengthen the criminal justice system response to domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking," said Family Independence Agency Director Marva Livingston Hammons.

Michigan will use the federal grant to fund 38 community-based collaborative projects that address victim services, law enforcement and prosecution.

The grant period runs from Oct. 1, 1997 to Sept. 30, 1998.

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Sixth-grade camp: Mom learned as much as the kids

Everything I need to know about being the mother of a 12-year-old boy, I learned at Sixth Grade Camp. Okay, that may be an overstatement, but the two days I spent at camp really opened my eyes.

When I was in sixth grade, I went to Pontiac Schools and there was no "Sixth Grade Camp." A couple weeks ago, just two days after my oldest son's 12th birthday, he started his week at Camp Ohyesa in Holly, and the two evenings that I helped out there as a parent volunteer were my first Sixth Grade Camp experience.

When I signed up to help out on Wednesday evening and spend the night on Thursday night, I thought I would be supervising my son's cabin. A lesson for Mom: Twelve-year-old boys are too old to be supervised by Moms. Only Dads are allowed to stay in cabins with boys. Once I got over the "My baby's growing up" blues, I adjusted to the fact that I would be in a cabin with a group of girls. Since I have only boys, this would be a pleasant change. After all, girls are so sweet and precious. It had to be easier to supervise a bunch of little angels than the rambunctious heathens that I know boys can be. When I expressed this view to some mothers of girls, they looked at each other and laughed. "Just wait," I was told. As the weeks went by and the time

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Mystery unearthed with tombstone

BY CAROLYN WALKER
STAFF WRITER

When I pushed a shovel into the fertile ground that is our backyard over the Labor Day weekend and hauled up the first of several loads of black dirt, I had no idea that I would, with that gesture, begin unearthing a Clarkston mystery — and a lot of bittersweet family memories as well.

I took on the task because a solid, oval-shaped, white pedestal that had once been, I assumed, the focal part of someone's garden, was now an eyesore poking up in the middle of our yard — a tree and the flowers that surrounded it having been removed.

"What do you suppose this is?" I asked my husband, as I kicked the shovel in against it and huffed with the exertion of digging. I figured, naively, that I would dig down about three or four inches and that the pedestal would come out of the earth easily. I figured it would prove itself to be an old well cap or some sort of cement thingamajig or what-have-you.

Imagine my surprise when I got to an elaborate, inverted, scroll carving and a message that read: 5 Yr., 2 Ms., 2 Dys!

I remember turning to my husband and my neighbor, who was peering over the fence, and saying incredulously, "I think this is a tombstone."

Fascinated, curious and just a little bit concerned that somebody might be buried in our backyard, I dug with a renewed effort, hosing the stone off occasionally with water as more lettering revealed itself.

Little by little, it became obvious that I was unearthing an upside-down grave marker — a monument — from 1876 that had once belonged to a 5-year-old child named Johnie Lowrie.

I felt the pain of a mother's loss when I realized that and allowed myself a moment of silence in my own backyard. Some questions surfaced right along with the stone: Who was Johnie Lowrie? How did he die? Was he, too,



STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

Tale of the tombstone: Tom Lowrie, Richard Lowrie and Carolyn Walker (left to right) hope to unearth the story behind the tombstone found in Walker's backyard.

buried in our backyard? If not, where was he buried?

And why, in heaven's name, was his tombstone upside down, in our backyard? Who placed it there? And when?

When it was sufficiently loosened from the soil, my husband pulled the heavy marker out of the ground, righted it and we read in a variety of fancy scripts that looked practically new: "Gone But Not Forgotten. Johnie A.

Son of James & Mary Lowrie. Died Mch 3, 1876. Aged 5 yr., 2 ms., 2 dys."

I do not know a lot about the 160-year-old house we own in the city of Clarkston. It is believed that the house was moved to its site from Dixie Highway, where it stood as a tall booth. And it is known that at one time it was used as a home where pregnant women went to deliver their babies.

Neither of those facts shed any light

on why a tombstone would be buried behind it, in what could very possibly be the smallest lot in Clarkston.

This is the kind of Clarkston story that my aunt, Clarabelle Amidon, would have liked. She spent her tender years here. The years that took place

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when she was a high school student at what is now the Independence Township government building on Main Street.

She won a manicure set at a dance there once. She kept her class ring and her year book in mint condition. And she saved clippings and pictures of the goings-on that young people enjoyed in the 1920s. Goings on that she attended faithfully with her best friend, Jeanne Lowrie.

Naturally, the first thing I wanted to do after I dug that tombstone out of the ground was figure out whether there was a coffin to accompany it. Gingerly, I dug a little deeper, half expecting to hit something hard with my shovel. And half dreading the possibility.

I was relieved to find nothing but layers of dirt that Saturday. And the day following Labor Day I acted on a hunch and called Linda Richardson of the Independence Township Department of Public Works, who helped me locate little Johnnie's grave in the old section of Lakeview Cemetery off White Lake Road.

I went and stood over it. His century-old grave was marked with a square headstone that

matched that of his father, mother and other relatives.

It was possible, I decided, that someone had replaced his original marker with a new one when they placed the others and that that someone discarded the old to my yard.

And it was also possible that Johnnie's parents had rejected the memorial due to misspellings (there were several, including the suspicious spelling of his first name). The second option didn't make a lot of sense to me, though. Misspellings or no, I figured someone had to have gone to a lot of trouble and money to commission that marker.

Richardson was not able to explain through township records why the stone wasn't in the cemetery. And after conferring with her, I came home and gumbled that Johnnie might be an ancestor of Tom Lowrie, who owns Lowrie's Landscaping in Springfield Township.

I had met Tom once and knew him to be friendly and engaging. He and Johnnie shared a common spelling of their last name.

I figured the worst he could do if I called him would be to laugh me off my end of the telephone line. And I picked up my receiver and dialed and stumbled, when

he answered, through a very strange monologue that began something like this: "Tom, you won't remember me, but I dug up a tombstone in my backyard."

Last week, I met one of Oakland County's authorities on tombstones: Charlie Martinez, administrator of the Oakland County Historical Society. Charlie, 64, is a graduate of the University of Detroit and he has a list of credentials that qualify him to excavate graves, do forensic studies and hold forth on death and its accoutrements.

He looked over a photo of the grave stone and pronounced it to be carved from marble. He also noted that a hole on its top probably once held the connection for a lamb, doves or an angel.

Such decorations, he told me, were especially dear to the Victorians.

"We find in the Victorian age, there is an effusive outpouring of grief epitomized in their memorials," Martinez said. "The Victorians took a softer view. Victorians decided their cemeteries should be garden spots."

The Victorians, he told me, liked to picnic and visit among themselves — and with their dead — in their cemeteries, as

compared to the Puritans who preceded them and buried their dead next to their churches.

Of our Victorian marker he said, "The stone is specially made and carved. This particular one is highly wrought."

Martinez wasn't able to tell me what the marker would have cost in its time, nor what it would be worth today. Nor was he quick to jump on the theory that it had been discarded due to poor spelling. He suggested to me that the spelling of the words could reflect the ethnic heritage of the Lowrie family — or even that of Louis Berka, the Pontiac man who carved the stone and left his name on its base.

"You can come up with a whole host of reasons as to why that stone was in your backyard..." Martinez said. "One of them will probably be right."

After conferring with Tom Lowrie and his father, Richard, I was able to determine that Johnnie was a brother to Richard's father, Homer. The men did not know what took the young boy's life.

The Lowrie family had, they told me, farmed the land that is now Colombiere Center off Big Lake Road after James Lowrie settled on 130 acres.

Richard then provided me with written material that outlined the family tree and explained that James Lowrie, a civil war veteran, was born in Groveland Township in 1840.

He married his wife, Mary, an Independence Township native, in 1866 after an honorable discharge from the Michigan Volunteer Infantry and they were the parents of five children, including Johnnie. In 1881, James lost Mary and a one-year-old daughter named Alice.

My aunt Clarabelle struck up her friendship with Jeanne Lowrie — Johnnie's niece, Richard's sister and Tom's aunt — when they were high school students at Clarkston High. They traveled together and were best friends for over 50 years, still celebrating their birthdays when my aunt died in 1985.

The last time any one of our family saw Jeanne Lowrie, now in her 90s, was at the church during my aunt's funeral — until about two weeks ago when my mother was able to contact her.

"Oh, Carolyn, you've found her!" my mother said to me over the phone when I told her how I'd dug up a grave marker and traced it — and Jeanne — through my chance contact with

the Lowrie family.

Unbeknownst to me, my mother had been trying all these years to locate my aunt's old friend.

I called Jeanne myself this week, hoping to ask her some questions about Johnnie. Too ill to speak, she answered her phone just long enough to tell me to call her some other time.

I still have a lot of questions about how that tombstone ended up in our yard. Maybe I will never have the answers. Or maybe somebody out there has some knowledge they would be willing to share with me.

In the meantime, I have pledged the stone to Tom Lowrie, who has a sentimental attachment. He shared my curiosity for the past, my enthusiasm for the hunt and my surprise at the turn of events.

Jeepers, but how I wish my aunt was here!

She would be thrilled to know that we have moved our family to Clarkston. That we have a quirky old home that we love. And that somehow, I managed to find Jeanne — even as I found Johnnie.

During a chance encounter in my backyard.

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for camp drew closer, I started worrying, as mothers do, about what kind of memories my son would have of sixth grade camp. Both of my boys had gone away to camp for the first time this past summer and absolutely hated it. My oldest son spent the week in a group with a young boy from Detroit who announced, rather early in the week, that he was a gang member and had a gun at home that he knew how to use. After a week of fearing for his life, my son swore he would never go away to camp again. My husband and I assured him he wouldn't have to.

Only two months later we got the information about Sixth Grade Camp. The first several times camp was mentioned, it was with great apprehension. My husband told our son about

the great fun he had experienced at sixth grade camp, but, of course, he had also told him about the great time he had at summer camp, so that encouragement was taken with a grain of salt. As the fund-raising began and my son's classmates became excited about going to camp, he also started looking forward to the experience. We assured him it wouldn't be like summer camp. He would know everyone because they would all be people from his classes. Another lesson for Mom: Don't assure your child of anything that you aren't sure of. Again, my son was put in a group with a bully. According to my son, this kid was so bad that the school staff started calling his parents within 12 hours of the time they got to camp. Unable to reach his parents for the

entire week, they could not send him home and he stayed until the very end. My son learned a lesson too: There's one in every crowd. He also learned that one bad apple doesn't spoil the whole bunch. Despite his rowdy cabin-mate, he really enjoyed camp.

When I arrived at the camp on Wednesday evening for my first tour of duty, I was forced to learn my next lesson: Twelve-year-olds are not always happy to see their mothers. This was possibly the hardest lesson to learn. My son had always been happy to have me volunteer at his school, go on field trips, be a Room Mom. When I arrived at the camp on Wednesday, my son's group was in the middle of a sing-a-long. I just happened to walk through a door that was directly behind him. When he finally noticed that I was standing behind him with a big "Hi, I'm here" smile on my face, I sensed an "E-gads, not my Mother" rolling of the eyes. For several minutes he tried to ignore my presence, but finally gave in to the pleading expression on my face and started talking to me. When it was time for dinner and I told him I was supposed to sit with his group, the "E-gads, not my Mother" look turned into sheer terror. "No other Moms have sat with us. I don't think you're supposed to." Oh, another dagger through my heart. I don't know if I'm ready to be the mother of a 12-year-old. I knew there would be certain changes once my kids reached middle school, but I had no idea it would happen so soon. When the other boys at his table seemed pleased by the idea of my sitting with them (much to my surprise), my son also decided it would be okay.

On Thursday night I learned another lesson: If the goal is sleeping, girls are not easier than boys to supervise. Giggling and talking among boys is a momentary thing. With girls, it seems to go on forever. In looking back at the whole camp experience, though, I would have to say that the biggest lesson I learned is that all sixth grade girls are boy crazy. Granted,

this is an extreme generalization, but, if the random sampling of girls in my cabin is a representation of the norm, I stand by my statement. I've been around a lot of young boys and I rarely hear them mention girls. But during the hours that I spent with that group of girls, I rarely heard them discuss anything except boys. A word of advice to mothers of young boys everywhere: "Guard your sons! Don't let them out of your sight." Actually, I bet the mothers of girls would like all of us mothers of boys to take this advice.

While I learned a lot about what a wonderful staff they have at Camp Ohiesea, what great eighth grade counselors they had for this trip and what a great group of sixth grade teachers we have at Sashabaw Middle School, the most puzzling lesson I learned didn't come until I arrived back home. As my son and I ate lunch Friday afternoon, I started thinking how strange it is that girls seem to have a lot of "boyfriends," but boys never mention having "girl-friends." Casually, I asked my son, "Tell me, what girls do you like?" With a shocked look, he asked, "Tell me, what business is that of yours?" I assured him, "Oh, I'm just making casual conversation over our lunch." His reply was, "Frankly, Mom, you're scaring me with this conversation. Let's discuss something else." Is it possible that my son, the child who talks our ears off from morning until night, the child who tells us every thought that pops into his head whether we want to hear it or not, the child who cannot keep a secret to save his life has become the young man who may be thinking about girls even though he hasn't mentioned it to us?

Oh yes, this mom learned some lessons at sixth grade camp and I have a feeling it's only the beginning of the lessons I'll be learning over the next few years.

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

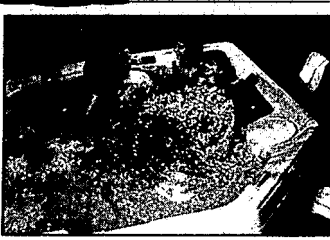
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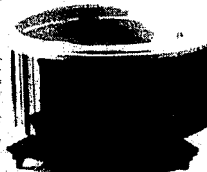
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Financing a home in today's economic environment is even more complicated. Many kinds of "creative" financing are available, and the average buyers need a professional to help them sort out the options.

For solid advice on buying or selling real estate, consult Tom Parks at Century 21 Hallmark West. Please call him at 248-253-8268 or visit my office at 6547 Dixie Highway.

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.

THURSDAY, OCT. 23

WEIGHT/HEALTH MANAGEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

7 p.m., Independence Township Library, Clarkston. Free admission and refreshments. Open to people of all ages. For more information, call (248) 620-6879.

FRIDAY, OCT. 24

HAY RIDE FOR SPECIAL PEOPLE

6:30-8 p.m., Heather Highlands Golf Course, Springfield Township. Country music, bonfire, refreshments. Bring lawn chair if needed. In case of rain, there will be a dance at Hart Community Center at the Mill Pond in Davisburg. Refreshments. No charge. While NWOCs, a volunteer organization, provides recreational activities, care givers have responsibility for direct supervision of participants. For more information, call (248) 634-9570.

ACHIEVERS

Marie Perkins of Clarkston, a lifeguard for Independence Oaks County Park in Clarkston, took second place in a state lifeguard competition recently hosted by Michigan Recreation and Park Association.

Sarah Szurpicki of Clarkston, a student at Marian High School in Bloomfield Hills, recently attended Operation Enterprise at Walsh College in Troy, a seven-day management and leadership training experience for high school and college-level students.

Sarah was one of 350 students from around the world chosen to participate in OE on the basis of leadership activities, academic achievements, personal recommendations and a submitted essay.

Operation Enterprise (OE), the young adult division of American Management Association, is recognized for its development of emerging professionals. The curriculum is based on AMA's Executive Management Course for presidents and is delivered at sites across North America. All training is delivered by top executives, senior level management and professional practitioners.

Adam Gilreath and **Lisa Herron**, both of Clarkston, were named to the Dean's List at Kalamazoo College for the spring 1997 quarter. To achieve the honor, students must earn a 3.5 grade point average or above on a scale of 4.0.

Gilreath is the son of V. Shearman Gilreath, D.O., of Dearborn and Annette Gilreath of Clarkston. Herron is the daughter of Glenn and Judy Herron of Clarkston.

Joshua T. Messer of Clarkston, a full-time student at Washtenaw Community College, has achieved academic excellence. To receive this honor, a student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or better. Messer earned this honor while enrolled for three consecutive semesters between May 1996 and April 1996.

Carin Lloyd of Clarkston has been awarded a \$9,570 faculty scholarship at Ohio Wesleyan University. This merit-based scholarship is given without regard to financial need.

Recipients are selected based on interviews with faculty, standardized test scores and academic credentials including high school curriculum and writing skills.

Lloyd, the daughter of Eric and Pamela Lloyd, is a 1997 graduate of Clarkston High School.

Mary Ellen Gellake of Clarkston achieved placement on the summer quarter Dean's List at Michigan Technological University in Houghton by earning a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY

OCT. 24 & 25

"SNAPSHOTS AND PORTRAITS"

6 p.m. dinner, 8 p.m. show, Mt. Zion Performing Arts Department, 4453 Clintonville (off Maybee Road) Waterford. A two-act play about the family. \$25 per person; tables of eight for \$200. For more information, call Debbie McClure at (248) 391-6166.

SATURDAY, OCT. 25

POM PON CLINIC

10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Clarkston High School, 6595 Middle Lake Road, Clarkston. Second grade and up. Wear athletic clothes and bring a sack lunch; drink provided. Fund-raiser for CHS Pom Pon Squad. May register at the door. \$12 donation. For more information, call Jan Cantrell at (248) 394-0372.

PAUL BUNYAN'S TREASURE HUNT

10 a.m., Indian Springs Metropark. Come on out to the nature center to get an earful of some of the "tallest" tales in Michigan's colorful culture and history! Then we'll venture out on a hike to search for a few of the natural treasurers around which our local legends are woven. Registration required. Call the nature center at (248) 625-7280 or (800) 477-3192 to register.

BROWNIES "SPACE TRY IT"

10 a.m. and 1 p.m., Indian Springs Metropark. Brownies will earn their badge in this two-hour indoor program. Scouts (and leaders, too!) should bring a white or light-colored T-shirt.

Space is limited so no siblings, please. Fee: \$1 per Scout. (248) 625-7280 or (800) 477-3192.

FRIENDLY FOREST

5 - 8 p.m., Clintonwood Park, 6000 Clarkston Road, Clarkston. Younger kids can enjoy trick or treating at decorated stations while strolling through the park. Registration required. Tours are available every 15 minutes starting at 5 p.m. and ending at 7:45 p.m. \$4 per resident, \$6 non-resident. For more information, call Independence Township Parks & Recreation at 625-8223.

KIDS HALLOWEEN PARTY

2 p.m., American Legion Post No. 377. Games and treats. Fun for all. Hot dogs available for a small fee. Post is located at the end of Mary Sue Street off Maybee Road. 673-9301.

FEATURED CREATURES OF HALLOWEEN

Beginning at 5 p.m., Independence Oaks Nature Center. Several evening programs. View live animals presented by Species Survival including lizards, snakes, spiders, birds of prey and maybe even a black cat. Also, enjoy cider and doughnuts, make-and-take kid crafts, a stage show and more. Stop in at the nature center to register. Cost: \$4/person. Registration and/or prepayment required for all nature programs. (248) 625-6473.

HALLOWEEN PARTY AND MAGIC SHOW

12:30-2 p.m., Independence Township Library. Kids in grades K-5 are invited to put on their Halloween costumes and come to the magic show featuring Michael Mode. Halloween treats, a ghostly movie and the

famous Ghost-A-Lottery are also part of the excitement. Tickets and registrations are available at the library at 6295 Clarkston Road. Free. (248) 625-2212.

NOAH'S ARK FALL FESTIVAL

2-4 p.m., St. Trinity Lutheran Church, 7925 Sashabaw Road (1/2 mile north of Pine Knob) in Clarkston. Dress up like your favorite animal for the Noah's Ark Fall Festival. Parents may accompany their children and enjoy the fellowship also. Donuts, soft drinks, candy and prizes. \$2 donation per child.

SUNDAY, OCT. 26

NATURE BIKE TOUR

1 p.m., Indian Springs Metropark. A naturalist-led "bike hike" on an eight-mile paved bike path. Meet at the Meadowlake Picnic Pavilion to peddle through the woodlands and fields of whitetail deer country. Great for families. Registration required. (248) 625-7280 or (800) 477-3192.

PIONEER LIFE

1 p.m., Indian Springs Metropark. We will "step back" 100 years and learn how the pioneers lived. There will be a discussion on the life of the pioneer, followed by hand-dipped candle making over an open fire and an optional walk along the Farmland Trail. Fee: \$1 per person. Registration required. 625-7280 or (800) 477-3192.

TUESDAY, OCT. 28

BAKE SALE

Independence Township Senior Center is looking for people to

help bake and sell for the monthly bake sale that takes place the fourth Tuesday of each month at Sashabaw Middle School. If you plan to bake, all goodies can be dropped off at the Senior Center any time before 1 p.m. on the day of the sale. Since we are selling to kids, we recommend cookies, brownies or rice crispy treats. Items must be individually wrapped in baggies or plastic wrap. All money raised goes to the senior escrow account to be used for senior center improvements. 625-8231.

THURSDAY-SATURDAY, OCT. 30-NOV. 1

USED BOOK SALE

Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston. Friends of the Independence Township Library. Used book sale hours: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, 1-6 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. There will be a "Friends Only Preview" 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 29. You may join the Friends at the door for \$15. Saturday is a "\$2 a Bag" day. 625-2212.

FRIDAY, OCT. 31

HALLOWEEN PARTY

11 a.m.-3:15 p.m., Independence Township Senior Center. The Carriage House will be decorated, and guest are required to dress for the occasion. Bingo will be played following lunch. Lots of treats will sweeten the occasion. Registration required by Wednesday, Oct. 29. Cost is

\$2 lunch donation and one canned food item to be donated to the Lighthouse Food Pantry. 625-8231.

TRICK OR TREAT TRAIL

6-7:30 p.m., Mill Pond Park in Davisburg. There will be 12 stations down a scary and spooky path where children can receive treats. Advance tickets for children under 12 are available at the Springfield Township Parks and Recreation office for \$3 or \$3.50 on the day of the event. (248) 634-0412 or 634-3382.

FALL FUN FEST

6-8 p.m., North Oaks Community Church, 4453 Clintonville Road, south of Mann Road. A fun, safe alternative to trick or treating or a great place to go after trick or treating. Dinner of hot dog, chips, popcorn, veggies, beverage and dessert will be provided. (Donations accepted at the door). Games for all ages, face painting, prizes, puppet show and candy galore. Everyone encouraged to come in costume. (No scary ones please). Registration required by Oct. 26. 674-9059.

SATURDAY, NOV. 1

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

9 a.m.-3 p.m., Seymour Lake United Methodist Church at the corner of Sashabaw and Seymour Lake roads in Brandon Township. Featuring crafts, Grandma's attic and homemade pies and goodies. Luncheon will be available from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.



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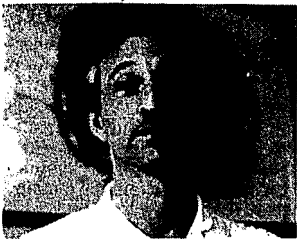
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Learning to surf the net is worth the trouble

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RICK HALBERG

Should I or shouldn't I become a web freak? There is so much information out there on the Internet. It's almost a must for a person like me who is always on the hunt for new and exciting recipes and food ideas to be plugged in.

There are lots of web sites to check out, including ones that deal with more traditional cuisine. I just heard about one that deals specifically with "Traditional Florentine and Tuscan Recipes and Wines."

Recently I subscribed to a newsletter called "Culinary Online." There are so many cool web sites to check out. Digital Chef has a huge archive of recipes from the people who popularized so many different types of produce - Freida's.

There are even web sites that deal with just heirloom seeds. If you're wondering what "heirloom" foods are, this web site defines them as "A valued possession passed down in a family through succeeding generations." Now that's a web site that deserves so recognition, Old World/New World, I just hope someone is saving the handwritten notes from their ancestors.

Plugging in

It's the Old World/New World thing that I'm having trouble with. I'm a committed traditionalist (in a sense), and I'm just not quite ready for the "Super Highway." It's all too fast. Every time I make an attempt to plug in and cruise, I get frustrated. Maybe I just don't want to take the time to learn how to do this surf'n' thing.

People suggest that I develop a web site for my restaurant, Emily's, telling me it will be good for business. But each time I try to

Please see HALBERG, A18

Galloping Gourmet wants you to slow down, have a bite to eat

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

Bringing people back to the table, where they can enjoy each other's company, support and a healthful meal, is Graham Kerr's latest crusade.

In a race against time, the former "Galloping Gourmet" shows readers how they can beat the clock with a little planning in "The Gathering Place: Informal International Menus That Will Bring Family and Friends Back to the Table" (Camano Press; \$27.95).

"Family should come first, followed by friends," he said convincingly. "Food and conversation make life worth living again. It's the glue that holds us together, and it's very fragile."

"I don't have enough time," is an excuse he won't buy. "We actually have more leisure time now than we did 10 years ago," he said. "So many people tell us 'you're out of time,' that we get to believe it."

Home Meal Replacement is

the food industry term for meals to go, and their popularity is growing, but Kerr says there is no replacement for breaking bread with people we love.

"My goal is to inspire you to make casual gatherings a part of your life, again, but with a few twists," he said.

Tragedy forced life changes upon Kerr and his wife, Treena. In April 1971 he was partially paralyzed. Ironically, a vegetable truck hit the motor home he and his wife were traveling in. "I couldn't stand up for more than 20 minutes at a time," he said.

His doctor told him to buy a sailboat to help build his strength. At first he was seasick a lot and realized it was his high-fat diet. He changed to a very-low-fat diet, "and got disgustingly well."

"I get very, very keen on food for health," he said. Treena rebelled, complaining, "there's nothing to eat."

Kerr, admitted he did go a little overboard, apologized and

told Treena she could eat whatever she wanted. But in 1987 Treena had a small stroke; six months later she had a heart attack.

"They told her it was terminal," said Kerr. "I was thinking 'Why didn't I make her listen?' She was thinking 'Why didn't I listen to him?'"

Kerr analyzed Treena's food preferences this time using more "TACT" - taking taste, aroma, color and texture into consideration.

"Suddenly, food just took off for me and her," he said. Their journey toward health led to a cruise on the Cunard Lines' Queen Elizabeth II in 1996. On board, they shared their philosophy of healthy eating and balanced lifestyles in a series of seminars presented on the voyage, which took them halfway around the world.

On the trip they met "hundreds of people who were deeply interested in making healthful changes in their lives but didn't want to give up socializing with friends."

They also visited markets, cafes and homes exploring the foods, flavors and ingredients from different cultures.

"The Gathering Place" is the fruit of their labors. It's a family project. Treena took the travel photos, and their son Andy is the publisher.

Treena and Graham take readers to 13 ports of call. "Each menu includes an appetizer, main course, vegetable side dish and dessert," he said. Good hosts are concerned about the needs of their friends.

"There are vegetarian alternatives for every single dish," he said. "They're seasoned and presented in a way that doesn't make the person feel like an oddity. That's what you call being a good host."

Kerr's menus are designed for a dinner party of six. Planning is the key to making them work.

Every year, usually in December, the Kerrs get out their new diaries, mark at least

Please see KERR, A17

Duckhorn Vineyards leads at charity auction

The Detroit International Wine Auction, aptly named for its global recognition, is a benefit for the Center for Creative Studies, one of the nation's leading arts education institutions. Each autumn, it serves as Michigan's premier wine event.

Margaret and Dan Duckhorn of Napa Valley's Duckhorn Vineyards have lent their support to this year's event to be held Saturday, Nov. 15, at Detroit's General Motors Building.



Founded in 1976, Duckhorn Vineyards is located on a 10-acre parcel just north of St. Helena in California's Napa Valley. Several families share ownership with the Duckhorns, who are responsible for management of the winery. The inaugural release in 1978 was the first bottling of the now-celebrated Duckhorn Three Palms Vineyard Merlot. Wine emphasis continues to be merlot, however exceptional cabernet sauvignon and our favorite Napa Valley sauvignon blanc are also bottled.

Duckhorn purchases grapes from about 30 Napa Valley vineyards, including the great appellations of Howell Mountain and Carneros as well as some elevated benchland parcels. Duckhorn owns or directly controls 150 acres of

prime vineyard land in the Napa Valley. But it is attention to detail that has created the notoriety Duckhorn so well deserves.

All grapes are hand picked and hand sorted prior to crushing. Veteran winemaker Tom Rinaldi has been with Duckhorn since 1978. He considers himself a traditionalist with the goal of producing elegant wines which are enjoyable in youth as well as being suitable for aging. And this he does!

Dan Duckhorn acquired his passion for merlot in 1977 when he visited St. Emilion and Pomerol and became an admirer of the wines from Chateaux Petrus, Ausone and Vieux Chateau Certan. We admire people with high benchmarks. Dan Duckhorn was

among the first to see the potential of merlot as a stand-alone varietal and he continues to make no-compromise bottlings.

It is easy to understand why the 1997 Detroit International Wine Auction is delighted to have Margaret and Dan Duckhorn as Honorary Chairs. In accepting their position, they have made a donation of unprecedented proportion. The Honorary Chairs Grand Lot includes one bottle of every Duckhorn Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon the winery has bottled, 63 bottles total with a market value of \$9,500. In addition to Three Palms Vineyard Merlot in the lot, there's Vine Hill Ranch Merlot, Merlot Napa Valley, Howell Mountain Merlot, Estate-Grown Merlot and

Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley.

Current release of any of the vineyard-designated merlots are quickly snapped up by Duckhorn loyalists, but you may find some with diligent search or on an upscale restaurant wine list. Merlot with the Napa Valley designation is more readily available. Current release of this wine is 1995 at \$42. Black cherry with touches of vanilla oak spark the aroma. Rich black cherry fruit and spice flavors abound. This is a merlot to sink your teeth into and one to be enjoyed through the intense and satisfying long finish.

The 1995 Duckhorn Vineyards Paraduxx is an uncommon blend of zinfandel, merlot and cabernet sauvignon.

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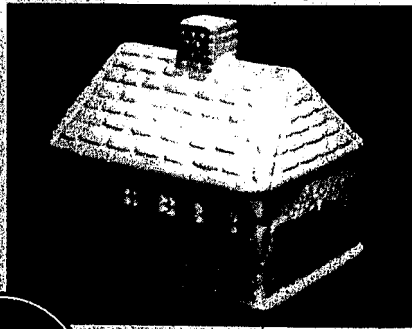
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Kerr from page A16

Bring family together for stew

10 Saturdays as "gatherings" and propose these dates to friends. They usually settle on eight or 10 dates that work for everyone.

"Call you friends. Tell them, 'You're the most important people to us after our families. We don't want to miss out on spending time together.'"

Then pick a menu. "You may choose to follow along on our voyage or strike out on your own," said Kerr. "Whatever you choose it makes sense to plan ahead, perhaps as long as a month."

To make the event more fun — and manageable, Kerr suggests letting your guests choose the course they would like to bring. "The host makes the main dish, arranges the table and offers appropriate beverages. The other guests bring the appetizer and dessert."

One rule is — don't test the recipes ahead of time. "It allows for a family or friends to take a risk," said Kerr. "Since we're all going to try something new, it's a level playing field."

Some of his recipes call for unusual ingredients, but Kerr offers information on where to get them. He suggests buying extra for friends so they, too, can begin building a power pantry of seasonings, which "bring fresh new tastes to some very familiar dishes."

There's no time like the present, and Kerr urges us all to stop making excuses for not getting together with family and friends at the table. "The point is to enjoy each other's company in a casual atmosphere," he said.

With a smile and a wave, Kerr is off to show more people how to rescue the dinner party. It's something he believes is too important to lose.

Recipe from "The Gathering Place: Informal International Menus That Will Bring Family and Friends Back to the Table," by Graham Kerr, (Camano Press, \$27.95/hardcover). Kerr recommends using these dinner parties as windows of opportunity to introduce new flavors to the table.

This is a hearty Mexican stew, inspired by Kerr's visit to Acapulco. Serve with hot corn tortillas.

POSOLE

- 1 1/2 pounds pork spareribs
- 1/8 plus 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1 chicken (about 3 1/2 pounds)
- 1/2 teaspoon light olive oil
- 1 medium onion, roughly chopped (about 1 cup)
- 2 cloves garlic, peeled, bashed, and chopped
- 3 bay leaves
- 1 can (29 ounces) yellow hominy, rinsed and drained
- 1 bunch fresh kale, heavy stalks removed, thoroughly washed, and torn into 1-inch pieces (8 cups)
- Garnish
- 1/2 cup fresh oregano leaves

■ This is a hearty Mexican stew, inspired by Kerr's visit to Acapulco. Serve with hot corn tortillas.

- 3 limes, halved
- 1/4 cup dried crushed red pepper flakes
- 1/2 cup finely diced onion
- 6 corn tortillas
- Vegetarian Option (per serving)
- 1 cup low-fat vegetable stock
- 1/2 cup hominy
- 1 cup kale, torn into 1-inch pieces
- 3 heaping tablespoons cooked kidney beans
- 1 tablespoon grated Parmesan cheese

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.

Season the ribs with 1/8 teaspoon of the salt and pepper and place on a rack in a roasting pan. Add 1 cup of water to the pan and roast in the preheated oven for 1 1/4 hours, or until tender.

Rinse the chicken well and pat dry. Warm the oil in a Dutch oven or a large iron casserole over medium-high heat. Sauté the onion and garlic until the onion starts to soften, about 2 minutes. Lay the chicken on top of the onion and pour 1/2 cup of

water over the chicken. Cover and continue cooking for an additional 3 minutes. The chicken should be firm and white on the outside.

Turn the chicken over and cover with 10 cups of hot water. Add the bay leaves and remaining 1/4 teaspoon of salt. Bring the liquid to a boil, reduce the heat, and cover the pot. Simmer for 1 hour. Turn off the heat, leave covered, and let sit for 20 minutes.

After the pork ribs have roasted, transfer them to a cutting board to cool. Add a little water to the roasting pan and deglaze with a flat-ended spurtle or wooden spoon, then pour the liquid into the pot with the chicken. Cut the meat off the ribs and roughly dice into 1/4-inch pieces, or smaller.

Transfer the chicken to a large plate. Remove the skin and return it to the pot. Separate the legs and wings from the bird and return the wings to the pot. Roughly chop the leg and thigh meat into pieces that can be eaten easily with a soup spoon. Remove the breast meat and cut into neat 1/2-inch cubes.

Return the carcass and any juices from the carying plate to the pot, along with the pork bones. Bring the stock to a vigorous boil for a few minutes to reduce the liquid by 50 percent and concentrate the flavors. Pour into a fat strainer a few cups at a time and allow the fat to rise to the surface. Pour the de-fatted stock (you should have about 5 cups) into a large pot.

Add the hominy, kale, pork and chicken meat.

Vegetarian option:

Set aside 1/2 cup hominy and 1 cup kale per vegetarian serving. Simmer for 5 minutes.

To serve, divide the posole among six warmed soup bowls. Pass small serving dishes of the fresh oregano leaves, lime halves, red pepper flakes, and diced onion for your guests to add according to their own tastes. Pass a basket of hot tortillas. Serves 6.

Time Estimate: Hands-on, 30 minutes; unsupervised, 1 hour and 20 minutes.

Nutritional Profile per serving: 398 calories; 11 g fat; 3 g saturated fat; 23 percent of calo-

ries from fat; 43 g carbohydrates; 8 g dietary fiber.

Vegetarian Option: Posole with Red Kidney Beans

About 10 minutes before serving, bring the vegetable stock to a boil in a medium saucepan. Add the reserved hominy and kale and the kidney beans and simmer for 5 minutes.

Add the grated Parmesan cheese and serve in a warmed bowl. Garnish as you would the posole.

Vegetarian Option Nutritional Profile per Serving: 265 calories; 4 g fat; 1 g saturated fat; 13 percent of calories from fat; 40 g carbohydrate; 9 g dietary fiber.

■ "Hominy kernels look somewhat like popcorn," writes Kerr in his book, "and have a soft, chewy consistency. Hominy is sold either in canned or dried form."

The canned version has a very high salt content so you might want to try to find it dry. One mail order source is: Indian Harvest Specialty Foods, Inc., P.O. Box 428, Bemidji, MN 56619-0428, or call (800) 294-2433.



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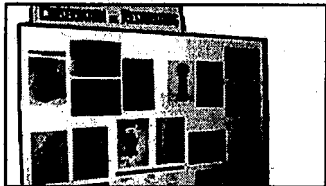
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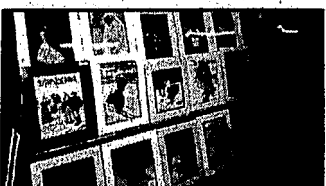
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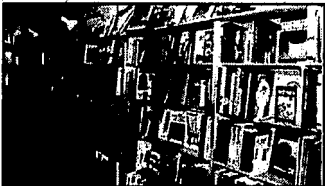
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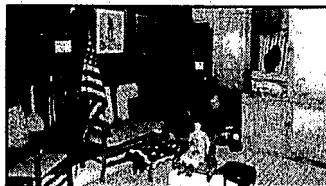
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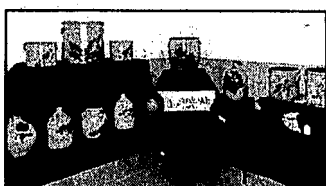
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Dems, Repubs spar over auto insurance

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

House Democrats used their majority muscle to "let the sunshine in" to the Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association, a state-created agency that pays off auto accident injuries greater than \$250,000.

"It's a private entity," protested Republican state Rep. Gerry Law of Plymouth. "There's no need for the intrusion of the state."

"The Supreme Court of Michigan ruled that, taken as a whole, MCCA is a private association," added Rep. Mick Middaugh, R-Paw Paw. "It is private, not public. It is not a state agency."

"On one side," replied sponsor David Gubow, D-Huntington Woods, "there is sunshine; on the other side, darkness."

So Gubow and Democrats on Oct. 15 passed, largely on party-line votes, four bills to open up the MCCA, which currently is run by a five-member board

■ 'If you want to do something for the little guy, why not get rid of no-fault?'

Greg Kaza
—state representative

from auto insurance companies who are appointed by the insurance commissioner.

The bills, almost certainly doomed when they get to the Republican-controlled Senate, would:

■ Add four "public" members to the MCCA governing board.

■ Require MCCA to follow the Open Meetings and Freedom of Information acts (two bills).

■ Subject MCCA to audits by the state auditor general, an appointee of the Legislature.

MCCA was created by state law 20 years ago to re-insure insurance companies for major injuries, such as closed-head injuries where a patient might

linger at high cost for years. The companies assess six million vehicle owners \$5 to \$118 — an average of about \$15 per car — and pay the assessments to MCCA. Costs have escalated as more patients survive such crashes and require rehabilitative therapy.

Democrats argue the MCCA fee is a "tax," that MCCA is a state public body, that public oversight is needed. Gubow, in speeches and documents, never alleged any improprieties.

"In committee we never heard a reason for a change," said Law, a veteran Republican on the House Insurance Committee. "The members are financially responsible. There is no need to put on 'public' members."

On the auditing question, Law said, "The auditor general hasn't requested this. It's a \$40,000 waste of money."

Rep. Terry London, R-St. Clair, scoffed at "a governmental agency auditing a private agency."

Rep. Greg Kaza, R-Rochester Hills, said, "If you want to do something for the little guy, why not get rid of no-fault?" Michigan's no-fault insurance law requires owners to buy liability insurance, though in some areas it's common knowledge that 25 percent or more of drivers are uninsured.

The key measure, to place four public appointees on the MCCA board, barely passed on a 56-51 vote with three absent. All area Democrats voted yes except Kirk Profit of Ypsilanti, who was absent. All area Republicans voted no.

Rep. Chuck Perricone, R-Kalamazoo, tried to turn the tables on the Democrats with an amendment to make MESSA, the insurance administrator arm of the Michigan Education Associa-

tion union, also subject to the Open Meetings Act.

"We had a lecture on sunshine versus darkness," said Perricone. "This amendment would open up some other entities."

"There's a big difference," Gubow replied. "MESSA was not created by the Legislature, and MCCA was."

"You mean MESSA has a PAC (political action committee that gives money to Democrats) and MCCA doesn't," Perricone shot back.

Perricone's amendment went down 48 to 50 with 12 not voting.

All area members who voted stuck with their parties — Republicans for the Perricone amendment, Democrats against.

Refer to House Bills 4993-4996 when writing to your state senator, State Capitol, Lansing 48909.

Halberg from page A16

listen to someone talk about how to proceed with this project, I get lost in a matter of seconds.

Could someone please tell me what a "cyber cafe" is? Can you really get coffee there? And does a "chat room" work?

When will someone invent a way to access all of these things without having to type? I'm the worst typist and always get elbow cramps.

What will happen to our food-stained, well-thumbed cookbooks if everything is on the computer? And you better not splash egg yolks into your hard drive.

On the up-side though, we can get access almost immediately to thousands of recipes from countless chefs and hundred of cook-

books. We can even get nutritional information on just about any recipe or ingredient.

Restaurant reviews are just a keystroke away, and we can find just about any food magazine article on the web as well. People even suggest putting your PC in the kitchen so you will be able to monitor the kinds of Internet stuff your kids access.

Somehow, I think I will have to give in to the new age of communication and information access, but I have to learn to swim before I can go out there and surf with the big Kahuna.

Here are some web sites to add to your file:

■ www.digitalchef.com — Digital chef access to Culinary Insti-

tute of America recipes.

■ www.star chefs.com — Star Chefs access to some big name chefs.

■ www.heirloom.com/heirloom — Heirloom seed connection.

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Rick Halberg, chef/owner of Emily's restaurant in Northville, lives in Farmington Hills with his family. He has established a reputation as one of Michigan's outstanding chefs. Halberg is an extensive traveler and is known for his fine French-inspired Mediterranean and Italian cuisine.

Wine from page A16

The label is the second in a series of artist renditions that change with each vintage, but each depicts a pair of "Duxx" native to the Pacific Flyway. Duckhorn Vineyards and Paraduxx support conservation of the wetlands of the Pacific Flyway. This wine's red and black fruit aromatic melange are complemented by compelling flavors. The 1996 Duckhorn Vineyards Sauvignon Blanc, Napa Valley \$19 was harvested from 15 vineyards. It was 40 percent barrel fermented in new French oak. Citrus and melon aromas are well-mirrored in the flavors that come across exotically tropical. Overall balance is most impressive.

The Detroit International Wine Auction is not without major leadership of on-the-scene volunteers such as Bloomfield Hills residents Cindy and Tim Leuliette who are serving as this year's auc-

tion chairs.

Tim, president and CEO of Penske Corporation, and his wife have an impressive list of non-profit organizations to which they are affiliated.

"Cindy and I have always had an appreciation for wine and art," Tim said. "In the case of the Detroit International Wine Auction, it combines our interest in helping a valuable organization such as the Center for Creative Studies."

Tickets for the Nov. 15 auction and dinner are \$200 per person and can be obtained by calling (313) 872-WINE. A Friday, Nov. 14, viewing of student art work and wine tasting at CCS is \$50.

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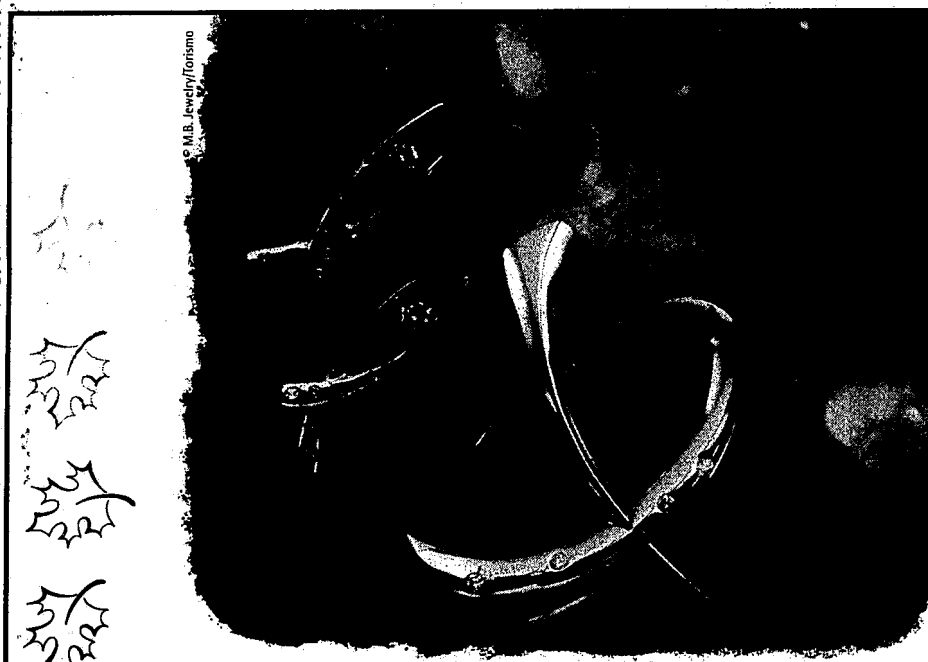
■ Big, lush, oak-accented chardonnays are perfect with risotto. Try: 1995 Chateau Ste. Michelle Cold Creek Vineyard Chardonnay \$26; 1995 Chateau Ste. Michelle Reserve Chardonnay \$31; 1996 Kunde Chardon-

nay \$18; Marcelina Chardonnay \$18; 1995 Marimar Torres Chardonnay \$23; 1995 Matanzas Creek Winery Chardonnay \$30.

■ Delicious reds for savory, cool weather foods such as long-cooked meats and stews: 1995 Kunde Syrah \$21; 1995 EXP Syrah \$13; 1995 Villa Mount Eden Reserve Pinot Noir \$21; 1995 Ballentine Zinfandel \$15; 1995 Domaine du Mas Cremat,

Cotes du Roussillon \$12; 1994 Martini Monte Rosso Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon \$30 (makes us wonder why so many California cabs carry a \$50 tag); 1995 Murphy-Goode Zinfandel \$16; 1995 Martin Brothers Cabernet Etrusco \$17.

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Volunteers sought for assisted suicide petition

BY PAT MURPHY
STAFF WRITER

The petition drive to place the question of legalizing assisted suicide next year on the ballot is off to a slow start, according to the founder of Merian's Friends, Inc.

But Carol Poenisch — whose mother Merian Frederick is the group's namesake — is still optimistic . . . even if the group has to hire professional canvassers.

It's not unusual for petition drives — particularly on statewide issues — to need the assistance of professional canvassers to qualify for the ballot, Poenisch said after speaking Wednesday to the Farmington Chapter of the American Association of University Women.

"We still need volunteers," she said, "and lots of them. But we may need to hire about 35 professional canvassers to go out every day."

In July, Merian's Friends kicked off a petition drive to garner more than 240,000 signatures to put a referendum on legalizing assisted suicide on ballot in 1998. So far — despite the help of "literally hundreds of volunteers" — Merian's Friends has obtained fewer than 35,000 signatures, Poenisch said, with less than three months remain-

Gathering support:
Carol Poenisch watches as those who came to hear her speak about assisted suicide pick up or sign petitions to put the measure on the ballot. Poenisch spoke at a gathering of the American Association of University Women.

ing to meet a mid-January deadline.

"The deadline can be moved back," she said. But it's clear the group has to do something different if it is to get the signatures needed to put the issue on the ballot, she said.

One big change, Poenisch said, may be hiring professional canvassers and raising the money to pay for them. "I'm not discouraged about that. All the major petitions drives in Michigan — including the one on casino gam-

bling — needed professionals."

Volunteers will still be the heart and soul of Merian's Friends, Poenisch said. "But we may need some professionals to put us over the top."

Any talk about professional canvassers did not seem to dampen efforts to recruit volunteers. Following Poenisch's 20-minute talk, the sign-up tables were crowded as members of the audience came forward to sign or obtain petitions. "At least 80 per-

cent of the audience took petitions," said Poenisch.

One of them is Patricia Martin of Farmington. "I've never been involved in something like this before," she said. "But I'm getting involved now."

Last year her sister-in-law, suffering from advanced bladder cancer, sought help from Kevorkian, Martin said. "When Dr. Kevorkian couldn't help, she committed suicide."

Martin said she doesn't consider assisted suicide to be fundamentally a spiritual issue. "The

decision (to end a person's life) may have a spiritual component," she said. "But God gave me a brain, and I would use it."

Others — like Gretchen Peterson of Farmington Hills — simply wanted more information on a timely, controversial topic. "This is certainly an issue that has to be addressed," she said.

Rochester Hills resident Barbara Bonsignore said she wanted more information as an individual who might be voting on what amounts to public policy.

But she's also president of the AAUW of Michigan, "and we might be taking a position on any ballot issue," she said. Accompanying Bonsignore was Carol Parker of Canton, who on July 1 becomes the new president of AAUW of Michigan.

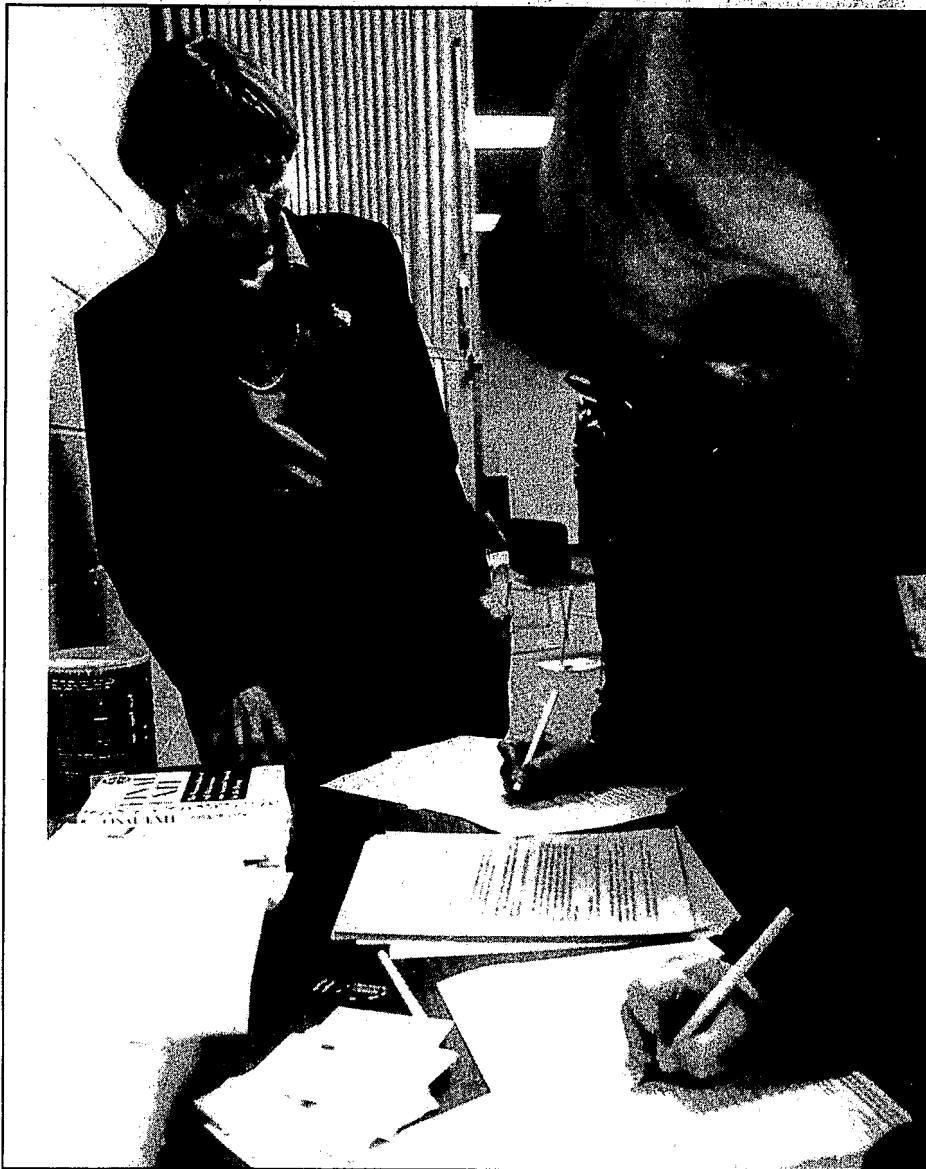
Joyce White of West Bloomfield said would like to have heard more about the legal issues pertaining to assisted sui-

cide, but there wasn't enough time. Even so, she signed a petition. "Because I think dying should be up to the individual, not government."

Indeed, there wasn't enough time to adequately cover the material, acknowledged the president of AAUW in Farmington, Maryanne Gibson of Southfield. "The topic is so interesting," she said, "this is the largest turnout (about 100 people) we've had in a long time."

Furthermore, the subject matter — and Poenisch's delivery — had an impact, said Gibson. "The audience scarfed up the petitions very quickly," she said.

Diane Geach of Farmington Hills said, "It's clearly an issue that could be abused," she said. "On the other hand, it's an issue that people (on both sides) feel strongly about. Either way, we have to deal with it."



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Friends learn of Merian's struggle

BY PAT MURPHY
STAFF WRITER

Carol Poenisch got a little emotional when she spoke before the American Association of University Women in Farmington.

But the audience understood.

Four years ago this week, Poenisch was helping her mother prepare to die. Poenisch's mother was Merian Frederick, then 72. In a matter of months, Lou Gehrig's disease transformed Frederick from an active, vibrant woman into a person who could not eat, dress or use the bathroom without help.

"She was diagnosed with ALS in April 1992," said her daughter, "and she died in October 1993. Six months before that, she couldn't hold her head up."

Poenisch talked about her mother during a 20-minute talk about the ongoing petition drive organized by Merian's Friends Inc., before the AAUW at the Farmington Library. While much of Poenisch's presentation dealt with the nuts-and-bolts of the drive to get 240,000 valid signatures, it also included a brief video of Merian Frederick talking about her life and her decision to end it.

Oct. 22 was the fourth anniversary of the day Frederick inhaled carbon monoxide in the Royal Oak apartment of Dr. Jack Kevorkian — becoming the 19th person known to end his or her suffering via assisted suicide.

Poenisch's family — husband Volker, son Kevin and daughter Lisa — all knew of Merian Frederick's pain and her plans to end it. "We supported her decision," Poenisch said. "Lisa (then 3) would make a point of holding her grandmother's hand whenever we visited. It made both of them smile."

"It was the hardest thing I ever had to do," said Poenisch. "It was a choice between supporting her decision rather than selfishly trying to keep her here."

The film clip and Poenisch's presentation were dramatic, said Maryanne Gibson of Southfield, president of the Farmington chap-

ter of AAUW. "The video made it very clear that mentally, Merian Frederick was sharp . . . it was her body that was betraying her."

As much as she appreciated Kevorkian, the retired pathologist who now lives in West Bloomfield, Poenisch said there is no direct link between him and the petition drive to put legalizing assisted suicide on the ballot.

The distance between them is a matter of style and practicality, said Poenisch.

"Fundamentally we believe in the same principle," Poenisch said, the right of an individual to seek the assistance of a physician if a person wants to die with dignity.

"But instead of breaking the law," Poenisch said of Merian's Friends, "we are trying to change it."

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Reading disability criteria for teachers debated

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Everyone agreed: Public school teachers should know more about kids with reading disabilities — how to spot problems, how to deal with them.

But should it take a state law to get the educators' attention?

That was the dilemma the House Education Committee grappled with for an hour before approving a bill by Rep. Bob Brown, D-Deerborn Heights, to raise standards for getting teaching certificates.

"I recognize we have a huge reading problem," said Rep. Alan Cropsey, R-DeWitt. "Right now, doesn't the Department of Education or the State Board of Education have some authority? If you have, why haven't you done it?"

"What I don't understand is why the department is waiting for the Legislature. Why do we need legislation when the State Board of Education has the authority?"

Carolyn Logan, of the Department of Education office of professional certification, replied that Brown's bill

requires the department "to reexamine what's in place" — three credit hours on the teaching or reading for secondary teachers, six hours for elementary teachers — by changing the standards of what's in the courses.

But she never answered Cropsey's question.

The committee on Oct. 15 reported out Brown's House Bill 5215 on a 17-0 vote and sent it to the House floor for action, perhaps as early as this week. Reps. Penny Crissman, R-Rochester, who also represents Orion, Oxford and Addison townships, and Tom Middleton, R-Ortonville, who also represents the townships of Independence and Springfield and the city of Clarkston, joined Brown and Cropsey in voting yes.

The argument was an old one. The Michigan Constitution gives the State Board "leadership and general supervision over all public education" below college level. The same article says the Legislature "shall maintain and support a system of free public elementary and secondary schools" but says nothing about setting standards.

"Nobody's opposed to the State Board's developing reading requirements," said Rep. Jessie Dalman, R-Holland. "But we just got done cleaning up the School Code. Now we're going back and putting more in the School Code." Dalman chaired the panel in 1995-6 when Republicans controlled the House.

Brown said he had "no objections" to his bill from the department or State Board. The advantage of his bill, he said, is that the State Board later could not strip out the reading standards without returning to the Legislature for authority.

With the committee pressed for time after the jurisdictional debate, Brown never got to present his star witnesses, Lisa Foucha and Linda Clacher.

Foucha, in an interview, said, "General education teachers need more awareness of learning and reading disabilities. They would be more compassionate, and there wouldn't be more problems."

She cited the case of her son, who was picked on and taunted by other kids

because a teacher failed to recognize his reading disability. He needed "a little remedial help in the beginning. He got so delayed that it cost him mental distress."

Foucha said dropout rates might be improved, and the high cost of special education cut, if teachers were taught to recognize reading disabilities more quickly.

Gerald Dunn, lobbyist for the Michigan Association for Improved School Legislation, said his group of most Oakland and Wayne counties suburban districts supported the bill. "We've been working with the University of Michigan-Deerborn to establish a program," he said.

SUB HIRING EASED

In other business, the House Education Committee reported out a bill to ease hiring rules for substitute teachers.

Dennis Stanek, superintendent of the Delta-Schoolcraft Intermediate School District in the Upper Peninsula, said business employers frequently refuse to

give a reference report on former employees who are applying for work as substitute teachers.

School districts, before hiring subs, must check to see if the applicant ever has engaged in "unprofessional conduct" in a previous job. Stanek said employers, notably fast-food restaurants, have ignored deliberately as many as 11 requests to give an applicant clearance.

"There's nothing you can do to require a response," said Rep. Clyde LeTarte, R-Jackson, supporting the bill by Rep. Dave Anthony, D-Escanaba.

Anthony's House Bill 4801 would:

■ Allow an intermediate school district to process references on behalf of all member K-12 districts.

■ Allow schools to hire substitutes "conditionally" if the former employer fails to answer the reference request.

The bill would not affect the law requiring checks of teaching applicants' criminal records.

Refer to the bill number when writing to your state legislator, State Capitol, Lansing 48909.

School employees dislike Engler's pension revision plan

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Nervous school employees fear their pensions and local budgets will be endangered if Gov. John Engler's pension revision plan becomes law.

They told a House panel in Wayne Oct. 16 that raising the expected earnings rate and revaluing securities during a raging bull market could spell trouble when the boom goes bust.

And it wasn't just union people.

Randy Liepa, the Livonia district's assistant superintendent for business, told the panel: "Revaluing the pension system at this time is not the best long-term solution for the retirement system."

"Senate Bill 719 is proposing to:

■ "Revalue all assets to their fair market value as of Sept. 30, 1997," Liepa said the pension

system "has been severely underfunded for several years. . . . Additionally, the projected ratio of employees to retirees will go from 2.8 to 1 in 1995 to 1.85 to 1 in 10 years, meaning there will be fewer employee contributions to pay for more retirees' health benefits." He urged a "more conservative approach."

Noting 42 percent of the pension fund is in common stocks, Liepa said the fund could again become underfunded "if econom-

ic trends change."

■ "Change the estimated rate of return on future investments" from the current 8 percent to 8.3 percent. "It would appear to be more wise to leave the percentage at 8," he said.

Patricia Brand, Wayne-Westland business manager, agreed, adding that changes in the pension system shouldn't be considered in tandem with the state's need to pay off a \$211 million court judgment to 84 school dis-

tricts who were shorted for 17 years on special education.

"This is independent of the Durant case decision," she said.

GOP defends it

SB 719 is in the House after being passed by the Senate on a party-line vote.

The Engler-Senate plan was stoutly defended by state treasurer Doug Roberts.

"I am very comfortable with the calculations we used in rec-

ommending an increase in this investment assumption from 8 to 8.3 percent. We based our recommendation on the 12.8 average investment rate of return the funds have earned over the last 15 years," Roberts told the panel.

"Historically, in 1987, the assumed rate of return of the funds was 9.2 percent," he said. "The total proposal will result in a fully-funded public school employees pension system with a \$700 million cushion in the reserve fund."

Sen. Joanne Emmons, R-Big Rapids, chair of the Senate Finance Committee twitted the school people for objecting to the 8.3 percent assumed earnings rate.

"Did the object when (Democratic Gov. James) Blanchard had it at 10 percent?" she asked. Emmons, Engler's successor in the state Senate, warned that when a pension fund gets too big, government will raid it during an economic downturn for operating expenses.

Emmons said the pension funding change and the Durant payoff are "all tied together. Engler thinks it's terribly important for people to control their own pensions," she said, referring to the administration's desire to change funding from a defined benefit to a defined contribution.

Retirees object

The House Retirement Committee hearing was attended by three Democratic members — Eileen DeHart of Westland, the panel chair; Agnes Dobronski of Dearborn; and Ray Basham of Taylor.

A week earlier, House minority leader Ken Sikkema, R-Grandville, blasted Democrats for prolonging action on SB 719 — DeHart's hearings are scheduled to run until Nov. 3 — to use as a "bargaining chip" in legislative negotiations on the whole package of bills. And except for treasurer Roberts, all speakers were generally hostile to the Engler-Senate plan.

Mary Ellen Riordan, president emerita of the Detroit Federation of Teachers, warned, "The stock market will go down. No one knows when. Who will be hurt? It will be on the backs of the local school districts (to make up payments). Will they cut programs, lay off staff, or what?"

"Additional millage is not an option. We anticipate the time when the people will say to the retirees: 'You're to blame for the cuts to our children's programs.'" "You voiced some of the same concerns I have," said Rep. DeHart.

John McDonald, Plymouth resident and Henry Ford Community College faculty member, complained that Emmons' Senate committee "held no public hearings on this bill."

McDonald warned against Roberts' plan to revalue the pension fund as of Sept. 30, 1997 — "an historic high of the bull market. The head of the Federal Reserve Board is concerned about the market's rash exuberance," McDonald said the pension fund base should be a five-year average.

McDonald said the Henry Ford faculty has as many Republicans as Democrats. Said DeHart: "I'm glad you pointed out it's not a Republican or Democratic concern."

"This bill is not directly related

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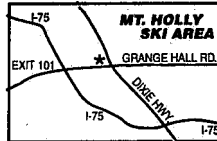
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Governor tackles labor, roads at forum

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Out of a job? Now you'll stop at the "Job Search" desk before you apply for unemployment compensation, says Gov. John Engler.

"We want to divert them (to applying for work) before applying for unemployment comp. We say, 'This is about supporting your family,'" Engler told an audience of nearly 100 Friday in a public forum in Southfield's Centre for the Arts.

In reply to a question from Charles Chambers of Lawrence Technological University, Engler said "far too much money was being wasted" by multiple federal and state efforts at retraining workers for new jobs.

"Labor markets are local or regional. We set up 25 boards, where at least half the members must be business employers, not public employers. The board must be the decision maker on who does the training" — community college, private agency, whatever.

To a West Bloomfield teacher who asked if the governor is concerned about metro Detroit's reputation as the second most segregated city in the nation,



Gov. John Engler

Engler said, "I'm trying to improve economic opportunity and educational opportunity for people of all races."

"A charter school in Dearborn is the most integrated school in Wayne County," he said, plugging his charter school project.

"In Michigan there are no legal barriers to where one lives. In fact, there are strong penalties (for racial bias in real estate transactions). Within the African-American community,

there is segregation between those who can and can't afford to get out (of bad neighborhoods).

Farmington Hills council member Vicki Barnett was unhappy that well-off Plymouth Township was using a 50 percent property tax abatement to lure a company out of Farmington Hills. "If they asked for a tax abatement to move to Pontiac or a Detroit Renaissance Zone, I'd grant it in a heartbeat," she said.

"It's a dilemma," Engler replied, but he made it clear his priority is keeping companies within the state, not in favoring any one community. "The alternative may be Toledo (Ohio)... Silicon Valley... Austin, Texas. We view that as the competition."

"In some cities, the problem is land assembly (finding a large enough parcel for a big firm). In the 1980s we tried to tell people where they should go. It was ultimately unsuccessful."

Asked by Barnett if the tax abatement laws should be revisited, Engler said, "The answer is maybe. Someone may say I won't go to Pontiac. I want to be near Ann Arbor... I want to be near Metro Airport."

In reply to other questions, Engler said:

■ A bill by Sen. Henry Stallings, D-Detroit, to raise the compulsory school attendance age to 18 "isn't going anywhere." He said there is "unacceptably high absenteeism of sixth and eighth graders" in some districts, and that is a higher priority than keeping 16-18-year-olds in school. His questioner referred to the bill, advocated unsuccessfully by Gov. James Blanchard in the mid-1980s, as "incarceration of students who don't see the value in staying in school."

■ He is hopeful warring legislators can negotiate a deal "in the next couple of weeks" on paying off the 84 plaintiff school districts who won a \$211 million court judgment against the state for special education and other mandated services. Engler said he wanted to settle the 17-year-old "Durant" suit when he took office in 1991, but the districts wanted \$2.3 billion. Senate Republicans are at odds with House Democrats over how to pay off the plaintiffs and how to deal with districts that could file claims but weren't part of the lawsuit.

■ The state has "transformed" how it deals with pollution problems by managing watersheds

rather than looking at artificial county lines. "A stream doesn't know where a county line is," he said.

■ Michigan will emphasize road maintenance and repair rather than new roads with its new gasoline tax and federal aid. State government controls only 18,000 of the 118,000 miles of roads, "but we get 90 percent of the calls." He praised the state Department of Transportation's takeover and rebuilding of the Davison Freeway from Wayne

County. "The Davison is fabulous. It was a county road; all these years (about 50). We took it three years ago and fixed it."

The meeting was arranged in a few days by Susy Heintz, former Northville Township supervisor and Wayne County commissioner who is back in charge of the governor's southeastern Michigan office in Detroit.

"I saw a blank hour in his schedule," Heintz said.

House passes school payback plan

Many suburban Republicans joined majority Democrats in passing the House of Representatives' plan to pay off school districts that won \$211 million from the Durant case.

The House on Oct. 7 approved 74-32 a bill to pay off the winners of a Supreme Court decision in one lump sum from the state's "rainy day" fund.

Among the yes voters was Republican Penny Crissman of Rochester, who also represents Oxford, Orion and Addison townships.

Among the no voters was Republican Tom Middleton of Ortonville, who also represents the townships of Independence and Springfield and the city of Clarkston.

The Supreme Court in summer ended a 17-year lawsuit by 84 mostly suburban school districts awarding them \$211 million that the state, under three governors, had shorted them for special education and other budget line-items.

House bill terms

The House plan, which speaker Curtis Hertel of Detroit called "a Democratic plan," would:

■ Pay the 84 plaintiffs \$211 million in a lump sum from the \$1.2 billion budget stabilization fund. The plan advocated by Gov. John Engler and passed by the Senate spread the money over three years and took it from the school aid fund, essentially reducing state school aid.

■ Pay \$77 million a year over 10 years to districts that weren't plaintiffs in the Durant case but which are eligible to file claims. Engler and the Senate proposed to float a 15-year bond issue and pay off these claims in a lump sum; the money would be restricted to technology and infrastructure.

■ Not act on Engler's proposal to assume an 8.3 percent rate of return on school employees' pension fund earnings. Current rate is 8 percent. Democrats argued that if investment income falls below 8.3 percent, local districts would have to make up the deficit, draining local budgets.

Durant case winners include the Clarkston school district.

"Ours is the better plan because it is simple and honest," said Rep. Bob Emerson, D-Flint, who chairs the House Appropriations subcommittee on K-12 school aid. "The governor's plan has so many gimmicks built in, no one really knows the substantial risk it carries."

Middleton objected to the House plan because "it treats the Durant districts in one year and the non-Durant districts only 1/10 of a payment with the hope that other legislatures will make the other nine payments."

The House plan is embodied in House Bill 5083. The Senate plan, which Republicans passed on a 21-16 straight party-line vote, is in Senate Bill 52.

The matter is unlikely to go to a joint House-Senate conference committee because different bills are involved. It could be brokered by the governor and "the Quadrant" — the Senate and House Republican and Democratic leaders.

Retirees roused

Rep. Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, will open hearings today (Thursday) on the Senate-passed bill to revise funding of school retirees' pensions. The 5 p.m. hearing will be in the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency building at 33500 VanBorn, Wayne.

DeHart chairs the House Public Retirement Committee and denounced Engler's plan as "bookkeeping gimmicks." She

urged retirees to turn out and protest Engler's effort "to short-change those employees."

A headline on her news release said the Senate bill is "a bargaining chip in the Durant settlement."

Other hearings, all beginning at 5 p.m., will be Thursday, Oct. 23, in the Recital Hall of Saginaw Valley State University; Monday, Oct. 27 in the fourth floor of the Capitol Building in Lansing; and Monday, Nov. 3, in the Mawby Center of Kellogg Community College, 450 North Avenue, Battle Creek.

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Hearing airs complaints about phone company

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

The telephone company had a lot of angry callers who poured out their frustration to the state Public Service Commission — in public.

"When I hear that name — Ameritech —" said Marjorie Kurzman of Southfield, gritting her teeth. "There's nobody to talk to! When it was Michigan Bell, we had service."

Kurzman and eight other utility customers had an audience in PSC chair John Strand, a former Republican legislator, Oct. 14 in Pontiac City Hall. Strand promised nobody anything but said some complaints against Ameritech and Detroit Edison would be checked out.

Kurzman's problem was that the telephone company sold her a phone she didn't like but couldn't return because it had been delivered when she was out of the state, and the return period had expired.

"I'm getting billed while I'm in Florida. I never signed anything. They told me they couldn't take it back. Did you ever hear that from a department store? It's the worst company I have ever dealt with. There's nobody to talk to," she said.

Carol Wayne, a Troy business operator, said her usual \$1,400 Ameritech bill leaped by \$1,300 in October. "They're billing me for something they did in January. I can't budget for it," she said.

"I can't track this bill (find the source of the charge). They're billing us for something that is not ours. I'm an accountant, but I spend 20 hours a week dealing with Ameritech issues."

Dominick DiFazio, a Shelby Township caller with a Rochester telephone number, said Ameritech gives him a North Oakland directory that doesn't contain numbers in his subdivision, his local government's or even the local fire

department's — all in Macomb County.

"There's no way to convince them (Ameritech) that I'm not getting a local phone directory. They always send me a (local) directory after the fact (a complaint). They never send me it right away," DiFazio said.

He had more complaints about the lack of items in his Ameritech bill and asked if the three-member PSC, appointed by the governor, had any power.

"We can't regulate what's put in the bill," Strand replied. "We can ask but we can't force. We do not regulate telephone as much as we used to," he said, citing a 1995 state deregulation law.

Michael Wayne, operator of a Troy Internet services company, said his firm tested Ameritech's directory assistance service one

day to see if he could get his own business number. Results:

"My directory assistance is wrong. They don't give out my number. They give out five or six different numbers. But they're billing us for directory assistance."

"Their billing is a nightmare. I get billed for services I never ordered. I ask for services to be shut off. Every single order I've given them has come out wrong."

"They have me hostage. They can cut off the service but not the bill. I'm not upset about the prices."

Wayne said he called PSC's 800 toll-free number to lodge a complaint. "I tell them my problem is Ameritech. I get transferred, and the next voice says, 'This is Ameritech.' I'm not very happy."

Like others, Wayne was unhappy at not being able to tell when a call outside his immediate exchange was or wasn't long distance.

Strand said the exchanges were set up decades ago when much of the area was rural and made little sense today. "Something is wrong if a call 20 miles away is free (local) and a call three miles away is long distance," he said, adding that such problems would be cured in time.

In response to an audience question, Strand said the PSC would rule on several electric rate issues at its Oct. 29 meeting in Lansing.

But it will take an act of the Legislature to decide on the question of "securitization" — whether Detroit Edison, Consumers Energy and other electric

generators will be able to float bonds to cover so-called "stranded costs."

Stranded costs are capital investments that a utility can't use fully if, under competition, customers switch. Securitization would allow utilities to bill customers who switch for such costs. A consortium of business users is fiercely fighting Edison and Consumers on the issue. The businesses also are asking for immediate competition rather than the five-year delay the utilities propose.

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to the Durant settlement," objected Ellen Hoekstra, represent 28 groups in the Retirement Coordinating Council. She said that changing the assumed rate of investment return "does not put new money into the fund."

Malcolm Wright, a Macomb schools retiree, said the bill would result in a "two-tier situation" of people doing the same work for different benefits. He referred to the administration's desire to base pensions on defined contributions rather than guaranteed benefits.

"Do you think you'll attract the best and brightest to teaching this way?" Wright concluded.

DeHart's panel will hold three more 5 p.m. hearings: Thursday, Oct. 23, at Saginaw Valley State University's Recital Hall; Monday, Oct. 27 on the fourth floor of the State Capitol in Lansing; and Monday, Nov. 3 in the Mawby Center of Kellogg Community College, Battle Creek.

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Maples ruin former coach's homecoming



■ Ann Serra returned to Birmingham Seaholm for the first time since leaving to take the reins at Clarkston, and the Maples treated her rudely, overcoming a late 7-point deficit to hand Serra a homecoming loss.

BY BRAD KADRICH
SPORTS EDITOR

Seaholm senior January Hainer only hit one basket Thursday, but it was the one that ruined Ann Serra's homecoming.

Hainer rebounded a Blair Miller miss and put it back to give the Maples a 49-48 lead with 27 seconds left, and the Maples beat their former coach, 51-48, in an Oakland Activities Association (OAA) crossover win over Clarkston.

It was Serra's first game back after leaving Seaholm, where she won two OAA Division II titles, to take the job at

Clarkston.

Hainer's basket capped a remarkable comeback from a 47-40 deficit with less than five minutes to play, and gave the Maples (5-8 overall) an emotional victory.

Serra understood the emotion behind the Maples' reaction to the win.

"Since the day I left they've had (Thursday) on their calendar," Serra said. "Give them credit. They wanted it more."

Clarkston started the fourth quarter with a 6-3 run that gave the Wolves a 47-40 lead. Deana Kanipe hit a layup, Georgia Senkyr had a free throw and a

layup and Corinne McIntyre hit a free throw.

The Maples put together a 7-0 run, starting with an Ana Yoerg offensive putback of a Hainer miss with 4:45 remaining, to pull off the win. Yoerg also hit a free throw, and Blair Miller hit a turnaround jumper along the baseline, then made two free throws with 2:18 remaining to tie it, 47-47.

Clarkston's Lori Wild hit a free throw after being fouled by Yoerg, who fouled out on the play, just before Hainer's big basket put Seaholm up to stay.

"I wasn't even thinking about it (being her only hoop)," Hainer said. "I just knew we needed the points."

Blair Anstey hit a pair of free throws with 15.8 seconds left to ice the game. Clarkston had one more chance, but couldn't get a shot off as time expired.

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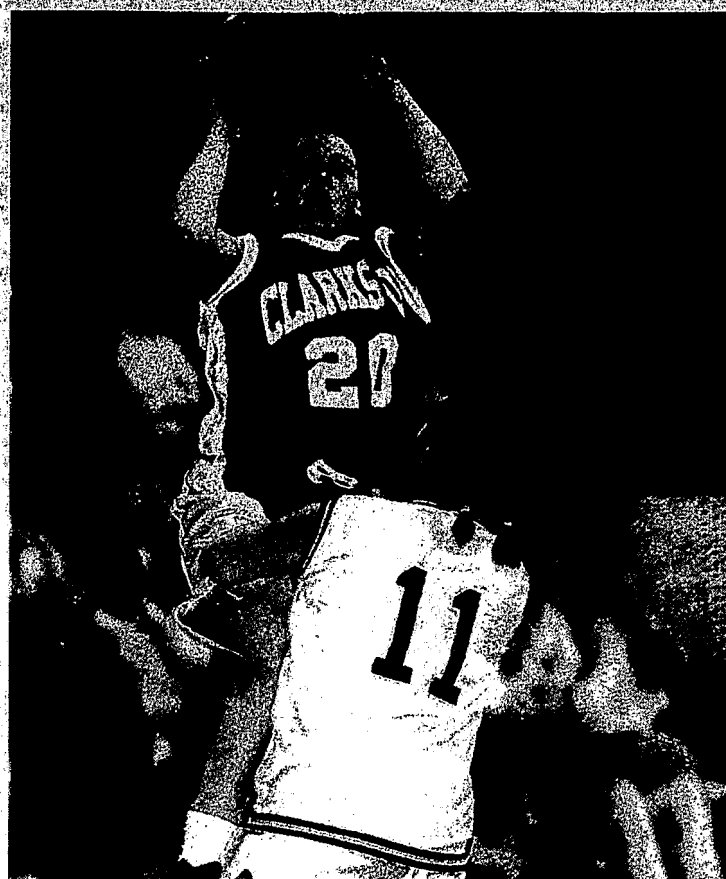


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Sky high: Clarkston's Deana Kanipe soars through the lane over January Hainer of Birmingham Seaholm for two of her 22 points in the Wolves' 51-48 loss to the Maples Thursday.

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Newlywed Lowneys could form tough new hoops clan

Ann Serra comes from a family of 12. Her husband, Pat Lowney, is from a smaller nest. He's one of five children.

The two girls basketball coaches, whose wedding was Saturday, would settle for a family the size of Lowney's and not just because they'll each be 30-something when their first arrives.

Ten children fill a softball lineup but it's hard to keep that many happy on one team in pick-up basketball.

The Lowney clan, however big it gets, will be tough to beat in hoops at family



STEVE KOWALSKI

reunions.

As long as Ann's the coach.

"Let's have a 'starting five,' baby," said Lowney, doing his best Dick Vitale impression when asked the traditional newlywed question. "Actually, whatever we're blessed with. She's ready to start a family but I always joke with her and say 'Let's just enjoy each other's company first.'"

The 30-year old Lowney, raised in Redford and a graduate of Redford Union, is the junior varsity girls basketball coach for defending Class A state champion Birmingham Marian. Serra, also 30 and a former Oakland University women's basketball star, is the head coach at Clarkston.

The two first met about four years ago

during an AAU tournament. Some of Lowney's players played cupid, introducing the pair.

On Friday, Lowney counted on his players again, this time to get him out of the Dearborn Divine Child gym in time for the rehearsal dinner.

JV game time was 5:30, two hours before dinner is served.

"No overtime," pleaded Lowney prior to game time. "But the way referees have been calling fouls this year, holy smokes! Against Flint Northern we didn't start the varsity game until 8:15. We shot 76 free throws in our (JV) game!"

Being on time for the wedding wasn't a problem. It's one of the few days of the year—neither had basketball on their

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Offense stutters in 2nd half, Wolves fall to Falcons

BY BRAD KADRICH
SPORTS EDITOR

At halftime of Friday's Oakland Activities Association Division I football game against Clarkston, it looked like another well-played, but disappointing, loss for the Rochester Falcons.

That's why they play the second half.

The Falcons, coming off a disappointing loss to Troy the week before, overcame a 19-7 halftime deficit, holding the Wolves to 25 yards of offense after the break and coming back for a 20-19 victory at Falcon Stadium.

It was the Falcons' first win over the Wolves since the teams entered the OAA, and lifted the Falcons to 4-3 overall, 2-2 OAA I. Clarkston dropped to 5-2, 3-1.

"We had our chances, but we didn't come to play in the second half," Clarkston coach Kurt Richardson said. "I mean, 200-some yards in the first half and only 25 in the second? We just didn't come to play."

The Wolves built their 12-point halftime lead with some

timely play from quarterback Dane Fife and running from Brad Phalen. Fife faked a hand-off to Phalen, then kept it and rammed 41 yards for the Wolves' first touchdown with 6:42 left in the first quarter.

Rochester's Ryan Brown fumbled on the Falcons' next possession, and Clarkston's Brad Bailey pounced on the turnover to give Clarkston the ball at the Rochester 42. The Wolves embarked on a 42-yard, seven-play drive that ended with an 11-yard pass from Fife to tight end Jeff Rieman. Rieman caught it and did a great job of getting his feet down to give the Wolves a 13-0 lead.

Rochester scored on a 1-yard run by Aaron Burton to cut it to 13-7, but Fife stretched it back to 19-7 with a 14-yard touchdown pass to Rieman with 4:30 left in the half.

"All their touchdowns were on our mistakes," Rochester coach Mark Merlo. "We decided to forget the fancy defenses and just go back to the basics, what we

Up Next

This week's opponent: Clarkston travels to Troy High School to take on the unbeaten Colts at 7 p.m. Friday.

Last year: Troy came to Clarkston and the Wolves ushered them out unceremoniously, 33-8.

This year: Troy is unbeaten coming off Friday's 28-21 win over Rochester Adams.

Playoff update: Clarkston is eighth in Class AA Region 2 with 75.143 computer points. The top four teams make the playoffs.

learned from Day One. That's what we did."

And it worked. After the intermission, it was all Rochester. On the Wolves' first possession of the half, Rochester's Nino Bice stepped in front of a Fife pass intended for Erich Poley and picked it off, returning it to the Clarkston 39.

From there, Falcon quarterback Mike Bennion directed a five-play drive that took just 2:30 off the clock. That drive ended with a nine-yard scoring run from sophomore running

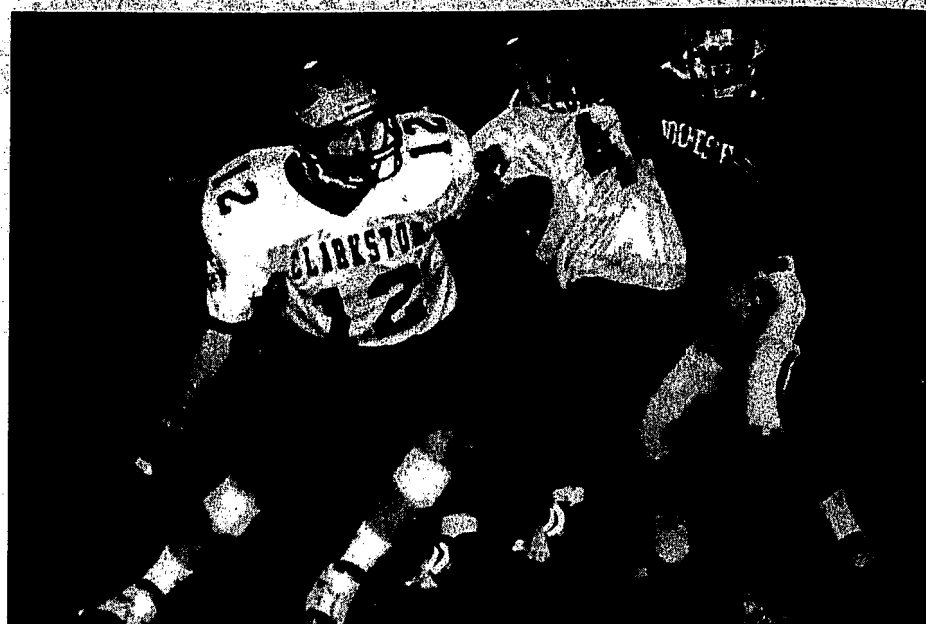


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No hurry: Clarkston quarterback Dane Fife eludes the Rochester rush with some help from fullback Jeff Long (44) during Clarkston's 20-19 loss to the Falcons Friday.

back Edmund Hillary that pulled Rochester within 19-14.

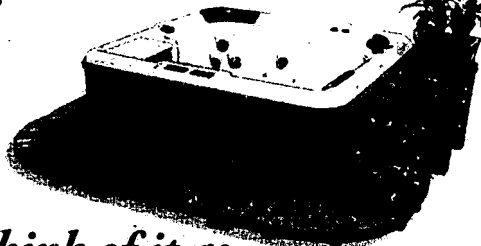
The Falcon defense held Clarkston to three downs, and

Vito Ciaramellano returned the Kevin Mason punt 49 yards to the Clarkston 26 yard line. It took Rochester eight plays to

score from there, a drive that included a 10-yard pickup on

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SPORTS EDITOR

Dan Fife hasn't put his Clarkston home on the block or anything, but the events of the last couple of weeks at his alma mater have certainly piqued his interest.

Fife, the long-time Clarkston basketball coach who played and coached at the University of Michigan, has heard the rumors surrounding his name as a possible candidate to replace Steve Fisher, fired two weeks ago by new athletic director Tom Goss after minor infractions were turned up in an investigation of the basketball program.

Fife's name has been kicked around, mostly in the media,

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*Dan Fife
—Athletic director*

most recently by a caller to sports-talk radio station WDFN and in a column in Saturday's Oakland Press.

Fife is flattered by the attention, but doesn't figure to get the job. He said the job would interest him, and that he will submit a resume.

"It's been nice to get all this support about what I've done here at Clarkston," Fife admit-

ted. "But it would take more guts to hire a high school coach than it did to fire Steve Fisher in the first place."

Fife has talked to former players and people he played and coached with, but said no one has officially contacted him about the possibility of taking over at U-M.

Goss was out of the office and not available for comment.

The other question about Fife's possibilities include his youngest son, Dane, currently a football and basketball star in his senior season at Clarkston. The younger Fife is expected to make an announcement Nov. 5 about where he will attend college.

"There's no way I would want that job if Dane was going to feel

pressure about having to go there," Dan Fife said. "Dane has to go where it's best for Dane, not where it's best for Dad."

Although Fife would certainly be interested in the job, he makes no bones about the fact he's not actively looking to leave Clarkston.

"It's not that I'm looking for a job, but because of my concern for Michigan," Fife said of his interest in the U-M post. "I'm concerned about being somehow able to help Michigan basketball in its next direction."

"There's no place I'd leave Clarkston for except Michigan," Fife added. "That's the only place I'd go. Clarkston is my home."



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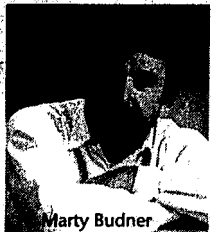
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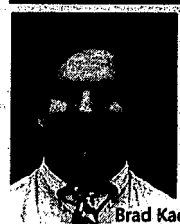
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Passing fancy: Clarkston midfielder Mike Hard (5) gets off a pass before Andy Ibrahim of Walled Lake Western can get to it during Clarkston's 2-0 district soccer win Monday night.

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Kickers move on in district

BY CHRIS MAYER
STAFF WRITER

Russ Parrott chose an ideal time to score his first varsity goal. And what a goal it was.

It's unusual to see a player score directly off a throw-in, but that's exactly what Parrott did Monday night during Clarkston's 2-0 Division I district boys soccer victory over visiting Walled Lake Western.

"It was luck, but I'll take it," Parrott said, referring to his first-half flip throw that found its way into the Western goal. "I was just trying to set the ball out there."

Junior forward Tom Dews added a goal and senior goalkeeper Rean Turner made four saves en route to the shutout, enabling the Wolves to advance to Wednesday's district semifinal against Oakland Activities Association foe Waterford Mott.

The Eccentric was unable to publish results of Wednesday's contest because of deadlines. A victory, however, would send Clarkston to Saturday's district final against Wednesday's West Bloomfield/Walled Lake Central winner.

Clarkston parlayed an attacking style and a stingy defense to close out coach Joe Nora's first season at Western. The Wolves scored twice during an 11-

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*Russ Parrott
—Clarkston player*

minute, 15-second span in the first half — highlighted by Parrott's unconventional goal — and the defense did the rest.

"Our finish wasn't very good, but (Western) really got no quality scoring chances in the second half," said Clarkston coach Dan Fitzgerald, whose team improved to 11-3-4. "We talked at halftime about how defense comes first, and I was pleased with our overall effort."

Clarkston controlled the final 30 minutes of the opening half and the hard work resulted in two goals and a 2-0 halftime lead.

"I knew against Clarkston we had to beat them to the ball," Nora said. "We had to go hard and we came out flat for a while and they got their two goals."

Dews gave the Wolves 1-0 advantage at the 24:19 mark. Senior Shawn Verlinden started the play by neatly trapping a Western goal kick inside the Warriors zone. He then touched a pass up the middle to Dews, who fought off two defenders and

chipped a shot inside the left post.

Clarkston struck again at 13:04 when Parrott's long flip throw from the left sideline deflected off goalkeeper Mike Peltó and trickled across the goal line.

"I think (Western) might have been down after that goal," said Parrott, a junior defender and three-year varsity performer. "Peltó was disappointed, but a he did a very good job after that."

Indeed, Peltó was unbeatable thereafter. The sophomore finished with 12 saves, punctuated by a diving stop of Mike Gabriel's penalty kick with just over 33 minutes remaining.

Western completed the season with a 6-10-1 mark and although Nora was sad to see the year end, he's optimistic about the future.

"The kids played hard all year," said Nora, who graduates only senior Fadi Ibrahim. "We went from what I would call a low-skill level team — the kids always had the skills and didn't use them — to a team that moved forward and I saw some real progress. It was a little hard this being my first year and all, but I was very pleased. I had a good group of kids."

Haggard plays well at state meet

Clarkston's Bryan Haggard could have been forgiven for thinking he was having a good day, even if it turned out he didn't qualify for the second day of play at this weekend's state golf meet.

Haggard, Clarkston's lone representative in the meet, shot 80, a good score that wasn't low enough to get him to the second day of play. That doesn't mean he played poorly,

though.

"I was pretty proud of him," Clarkston coach Jim Chamberlain said. "But it took 75 just to come back. That's pretty low, but it reflects the caliber of golf in this state."

Haggard had one triple bogey and two double bogeys in his

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*Jim Chamberlain
—Clarkston golf coach*

eight-over round of 80 at Forest Acres, the Big 10 home course for Michigan State University. The score could have been a little lower had Haggard not been the victim of poor etique.

Getting ready to hit on the 17th hole, Haggard's concentration was interfered with by someone hitting out of turn. Haggard was forced to readjust and refocus, and it didn't work. Haggard doubled the hole.

"Bryan was the victim of very rude play," Chamberlain said. "He had to get set again, and you could just tell the mindset wasn't there."

Boys are 1st, girls finish 3rd at OAA harrier league meet

BY MIKE SCOTT
SPECIAL WRITER

Heading into the league meet last week, the Clarkston boys' cross country team knew they likely would be unable to capture the Oakland Activities Association Division I championship after a third-place finish in the regular season.

But that didn't stop the Wolves from bringing home the league meet championship, as Clarkston edged Rochester, 48-49, at Bloomer State Park Oct. 16. As a result, the Wolves finished second overall in the league behind the Falcons.

The defending league champion girls team, however, finished third at the league meet, scoring 71 points, well behind league champion Rochester Adams, which had three of the top five individuals and scored 39 points. Troy Athens was second with 49.

The dual meet season and league meet each count for 50 percent of the final standings. Clarkston's boys finished 3-2 in the dual meet portion of the

standings, losing to Rochester and Troy Athens.

"It was indeed a team effort," said Clarkston head coach Mike Taylor, who wasn't surprised his squad performed so well at the league meet. "That was our goal coming in. I was proud of the job the kids did and we enjoyed (the result) for about a day before getting back to work."

Clarkston's top five runners all broke their personal records. David Sage placed second overall, behind Rochester's Sean Secord, with a time of 15:50.9. He was followed by teammates Matt Haver (16:24), Kevin Breen (16:35), Chris Weber (16:52) and Dan Burke (16:59.8).

The weather and the course were ideal for all runners, with temperatures hovering in the 70s on a flat surface with little wind, so the Wolves needed to post a number of personal records to even have a chance to win the meet.

"When it comes to the weather, I tell our guys the conditions are the same for everyone, whether it's rain and cold or

warm," Taylor said.

What is unusual about the Clarkston boys team is that it is comprised of all sophomores, meaning there is bound to be more championships for the squad the next two years.

"Obviously we feel we can win the league when this group is juniors and seniors," Taylor said. "At the end of this year, we beat everyone in our league, so we felt like the league champions."

Last season, Clarkston's first in OAA I competition, the Wolves finished fourth. The previous two seasons, both in OAA II, Clarkston had not finished higher than third.

The girls, meanwhile, had trouble breaking the stranglehold placed on the top 10 by Adams and Athens. The Wolves did manage to get two runners in the top 10. Megan Plante had Clarkston's best finish, a 19:27 that was good enough for fifth place overall. Jennifer Rooding finished 10th in 20:05.

Clarkston's Liz Cook was the

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Newlywed bliss: Clarkston girls' basketball coach Ann Serra can focus on hoops now that her wedding has passed.

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schedule.

The couple will honeymoon in Arizona in February. Hey, it has to be postponed, there's a basketball season to finish.

More than 500 guests were expected, including a Who's Who among area coaches and administrators. Among them will be Mike Boyd and Bob Taylor, Serra's coaches at Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes and OU, respectively; Marian coach Mary Lillie-Cicerone and RU athletic director Jim Gibbons.

Will Gibbons lead them in the Irish Jig?

Lowney's older brothers — Doug, Mike and Marty — and sister Kim stood up in the wedding.

Lowney and Serra plan on coaching together this winter at Holy Name Grade School in Birmingham. Lowney recalls only one previous head coaching encounter against his bride, a few years back at an AAU game in London, Ontario.

Lowney's 15-under team was in over its head against an 18-under team coached by Serra.

"We were up at halftime on her, and they pounded us in the second half," Lowney recalled.

Guess their marriage gives new meaning to the cliché, "If you can't beat them, join them."

The two have gotten some odd looks about the timing of the wedding, smack in the middle of

basketball season. It made sense, however, because two bridesmaids were pregnant in the summer and a winter wedding wasn't coveted.

The biggest concern was making sure the wedding didn't fall on the same day as one of those big rivalry games in college football.

"I looked at the football schedules and had to have it before the Michigan-Michigan State game," Lowney said. "My buddy (Bob Sadler, who is standing up in the wedding) said he's been to four weddings when Michigan and Notre Dame played and he remembers most of the guys watching the game in the lobby."

Pat Lowney, Sr., a retired RU teacher and administrator, adores his future daughter-in-law but wonders how he's going to juggle his schedule every fall.

Already he regularly attends games coached by Pat and Marty, the RU girls varsity basketball coach.

Get out the map for schools in the Oakland Activities Association.

"I sometimes take the closest game — in mileage," the elder Lowney said. "Now I have three to choose from. All our boys tinkered a little bit in coaching but Pat and Marty stayed with it. Pat's marrying quite a lady. They're so similar it's unbelievable."

JV gridders drop 1st; freshmen remain unbeaten

BY JACKIE TRIPI
SPECIAL WRITER

The Clarkston Wolves posted a shutout and pushed their record to 4-0 with a 19-0 pounding of Rochester Adams.

Leading the offensive rush was Chris Mitchell, who carried 17 times for 81 yards and two touchdowns. Close behind him was Chad Booker, who had five carries for 81 yards.

On the receiving end of the stick was Ryan Thomas, who caught three for 33 yards. Quarterback Ross Martello had seven completions in 16 tries for a grand total of 76 yards.

Defensively, Rocky Lund led the defense with 10 tackles. There were also key sacks from Derek Tegler (9), Tim McIsaac and Chad Booker (7) and Martello (4). Andy North and Tegler had a combination of three fumble recoveries.

The key to winning the game was that whenever Adams had the opportunity to score, the Wolves' defense came up big and

forced the Adams offense to fumble.

The Captains of Kettering handed the Wolves their only loss of the season, dropping their record to 4-1.

Once again, Mitchell led the offensive rush with 18 carries for 168 yards and two touchdowns. Booker carried five times for 18 yards.

Big on "D" was Booker with nine tackles. Tegler had seven, Ryan Lucken six, Lund 5, and Martello and North four each.

The key moment came when Rocky Lund intercepted a pass and the offense scored on the next possession with 31 seconds remaining. They missed the two-point conversion.

Freshmen

The Clarkston freshmen defeated Troy Athens 29-14, improving their record to 6-0.

On offense, Rob Conley led the rushing game with 103 yards on 23 carries and one touchdown. Ian Ramsey chipped in a two-

point conversion, and Rudy Kellersohn had his first career touchdown.

Quarterback Ryan Kaul was 14-of-21 for 157 yards and two touchdowns. Leading the receiving game was Ryan Briceland, who had seven catches for 113 yards and two touchdowns.

On defense, Matt Pearsall had five tackles, two assists, a fumble recovery and a sack. Randy Dasuqi had five solo tackles, two assists and a sack.

At this point in the season we should be putting together four consecutive quarters of solid football," coach Dave Whitehead said. "We are not there yet. Teamwise, we need to be able to sustain our enthusiasm going into the game (against Rochester)."

That they did, going on to beat Rochester 20-15 and upping their record to 7-0.

Pulling the offense that game was quarterback Ryan Kaul, who completed 23-of-33 passes for 233 yards and one touch-

down. The touchdown pass was to Ryan Briceland for 31 yards. Briceland finished the night with 117 yards on nine catches. Rob Conley added 64 yards on eight catches.

Big on defense was Matt Pearsall with seven tackles and three assists. Briceland came up right behind him with six solos. Ian Ramsey also had six. Kaul and Briceland each had an interception.

The key moment in the game was with 22 seconds remaining when Ryan Kaul threw a 31-yard touchdown pass to Briceland.

"We really found some things out this week about this group of freshmen," Whitehead said. "They show their character with their never-say-die attitude. I've been looking for some enthusiasm all season and it certainly was supplied with this big win over Rochester."

Jackie Tripi covers junior varsity and freshman sports for The Clarkston Eccentric.

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The win was big for the Maples, who tried to downplay its importance afterward.

"Obviously it was big for us, but we looked at it like any other game," Yoerg said. "We said in the locker room we had to play the players, not the coach."

Miller led the Maples with 17 points, while Yoerg and Lindsay Mann each scored nine. Clarkston's Kanipe led all scorers with 22 points. Senkyr added 12 and Wild scored nine for the Wolves.

Seaholm hung with the Wolves in the early going, before Clarkston went on an 11-0 run to

build a 19-7 lead at the end of eight minutes. Wild banked in a six-foot jumper, Kanipe hit three free throws after being fouled taking a 3-pointer, and Senkyr hit two layups to spark the run.

Seaholm put on a 12-2 run of its own midway through the second quarter to pull within 23-21. After Kanipe's layup stretched it to 25-21, the Maples scored eight straight, four from Anstey and four from Miller, to take their first lead with three seconds left in the half.

The teams traded runs through the third quarter, with

Clarkston's 8-0 burst at the end of the quarter giving the Wolves a 41-37 lead. But Clarkston couldn't put the Maples away.

"We didn't bury them when we were up," Serra said. "I thought emotion could only carry them so far. The trouble was we kept it close, and when you do that, emotion can take over."

Clarkston scored six of the first nine points of the fourth quarter to take a 47-40 lead and set up Seaholm's final comeback.

"We had a lot of heart," said Seaholm coach Dawn Lichty, who coached two years with

Serra. "They've been thinking about this game for a long time. Now they finally believe they can win."

Tuesday — Clarkston 37, Lahser 29: Kanipe scored 14 points and the Wolves held Lahser to single digits in three of the four quarters to pull out a defensive battle.

Wild finished with seven points, McIntyre scored six and Rachel Uchman chipped in four for the Wolves (11-3 overall, 5-2 OAA I).

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fourth-and-seven by Bennion.

Bennion got the eventual winning touchdown by faking the dive right to Hillary, then bootlegging left, outrunning Clarkston's Ryan Kulka to the goal

line and a 20-19 lead.

Clarkston got one more legitimate chance, but dropped a fourth-down pass on a fake punt that would have produced a first down with about five minutes

left.

"We knew we could move the ball," Bennion said. "We know our defense is one of the best around. They came alive in the second half and contained (Fife).

You're never going to stop him, so you have to contain him."

Bennion outgunned Fife, completing 13-of-14 for 102 yards. Fife was just 9-of-21 for 109 yards and the one interception.

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only other medalist. She finished 14th in 20:28.

Adams' Katie Boyles led a rush of Highlanders into the top 10, winning the race in 18:21. Laura Hayden of Adams was second in 18:38, while Nikki Thouin, a transfer from Lake Orion, was fourth for Adams in

19:17.

Next up for the Wolves is the regional meet, set for Saturday at Springfield Oaks County Park. The boys' race starts at 11:15 a.m., and the girls take off a half-hour later.

Temperatures are expected to be much colder, but Clarkston

has more to worry about than the weather. The Holly regional has some of the state's top teams, including the state's top-ranked team, Lakeland, Huron Valley Conference powerhouse Milford and other strong teams such as Walled Lake Central, Brighton and Lake Orion.

The top three teams in the region qualify for the state meet.

"We'll see the best competition we have all year, and it's going to take quite an effort," Taylor said. "Mentally, I'll try to prepare the guys for the meet. They need to focus on the meet and not the weather."



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Fisherman plays 'luck' card in regional bass tournament

Who says fishermen are superstitious?

Just because Dave Reault had his "lucky" teal shirt on and sported a "lucky" day-old beard when he won the Red Man Regional championship last weekend on Kentucky Lake, Kentucky isn't reason to jump to a conclusion.

Or is it? Reault, of Livonia, qualified for the regional bass fishing tournament by placing in the top 30 in the Red Man Michigan

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Division, which featured six tournaments over the summer. The top eight finishers in the regional advance to the Red Man All-American, which features a cash stipend of \$100,000 for the winner. Reault's goal heading down to the regional was simply to qualify for the All-American, May 25-30, on the Mississippi River at LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

He easily accomplished his goal, and then some. Reault topped a field of 111 anglers to win the regional crown. He weighed a three-day catch of nine fish which tipped the scale at 33 pounds 5 ounces. Reault won a Chevy pick-up truck and a fully-rigged Ranger bass boat powered by an Evinrude outboard. The package is

valued at \$40,000. On top of that, the 40-year-old real estate broker won \$1,500 in a double-up pot as well as a four-day marlin fishing trip in Cabo, San Lucas.

Lady Luck was certainly on his side.

On the first day of the tournament Reault wore his "lucky" teal shirt and was in third place by the end of the day. He changed his shirt on the second day, managed to catch just one keeper and slid to eighth in the standings.

"I wore that shirt the first day and did pretty good. The second day I didn't wear it and I didn't do very well," explained Reault. "On the third day I decided, even if it did smell a little, I was

wearing that shirt."

Reault also decided to skip his daily morning shave, explaining, "because I wanted everything to be in my favor."

Late on that third and final day of the tournament Reault had three fish in the boat.

"I'd been doing pretty good slow-rolling spinner baits, but decided to switch to a Yamamoto Hula Grub and I picked up my fourth fish...With about an hour left I got hung up on something and was trying to shake it loose," he explained. "I went over to where I was snagged and popped it loose. As soon as it popped free, I felt something hit and my pole bent right to the water. I mean he was right there, I had him only on about five-feet of

line."

What Reault had was a 6-pound, 4-ounceunker that gave him his first daily limit of the tournament and pushed him over the top. Reault edged second-place finisher Jim Bryant of Kentucky by a mere 3 pounds, 2 ounces.

"That last fish, the one that won me the tournament, was a gift from someone," said Reault.

Apparently, that someone likes the color teal.

Reminder

There is still time to register for the Project F.I.S.H. Workshop, scheduled for Nov. 7-9 in Jackson. The weekend workshop is intended to show adults how to organize a community youth

sportfishing club.

The workshop will be held at Camp McGregor and begins at 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7. Cost is \$60 per person and \$55 per person for a team of two or more. Fees include lodging and all teaching materials. Registration deadline is Oct. 31.

For a registration packet or more information contact Mary Jamieson and MSU at (517) 358-0308 or jamieso5@pilot.msu.edu.

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

Bill Parker is an Oxford resident.

Outdoor Calendar

CLASSES

FLY TYING

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

ATTRACTING BIRDS

Adults can learn how to attract birds to their winter feeder during this program, which begins at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, at the E.L. Johnson Nature Center in Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 339-3497 for more information.

OWL HUNT

Learn everything you want to know about owls and other nocturnal creatures during this program, which begins at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13, at the West Bloomfield Woods Nature Preserve. Call (248) 738-2500 to register and 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. Firearms season begins Saturday Nov. 15.

DUCKS

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

GOOSE

The second part of the Canada goose season runs 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. 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.

TARGET LEAGUE

An indoor target league begins at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11, at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 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. 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 are noon to sunset on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursday's and Friday's and 10 a.m. to sunset on Wednesdays. On Saturdays and Sundays the rifle and pistol range is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and the sporting clays course is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 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. 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.

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METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

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HALLOWEEN NATURALLY

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HALLOWEEN HOOPLA

An afternoon of Halloween activities for the whole family will be

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GREAT PUMPKIN

Make a Great Pumpkin decoration for Halloween during this craft workshop, which begins at 2 p.m. Sunday at Kensington.

ANIMAL MYTHS

Explore the real world of bats, spiders, wolves and other Halloween-type creatures during this indoor program, which begins at 4 p.m. Sunday at Kensington.

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.

CREATURES OF HALLOWEEN

Learn about lizards, snakes, spiders, birds of prey and other Halloween critters during this program, which begins at 5 p.m. Saturday at Independence Oaks. Cider and donuts will also be served and kids can make a craft and enjoy a stage show.

OH DEER

Explore the whitetail deer's natural history during this program, which begins at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, 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 addi-

tional 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.

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Rasch picks Northwood

By JOE KYRIAKOZA
STAFF WRITER

A convincing visit to Midland's Northwood University this past weekend decided Rochester senior tri-captain Magan Rasch's future.

The 5-10 forward made a verbal commitment to attend Northwood on a basketball

scholarship offered to her by coach Erica Oledy, whom Rasch found admirable.

"Everything seemed to fit me," Rasch said. "I loved the coaches. I loved how they coached, how they handled the players."

Rasch is in her fourth varsity season with the Falcons. Last season she earned All-Eccentric Honorable Mention accolades.

RECREATION ROUNDUP

WEAR THE GEAR WINNER

Franklin resident Dorothy Callam was a winner in the Huron-Clinton Metroparks "Wear The Gear" safety program.

Callam won the bike given away at Kensington Metropark. Callam, along with 2,380 other bikers and in-line skaters who visit the various metroparks, was eligible for the drawing after she was "caught" wearing the appropriate safety gear while using one of the parks' paved trails.

Park rangers "caught" Callam and her granddaughter in-line skating this past July with the appropriate safety equipment—a helmet, wrist guards, elbow pads and knee pads.

"The goals of the program were to increase awareness of the need to wear safety equipment when in-line skating and bicycling," Metroparks Director Frank J. Sudek said, "and to encourage our guests to wear that equipment by providing them the chance to win prizes. We feel park users are more aware of the need to use safety equipment when biking or skating as a result of this program."

JOE DUMARS' FIELDHOUSE

The Winter I league season at Joe Dumars' Fieldhouse in Macomb County's Shelby Township begins the week of Nov. 17. Offerings include adult 5-on-5 and 4-on-4 basketball leagues, adult floor hockey leagues and adult hard court volleyball leagues. Call Dave Stone or Jen Hopp at (810) 731-3080 for more details.

Registration for the winter season adult and youth Detroit Roller Hockey Association leagues ends Sunday, Nov. 9. Registration forms are available

at the DRHA desk inside Joe Dumars' Fieldhouse.

■ In-line skating is offered at the Fieldhouse on Fridays from 8 p.m.-10 p.m. and Saturdays from 12:30-2:30 p.m. Cost is \$4 per person and skates can be rented for \$3 per person. Call (810) 731-3080 ext. 26.

Joe Dumars' Fieldhouse is located at 45300 Mound Road just north of M-59.

SNOWBOARD ALPINE INSTRUCTION

The Thunderbolt Training Centers will offer snowboard alpine instruction on Monday evenings from 7 p.m.-9 p.m. at Pine Knob Ski Area in Clarkston. The program is slated to begin Tuesday, Jan. 13, 1998 and end Feb. 16, 1998.

The program will feature quality instruction and improvement for intermediate and advanced snowboarders of all ages.

The head is scheduled to be Tammy Boos, who ranked No. 3 overall (Alpine) at the 1996 USASA Nationals.

Areas of concentration include carving, race tactics, slalom and giant slalom gates, video analysis, motivation and snowboard tuning. The cost of the six-week program is \$99.

If you are an intermediate freestyle rider and would like to learn a whole new side of snowboarding, this program is a fun opportunity to discover alpine riding.

The only requirements are a snowboard (freestyle or alpine), the ability to ride blue runs, a positive attitude, and the willingness to learn and have fun.

For more information and an application, contact the Pine Knob Ski School at (248) 625-0801.

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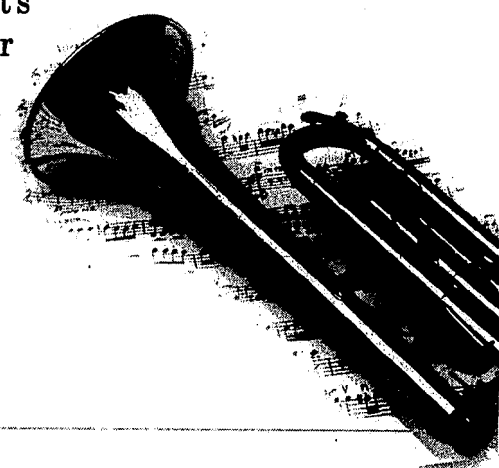
Indulge us while we do a little horn tooting.

First a little background: Each year Michigan Press Association, Suburban Newspapers of America, and the National Newspapers Association hold competitions which allow our editors, artists, photographers, publishers, managers and just about anyone involved in what you see in your hometown newspaper, to submit their best work.

This spring and early summer we sent off ad campaigns, sports stories, pictures, and whole editions of your hometown newspapers to be judged by people in the industry who know a good thing when they see it.

When we sat down and added up the number of awards we'd accumulated, *there were 70 of them!*

If there's a moral here, it's this: if you have to toot your own horn, make sure people will hear some great music.



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West Bloomfield Eccentric—NEWSPAPER OF THE YEAR

■ First Place

- West Bloomfield Eccentric—Enterprise Feature
- West Bloomfield Eccentric—Best Design
- Westland Observer—Best Local News Reporting
- Observer & Eccentric Classifieds—
- Best Classified Real Estate Idea (color)
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- Best Classified Real Estate Idea (black/white)
- Observer & Eccentric Classifieds—
- Best Classified Automotive Idea (color)
- Observer & Eccentric Classifieds—
- Best Classified Directory Idea
- Observer & Eccentric Classifieds—
- Best Classified In-House Promotion
- Observer & Eccentric Classifieds—
- Best Overall Classified Section
- Observer & Eccentric—Best Special Section
- Observer Newspapers—Best Campaign or Series
- Observer Newspapers—Best Special Section
- Clarkston Eccentric—Best Local Column

- Clarkston Eccentric—Best Editorial Writing
- Garden City Observer—Best Feature Picture
- Garden City Observer—Best Sports Picture
- Lake Orion Eccentric—Best Editorial Page
- Oxford Eccentric—Best Sports Column
- Redford Observer—Best Sports Writing
- Troy Eccentric—Best Spot News Picture

■ Second Place

- Birmingham Eccentric—Best Local News Reporting
- Birmingham Eccentric—Best Sports Feature
- Farmington Observer—Best Spot News Picture
- Garden City Observer—Best Design
- Livonia Observer—Best Feature Picture
- Southfield Eccentric—Best Human Interest Feature
- Troy Eccentric—Best Editorial Writing
- West Bloomfield Eccentric—General Excellence
- West Bloomfield Eccentric—Best Local Columns
- Observer Advertising—Best Use of Newspaper Art Service
- Observer Advertising—Best Spot Color Ad
- Observer Advertising—Best Campaign or Series

- Observer Advertising—Best Special Section
- Best Classified Automotive Idea (black/white)

■ Third Place

- Canton Observer—Best Design
- Farmington Observer—Best Local News Reporting
- Oxford Eccentric—Best Sports Writing
- Plymouth Observer—General Excellence
- Southfield Eccentric—Best Editorial Writing
- West Bloomfield Eccentric—Enterprise Feature
- West Bloomfield Eccentric—Best Sports Coverage

■ Honorable Mention

- Rochester Eccentric—Best Sports Coverage
- Troy Eccentric—Best Sports Coverage
- West Bloomfield Eccentric—Best Picture Story
- West Bloomfield Eccentric—Best Sports Column
- Westland Observer—Best General Excellence
- Observer Advertising—Best Ad Idea (black/white)
- Observer Advertising—Best Spot Color Ad

SUBURBAN NEWSPAPERS of AMERICA

■ First Place

- Clarkston Eccentric—General Excellence
- Eccentric Advertising—Best New Special Section
- Observer & Eccentric Marketing—
- Best Promotion to Build Circulation or Readership
- Observer & Eccentric Marketing—
- Best Public Service/Community Event Promotion

■ Second Place

- Livonia Observer—General Excellence

■ Third Place

- West Bloomfield—General Excellence
- Observer Advertising—Best New Special Section
- Eccentric Advertising—Best Shopping Area Special Section

NATIONAL NEWSPAPER ASSOCIATION:

■ First Place

- Redford Observer—Best Coverage/Health Related Issues
- Redford Observer—Best Sports Picture

■ Second Place

- Observer & Eccentric—Best Coverage of Performing Arts

■ Third Place

- Canton Observer—General Excellence

■ Honorable Mention

- Birmingham Eccentric—Best Family Living Page
- Birmingham Eccentric—General Excellence
- Clarkston Eccentric—Best Column
- Clarkston Eccentric—Best Coverage of Health Related Issues
- Oxford Eccentric—Best Feature Picture
- Southfield Eccentric—Best Column/Serious Subjects
- West Bloomfield Eccentric—Excellence in Typography
- Westland Observer—Best Business and Economic Reporting
- Westland Observer—Best Feature Story

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For 20,000 sq. ft. warehouse operations & inventory. Growing scenic rental co. seeks responsible, detail oriented, self-starter. Warehouse experience necessary. Carpenters skills helpful. Please fax resume to: Box #2278
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Rehabilitation Center in Troy is looking for a Marketing Representative to generate patient referrals for out patient & residential care programs in Oakton County. If you are an energetic results oriented individual with experience, Send resume to: Box #2278
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The recent alliance with Sprint and the introduction of a new "store-within-a-store" has positioned RadioShack as the one-stop source for virtually all communication needs. These exciting changes will be bringing in even more customers than ever before!

This is also creating many exciting and rewarding career opportunities for women and men in:

RETAIL SALES & RETAIL MANAGEMENT

You must be goal oriented and have excellent communication skills. A 2 or 3 year college degree is preferred. Retail sales/management experience is very helpful.

For consideration contact RadioShack Employment Hotline (313) 853-5713 or fax resume to (313) 853-0971 eoe/aa

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Upscale home design boutique seeking professional to join our management staff. Good hours, full benefits, excellent pay. Must have management experience and a flair for decorating. Good people skills necessary. North West suburbs. Call after Tuesday, 10-21 (313) 455-4400 x203 or fax resume to 313-455-4932

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We currently have an immediate part time stock position available in our Birmingham store. Responsibilities include store maintenance, moving & assembling furniture, helping customers carry purchases to their cars. Good mechanical abilities required. Flexible hours.

We offer a competitive salary & benefits. For immediate consideration, please call or mail/fax resume to: WORKBENCH, Attn: Store Manager, 234 South Hunter Blvd., Birmingham, MI 48009. Phone 313-540-3577; Fax 810-540-1399. EOE.

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- Livonia** - Beautiful upscale shopping center seeks receptionist for management office. Duties include answering telephone and miscellaneous clerical support relating to the day-to-day operations of the mall.

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Human Resource Director

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Southfield, MI 48037

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Must have experience & equipment to install shingle roofs. Laborers & team. Call: 248-588-3933 or 313-961-1118

ROUTER / LOADER

Major retailer seeking experienced wood truck router/loader for 2nd shift. Candidate should have 3 to 5 yrs. experience in industrial experience in wood-Detroit area delivery trucks. Computer experience helpful. Send resume with salary requirements via FAX to 313-207-2085.

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Livonia firms seeking Vending Sales Reps. You must have a high school diploma, good driving record & excellent communication skills. Must be willing to learn, personable, and customer service oriented. Interested candidates should send resume or letter of interest to: US Food Service Attn: Richard Vance 7410 Hall Road, Livonia, MI 48160

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Major Project Group Expanding Electronic Systems Company looking for individual to fill newly created position of Sales Engineer. This position would entail working with Sales Group as Team member on major projects. Applicant would need to have technical background, and preferably field experience in the construction, or electronic industry. Responsibilities would include field surveys, estimating, team presentation, and job site supervision. Attractive Salary and Benefit Package. Forward Resume Attn: Rob Holloway Sr., Security Corporation, P.O. Box 1200, Novi, MI 48226-1200.

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Great opportunity for dependable person with good math skills. Saw operation experience. 3 months saw operation experience, ability to load and unloading of materials. OSHA certified. Able to work overtime. Health Care, Dental, 401k plus income to 4pm at.

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- Degree in business management, police science or fire science
- Military police background
- Minimum 5 yrs. supervisory experience
- Team players & problem solvers

Above industry wages & benefits package. Send resume only to: TWC, 28200 Vassar, Suite 450, Livonia, MI 48152 EOE.

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Supervisor wanted for OEM supplier's purchasing department. Responsible for updating delivery schedule, investigating past due parts, and heavy communication with ester facility. Requires bachelor's degree and 1-3 years supervisory experience. Spanish verbal/written skills, import/export, expediting and Q9000 experience helpful. Please send resume & salary history to: Box #2251 Observer & Electronic Newspapers 36251 Schoolcraft Rd. Livonia, MI 48150

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Experience required. Must have understanding of current tax laws. Ability to meet with clients. 313-844-0005

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For Bloomfield pre-school. Early childhood education preferred. Immediate help needed. Call: 248-532-6560

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SPORTS SCENE

St. Mary's adds baseball, soccer

The athletic transformation at St. Mary's College has reached another level.

Athletic Director Kris Daiek confirmed late last week the school will add men's baseball and women's soccer. The two programs are expected to get underway in time for the fall 1998-99 seasons and will be affiliated with the National Small College Athletic Association.

Carmichael Gully, recently hired as a men's basketball assistant coach, will manage the baseball team. St. Mary's last fielded a baseball squad in 1941.

"We're very happy about the new programs and I think the school and the students are the big winners," Daiek said. "And with all the tradition and talent in the (Oakland County) area, we should be able to build both programs."

The additions bring the number of sports offered at the college to five.

Men's basketball, men's soccer and women's cross country (club level) are also part of the athletic program.

Women's soccer will come to St. Mary's for the first time, but a head coach has yet to be named.

The men's soccer team, however, is enjoying a productive year punctuated a bid to the upcoming NSCAA national tournament.

Coach Tony Williams' Eagles have made the 12-team field and will face Kansas Wesleyan University on Thursday, Oct. 30 at Laconia University in Manchester, N.H.

St. Mary's, which earned a spot in the single-elimination tournament on the strength of two wins over Rochester College, sported a 6-8-1 record following a loss to Oakland University last week.

Kansas Wesleyan University held a 10-0-1 record as of Thursday, but Williams is confident.

"I think we have a chance to do well because the competition we've played has prepared us," he said. "I'm not saying any bad things about the other teams in the tournament, but I don't know how many of them have played a quality Division II team like the University of Indianapolis. The caliber of play we've faced has help us improve."

"I really couldn't ask for a better situation," Williams added. "We're starting as many as eight freshmen and for the most part I pretty happy with this season. We've struggled at times and we home help in some areas, but we're getting the maximum out of what we have. That's all I can ask for."

Said Daiek: "I'm very excited for Tony and all the kids. The team has shown a lot of improvement over the course of the season and it's nice to see how hard they've been working."

High Rollers

A valiant comeback bid by the High Rollers men's in-line hockey team fell just short Wednesday.

Trailing 4-0 in the opening minutes to Innis Free, High Rollers rallied to even the score before eventually suffering a 7-6 setback at U S Blades in West Bloomfield.

Kyle Freesen led High Rollers, which dropped to 3-2 in the Silver Division of the USA Hockey In-Line men's 20-24 league, with three goals.

Tim Wilson added two goals, Scott Turnbull had a goal and two assists, and Rob Hake, Dan Havlin, Mike Havlin and Phil Stewart all notched single assists.

High Rollers, idle until Sunday, Oct. 26 when it faces the Rangers, defeated the Defectors last Sunday by an 11-5 score.

Wilson recorded five goals and two assists, Freesen netted four goals and Mike Havlin had two goals and an assist.

Anthony Matti recorded the win-in goal for High Rollers, which pulled away from a 4-3 halftime lead in the second half.

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 MHSTeCA's Hall of Fame.

The three coaches will receive their plaques and rings on Friday, Feb. 13, 1998 in Troy during the association's annual tennis clinic.

Wrestling coach needed

Birmingham Groves High School has an immediate opening for an assistant wrestling coach.

Anyone interested should contact Groves' head wrestling coach Andrew Wilson at (248) 594-4909, or mail a resume to: Andrew Wilson, Birmingham Groves High School, 20500 W. 13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills, Mich. 48205.

MHSAA STATE BOYS' GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS

CLASS A (At East Lansing)

TEAM RESULTS: 1. Hartland, 596; 2. Traverse City Central, 611; 3. Rockford, 628; 4. Grand Blanc, 629; 5. Brighton, 645; 6. Muskegon Mona Shores, 646; 7. Bloomfield Hills Lahser, 650; 8. Rochester Adams, 650; 9. Coldwater and Ann Arbor Pioneer, 653; 11. Midland Dow, 668;

12. Bay City Western, 666.

TOP 10 FINISHERS: 1. Derek Arnett (Hartland), 141 (state record); 2. Andy Matthews (GRFHC), 142; 3. Tom Brayton (TCC), 143; 4. Mike Graybeal (Hartland), 146; 5. Dave Lubnick (Lahser), 148; 6. Chris Whitten (Rockford), 149; 7. (tie) Scott Melcher (Saline), Steve Polanski (Livonia Stevenson), Andrew Chapman (Grand Blanc), 151; 10. (tie) David Nichols (Rochester Adams), John Burnside (Grand Blanc), 153.

STATE GOLF FINAL RESULTS

CLASS B (At St. John's)

TEAM RESULTS: 1. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood, 600; 2. Flint Powers, 617; 3. Tecumseh, 626; 4. Richland Gull Lake, 633; 5. Goodrich, 640; 6. East Grand Rapids, 641; 7. Grosse Ile, 642; 8. Detroit Country Day, 642; 9. Hudsonville Unity Christian, 656; 10. Marshall, 656; 11. Holland Christian, 665; 12. South Haven, 665.

TOP 10 FINISHERS: 1. Del

de Windt (Cranbrook Kingswood), 143 (won on first playoff hole); 2. Zake/Fletcher (Wayland Union), 143; 3. Charlie Schafer (Country Day), 145; 4. Scott Strickland (Cranbrook Kingswood), 147; 5. Nate Pitt (South Haven), 148; 6. Eric Jorgensen (Big Rapids), 149; 7. Roy Adair (Marshall), 151; 8. Chris Pomy (Tecumseh), 152; 9. (tie) Mark Susva (Flint Powers), Andrew Klein (Cranbrook Kingswood), Jim Winsink (Forest Hills Northern), 153.

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THE WEEKEND

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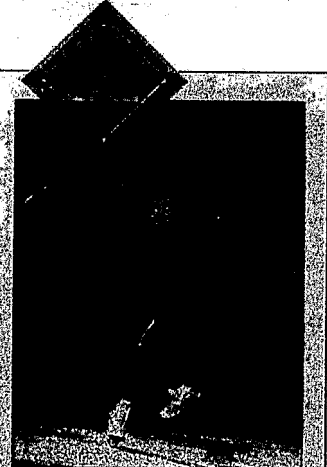


Rising violin star Corey Ceroušek joins the Detroit Symphony Orchestra 8:30 p.m. at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313)833-3700.

SUNDAY



Check out the new River Otter Exhibit, across from the Reptile House, at the Detroit Zoo Ten Mile Road at Woodward Ave., Royal Oak, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (248)398-0903.



Hot tip: Michelle Kwan and other outstanding skaters will be competing in The Ultimate Skating Event, Thrifty Car Rental Skate America International '97 at Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit Oct. 23-26, call (313) 983-6806 for event information, or (248) 645-6666 for tickets.

SCREEEAM

Hallowed halls delight thrill, chill seekers

BY KEELY WYONIK
STAFF WRITER

Halloween brings out the mischievous child in all of us. It's fun to dress up and pretend we're someone else. Originally called "All Hallows Eve," Halloween began more than 2,000 years ago as a night when Celtic tribes communed with spirits of the ancestral dead. According to information compiled by Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, harvest time marked the end of the year

when it was believed that the "veil" between the living and the dead was at its thinnest. Halloween was a good time to reach the departed.

Trick-or-treating was one of the last traditions to emerge in the celebration of American Halloween. It became popular after 1920 and first began during the Thanksgiving holiday. It was a Thanksgiving custom for children to dress up and beg from house to house on the last Thursday in November.

Later, people began trick-or-treating for Halloween to scare off the ghosts and demons by dressing up in costumes.

Carving Jack-O'-Lanterns, which got their name from a turn-of-the-century prankster named Jack, and visiting haunted houses is how metro Detroiters celebrate Halloween. According to legend, after his death Jack tried to play tricks on the devil. He was sentenced to roam the earth forever carrying a lantern. He was called "Jack of the Lantern," later shortened to Jack-O'-Lantern.

Here are some of our local haunts:



HEIDI EYES CHILD'S PLAY TOURING THEATRE
Monsters: Heidi Landis (left to right) Janet Brooks and Tyrone Perry in "One Monster After Another," a zany musical revue to be presented by Youththeatre, Oct. 25-26.



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Halloweens past: These postcards from the 1930s reflect the once commonly held belief that Halloween presented an opportunity to identify your true love. These cards and other Halloween artifacts are part of the Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village collection.

Ghoulish: The Grim Reaper waits inside the crashed helicopter at SILO X.

Haunted Houses

■ **Erwin's Barn of Horrors** - Corner of Silver Lake Road and Pontiac Trail (one mile south of I-96 & Kensington Metro Park, Kent Lake Road Exit 153), South Lyon, 7:30-10 p.m. Thursday and Sunday, 7:30 p.m. to midnight, Friday-Saturday, Oct. 23-26, Oct. 30-31 and Nov. 1. Adults \$11, children 12 and under \$8, includes glass of cider and doughnut.

Children's Spooky Barn 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily through Wednesday, Oct. 29, \$2, (248) 437-0150.

■ **Farmington Area Jaycees, Nightmare on Orchard Lake** - Orchard Lake Road (south of 14 Mile Road in the parking lot next to Kmart), Farmington Hills, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Thursday and Sunday, 7:30-11:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 23-26 and Oct. 30-31, \$5, (248) 477-5227.

■ **Friendly Monster Matinee** - 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25.

■ **Tenth Annual Haunted Theatre**, presented by the Palace Theatre Company - 35164 West Michigan Ave. (1 block west of Wayne Road, 2 miles east of I-275, Exit 22), Wayne, 7-11 p.m. through Friday, Oct. 31, adults \$5, children 12 and under, \$2.50, (313) 728-SHOW.

■ **Haunted Winery**, sponsored by Farmington Historical Commission, - 31505 Grand River, just west of Orchard Lake Road, Farmington, 7-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 7-10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, Oct. 24-26, Oct. 29 to Nov. 1. Adults \$6, children 12 and under \$3, Family of four (2 adults, 2 children) \$15, (248) 477-8833 (after 5 p.m.).

■ **Industry Nightclub** - "The Temple of Terror," the haunted third level of the club, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Sundays, Tuesdays, and Fridays-Saturdays through Friday, Oct. 31, at the club, 15 S. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charges vary 18 and older Tuesdays and Sundays, 21 and older Fridays and Saturdays, (248) 334-1999.

Please see **SCREEEAM**, C3

Politicians game for Capitol Steps

BY KEELY WYONIK
STAFF WRITER

Mud flinging is a popular sport in many communities as election day nears, but any politician or wanna-be



Political satire: The Capitol Steps bring their political funny business to Music Hall, Oct. 23-24.

will tell you the secret to staying sane is to duck, and laugh.

Politics isn't funny, but politicians are, and nobody has more fun pointing that out than The Capitol Steps, who are bringing their musical political satire to Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, Oct. 23-24.

"There aren't as many funny Republicans as Democrats, except for Newt," said Elaine Newport, one of three former Congressional staffers who created Capitol Steps during the Reagan Administration. "People like to laugh at Washington."

In December 1981, Newport's former boss, Sen. Charles Percy of Illinois, asked her and other staffers to provide entertainment for the Senate Foreign Relations Christmas party. They dug into the headlines, searching for hot topics of the day, and created new lyrics for familiar tunes.

The party was a success, and group members quickly learned they could make a living stepping on other people's toes.

At first it was just for fun, then Capitol Steps became a full-time occupation for Newport, Bill Strauss and Jim Aidala, who reasoned if entertainers could become politicians then politicians could become entertainers.

The group, which has performed in 47 states, has grown to 20, six of whom

Please see **CAPITOL**, C2

Capitol Steps

When: 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Oct. 23-24.

Where: Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit.

Tickets: \$30, \$25 and \$20. Call (313) 963-2366 or Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666.

MUSIC

Irish rock band U2 to play at Silverdome Oct. 31

BY KEELY WYONIK
STAFF WRITER

If the state of rock 'n' roll is on the shoulders of the Irish rock band U2, it's not looking so good. An overblown stage, out-of-tune songs, and a minimal audience hampered U2's show earlier this year at Arizona State University's Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe, Ariz.

As the sun settled behind the mountains, DJ Howie B spun a remixed version of "Pop Music" by M. One by one the members of U2 - guitarist The Edge, bassist Adam Clayton, and drummer Larry Mullen Jr. - walked through the audience and climbed aboard a catwalk that stretched from the middle of the main floor to the massive stage.

Dubbed the world's largest, a football field-sized video screen against the back of the stage traced the band members' progression from the dressing room to the opening of the stadium.

Singer Bono was the last to slap hands

with audience members. Dressed in a hooded warm-up robe, Bono hopped down the catwalk punching at the air like a boxer warming up for the big fight.

Who: U2 and Smash Mouth
What: Perform in concert
When: 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31
Where: Pontiac Silverdome
How: Tickets \$37, \$50 and \$52.50 are still available for the all-ages show. For more information, call (248) 645-6666 or (800) 347-8000.

Who: Howie B, U2
What: Perform on stage
When: 10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31
Where: St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress St., Detroit
How: Tickets are available at the door for the all-ages show. For more information, call (313) 963-2366.

Opening the set with "Mofo" from its latest album "Pop," U2 laid the groundwork for a techno-laden 100-degree evening but quickly turned the tables playing older hits "I Will Follow" and "Even Better Than the Real Thing."

"I'm home," Bono told the audience referring to the venue where the band filmed parts of the film "U2: Rattle and Hum," which corresponded with the release of the album "Rattle and Hum."

"Last time we brought the TV, this time we brought the whole shopping cart."

The oft-photographed massive stage decorated with a 100-foot-high golden arch, 35-foot-high mirror ball, and a 12-foot-wide illuminated stuffed olive on a 100-foot-tall toothpick swallowed the band. The world's largest video screen, 150 feet by 50 feet, covers 833 square yards and weighs 65,000 pounds.

Please see **MUSIC**, C3



Coming to town: The Irish rock band U2 brings its "PopMart" tour to the Pontiac Silverdome on Friday, Oct. 31.

Backstage Pass upfront about concerns for art

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BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

On *Backstage Pass*, we try not to pull any tricks. None of this "brought to you through the magic of TV" stuff. When you watch the Big Show on Detroit Public Television, you see the cameras, the countdowns, the edges of the set. That's putting the "backstage" in the "pass" — as we take you behind the scenes at local venues, you get glimpses of our process, too.

Hopefully, we've been similarly direct about our reasons for doing the show (and this column). *Backstage Pass* gives you a place to turn to discover something new and exciting in our arts and entertainment scene,

artists a place to perform and showcase their work, and arts organizations and cultural institutions a place to demonstrate that their presentations are worthy of your attendance and support. Along with the fun reasons like entertainment and enlightenment is a more serious one: artists often leave communities that don't create a supportive environment for their work.

Civic funding debates aside, there's a single, best, obvious means by which we all can support our indigenous artists: Go.

Go to shows. Go to galleries. Go to theaters. Go, go, go.

We hope you had a chance to check out the Metropolitan Film Festival, which we featured on last week's show. It seems independent films have provided quite a few popular hits these last few years. I asked our film expert, Elliot Wilhelm of the DIA's Detroit Film Theatre, to make his own declaration of

independence.

"At festivals 'independent' generally means the film was not financed by any of the major studios. Well, 'Sex, Lies and Videotape' came from the festival scene and was technically independent. Same with 'The English Patient.' So was 'Pulp Fiction,' which had a budget of \$15 million and had Bruce Willis in it. The Metropolitan Festival was designed to show films that don't have Bruce Willis in them, were often produced on shoestring budgets and come in all shapes and sizes — such as Paul Feig's 'Life Sold Separately,' or Errol Morris' 'Fast, Cheap and Out of Control,' which is being featured on *Backstage Pass* and presented at the Detroit Film Theatre."

For fun, I asked an antagonistic question: Why bother with these little films when we can go see the next "Batman" installment? "Most studio productions,

regardless of how good they may be, are rarely the visions of an absolutely independent filmmaker."

"They somehow boil down to being works by committee. The films shown at the Metro Fest can be likened to novels, the works of a single author. Often, the low budget means that no compromise is imposed on the author/filmmaker; the work can adhere to the vision. You gain in that vision what you lose in surface slickness."

Also on the Big Show, we welcome the song and satire of those Public Radio favorites, The Capitol Steps, who appear this week at Music Hall. Going strong after 16 albums in 16 years, they remain as billed "the only group in Washington that attempts to be funnier than the Congress." That's tonight at 9:30 on Detroit Public Television, Channel 56. Watch. Then go!

The "PopMart" tour comes to the Pontiac Silverdome on Friday, Oct. 31.

To quote U2, the band needed the massive stage like a fish needs a bicycle. It dwarfs the band making its members look like ants in an ant farm but the huge screen allows the audience to see intimate details. At one point during the "Batman Forever" theme song "Hold Me, Thrill Me, Kiss Me, Kill Me," the camera focuses on The Edge's foot playing the wah-wah pedal. His name is encrusted in silver glitter across the toes of his cowboy boots. It also reveals a 3-inch-tall squeaky nun.

Visions of platform boots, animated works by the late artists Roy Lichtenstein and Keith Haring, the evolution of man pushing a shopping cart, and a mis-leading shot of a go-go dancer also parade across the screen.

Giving Bono the chance to change into black pants, a hot rod shirt and multi-colored hat, The Edge took the stage alone to sing a karaoke version of "Daydream Believer." Unsure of the lyrics, he frequently looked over his shoulder at the screen projecting the words.

The 60 percent-capacity audience May 9 in Tempe seemed to merely tolerate U2's set list of newer material. The band played every song off "Pop," which had only been released 1 1/2 months before the show, with the exception of "The Playboy Mansion" and "Wake Up Dead Man."

"Pride (In the Name of Love)," and an acoustic version of "I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For" generated an enthusiastic response from the audience.

Streams of lights pointing upward and forming a triangle in the sky accompanied a pounding rendition of "Bullet the Blue Sky" which stole the mediocre show. A stunning encore led to a flat, out-of-tune "Discotheque."

Recalling the song of a similar name, Bono ended the concert declaring "This really is God's country."

Sure, Arizona is a picturesque state but the lackluster musical landscape didn't justify the hype and the high ticket prices.

U2's set list Friday, May 9, at Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe, Ariz., concentrated heavily on its latest album, "Pop." The song list is as follows:

Mofo
I Will Follow
Even Better Than the Real Thing
Gone
Do You Feel Loved
Pride (In the Name of Love)
Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For
Stand By Me
Last Night On Earth
Until the End of the World
If God Will Send His Angels
Staring at the Sun
Daydream Believer
Miami
Bullet the Blue Sky
Please
Where the Streets Have No Name
Discotheque
If You Wear That Velvet Dress
With or Without You
Hold Me, Thrill Me, Kiss Me, Kill Me
Mysterious Ways
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are on stage for any one show. All have worked on Capitol Hill; you could say it's a stepping stone to the "Steps."

"Capitol Steps is much more respectable than working on Capitol Hill," said Newport.

Potential cast members are hired after an audition, and turnover is low. Having a musical background is helpful, but it's not required. A high tolerance for being embarrassed and being a natural ham helps.

Newport has some music background, mostly piano, and writes about half of the group's catchy lyrics. She said some of the best ideas come from cast members who forget their lines. The rest come from the media such as what's on the cover of Newsweek — "big stories people are talking about." Cast members dress up and attempt to impersonate the people they're poking fun at. President Clinton is their Elvis.

One-third of the show has

political themes; the rest is current events. "You don't have to be a political junkie to enjoy the show," said Newport. "Right now we're doing 'Hey You Get Off Of My Grass'; it has to do with the Rolling Stones tour. They're older now and have different concerns."

Capitol Steps has recorded 17 albums and never been sued. "I worried about being on record," said Newport. "But the politicians don't seem to mind it."

Some have even performed with the group including Sam Donaldson, Vice President Al Gore and President George Bush. Capitol Steps has performed for four presidents — Ford, Reagan, Bush and Clinton.

"We worked on Capitol Hill, and we're laughing at ourselves, too," she said. "We make songs we could sing in front of the person they're about. It's all in good fun."

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■ **Silo X** - A haunted missile silo with radioactive mutants controlling the military bases. Two locations, C.J. Barrymore's, 21750 Hall Road (two miles west of I-94, and four miles east of Lakeside Mall), Clinton Township, and in a field next to the Hitch House in the 54000 block of Grand River Avenue (between Wixom and Milford roads), New Hudson. Recommended for children ages 9 and older, 7:30-11 p.m. Thursdays and Sundays, and 7:30 p.m.-midnight Fridays and Saturdays through Monday, Oct. 27, and 7:30 p.m.-midnight Tuesday, Oct. 28-Friday, Oct. 31, \$12, with \$2 discount coupons for Thursday and Sunday visits available at Little Caesar's stores, (888) 222-4088 or <http://www.hauntedamerica.com>

■ **The Forbidden Forest**, sponsored by Troy Parks & Recreation, (1/8 of a mile east of I-75 off Big Beaver Road, north end of Troy Civic Center) - 7-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23, 7-10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 24-25, \$4 in advance, \$5 at the door, (248) 524-3484.

■ **The Gauntlet** - 3645 Highland Road (M-59) two miles west of Telegraph, 1/4 mile west of Cass Lake Road, Waterford, 7-11 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, 7 p.m. to 1 p.m. Friday-Saturday through Nov. 2, \$12, (248) 682-HAUNT

■ **Tunnel of Terror**, sponsored by Rochester Area Jaycees - On Pine St., Rochester Municipal Park parking lot, downtown Rochester (off University near Rochester Road), 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30; 7:30-11:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday through Nov. 1, \$6, (248) 652-7777.

■ **A Haunting Event**, sponsored by Youth Group of St. Benedict's Church - Half mile walk through the woods at Hoffman Nursery, 1255 S. Hospital Road (1/4 mile north of Cooley Lake Road) Waterford, 6:30-10 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 24-25, \$3, (248) 363-0340.

Festivals, Parade and Concerts

■ **Downtown Farmington Halloween Fun Fest** - 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, on Grand River, (approximately 1/4 mile east of Farmington Road). Trick or treating in downtown stores 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., children's costume contest, puppet show, pet costume contest. Free showings of "Count Yorga the Vampire" at Farmington Civic Theater, 12:30 and 3:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Farmington Downtown Development Authority, (248) 473-7283.

■ **Haunting Village** - In downtown Lake Orion (Broadway between Flint and Front Streets), 2-10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, face and pumpkin painting, games, costume contest 8 p.m. (on Broadway, four age groups children and adult), haunting hayride, sponsored by the Downtown Merchants and Lake Orion Chamber of Commerce, (248) 693-4220.

■ **Halloween Parade** - Dress in costume and join the annual parade 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26, starts in Shain Park, downtown Birmingham, (248) 644-1700.

■ **Spooktacular Halloween Concert** - 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26, Twelve Oaks Mall, Novi. Haunting music by the Farmington Community Band.

■ **Kiddie thrills**

■ **Featured Creatures of Halloween** - 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, Independence Oaks Nature Center, 9501 Sashabaw Road, Clarkston, see live animals, make crafts, watch a Halloween show, and enjoy cider and doughnuts, \$4, tickets must be purchased in advance, (248) 625-6473.

■ **Halloween Hoot** - Groups leave every 10 minutes beginning 6:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 24-25, and 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26, Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve, 333 N. Hill Circle, Rochester. Nature skits presented along a nature trail, face painting, refreshments and story-telling around a campfire. Tickets \$7 must be purchased in advance, call for ticket availability, (248) 656-0999.

■ **Halloween Skate** - 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26, short skating show followed by open skating, come in costume and enjoy free witches brew, \$4, \$1.75 skate rental. Halloween Blackout 7:30-11:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31, \$6. Contests and free glow sticks to the first 100 skaters on Oct. 31, Skate World of Troy, 2825 E. Maple, (between John R and Dequindre) Troy, (248) 689-4104

■ **Zoo Boo** - Detroit Zoo, 10 Mile Road at Woodward, Royal Oak, 5:30-8 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 26 to Friday, Oct. 31, (Oct. 26 is sold-out). Parents and children dressed in their costumes can experience the Halloween trail with lighted Jack-O'-Lanterns, gourds and pumpkins carved in the shape of animals. Trick-or-treat stations will be set up. Tickets are \$3, children under 2 admitted free, and must be purchased in advance, (248) 541-5835.

■ **"Tales from the Cranbrook Crypt"** - Cranbrook Institute of Science, 1221 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills - 6-8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 24-25, dress up in your favorite costume and roam the museum halls for a fun, scientific Halloween celebration. Admission \$6, reservations required, (248) 645-3230.

■ **Choo-Choo Charlie's Halloween Train** - Narrated, one-hour train ride with magic show and Halloween songs. Come dressed in costume for a small pumpkin, trains depart 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 25-26, Coe Rail, 840 N. Pontiac Road, Walled Lake, \$8 adults, \$7 children ages 2-10 and seniors, (248) 960-9440.

■ **Pumpkins**

■ **Avant-Carved Pumpkin Decorating Contest** - 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 25, Cranbrook Art Museum, 1221 N. Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills, museum admission adults \$4, students and seniors \$2, plus \$3 per pumpkin. Reservations encouraged, (248) 645-3361.

■ **Junior League of Birmingham Pumpkin Patch** - 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26, Shain Park, downtown Birmingham, cookie decorating, pumpkin painting, petting zoo, games, crafts and face painting, (248) 646-2613.

■ **Plays**

■ **"One Very Scary Night"** - 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 25; Friday, Oct. 31 and Saturday, Nov. 1 at Genetti's Hole-in-the Wall, 108 E. Main Center, Northville, \$11.65 adults, \$9.65 children includes lunch and show, call (248) 349-0522 for reservations.

■ **"One Monster After Another"** - 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26, Youtheatre presentation at Music Hall, 350 Madison Ave. in advance, \$8 at the door, call (313) 963-2366.

■ **Meet Belleek Artisan Fiona Greene!**

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Saturday, October 25th

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SWF, 36, long brown/blond, nursing back

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DWF, 37, 5'11", athletic, full-figured, NS,

one child, secure, various interests,

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affectionate, financially secure DWM,

34-50, 5'9", NS. #7539

MOST WANTED

Him: Seriously good-looking, professional

SWM, H/W proportionate, active,

with killer sense of humor. Me: Pretty,

slender, brunette SWPF, 40 something,

great smile and heart, but clueless. Help

me locate this fugitive. #7537

SOLID SECURE GENTLEMAN

Independent SWF, 38, full-figured, working

mother, own home with sense of

humor, seeks male 30+, with a patient

heart, who enjoys watching/participating

in sports, quiet times, nights out, for

relationship. #7538

SATISFACTION GUARANTEED

Attractive SWF, 24, 4'10", 145lbs, blonde/

blue, enjoys movies, quiet evenings at

home, long walks, hockey and local

baseball. Seeking SWM, 25-35, who is

looking for a LTR. #7539

SHALL WE DANCE?

Sweet, slender, shapely, smart, indepen-

dent, blonde beauty. Seeking good-

looking, in shape, cultured, young 50s,

gentleman, for ballroom dancing. #7538

DO YOU BUZZ?

You: 24-28, smart, hard-working, attrac-

tive, sensitive, funny. Knows how to

have a good time. Me: 24, 104lbs,

blonde, smart, blue eyes, smart, hard-

working, likes to hang out and share

quiet times too. #7539

HONESTY IS THE...

best policy. Seeking SWM, 40-52, hon-

est, professional, enjoys exercise, walks,

candlelight dinners, fireplace, cut-

ting, cats, dogs, and a good sense of

humor. #7538

SEXUALLY WHOLESALE

Pettite, Italian DWF, very young 47, NS,

good sense of humor, enjoys eth-

nic dining, comedy clubs, the beach,

seeks attractive DWM with similar

interests, for possible LTR. #7539

COULD CONNECT...

with tall, H/W proportionate, secure, eth-

nic, blonde, 40s, 5'11", 155lbs, med-

ium build, seeks DWM, 40s, 5'11", 155-

lbs, with varied interests, great legs

and good heart, would like to talk to you.

#7538

DOWN-TO-EARTH

DWF, 44, 5'11", 155lbs, NS, mother of

two, employed, affectionate, romantic

and caring, enjoys camping, movies,

music, art, antiques, almost all sports.

Seeking WM with similar interests, for

possible LTR. #7539

HURRY, I'M A GOOD ONE!

Attractive DWF, 50ish, 5'5", 125lbs,

looking for Mr. Nice Guy: a 50ish pro-

fessional SWM, with positive attitude

and great smile, for friendship or more.

#7538

SINCERE REPLIES ONLY

Versatile, romantic SWPF, 43, 5'8",

attractive, medium build, blonde/brown,

NS, good heart, mind, seeks nice-looking,

confident, secure SWM, 35-50, 5'10",

NS, knows how to love, be

loved. LTR. #7538

DOING FOR LOVE...

In all the wrong places. Do you like

petite, classy red heads, moonlight

bawling, country dancing, good music?

Attractive DWF, 40ish, 5'5", 125lbs,

under 50-60 and under 6'10" if so, check

this ad out. #7538

ELAINE SEEKING JERRY

Do you like small packages, full of dynam-

ite? Handicapped with cane, only real men

can diffuse me. DWF, 40ish, red head,

seeks single man, 45-55, serious

inquiries only. #7538

LOOKING FOR UNUSUAL MAN

Attractive SWF, 46-50, 5'6", 125lbs,

Latin, carefully please, I'm looking for

a sense of humor in a down-to-earth,

classy guy, knows how to treat a lady

under 10, nice-looking, open, accepting

of others, financially stable. #5683

HELLO FRIEND

Attractive, intelligent, refined yet fun,

dancer, 31, 5'1", smoker, enjoys int-

imate dining, movies, interesting con-

versation, home life. Seeking intelligent,

tall, classy, marriage-minded gentleman,

50s. #7538

SOUTHERN LADY

Widowed black Christian lady, 40 seeks

Christian black male, 45-55, for friend-

ship and laughter only. #5817

ANTIQUE HUNTER

Cute, outgoing, fun lady, 5'5", long red

hair, slim, wants to meet great guy, 55-

62, to share love of flea markets, ant-

ique shows, travel, etc. Oakland

County, CA. #5648

TIRED OF ADS THAT SAY...

"I'm and petite"? Heavy-set DWF

needs companionship, too. Loves out-

ing, quiet evenings and moonlight

walks. Seeking a companion for possi-

ble LTR. In Plymouth area. #5921

PRETTY BLONDE

Will be your best friend and more, as will

you. We are equal, we respect and en-

joy each other. Affectionate,

upbeat lady, seeks financially secure,

tall gentleman, 45-50. #5922

WARM-HEARTED COUNTRY GIRL

Attractive BPF, mid-40s, 5'4", big brown

eyes, you'll find me to be caring, affec-

tionate, sensitive, attentive, witty, enjoys

freedom, chats, walks along the river,

seeking personality plus, strictly unim-

portant. #5923

61 YEAR-OLD ENTREPRENEUR

Pretty, successful, giving, loving, like

to share love of life with you. Enjoys

dining, swimming, looking for her knight

in shining armor. Any longer, successful,

calcuttan gentleman/45-70, please

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HAPPILY EVER AFTER?

Cute, nice DWF, 35, 5'7", 125lbs, fun,

down-to-earth, one son, NS, enjoys jog-

ging, biking, concerts, travel. Looking for

SWM, 35-40, who's fun, caring, finan-

cially secure, NS, to enjoy life with.

Relationship possible. #7538

I'D LIKE TO WATCH

"Friends" thus far, single mom of

three, 30, straight-forward, honest,

enjoys rollerblading, camping, working

out. Looking for a friend, 28-33,

Relationship possible. #7538

ATTRACTIVE ASIAN

Non-smoking AF, 36, seeks attractive,

health-conscious, dependent-free WM,

30-40, 5'9", for casual dating, possible

LTR. #7537

FULL-FIGURED, FULL OF SPICE

SWF, 25, 225lbs, NS, kind-hearted,

great sense of humor, financially/emo-

tionally secure. Seeking SWM, 25-35,

NS, who's affectionate, honest, and

sincerely looking for love. #5934

PERKY BROWN-EYED GIRL

DWF, 30, 5'11", brown-eyed, romantic,

caring, seeks DWM, 35-43, for

friendly, enjoyable weekends, a little

hand-holding, slow dancing, and good

conversation. #7538

UNCHAINED MELODY

Slim, attractive DWF, 50, NS, seeks

SDWPM, 45-55, 5'8", H/W propor-

tionate, for C&W dancing, rollerblading,

and companionship. West Side Area

#7505

LOOKING FOR PETER PUMPKIN

DWF, 56, 5'3", 130lbs, looking for

SWF, 57+, NS, social drinker, 5'8-63,

a happy gentleman, with a sense of

humor, who enjoys music, dancing,

movies, walking, traveling, and some

quiet times. #7513

LOOKING AND WANTING

Intelligent, attractive SWF, 38, 5'6",

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seeks tall, down-to-earth, intelligent,

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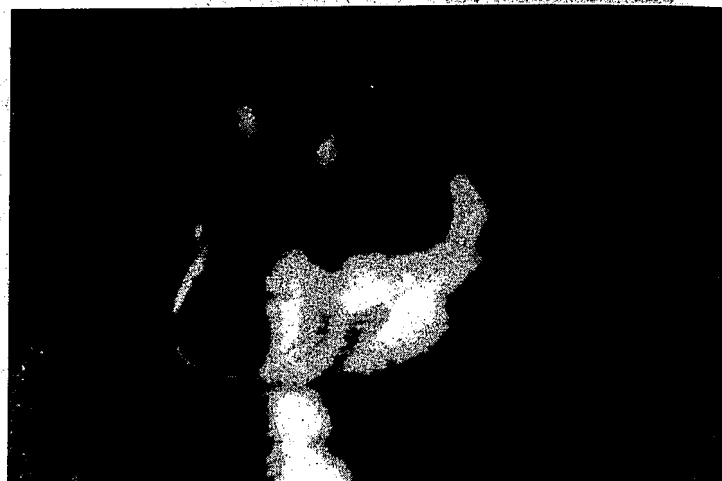
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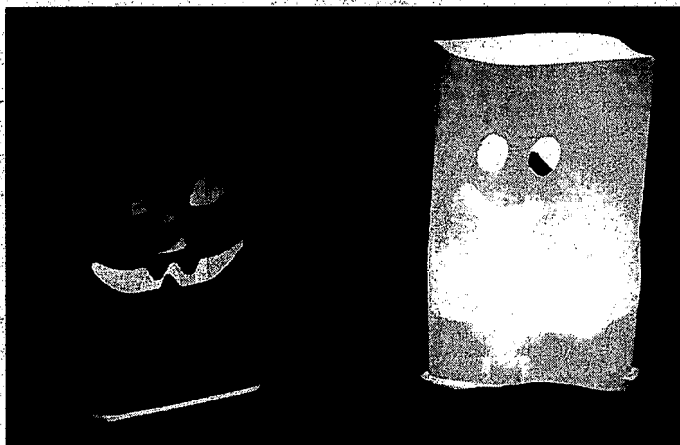
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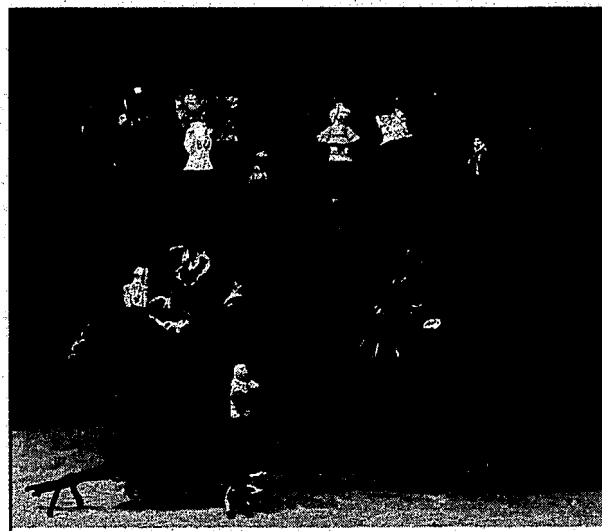
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appliance doctor

Sales people hear consumers' pitch



JOE GAGNON

The past week you could find the Appliance Doctor in Auburn Hills, Mich., speaking to some 200 sales people at the ABC Warehouse world headquarters. I was invited to give my viewpoints on what consumers need in the world of appliance shopping.

I knew that I would be speaking to several of the old timers in the sales game along with many young people, and I was quite apprehensive going in, but that feeling soon changed.

I found the sales force at ABC Warehouse to be very responsive to my comments and I felt that these people really do want to learn.

The key issue of my seminar was to point out that consumers who shop and purchase appliances usually leave a store with a sour face. They had to buy a

product because the old one failed to work or it too expensive to repair. This is a forced expenditure and they have better uses for their money. They come into the store expecting to spend a certain amount and they leave after spending much more. There are so many different brands and models that they fall into a state of confusion while you're giving your sales presentation. After a while the consumer just throws his arms in the air and tells the salesperson, "Tell me what I should buy."

It is up to the salesperson to at least try to make this shopping experience just a little bit pleasant for the shopper. Talk to the consumer, explain the features and qualify the consumer by asking questions about what they want in a product. Point out the fact that in the appliance world the quality and long life of a product is usually dictated by the price itself. Show the consumer the things that are necessary for proper maintenance of the product. Make the consumer understand what they have to

do to add years of life to the product. They don't make them like they used to and the American public knows this to be true. Let the shopper be the focus of your attention and giving them information will guarantee that fact.

Any commitment you make in regards to price, model and delivery is a must factor. The consumer has already been inconvenienced by having to go shopping and they certainly don't want any more. Give the homeowner a few days to get the feel of their new product and give them a call and ask them what they think of it. A little service after the sale sometimes goes a long way in bringing the person back to you.

My dear reader, as many of you know not everyone loves the Appliance Doctor. To be asked by a major retailer to speak to the sales force is indicative of an effort to please their customers. My role as a consumer advocate is to help people and, by golly, this is another door which has opened for your sake. Stay tuned for more to come.

Joe Gagnon, the Appliance Doctor, will answer your questions about maintaining and repairing large appliances. Gagnon is president of Carmack Appliances in Garden City and does a weekly radio program on WJR-AM. He is author of "First Aid from the Appliance Doctor," available at area bookstores.

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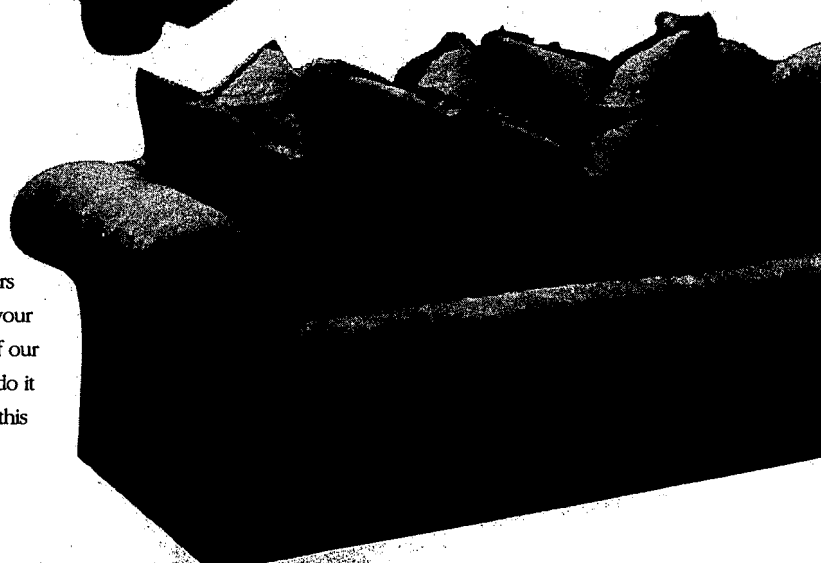
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"At this time of year, use a balanced

fertilizer, one with a ratio of four parts nitrogen to one part phosphorous to two parts potassium," said Doug Sender of the Turf Resource Center.

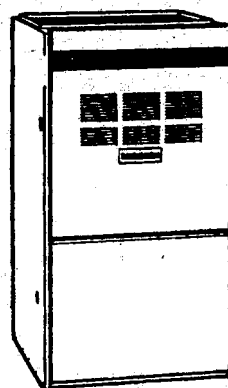
"Look for one with 16-4-8 on the bag, for instance. If the last two numbers are higher, that's fine, too."

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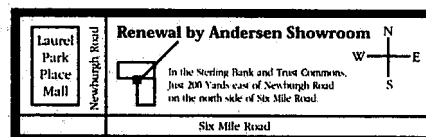
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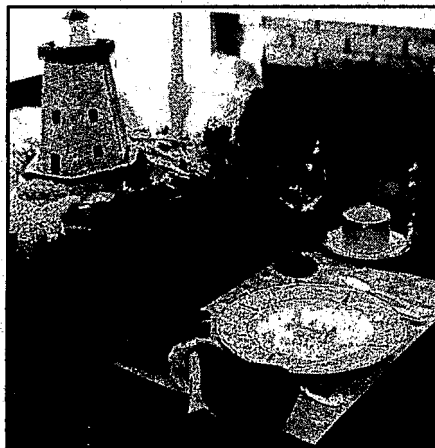
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Preview serves appetizing table settings



Style ahoy: Joan Bawden, above, steered toward Cape Cod in designing her Holiday Table, below. Staff photos by Dan Dean.



By MARY KLEMIC
At Home Editor

Right this way, your table's waiting.

Quite a few tables are waiting, actually, at the Holiday Tables preview 6-8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2, at Jacobson's Home Store in Birmingham.

Holiday Tables is the annual event in which local celebrities decorate tables at Cranbrook House in Bloomfield Hills, the turn of the century English manor house that was the home of Cranbrook founders George and Ellen Booth.

The elegant preview, a benefactor reception, will feature vignettes of 10 festive tables decorated for past Holiday Tables. A look at two of the preview tables suggests it promises to be a tantalizing appetizer for the Holiday Tables event later in the month.

Chris Negro offers "A Traditional Christmas Table from Turin." The table is like a sample of spring. Pink and creamy white roses, lilies, pertosia and other flowers form a pastel bouquet in a silver pitcher in the center, and airy lemon balm and asparagus ferns wind around the edge of the table. The soft rose tablecloth is fashioned from brocade drapery.

White, gold and silver are among Negro's favorite colors.

"I don't do red and green," said Negro, who is active in a variety of committees and projects.

The table is set with charger plates, handpainted by Boston artist Ada Pacchini. The design on the plates features flowers, insects and a gold, basket-like pattern around the edge; each plate is different.

A tiny silver car is by each place setting, a reference to Negro's husband's former job as CEO of Fiat. Silver dating to 1800, antique Sant Lambert crystal and antique arm chairs are also at the table. Negro thanks Mary Teodosic and Barbara Seedman for their help.

Negro enjoys decorating. She has created her own "chandelier" by hanging ornaments from a fishing line on the ceiling. She has placed giant cauliflower heads and giant squash next to bouquets and arrangements; the cauliflower and squash are later eaten.

"I think everyone can be creative if they just look around the home and see what they have."

Interior designer Joan Bawden presents "A Cape Cod Christmas." The table is nautical in nature.

An antique lighthouse model is the centerpiece, placed atop blue cloth. Netting, shells, giant starfish and an artificial lobster circle the lighthouse. Greenery and berries give

a holiday touch.

The china, called Habitat Americana "Regatta" by Omnibus, bears a ship in the center and is edged with nautical flags and directions of the compass. Glasses have blue stems. Gold stars adorn the red place mat and navy blue napkin. The red napkin "ring" suggests a sailor's knot.

Others presenting table vignettes at the preview will be Sybil Jacques, Sophia Kafarski, Susan Leader, Annie Margulis, Judy McCarthy, Millie Pastor, Lynda Scales and Audrey Weinberg.

The preview will also include wine, hors d'oeuvres and informal modeling. Catering will be by the Townsend Hotel.

For information and tickets for Holiday Tables events, call (248) 645-3147.

Preview tickets are \$100 for two people and include one ticket for the patron tea and preview 2-5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20.

The patron tea will take place at Cranbrook House, 380 Lone Pine Road, west of Woodward. The tea will feature modeling of vintage gowns by Aunt Violet's Collection. Tickets are \$35.

The 22nd annual Holiday Tables will take place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 21-22, and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23. Admission is \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door.

For Cranbrook House events, parking and shuttle service will be available at the Christ Church Cranbrook lot across the street.

Participants in this year's Holiday Tables are Rosette Ajluni and Sonia Ajluni Pastore, Jackie Bone, Cranbrook Academy of Art, Cranbrook Gardens Auxiliary, Cranbrook House Auxiliary, Sam Emanuel, Randolph and Rochelle Forester, Franklin Village Garden Club, Marcy Glencer and Dena Dion, Sylvia Hagenlocker, Hudson's, Charlotte Jackson, Linda Kane, Lady Susan Willis Kushner, Marsha Miro, Curtis Posuniak, David Rau, Carol Shaya, Susan Stern and Women of Bloomfield.

Holiday Tables is presented by the Cranbrook House Auxiliary. All proceeds benefit the Cranbrook House.



In the pink: Chris Negro, right, presents a pastel setting with her Holiday Table for Cranbrook, left.

On the cover:

An artificial lobster is one of the accents on Joan Bawden's Holiday Table. Staff photos by Dan Dean.

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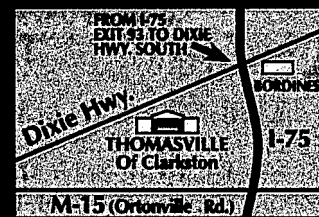
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moist.

5. Water deeply and infrequently for remainder of the season, even in the winter if the weather warrants it.

6. Water late at night or early in the morning.

7. Mow frequently. Remove no more than the upper one-third or one-half of the grass blade; don't remove clippings.

8. Remove leaves as often as possible. Mulch with a mulching mower and leave on the lawn. Thick layers of leaves may need to be raked up first.

9. Thin trees and shrubs to allow more sunlight to reach the lawn.

10. Sharpen and tune the mower before winter storage.

For free brochures, write the Turf Resource Center, 1855 Hicks Road, Rolling Meadows, Ill. 60008.

Go back to No. 3. The Metropolitan Detroit Landscape Association warns that combination products such as a weed-and-feed formula may not give desired results. Herbicides need to be in contact with the plant before it works and often they are formed as pellets that don't adhere to the weeds.

Another consideration is the fact that these products may land on sidewalks and streets and eventually end up into our drains, lakes and rivers, said Larry Wright, president and CEO of the MDLA.



MARTY FIGLEY

Ready for winter: Healthy trees are better prepared to survive winter.

He also suggests to decide if just simply pulling the weeds by hand would be the best solution.

Now to No. 5. Greg Patchen, Oakland County Extension, said that shallow watering, one inch per week, is best for the lawn because the roots are naturally shallow. A spokesperson for Scotts recommends that if shallow watering prac-

tices are followed, they must be done consistently.

As you see, there are generally two schools of thought on many things.

Kim Coder, tree specialist, University of Georgia, prepared the following for the International Society of Arboriculture.

The "Critical Six" things to do for your tree this winter are:

1. Add a thin layer of composted organic mulch to blanket the soil surface.
2. Properly wrap new trees to protect bark.
3. Make small pruning cuts to remove or correct clearly visible structural faults and deadwood.

4. Perform limited greenwood pruning of declining and poorly placed branches.

5. Fertilize with elements needed in small quantities. Add over the mulch layer.

6. Water where soils and trees are cool but not frozen, where there has been little precipitation. Don't overwater.

Marty Figley is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. You can leave her a message by dialing (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then her mailbox number, 1859. Her fax number is (248) 644-1314.

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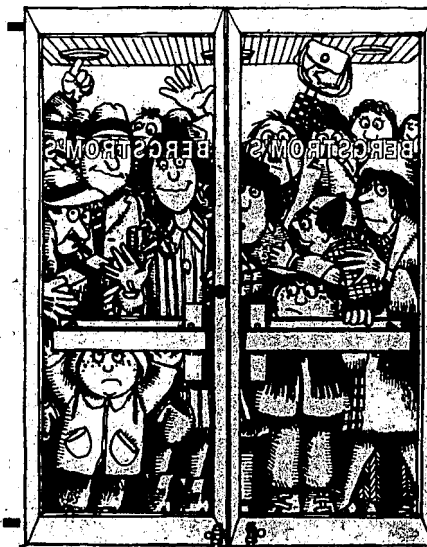
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China bound and sushi minded



RUTH MOSSOK JOHNSTON

I'm on a North-west 747-400 bound for China. In the past four hours, I've had four diet cokes (whole cans, that is), two cups of green tea, and a glass of mineral water...in addition, to all that fluid, I had my dinner - Japanese Style (I'm definitely not flying coach).

The appetizers ranged from traditional sushi to pickled vegetables - beautifully garnished with pickled ginger and a small dollop of wasabi. Next to my platter of apps were two additional plates of pickled veggies - the Asian kinds; bamboo shoots, a beautifully cut Chinese mushroom, and some stuff I'm not sure of, or at least not sure of it, due to the way it has been cut, along with two rectangles of marinated tofu. Accompanying this array of vegetable

splendor; a bowl of cold Soba Noodles (buckwheat) topped with freshly cut green onion and slices of toasted tofu. Next came my entree - I thought I was done...Unagi Chirashi-don a beautifully arranged low bowl of rice topped with small bits of grilled fish, chopped pea pods and ginger, accompanied by a bowl of miso soup, and green tea.

What am I thinking right about now? Doing an article on sushi and delectable Asian cuisine. And what are you thinking right now? Why am I headed for China? I'm accompanying Chef Keith Famie who is on his way to do a Michigan Dinner in Shanghai. Several weeks ago I wrote about the debut of this exciting dinner - now it has come to fruition, and we are in flight. I might add, Keith had the chicken for dinner!

"Ruth, I had Japanese food last night," says Keith with that curious, and somewhat expected smile. We will definitely be doing lots of Asian food for the next eight days, including eating at a snake restaurant on Saturday evening.

Glad I got my hepatitis shot!

In this wonderment of traveling halfway around the world, about eight thousand miles,

I want to share every minute with all of you. For those that read my column faithfully, it is that kind of simpatico, I feel, and want to recreate for you.

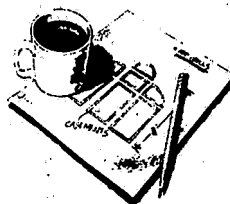
So, let's talk sushi - sushi is Japanese,

not Chinese - it is being served on this flight because we are making a stop in

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Tokyo, and Northwest Airlines wants their customers to have a 'flavor' of where they are headed (they do offer a Western meal as well, for those that prefer Americanized food). Sushi is beautifully prepared with care and grace. The Japanese (and all Asian) cuisine is presented in a beautiful and delicate manner. This form of Asian cuisine can be as complicated as the tea ceremony - but to just look at it from a food perspective - we have to consider the best known sushi in the West is called finger-sushi (nigiri-

zushi) that became popular approximately 200 years ago, as fast food. The second type, is rolled sushi (maki-zushi). Nigiri-zushi often contains a slice of raw fish (or other ingredients), with a smear of wasabi (Japanese horseradish) or hot mustard, and laid atop a finger shaped patty of vinegared sticky rice, and often times strapped with a strip of narrow dried seaweed paper. The entire little bundle is generally solid enough to hold together when eaten with chop sticks and yet seems to melt in your mouth when

you take a bite.

The rolled sushi begins with a dried sheet of nori (seaweed paper), spread with sticky rice, and in the center, a slice of avocado, fish, cucumber, or any other suitable vegetable - then, rolled very tightly, and then sliced and arranged beautifully, ready for the serving. Sashimi is a type of sushi without the rice. The fish can be cooked, uncooked or marinated. Sashimi is often eaten as a prelude to the actual sushi course - or can be an appetizer, or a whole meal.

Some Sushi Tips:

- Make sure if using fish, it is extremely fresh, and you are purchasing it from some you trust.
- The fish is always cut on the bias.
- When dividing the sheet of dried seaweed, cut it with a sharp knife - do not try to pull it apart.
- Slice your vegetables from short lengths - dicing from long vegetables can be difficult.
- Use very sharp knives for cutting.
- Have a bamboo mat for rolling - they can be found in Asian grocery stores.
- Have a bowl of water (with a slice of lemon) handy for wetting the knife, and your hands.
- Use a variety of vegetables and fish - consider colors and textures.
- Arborio rice can be used in making

sushi - this Italian rice used in risotto is short grained and stocky.

■ Use smoke salmon instead of raw fish.

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On a flat surface, lay down one half sheet of nori (seaweed sheet).

Spread a thin layer of sushi rice on the 1/2 sheet of seaweed (approximately 3/8 inch).

If you like sesame seeds - black or white - sprinkle over the rice.

Flip over the seaweed sheet and smear the back side with wasabi (green horseradish paste). Use desired amount.

On the seaweed side, add some thin strips of cucumber and green onion.

Add strips of smoked salmon - add enough so the other ingredients are not the dominant flavors.

If desired, add a strip of cream cheese (optional).

Roll up carefully - cut the roll in half - put the two pieces side by side and the cut two more times to equal 6 pieces. The rice will be on the outside!

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Ruth Mossok Johnston is an author and food columnist who lives in Franklin.

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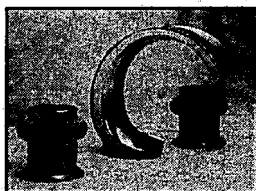
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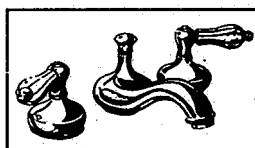
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Halloween tradition is in the bag



LISA LUCKOW-HEALY

Halloween is a time-honored tradition for the kid at heart in everyone.

The holiday actually began more than 2,000 years ago in Great Britain, Ireland and northern France.

At the end of October, the townspeople celebrated the festival of Samhain, the end of harvest season. It was believed that on this night, witches and ghosts filled the air. Huge bonfires were lit to ward off evil spirits.

Villagers in Ireland used to venture door-to-door on Halloween gathering food for a community feast. Townspeople who gave generously were promised a prosperous year, said Carol Barkin and Elizabeth James, authors of "The Holiday Handbook" (Clarion Books, New York). Those who were stingy were

threatened with all kinds of problems.

Halloween didn't become popular in the United States until many Irish people came to the states in the 1800s. Today children dress up in their favorite costumes to carry on a seemingly ageless tradition of going door-to-door throughout the neighborhood in search of treats.

Although you or your teenager may feel you have outgrown the trick-or-treat ritual, Halloween offers something for just about everyone whether it be a bonfire, a haunted house, a hayride through a pumpkin patch, or a costume party.

With Halloween comes another tradition: making a costume for your child or spending quite a bit of money on one that will never be worn again unless it is recycled by a younger child.

However, there is one item you just might pull out every Halloween. The trick-or-treat bag could quite possibly become a family heirloom.

Whether your child uses a plastic

orange jack o'lantern bucket available at just about every local Halloween supply store, or a readily available pillow case, the end result is still the same. The youngster is bound to bring home a bag full of treats.

Building your own family Halloween tradition is really in the bag.

If you grew up with a plastic orange jack o'lantern bucket, chances are the soft plastic handle broke or it was thrown out after your trick-or-treating years when the emotional attachment to it wore off.

Creating a theme-based bag - Begin with a solid color pillow case in the color scheme of your child's costume.

Is your child dressing up as a little angel? Gather some gold fabric for a halo and some colored felt for the angel's face, hair and gown. Cut out the proportionate shapes. You may wish to sew them on, or buy some fusible web at the fabric store and follow the directions for ironing on your pre-cut shapes.

Is your child dressing up as a pirate?

Using the same general ideas as those incorporated into the angel bag, you may wish to design your pirate's bag with a treasure chest, a treasure map or a pirate's face.

Maybe your child's witch costume calls for a treat bag covered with a cauldron, a black cat or a witch hat.

Design a personalized bag - If your child is old enough to design his own trick-or-treat bag, sit down at a table with enough space for art supplies such as fabric paints, fabric pens and glitter pens. Place a piece of cardboard inside the pillow case before your child begins. This prevents the paint from leaking through to the other side.

Once your child has completed his designing, allow the paint to dry for up to 24 hours, or as the instructions indicate on the paint supply containers.

Whether your child's bag is theme-based or individually personalized, it is bound to catch a great deal of attention at a neighborhood Halloween parade or on the neighbor's doorstep.

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Cranbrook Gardens' sale set

BY MARTY FIGLEY
Special Writer

Cranbrook Gardens' 25th annual fall sale will take place one day only, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24.

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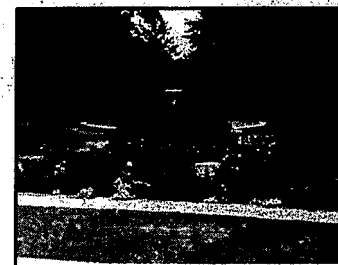
Marty Hair, Detroit Free Press garden columnist and co-author of "Michigan Gardener's Guide," will be present to autograph the book 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Many greenhouse plants - including orchids, ferns, cacti and other exotic plants - will be available, along with natural wreaths, potpourri, handpainted bulb ornaments, gardening boutique items, and spring and forcing bulbs.

"Cranbrook Reflections," the popular award-winning cookbook, will also be offered.

Many volunteers make this sale possible through hours of preparation.

Much polishing, cleaning, garden work and more preceded the arrival of a crew from Arts & Entertainment television this past summer, who arrived to film the home and gardens to tell the story of George and Ellen Scripps Booth,



MARTY FIGLEY

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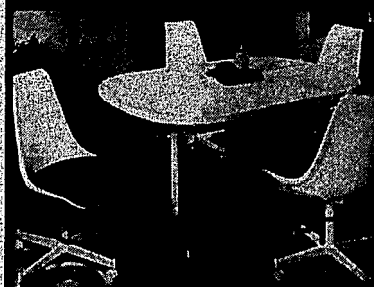


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• The Franklin Community Antiques Show, with more than 30 dealers, will run 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at Franklin Community Church, 32473

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• Richard Webster, author of "Feng Shui For Beginners," will conduct a workshop 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23, in Hudson's furniture department at Oakland Mall in Troy. Learn how the placement of furniture and objects in your home can affect your life. Webster will answer questions and sign bought copies of his book after the presentation. Call (248) 597-2200.

• Louis Comfort Tiffany expert Alistair Duncan will present a slide talk on Tiffany art glass 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, at

Meadow Brook Hall at Oakland University in Rochester in a collaborative program of Meadow Brook Hall and OU's Department of Art and Art History. A selection of Meadow Brook Hall's Tiffany objects will be displayed. A dessert reception will take place 8:15 p.m. Reservations are required. Call (248) 370-3140 for information.

• Second Season, a home furnishings consignment shop at 3860 W. 12 Mile in Berkley, will host a home furnishings seminar Saturday, Oct. 25, to raise money for a Judson Center program enabling children in the center's care to choose a gift for Christmas. Call (248) 414-9026 for reservations.

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BY NORMAN PRADY
SPECIAL WRITER

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After all, these are homemade cookies. Butter, brown sugar, flour, eggs, milk, oatmeal, raisins, salt, baking soda and the sweet taste of love.

These are the same cookies Realtor Pat Hansen has for years served to her three children and lots of friends. These are the same cookies Hansen bakes mornings or evenings, as time allows, and sets out on the round table in the library of her home.

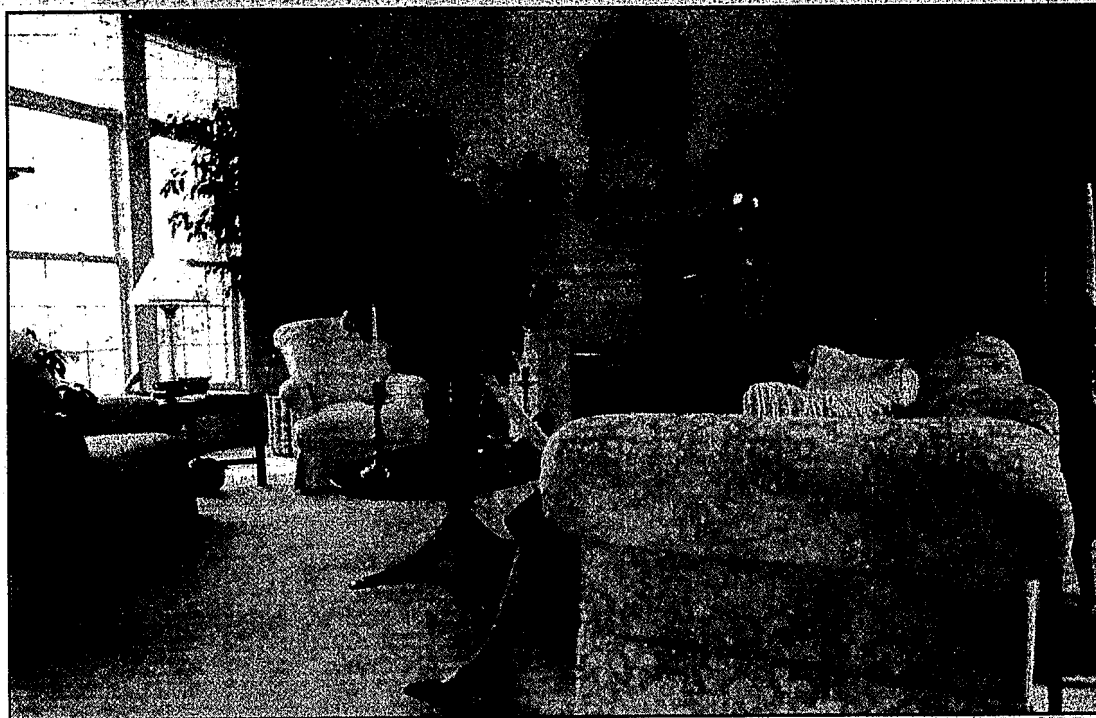
Well, OK, so it isn't really her home. But she'll tell you it feels like her home. And it's where you'll find her during a majority of her waking hours. Hansen, you see, has a job in the real estate specialty of new home sales.

"The goal," Hansen said, thinking of the visitors who come to the fully furnished model home she works in, "is to make them feel like they're going to be living in the home."

Hansen works "very comfortable, very natural setting" in Pine Ridge Estates, a Plymouth Township development by Robert R. Jones Associates. Hansen, 60, of Bloomfield Township is working through her 12th year in new homes.

A self-described lifetime homemaker, Hansen was asked by an acquaintance those dozen years ago to help out at a new-homes special sales event. "I thought it was fascinating to see homes built," she said and decided to watch full time.

Hansen's work has evolved from the job popularly known as house sitter beginning in the post World War II



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JACOVIELLO

Sales counselor: Pat Hansen, a licensed Realtor who serves customers from initial walk-through until closing, says keeping folks comfortable during the long process is a major goal.

renaissance in home building. Back then, a person armed with little more than a folding chair, the morning paper and a roll of Lifesavers would perch in the hollow living room of an empty new house and wait for someone to drop in and ask the price. Sometimes, the sitter was the builder, doubling as salesperson on the weekend when his carpenters' hammers were silent.

Today, the job has titles such as sales counselor and marketing representative and the rooms are anything but hollow, now decorated professionally and furnished fully. And the people are often professional real estate agents.

"It's more like my home than my home," said Elaine Adelson of the half million dollar, 4,000-square-foot house she spends her days.

Adelson lives by daylight at North Oaks Subdivision, Rochester Hills, a development of Singh Homes. She has

neither folding chair nor morning paper because, as she said, there's no sitting around time.

"You don't just sell a house and then you're done," Adelson said. "You sell the house and then you're going to work with the people all during the building process."

She helps her house buyers make selections for the details of their homes, an intimate activity, she said, which fosters friendship and makes her the focus of the buyers' interests and concerns.

Sometimes, a buyer worries, Adelson said, that construction seems to be moving slowly. "Where's my house?" they ask me.

Before she got to new houses, Adelson had been selling used houses but decided she "didn't like chasing around." With a background in retail sales, including a business related to construction, she moved almost four years ago into new

houses.

"I like being in one place. I need more order in my life," Adelson said.

So, too, said Wendy Bratt, who sold used houses long enough "to know I didn't want to do existing real estate." Now in her new specialty, she's been with the Selective Group about 10 years, three at their West Bloomfield development, Maple Creek.

"I think this is probably the most coveted position in real estate because you're not running, driving around," Bratt said. "The customers come into your office. But it's very demanding: The hours. Every weekend."

And it's also very rewarding, according to Bratt, who said she's "in the top five percent" of area persons with her job. "I'm fortunate to have a community that's extraordinarily successful."

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Typical fees for typical mortgages

MORTGAGE SEARCH



DAVID C.
MULLY

O.K. So you're ready to take the plunge and buy your first house. That usually also means that you'll be getting your first mortgage, too.

And in the process of closing, you'll soon find out that there are numerous closing costs associated with mortgages.

If you are curious about the wide variety of fees associated with a mortgage, ask your lender for a copy of the "Good Faith Estimate of Closing Costs," which itemizes fees commonly charged in your area.

The following information is provided by HSH Associates, Financial Publishers. They survey over 150 offices of major lenders and report representative fees that are charged for typical mortgages in major metropolitan areas in 24 states. All fees, including conditional fees, that are actually quoted by each office are reported.

The following list includes some of the most prevalent closing costs charged on first mortgages.

■ Appraisal fee - 89.7 percent of lenders charge an appraisal fee. The average amount charged is \$290. These numbers are on the increase from 1995 data showing 88.7 percent of lenders charged this fee, with the average amount being \$285.

■ Credit report - Fees for credit reporting are also very common, with

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7499 Middlebelt
N.E. Corner of 14 Mile & Middlebelt

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Fall Open House Tour

SUNDAY, OCT. 26 1:00-4:00 P.M.

Cider & Donuts - Served at Each Home



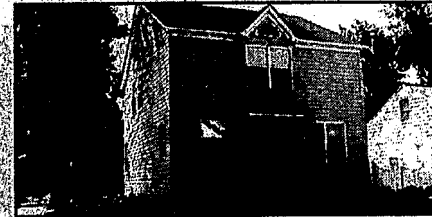
558 Hampton, Wixom-S. of Maple & W. of Wixom
FANTASTIC COLONIAL offers a gourmet oak kitchen with center island. Doorwall that leads to expansive deck. Beautiful family room with fireplace, 1st floor laundry, & lush landscape. Jacuzzi in master bath.
\$209,900 248-851-4100



185 Forest Crest, Commerce-N. of Oakley Park & W. of Commerce
FABULOUS NEW CONSTRUCTION. Lakefront, on Woodbridge Lake. Stunning is the only way to describe the stark contemporary. On a double lot adjacent to dock.
\$499,900 248-851-4100



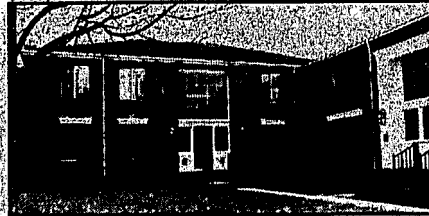
2405 Empire, W. Bloomfield-N. of Square Lk. & W. of Middlebelt
1ST TIME HOME BUYER! West Bloomfield ranch. Updated formica kitchen. Ceramic tile kitchen, dining room, & laundry room. Huge cathedral ceiling family room.
\$139,900 248-851-4100



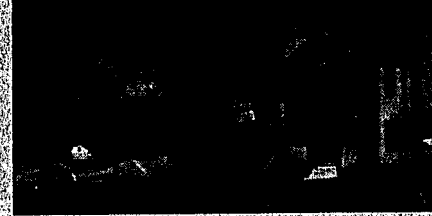
496 George, Birmingham-S. of Brown & W. of Woodward
SOPHISTICATED NEW CONSTRUCTION on corner lot. Finished basement with bedroom, full bath, and rec room. Must See!
\$395,000 248-851-4100



3295 Silver Ridge, Commerce-S. of Gengary & E. of Wixom
UP NORTH FEELING surrounds you in this newer 3 bedroom ranch. Open floor plan, vaulted ceilings, & huge dining kitchen which leads to X-tra large deck.
\$149,888 248-851-4100



30280 Southfield Rd., Southfield-S. of 13 Mile & E. of Southfield
FIRST FLOOR RANCH! Totally updated in the Southfield/Birmingham area. Newer euro white formica kitchen. Well situated in the complex.
\$47,900 248-851-4100



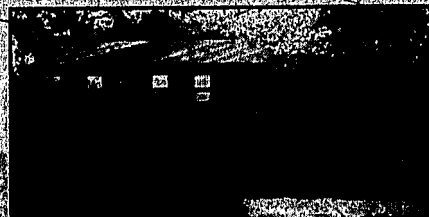
7508 Overdale Court, W. Bloomfield-N. 14 Mile & E. of Haggerty
PICTURE PERFECT HOME in Knollwood Commons. West Bloomfield area. Cul-de-sac location, premium elevation. Great room with fireplace & 3 car attached garage.
\$329,900 248-851-4100



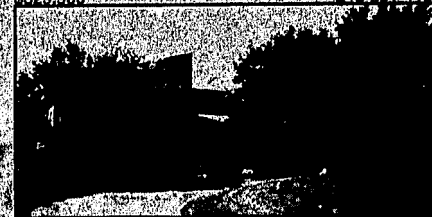
27085 Winchester Ct., Farmington-S. of 12 Mile & E. off of Drake
BETTER THAN NEW! located on quiet cul-de-sac. Mature trees and large lot. Walk-out lower level. First floor master bedroom & much more!
\$465,000 248-851-4100



4880 Inverry, Bloomfield-Twp.-N. of Walnut & E. of Inverry
BOAT & SWIM ON WALNUT LAKE! Ranch home with Birmingham schools with in walking distance of Lake. Large corner lot is newly landscaped. Spacious home. 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms & more.
\$229,000 248-851-4100



11800 Chancelier, Wixom-N. of Loon Lk. Rd. & W. of Bonarain
UNBELIEVABLE! Floor plan in "Highgate on The Lake". 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, family room with cathedral ceiling, fireplace & wet bar. Gorgeous wooded lot.
\$189,900 248-851-4100



4624 Meurs Ln., W. Bloomfield-S. of Lone Pine & E. of Middlebelt
CONTEMPORARY DESIGN. 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath, large living & family room, new carpeting & paint, circular drive, Bloomfield Hills schools, & Walnut Lake privileges.
\$369,900 248-851-4100



1801 Holland, Birmingham-S. of Maple & E. of Adams
CHARMING 3 BEDROOM Bungalow in Birmingham. All neutral, many updates, almond formica kitchen, finished rec room w/bat.
\$150,000 248-851-4100

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LISTED

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real estate closings recorded September 29 - October 3 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.

Auburn Hills

954 Bloomfield Village Blvd \$28,000

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| 1551 Collier Rd \$81,000 | 30555 Oakview Way \$345,000 |
| 970 Coughlan St \$136,000 | Birmingham |
| 2476 Lake Angelus Ln \$141,000 | 1052 Chester St \$335,000 |
| 2237 Old Salem Rd \$118,000 | 1627 Derby Rd \$165,000 |
| 2533 Pontiac Rd \$110,000 | 1727 E 14 Mile Rd Apt B \$55,000 |
| 2150 Willow Rd \$140,000 | 808 Madison St \$310,000 |
| Beverly Hills | 1508 Maryland Blvd \$173,000 |
| 17371 Beechwood Ave \$181,000 | 1860 Maryland Blvd \$199,000 |
| 30650 Embassy St \$240,000 | 1462 Pierce St \$214,000 |
| 20137 Evans Ct \$286,000 | 256 Puritan Ave \$480,000 |
| 31740 Glencoe Dr \$150,000 | 1627 Sheffield Rd \$196,000 |
| 22601 Highbank Dr \$330,000 | 1700 Shipman Blvd \$204,000 |
| 16961 Kirkshire Ave \$163,000 | Bloomfield Township |
| 32055 W Bellview Trl \$345,000 | 5568 N Adams Way \$208,000 |
| 31062 W Rutland St \$144,000 | 1932 Pine Ridge Ct \$375,000 |
| Bingham Farms | 5638 S Adams Way \$215,000 |

HOMES SOLD IN OAKLAND COUNTY

Bloomfield Hills

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| 2822 Aldgate Dr \$230,000 | 1276 Jason Dr \$240,000 |
| 1356 Bramblebush Run # U-78 \$210,000 | 1245 Laura Ln \$134,000 |
| 6200 Crabtree Rd \$255,000 | 4150 Mapleline Rd \$184,000 |
| 6125 Eastmoor Rd \$147,000 | 5295 Oak Hill Trl \$525,000 |
| 6955 Hayland Rd \$220,000 | 2150 Oakbrook Blvd \$175,000 |
| 870 Hidden Pine Rd \$515,000 | 3130 Royal St \$96,000 |
| 2779 Hunters Blf \$578,000 | 345 Starling Dr \$143,000 |
| 538 Newburne Pointe \$200,000 | 6079 Venice St \$200,000 |

Davidsburg

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| 9852 Boulder Ct \$309,000 | 28563 S Harwich Dr \$430,000 |
| 10060 Boulder Pass \$367,000 | 29138 Shenandoah Dr \$306,000 |
| 6522 Country Lane Dr \$159,000 | 27956 Shawassie St \$27,000 |
| 11632 Haylock \$140,000 | 29659 Sierra Point Cir \$179,000 |

Farmington

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| 34144 Alta Loma St \$172,000 | 27919 Trailwood Ct \$527,000 |
| 31831 Grand River #2 \$37,000 | 34154 W 13 Mile Rd \$151,000 |
| 22730 Orchard Lake Rd \$218,000 | 29377 Weatherlane \$325,000 |
| Farmington Hills | 29411 Wellington St \$223,000 |
| 31063 Applewood Ln \$266,000 | Franklin |
| 30114 Ardmore Dr \$154,000 | 30465 Stonegate Dr \$605,000 |
| 25475 Bridle Path Ln \$259,000 | Keego Harbor |
| 33714 Cadillac St \$152,000 | 1637 Beechcroft St \$220,000 |
| 33850 Colfax St \$100,000 | 1659 Cass Lake Rd #d \$85,000 |
| 21042 Colwell St \$104,000 | 2419 Fordham St \$78,000 |
| 23054 Cora Ave \$137,000 | 3009 Glenbrook St \$35,000 |
| 31128 Country Blf \$117,000 | 3227 Pridham St \$85,000 |
| 35664 Cross Crk N \$447,000 | 1845 Rustic Ln \$230,000 |
| 35710 Fredericksburg \$227,000 | Lake Orion |
| 27934 Gettysburg St \$173,000 | 3835 Bald Mountain Rd \$163,000 |
| 29376 Glen Castle Dr \$173,000 | 870 Buckhorn St \$138,000 |
| 35149 Glenary Cir \$214,000 | 626 Crediton St \$88,000 |
| 29550 Highmeadow Rd \$206,000 | 256 Lakeview Dr \$89,000 |
| 30715 Hunters Dr \$132,000 | 256 Lakeview Dr \$56,000 |
| 31129 Hunters Whip Ln \$201,000 | 3819 Red Root Rd \$314,000 |
| 36943 Kenmore Dr \$330,000 | 935 Seabury St \$145,000 |
| 30133 Kingsway Dr \$263,000 | 776 Sherry Dr \$125,000 |
| 31205 Lamar St \$175,000 | 900 Vernita Dr \$128,000 |
| 25271 Leestock \$184,000 | Lathrup Village |
| 37464 Legends Trail Dr \$294,000 | 27774 E California \$172,000 |
| 36496 Lochdale \$184,000 | 26489 Meadowood Ct S \$144,000 |
| 35292 Meadow Ln \$165,000 | 19480 W 11 Mile Rd \$98,000 |
| 33260 Oak Hollow St \$241,000 | Novi |

Clarkston

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| 7115 Bluewater Dr \$195,000 | 28700 Oak Point Dr \$235,000 |
| 733 Bristol Ln \$59,000 | 43508 Castlewood \$251,000 |
| 7810 Brookpines Dr \$69,000 | 30851 Centennial Dr \$172,000 |
| 9304 Dixie Hwy \$140,000 | 23283 Enclave \$258,000 |
| 8510 Harbortowne Cir \$196,000 | 24497 Fairway Hills Dr \$178,000 |
| 6153 Lake Walden Dr \$249,000 | 24826 Joseph \$141,000 |
| 7715 Laven Dr \$113,000 | 41677 Juniper Cir \$147,000 |
| 9807 Oak Valley Dr \$30,000 | 40955 Malett \$130,000 |
| 7359 Oakstone Dr \$80,000 | 42025 Park Rdg \$139,000 |
| 5020 Parview \$200,000 | 22763 Shadowline Way \$174,000 |
| 7515 Old Pond Dr \$151,000 | 24691 Simmons Dr \$182,000 |
| 5020 Parview \$200,000 | 23449 Stonehenge Blvd \$89,000 |
| 4430 Pelton Dr \$141,000 | 22665 Summer Lk \$394,000 |
| 5459 Pheasant Run \$156,000 | 23526 Valley Starr \$167,000 |
| 7761 S Eston Rd \$142,000 | 24235 Weatherlane Ct \$175,000 |
| 9445 Softwater Woods Dr \$161,000 | 45837 Willingham Dr \$408,000 |
| 5019 Timberway Trl \$192,000 | Orchard Lake |
| 5025 Timberway Trl \$193,000 | 4276 Cherry Hill Dr \$415,000 |
| Commerce Township | 3609 Woods Point Dr \$455,000 |
| 327 Annapolis St \$125,000 | Orion Township |
| 6152 Borowy St \$140,000 | 2221 Forest Hills Dr \$193,000 |
| 3163 Brisbane St \$27,000 | 3326 Grafton St \$110,000 |
| 9532 Chaumont St \$180,000 | 2466 Litter Rd \$79,000 |
| 8063 Farrant Ln \$175,000 | 2237 Silver Maple Ln \$201,000 |
| 5405 Inverly Ln \$215,000 | Oxford |

Franklin

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| 30465 Stonegate Dr \$605,000 | 1898 Beaver Creek Dr \$282,000 |
| 1637 Beechcroft St \$220,000 | 1978 Beaver Creek Dr \$65,000 |
| 1659 Cass Lake Rd #d \$85,000 | 1964 Catlin Dr \$253,000 |
| 2419 Fordham St \$78,000 | 1801 Chase Dr \$271,000 |
| 3009 Glenbrook St \$35,000 | 1388 Copper Cir \$248,000 |
| 3227 Pridham St \$85,000 | 4790 Forest Ridge Ct \$405,000 |
| 1845 Rustic Ln \$230,000 | 157 Griggs St \$100,000 |
| Lake Orion | 1009 Inglewood Ave \$167,000 |
| 3835 Bald Mountain Rd \$163,000 | 846 Loggers Cir \$311,000 |
| 870 Buckhorn St \$138,000 | 139 Northwood Ave \$429,000 |
| 626 Crediton St \$88,000 | 460 Springview Dr \$381,000 |
| 256 Lakeview Dr \$89,000 | Rochester Hills |
| 256 Lakeview Dr \$56,000 | 2603 Abington Ct \$265,000 |
| 3819 Red Root Rd \$314,000 | 2132 Avoncrest Dr \$74,000 |
| 935 Seabury St \$145,000 | 1576 Charter Oak Dr \$106,000 |
| 776 Sherry Dr \$125,000 | 1648 Dancer Dr \$156,000 |
| 900 Vernita Dr \$128,000 | 772 Dressler Ln \$154,000 |
| Lathrup Village | 934 Dressler Ln \$140,000 |
| 27774 E California \$172,000 | 3044 Eastwood Dr \$74,000 |
| 26489 Meadowood Ct S \$144,000 | 1975 Fairfield Dr \$205,000 |
| 19480 W 11 Mile Rd \$98,000 | 1550 Grandview Dr \$205,000 |
| Novi | 2170 Grose Pines Dr \$305,000 |
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| 43508 Castlewood \$251,000 | 1256 Harvard Dr \$237,000 |
| 30851 Centennial Dr \$172,000 | 3602 Heron Ridge Dr \$438,000 |
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| 24497 Fairway Hills Dr \$178,000 | 451 John R Rd \$145,000 |
| 24826 Joseph \$141,000 | 2777 John R Rd \$161,000 |
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| 40955 Malett \$130,000 | 2710 Longview Ave \$139,000 |
| 42025 Park Rdg \$139,000 | 255 Maryknoll Rd W \$216,000 |
| 22763 Shadowline Way \$174,000 | 1556 Meadow Side Dr \$84,000 |
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| 23526 Valley Starr \$167,000 | 643 Pioneer Dr \$269,000 |
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| 45837 Willingham Dr \$408,000 | 610 Sea Brook Dr \$269,000 |
| Orchard Lake | 1628 Treedale Dr \$247,000 |
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| 3609 Woods Point Dr \$455,000 | 271 Whitney Dr \$187,000 |

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| 2221 Forest Hills Dr \$193,000 | 18945 Adrian St \$154,000 |
| 3326 Grafton St \$110,000 | 17247 Alta Vista Dr \$170,000 |
| 2466 Litter Rd \$79,000 | 27328 Apple Blossom \$183,000 |
| 2237 Silver Maple Ln \$201,000 | 18751 Bainbridge Dr \$175,000 |
| Oxford | 29474 Candlewood St \$102,000 |
| 685 Akram \$145,000 | 25029 Champaign # 3d \$95,000 |
| 1630 Harvard Ct \$151,000 | 25180 Constitution St \$105,000 |
| 13 Pontiac St \$138,000 | 21128 Evergreen Rd \$50,000 |
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| 139 Northwood Ave \$429,000 | 16239 Meadowood Ave \$174,000 |
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| Rochester Hills | 28704 Selkirk St \$90,000 |
| 2603 Abington Ct \$265,000 | 19861 Silver Spring St \$150,000 |
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EXCELLENT LOCATION & NEIGHBORHOOD! Yard backing to woods and golf course. Doorwall off dining area to deck. Door to bath off master bedroom, partially finished basement. Extra parking on side of garage. 3 bedrooms, 1½ baths and MUCH MORE! Priced at \$169,900 (1950M) 820-7200

OPEN SUNDAY 1-4

540 Berwyn
S. of Maple, E. of Cranbrook

BIRMINGHAM - CLASSIC GEORGIAN COLONIAL

- Situated on 1.5 lots with circle drive
- Gracious foyer, large living & formal dining rooms
- 3,531 square feet, 5 bedrooms, 4 full & 2 half baths
- Library, hardwood floors through-out, white kitchen

\$619,900 646-6000 754101

OPEN SUNDAY 1-4

2548 Norwood
S. off Square Lk., W. of Woodward

BLOOMFIELD TRANSITIONAL CHARMER!

- Soaring, sunny great room, plus cozy library
- Huge kitchen, breakfast nook, & family room areas
- Oversized master w/gigantic closet & whirlpool tub
- 4 bdms, 2 1/2 baths, treed yard, Bloomfield schools!

\$599,900 646-6000 759553

OPEN SUNDAY 1-4

128 Knorrwood Ct.
S. of Snell, W. of Rochester

OAKLAND TWP. - KNOXWOOD PINES NEW BUILD

- Outstanding estate size premium acre court lot
- Three full baths & 2 half baths, deluxe master suite
- Dramatic 2 story great room with 2-way fireplace
- Dual staircases, 3 car garage, upscale kitchen/hearth room w/fireplace, extensive wood flooring

\$489,900 651-8850 749261

OPEN SAT & SUN 1-4

3789 Rosewood Ln.
S. off Tienken, W. of Adams

ROCHESTER HILLS - BREATHTAKING 3,400 SQ. FT.

- New build ready for occupancy, other sites available
- Soaring ceiling in great room, hardwood floors in foyer, great room & library/den, 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths
- Gas fireplace, brick & stone exterior, Intercom system - can be duplicated!

\$465,000 689-8900

OPEN SUNDAY 2-5

8520 Kelly Lk. Dr.
N. of Davisburg Rd., E. of Dixie Hwy.

CLARKSTON - PRIVATE NATURAL SETTING

- Tudor style new build with covered veranda
- Custom cabinetry, 5 sets of French doors, 3 1/2 baths
- Family room adjoins kitchen & breakfast nook
- Four bedrooms, 3 car side entry garage
- Walk-out lower level - premium construction

\$446,500 651-8850 749587

OPEN SUNDAY 1-3

2786 Creek Bend
N. of Long Lk., E. of Adams

SPECTACULAR TROY HOME!!!

- First floor master w/luxurious bath & double closets
- Cooks dream kitchen with custom features
- Open bridge upstairs, 3 more bedrooms with Jack & Jill bath - premium park-like setting, in-ground pool

\$398,500 689-8900 758304

FARMINGTON HILLS - LUXURIOUS LIVING

3000 sq. ft. w/soaring ceilings in sunlit great room

FARMINGTON HILLS - LUXURIOUS LIVING

- Fabulous setting boarding private commons
- 3,000 sq. ft. w/soaring ceilings in sunlit great room
- Master suite showcases jetted tub, gourmet kitchen w/nook, bridge overlooks great room, formal dining

\$329,900 626-9100 760396

FARMINGTON - TALL TREES & LUSH LAWN

Chef's delight kitchen with built-ins, sweeping circular staircase in foyer, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths

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- Chef's delight kitchen with built-ins, sweeping circular staircase in foyer, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths
- Sunlit family room with fireplace, extensive decking and brick paver walkways, three car garage

\$329,900 626-9100

OPEN SUNDAY 1-3

2529 Valleyview
N. of Long Lk., W. off Beach

TROY - LOVE IS

- Security, beauty & comfort for your family!
- It's all here in this spotless 4 bedroom Troy Colonial
- Extensive updating - windows, roof, kitchen & baths
- Beautiful 'park-like' setting has private patio

\$314,900 689-8900 761500

OPEN SATURDAY 1-4

2501 Tower Hill Ln.
N. of Tienken, W. of Brewster

ROCHESTER HILLS - FRENCH COLONIAL

- Choose your master suite! Over 3,600 sq. ft.
- Moldings through-out, 2 Strauss crystal chandeliers
- Marble & driftstone fireplaces, sun tinted windows
- Intercom system, central vacuum & security system
- Four bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths & many more updates!

\$299,000 651-8850 752252

OPEN SUNDAY 1-4

1250 Lake Jason Dr.
W. of Round Lk., S. from Cedar Is.

WHITE LAKE TWP. - BEAUTIFUL CONTEMPORARY

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WEST BLOOMFIELD - BIRMINGHAM SCHOOLS

- Walk to Knollwood Country Club
- Serene park-like setting on approximately 2 acres
- Four bedrooms, walk-out family room, refinished hardwood floors, 2 fireplaces plus 3 1/2 baths

\$299,000 683-8900 756152

WEST BLOOMFIELD - BACKING TO WOODS

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- Freshly painted & beautifully maintained Contemporary offers kitchen with Jenn-Air & oak floor
- Top quality amenities, great room with fireplace
- Circle drive & side entry garage, alarm system, deck

\$279,900 646-6000 761537

OPEN SUNDAY 1-4

1102 Hackberry Circle
S. of Tienken, W. off Livernois

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 Ask For: Cecelia Brown 656-4401

OPEN SUNDAY 1-4

5567 Swan Lk.
S. off Walnut Lk., W. of Middlebelt

WEST BLOOMFIELD - ESTATE GARDEN

- Immaculately maintained Colonial offers hardwood under carpet and leaded glass doors off foyer
- Two-way fireplace in family & breakfast rooms
- Circular deck with outstanding BBQ grill

\$269,900 646-6000 747257

OPEN SATURDAY 1-4

5994 Petros
N. of Greer, W. of Hiller

WEST BLOOMFIELD - BAY WINDOW IN MASTER

- Spacious master bedroom with Jacuzzi & walk-in closet, full walk-out lower level to pond & nature area
- Family room off kitchen with cathedral ceiling & fireplace, 3 bedrooms, almost 2,300 sq. ft.

\$245,000 683-8900 761770



WEST BLOOMFIELD - BEAUTIFUL IN & OUT

- Brick paver walk-ways, landscaping & newer drive
- Great finished basement w/wet, office, bedroom
- Hardwood floors, deck, newer furnace, well, windows
- Three bedrooms, 2.5 baths, security system

\$229,900 683-8900 762626

OPEN SUNDAY 1-4

2474 Ogden
N. of Lone Pine, E. of Middlebelt

BLOOMFIELD HILLS SCHOOLS - A RARE FIND

- Over 1/2 acre, large ranch with finished basement
- New Cherry wood kitchen, marble foyer, hardwood floors, carpeting, 1/2 bath, ceramic 1st floor laundry

\$248,600 Ask For: John J. Emerson 539-8150

OPEN SATURDAY 2-5

1132 Hemlock
E. of Livernois, N. off University

ROCHESTER - WALK TO PARK, TRAILS & SHOPS

- Great location! Wonderfully maintained Colonial with updated windows, water heater, roof, kitchen & foyer
- Hardwood floors in bedrooms, central air, fireplace
- Partially finished basement, seller is license agent

\$214,900 Ask For: Juanita Mallmann 656-4405

OPEN SUNDAY 1-4

420 Second, W.
S. of University, W. off Rochester Rd.

ROCHESTER - SPACIOUS & VERSATILE

- Brick 11 room, 2 1/2 bath in-town charmer
- Beautifully refinished hardwood floors & built-ins
- Plaster walls - full basement, treed, fenced yard
- Two 2 car garages plus workshop - new shingles

\$209,900 651-8850 740608

OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

10860 Vicki Jean Lane
1 Mile E. of US-23, S. off Grand River

BRIGHTON - PRIVATE DRIVE

- Almost an acre w/all sports Island Lake access
- Beautiful in-ground pool - Brick 4 bedroom ranch
- Bay window in great room, 3 baths, 2 fireplaces
- Finished 2 ar heated garage with loft

\$204,900 Ask For: Donna Palmer (810) 629-6263 ext. 150

OPEN SUNDAY 1-4

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S. of Hamlin, W. of Rochester

ROCHESTER HILLS - OAK CORNICES & TRIM

- Freshly painted inside & out, satellite dish stays
- Ceiling fans plus central air, snack counter in kitchen
- Three bedrooms, 2 full baths, natural fireplace
- Lovely plantings, backing to trees

\$199,900 Ask For: Eleanor Feeley 656-4404

OPEN SUNDAY 1-4

12373 Windcliff
N. of Davisburg, W. off Tindall

DAVISBURG - STUNNING 1993 BUILT COLONIAL

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- Three bedrooms, partly finished walk-out basement
- Brick & wood exterior!

\$187,950 625-5700 746705

SOUTHFIELD - OVER 2,300 SQUARE FEET

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- Kitchen with nook & cove for a desk
- Natural fireplace & wet bar in family room
- Newer furnace & central air, 3 bedrooms
- Hardwood floors, 2 1/2 baths & doorwall to patio

\$169,900 683-8900 762249

OPEN SUNDAY 1-3

30878 Winton
N. of 18 Mile Rd.

STERLING HEIGHTS - BEST BUY ON THE BLOCK

- Great room ranch, 3 spacious bedrooms, 2 baths
- First floor laundry, bay windows, cathedral ceilings
- Professional landscaping w/sprinklers, cedar deck
- Immaculate! Better than new with all the updates!

\$164,900 689-8900 758007

OPEN SUNDAY 1-4

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S. off Plymouth, W. of Newburg

LIVONIA - IDEAL LOCATION OF DEAD END STREET

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- Island kitchen with light oak cabinets plus pantry
- Main floor laundry, 3 bedrooms, newer central air
- Professionally landscaped with fenced backyard

\$157,500 626-9100 760139

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N. of 12 Mile, W. of Crooks

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

OPEN SATURDAY 1-4

1387 Ruffner
E. off Adams, N. of Woodward

BIRMINGHAM - LIGHT, BRIGHT & AIRY

- Super clean with newer white kitchen, bath, paint and wall paper, doorwall leads to deck
- Hardwood floors, 3 bedrooms, beautiful tree lined street with sidewalks - walk to school & shops

\$149,900 646-6000 727895

OPEN SUNDAY 1-4

111 Walnut Blvd.
S. of University, W. of Main

ROCHESTER CONDO IN-TOWN LIVING WITH STYLE

- Professionally decorated & beautifully appointed
- Custom Oak kitchen includes all appliances
- Finished lower level with full bath
- Gas fireplace, attached garage

\$149,900 Ask For: Nancy Ritter 656-4420

OPEN SUNDAY 1-3

5968 Northfield Parkway
N. of Long Lk., E. of Chicago

TROY - CHARMING CHARM CHARM

- Fantastic Northfield Hills - Troy condo with garage
- Three bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, library, updated kitchen
- Desirable end unit, enclosed patio, full basement
- Beautiful area has pools/house/tennis. Troy High

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LATHERUP VILLAGE - ATTRACTIVELY PRICED

Blended on dead end street with freshly painted exterior, patio and sprinkler system

LATHERUP VILLAGE - ATTRACTIVELY PRICED

- Blended on dead end street with freshly painted exterior, patio and sprinkler system
- Two story with 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, newer carpet
- In front family room, refaced kitchen cabinets

\$138,000 626-9100 761862

DOWNTOWN ROYAL OAK

Charming home on 1 1/2 lots just off Main Street

DOWNTOWN ROYAL OAK

- Charming home on 1 1/2 lots just off Main Street
- It's a wonderful feature include arched doorway, wood doors & banister plus kitchen with snack bar
- Built-in shelves, hardwood under carpeting, patio

\$129,900 646-6000 762555

ROYAL OAK - ON DOUBLE LOT

Charming 3 bedroom ranch with open floor plan

ROYAL OAK - ON DOUBLE LOT

- Charming 3 bedroom ranch with open floor plan
- Close to town - Never white kitchen, roof & central air
- Fourth bedroom in basement, shed, fenced yard
- seller will consider offers between

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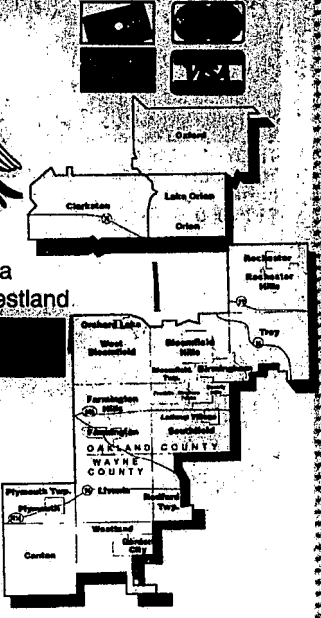
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One of the essential steps in selling a house is the showing. Many factors dictate how many showings a property will receive. Of course, location, price and condition have a major impact. It is also important to make the home available to potential buyers when they want to see it. If the owner is at home to arrange for the buyers to come through, there is no problem.

If the buyer is not available to schedule a showing, Realtors have developed a device called a "lock box." This is a strong metal box that hangs on the front door knob of the home for sale. When a Realtor wants to show the property while the owner is away, a combination on the lock box allows access to the box which contains the key to the front door. Here are some of the advantages to lock boxes:

MORE SHOWINGS

Lock boxes help the seller permit access to the house when he or she is away. Those homeowners not using such devices could lose opportunities for buyers to see their property. This is especially true of transferees. They are usually in town for a matter of a few days and cannot wait to see a house only when the seller is available to show it. The transferee is the best prospect because he or she is motivated and financially able to buy quickly.

TIME SAVINGS

Lock boxes enable buyers and their Realtor to see more homes in a given time period. Before the introduction of this concept, a Realtor and his or her customer would have to travel to the real estate office which had the property listed in order to obtain the key to the house. After the showing, a return trip was necessary to bring the key back to the office.

ADVICE: The lock box is another innovation used by Realtors to sell your home. Ask about it when you list your home.

303 Open Houses
BEVERLY HILLS OPEN SUN 2-5
1920 Devonshire
W of Southfield S of 14
Fresh clean & open describes this ranch, 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, family room, fireplace in living room, attached garage. Finished rec room and office. Brand new roof!!! Reduced \$274,900. Birmingham schools & great accessibility.
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15588 BUCKINGHAM
E. of Old Pierce S. of 14 Mile
Rare find in much sought after Beverly Hills Neighborhood with incomparable BIRMINGHAM SCHOOLS. Many recent updates, newer kitchen, maintenance free aluminum trim, on this 3 bedroom brick ranch. True lined street. Much more. \$165,500
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303 Open Houses
BEVERLY HILLS - Open Sun. 1 to 4pm.
32240 Auburn Dr. Classic brick colonial, 1800 sqft., 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 baths. \$235,000. (248) 642-5502

303 Open Houses
--BIRMINGHAM--
OPEN SUNDAY 2-4
Outstanding new kitchen and baths. Hardwood floors, French doors, finished basement. Large private back yard. Convenient location to schools. Plan to see 451 MERRITT LANE (S of Maple & E. of Larches). \$291,900. (MER451)
HANNETT-WILSON & WHITEHOUSE
(248) 646-6200

303 Open Houses
BLOOMFIELD OPEN SUN. 1-4PM
4033 CHARIOT CROSS
N. of Waverly, W. of Adams Rd. RENOVATED CONTEMPORARY RANCH - On over an acre, totally wooded lot. Open floor plan w/2 bedrooms, 2 baths, great room & dining room combo, beautiful country kitchen, fireplace, family room, fireplace, cathedral ceilings & skylights. Wonderful master suite has bath w/whirlpool & shower. Owner very motivated. \$359,000.
Call SHARI FINEMAN
Cranbrook
(248) 626-8700

303 Open Houses
CANTON OPEN SUN. 1-4
41100 Proctor
S. of Cherry Hill, E. of Sheldon
UPDATED COLONIAL
Walk to elementary school! Fabulous 3 bedroom colonial updated & beautifully decorated throughout. Large deck off door w/overlook lovely landscaped yard. Come take a look! Asking only \$139,900
COLIN & DEBORAH
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Direct Line (810) 406-9027

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LIVONIA - Open Sun 1-5. By owner. 14630 Melrose, W. of Merriman, N. of Lyndon. 1,147 sq. ft. ranch, 4 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, open floor plan. \$125,900. 313-425-8645

303 Open Houses
--BLOOMFIELD--
PRIVATE SETTING
OPEN SUNDAY 1-4
Spec home with 12,000 sq. ft. of amenities: oak island kitchen with Corian countertops and top-of-the-line appliances; family room with limestone fireplace and wet bar; library with marble topped wet bar; master with jacuzzi and shower; finished walk-out with bath and sauna; inground gunite pool with 3,000 sq. ft. of decking. Plan to see 1017 GREEN-TRIE (N. of Long Lake Road & W. of Adams). \$549,700 (GRE1017)

303 Open Houses
HANNETT-WILSON & WHITEHOUSE
(248) 646-6200
BLOOMFIELD VILLAGE
OPEN SUNDAY 2-4
Charming home with many updates, 1994 model 1997 windows, 1996 enclosed Florida room, lovely hardwood floors, walk-in closets in all bedrooms. Fenced back yard. Birmingham schools. Immediate occupancy. Plan to see 3536 S. BRADWAY BLVD (N. of Maple & E. of Adams). \$499,500 (GRE1017)

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CANTON OPEN SUN. 1-4
7996 Brampton
N. of Warren, W. of Beck
OVER 2700 SQ. FT.
Why build? This 2-year new, 2,700 sq. ft., 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath colonial is ready to go! Neutral decor, "oak trim throughout". Extra-large lot backing to common area. Asking \$295,900.
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Re/Max Crossroads
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303 Open Houses
CLAWSON OPEN SUN. 12-4
927 Hendrickson, N. of 14 Mile E. of Rochester Rd. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, central air, new windows, hardwood floors, 2 1/2 car garage, huge lot. \$144,900. (248) 588-0253

303 Open Houses
--FRANKLIN--
OPEN SUNDAY 1-4
Commanding pilared 4 bedroom 2 1/2 bath colonial in a pretty setting of nearly an acre. Large master layer, gourmet kitchen, large family room, Florida room. Quality throughout. Plan to see 25414 TWEEDE (S of 13 Mile & E. of Franklin). \$409,900 (TWE254)
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LIVONIA IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY
on this 1,863 sq. ft. brick and new vinyl sided and trim home offering new thermal windows, bay window, and skylight in living room, new furnace and central air, new roof, oversized 2 1/2 car garage w/220 line, hardwood floors under carpeting, new interior doors and entrance doors and tons more. \$151,900 or Less! S. Plymouth, W. Farmington, enter on Cindy. For more info CALL KEN GENTILE
at 248-473-6203
Page 810-607-8008
Re/Max Great Lakes

303 Open Houses
NOVI - Open Sun 1-5. 4 bedroom, 3 bath brick ranch, family room, fireplace, deck, sprinklers, partially finished basement. 45369 Dunbaron. \$224,900. (248) 344-0846

303 Open Houses
OPEN SUNDAY, OCT 26TH
Noon-3PM
4321 Meadowlark Ct.
N. off Waverly W. of Adams
Hickory Heights, superb 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath ranch on private cul-de-sac. Features living room fireplace, formal dining room, family room. Many updates. \$194,900.
SUZETTE M. BOC
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OPEN SUNDAY 1PM-4PM
28185 ALYCEKAY
N. of 12, E. of Orchard Lake
Farmington Hills
Updated 3/4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home with 3 car attached garage on one acre. Great value! Only \$182,900.
Call LEON KELLY
Re/Max on the Trail
(313) 459-1234

303 Open Houses
OPEN SUNDAY 2 TO 5
People who like people should move into this friendly neighborhood. Check 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 car garage. Ranch with full basement and all the updates. South Redford schools. \$104,900. 14010 Sarasota, Redford.
Call Ken Young.



TROY - Lovely 2 bedroom end unit Townhouse Condo in Northfield Complex. 1½ bath, rec room, pool and tennis court. \$125,900 (24BRE) 248-642-8100



WATERFRONT FAMILY HOME - 4 bedroom home offering fantastic views, large open family room with fireplace. Hardwood floors, many updates thru-out. \$239,900 (55FOX) 248-363-1200



AUBURN HILLS - Desirable Bloomfield Orchards Sub. 3 bedroom, tri-level with fireplace in family room and a great Florida room overlooking fenced yard. New roof in '89-90. Newer carpet. One year home warranty! \$129,900 (52JAM) 248-524-1600



BIRMINGHAM - 4,000 sq. ft. renovated historic house. Intown Birmingham. 4 bedroom, 3 bath, 2 lavs, dream kitchen, dynamite master bedroom suite, 3 fireplaces, hardwood, recessed lights. \$599,900 (05TOW) 248-642-8100



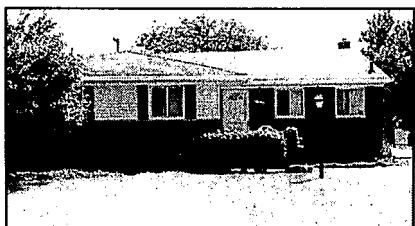
NEW SHYLO CUSTOM HOME - This new 3 bedroom, 2½ bath is landscaped with sprinkler system, deck, central air, stove & dishwasher. It offers a walk-out basement and large master suite. Custom features throughout. \$219,000 (09CAR) 248-363-1200



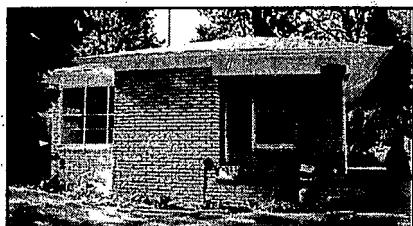
ALL BRICK RANCH with 3 bedrooms and 2 full baths. Finished basement with full kitchen/workshop. Family room with fireplace. Nicely landscaped lot. Much more! \$159,900 (16ROW) 248-524-1600



PRIVATE RETREAT (1.3 acres). Just minutes from everything. First floor master suite, gourmet kitchen, professionally landscaped and decorated, daylight basement. \$397,600 (50ADA) 248-652-8000



FARMINGTON - Spacious 3 bedroom brick Ranch home. Extra large living room, hardwood floors, newer roof, ceramic flooring in kitchen and entrance foyer. Master bath and fabulous finished basement with wet bar. 2 car garage. \$149,900 (60FAR) 248-642-8100



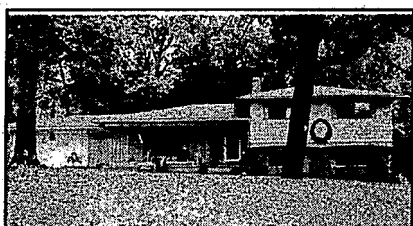
GREAT BUY IN NOV! Close to x-ways & malls. Lake privileges. Walled Lake schools. 3 bedroom ranch, full basement, many updates. Hurry! \$109,900 (50PAR) 248-363-1200



BETTER THAN NEW! Move right into this charming 4 bedroom, 2½ bath colonial. Updated inside and out. Hardwood floors, beautiful wooded lot & much more. Hurry won't last long! \$249,900 (31BY) 248-626-8800



FARMINGTON HILLS - 2 story Tudor on cul-de-sac. Large private yard exquisitely landscaped including brick patios and boulders. 4 bedrooms, 2½ baths, 1st floor office/library, huge great room with vaulted ceiling and skylights. 3+ car garage - many extras! \$353,990 (77STO) 248-642-8100



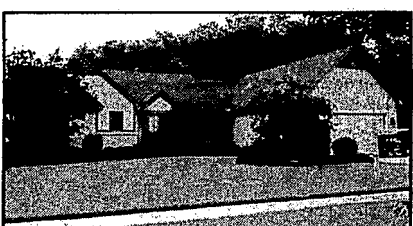
LOTS OF LIVING SPACE - Brick home, open floor plan, hardwood floors, on up north feeling fenced yard. Also has lake privileges on Union Lake. Big lot, cove ceilings, fireplace. \$178,500 (00CAS) 248-363-1200



TROY - 4 bedrooms, 2½ bath colonial with great floor plan. Newer kitchen floor and garage door. Finished basement w/wet bar, first floor laundry, sprinkler system and alarm system. Freshly painted interior. \$229,000 (50WE) 248-626-8800



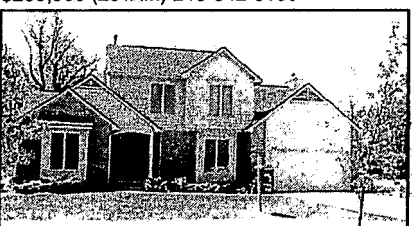
WEST BLOOMFIELD - Spacious quad level in great neighborhood. Close to shopping and schools. This super clean home has 4 bedrooms, 2½ baths, move-in condition. Hardwood floors, balcony off master bedroom, central air. 1 year Home Warranty. \$209,900 (26TAM) 248-642-8100



BEAUTIFUL 1700 sq. ft. 3 bedroom great room. Ranch backing to trees. Full basement. Cathedral studio ceilings. First floor laundry and 2½ baths. 18x16 deck. Central air and sprinkler system. All this and located in Troy. \$219,900 (75JUD) 248-524-1600



WATERFORD - Get hooked on convenient living! Well-maintained three-bedroom ranch built in 1990. 20x20 garage, 10x10 shed with loft. Gem of a house. Call today! \$113,900 (47SI) 248-626-8800



WEST BLOOMFIELD - 4 bedrooms, 2½ baths, fabulous floor plan, large master bedroom with bath. Spacious kitchen with all newer appliances. Neutral throughout. Land contract available. \$247,900 (08STA) 248-642-8100



TROY - 3 bedroom ranch home with a beautifully landscaped lot. Updates include hot water heater, newer furnace and central air, roof sealed '94. New dishwasher and tile in kitchen. Newer carpet and paint. \$142,900 (41GLE) 248-524-1600



GORGEOUS - 3 bedroom, 2 full bath contemporary boasts cathedral ceilings, fabulous master suite, skylights, living room, dining room. Finished basement with office/4th bedroom. Great deck. Cass Lake privileges. \$147,500 (13CA) 248-626-8800



COMMERCE LAKEFRONT - 2 bedroom cottage with 70' of frontage. Updated ranch has living room w/fireplace, eat-in kitchen with doorwall & room to expand. Move-in or tear down! \$164,900 (03VOL) 248-363-1200



JUST LISTED! 3 bedroom brick ranch in mint condition. Features and benefits of new construction with an open floor plan that's ideal for entertaining. Formal dining room, family room with fireplace. Finished basement, 2 car garage. \$152,900 (24RHO) 248-524-1600



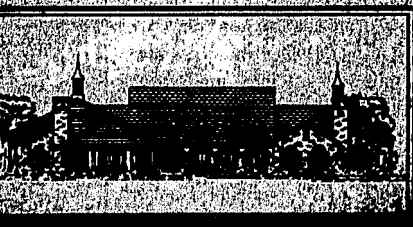
WATERFORD - 3 bedroom, 2½ baths great room gas fireplace, 2 car attached garage. Built in 1995, deck, boat docking. 2 minutes to Otter Lake. Private backyard. Wonderful home! \$189,000 (11BA) 248-626-8800



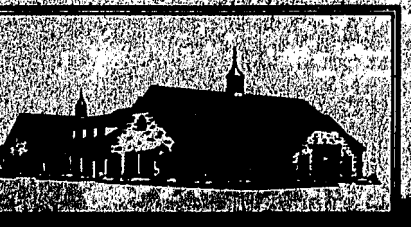
CLARKSTON LAKEFRONT - Non-sports, spring fed Round Lake home with new wing. 1st floor master, cathedral ceiling, 2 full baths. Newer roof and siding, some windows, still needs additional work. Fantastic view! \$154,900 (95MAT) 248-652-8000



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PRIVATE RETREAT (1.3 acres). Just minutes from everything. First floor master suite, gourmet kitchen, professionally landscaped and decorated, daylight basement. \$397,600 (50ADA) 248-652-8000



QUALITY 3 bedroom, 2 full bath Troy ranch. Updates thru-out include roof, driveway, walkway, water heater, sump pump, exterior and interior paint. 3 car side entry garage. \$339,000 (58MOO) 248-524-1600



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WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE deer & wildlife feeding in your backyard, yet be close to town & shopping? Then you must see this 4 bedroom, 2½ bath sprawling ranch home on a huge lot. \$229,900 (72WIM) 248-652-8000



CLARKSTON LAKEFRONT - Non-sports, spring fed Round Lake home with new wing. 1st floor master, cathedral ceiling, 2 full baths. Newer roof and siding, some windows, still needs additional work. Fantastic view! \$154,900 (95MAT) 248-652-8000



MOVE-IN CONDITION, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, Rochester Hills home. Open floor plan, large family room w/fireplace, den plus extra sitting room. Extra's include deck, patio, sprinkler, central air and all appliances, many updates. \$179,900 (04DIC) 248-652-8000

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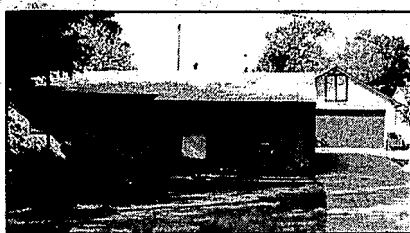
NEW HOME ON ESTATE SIZE LOT. This home offers 3 bedrooms, 2½ baths, den, great room and 3 car garage, quality constructed with large walk-in pantry, white Euro kitchen, fireplace and large master suite, priced to sell \$222,400 (29WIL) 248-363-1200



WELL MAINTAINED brick colonial on large corner lot. Many updates, including landscaping, central air, carpet and freshly painted. Great floor plan for entertaining. House is close to nature preserve. \$251,900 (44YO) 248-626-8800

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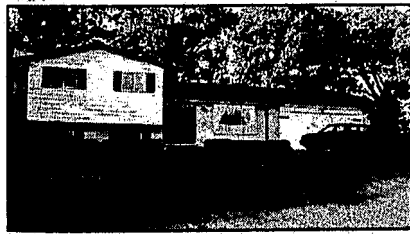
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WALK TO DOWNTOWN MILFORD. From this sharp, updated 3 bedroom ranch w/huge master bedroom, 2 doorwalls to deck, over 1,200 sq. ft. 2½ car heated garage w/loft, city water/sewer. \$124,900 (21HIG) 248-363-1200



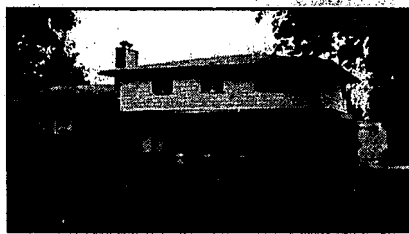
NATURE WONDERFUL! 3 bedroom, 1½ bath ranch, basement with rec room, kitchenette laundry. Doorwall to deck & parklike ¾ acre yard. Adjacent to nature preserve. Updates. \$134,900 (85LOC) 248-363-1200



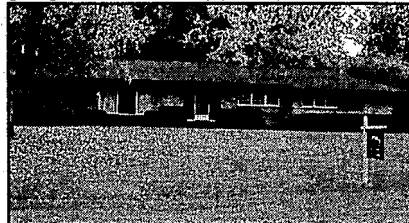
GOLF COURSE VIEWS. Quad level house in well maintained neighborhood, family room with fireplace, in-ground pool, 10x20 screened in porch, hardwood floors under, ceramic in baths. Great buy! \$144,900 (10REN) 248-363-1200



ABSOLUTE MINT CONDITION. Completely updated 3 bedroom, 1½ bath colonial, on a beautiful manicured lot in popular sub w/city sewers & sidewalks, 2 car attached garage, basement, family room with fireplace. \$149,900 (58MEA) 248-363-1200



WEST BLOOMFIELD - Country estate, pool and tennis await the new owner of this full brick custom home. Home and grounds are meticulously cared for. 4 bedroom, 2½ baths, lovely 43x20 Florida room overlooks pool and tennis. First floor laundry, cabana, 2 car garage + 1. \$244,900 (20MUE) 248-642-8100



BLOOMFIELD HILLS - Well maintained brick ranch with private 1/2 acre yard. Newer roof, hardwood floors, 3 bedrooms, 2½ car attached garage, partial finished basement. \$229,900 (17PEM) 248-642-8100



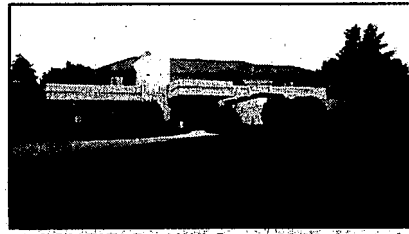
BLOOMFIELD HILLS - 4 bedroom, 2 full baths, 2 lav. Quad home with over 2700 sq. ft. of living space. Renovated kitchen in white formica. Living room and family room with fireplaces, library, formal dining room, finished basement. Beautiful in-ground pool setting. \$299,900 (34VIN) 248-642-8100



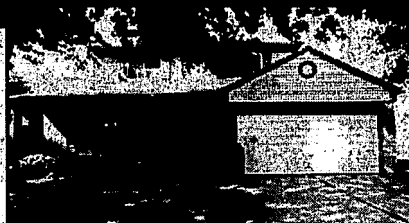
BLOOMFIELD HILLS - 6000 sq. ft. Contemporary in Wabek Forest. 5 bedroom, 4½ bath, great room, library, family room, finished walkout to golf course. 3 car garage, formica kitchen, dynamite master suite, circular drive. Reduced \$20,000 to \$629,900 (90SHE) 248-642-8100



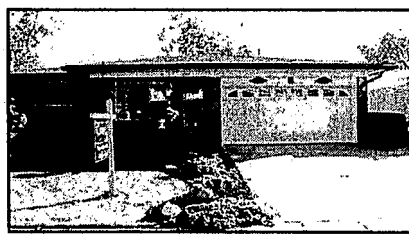
WEST BLOOMFIELD - Wonderful, spacious 4 bedroom home. Remodeled gourmet kitchen, powder room, neutral carpet throughout, deck overlooking beautiful woods, golf course and view of pond. Fireplace and more! \$349,000 (76GLE) 248-642-8100



BLOOMFIELD HILLS - 6000 sq. ft. Contemporary home renovated in 1996. Original Don Paul Young design on Chalmers and Mirror Lake. 5 bedrooms, 5 baths, 1.6 acres, fabulous newer pool. Reduced \$200,000 to \$1,399,900. (60CLA) 248-642-8100



TROY - 3 bedroom colonial with a finished basement. Newer windows in '95. Yard backs to shrubs and trees. Roof in '94. Troy schools. \$169,900 (61NIA) 248-524-1600



SHARP 3 bedroom brick ranch with beautiful pickled oak kitchen cabinets. Updated 2 full baths. Newer windows, roof, gutters, carpet and much more! Family room with cathedral ceiling and fireplace. Finished basement. 2 car attached garage. \$149,900 (12BER) 248-524-1600



SHARP RANCH with 3 bedrooms and 2 full baths. Updated kitchen, central air, beautiful finished basement with 2nd bath. Deck with 2 patios. Courtyard. Fenced. Many upgrades. Home Warranty! \$145,000 (52LON) 248-524-1600



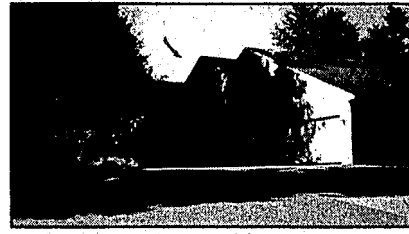
TROY - 4 bedroom colonial with circular staircase and many updates thru-out. Clean and ready to move into. Possession 10 days or sooner. Troy schools. \$199,900 (47CHA) 248-524-1600



2.5 ROLLING ACRES in Oakland Township. Three bedroom, 2½ baths, newer cabinets, fireplace, patio, decking and circular drive. Horses allowed. \$229,900 (45WEY) 248-652-8000



NICE COLONIAL w/many amenities! Walk to park. Partially finished basement w/side entry garage, patio, covered porch, dead-end street, shed, large master bedroom and living room, and much more! \$154,999 (18BAT) 248-652-8000



CONTEMPORARY 3 BEDROOM, master bedroom suite on first floor, dining room, doorwall to deck off kitchen. Great room w/fireplace. Voorhes Lake. 3 miles off I-75. \$249,900 (03CED) 248-652-8000



NORTH FAIRVIEW FARMS colonial, tastefully decorated 4 bedroom home with upstairs laundry, terrific for your family with quick possession. 2360 sq. ft. \$244,900 (04GRA) 248-652-8000



CONTEMPORARY RANCH, neutral decor in wonderful family sub. New in 1997; paint interior/exterior, carpet & linoleum, roof, kitchen & bath cabinet doors & light fixtures. Replacement windows & doorwalls. Troy schools, sidewalks, trees and more-sharp! \$154,900 (10CYP) 248-652-8000



SPACIOUS COLONIAL on beautiful north Troy lot. 4 bedroom, 2½ bath, finished basement. Completely updated throughout. Extensive ceramic-all light & neutral. Freshly painted inside & out. Large deck. Pleasure to show. \$284,900 (56CLA) 248-652-8000



WEST BLOOMFIELD - Heart warming 4 bedroom colonial in popular Pine Lake Estates. Formal dining room, living room, and family room w/fireplace. Glassed-in porch overlooking large landscaped backyard. Lake privileges. Bloomfield Hills schools. \$239,500 (43WE) 248-626-8800



PRESTIGIOUS NEW CONSTRUCTION HOME that sits up on a hill w/1.4 acres. 2 story colonial. Surrounds peace & serenity w/amenities thru-out! Spacious finished walk-out w/800 sq. ft., Studio ceiling in master bedroom with bath/jacuzzi and walk-in closet. \$204,900 (40WH) 248-626-8800



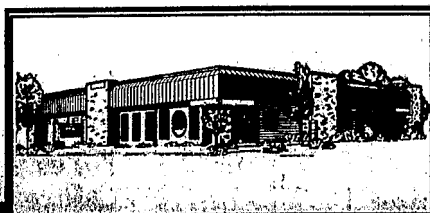
SOUTHFIELD-SPACIOUS RANCH w/Florida room. Recent updates, carpet in family room. Foyer, living room, formal dining room. Freshly painted exterior. Over 2600 sq. ft. does not include Florida room. \$225,000 (30ST) 248-626-8800



SOUTHFIELD - PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP! Updated kitchen, living room w/fireplace, large knotty pine rec room w/BBQ pit. Newer roof, separate dining, family room, security system & in-ground pool. \$150,000 (24GL) 248-626-8800



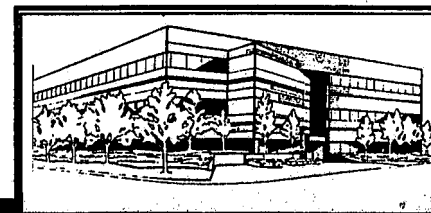
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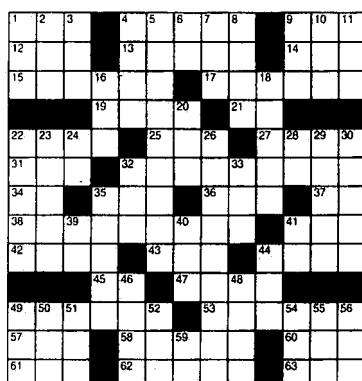
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303 Open Houses

WEST BLOOMFIELD OPEN SUNDAY 1-4 5347 HAUSER WAY

N. of Walnut, W. of Farmington Rd. Stunning contemporary, 4 bedroom colonial offers extensive remodeling and updating for the 90's! Den with built-in computer workstation & bookshelves, 2 story foyer, beautiful work smart kitchen with cook top island and loads of cabinets & counter tops, formal dining room, 1st floor laundry, wet bar and fireplace in living room, huge wrap-around deck, finished basement with additional bedroom and full bath, exercise room with sauna and hot tub, children's playroom. All bedrooms are large with spacious closets. W. Bloomfield schools. Green Elementary \$389,900. Call Michelle Michael Re/Max Executive Properties 248-737-6800

305 Birmingham/Bloomfield

Beautiful W. Bloomfield Home - Walnut Lake privileges. Birmingham schools, 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath, over 3400 sq.ft. includes lower level walkout. \$399,000. 248-655-0684

BEVERLY HILLS brick colonial. Birmingham schools in a very desirable neighborhood. Move-in condition. Completely updated, new kitchen, hardwood floors throughout, new deck w/girl. 2 car garage. Must see! OPEN SUN. 1-5 2225.000. 248-647-4542

BEVERLY HILLS ranch, large & beautiful, park-like setting, 1+ acres, 3 bedrooms, 2 bath, many updates. Pella windows. \$599,500. By owner, call for appt. (248) 642-1765

BIRMINGHAM - Charming cape cod, within walking distance to downtown, large yard, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, hardwood floors on 1st floor. Built-ins in kitchen, needs some interior updating. \$189,500. RE/MAX-Hills. Call RUSS, 248-646-5000. Ext 287 anytime, or Page 400-6795

BIRMINGHAM - In town Colonial, 4 season garden, 2nd floor 10 rooms, garage, \$389,000. Owner, appointments. 313-599-9393

305 Birmingham/Bloomfield

BIRMINGHAM NEW CONSTRUCTION 2,000 sq.ft., 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 bath, full basement. Close to downtown. (248) 738-1223

BIRMINGHAM - Open Sun. 12-4 Spacious bungalow, completely updated and redecorated, air, finished hardwoods, finished basement, 1856 Cole St., N. of Lincoln, E. of Adams \$164,900. 3% CSB (248) 644-1160

BIRMINGHAM RANCH - Immediate occupancy, 1/3rd acre lot, 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, newly painted inside/outside, new carpet/furniture, fireplace, full basement, 2 car attached garage/oper. auto. Enormous add on potential! \$195,000. Owner. (248) 645-5248

BIRMINGHAM REALLY Intown, 2 bedroom, move in condition, hardwood floors, finished basement, central air, brick pavers in backyard, garage, 1068 sq.ft., 867 Stanley, \$225,000. (248) 644-8102

BLOOMFIELD HILLS - 3 bedroom brick ranch on 4 1/2 wooded acres. By owner. All inquiries welcome. 248-540-6288 or 810-645-0840

BLOOMFIELD HILLS UPPER LONG LAKE LAKEFRONT OPEN SUNDAY 1-4 1837 Long Pointe (E. of Middlebelt - Take McCintock south off Square Lake Rd. to Long Pointe) Four bedroom, 2800 sq. ft. colonial has spacious rooms, hardwood floors, abundant closets and storage. Walk-out basement to magnificent lot with 120 feet on the lake, home needs work, but could be a knock-out! \$590,000.

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BLOOMFIELD HILLS and SCHOOLS 3 brick ranch 2 bedrooms with 3rd in finished basement with full bath. A lot more house than you expect. Dining room, Family room, 2.5 baths, Air, 2 car attached garage, private backyard. Quick occupancy. \$189,500. RE/MAX-Hills. Call RUSS, 248-646-5000. Ext 287 anytime, or Page 400-6795

BLOOMFIELD SCHOOLS - 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath, over 3,000 sq.ft., living room, dining room, kitchen, family room with stone fireplace. Great buy. \$230,000. (248) 358-9485

305 Birmingham/Bloomfield

BLOOMFIELD HILLS AREA Beautiful park like setting, with woods, stream, and wildlife. Lovely updated colonial with 4 bedrooms, 3 full & 2 half baths, Family Room, plus finished walkout lower level. Asking \$774,900.

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BLOOMFIELD TWP - 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath ranch, hardwood floors, fireplace, air condition, laundry room, attached garage, large quiet lot. 7160 Lanier (248) 559-2418

BLOOMFIELD HOME - 2 bedroom guest house, 1903 Village-1990 updates, 1 1/2 acres, 3 fireplaces, *** Open Sun 1-5 Call: (248) 647-0087 To View. \$649,000.

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308 Canton

BY OWNER, Glenary Village, 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, 2400 sq. ft. colonial. Neutral decor, Upgrades. Extras. 45279 Middlebury Lane, \$255,000. (313) 981-8243

CANTON - Open Sun, 1-5pm. 7781 Channing Ct. 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, fireplace, air, finished basement, new roof, large master bedroom, \$179,900. 313-453-6177

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312 Detroit

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OPEN HOUSE THURSDAY 9:30-11:30 SUNDAY 1-4 BEVERLY HILLS 32375 LAHSEY RD. Over 5400 sq. ft. sits on beautiful wooded property, 5 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, high ceilings, open flowing design, abundance of rich cherry mahogany birds eye paneling throughout. One of a kind ranch, 2 fireplaces, 4 car garage, \$650,000. Call or leave message H. Herb Realty (248)647-1500

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306 Brighton

CONTEMPORARY STYLE 1800 sq. ft. home on 1+ acres, 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, atrium windows in kitchen, new carpet, ceramic tile & hardwood floors, finished basement, deck. \$199,500. 810-227-5753

COUNTRY CHARM CITY CLOSET! Huge lot, circle drive Colonial home, 4 bedroom, great room, fireplace, basement, attached 2 car garage, approximately 2,000 sq. ft., 18 miles from Ann Arbor, 20 miles from Nov. Seller leaving state \$195,000. Call for appointment and personal showing. (810) 229-4833

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314 Farmington/Farmington Hills

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325 Livonia

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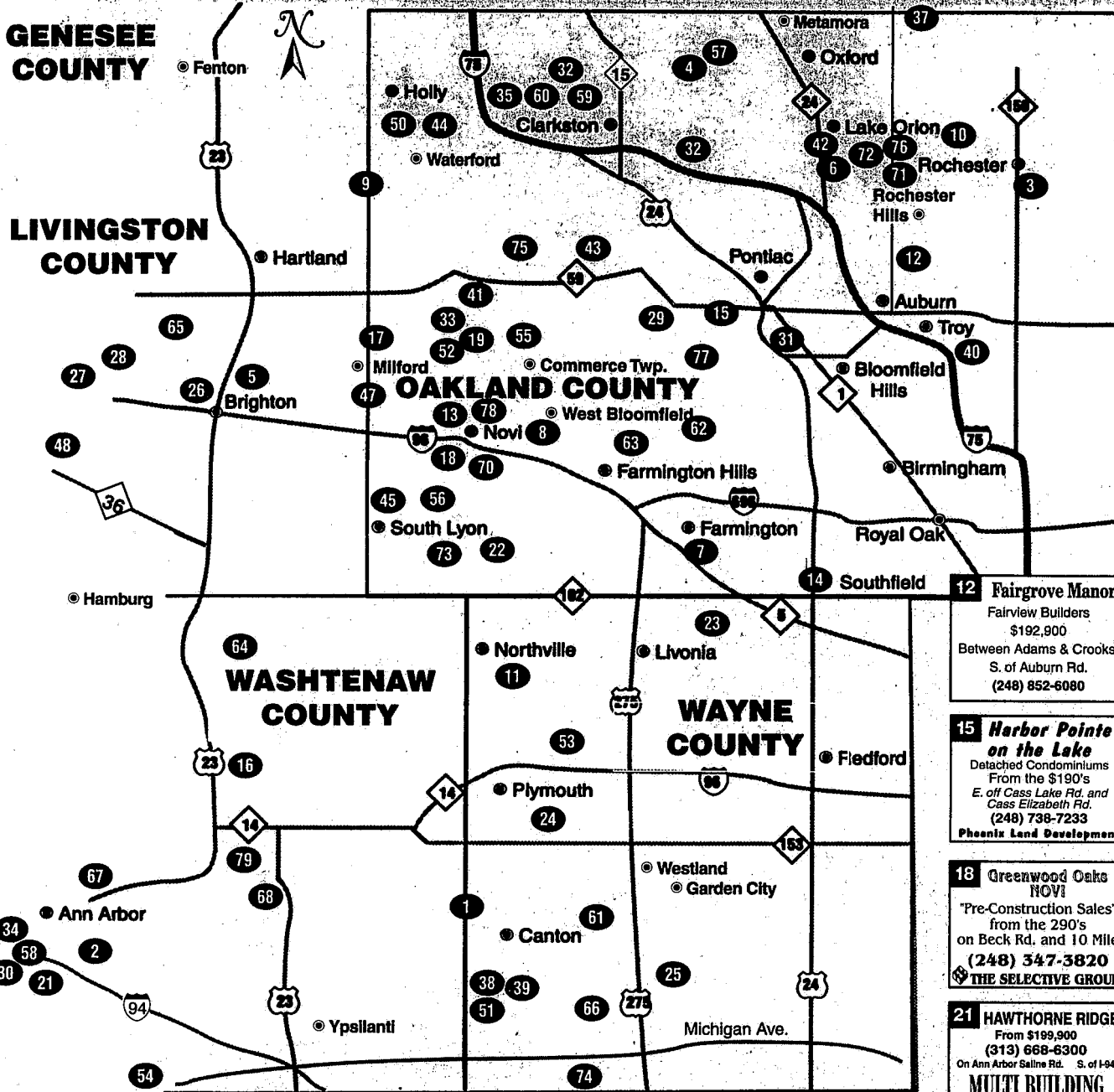
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