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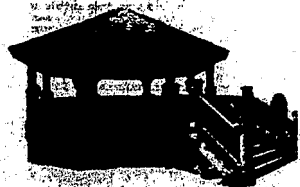
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We have covered quite a bit of Clarkston history in this space; however, our history is tied closely with that of Waterford. Today we will take a look at some early dates in Waterford history.

In 1818 the land office in Detroit began offering land in what would become Waterford at \$2 per acre. Settler Oliver Williams, not discouraged by reports that land was swampy, purchased land for a farm on the Saginaw Trail (now Dixie Highway), on the shore of Silver Lake.

In 1819, Governor Cass of Michigan formed the boundaries of Oakland County, the third county in Michigan. Other settlers began arriving in Waterford, building the first dam and sawmill. (The Waterford Millpond is in Waterford Village near Dixie Highway and Andersonville Road.) In 1821, the first school in Oakland County was opened in the loft of Oliver Williams' barn.

By 1850, about the same time it arrived in Clarkston, the railroad arrived in Waterford. That area, with its many lakes, became a resort destination just as Clarkston did. Early hotels included the Drayton Plains Hotel, which was on Dixie Highway, across from Sashabaw Road (1839) and the Waterford Hotel (1841).

The area continued to draw visitors until the Depression when many hotels and country clubs closed. The area did not rebound until factory workers moved into vacation cottages during the war years.

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

Pierre bids adieu,
sells to developer

■ Too tired to keep delivering fresh produce from Eastern Market to his Independence Township customers, the 59-year-old owner of Pierre's Market has sold his business and property to developers of a shopping center.

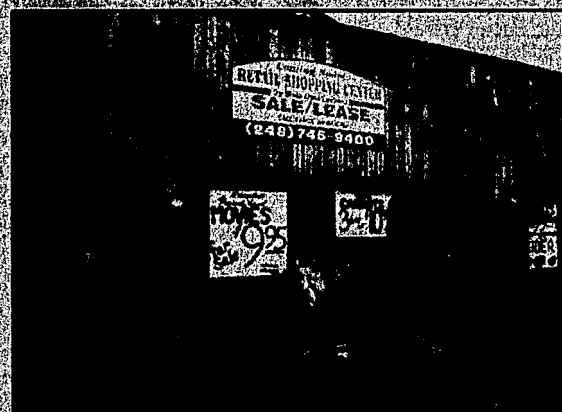
BY CAROLYN WALKER
STAFF WRITER

Time, as it does with so many, had a way of creeping up on proprietor Pierre Gourand, 59. Faced with the reality that he just can't physically endure long working hours any more, the way he used to, Gourand decided to sell his quaint Pierre's Orchard and Country Market this month.

The final papers for selling five acres along with his grocery and video business at the corner of Sashabaw and

Clarkston roads were signed on Oct. 22, Gourand said Tuesday while standing alongside a display of fresh vegetables.

According to Gourand, the market was purchased by two young men who plan to put a retail shopping center at the northeast intersection, though as of Tuesday they had not formally approached the Independence Township building department with a proposal for site-plan approval. A sign on Pierre's building said inquiries about renting future space could be made



Changes: Pierre Gourand (left) has sold the business his parents started in 1956 on the corner of Sashabaw and Clarkston roads.

STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

with Mela Development, and gave a phone number, but representatives could not be reached for comment about the center's future use or about the men involved in the purchase.

Gourand, an Independence Township resident, said he has maintained three acres for himself but he does not yet know what he will do with his future.

He has two to three months to sell off his inventory and vacate the building. He is considering entering the real estate investment field, among other options, which he would not discuss. "I can't look when they tear it down," Gourand said of his cozy wooden building, recalling how his parents, Michel

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Society still stifling girls' achievements

BY JAN BAKER
SPECIAL WRITER

A Sunday morning church scene in Clarkston: About 25 elementary-age youngsters gather around a youth director who's seated facing the congregation. As he delivers a spiritual message to the children, he poses the first question. Immediately, a little girl's hand goes up. The 7- or 8-year-old answers emphatically — at length. Adults in the audience look at each other and smile. At the next question, the girl's arm pops up first again. She gives another self-assured and elaborate response. After the director's third question to the group, the same girl shows her hand first again. The congregation breaks into laughter.

It's seems reasonable to draw these conclusions from the humorous scene:

■ The child has just displayed incomparable interest in the activity.

■ The child has exercised knowledge — and a manual response that even Alex Trebek might admire.

■ And the child has remained unblinkingly composed in front of an audience of at least a few strangers.

But this is how two smiling church-goers describe the future Jeopardy contestant as they whisper to each other from a side pew:

"Isn't she cute?" ... "She's just adorable!"

And believe it or not, the response of those two seemingly well-intentioned adults — and the behaviors that all of us regularly exhibit toward girls — are what researchers call "the problem."

According to a 1992 educational report by the American Association of University Women, girls and boys are born with direct voices and similar intellectual abilities. But society's lower expectations of females — the subtle and not-so-subtle ways people of both genders regularly disregard female youngsters as capable contributors — slowly and almost silently chip away at girls' ability to see themselves as achievers.

As a result, by the time most females leave middle school, their self-esteem will likely have plummeted more than two times faster than that of their male peers. Their answers will likely have become quieter.

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Equity in the classroom: Joey Jacques and Melissa Hudson, students in Sandra Blomquist's science class at Clarkston Middle School, work as a boy-girl team in building a hot-air balloon, with the help of a live model to hold it off the ground.

STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

Clarkston voters to elect 5 council members Tuesday

Registered voters in the city of Clarkston will elect five representatives to the city council on Tuesday, Nov. 4. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 9 p.m. at the city offices, 376 Depot St.

Six residents of the city are seeking seats on the council.

Running for three, two-year terms are three incumbents and one newcomer. The incumbents are William K.

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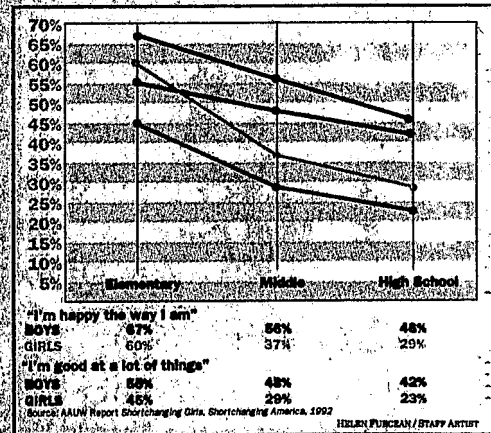
Bainger, an attorney; Walter Gamble Jr., a retired sales manager from AT&T; and David Savage, a photographer and graphic artist. The newcomer is Daniel A. Colombo, who works in the insurance industry and is seeking his first public office.

In addition to the above, two incumbents are seeking two, one-year seats on the council. They are Anne N. Clifton, a high school teacher who was recently appointed to fill a position vacated by Laura Aulgur; and Doug Roeser, a dentist who was also appointed to fill a vacancy this year after councilman Steve Arkwright moved to Texas. Roeser, who had been a council-

man for many years, ran unsuccessfully for a position in the last election.

The two are unopposed.

In addition, residents who wish to run as write-in candidates must make their intentions known by filling out "declaration of intent" forms, available at the city office, by 4 p.m. Friday, according to city Clerk Art Pappas.



Clarkston's marching band 'strikes the right balance'

BY JAN BAKER
SPECIAL WRITER

"G-o C-l-a-r-k-s-t-o-n!"

That's what Sashabaw Middle School student Carl Schulte clearly yelled from the rafters of the Pontiac Silverdome Saturday more than once to cheer on Clarkston High school's marching band.

With one of the loudest rooting contingents — and one that drew quite a few smiles from other spectators — Clarkston's band placed seventh at the 1997 Michigan Competing Band Association State Championship that evening.

The fourth band to take the field in its 10-school division, Clarkston's 200-member band performed "Henry the Fifth" under the direction of drum majors Dustin Brown, Katie King and Amy Schaefer.

CHS parents who attended the event expressed pride in the performance. "They did very well," said John Koval, president of the CHS band boosters and father of senior band member, Julie, a mellophone player. "For the money we put into it, for the time we put into it and for the philosophy behind it, the performance was great."

Though Clarkston's band placed third in last year's event, Koval said he fully supports the "balanced" competition approach of CHS band director Cliff Chapman. "This is supposed to be fun," Koval said. "Cliff Chapman's philosophy is to involve as many students as possible. So, if you're in the music program at Clarkston High School, it's mandatory that you be in marching band. There aren't try-outs."

CHS band parent Sally Coe — whose son, Blake, plays trom-

bone — echoed those sentiments. "There are so many things that kids are eliminated from in high school," Coe said. "This is one they aren't. We have one of the biggest bands in the state — 10 percent of our high school student population."

"That says something about our program. Just being there was great. We're among the top 10."

In Saturday's contest, Clarkston participated with nine other bands in Flight I — the division for schools with enrollments that exceed 1,750 students. The 10 schools that competed earned that distinction by being the top point-scorers during their fall band invitational performances.

Carol Schwarb, CHS parent of Ryan, a sophomore who also plays trombone, said she also agrees with the Chapman philosophy. Schwarb said in a phone interview Monday that pride in Clarkston's marching band goes well beyond competitions. "It's Cliff Chapman's attitude of, 'Let's just keep bettering ourselves,'" Schwarb said. "It's been a great experience for Ryan. Band kids are a great group of kids. They're hard workers. And they're learning what it is to work together and be part of a team. These things are life skills."

CHS band parent Kurt Shanks — who also serves as treasurer of Clarkston's school board — said that he, too, was "extremely pleased" with what Clarkston's band has been able to accomplish. "We couldn't be prouder," said the father of Jon, a freshman who plays alto sax. "We strike the right balance here in Clarkston. We're competitive, but all-inclusive and not all-time-consuming."



Striking performance: Terry Joseph, along with the Clarkston High School Marching Band, performs at the Pontiac Silverdome Saturday during the Michigan Competing Band Association State Championship.

PHOTOS BY LEE SMITH



And the band played on: Clarkston, performing "Henry the Fifth," took seventh in Flight I.

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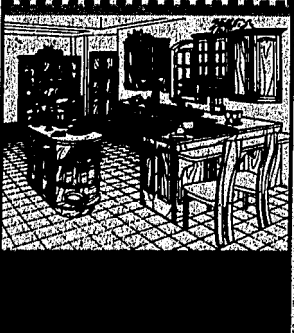
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David Chittick of Clarkston, a theater major in his senior year at Wayne State University, appeared in "Harvey" at the historic Bonstelle Theatre in Detroit. A graduate from Clarkston High School, he is the son of James and Magda Chittick.

Robert Michael Brazier and Ryan M. Schilling, both of

Clarkston, were named to the Honor's List for the summer semester 1997 at Michigan State University. Robert is a junior majoring in international relations, and Ryan is a junior majoring in mechanical engineering. In order to be named to the Honor's List, a student must receive a 3.5 or better grade point average.

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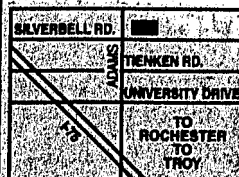
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POLICE NEWS

The following incidents were reported to police and fire agencies in Springfield and Independence townships and the city of Clarkston the week of Oct. 20-27.

Springfield Police

Thefts

On Oct. 23, an amplifier was reported stolen from a vehicle parked at the Oakland Technical Center on **Big Lake Road**.

On Oct. 23, a saw was reported stolen from a residence on **Ormond Road**.

On Oct. 26, a cell phone was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on **Kroft Street**.

On Oct. 27, cable wiring was reported stolen from a site on **Rattalee Lake Road** near **Dixie Highway**.

Independence Police

Thefts

On Oct. 20, food stamps were reported stolen from a purse that was left in a vehicle parked on **Dixie Highway**.

On Oct. 21, a water heater was

reported stolen from a house under construction on **Spring Meadows**.

On Oct. 22, a furnace was reported stolen from a house under construction on **Stone Gate Court**.

On Oct. 22, change was reported stolen from a coin changer at a business on **Sashabaw Road**.

On Oct. 23, numerous power tools and construction supplies were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on **Clintonville Road**.

On Oct. 24, money was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on **East Washington Street**.

On Oct. 25, stereo equipment was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on **Andersonville Road**.

On Oct. 26, a purse and camera were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on **South Marshbank**.

Vandalisms

On Oct. 24, a vehicle was reported covered with a caustic liquid while parked on **Oakvista**.

On Oct. 26, a bottle was reported thrown at a vehicle while it was traveling down

Dixie Highway, causing a dent to its side.

Destroyed Animals

On Oct. 23, officers responded to a report that unknown persons had killed two swans in a lake near **Oakhill Road**.

Independence Fire

During the week of Oct. 20-27, firefighters responded to 34 calls. Among them were 18 medical runs, two vehicle fires and six personal injury accidents. Also included in their runs were the following:

On Oct. 21, firefighters assisted a 27-year-old woman at a business on **Dixie Highway** who was experiencing severe nausea and vomiting.

On Oct. 21, firefighters attended downed wires at a site on **Mann Road**.

On Oct. 26, firefighters attended arcing wires at a site on **M-15** near **Cranberry Lake Road**.

On Oct. 26, firefighters assisted an 81-year-old woman who had fallen at a residence on **Mann Road**.

On Oct. 26, firefighters assist-

ed a 77-year-old woman with Alzheimer's at a residence on **Maybee Road**.

Clarkston Police

On Oct. 23, officers responded to a report that two snow mobiles had been stolen, along with their trailers, from a residence on **Main Street**.

On Oct. 24, an Oakland County Sheriff's deputy found a \$50 bill on the sidewalk in front of the **Village Bakery** on **Main Street** and turned it over to city police, who have not yet located the owner.

On Oct. 26, officers arrested a man on a traffic stop on **Holcomb Road**. The man had an outstanding warrant from the Lapeer County Sheriff's office for failure to pay child support.

On Oct. 27, officers responded to a report of a downed, large tree on **Robertson Court**. The tree, brought down by the weather, took down some wires and blocked the street for approximately eight hours until it could be removed. There were no injuries or properties damaged.

Record crowd expected at local business expo

More than 70 Clarkston-area businesses will exhibit their goods and services to an expected record crowd during the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce's 11th annual Clarkston Area Business Expo on Wednesday, Nov. 5.

Open to public, the expo will be held 6-9 p.m. at Clarkston Creek Country Club in Independence Township.

Complimentary tickets to the expo are available at area businesses, including the Clarkston Eccentric office, and the chamber office off Lorac Drive prior to the expo. Tickets are also available at the door.

Some 1,700 people toured the expo last year and Chairwoman Carol Cantor of Carol's Flowers expects an even higher turnout this year. Door prizes, free hors d'oeuvres and

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disc jockey entertainment will make the Expo a lively experience for participants.

Parking is available at Clarkston Creek, formerly Spring Lake Country Club. Clarkston Creek is on Maybee Road, west of Sashabaw. Free shuttle service will also be provided from the Eagles parking lot located at 5640 Maybee Road.

Expo hospitality sponsors include Old Kent Bank, T&C Federal Credit Union, Clarkston Eccentric, National Bank of Detroit, The Oakland Press, Coast To Coast Telecommunications and Clarkston Creek Country Club.

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CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL ELECTION



Clarkston voters will go to the polls Tuesday, Nov. 4, to fill five seats on city council.

Why are you running for Clarkston City Council?

What makes you qualified to serve as a city council member?

How many city council meetings have you attended in the past 12 months?

What about the school? do, if anything, to help the downtown area survive?

Do you ever keep any of the family's residential parking on Main Street north and south of the downtown area?

Do you think there is a parking problem downtown? Why or why not?

What do you think of the idea of creating a downtown parking lot?



City councilman for 12 years
Years living in city: 27

I love this town and I hope everyone who moves here does also. I have lived here for 27 years and intend to retire here. It is important for all of us to maintain the small-town character of the Village, which is why most of us moved here. Public service and volunteerism are the way to achieve that goal.

I am familiar with all aspects of city government and acquainted with many of its citizens after living in the city for 27 years and serving on the city council for the last 12 years. My 23 years of state government experience have taught me how to avoid the costs, inefficiencies and indifference of large government. Government is best accomplished at the local level with a small, low-cost local government and an emphasis on citizen participation.

Twenty one of the 23 regular meetings plus special meetings and committee meetings.

The downtown is "surviving." We don't have vacant buildings like many communities. Unfortunately, our desirable downtown location has resulted in high rents. Some downtown retail can't compete economically for this reason and because of directly increased competition from shopping malls and supercenters. The council must exercise control over the market place, forcing building owners to rent to retailers who can out-pace the council in implementing a revitalization plan, but only if businesses are willing to fund it.

Absolutely! Unlike other communities, which have suffered the commercialization of their residential Main Street, ours has remained intact. It is an integral part of our community's character and quality of life. Village homes are unique, sought after and have high property values. Turning Main Street into a commercial mall would destroy the town's character, jeopardize the historic district, increase parking needs, traffic problems and raise the cost of city services with no real benefit to residents.

Our real problem is the perception that there is a parking problem downtown. From the 1940s through the 1970s, retail prospered downtown with no (or very little) parking. We used to have a parking management problem because we were parking on Main Street or immediately adjacent to their buildings. However, better parking enforcement and the fact that parking spaces have shown no inclination to fund construction of additional spaces even if needed.

While this sounds like a good idea, I don't believe it's necessary. Funds contributed to the city can already be designated for a special public purpose project, placed in reserve funds and are tax-deductible. In fact, several projects have been funded in this manner. A recent example is the new children's playground project. A citizens group requested the playground project, proposed its design and solicited contributions for the project which were placed in a special account.



Offices held
Years living in city: 11

First of all, I love our city. I was raised in this town and with me, it will always be personal. I've been an observer for 11 years and now I am ready to commit time and energy to moving our city forward. If you are not growing, then you must be declining and I haven't seen growth for 11 years. I've watched Dave Savage propose an idea after idea to help our city grow only to see 10-, 15- and 20-year councilmembers vote them down.

I'm a resident and taxpayer in the City of the Village of Clarkston for 30 of my 37 years and a close observer of the local political scene serving as Dave Savage's campaign manager in the last two council elections. As a 1978 graduate of CHS with a BBA from EMU, I've run a successful business for the past 15 years. I'm very sensitive to the needs of small business and the competitive challenges facing them today. Most importantly

I've attended six meetings in person and attended all public meetings with the planning commission in regards to the adoption of the master plan. I review most city council meetings on taped replay on cable and meet with Councilman Savage on a regular basis to discuss current events and upcoming issues.

We will take a proactive approach as opposed to the "let's see what happens" approach. We must work to attract business people who may be interested in investing in our community instead of shunning them. If you want something bad enough, you must work to achieve it. We need services, retail, banking, restaurants, that is obvious. What are we willing to do as a city to attract them? If you always do what you always did, then you'll always get what

I assume you're asking about the Olsen and Birtas proposals. I'm a firm believer in listening to every person willing to invest time and money into projects that could enhance our city. I don't place greater value on Main Street than E. Washington, Holcomb, Middle Lake, Miller, Wampole, Robertson Court or Church Street. We are all citizens of this city and decisions should be based on what's best for our city as a whole. That is not to say I'm insensitive

We have a "proximity" problem. People who complain because they can't park directly in front of their house to go in and shop or on the side of the building they wish to patronize aren't sensitive to the fact that we are a small 1.5 block area. There is ample parking in and around the village for those willing to walk short distances. We park all the cars during parades and for craft shows and rarely would we have that many people in town during any

I'm involved with this project so I guess I'm qualified to offer my opinion. As a small city, it has become evident we lack the necessary resources to match the extraordinary investment many of our citizens have made to the village. Improvements or simply maintaining the charm of our village homesteads. A foundation which would ensure that worthwhile projects could be completed. A motivated community excited about its future could set the



Clarkston Youth Assistance Board of Trustees
Years living in city: 14

I live in the city, which I love very much, and want to be a part of government that keeps it a great place to live for all our residents.

As a councilmember for the past two years I believe I have done a good job. I take the common-sense approach to decision making. I try to be prudent about spending our money on the right things and make decisions that benefit all of the residents.

All meetings, but two, missed for vacation.

The business of government is to make it easier for business to do business, not to involve itself in business. An example of this is government involvement leading to Morgan's discontinuing gas sales. Businesses survive or fail on management doing their homework before they go in business. The main reason a good business fails is bad management. The question is not what the council can do to make downtown businesses survive but rather the ailing businesses should ask the many successful

Clarkston is primarily a residential community and people enjoy this atmosphere. This is the reason that the current zoning exists — to protect that atmosphere. Lately, the focus has been more and more on the downtown. What is it written that we have to jeopardize the residential area in the interest of business?

There is a perceived parking problem, but I don't feel there is one. There is always parking on side streets if the main lots are full. There has not been a single instance in 14 years that I have been unable to find a place to park in Clarkston.

It is not needed. People can contribute directly to the city for a specific project or to general city improvement projects. This money is fully tax-deductible. Why reinvent the wheel when a perfectly viable tax deductible avenue is presently available?



City councilman for two years
Years living in city: 5

Because I think it is important for members of our community to get involved and active in bettering our community. I want the Village of Clarkston to be the very best place it can be. I want to encourage others and set an example of leadership for others to follow, to lay the ground work that our future councilmembers can follow in order to bridge our community's past history with the present and future needs of our citizens. We are a changing

Two years experience. Visionary approach to solving problems. Business minded. Desire. Professional background. Understand the master plan. Good relationship with town-ship. Good relationship with business owners. Understand and respect for our zoning ordinances.

All but two or three.

Recognize that there is a major problem. Take a proactive approach to solving the problem. Get involved with the Michigan Municipal League and its seminars and programs that are designed to help cities and their downtowns survive. (The staff from Hyattsville are regular keynote speakers; yet in the two years that I have been on the council, not one councilperson has taken the initiative to participate.) Participate and take advantage of the opportunities that the National League of

Yes! We should do whatever it takes to maintain and protect our residential community. Improving the downtown will be an important asset to the owners of homes on Main Street and the community at large. As they say, you can't have a first-class town with a first-class downtown. I do however believe that we need to be open-minded enough to listen to ideas and think through opportunities like the bed and breakfast.

Yes we have a parking problem downtown. We as a council have acted on this issue and construction plans are under way to construct over 20 new parking spaces near Depot Park and tie them into the Main Street with a new walkway. This will be great for some businesses but will do little to improve the situation on the north end of town. I feel we need to go further. As a sub-committee member, I have been involved in working

It is the only way that we will be able to make significant and important improvements to our village. Maintaining and keeping property taxes low is in everyone's best interest, and a special assessment district is not something that I would like to pursue at this time, so where is the money to come from if not from the private sector? Since we are separate from the township, we cannot create a DDA. Downtown Development Authority. The Clarkston



Crop Walk organizing committee
Years living in city: 2 1/2, formerly an Independence Township resident

I care about what happens to our city, and felt I was in no position to complain unless I was willing to become involved.

I'm concerned, dedicated and willing to become involved. I have the best interests of the city at heart. What else could it require?

At least 12.

We are currently working with brokers in the area and some individual businesses. I think one of the best things to help downtown businesses would be for business people to assist other business people in improving their businesses. Council can't support this type of effort.

I favor the residential zoning on the ends of town because it preserves the nature of the immediate area. I do favor multiple residential as a possible transition between existing commercial and residential areas.

I think there is a perceived parking problem — and perception is reality. Personally, I don't feel the problem is real. But I do believe we need to address the perceptions.

As a taxpayer, I think it's a good idea because it will make my taxes go further, and I might see more happen. As a councilperson, I would want to have some mechanism for approval or review of projects.



Years living in city: 27

Community service.

Previous experience and desire to continue service.

Most. I don't have actual figures at hand.

We should continue to help provide a safe, clean and accessible environment in the downtown area. We continue to work on new parking and efficient use of existing parking.

Yes. The strength and uniqueness of our community is in large part due to intact and distinct commercial and residential areas.

There is a parking problem in downtown. It is largely perceptual. However, we are in the process of a major new parking area and improvements on Depot Road, which will help by adding more parking.

I do not have information sufficient to form an opinion pro or con.

NOTABLES

Francis Reinholdtz of Clarkston reeled in honors at the Oakland County Parks annual fishing contest at Independence Oak's Crooked Lake with a 20-inch, 4-pound 1-ounce bass. He was awarded a \$50 gift certificate. The event was sponsored by Sports Authority. Independence

Oaks County Park is on Sashabaw Road, 2 1/2 miles north of I-75 near Clarkston.

Brent Green has been promoted to mortgage branch manager at Republic Bank's new location in downtown Clarkston. Green joined the bank in

September 1993 as a mortgage loan originator and was promoted to mortgage loan officer in August of 1996.

Green graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in economics from Central Michigan University. He serves in volunteer positions with the Flint

Area Association of Realtors and the Metro Flint Builders Association.

JoAnn Hood has joined the Republic Bank as a mortgage

loan originator and will be located at Republic Bank's new office in Clarkston. She brings with her 13 years of experience in the real estate business and was most recently manager of Pru-

dential Great Lakes in Clarkston. Hood has achieved various real estate certifications in addition to having a builder's license. Republic Bank is a subsidiary of Republic Bancorp Inc.

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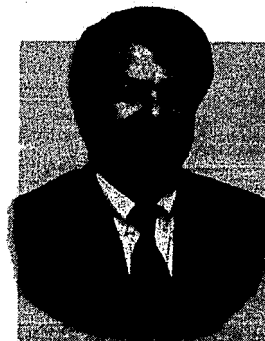
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Girls' grades higher, test scores lower

BY JAN BAKER
SPECIAL WRITER

Gender results from last year's MEAP science tests for Clarkston's fifth- and eighth-graders seem to mirror what a 1992 university report found: Girls match boys in problem solving skills during elementary school, but start falling behind them in middle school.

Why are girls even with or ahead of boys on fifth-grade tests but behind them on middle and high school exams?

The jury appears to be out. Dave Reschke showed the girls' and boys' science test scores at a Clarkston School Board meeting last month, explaining that the district's educators would be examining possible reasons for the female dip. He also said that Clarkston was going to be a pace-setter among Oakland County districts in doing so. But when Reschke was contacted several weeks ago on that issue, he admitted that no investigation had yet begun. "We haven't been real aggressive on it yet," he said, pointing out that school officials would indeed take a closer look at the trend "after the first semester ends."

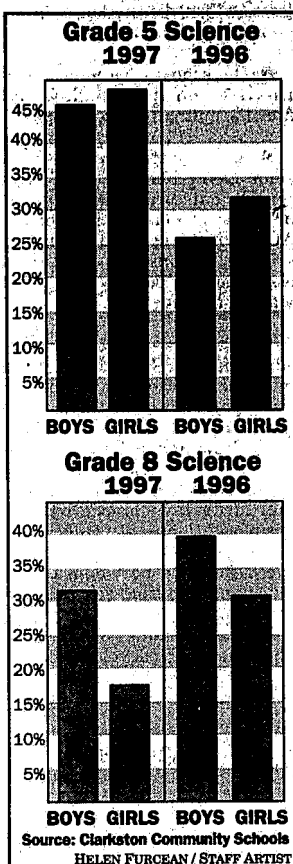
A science teacher speaks

However, during a recent interview with Sandra Blomquist — a science and math teacher at Clarkston Middle School — the educator said she had analyzed the 31.1 percent proficiency score of Clarkston's eighth-grade boys in science and the 17.8 percent girls' score.

"There is no gap," Blomquist said.

When asked to clarify her response, the gender equity trainer said, "There is no significant difference between boys and girls. All of the areas of the test where girls scored slightly below boys could have occurred by chance. The problem is, MEAP scores are reported as 'percent proficient.' They pick a number out of the air and boom, you hit this, you pass. One less than that, you fail. It's enlarging a difference to make it look significant when in fact, there's little significance."

On the face of it, however, the eighth-grade MEAP science scores of Clarkston's fifth-grade girls slightly topped or matched those of fifth-grade boys in 1996 as well in 1997. Meanwhile,



Clarkston's eighth-grade girls posted lower MEAP science scores than boys in 1996 and 1997.

While Blomquist attributed those gender scoring differences to two years of happenstance, she pointed out that a scoring gap does appear between males and females in higher level math and science classes. And that gap seems to widen throughout high school and college. Moreover, she said she believed that those scoring declines were tied to a drop in females' self-confidence. "Girls' interest in it (math and science) and their thoughts about their own ability diminish as they go through school," she said. "And interestingly enough, when girls see results like the eighth-grade science MEAP scores, that reinforces it in them that they somehow can't do it. It's a self-fulfilling prophecy."

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New horizons: Georgie Senkyick (right) talks team strategy with two players in the Horizons basketball program for girls in grades three through eight. The program is held Saturdays, usually at Sashabaw Middle School.

Sports give girls a 'can-do' attitude

BY JAN BAKER
SPECIAL WRITER

Though self-esteem charts and standardized test scores seem to paint a grim picture for one-half of the nation's student population, some supporters of girls in Clarkston are telling females to set goals and dream big: You can do it.

Ann (Serra) Lowney, girls' basketball coach at Clarkston High School, is one of those supporters. In her first year as director of the third- to eighth-grade girls' Horizons basketball league, Lowney is preaching the gospel of "can do" almost every Saturday morning to a record-breaking draw of 96 girls. Currently, most league play takes place in the Sashabaw Middle School gym.

The Horizons' schedule goes like this: Third- and fourth-graders play the hoop game from 9-10 a.m. Then, fifth- and sixth-graders take over the gym from 10-11 a.m. And, finally, seventh- and eighth-graders vie for points from 11 a.m. to noon.

Why is the league significant for girls?

"In order to be successful, you have to sort of do what everyone else is doing," Lowney said in a recent interview. "You have to keep up with the best. And if the



Life skills: Clarkston High School girls basketball coach Ann (Serra) Lowney (right) oversees Horizons.

best are starting early with their kids, then we have to start early with our kids ... If you look at women's athletics and you look at college scholarships, right now basketball is the only fully funded women's sport. I think every college has about 15 scholarships in Division I. Every college has 12 scholarships in Division II."

Aside from early instruction and the potential for scholarships somewhere down the line, Lowney also says the physical struggle for the big brown ball

translates into powerful life skills.

"This challenges girls and pushes them to their limits," the coach said. "A lot of times, girls are afraid to set goals because they're afraid of failure. But they very often don't understand that if you never set a goal, you're never going to obtain something. You might reach for the moon and you might only land on a star, but you would never have landed on that star if you hadn't set a goal in the first place."

Lowney also said that the league's referees — her CHS varsity and junior varsity basketball players — serve as top-notch role models for the younger girls. And they do it because they care about the future. "They give up their Saturday mornings to be with a bunch of little kids in a gym," Lowney said. "They're not making any money for this. They get a sweatshirt and a pair of shorts. That's it."

Parents who are aware

Independence Township resident Kurt Karlstrom says he's a supporter of the Lowney approach. Karlstrom, father of seventh-grader Kira, who plays basketball in the Horizons' league, says, "It's been a good experience" for his daughter. Although Karlstrom readily admitted in a recent interview that Kira already has a lot of self-confidence, he said that girls' basketball has helped his daughter grow.

"She likes it," he said. "It's competitive. It keeps her busy and it's good for her self-esteem. Girls seem to bond with each other a little better in this kind of environment. Kira's learning about the differences in people's personalities. And she's also

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and more tentative than those of most boys. They'll be four to five times more likely than boys to attempt suicide. (Boys actually commit suicide at a higher rate because they use more lethal methods — guns versus sleeping pills.) And they'll be known as the only group that entered school scoring ahead, but left it scoring behind.

A silent problem

Along with the gender expectations that females face early on, the AAUW report explains the societal dilemma most girls encounter at 11 or 12. "Moving from young girl to young woman" involves unique demands in a culture that both idealizes and exploits the sexuality of young women while assigning them roles that are clearly less valued than male roles...

"The patterns of declining self-esteem, negative body image and depression that begin at early adolescence do not disappear as girls mature. It is a discouraging reality, a reality that schools alone cannot change, but one that will not change until schooling changes."

Sandra Blomquist, a Clarkston Middle School math and science teacher and a trainer in the national GESA program — Gender and Ethnic Expectations and Student Achievement — says that five years after the AAUW report, Clarkston schools have made some progress in helping girls realize their potential. But she also admits that much more work remains. Many parents, teachers and students are not aware that a major problem even exists.

As a GESA instructor,

Blomquist says that she has already taught gender bias awareness to other educators with the aim of transforming local classrooms into more equitable environments for girls and boys. And she also actively promotes awareness of gender stereotyping in her math and science classes to help students identify it and reject it when they see it.

The CMS teacher says she tells her students that when girls slowly limit their expectations of themselves because of school's — and to a larger extent — society's lower expectations of them, their male classmates also pay a high price.

"Gender equity is not women's rights," Blomquist pointed out in a recent interview. "Gender equity is about equal opportunity for all people. When there is an imbalance in social expectations, everybody loses. Girls lose because they lose their self-esteem. Boys lose because they don't learn the skills to become family people. They learn, instead, that girls are supposed to be the nurturing ones. Only about 10 percent of our homes now have women staying at home with children and men going off to work. Men have to have the skills to be with their children. And they don't have those skills, based on current research."

"It's also important to note that society expects boys to be the top performers and when they're not, they're the biggest behavioral problems. And those problems start in kindergarten."

Two worlds

The AAUW report — which

Blomquist said is still an accurate snapshot of gender bias — depicts how firmly embedded societal expectations show up routinely in classrooms that have been observed across America. It shows that while boys and girls sit in the same classrooms, they don't share the same classroom experience. These are some of the findings:

■ Boys tend to be called on two-to-four more times than girls.

■ Boys tend to be seated in closer proximity to the teacher and receive more interaction with her/him. (Teacher interaction has been determined to be a major factor in student success.)

■ Boys are more often complimented by teachers on their abilities: "You have new shoes? I'll bet you can jump really high in those!" Girls are more often commended for their appearance, for "being nice," and for having neat handwriting. "That's a beautiful locket! You look so pretty today!"

■ If a boy can't figure out how something mechanical works, teachers are more likely to explain the steps again to him. If a girl asks for help with something mechanical, teachers more likely do the task for her or get a boy to do it for her.

■ On average, teachers wait nine-tenths of a second for a student to answer a question. If a student doesn't answer in that time, the teacher calls on another student. Though that time interval doesn't give either gender enough time to respond, boys receive more wait time than girls," the study says.

See GENDER BIAS, A7

Here's how parents can boost their daughters' performance

BY JAN BAKER
SPECIAL WRITER

According to a parent handbook from the Calhoun Intermediate School District, Michigan educator/speaker Susan McFarland, and findings from the American Association of University Women (AAUW) report, parents are their daughters' strongest allies in rising above gender stereotypes.

Here are some tips for raising confident, competent daughters:

When you commend your daughter, target her abilities. "You look so pretty today," a standard comment to girls — is less helpful than, "That was an insightful comment," or "That shows you've been thinking."

Encourage girls to speak up at home and at school. Girls need to grow up believing that they have the right to express their feelings at any time to anyone, as long as they do it with dignity and respect for other people. They need to learn that they have the right to say no without feeling guilty, that their needs are as important as the next person's.

Help your daughter avoid perfectionism. Point out that successful people make the most mistakes because they are risk-takers and learn from their mistakes.

Avoid bragging about

how poor you are at mathematics and mechanical things. Don't send your daughter the message that it's okay to lack math skills. You wouldn't do this about her reading skills. Examine your own history of mathematics learning for sources of math anxiety and avoidance.

Provide your daughter with lots of biographies and stories where females are portrayed as the main character. It's critical for girls to learn about the lives of successful people who look like them. Boys also need to read about successful women and minorities. (In a 1990 study, only 2 percent of the people mentioned in new history texts were women.)

Be cautious about "over-helping" your daughter (a tendency of parents with girls much more than with boys). Assist her to become able to rely on her own judgment and skills, develop independence and the ability to make her own decisions.

Help your daughter discover how things work. Encourage her to collect things, take things apart, program the VCR, experiment on the computer and read and interpret manuals that come with household appliances.

If your daughter is having difficulty in a math/science class, hire a tutor.

There is no math gene. Data from the National Assessment of Educational Progress indicates that a student's perseverance and his or her adult support systems play important roles in that student's math success. Girls who reject traditional gender roles have higher math achievement than girls who hold more stereotyped expectations.

Foster intellectual risk-taking. Remember, higher level math and science courses increase your children's options for the future. Receiving a "B" or a "C" in a higher level class is more valuable than an "A" in a general class.

Expose your daughter to strong female role models. Girls need contact with women who are achieving their goals in all lines of work and who are enjoying their accomplishments.

Don't overemphasize physical appearance. Girls don't come into this world believing that their looks determine their worth as human beings.

Support your daughter's involvement in organized sports. Instead of buying her another Barbie Doll, invest in a mitt. Many studies suggest that the skills girls learn on the playing field transfer into the work world. Sports build confidence and teach risk-taking.

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Scoring discrepancy from page A5

While girls and boys across America continue to test low in the sciences, the AAUW report seems to back what Blomquist said. "High school girls, even those with exceptional academic preparation in math and science are choosing math/science careers in disproportionately low numbers," the report stated.

Gender in math/science

Gender lines also show up in the types of advanced science courses that students take, the AAUW report indicated: "As they grow, girls and boys have different science experiences. Girls are more apt to be exposed to biology-related activities and less apt to engage in mechanical and electrical activities ... Those gender differences may be reinforced in schools if children are allowed always to select science topics based on familiarity or interest."

While Clarkston High School students may be choosing particular science courses for more than one reason, what they're taking seems to mirror the AAUW report.

According to Pat McMillen, head of the CHS science department, seven boys and four girls

are currently enrolled in Advanced Placement physics; nine boys and four girls sit in AP chemistry; and 30 girls and 17 boys comprise the AP biology class.

In advanced math classes at CHS for the fall semester, girls actually outnumber boys in second-year algebra, pre-calculus/trigonometry and advanced math with statistics. In two sections of advanced placement calculus, however, female representation appears to drop. At an enrollment of 36 boys and 14 girls, AP calculus is currently 72-percent male and 28-percent female.

Clarkston's middle school girls seem to be well-represented in advanced math classes at their buildings this year. Challenger Math classes at CMS and Sashabaw Middle School show a relatively balanced enrollment of 198 boys and 187 girls.

However, in Challenger Language Arts classes at both middle schools, the scales tip drastically: Girls currently outnumber boys more than two-to-one (222-to-100). According to John Mathews, head of the SMS Language Arts department, "what I'm seeing is that if boys have to

Advanced Math Classes at CHS		
	Girls	Boys
2nd-Year Algebra	156	128
Pre-Calculus/Trigonometry	105	79
Advanced Math w/Statistics	13	9
Advanced Placement Calculus	14	36
Total	288	252

Source: Jan Modest, head of math department at CHS

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make a scheduling choice between Challenger Math and Challenger Language Arts, they usually pick math."

High grades, low scores

A 1990 National Educational Goal states that America's students — boys and girls — will rank first in the world in science and mathematics achievement by the year 2000. However, that appears unlikely given these AAUW findings: Girls receive higher grades than boys from K-12, but boys routinely outscore girls on every standardized college entrance exam. That includes the ACT (American College Testing Program), PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Assess-

ment Test), SAT (Scholastic Assessment Test), GMAT (Graduate Management Admissions Test), LSAT (Law School Admission Test) and MCAT (Medical College Admission Test). Moreover, two out of every three National Merit Scholarship semifinalists are male.

While gender bias in the tests' contents was fingered by AAUW researchers as one possible reason for the grade/test score gender disparity, they also suggested that grade inflation plays a role. "In the whirlwind pace of classroom interaction, the good behavior of girls can be a lifesaver tossed to the teacher," educators Myra and David Sadker commented. "Without their (girls') active cooperation, classroom dynamics might spin out of control. Many teachers share this fear, and they often return the favor by giving well-behaved girls special consideration. Researchers report that teachers evaluate cooperative girls as more intelligent than others, and they give them higher report card grades."

When boys from a Virginia high school were asked in the same report if they thought girls there received special consideration, they said yes. According to one boy, "...The (organic chemistry) teacher returned a lab report with low grades and some girls were upset and practically in tears," he said. "He let them go back and redo it again, and they got the points back. When boys get mad, they get confrontational. I would never have been able to get those points back from my organic chemistry

teacher. I think teachers will bend and cater to the sensitivities of females."

Clarkston scores

Though many other factors also probably contribute to the grade/test score gap between boys and girls, three of the AAUW report findings seem to be reflected in the Clarkston High School Class of 1997:

■ Seven out of Clarkston's "Top 10" graduating seniors were girls. (That distinction is based on grade-point average.)

■ The school's National Merit finalist and its two National Merit semifinalists were boys.

■ And according to CHS counselor Larry Sherrill, CHS boys soundly outscored CHS girls on three of four sections of the ACT, which included math and science. In English, CHS girls eked ahead of boys by only .03 of a point, he said.

The Sadkers — who contributed to the AAUW study — called findings like these "a fire bell in the night." In their book, "Failing at Fairness," they elaborated. "Standardized tests are ... crucial in the competitive race for access to professional schools, including law, medicine and business," they said. "Only a few points on these tests can mean the difference between acceptance and rejection, scholarships and a future of debt."

The educators illustrated attempts by the developer of one test — the PSAT — to disguise a gender Grand Canyon. "Educa-

tional Testing Services (the developer) counts the PSAT verbal score twice and the math score only once," the Sadkers stated. "By giving twice the weight to verbal performance — traditionally an area of female strength — ETS officially recognizes the impact of gender-based scoring differences." But even with the verbal score doubled to spot the girls points, "18,000 boys reach the highest PSAT categories while only 8,000 girls attain them," the two educators reported.

For this year's PSAT — which nearly 2 million teenagers took two weeks ago to qualify for National Merit scholarships — the test's developer added a writing skills' section to the exam in another attempt to raise girls' scores. The announcement of that test addition — and the reason for it (girls are expected to score better than boys in writing) — appeared in the Oct. 19, 1997, edition of an Oakland County daily newspaper. There have been no editorial responses from that newspaper or its reader since the story ran.

When superintendent Al Roberts was recently asked how well he thought the district was addressing "the female divide," Roberts said all schools "could certainly do better," but that "this is a societal issue and a really complex one... Some researchers have even suggested separate classrooms for girls ... There have been a lot of recommendations, but no clear answers ..."

Parents can help from page A5

ing and perseverance, and encourage teamwork.

Monitor how your school district complies with Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972. Under Title IX, discrimination on the basis of sex is illegal in any educational program receiving federal funding. This also applies to school athletics. But according to the AAUW report, "federal enforcement of Title IX is complaint-driven, and over the past decade, the U.S. Office of Civil Rights has not actively pursued Title IX enforcement"

Talk about career plans with your children. Educate them on the current statistics: Only 9.2 percent of females stay at home with the full financial support of a husband today. Yet a majority of teenage girls expect to find themselves in this category. Point out that their future career options may be limited if they make poor selections in high school. Set expectations early that your daughters and sons will take four years of high school math and science.

Examine your own gender attitudes. "When I close my

eyes and imagine a very bright student, is the child a boy or a girl?" According to educators who contributed to the AAUW report, when adults were asked to visualize an intelligent child, 57 percent of women and 71 percent of men said they pictured boys.

Stay involved in your children's education. This sends the message that their education is important to you, that boys and girls are capable contributors and that their futures are anything that they can envision them to be.



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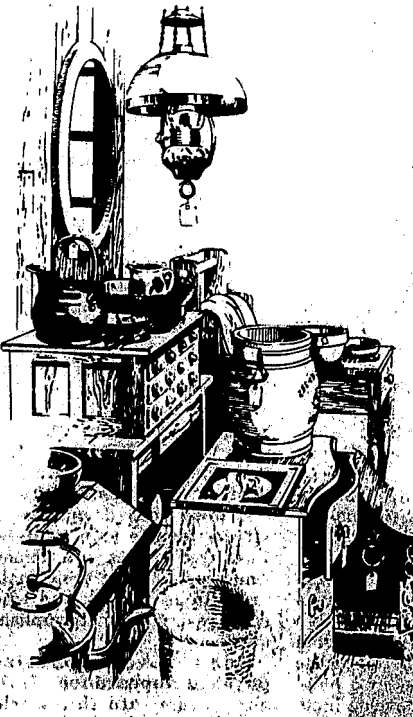
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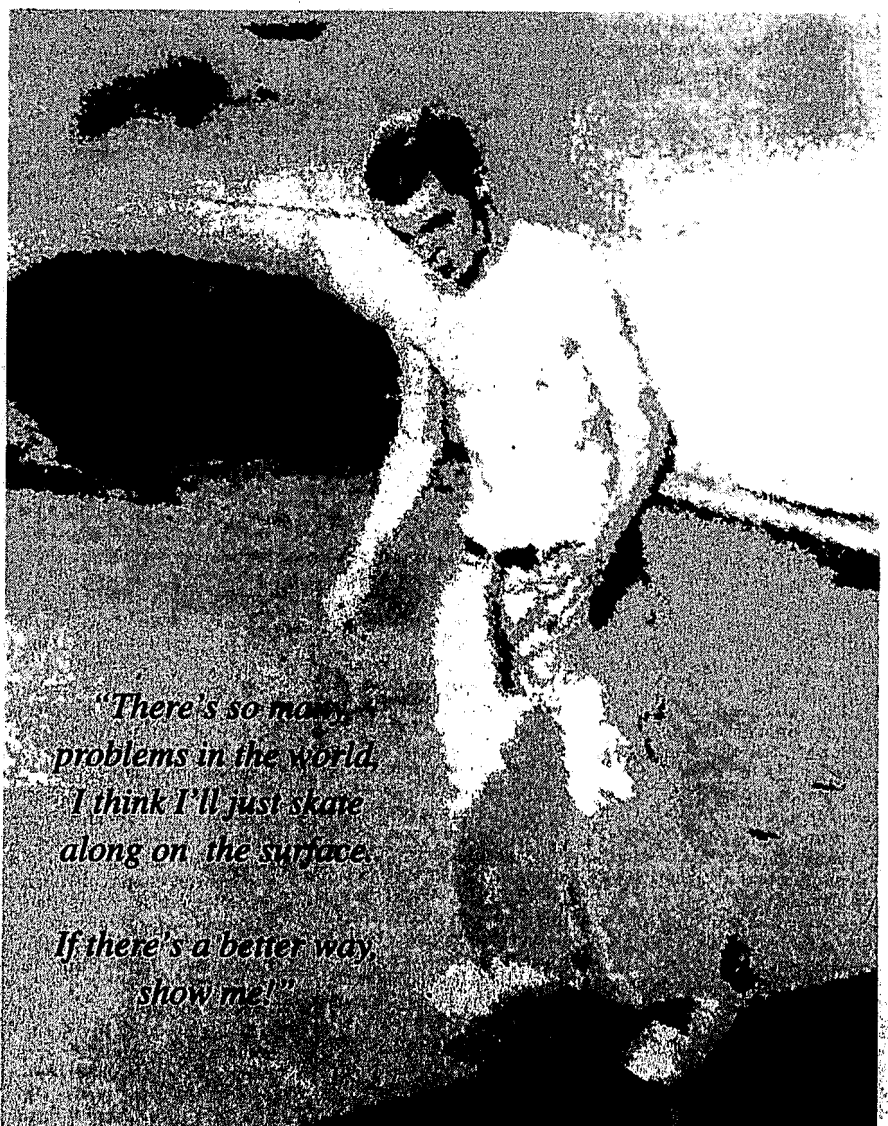
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Do these kinds of things happen routinely in Clarkston schools — in 1997?

"Absolutely," Blomquist said. Marge Dever, a CMS counselor who also has followed and examined the gender issue, echoed Blomquist's reply. "When we had some of our teachers trained in this (GESA instruction) and they became aware of what they were doing in their classrooms, they were horrified," Dever said recently. "Some truly, truly excellent teachers who had always prided themselves on being fair really didn't know they were doing it. But you can't stop it unless you know it's there. Once we become aware of these things, most of us really want to make a difference."

According to Blomquist, the key to progress lies in awareness, not blame. "The gender expectation that 'pretty is' but 'handsome does' subtly directs all of us from the moment we're born," she said ... "We're talking about influences from parents, from peers, from school, from religious organizations and society at large. In particular, the media is a tremendous culprit. It's huge."

Clarkston connection

How does the reinforcement of gender stereotypes play out in Clarkston?

Apparently everywhere — in schools, in religious institutions, in stores and in homes.

Mary Ellen McLean, vice-president of the Clarkston School Board and the mother of two middle school-age daughters, said in a recent interview about gender expectations, "Were you at the Clarkston homecoming game? Okay, go back to when they announced the homecoming court and compare what they (CHS student announcers) said about the girls versus what they said about the boys. At first, I started laughing. And then, I got angry. This is so and so. She's 15-years-old and blah, blah, blah, she has cute toes. This is so and so. She's 16-

years-old and she has long eyelashes. This is John so and so. He's on the varsity football team, in the French Club, plays soccer and is thinking of going to this or that college."

"I thought, my God, these kids are doing it to themselves! I know one of those girls. She's extremely bright, gets wonderful grades, is really involved and has a great future. So what happened to all that (during the homecoming announcements)?"

According to Cheryl Miller, the teacher representative for Clarkston High's student council, student announcers made their homecoming comments based on routine questionnaires that were completed by the court members themselves.

From the half-time festivities at the CHS homecoming game, gender stereotypes were also heard coming from a Clarkston pulpit, according to one local couple.

The husband and wife — who asked that their names be withheld from this story — remarked that they attended an October church service where one clergy member used the gender stereotypes "male/know-it-all science student" and "female/bubble-head science student" in an anecdote about the importance of maintaining a childlike approach to learning and service. The wife — who touts a background in science — said that though the message itself was noble, the means to explain it reinforced a gender stereotype that touched a personal nerve. "I sat in the pew and cringed," she said. "I'm sure he (the clergy member) wasn't even aware that he was doing it."

Around the time of Clarkston's homecoming announcements and the reported church sermon, a book review appeared in the Oct. 8 edition of an Oakland County daily newspaper. The name of the newly released tome? "Camy Baker's How to be Popular in the Sixth Grade — for girls ages 9-12." The female columnist who assessed the book

■ 'Were you at the Clarkston homecoming game? Okay, go back to when they announced the homecoming court and compare what they (CHS student announcers) said about the girls versus what they said about the boys. At first, I started laughing. And then, I got angry.'

Mary Ellen McLean

Clarkston School Board vice-president

gave it two thumbs up. "Camy tells fun stories to show how you can be popular ... We can learn a lot from Camy," she stated in her review.

That same week, a quick perusal of girl-oriented teen magazines in an Independence Township supermarket seemed to further substantiate Blomquist's assertion of the media's role as gender messenger. The cover of the November issue of "Teen" magazine touted these stories: "Your Crush Gets His Attention; Ten Easy Beauty Moves; and My Boyfriend Gave Me an STD."

The cover of the October/November "Twist" magazine? "Get That Guy; Cool

Clothes for Your Shape; Hot Hair — 20 Awesome New Styles; and Find Your Dream Boy."

"Young & Modern" graced its October cover this way: "Love Quiz — Are You Meant for Each Other?; Busted — 13 Skin Care Lies; Killer Clothes for Body Bumpers; Your Private Parts — Super-Embarrassing Questions Answered; Guys Who Rock; and True Story — I Nearly Starved Myself to Death."

Even a toy manufacturer was observed to be a reinforcer of gender expectations. Milton-Bradley's popular board game "Guess Who?" was spotted being played by two children in a Clarkston home. The game features 24 characters. Five are

female.

A theft of potential

Dever elaborated on what she sees happening to middle-school girls everyday in her counseling office.

"We're learning that it's our socialization factor," Dever said. "It isn't what you or I believe, but what happens to them (girls) socially at this age that just takes away these beautiful young persons who are growing up. It makes them unsure of themselves, makes them leery of the males in their lives because of some of the things that boys do and say to them. It makes them leery of their (female) peers who put pressure on them to be different people than they've been all their lives."

"These are things that are really scary and detrimental. I think, to the development of healthy human beings, and it's really hard as parents and as

educators to help them overcome these factors, these influences."

According to the AAUW study, "The so-called 'womanly' values of caring for and connecting with others are not ones that women wish to lose, but they are values that must be buttressed by a sense of self and a faith in one's own competence... This, of course, is particularly difficult in a culture that uses the female body to advertise everything from toilet cleanser to truck tires and where the approved female roles remain service-oriented."

Blomquist said it's a quiet theft of human potential that doesn't have to happen. "There are a lot of unhealthy ideas in our society about what femininity is," she said. "We're all caught up in this cycle and we don't know exactly where to get off."

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met other girls whom she normally would not have met.

"It's a great learning process. Whether or not someone goes on in sports after high school, they bring out the full person. Kira's really motivated to succeed. She gets here (to the gym) at 8 a.m. and she doesn't start team play until 11 (a.m.)."

When Karlstrom was asked if he expected competitive girls' sports to grow in Clarkston, he said, "Absolutely. Girls have been neglected for so long."

The mother of two middle school-age daughters, Mary Ellen McLean says she agrees with Karlstrom on the value of athletic competition for girls. As vice-president of the Clarkston School Board, McLean says the district needs to examine its gender equity practices. "We need to have some sort of consistency for all sports — from a budget perspective, from a philosophy perspective and from a support perspective," McLean said in a recent interview.

"Girls are treated differently in sports programs. It wasn't until this year that the (Independence Township) Parks and Recreation Department had competitive girls' softball. Before this past summer, the department had coaches pitching half the season for the regular 9-, 10- and 11-year-old girls' softball team. Boys' teams do this almost two years earlier. Why?"

McLean said that she wasn't blaming the parks and recreation department or the district for practices that were put into place years ago. "But we need to be aware that society's attitudes toward girls influenced those

'It's ... as subtle as making comments as other people are going up the stairs, inappropriate touching that takes place. It happens constantly... These are things that change our girls when they get to this age.'

Marge Dever
Clarkston Middle School counselor

practices," she said.

"Girls are different than boys in personality and emotional make-up, but that doesn't mean they're not capable of being competitors, of having confidence and taking risks ... I don't want my daughters to be boys. I want them to have the confidence to say, 'Yeah, that hurts. But you know what? I can go on.' Sometimes in life you are going to get hurt — whether its physically or emotionally — but you deal with it. You get up. You brush your knees off. And you get on with it. You move forward to the next level."

Educators who care

Though Clarkston Middle School educator Sandra Blomquist and CMS counselor Marge Dever don't work in athletics, they're also helping Clarkston girls reach their potential.

Blomquist, a math/science teacher and a gender equity specialist, oversees an after-school support group for eighth-grade

girls. In its second year, the group is comprised of 10-15 girls who have been recommended for it by other CMS staff. The group addresses self-esteem, sexual harassment, assertiveness, body image, career awareness, health and societal expectations.

Dever serves on a district committee that deals with sexual harassment and hopes to make a difference in that realm. "Farmington Schools is putting on a program for sexual harassment issues," Dever said recently. "We're going to take a good look at it and see if we can adapt it to our middle school and high school kids."

When asked if sexual harassment was a major problem at the secondary level, Dever said, "Oh yes, on a daily basis. It's little things that people have learned to accept, little words that are said in the hallways, people doing things as subtle as making comments as other people are going up the stairs, inappropriate touching that takes place. It happens constantly. We, as teachers, have to make sure that we're really watching ... These are things that change our girls when they get to this age."

Though Dever admitted that girls and boys need a lot more support and understanding from all adults, the counselor said progress is occurring. "We're so much farther ahead than we were 25 years ago," she said. "Women are making strides to become known as capable contributors, not just bystanders. There are a lot more examples today for kids and a lot of those examples are their own mothers."

ON THE AGENDA

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

Board of Trustees
7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 4
Tentative Agenda

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Opening Statements and Correspondence
Approval of Agenda
Minutes of Previous Meeting
Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run
Approval of Purchase Orders
Public Forum

Public Hearing — Townsend Lake Additions to S.A.D.
Public Hearing — 1998-99 CDBG Budget

Old Business

1. Resolution to set a Public Hearing — Townsend Lake Additions to S.A.D.
2. Second Reading and Adoption of Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment — Duties of Building Official and Building Permit Applications

New Business

1. Employee Computer Purchase Plan
2. Approval of 1997 Special Assessment Rolls
3. Bid Award 1997 Suburban — Fire
4. Solicitation for Architectural

Proposals for Station No. 3
5. Request to Hire Van Driver — Parks
6. Request to Amend DNR Grant Contract
7. Engineering Authorization for Similar Drive Drainage
8. Discussion on In-Line-Deck Hockey Proposal at Sashabaw Plains
9. Request to Establish New Position — Assistant Department Director, Building Department
10. Recommendation — Assistant Department Director
11. Permission to Post Building Inspector II Position
12. Permission to Post Clerk Position — Building Department

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

Independence Township
90 N. Main St.
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625-5111

Zoning Board of Appeals
7:30 p.m., Nov. 5
Tentative Agenda

Case No. 97-0107 Larry Newberry, Petitioner

Applicant request front yard setback variance of 18 feet to construct garage addition
Plum, Lot 59, R-1A
Clarkston Gardens
08-21-378-010

Case No. 97-0108 Cecil Linseman, Petitioner

Applicant requests side yard setback variance of 5 feet to construct garage addition
Oakvista, Lot 80, R-1A
Pelton Heights Sub No. 1
08-34-304-012

Case No. 97-0109 Stephen DeMay, Petitioner

Applicant requests rear yard setback variance of 22 feet to construct shed
Horseshoe Circle, Lot 39, R-1R
Equestrian Lake Village
08-03-102-004

Case No. 97-0110 Keith Vandersys, Petitioner

Applicant requests side yard setback variance of 3 feet to construct attached garage
Hillside Dr., Lot 6, R-1A
Lake View Heights
08-20-351-010

Case No. 97-0111 Aaron Hennig, Petitioner

Applicant requests front yard setback variance of 18 feet to construct non-conforming new home on non-conforming lot of record
Maplewood Ave., Lots 20 & 21, R-1A
Sunny Beach Country Club
08-12-334-029

Case No. 97-0112 Anne Campo, Petitioner

Applicant requests variance for outdoor sales of Christmas trees plus signage
Waldon Rd., R-1A
08-27-100-043

Case No. 97-0113 John Williams, Petitioner

Applicant requests variance of 492 sq. ft. for attached garage
Cameo Lane, B-2, R-1R
08-16-300-065

Case No. 97-0114 Rick Nelson, Petitioner

Applicant requests use variance to allow construction of duplex on property
Waterford Rd., Lots 118 & 119, R-1A & C-3
Townsend's Sub
08-33-357-009 & 010

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and Pierette, founded the business at the intersection in 1956. Originally, it was a gas station. Pierre Gourand, who worked for his parents, renovated the old building and added the market business in the early 1960s. In the mid-1980s he added a video rental department, called Pine Knob Video Express. During that time period, Gourand also had a video rental business, which closed several years ago on M-15.

"I'm going to stay around the neighborhood. I like the neighborhood. I like the people," he said. "(But) I can't do the business any more."

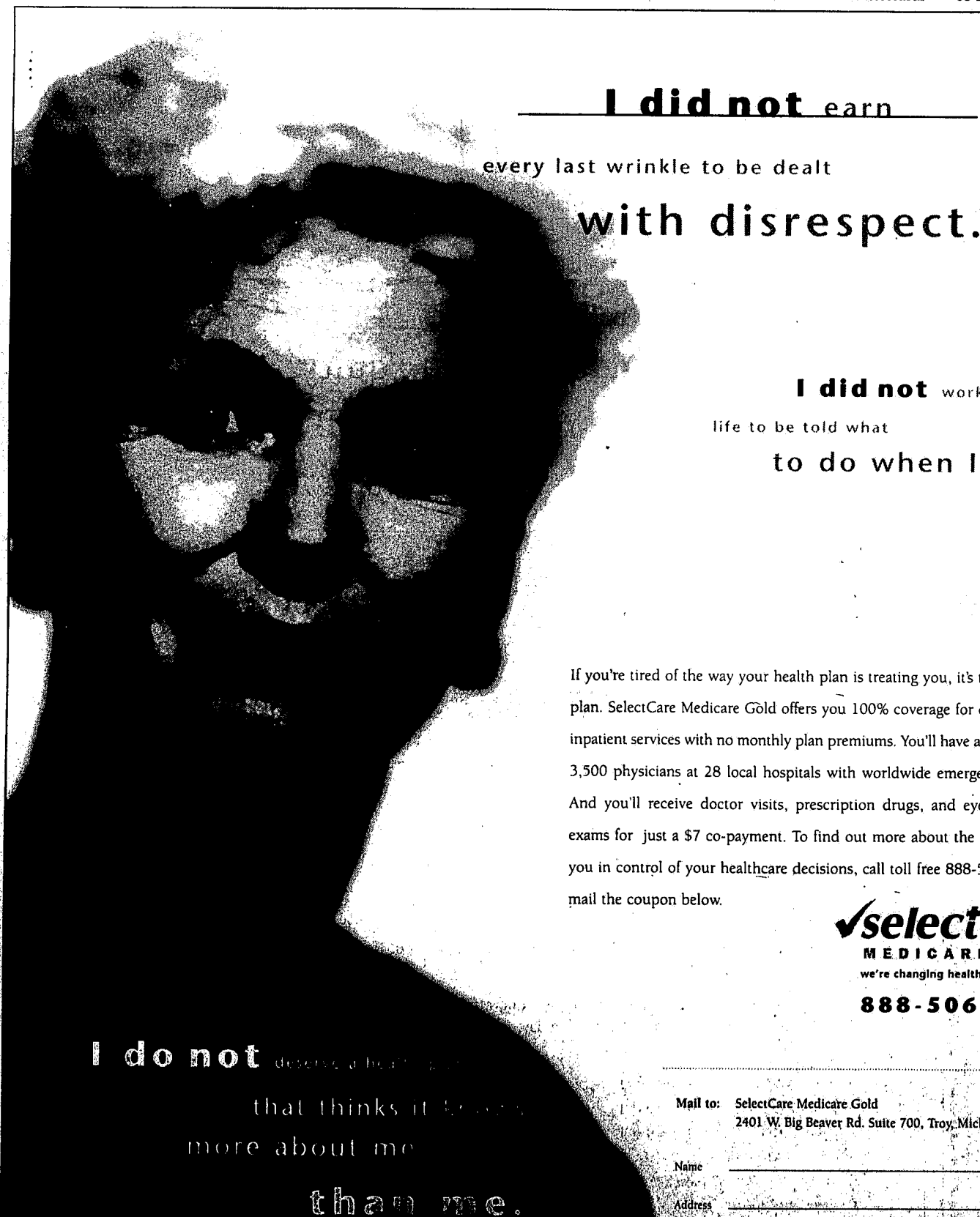
Citing the fatigue he experiences by rising at 2 a.m. to travel to Eastern Market in Detroit for vegetables, fruits and flowers for his market — and then working until 8-10 p.m. each night, Gourand denied that competition from large stores prompted his decision to sell.

"We had our own clientele. It's not the clientele you get in the (larger) stores. It's more one-on-one," he said.

Gourand said his location, part of what is commonly known as the Sashabaw Corridor, is considered to be a prime one for businesses in Independence and that he'd had lots of offers to purchase his store over the years. He decided to sell to the young men because they reminded him of his entrepreneurial self when young.

"Everybody's been asking me for it. A lot of buyers," Gourand said, adding of the purchasers, "It brings back memories. It felt like giving to them. I feel like they're going to do a good job." Gourand said what he will miss most about his market are the patrons he has come to know and love in the past 30 years.

"Mostly what I'm going to miss is my customers," he said. "When they were kids, they used to come up here. Now their kids are coming up here. You know what I mean?"



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Michigan motorists can phone-in car plate renewals

BY PAT MURPHY
STAFF WRITER

When it comes time to renew auto license plates, Michigan drivers will soon be able to let their fingers do the walking.

An innovation unveiled Tuesday by Michigan Secretary of State Candice S. Miller will enable motorists to renew their plates over the phone at any time of the day.

"The entire process will take about four minutes," Miller said Tuesday during a press conference at the Ameritech Complex in Southfield.

Telephone license plate

renewal is expected to be operational within two weeks, she said, establishing Michigan as an undisputed leader in terms of technology working on behalf of motorists.

"Michigan is the first and only state in the nation to offer touch-tone telephone renewal of license plates using a system of electronic verification of insurance," Miller said.

Other states may already have license renewal by telephone, Miller acknowledged. But they do not require proof of insurance — as Michigan does — or they charge an additional fee, she said.

Michigan is able to renew auto licenses via the telephone — and verify insurance coverage — thanks to a program under which insurance companies electronically identify their policy holders for the Secretary of State's office, Miller explained.

Renewal needs

To renew by telephone, motorists will need a valid Discover, MasterCard or Visa credit card. They will also need to follow easy instructions on the renewal brochure that will be sent out by the secretary of state's office.

Motorists will also need a PIN (personal identification number) assigned by the secretary of state's office — and automatically printed on the

registration form.

The PIN is assigned as a license comes up for renewal and the secretary of state's office checks it against an electronic list of policy holders submitted to state officials by the insurance company, Miller explained.

The PIN, credit card number (complete with expiration date) can be punched into state computers with any touch tone telephone, Miller said.

Other insurance companies have indicated they will cooperate, Miller said, and she is optimistic all carriers will provide lists of policy holders as a matter of convenience.

In addition to offering more

convenience for motorists, Miller said telephone license renewal will offer a benefit to her office which typically handles 60,000 transactions daily.

Touch-tone license plate renewal is expected to cut down on the need number of over-the-counter contacts, she said, "and enable us to use our staff more effectively for other transactions."

Since she replaced Richard Austin as secretary of state in 1991, the office has been able to increase efficiency with fewer workers, Miller said. The number of workers in her office has dropped by about 200 people to fewer than 2,100, she said, "with no layoffs."

That efficiency has come because of innovations like FAX renewal of vehicle registration

and telephone renewal of watercraft registration, Miller explained.

More on way

Furthermore, the electronic innovations are not finished, the secretary said. Early next year, the office expects to introduce on-line vehicle registration via inter-active computer.

Innovations do have limitations, Miller said in response to questions, and motorists should not expect the convenience of being able to renew their driver licenses electronically, "at least not anytime in the near future."

Michigan requires periodic testing for driver license renewal, Miller said. "And there's a need for the license photo to be current."

Here's how to renew plates by telephone

Although motorists will not be able to get new plates under the system unveiled by Secretary of State Candice S. Miller, they will be able to renew license plates via telephone.

Motorists need only follow the instructions included in the forms mailed to them each year when it comes time to renew auto tags.

Here's an example:

1. Find the PIN (Personal Identification Number) on the lower left side of your renewal notice — you can not renew by phone without a PIN.

2. Make sure, before calling,

■ The name and address on the renewal notice are correct.

■ The license plate has not expired.

■ A valid Discover, MasterCard or Visa card is ready.

3. Call (517) 335-1155 using a touch-tone telephone.

4. Enter the nine-digit PIN followed by the # key.

5. Enter the number of the valid Discover, MasterCard or VISA card followed by the # key.

6. Enter the month and year the credit card expires, followed by the # key.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1997

Our picks

Re-elect Basinger, Gamble, Savage

Clarkston is fortunate to have three capable incumbents running for re-election to the Clarkston City Council — **Bill Basinger, Walt Gamble and David Savage.** Because of their records, we urge Clarkston voters to return them to office on Tuesday, Nov. 4.

Basinger, a 12-year incumbent who works as an assistant attorney general for the state of Michigan, helped Clarkston gain cityhood a few years ago. One of the more positive derivatives of cityhood has been the formation of Clarkston's own police department, which most Clarkston residents value. A 27-year resident, Basinger is adamant about maintaining the small-town flavor of Clarkston. He considers himself an advocate for the 1,000 residents who make up the town.

Gamble, a two-year incumbent, seems to be a careful thinker who makes common-sense decisions after listening to all sides of an argument. A retiree who transferred here from New York, Gamble is one not easily swayed by every new proposal. "I think my age is a factor," he said in a recent interview. "I try to keep the wheel from being reinvented. I'm old enough to know when the wheel was invented."

Savage, a two-year incumbent and self-employed graphic artist and interior designer, is an enthusiastic idea person whose dreams for downtown Clarkston include rebuilding the old Caribou Hotel and relocating the Depot Theater in Depot Park. An advocate for the business district, Savage tirelessly fights for what he thinks will revitalize the downtown.

We think the only newcomer, Dan Colombo, an insurance sales manager, would also make a good council person, too. A longtime Clarkston resident, Colombo shares Savage's vision for downtown Clarkston. "If we lose the downtown, that's it," he said emphatically in a recent interview. But while Colombo would make a fine addition to the council, we see no reason not to endorse all three incumbents for the three available two-year seats at this time. All have done an outstanding job as council members.

The three incumbents have differing views about the council's role in helping the downtown survive, probably the most heated issue in this year's election. This is good. We prefer to have a variety of viewpoints on the council so that all issues get a full, robust debate and each side is well-represented. We believe the incumbents are flexible enough to respect each others' views, yet work together on the problem.

We agree with Basinger and Gamble that the council is somewhat limited in what it can do to help the business district and that the business owners need to help themselves, but we also get excited listening to Savage and Colombo's proactive ideas for revitalizing the downtown. A balance of the two approaches is probably best for Clarkston, and balance is what Clarkston needs on its council.

As for the two one-year seats, we endorse the two unopposed candidates, both incumbents — Anne Clifton and Doug Roeser. Clifton was appointed only recently to the council, and we think she is a fine addition. Roeser brings experience to the council.

Schools, not state, should set start time

State legislators should scuttle a bill to prohibit school districts from starting classes before Labor Day. Lawmakers have better things to do for education. We urge Oakland County's legislative delegation to take the lead in this area.

School districts, like all local governments, are creatures of the state and have only the powers the state gives them. Nevertheless, Michigan has a tradition of granting wide latitude to local units, often called "local control" or "home rule."

When it revised the School Code two years ago, the Legislature gave most districts general powers: It gave the schools a job but left the methods to local leaders. For example, the state-mandated proficiency tests but didn't prescribe curriculum, course content or textbooks, as do other states. That's good management.

The state doesn't tamper with local control unless the locals abuse their powers. It won't let cities and townships "zone out" state facilities or home music teachers. It requires local units to hold budget hearings and open meetings.

So what are school districts who start before Labor Day doing wrong? Are they violating anyone's rights to life, liberty and property? Are they harming education?

No. And so the state shouldn't be second-guessing local schools by telling them when to start classes, as proposed in House Bill 4190. Those decisions should be made by school officials and the parents they represent.

We note that the impetus for this bill, sponsored by Rep. Pat Gagliardi, D-Drummond Island, came from resort operators, not school people. Its supporters never bothered to make

■ Let school boards draw up their calendars of starting dates and holidays to suit local needs, as long as they get in the required 180-plus days. Let all elections be held on just three days per year — say, in May, September and November — so that voters aren't pestered to death with half-secret financial requests.

a case that a post-Labor Day startup time was good for kids and schools.

At the outset, we said lawmakers had better things to do. One would be to set aside only three or four days a year on which elections could be held. It would stop the practice of schools' selecting odd-ball dates on which to hold bond and millage elections. School boards abuse their powers when they pick dates when only "their people" are likely to vote while others are in Florida. That abuse of power is one the Legislature should stop.

Legislators need to focus, focus, focus. Let school boards draw up their calendars of starting dates and holidays to suit local needs, as long as they get in the required 180-plus days. Let all elections be held on just three days per year — say, in May, September and November — so that voters aren't pestered to death with half-secret financial requests.

State government should allow local units all possible latitude. The state should not intervene unless something clearly is wrong.

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

Should Clarkston High School's drug policy for athletes be expanded to include all students in extracurricular activities?

This question was asked at Clarkston High School.



"Yes ... if you belong to a special group, you represent your school as much as the athletes do."

Amanda Yarber
Senior



"Yes. You should be setting a good example for your school."

Hope Manuel
Senior



"Yes, if it's an interscholastic organization. They represent CHS just as much as athletes do."

Laura Pope
Senior



"Yes, because the majority of students participate in athletics and clubs, and drug use would go down."

Nicole Carden
Senior

LETTERS

Re-elect Bill Basinger

It is extremely important for the residents of the City of the Village of Clarkston to realize the need to re-elect Bill Basinger to the city council. With the abundance of signage, I felt the need to put fingers to the computer.

Bill is and has been the "go to" person for many years. He has expertise in a variety of arenas — budget, law, the best and most beautiful way of financing major projects, etc. I can't imagine running a financially fiscal responsible government without his input. We haven't had a tax increase in the 26 years I have lived here with the exception of sewers and then village residents were able to deduct our sewer costs from our taxes whereas township residents were not.

Certainly the retail district is a highly emotional issue. Fortunately or unfortunately, retail space is very expensive to lease or to buy. While the council would like to dictate that first floors of all town center buildings be retail, we cannot. Contrary to published reports, the city has taken an active role with business through meetings with business owners, distributing questionnaires and responding to concerns voiced to us and will continue to do so.

Please take a minute to think about the candidates running. Basinger doesn't have signs but don't believe for a minute he is not interested in serving the village.

Karen Sanderson
Clarkston council member

Enjoyed photo story

Thank you for the front-page coverage Oct. 16 of the kids painting the town. I'm sure the kids and their parents enjoyed it. I know I did.

Carroll Harris
Clarkston Cafe

Thanks for support

Another successful summer at Clarkston SCAMP came to a close on Thursday, July 23, 1997. As we reflect upon the five weeks of SCAMP and our busy fund raising season, our minds are filled with happy memories of special moments with our campers and the fun-filled activities we all shared.

We are grateful to all those who helped with our fund raising events this year which enables us to provide the monies needed to support the program. Thank you for interviewing D'Anne Colombo and writing the

story of their home that was published in our Home Tour Guide. Your time and talent is greatly appreciated! Our guests enjoy knowing the history of the homes as well as the special details that our families share. Thus, the articles are very important to all.

On behalf of the North Oakland SCAMP Funding Corporation Board of Directors, I thank you for supporting SCAMP with your personal contribution to this event and for all that you do throughout the year for us as editor of the Clarkston Eccentric.

Geri Batt, Executive Coordinator
SCAMP

Help, prayers appreciated

Iwould like to thank all persons involved in the apprehension of the young man who car-jacked my car on Sept. 4. A special thank you to the person who assisted me and called my daughter and to the two truck drivers who notified the police. A special thanks to the lady officer who was a great comfort to me and to the two EMS drivers who gave me words of encouragement and prayed with me. Thank you again.

The Hockey Family
Clarkston

Article stirred memories

Carolyn Walker's article in the Oct. 16 edition of the Clarkston Eccentric on John Denver visiting Clarkston SCAMP brought back memories to those here in the office who remember the moment. Thank you for touching the hearts of many and also reminding the community of the special-needs children who attend SCAMP each summer.

We are grateful to the staff at the Clarkston Eccentric for the kind and caring support that they continually give to Clarkston SCAMP.

Geri Batt, Executive Coordinator
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POINTS OF VIEW

Embarrassing moments are funny — later on

Last September I was playing third base for my coed softball team when I reached down for a ground ball and the 11-year-old material comprising the back of my shorts gave way.

I threw out a runner somewhere, but I don't remember which base. At the time my mind was elsewhere and my senses were acutely attuned to the sudden cool breeze on my fanny.

My next move was to walk over to shortstop Tony Riviera, who also happened to be the manager. I gave him the timeout signal and said, "I ripped my pants. I've got to get out of here."

Tony hollered for a substitute third-baseman as I walked carefully off the field.

Everyone watched me and wondered why I took myself out of the game.

"What's wrong? Did you hurt your arm?" my teammates asked as I reached the bench. "Would you hand me my backpack, please?" I said. "I ripped my pants. Don't look at me as I walk away."

Backpacks are great for carrying things like water bottles, Kleenex and such, but they also provide yeoman

service in covering a 10-inch gash in one's knickers. Such was my condition as I walked from the bench to my car. Without stopping to change out of my softball shoes I got immediately into the car and hustled out of there.

We've all endured embarrassing moments like that, and in most cases we can laugh about them later. Sometimes much later.

In my seventh-grade English class, Mr. Liebrecht experimented one day by making us wear blindfolds and interact with one another without speaking.

The idea was to demonstrate what it's like to be deaf and dumb. I found a person whom I thought was my friend Jerry V. This made me happy enough to put my arm around "Jerry" and stick with him until we removed our blindfolds.

To my shock and horror I found that I was in fact embracing Laura M. Laura was kind of a mousy girl then, but she later grew up to be one of the most popular and desirable girls at Rochester High School. (If I had only known.)

After high school I joined the Navy, and in 1979 my ship went overseas to

RALPHIN' AROUND



RALPH ECHTNAW

Hawaii, Japan, Hong Kong and the Philippines. (I like to tell people I took an extended cruise but had to work my way across the Pacific.)

A shipmate named Bruce Fowler asked me to give him a haircut one day. I don't know why he didn't go to the ship's barbershop. And I haven't a clue why he asked me. We were both electronics technicians and knew nothing about cutting hair.

At any rate I accepted the challenge. With electric shears in hand I tried to mow a "white-wall" around Bruce's right ear as per Navy regulations. The more I tried to make the

white-wall correct, the bigger it got. After the fourth pass I had given Bruce a square corner of hair around his ear that would clearly not impress an inspecting officer.

The upshot is that I botched the job and someone else took over to cut the rest of Bruce's hair down to the nubbins. I felt bad, but Bruce cheered me up. "Hair grows," he said.

In 1983 I left the Navy and went to work as an electronics technician for Amex Systems in San Diego, Calif.

My specialty in the Navy was the calibration and repair of oscilloscopes. So that's what Amex gave me to do.

The first piece of equipment I worked on at Amex was an AN/USM-281E oscilloscope, a model I was familiar with from the Navy. Unfortunately, this o'scope had a rather elusive problem that took two weeks to find.

As each day ended and I didn't find the problem, the embarrassment of seeming incompetent (not to mention the fear of being fired) grew like a government agency.

At last I discovered a leaking capacitor, the first and last leaking capacitor I ever found, and my relief was

profound.

In 1992 I was the Oakland County reporter for the Eccentric Newspapers. Betty Howe opposed Brooks Patterson in the popularity contest for county executive that year. I attended the election night parties of each candidate and returned to the office near midnight to write a story.

In an attempt to contrast the raucous, celebratory atmosphere at Brooks' bash to the dinner-party ambiance of Betty's affair, I meant to characterize Betty's supporters as "genteel." Instead I wrote that "Howe's guests were comprised of genteel supporters almost exclusively." A helpful reader pointed this error out to us the day the paper was published. Nowadays I joke that that explains why Brooks got most of the Jewish vote.

These are some of my most embarrassing moments. There are others, but they're either dull in the telling, or they're unprintable in a family newspaper. (And in some cases I'm still to embarrassed to mention them.)

Ralph Echtnaw is a copy editor with the Clarkston Eccentric who grew up in Rochester.

Teens have lots to share — if adults would only listen

Every community is made up of different kinds of people — old people, children, business people, the rich, the poor and yes, even teenagers. So why is it that when young people have something to say, nobody has ears?

Adults say they care about the next generation, but when confronted with a teen's problem, they often give him or her the brush off. Autobiographical responses are common. "I remember when I was your age and..."

Believe it or not, teenagers have a lot of information to share. Who do you think knows all the inside details of the sports teams and how good the movie at the Clarkston Cinema was? High school students do. But adults write most of the articles about high school students in the paper.

Furthermore, high school students,

those people between children and adults, those often-forgotten and more-often dreaded souls, should be given a voice because they have wisdom. They know that life is change, that life is struggle, and that listening to one another is even more important than talking to one another.

Adults should listen to what teens have to say about change because they are in the midst of enormous changes themselves. Not only are they changing physically, but they are making major decisions and will make major changes in their lives soon. They are deciding on careers, their address will probably change many times in the coming years, and their relationships are in a state of flux. Adults' lives are changing also, but many of them want to ignore and escape change. Folks, it can't be done.



KRISTIN FRENCH

Not set in their ways, teenagers are willing to try new things. Many, for example, experiment with poetry even though they do not call themselves poets. Read a poem written by a broken-hearted teen. How many adults write poetry when they are stressed or hurt? Many high school students

also play an instrument, some sing, and others compete at various sports.

Listen to teenagers and you'll learn about life's struggles. Many adults have long forgotten the stresses of high school life. Decisions about college, relationships, careers, family and work create anxiety. The next time you see a teen, ask him or her how goes it, and chances are you will get a sigh before you get an answer. Teenagers are probably the busiest people in the community. They juggle jobs, school, friends, homework, sports, fun, and family all into a seven-day week. Many adults have forgotten just how much work life is, but there's value in the struggle, and teens demonstrate that every day.

Many adults have also forgotten how to listen. When young people are interested in a topic, they will hang

onto every word you say so they can share what they learned with others, that is, if anyone will listen. Everyone always wants to speak for children, and few look beyond words and into feelings, as teens are apt to do.

Few really listen to the young, but they should. Young people know the importance of friendship, of playing and of communicating. They remember, better than adults do, how to have fun, how to play, and how to hang out with friends. If you observe them, talk to them and open up to their ideas, you will see for yourself.

Kristin French, who will write a column every other week in this space, is a student at Clarkston High School. Her column will alternate with Clarkston Community Schools Superintendent Al Roberts' column.

Term limits throw out good politicians along with the bad

The November 1998 elections are more than a year away. But that strange noise you hear in the background is the sound of candidates jostling for position after term limits kick in.

Back in 1992, Michigan voters approved by 58.8 percent a ballot initiative that restricted state representatives to three two-year terms and state senators to two four-year terms. For the House, term limits become effective with terms beginning in January 1993. It means that 65 of our 110 incumbent state representatives will hit the wall in 1998. (State senators may one run one more time, in 1998.)

The stated theory behind the move to limit legislative terms had two parts. First, some legislators from solidly one-party districts had been arrogant and/or embarrassing fixtures in the Legislature for years and years, so requiring some new blood seemed like a good idea. Second, since "career politicians" had dominated the Legislature for decades, arbitrarily limiting their terms would open the way for "citizen politicians" to run, thereby improving the quality of lawmakers.

The arguments seemed appealing at the time. In fact, I wrote a couple of columns back then endorsing term limits and advocating the superiority of citizen politicians over careerists.

I can't prove this, but with insight that comes with the passage of five years, I suspect there were two other hidden agendas. The first, Republican in origin, was that long-serving Democratic incumbents constituted a barrier to electing Republicans from districts gradually swinging toward the GOP. Term-limiting them out was a neat solution.

The second followed the general anti-government rhetoric very popular at the time. Long-serving members of legislative bodies were, themselves, part of a vast conspiracy between politicians, bureaucrats and special interest groups to keep big government running smoothly. Eliminate one component, the reasoning went, and you weaken the whole shebang.

The subject is back in the news these days because the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals just threw out the California term limits initiative, possibly setting up a test in the U.S. Supreme Court. In Michigan, an anti-term limit group Citizens for Legislative Choice, claims the state constitutional amendment violates the U.S. Constitution's Bill of Rights. They likely will have a chance to argue the point before U.S. District Judge Patrick Duggan (a Reagan appointee, originally from Livonia) this fall.

Although inadmissible in a court of law, common sense suggests it's worthwhile to look at what term limits are doing so far to the political



PHILIP POWER

and legislative process.

Certainly, they are having no discernible impact on reducing the infestation of careerists. In fact, it's quite the reverse. Term limits have merely changed the calculus of career building, with incumbent state representatives with career ambitions now busily preoccupied with figuring out what else to run for after their tenures expire.


Deborah Whyman, a Republican state rep from Canton Township whose time in the House will be up at the end of next year, will run for the Senate seat being vacated by Bob Geake. Lyn Bankes, another GOP state rep from Redford-Livonia, is planning a run for the Wayne County Commission. After his term runs out, Rep. Greg Kaza, R-Rochester Hills, is looking at running against Democratic Congressman Dale Kildee.

In terms of the quality of legislative decisions, there seems a growing consensus that big trouble is brewing after term limits cut in and experienced legislators depart. For example, Republican Sen. Joe Schwarz, who runs the key subcommittee on higher education appropriations, says that after term limits, "decisions will be made by brute force" rather than reasonable compromise.

I've come to the conclusion that the big defect with term limits is utter lack of discrimination. They throw out the bad, high-seniority legislators together with the good, high-seniority legislators.

Most polls say a sizable majority of Michigan voters still like term limits. If the lawsuit against limits failed, I'll be interested to see what they think, say, in the year 2000. In the meantime, I'm afraid term limits are yet another example of a bad idea whose time has come.

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'Primary' seatbelt bill calls for warnings

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

If at first you don't succeed, add a lot of water and try, try again.

That formula worked for state Rep. Frank Fitzgerald Oct. 28 as the Michigan House finally approved his bill making it a "primary" offense when motorists fail to wear seat belts.

Fitzgerald, R-Grand Ledge, saw his bill rejected in May on a 47-56 vote. This time it passed 63-44 with three absent.

"We're not denying people's constitutional rights," said Fitzgerald after the session. "We'll cause a significant number of people to put on belts."

Specifically he hopes the bill, now on its way to the Senate, will raise the rate of seat belt usage from about 70 to 85 percent. "That will save 100 lives a year and eliminate 3,000 to 4,000 injuries," he said.

Was it watered down? "Yes" was the firm answer from freshman Rep. Andrew Raczkowski, R-Farmington Hills, who was a "no" vote at 2:20 p.m. and a "yes" vote on final passage at 4:30. He cited three modifications:

■ "We sunsetted the bill by 2004," meaning it will expire that year and must be re-passed to continue as law.

■ "We put in warnings. When an officer pulls you over, they can only give you a warning. They put the person's name into a log and lien system. The second time (a driver is stopped), they can write you a ticket, but it has to be the same officer in the same jurisdiction."

■ Fitzgerald's bill is tied to House Bill 4757, which will require insurers to reduce no-fault auto rates to reflect any reductions in deaths and injuries. A "tie-bar" means that both bills must be passed in order to become law. HB 4757, sponsored by Rep. Burton Leland, D-Detroit, is on the House calendar but has yet to be voted on.

"It took us 10 years to get this far," said Rep. Lyn Banks, R-Redford, who voted for the original law to make seat belt violations a "secondary" offense. That means a police officer may ticket you for failure to wear a seat belt only after stopping you for another offense. "There's enough evidence that we need this."

Rep. Greg Kaza, R-Rochester Hills, was unconvinced by the safety statistics. "They (supporters) claim there is a correlation between seat belt laws and traffic death reductions. There are studies on both sides," said the libertarian lawmaker, who voted no to reflect his district's views.

"Republicans lost control of the House in 1996 because they ignored their political base," said Kaza. "That's what they're doing today. They're doing the bidding of lobbyists, mostly corporations, insurance companies."

Rep. Dave Galloway, R-White Lake, a former police officer, scoffed that "we don't need another tool." He predicted "overzealous law enforcement officers will look for more arrests," harassing the public. Galloway said patrol officers have enough to do without peering at drivers to see if they are wearing seatbelts.

Here is how area lawmakers voted:

YES — Patricia Godchaux, R-Birmingham; Shirley Johnson, R-Royal Oak; Tom Middleton, R-Ortonville; Andrew Raczkowski, R-Farmington Hills; Nancy Quarles, D-Southfield.

NO — Penny Crissman, R-Rochester; Barbara Doby, R-Union Lake; Greg Kaza, R-Rochester Hills.

Fitzgerald's bill came to a vote after delays, caucuses and deal-making. Gov. John Engler said he would sign it.

Passage would make Michigan the 13th state where failure to wear a seat belt would be a primary offense.

Church members find a way to 'Make a Difference' for the needy

BY RENA FULKA
SPECIAL WRITER

Fourteen yards of polar fleece fabric were transformed into 60 hats for needy children last weekend when members of Birmingham Unitarian Church donned scissors and sewing needles in honor of "Let's Make a Difference Day."

"People were having a good time," said organizer Lynn McCarthy of Troy. "And it was interesting because it wasn't a sewing group. We emphasized that no sewing skills were required."

Though the three-hour work sessions on Oct. 25 and 26 were geared toward the children of the congregation, 75 volunteers of all ages joined the effort at the church at 651 N. Woodward in Bloomfield Hills.

Participants were encouraged to see their projects to fruition, from selecting and cutting the patterned pieces to decorating the hats with beads, buttons and tassels.

The main seams on the hats were stitched by volunteers to the hum of five continuously operating sewing machines.

Living up to principles

The project was sponsored by "Living Our Unitarian Universalist Principles," a group formed to help church members live out their religious principles personally, in the church and in the greater community.

"We have community building within our church when we do something like this," said McCarthy, a member of the religious education council.

"I think it's important for kids to help others in need and to work with adults to do it."

The warm, colorful hats will be distributed to needy Pontiac school children through the "Warding Off Winter" program.

"Make a Difference Day" was initiated in 1992 by USA Weekend magazine and The Points of Light Foundation through a

nationwide network of 500 volunteer centers based in schools, religious institutions, businesses and civic organizations.

The campaign challenges Americans to join their friends, relatives, neighbors and co-workers in devoting one Saturday a year to community service.

Jo-Ann Fabrics in Bloomfield Township offered a discount on the price of the fabric. The Breadsmiths in Bloomfield Hills donated cookies for the two-day event.

Warm feeling: Leiana Monkman outlines a hat pattern in chalk so that it can be cut and sewn at the Birmingham Unitarian Church. Once sewn, the hats will be distributed to those in need in the Pontiac area.



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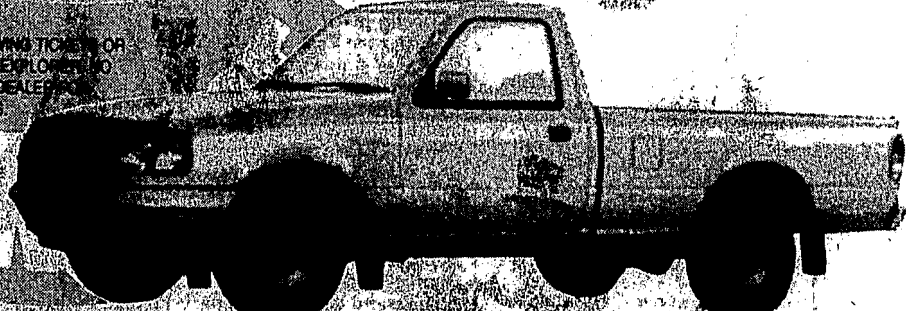
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KAREN HERMES-SMITH

Combining work, motherhood worth it in the long haul

Shifting gears. Truck drivers do it all day long, and so do working mothers. That's the hardest thing, I find, about having a job and a family.

My mind runs smoothly when I'm at home for a while or at work for a while. It's the shifting between the two that grinds me. My brain tends to stall out, momentarily anyway, when I arrive at work or arrive at home and I have to park one set of problems, concerns, plans and deadlines and gear up for another.

Mid-day shifts, both planned and unplanned, can be rough, too. The unplanned — like phone calls at work from my kids wanting me to help them settle a dispute over who gets to watch which television — sometimes drive me crazy.

But other times, mid-day shifts from work to home life, like lunch dates with my kids, provide comic stress relief.

The other morning, I sat through about two hours of candidate interviews for the upcoming Clarkston City Council election. I listened to candidates espouse differing points of view about what the council can and can't do to help the downtown district survive. We talked about non-profit foundations with tax-exempt status, the city's \$750,000 budget, the impact of the downtown's health on property

Please see **GEARS**, A15

Illustrator's stories draw on real life



Children's author Jane Stroschin, who recently visited Andersonville Elementary School, draws on her own life experience in relaying stories that have a reassuring moral for kids: It's okay to make mistakes.

"I loved to draw. Of course, back when I went to school, there were really only four choices for women: teacher, nurse, secretary or nun. Nun was out. And I couldn't stand the sight of blood. So ... I became a teacher. And I found out that I was terrible at it — just terrible."

—Jane Stroschin, author/illustrator of children's books

BY JAN BAKER
SPECIAL WRITER

It's probably not the kind of thing school folks would expect an author to tell elementary-age students during an "Author's Day" celebration.

And maybe that's why Jane Stroschin — author/illustrator from

Fremont — never mentioned those details of her life during her morning presentation at Andersonville Elementary School in Springfield Township last Thursday. Instead, she talked in funny voices. She explained how she rescued a kingfisher that crashed into her house. She imitated an unhappy unicorn. She conjured up a human thunderstorm. And she interpreted cloud shapes.

But through the drawings and words — and sounds — of her stories, Stroschin managed to convey the same messages that cropped up in her post-presentation interview: It's okay to be different. It's okay to make mistakes. It's okay to pursue your curiosity.

In that "grown-up" interview, the author of five children's books and illustrator of nine kids' tomes, spoke of

early life circumstances that influenced her choices.

"We were poor so we never went anywhere on vacation," the Wisconsin native explained. "I mean, we never went ANYWHERE. I used to hate that first day of school when the teacher would say, 'What did you do on your summer vacation? Write about it.' My time was spent either at the library or the zoo, and both of them were free... I'd come home and just draw, and draw and draw."

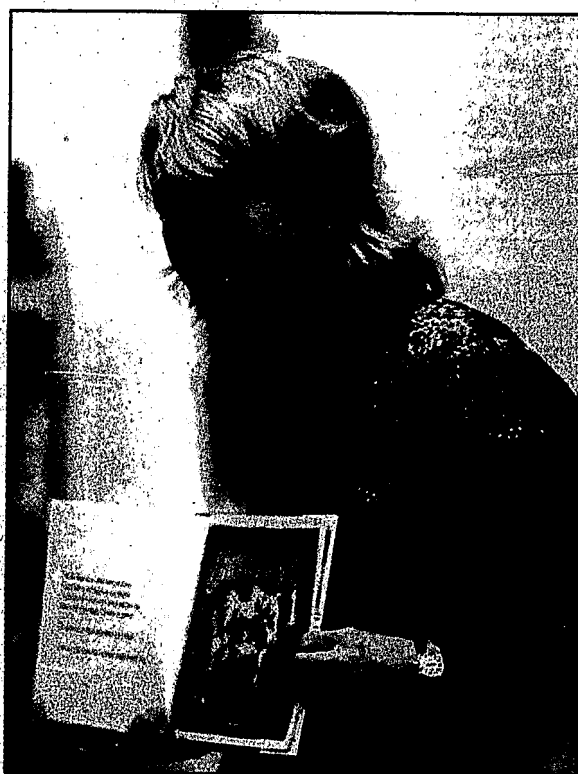
As time went on, Stroschin said she found herself even more immersed in her own creativity because of a serious childhood accident.

"When I was 11, we were playing what was supposed to be tag football, but it wound up being tackle football," the author said with a chuckle. "These four boys decided, 'Ah, Janie caught the ball. Let's k-i-l-l her!' So they broke my kneecaps and dislocated my

Please see **AUTHOR**, A16



All smiles: Andersonville students are amused as author/illustrator Jane Stroschin spins her yarns.



Storyteller:
Author/illustrator Jane Stroschin (left) reads to Andersonville Elementary students. Stroschin has visited 150 schools all over the country, talking to children about her books and her life.

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Would Dr. Laura OK a white lie to cover up a little black belt?

The continuing adventures in the ongoing saga of our heroine, Carolyn Walker, Installment Seven:

I GET A KICK OUT OF WORK

Imagine my true embarrassment yesterday evening when I, alone here in the office, decided for no real clear reason that I can think of, to execute a swift and powerful Tae Kwon Do back-turning kick, coming off a left-foot round kick, which came off a right-foot snap kick, traveling forward.

I was on my way from my swivel chair to the sink at the time.

The kick came between deep writer-type thoughts just after I launched myself from said chair, trying to work a story out in my mind. (Sometimes a writer's got to be on the move to be productive.)

"Hmm. Hmm," I thought, profoundly, and I nonchalantly assumed the stance and went "pow! pow!", not paying very much attention because I knew in the one little spot of space in

my brain that was not thinking deep writer-like thoughts (and which was, in fact, overseeing this act) nobody, except maybe God himself, was watching.

I'm hoping, even as I write this, that maybe just this one time God had one eye winked shut.

And then it happened.

Amazingly, and for possibly the first time in my adult life, I got that particular kicking combination right. I pulled my knee up close to my chest and let fly with a taut Bruce Lee-like foot, which in turn brought down the employee bulletin board in three separate pieces along with the now-stripped screw that had been holding it onto the wall.

(This is not easy to do because, remember, for those of you who are unfamiliar with the martial arts, one is spinning around backwards at 180 degrees during the kicking process. Plus, in this instance, one had underestimated the length of one's leg from hip to toe!)

"Oh, geez," I then said to myself and the overhead lights as the board



CAROLYN WALKER

crashed to the floor. "Now, what am I going to do?"

I felt myself to be in terrible trouble.

Putting my foot down on the carpeting, I bent over and picked up the screw and attempted to stick it back into the wall for remounting. It fell out. I then sized up the damaged bulletin board, brushed around some of the loose plaster dust that had settled on its frame, and set the bulletin board on the floor to await the morning.

This whole incident, I knew, would have been a lot easier to explain if I had been a kid when it happened — and not some zany, middle-aged, out-

of-shape karate wannabe.

It kind of gave me an affinity for children and their predicaments and I spent that night wondering — both in and out of my dreams — whether or not I should, on the occasion of the following work day:

A) pretend like I had no knowledge about how the bulletin board ended up in pieces on the floor; B) ignore it and hope nobody would notice it was out of place; C) lie; or D) confess — even if it did hurt my pride.

I've been reading quite a bit by the famed "Dr. Laura" Schlessinger lately. I've skimmed my way through "Ten Stupid Things Women Do To Mess Up Their Lives," (Hmm.) pondered the depths and insights of "Ten Stupid Things Men Do To Mess Up Their Lives," (the woman is a genius!) and am currently reading her third, "How Could You Do That?"

Curiously, I've learned once Dr. Laura — and her philosophy of character and courage — get into your conscience, they have a way of staying there and haunting you.

It was probably pointless, but late

on the evening of the kick — in the safety of my own home — I briefly said to myself, "Self, what would Dr. Laura do in a situation like this? (Self replied, "Dr. Laura wouldn't get herself into a situation like this, you fool.")

Actually, I knew in my heart-of-hearts that the only honorable thing to do was to own up to what I'd done — even if it was embarrassing — and to offer to make financial amends, which I did.

But, imagine my surprise when I got to about page 100 of her "How Could You . . . ?" book and read that she is, in fact, a martial artist!

"You go, woman," I said triumphantly to the book.

(See if I ever talk to my Self again. Maybe my Self isn't all that smart. But then, only Dr. Laura really knows if she ever threw a kick at work.)

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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.

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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. Saturday is a "\$2 a Bag" day. 625-2212.

FRIDAY, OCT. 31

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.

SATURDAY, NOV. 1

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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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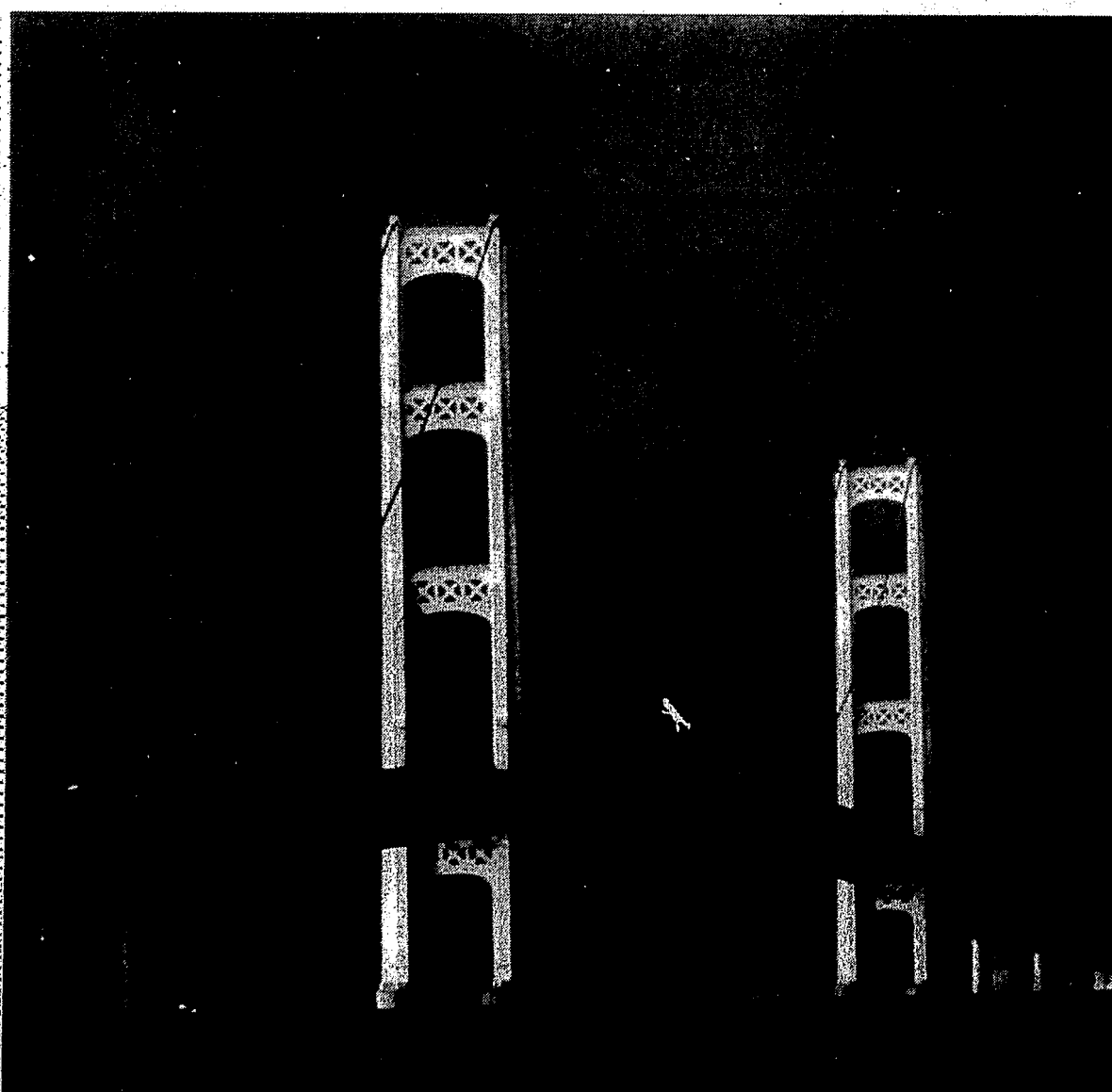
8 a.m. - 2 p.m., Clarkston Community Education Center, 5275 Maybee Road. Cost: \$89. Visa

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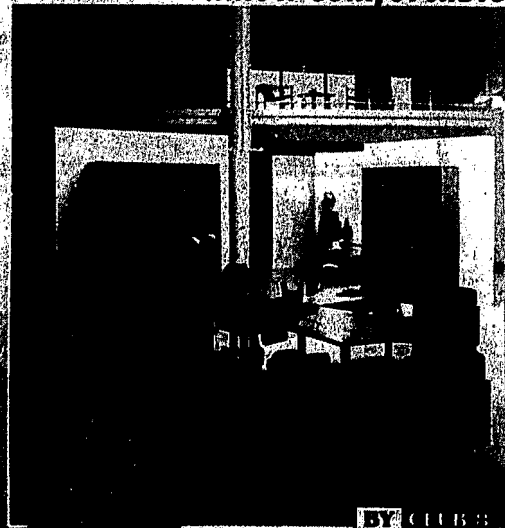
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OBITUARIES

Buddy L. Millmine

Buddy L. Millmine of Clarkston died Oct. 27, 1997, at age 65.

Mr. Millmine taught heating and cooling classes at Oakland Community College for 24 years. He also owned and operated his own heating and cooling company, Automatic Stoker Service in Pontiac.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Marilyn, as well as sons Michael (Kayla) and David (Tracy), both of Groveland. He is also survived by his mother, Thelma Millmine of Waterford; grandchildren Kristin, Marissa, David, Jessica and Michael Jr.; and many other family members.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Johnnie, and his father, John.

A memorial service for Mr. Millmine is scheduled for 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31, at Coats Funeral Home, Waterford. The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Friday. Memorial donations may be made to Baldwin Avenue United Methodist Church.

Amy Ovella Hargett

Amy Ovella Hargett of Clarkston died Oct. 26, 1997, at age 82.

Mrs. Hargett had worked as a cafeteria manager at Hickory

Grove Elementary School in Bloomfield Hills and was a long-time member of Clarkston Community Church of God.

She is survived by her daughter, Ruth Ann (Charles Wayne) Killion of Gaylord, and sons Nathan "Gene" (Sharon) of Clarkston and William (Mattie) of Oklahoma. She is also survived by nine grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren and sister Ruth (George) Thompson of Clarkston.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home in Clarkston. Funeral services were held at Clarkston Community Church of God with Pastor Greg Henne-man officiating. Interment was

at Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Clarkston Community Church of God, 6300 Clarkston Road, Clarkston 48346.

Sarah A. Hall

Sarah A. Hall of Clarkston died Oct. 26, 1997, at age 76.

Mrs. Hall was the wife of Van A. Hall.

She is survived by her sons, Gerald F. (Candice) Bray, Ronald G. (Pam) Bray, Michael P. (Patricia) Bray; and her daughters, Karen P. Bray, Theresa L. (Byron) Jenks and Vanya L. Honea. She is also survived by sisters Matilda Shevlin and Evelyn McDaniels of Illinois

and brother Donald Perry of Louisiana. In addition, she is survived by a niece, Anna K. Dover of Arkansas, 18 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Coats Funeral Home in Waterford. Interment was at White Chapel Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Ida E. Palmer

Ida E. Palmer of Largo, Fla., formerly of Clarkston, died Oct. 26, 1997, at age 90.

She was a member of Largo Methodist Church, of the O.E.S. 340, Lake Orion chapter, and was formerly employed by GM and National Twist Drill.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frederick "F.G." Palmer, five brothers and two sisters. She was the step-mother of Shirley (Melvin) Coulter of Port Richey, Fla., and is also survived by three grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, three great great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son funeral home in Clarkston. Interment was at Mt. Avon Cemetery.

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knees, and I had torn ligaments and cartilage. I spent a long time recovering from all of it. In a wheelchair, you could sit there in a lump and feel sorry for yourself, or you could use the parts that worked. For me, the parts that worked — and that I loved — were drawing and painting. By the time I got to high school, the high school art teacher said to me, "You're really good. Come join my grown-ups' painting class."

But a few years later, Stroschin said she abandoned her art dream as a freshman at the University of Wisconsin. In place of drawing, she chose what she believed to be a more-approved and more-practical female career path — teaching.

She lasted one day in a room full of 13-year-olds.

"I was not a disciplinarian," the author said with a smile. "I had put time, money and commitment into being a teacher.

But on my first day of practice teaching — and back then, you didn't do it until the last weeks of your fourth-year (in college) — I went into a blue collar, middle-class junior high in Milwaukee. And this 6-foot-tall, 19-year-old eighth-grader said to me, "You sit down and shut up and we won't hurt you." And I thought, "I don't belong in education."

But as life so often has it, a miscalculation led to an opportunity.

With her education background, Stroschin said she landed a job teaching art in a community education program "where people came because they were hungry to learn." From there, the artist married, moved to Michigan and became children's librarian at the Fremont Public Library. "Of those who applied for librarian, I think I was the only person with a degree in anything," Stroschin said with a laugh. "I had no

library science skills, but that's where I came back to my childhood love of art with stories."

During that period, the author gave birth to her two now-grown children, Laura and Brian. As her youngsters grew, the story line of her first book, "The Cloudy Day" popped into her head. "It really started as a game in the backyard with kids," Stroschin said, as if still amazed at the thought.

The rest is history.

Last year, Stroschin visited 150 schools "all over the country" to talk about her books and her life. This year, she's readying her wildlife paintings for a one-person art exhibit — in addition to her school visitations.

Sometimes she says she paints for eight to nine hours a day.

For the author/artist, it's okay to see things differently. It's okay to make mistakes. And it's important to keep chasing dreams.

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values, etc.

Fifteen minutes after the interviews ended, I was sitting across the table from my 8-year-old daughter at the new IHOP in Waterford, listening to her make loud belching noises with her hand.

My daughter had drawn a face on her thumb and index finger, and by moving her thumb up and down and providing the necessary sound effects, she made it look like her hand, a character she named Joannie, was burping.

Joining in the play, I pretended to admonish Joannie for acting so badly in a restaurant. That revved my daughter up, and before long, my daughter made it appear as though Joannie was sticking her "tongue" out at me and spitting out hash browns.

Another time, when my computer was acting up and my deadline was fast approaching, I drove to our Birmingham office to use a computer there. The only computer I found available was in my boss's office so I sat in there.

Unbeknownst to me, my 13-year-old son, who was home with his dad and sisters, was trying to call me. He called first to our Clarkston office, where someone had told him I was in Birmingham. He called the Birmingham newsroom and someone transferred him to my boss's office, but they disconnected him. In the meantime, I momentarily stepped out of my boss's office. When he called again, and I didn't pick up the receiver, his call was automatically transferred to my boss's boss's office, where my son identified himself and left a frantic and frustrated voice-mail

message about how he was trying to find his mother.

When he succeeded in getting through to me later that night and told me about the voice-mail message he had left, I laughed out loud at what I imagined my boss's boss would think when he played the message the next morning.

Other times, shifts from work to home life help me to keep my work life in perspective.

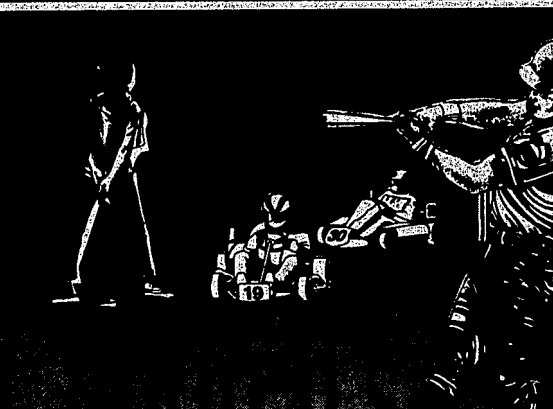
As I flipped through the calendar on my desk Monday morning to get a handle on my appointments for the rest of this week, I

turned the page and saw a little note my 11-year-old daughter, who visited my office recently, had secretly scribbled for Tuesday, Oct. 28.

She intended for it to be a surprise on deadline day, which she knows is my most stressful day of the week.


In chunky, round letters, the message was simple, but spoke volumes and gave me the incentive to push on. "I love you, Mom," it said.

Karen Hermes Smith is editor of the Clarkston Eccentric. She can be reached at 625-1900.



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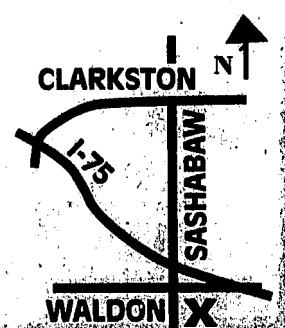
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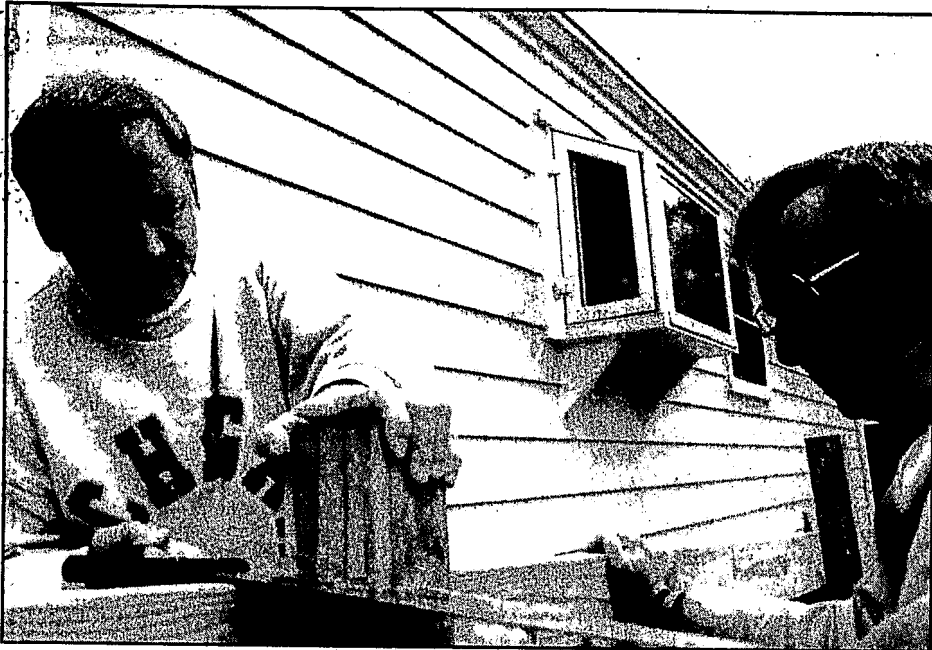
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Teamwork: Rich Sorenson (left) of Plante Moran of Troy and Tom Landry of A.J. Etkin Construction Co. of Farmington Hills work together to finish one of the railing posts for the new ramp. The men were part of a group of alumni from Leadership Oakland to work on the project.

Ramp built by leaders improves Waterford youth's mobility

BY VIVIAN DEGAIR
STAFF WRITER

Like many 13-year-old boys, Tony Richards, of Waterford, scowls affectionately when his mom nags him to take off his baseball hat in front of company.

But Richards, who stands about four feet tall, said he's waited four months to wear his hat.

Mom concedes.

Four months ago, for the 14th time in his life, the growing teenager endured major surgery on his spine and skeletal frame. The operations were necessitated to save his life from his own deteriorating bones.

Tony, who prefers to call himself a little person, was born with a genetic dwarfism called Morquio Syndrome, a condition in one out of 400,000 births.

In June, he flew to St. Joseph's Hospital in Baltimore, Md. for 13 hours of surgery and 10 days in

'In five years, we've learned you can't do it all in one day. . . Today we'll finish up the hammering and sawing, and Tony will cut the ribbon on the finish line.'

Brian Ferilla
—project leader

a full body cast, followed by four months at home recuperating with his skull screwed in a half-dozen places to his "halo," which connected to a body brace.

Tony said in all, he's had 20 places around his head where the halo has been screwed in. His red hair has grown back, but he still prefers his hat.

"The doctor said there was such severe decompression, it

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Leaning In: David Cloyd, who brought a Troy High School service group called Project Lead to help with the ramp, leans in to the job with two arms straddling the railing.

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Keeping watch: Thirteen-year-old Tony Richards watches as members of Leadership Oakland and other volunteers build a new wheelchair ramp at his Waterford home.

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could have severed his spinal cord. It would have taken him from us," said Gloria Richards, his mom. "His surgeons have fused all the vertebrae in his neck and upper trunk."

Grafting bone tissue taken from both of Tony's legs, the bones were used to help rebuild his spine, which is fused from his skull to the upper trunk.

The good news is, Tony was standing and walking up to 60 feet with his walker Sunday to meet the Leadership Oakland volunteers who came to build him a handicap-access ramp.

Thanks to the efforts of Leadership Oakland, the boy, who has traveled out-of-state by commercial jets, private planes, ambulance and stretcher, will for the first time in his life, be able to leave his house under his own steam.

"Just like any other teenager, now he can walk down the ramp, or use his wheel chair down the ramp, get to his motorized scooter in the garage, and go up the street to visit his friends," Mrs. Richards said.

Until now, Tony relied on his parents to carry him down the front porch steps.

The ramp, completed Sunday for National Make A Difference Day, was the fifth ramp in as many years built by Leadership Oakland Alumni, a charitable group of Oakland County business executives.

For the fifth year, Brian Ferrilla served as the project leader for Build A Ramp Project.

"We are having a great day. We live for days like this," Ferrilla said.

Ferrilla, CEO of System Solvers, Ltd. in Madison Heights, said about 50 volunteers of all ages have contributed efforts with smiles over the last three weekends.

"In five years, we've learned you can't do it all in one day. The first weekend, we broke out the existing concrete to make room for the construction. The second, we poured the foundation. Today we'll finish up the hammering and sawing, and Tony will cut the ribbon on the finish line," Ferrilla said.

Leadership Oakland members Nick Raab, vice president of the architectural firm Ellis/Naeyaert/ Genheimer, drew up the plans for Tony's ramp, and Elmer Cerano, executive director of the United Cerebral Palsy Association, worked to identify the families in need of a ramp.

Raab said this project benefits families, and families of all ages participate in the building.

"We join Leadership Oakland so we can give back to the community, but the bonus is the people we meet. Look at the kids picking up tools and taking part. It really feels good," Raab said.

Paul Landry, of Novi, said he came to build the ramp because as a person with a disability himself, he advocates for accessibility.

"We have to be able to get from our houses right out into the community. Access is still a problem. It's better than it's been, but we have a long way to go," Landry said.

The Build A Ramp project has earned Leadership Oakland recognition in the national Make A Difference Day event which honors volunteer organizations throughout America. The top 10 projects from around the nation are awarded \$2,000 for the associated charity.

Dan Minkus, president of Leadership Oakland, said the organization was formed eight

years ago through the affiliation of several Oakland County Chambers of Commerce, but now is standing on its own.

"We are looking forward to shaping our own direction, becoming our own entity. Build A Ramp is the signature project, but we are planning other annual events that will take shape throughout the year," Minkus said.

More than 300 distinguished executives have graduated from the annual Leadership Oakland

program. Most contribute to community projects through continued membership in the Leadership Oakland Alumni Association.

While Tony will work to regain lost strength from his most recent surgery, he looks forward beyond physical therapy to two big events, Halloween and returning to school in January.

He hasn't been in the classroom at all this year, and he misses a few things.

"I miss my friends and I miss

some of the lunches," Tony said. He may have been joking about school lunches, but he isn't joking about his Halloween costumes.

"I've always wanted to be a Leprechaun, but we can't find a pattern for the costume. Then, I thought I would be like Elmo, because Elmo is small and has red hair, like me," he said.

Without an Elmo pattern, he's opted for a ghost-like ghoul named Spooky, because Spooky wears a black top hat.

Grant to aid hearing-impaired

The Deaf, Hearing & Speech Center, Inc. of Bloomfield-Hills received a grant of \$12,500 for 1997-1998 from the Elizabeth M. Wight Fund of the Community Foundation of Southeastern Michigan.

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Michigan's 'drug lifer' law may be revised

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Here and there in the prison business:

State Sen. William VanRegenmorter and Mike Rogers have unveiled their plans for modifying the so-called "650 drug lifer" law.

The harshest in the nation, Michigan's law requires a life sentence in prison without hope of parole for anyone convicted of dealing in 650 grams (2.2 pounds) of drugs. Aimed at nailing drug kingpins, it has instead resulted in life terms for many young "mules" on first conviction.

VanRegenmorter, R-Jenison, has reported from the Judiciary Committee his Senate Bill 280 which would:

■ Make a convicted person eligible for parole after 15 years if he or she cooperated with law

enforcement officials, had no convictions in the previous 10 years for a violent felony, had no drug violation worth four years in prison, and wasn't part of an organized drug gang; provided the sentencing judge (or his or her successor) had no objection to parole.

■ Make parole available for persons already serving 650-lifer terms.

■ Allow a 25-year prison term as an alternative to life for a person convicted of possession of 650 grams or more.

■ Decrease from 25 to 20 years the minimum alternative sentence for a juvenile convicted as an adult for possession of 650 grams or more.

■ Reduce mandatory minimum sentences in several kinds of cases. For delivery or possession of 225 to less than 650 grams, the minimum would be reduced from 20 to 10 years. For

delivery of 50 to 225 grams, the term would be cut from 10 years to five. The one-year minimum for delivery of less than 50 grams, and for possession of 25 to 50 grams, would be deleted.

■ Eliminate a sentencing judge's ability to depart from mandatory minimum sentences for "substantial and compelling reasons" for offenses involving less than 650 grams; and provide that the mandatory minimum wouldn't apply if the defendant cooperated with authorities.

Currently, 160 persons are serving mandatory life sentences for delivery off 650 grams or more.

Rogers, R-Brighton, is sponsor of a companion measure, SB 281, amends the Department of Corrections law to allow paroles under SB 280, which amends the

Public Health Code. SB 280 and 281 are "tie-barred," which means that both must be passed for either to become law.

The bills are on the Senate calendar, and some action is expected before the end of the year.

Meanwhile, the House Judiciary Committee has amended a "date rape" drug bill by Rep. Lyn Bankes, R-Redford, to modify the drug lifer law. Bankes' bill is sitting on the House calendar.

Registry bill up

The Senate is scheduled to consider an amendment by Mike Bouchard, R-Birmingham, to the Sex Offenders Registration Act. It sets up a procedure to verify the address of a released offender.

Bouchard's SB 669 would

require the State Police on the 15th of each month to mail a verification form to each person registered under the act to verify his address. The person would have five days to reply.

If enacted, the bill would require State Police to send out 214,000 pieces of mail each year. The bill says the registrant

would have to pay mailing costs, but the Senate Fiscal Agency noted "there is no method prescribed in the bill for this to be done."

If the offender failed to reply for two months or the address turned out to be wrong, State Police would have to investigate and inform local police.

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Cultural tax idea gets mixed reaction

By PAT MURPHY
STAFF WRITER

Oakland voters may yet be asked to tax themselves to support regional cultural and scientific efforts like the Cranbrook Institute of Science, the Detroit Zoo or the Detroit Institute of Arts.

But Birmingham attorney David A. Sebastian predicts extensive organizational changes — and more trust between the city and suburbs — will be needed before Oakland County warms up to the idea.

"I wouldn't say it's impossible that the suburbs would raise taxes to support the DIA, the Zoo or Cranbrook. But there would have to be some changes first," he said.

The idea of Oakland residents willingly raising their property taxes came up last week when the president of Detroit Renaissance, who was an influential state lawmaker before leaving the Michigan Legislature, spoke to a group of county Republicans.

Paul Hillegonds, who was Republican Speaker of the House in December when he did not seek re-election, was the featured speaker Thursday when the Vision 2000 club of the Oakland County Republicans held its breakfast meeting at the Fox and Hounds Restaurant in Bloomfield Hills.

Hillegonds was enthusiastic about the role Detroit Renaissance is attempting to play in the revitalization of Detroit.

Individually and as representatives of their corporations, the 47 chief executive officers who make up Detroit Renaissance are strongly committed to the economic revitalization of Detroit, Hillegonds said.

The former lawmaker noted Chrysler's commitment to invest \$1.3 billion in manufacturing facilities in Detroit over five years, General Motors' transforming the Renaissance Center into its world headquarters and Ford's partnership in the Fort Motor-UAW training center.

Hillegonds said he is enthusiastic about Detroit Renaissance because, "Government cannot and should not be the sole agent of reform and change. Increasingly we must rely on public-private partnerships to tackle community challenges."

He also stressed the need for better dialogue between Detroit and the suburbs and the possibility of considering regional efforts to resolve regional problems.

"If we cannot improve the dialogue and cooperation within our metropolitan community on issues like cultural institutions and public transportation," Hillegonds asked, "how will we compete with regions like Minneapolis-St. Paul, Indianapolis or Portland, where tax base sharing and regional growth management strategies are resulting in new investment and prosperity?"

The address was informative, said GOP county chair Cathy Longo. "It also illustrated the cooperative style that made him successful in the Legislature," said Longo, a Troy resident.

During the question and answer period, Sebastian, a member of the legislative committee of the Oakland County Bar, said he was aware of legislation introduced by State Sen. Michael J. Bouchard that would enable suburban communities to tax themselves to provide supplemental revenue.

As house speaker, Hillegonds said he was very familiar with the legislation and also knowledgeable about the reason it was not enacted: "Too much opposition from law makers in Oakland and western Wayne counties," he said. "There was too many questions, and too many concerns."

But the issue is not dead, Hillegonds insisted.

The legislation can be reintroduced, Hillegonds said, if and when lawmakers have sufficient input from leaders in Oakland and western Wayne.

Bouchard was not present at the breakfast meeting, but Tuesday the Birmingham Republican acknowledged he had introduced an amendment to the Metropolitan Council Act last year. Had it passed, the legislation would have enabled counties like Oakland, Macomb and Wayne to establish a county to oversee — financially and operationally — regional facilities.

That same legislation would enable those counties to raise

property taxes by as much as one-half mill (or about 50 cents per each \$1,000 assessed valuation) to provide much-needed revenue.

"Grand Rapids uses such an approach for some of its regional problems," Bouchard said.

Bouchard Tuesday emphasized that his proposed legislation would require a vote of the people — preceded by approval by the county board of commissioners in each respective coun-

ty — before taxes could be raised.

Bouchard said he is ready to reintroduce similar legislation, possibly early next year, if county officials can agree on the language and intent of such a bill.

Any such legislation — much less a tax hike for Oakland property owners — would face an uphill battle, Sebastian said.

Oakland taxpayers are already pay a disproportionate

share of tax money for state or regional purposes, Sebastian said. Furthermore, suburban residents may be reluctant to tax themselves for institutions they perceive as "mismanaged."

Even though Sebastian lauded Hillegonds' efforts and the cooperative spirit he espoused, Sebastian countered: "I think he (Hillegonds) might be more effective with ventures that do not require higher taxes in the suburbs."

Civic group's history

Detroit Renaissance, a nonprofit civic group, was organized in the early 1970s in response to the 1967 riots.

Its board of directors, made up of 47 chief executive officers from southeast Michigan's largest employers, meets six times annually.

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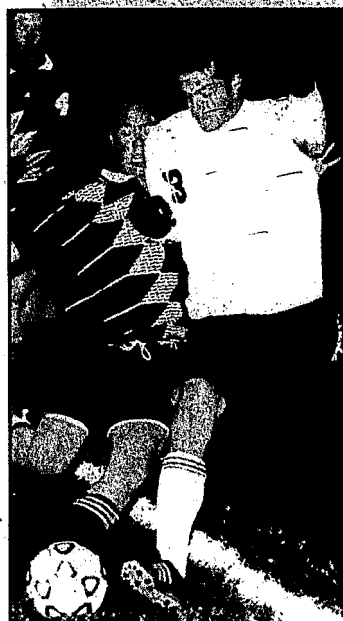
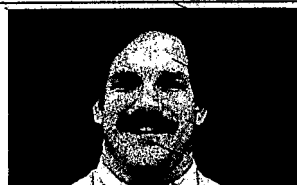


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Senior leader: Clarkston's Shawn Verlinden has become one of the team's top leaders.



BRAD KADRICH

Not concerned with personal gain, Wolves forge soccer success through teamwork

The Clarkston Wolves played the 1996 soccer season with no senior leadership and little purpose, struggling to a 6-10 record that left them well out of contention in the Oakland Activities Association and frustrated by the mistakes of youth.

What a difference a year makes. The 1997 Wolves are getting tremendous senior leadership from guys like Shawn Verlinden, Rean Turner and Mike Gabriel, and they've turned it completely around. The Wolves finished this season 10-3-4, added three impressive wins in the district tournament and captured a district championship that seemed completely unlikely a scant 12 months ago.

"I guess I would have been a little surprised after last year," Clarkston coach Dan Fitzgerald said about the prospects of a district title going into this season. "But they're a hard-working group and they stick to the plan."

They stuck to it like glue this season, and it worked to near-perfection. The Wolves were right in the hunt for an OAA Division II title until a late-season loss to the eventual champs, Lake Orion. They dispatched Walled Lake Western in the first round of the districts, bounced Waterford Mott from the field and then came from behind (albeit not very far behind) to beat an outmatched West Bloomfield squad in the finals Saturday.

Team is all

And they did it the same way they won their first dozen games — with a complete team effort.

Turner, the senior goalkeeper who missed much of his junior season because of injury, gave up one goal, and he didn't have much of a chance on that one. Verlinden raced up and down the field, playing defense at one end, shifting forward at the other. And Gabriel was his usual steadying self.

Those three were the leaders last year, too, although they were new at the job. This year, you might say they've grown into it.

"They're all different, but they've all done a great job this year," said Fitzgerald, who coaxed and cajoled his Wolves through their district championship. "Rean is more vocal, Shawn is super competitive all the time and Mike just leads by example."

Had someone said before the season Clarkston would win a district championship, Verlinden wouldn't have been too surprised. This team is different from last year's. The names have remained the same, but the personality changed.

"It's the same team as last year, but we have more seniors, more heart," said Verlinden, who typifies exactly

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PHOTOS BY BOB KNOSSKA

Speeding to state: Clarkston's Megan Plante (above) and Chris Weber (right) were among four Wolves who qualified for the state cross country meet Saturday.



Wolves scamper to state berths



■ They couldn't get their teams through in a tough cross country regional, but the Clarkston Wolves were able to qualify four runners — three guys and a girl — for Saturday's state finals in Jackson.

BY MIKE SCOTT
SPECIAL WRITER

Four runners on the Clarkston boys and girls cross country teams qualified as individuals for Saturday's state finals, but both squads came up just short on their attempt to qualify in the team competition.

Sophomores David Sage, Matt Haver and Kevin Breen and senior Megan Plante will all be running this weekend in the individual finals at the Michigan International Speedway just outside of

Jackson. Both Sage and Plante qualified for the individual competition last year and were their teams' top runners in 1997.

"There's no team pressure with individuals," Sage said. "You can run your best and have fun without worrying about letting the team down."

Sage's squad finished fourth in the regionals at Springfield Oaks in Holly Saturday, just behind third-place qualifier Milford. Top-ranked Lakeland and Walled Lake Central also qualified in a region Clarkston coach Mike Taylor

called the best in the state.

Sage placed 13th overall at regionals, two spots behind Haver and one ahead of Breen. Taylor said under the right situations, the Wolves could have finished among the top three schools, but perhaps was the fourth-best team in the region.

"That is a meat grinder of a regional," Taylor said. "We were a bit disappointed because we felt we had a good shot to qualify, but the guys ran pretty well."

The fourth-place finish was Clarkston's highest in regionals in a number of years, said Taylor, who was not surprised to have three individuals qualify. Clarkston's sophomores and freshmen competed in an invitational at Lakeland on Tuesday to close the year.

It was a great season for the Wolves,

who received big contributions from their sophomore class. In addition to the qualifiers, Taylor praised the running of fellow sophomores Chris Weber and Dan Burke.

Perhaps the biggest letdown was the heel injury suffered by senior Curt Brewer early in the year, which kept him out for a few weeks. Brewer ran in some events late, but never could return to top form.

"It just didn't work out for him, which was a shame because Curt really worked hard," Taylor said. "He couldn't catch up at the end after not being able to run for the middle part of the season."

But by the end of the year, Clarkston was running as well as a team as they

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Title wave

Kickers win district, but fall to Athens in regional

BY DAN STICKRADT
STAFF WRITER

Perhaps the Troy Athens boys soccer team is truly the team of October.

The Red Hawks, making their 10th appearance in regional play in 16 years, remained unbeaten this October by ushering Clarkston from the Division I regionals with a 4-1 victory Tuesday at Rochester.

"We haven't lost a game this month and I think we are starting to get on a roll," Athens coach Tim Storch said. "I think things started to come together for us in late September and everything has fallen into place ever since."

Against Clarkston, things started to come together late in the first half for the Red Hawks. Despite being outshot 18-4 during the opening 40 minutes, Clarkston (13-4-4) took an unexpected 1-0 lead at the 25:23 mark when senior midfielder Mike Hard knocked in a long throw-in from senior midfielder Shawn Verlinden.

The Red Hawks got untracked after that as senior midfielder Mike Weslosky knotted the score 1-1 (14-4-4) at 36:52 when he redirected a Rick Garish free kick.

Senior forward Luke Spreitzer and junior midfielders Brad Elliott and Mike Majerus each added second-half tallies as the Red Hawks rolled into the Division I regional finals Saturday against Saginaw Heritage (17-4).

"I think being down a goal early kind of served as a wakeup call," offered Storch. "Coming out of such a hard district, I think the guys were a little emotionally and psychologically drained and they had a difficult time getting up. We tactically didn't play well in the first half, even though we took a lot of shots. But this team has a nature of coming back. We have done

that several times this season."

Athens, which suffered four one-goal losses during September, took the lead for good when Spreitzer deposited a breakaway feed from senior forward Nate Sanford past Clarkston senior netminder Rean Turner (10 saves) at the 62:05 mark.

The Red Hawks' third goal was, perhaps, their prettiest. Freshman midfielder Kevin Giroux began the play by taking the ball to the corner before spinning around a Clarkston defender and dishing a quick feed to Sanford, who fired a low cross to a wide open Elliott at the far post.

"Athens is a good team," Clarkston coach Dan Fitzgerald said. "They counter well, they have good speed and they win a lot of 50-50 balls."

Playing against the wind in the first half, Fitzgerald was hoping to get into intermission in a scoreless tie.

"We were hoping to go into half at 0-0, but we were able to take the early lead and hold on for 1-1 at the half," he said. "And if not for their goalie, we might have been able to squeak another one in there during the first half. He made a couple of really nice saves."

Junior Mike Robinson recorded six saves for the Red Hawks, who outshot the Wolves 29-10 during the game.

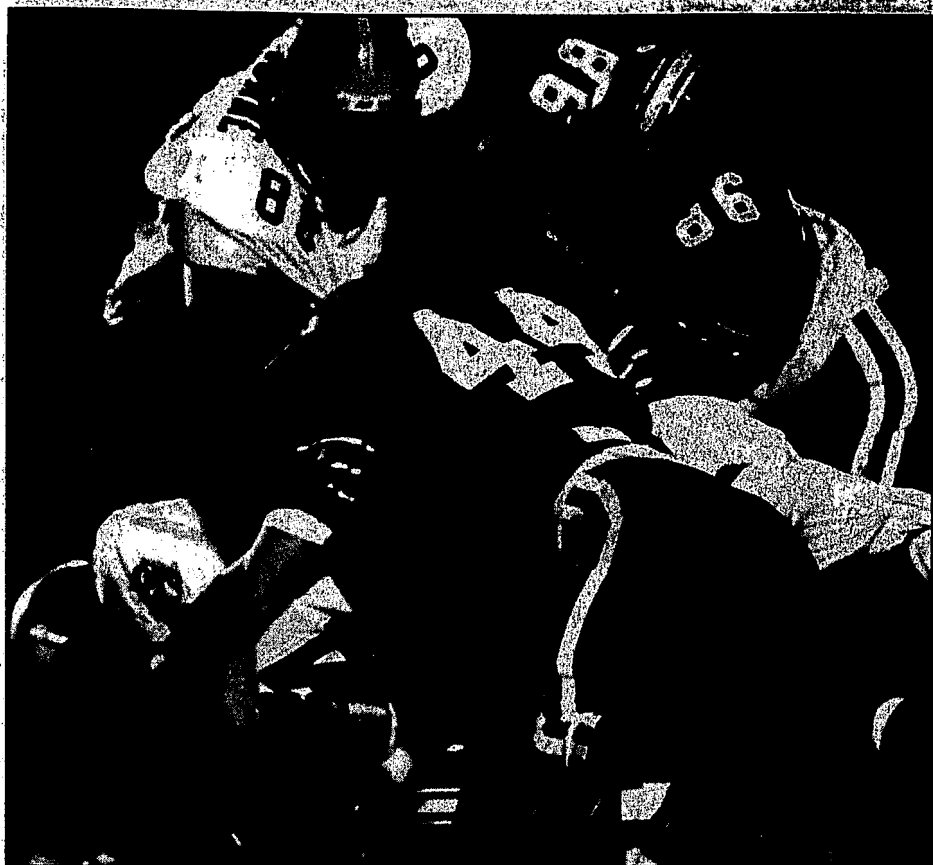
Clarkston wins district: Verlinden, Mike Lenhardt and Tom Dews all scored second-half goals, and the Wolves took advantage of windy conditions to overcome a 1-0 halftime deficit to beat West Bloomfield and win their own district championship Saturday.

The Lakers took a 1-0 lead just a minute before halftime, but the Wolves tied it on Verlinden's goal with 23:21 remaining in the game. Lenhardt got the game-winner with 18:09 left, and Dews added the insurance goal three minutes later.



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District dandy: Clarkston's Tom Dews (right) battles Chris Bradley of Waterford Mott during the Wolves' district semi-final game against the Corsairs.



Avoiding the rush: Clarkston's Brent Duell tries to punch his way through the Troy defense during the Wolves' 21-20 loss to the Colts Friday.

Wolves' late 2-point try fails, Colts escape with narrow win

BY JIM TOTH
STAFF WRITER

Big games usually see players make big plays and coaches make key calls.

Friday night at Troy High, players did make big plays and coaches did make key calls. Fortunately for the home-standing Colts, they were on the receiving end of one more big play and one more key call to score a nail-biting 21-20 victory over Clarkston in what proved to be the OAA Division I championship football game.

With the win, the unbeaten Colts regained a league title they surrendered last season to the Wolves by earning their fifth consecutive Division I triumph and eighth overall. The loss left the Wolves sporting a 3-2 league ledger and 5-3 mark overall.

"I thought we were resilient tonight," Troy coach Gary Griffith said breathing a sigh of relief in the boisterous Colts locker room. "We knew we would have a battle on our hands because Clarkston had only one loss in the league and it was championship night for them. They are a great team with a couple of top-notch athletes."

Despite dominating play for much of the four quarters, the Colts couldn't officially be labeled league champions until 6:05, 270-pound junior Brian Otney dragged Wolves quarterback Dane Fife to the ground on a crucial two-point attempt with 0:05 showing on the clock.

The decisive play came about after Fife hooked up with senior Marc Venegoni on a 34-yard

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This week's opponent: Clarkston hosts traditional rival Lake Orion Friday at 7 p.m.

Last year: Brad Phalen rushed for 117 yards and two touchdowns and the Wolves beat the Dragons 34-14, completing an undefeated regular season.

This year: Clarkston is coming off a 21-20 loss to Troy in which the Wolves went for a two-point conversion and the win with five seconds left. Lake Orion beat Troy Athens 20-14.

touchdown pass to bring his teammates within one point at 21-20. Instead of forcing the likelihood of overtime with the conventional extra point, the Clarkston coaching staff decided to go for two and the win.

"The kids helped decide it, but it was still my call," Wolves coach Kurt Richardson said of the decisive play. "All I know is we played a heckuva football game."

The Wolves needed to play that type of game just to hang with the Colts.

Griffith's troops looked like they might enjoy the visit by the Wolves as they took the opening kickoff and promptly ripped off three first downs. The drive stalled, however, and forced Troy to punt the football which Clarkston senior Nate Skipton coughed up at the Wolves' 13. A

holding penalty thwarted any further progress and the Colts came up empty when placekicker Mark Boehms missed a 36-yard field goal attempt.

Following an exchange of possessions, the Wolves struck first when Fife connected with Jeff Long on a 19-yard screen pass and a Clarkston touchdown.

The lead was short-lived as Troy senior Jim Essian took the ensuing kickoff - actually the second kickoff since the first went out of bounds - and raced 79-yards down the right sideline for a score. Boehms' first of three PATs knotted the game 7-7.

"They were squibbing the ball on their kickoffs and I thought if they were going to do that we would have an opportunity to get a big play," Griffith said of his decision to have the Wolves' kick again. "In no way did I envision us running it back."

Envision or not, the play helped spark the Colts to a 14-7 halftime advantage, courtesy of a 4-yard gallop by Essian. The 11-play, 52-yard drive came following senior Duriel Ellison's second interception of the half.

The two teams slugged out a scoreless third quarter before the Wolves drew even on the fourth play of the final quarter. After taking a handoff from Fife, senior tailback Brad Phalen burst through the Troy line and found enough daylight to race 82 yards for a touchdown.

An exchange of punts gave the Colts possession at their own 41 with 6:51 to play. From there, junior quarterback Mike Clinton

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Freshmen cagers pick up wins

BY JACKIE TRIFI
SPECIAL WRITER

The Lady Wolves improved their record to 7-4 with a win over Bloomfield Hills Lahser 41-23. Tovah Bazley led the girls to the hoop with nine points and 11 rebounds. Lindsey Simko also had nine points. Nicole Thrift had seven points, 11 rebounds and five steals, and Mary Warchuck had eight rebounds.

The great defense limited Lahser's scoring chances. Clarkston outscored Lahser 37-14 in the first three quarters.

The second game was against Rochester. The Wolves were on the prowl once again, trampling the Falcons, 56-25.

Nicole Thrift contributed 12 points and seven rebounds. Kelly Orris was close behind with nine points. Tricia Brewer and Tovah Bazley each had eight points. Mary Warchuck led the defensive part of the game with eight steals, seven rebounds and four assists.

The main contributor, as Coach John Zittel believes is that their press created numerous steals and they capitalized early on in the game.

"This was our best game of the year," Zittel said. "We played as a team and executed very well."

Clarkston improved its record to 9-4 with a close, 48-40 win over Waterford Kettering. Thrift had 18 points and eight rebounds. Bazley had nine points and Simko scored seven points and grabbed nine rebounds. Warchuck was BIG on

"D" with six steals and nine rebounds. The key moment came when Bazley had a key steal at the end of the game to seal the victory.

Freshman football

The freshmen went into the game against the Colts of Troy and kept their record without a single blemish in a 14-8 victory.

Leading the gridirrs on defense was Ryan Kaul, who had 10 solo tackles, two assists and added two fumble recoveries.

Nick Beadles and Rob Conley followed with 15 solos. Ian Ramsey had eight solo tackles and two sacks.

Ramzy Dasugi had three sacks, and Chris Jaroneski pressured the Troy quarterback into an interception by Adam Gebus.

Offensively, the game on the ground was led by Conley with 101 yards rushing on 22 attempts. He scored all of the Wolves points with a pair of touchdowns and a 2-point conversion.

Kaul was 12-of-23 passing for 103 yards, though he did have one interception. Ryan Briceland led all receivers with eight catches for 108 yards. Dan Holody also threw a 21-yard strike to Briceland on a double pass.

This was the first time since 1993 Clarkston was able to beat Troy at the freshman level. They head into a tough game against Lake Orion this week.

JV football

As of Oct. 9, the junior varsity team had upped its record to 5-1. They defeated Troy Athens, 41-6, getting 110 yards on 11 carries, with a touchdown, from Chris Mitchell. Derek Casper had three carries for 88 yards and one touchdown, and Chad Booker also helped out with five carries for 28 yards and a touchdown. He also scored a two-point conversion.

Ross Martello had seven yards with one touchdown. Ryan Thomas and three yards and one touchdown run. Launching the air attack was Ross Martello, who was 4-for-7 for 76 yards and one touchdown. Andy North had 25 yards and one touchdown catch.

Pulling up the defense was Booker, who had eight tackles. Rocky Lund had one interception, and Jared Marshall chipped in with a sack.

Two weeks ago, the JV improved its record to 6-1 with a win over Rochester, 34-12. Mitchell had 18 carries for 210 yards and a touchdown. Booker had a touchdown, Casper had three carries for 75 yards and one touchdown, and Martello scored a touchdown. "Captain Martello" was 6-of-11 for 59 yards and one touchdown. North led the receiving corps, grabbing three catches for 34 yards and a touchdown.

There were two key moments in the game:

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Wildcats get revenge with easy cage win over Lapeer East

BY BRAD KADRICH
SPORTS EDITOR

Oxford senior Jenny White marked her 17th birthday Fri-

day, but she did most of her celebrating Thursday night.

White poured in 18 points, grabbed 18 rebounds had five

steals and four assists, giving herself an early birthday present with a 55-43 rout of Lapeer East at The Field House.

Senior forward Sarah Courtwright played perhaps the best game of her career as the Wildcats wiped out the lingering memories of an embarrassing loss to the Eagles four weeks ago.

White said that loss was on everyone's mind while preparing for the rematch, although no one really spoke much of it.

"I don't think we needed to talk about it," White said. "We knew we were embarrassed."

No such problem Thursday. The Wildcats jumped out 15-7 after eight minutes and never trailed, although the Eagles did manage a 19-19 tie with 4:15 left in the first half, but Oxford's Megan Hope canned a pair of

free throws about a minute later, putting the Wildcats up 21-19 and sending them on their way.

Hope had another free throw and a layup, and White hit a 3-pointer, Oxford led 27-24 at half-time and never looked back.

Courtwright opened the game on fire, draining a 3-pointer in the opening seconds, then getting a steal and converting at the other end.

She also hit a pair of free throws and scored Oxford's first seven points.

"Sarah was a big part of our game plan to take some of the pressure off (White)," Oxford coach Ian Smith said. "We put in a new game plan and executed it to perfection."

Courtwright was all over the floor, finishing with 17 points, five rebounds, four steals and five assists.

More than that, she supplied a level of intensity that had been missing in the first game.

"We were so pumped for this game," Courtwright said. "We knew what we had to do, and we knew our defense could do it. They outthrusted us the last time, and we knew it. We didn't let it happen this time."

East's Jennie Behrenbrinker hit a 3-pointer with about three minutes left to pull the Eagles within 47-38. It was as close as East ever got.

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■ Numero Uno — Mitchell bounced off tackle for a 17-yard touchdown run.

■ Number Two — North caught a "beautiful" pass from Martello for a 13-yard touchdown catch.

All good things must come to

an end. The Wolves' roar was silent when the Troy Colts beat them 14-0. Defensively, Lund had 11 tackles, Booker eight, Derek Tegler 10 and Thomas seven. North had two quarter-back sacks.

"The team had two turnovers

in the first half that led to two Troy touchdowns," coach Doug Colling said. "Turnovers and mental errors were the key. But defensively, we played a good game."

Jackie Tripi covers freshman and junior varsity sports for The

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directed the most important drive of his varsity career. He connected with wideout Tim Fralick on a critical third-and-nine play and handed off to Essian from the one for his third TD of the game.

"I knew we had to get it in, so no matter how tired or hurt you are, you have to suck it up to get

the job done," said Essian, who finished with 127 yards on 36 carries. "This football thing is new to me and I'm just glad to be having a great time."

"We knew we had to get to the football and gang tackle him," Richardson said of the game plan to slow down Essian. "But Troy is not a one-man team."

Clinton, their receivers and their big linemen also had big games."

The Wolves finished with an edge in total yards, 309-263, but committed three turnovers.

Both teams will close regular-season play with rivalry clashes on Friday. The Colts will travel to Troy Athens, while the Wolves host Lake Orion.

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that. "We don't have that 'wait 'til next year' feeling. We knew this was the year."

He knows last year's team lacked leadership and continuity, since they hadn't played together that much. That all changed this past off-season.

"I think we grew together," Verlinden said. "We played indoor last winter, played together this summer."

Another key factor has been the health. At some point last season, Turner, Gabriel and Verlinden all missed some time with injuries. Turner's was the most keenly felt, but all did some damage. That hasn't been the case this season.

"There's not as many injuries," Verlinden agreed.

But the biggest factor in the Wolves' success this season is the team attitude they've taken. Verlinden and Gabriel are clear-

ly their two best position players, but both are consummate team players, doing what it takes to get a win.

That attitude, and the resultant success, has been shared by the group.

"They play for the team more than for themselves," said Fitzgerald, who fosters just such an attitude. "No one plays for stats."

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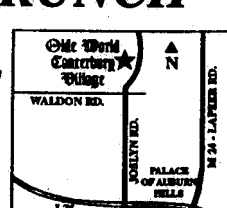
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Explore the world of the park's largest mammal, the whitetail deer, through slides and a short walk during this program, which begins at 10 a.m. Saturday at Kensington. A similar program begins at 6 p.m. Saturday at Stony Creek.

FINDING YOUR WAY

Junior girl scouts can earn their orienteering badge during this two-hour program, which begins at 10 a.m. Saturday at Indian Springs.

WILDLIFE BADGE

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WILDFLOWER BASKETS

Make a cattail basket and fill it with flowers for as great holiday centerpiece during this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Sunday at Indian Springs.

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Scouts, families and others will learn the basics of orienteering during this program, which begins at 10 a.m. and again at 2 p.m. Sunday at Indian Springs.

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A slide program and discussion focusing on practical concerns regarding planning, passports, health, safety and sources of information for world travel begins at 2 p.m. Sunday at Kensington.

BIRD FEEDING

Ages 10 and older will make a bird feeder out of natural materials and learn about a variety of foods that can be used to attract birds to your backyard during this program, which begins at 2 p.m. Sunday at Stony Creek.

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Youngsters fourth grade level and up will learn basic map and compass skills during this program, which begins at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5, at Indian Springs.

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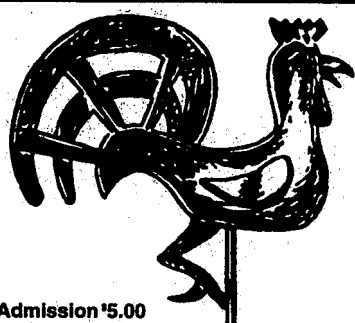
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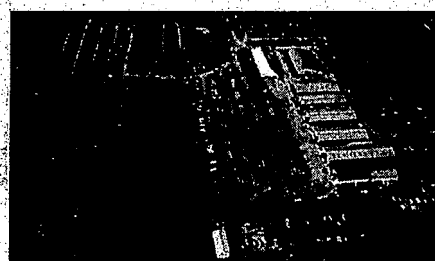
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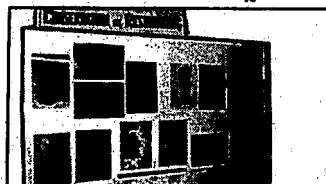
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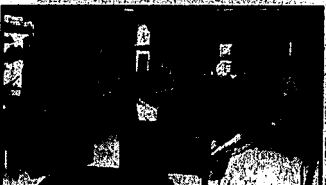
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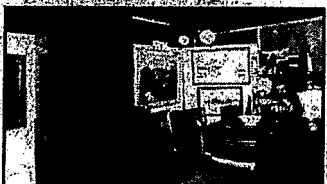
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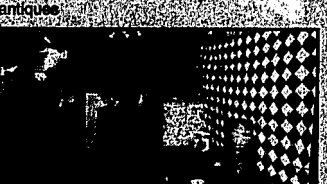
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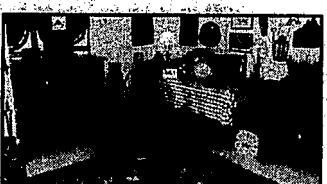
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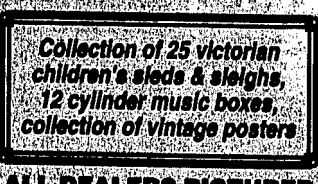
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GOING GIRL

DF, 43, 5'7", medium-length blonde hair, looking for tall, outgoing, fun-loving, happy, caring, successful, financially secure, who likes kids, for friendship and possible romance. #7761

BEST OF BOTH WORLDS

Attractive, affectionate, athletic, successful, warm, romantic, DWF, 55, 5'0", blonde/blue, medium build, educated, seeks gentleman, 35-55, 5'8"-6'2", whose honest, N/S, who likes the outdoors, travel, for possible LTR. #7765

I'VE GOT WHAT IT TAKES

Attractive, slender, intelligent, refined, affectionate, humorous JF, 54, blonde/green, 5'5", seeks classy guy, who is sweet, intelligent, honest, polite, for a real relationship. #77619

PICK ME

Lonely, attractive, petite SF, 25, seeks honest, reliable, sincere, hard-working, semi-intelligent SM, for companionship, friendship, possible relationship. If you cheat, don't both call me. #7768

GO NO FURTHER

DWF, 40s, professional, blonde, attractive, slender, seeks gentleman/N/S, professional, 40s, for dating, fun, travel, quiet evenings at home, possible LTR. #7814

SEEKING ROMANCE

I'm attractive, slender, tall, and a young-looking 41, plus intelligent, refined, humorous and a smoker. Seeking gentleman who is 50-65, intelligent, tall, classy, confident, and selective. Seeking someone special. #7756

SEEKING SOMEONE SPECIAL

SWF, 25, enjoys movies, tennis, ball, softball, quiet evenings at home, seeks athletic built SM, 24-32, to share similar interests. N/S preferable. #7478

LARGE, LOVELY WOMAN

SF, 35, brown/brown, mom, seeks dark-haired, handsome WPM, similar interests, for fun, movies, dancing, moonlit walks, children ok. If this sounds interesting to you, please respond. #7480

BEAUTIFUL SUCCESSFUL DOCTOR

30s, 5'5", white, slim, elegant, charming, accomplished, well-traveled, honest and sincere. Loves sports, golf, theater and cooking. Seeking successful, mature, relationship gentleman, 32-45, for a relationship, to start family. #7398

SEEKING MR. WRITE

Attractive, fit SF, 32, 5'2", N/S, ND, long brown/brown, financially/romantically secure, mother of 2 girls, home owner, enjoys movies, comedy, outdoors, animals, shopping. Seeks tall, playful, attractive SM, intelligent, confident, secure, for friendship/LTR. #7444

BEAUTIFUL BLUE EYES

SWF, 27, brown hair, seeks SWM, 27-35, who enjoys playing fun and country music, dancing, and is interested in LTR. All calls returned. #5952

LIVING LIFE ON LIFE'S TERMS

Evolving DWF, 36, blonde, simply elegant, confident, intelligent, kind, honest, fun-loving, ND, enjoys all walks of life, music, reading, traveling, the arts, nature. #7580

BLUE EYES, FULL LIPS

SF, 56, 5'7", enjoys Northern Exposure, travel, events, entertaining, successful, good cook. Seeking mature, 40-60, with big ego. Self-respecting and successful only. #7812

STOP!

Look no further. You have just entered the dark and lovely zone. Gorgeous DF, 30, 5'7", independent, seeks a successful, gorgeous WM, 30-45, 5'10", N/S/ND, for friendship and dancing. #7608

WANTED: REDEGRADE

Tall SWM, 30-40, dark eyes/long blonde hair, successful, professional. The classy couple, 35, 5'5", 145lbs, long dark blonde/blue-green eyes. Perfect catch. Warning: playing for keeps. #7400

LET ME BE YOUR SUNSHINE

Widowed, WF, 59, 5'2", N/S, social, fun, enjoys movies, emotionally/financially secure, seeks honest SM, 57-65, with children, for friendship. #7575

WHY AND LOVING

DF, 36, with one son, likes bowling, movies, long walks, and quiet evenings. #7394

DOWN-TO-EARTH

Sincere SWF, 27, 5'8", reddish-brown/blond, enjoys dance, pool, walks, movies, outdoor activities. Seeking easygoing, open, honest, fun-loving SWM, 27-37, for friendship, possible LTR. #7585

LOOKING FOR THE...

keeper of the stars. Attractive DWF, 35, seeks SDWPM, 8+, who will make my eyes twinkle again. Enjoys dating out, quiet times at home, good conversation. #5701

SINCERE

Pretty, professional, petite, slim SWF, 36, blonde, enjoys working out, theater, travel, some sports. Seeking sincere, honest, attractive SWM, 30-39, physically fit, N/S, financially/emotionally secure. #7761

CUTE, HONEST LADY

SWF, early 40s, 5', 103lbs, blonde, very nice-looking, seeks honest, caring, smart, nice-looking SWM, 40s-50s, under 5'7", who wants one special lady in his life. #5861

HURRY, I'M A GOOD ONE!

Attractive DWF, 50ish, 5'5", 125lbs, looking for Mr. Nice Guy: a 50ish professional SWM, with a positive attitude and great smile, for friendship or more. #7525

SECOND TIME AROUND

Spunky, attractive, widowed WF, 56, 5'7", 165lbs, blonde, Places-Are-Edgerton resident, seeks SWM, 50+: to share a life of dancing, movies, travel, good conversation and family get togethers. #7572

HAPPILY EVER AFTER?

Cute, nice DWF, 35, 5'7", 125lbs, down-to-earth, one son, N/S, enjoys jogging, dating, concerts, travel. Looking for SWM, 30-40, who is fun, caring, financially secure. N/S, to enjoy life with. #7692

ATTRACTIVE ABAB

Non-smoking AF, 36, seeks attractive, health-conscious, dependent, nice WM, 35-40, 5'7", for casual dating. Possible LTR. #7527

WAITING IN WESTLAND

Passionate, honest, upbeat, humorous DWF, 43, 5'6", 160 lbs, blond/brown, hazel, smoker, social drinker, ND/Drugs, enjoys bowling, movies, dining out, quiet times at home. Seeking gentleman, 40-55, with similar interests, for friendship, possible LTR. #7701

I'M NOT BARBIE...

So you don't have to be Ken. DJF, 40ish, realize we still look good, but aren't 20 anymore. Seeking fun, romantic, smart, funny SWM, 39-49, N/S, drinker. Let's play. #7687

FIRST TIME AD

Attractive redhead, professional, 40s, 5'7", HW proportionate, N/S, seeks companionship, gentleman, 40-55, for dining out, travel, quiet evenings at home and all the good things life has to offer. #7522

SOLID SECURE GENTLEMAN

Independent, WF, 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 nights, out, for friendship. #7568

FROM THE HEART

Affectionate, warm sensitive SWF, 46, enjoys movies, plays, music, golf, for friendship, quiet times. Seeking loving SWM, 44-55, with sense of humor, with similar interests, for LTR. #7754

101 WAYS

SF, mom, seeks N/S man, 40-65, who is into a little bit of everything. #7813

SINCERE REPLIES ONLY

Versatile, romantic SWFF, 43, 5'8", attractive, medium build, blonde/brown, N/S, sound heart, mind, seeks nice-looking, confident, secure SWPM, 35-50, 5'11", N/S, for love, be loved, for LTR. #7476

NO GAMES

Attractive SWFF, young 50, blonde/brown, N/S, not into games. If you believe honest communication is essential, and you're romantic and secure with many varied interests, please call. #7406

MOST WANTED

Him: Seriously good-looking, professional SWM, HW proportionate, active, with killer sense of humor. Me: Pretty, slender, brunette SWFF, 40 something, great smile and heart, but elusive. Help me locate this fugitive. #5827

HONEST HARD WORKER

Attractive, passionate, caring, honest DWF, 38, 5'7", 185lbs, long red hair, enjoys bowling, camping, fishing, dancing, quiet evenings and moonlight walks. Seeking a companion for possible LTR, in Plymouth area. #5921

PRETTY BLONDE

Will be your best friend and more, as will you. We are equal, we respect and cherish life and each other. Affectionate, upbeat lady, seeks financially secure, tall gentleman, 45-60. #5925

MISSING SOMETHING?

Me too... someone to share fun, quiet times with. SF, 45, 5'2", brunet/green, live in, northwest side, seeks honest SM, to care about, who cares back, who enjoys movies, family, having fun. #7669

FUN-LOVING

Attractive, intelligent DWF, 40s, 5'4", 115lbs, black/brown, seeks sincere, handsome, sincere SDW/M, 40-50, 5'7"-6'0", for a relationship, friendship, fun, possible LTR. #7693

LADY IN WAITING

Foxy 45 year old, DBCPF, hopeless romantic, 5'5", 145lbs, enjoys, traveling, fun, dancing, quiet evenings at home, seeks SM, 40-55, with similar interest, N/S, professional, for friendship possibly more. #7700

LAUGH WITH ME

DWF, seeks SWM, 55-62, who likes to dance, take walks, has good sense of humor, family-oriented, a good communicator. Serious inquiries only. #7761

SATISFACTION GUARANTEED

Attractive SWF, 24, 4'10", 145lbs, blonde/blue, enjoys movies, quiet evenings, skating, long walks, books and food. Seek SWM, 30-35, who is looking for a LTR. West Detroit. #7514

SHALL WE DANCE?

Sweet, slender, shapely, smart, independent, blonde, beautiful, seeks good looking, in shape, cultured, young 50s, gentleman, for ballroom dancing. #5916

FULL-FIGURED, FULL OF SPICE

SWF, 25, 225lbs, N/S, kind, intelligent, great sense of humor, financially/emotionally secure. Seeking SWM, 25-33, N/S, who's affectionate, honest, and sincerely looking for love. #5934

UNCHAINED MELODY

Slim, attractive, DWF, 50, N/S, seeks SDWPM, 45-55, 5'9", HW proportionate, for C/W dancing, rollerblading, and companionship. West Side Area. #7605

LOOKING AND WANTING

Intelligent, attractive SWF, 39, 5'6", blonde, seeks tall, down-to-earth, intelligent, honest, caring, humorous romantic SM, 34-45, N/S, financially secure, for friendship/more. #7515

FULL-FIGURE

If you're looking for a full-figured woman, please contact me. SCF, 55, red hair, seeks fun-loving man, 45+. #7481

BALD OR BUZZED?

You: 24-28, smart, hard-working, attractive, sensitive, funny, knows how to have a good time. Me: 24-30, blonde, brown hair, blue eyes, smart, hard worker, like to hang out and share quiet times too. #7520

HONESTY IS THE...

best policy. Seeking SWM, 40-52, honest, loving, willing to have an open relationship. Enjoys exercise, walks, talks, candlelight dinners, fireplace, cuddling, romance, honesty. #5788

UNIQUE, TALL, SINGLE

Tall, thin SF, late 30s/50s, 135lbs, medium complexion, African-American female, HW proportionate, educated, employed, homebody, romantic, N/S. Seeking same, race unimportant, financially secure, honest, God-fearing man. #5885

INTRIGUING, SULTRY

Attractive, educated, sincere DWF, 55, 135lbs, black/hazel, seeks tall, handsome SDW/M, 45+, for laughter, fun, romance. Call, you won't be disappointed. #7333

LOVING LADY

Warm-hearted SWF, mid-50s, seeks SM, over 50, for companionship and to share the beauty of life. Tell me where you want to be. #7518

DOWN-TO-EARTH

DWF, 44, 5'1", 155lbs, N/S, mother of two, employed, affectionate, romantic and caring, likes camping, movies, music, art, antiques, almost all sports. Seeking WM, similar interests, for possible LTR. #7570

LOOKING FOR LOVE...

In all the wrong places. Do you like petite, classy red heads, moonlight bowling, country dancing, good music? Are you 50-60 and consider it so, check this ad out. #7443

SOUTHERN LADY

Widowed black christian lady, 40, seeks christian black male, 45-55, for friendship and laughter only. #5817

ANTIQUE HUNTER

Cute, outgoing, fun lady, 33, long red hair, slim, wants to meet great guy, 55-62, to share love of life, markets, antiques shows, travel, etc. Oakland County area only. #5846

TIRE OF ADS THAT SAY DFW

needs companionship, too. Loves outdoors, dining out, fast cars, motorcycles, would like to hear from guys, who are 40+, who're like Renegade or Steven Seagal, please call. #5912

WARM-HEARTED COUNTRY GIRL

Attractive SWF, mid-40s, 5'4", big brown eyes, you'll find me physically fit, affectionate, sensitive, attentive, witty, enjoys friends/chats, walks along the riverfront. Seeking personally plus, ethnically unimportant. #7478

61-YEAR-OLD ENTREPRENEUR

Successful, giving, loving, likes movies, plays, concerts, traveling, boating, swimming. Looking for the right lady to share my life. Any age, race, successful, caring, fun, man. 45-70, please reply. #5945

ELAINE SEEKING JERRY

Do you like small packages, full of dynamite? Handle with care, only for a professional dancer, dancer, redhead, seeks single man, 45-55. Serious inquiries only. #7324

LOOKING FOR UNUSUAL MAN

SWM, 40-50, 5'8"-5'11", listen carefully please. I'm looking for a sense of humor, a down-to-earth, classy guy, knows how to dress, no kids under 18, nice-looking, open, accepting of others, financially stable. #5889

NEW TO THIS, ARE YOU?

Humorous SWF, 32, 5'7", physically fit, enjoys golfing, camping, going to North, boating, amusement parks. Seeking humorous, trustworthy, sensitive, Catholic SWM, 32-42, 5'10", physically fit, N/S, for friendship, possible LTR. #7760

ID LIKE TO WATCH

"Friends on Thursday Single" more of three, 30, straight-forward, honest, enjoys rollerblading, camping, working out, outdoors, travel, and a Relationship possible. #7804

DYNAMIC, BEAUTIFUL PH.D.

Cultured, mean apple pie, dot, funny, and, sking, enthusiastic. Theater education, 30s, 5'7", 125lbs, fun, counter, 34-47. #7666

YOUR LUCKY DAY

Classy, upbeat, witty, vivacious, professional WF, 52, 5'6", 150lbs, quite a package. Needs athletic, romantic, humorous SM, 50+, 5'9", with a fatherly charm. #7706

PERKY BROWN-EYED GIRL

DWF, 38, 5'1", brown/brown, romantic, caring, kind, seeks SDW/M, 35-43, for friendship, enjoyable week, a little heart, honest, fun, and good conversation. #7601

LOOKING FOR PETER PUMPKIN

DWF, 56, 5'3", 130lbs, looking for a sense of humor, a down-to-earth, classy guy, knows how to dress, no kids under 18, nice-looking, open, accepting of others, financially stable. #5889

ATTRACTIONAL FUN-LOVING

Fit, active, professional SWF, 40, 5'7", enjoys golf, tennis, travel, etc. in pastimes. Seeking attractive, relationship-minded individual, SWM, 35-45, N/S. #7381

KEEPER OF MY STARS

Well-endowed, humorous SWF, 43, 5'7", brown/blond, enjoys sports, jazz, C/W, quiet times at home. Seeking honest, romantic, humorous, mature SDW/M, 38-52, 5'7", N/S, who can appreciate me, for possible marriage. #7385

SASSY SCARLET OWARI

Educated, cute, shapely, brunette, 40s DWF, likes Vegas, winter in south, summer in north, long walks, dining, romance, N/S. On. Rent. Where are you? #7301

BOB SEEKS

SWM, for dating and friendship. Must be age 34-41, 5'10"-6'0", N/S, ND. Brunettes preferred. #5937

NORY SEEKS EBONY

Single, blue-eyed, attractive SWF, 24, 5'7", seeks a GEM to share life with. #7326

PRETTY

Full-figured 32, seeks open-minded, who enjoys country music, night, evenings at home. Smoker and social drinker. #7612

SCORPION WOMAN

HF, 40ish, 160lbs, need any less to be honest, kinda lonely, seeks friendship/companionship, to go out and have fun. If you are positive and intelligent individual, I hope to hear from you. #6940

YOU AND ME

Shapely, chaf, first class, modern SF, 42, 122lbs, natural blonde/green, seeks DWM, 45-50, nice thick hair, with some qualities. I share life's simple pleasures and. 7 Truth is foremost. #7686

AUTUMN LEAVES

Autumn is here and soon the leaves will be falling. SWF seeks SWM to share autumn, enjoy pumpkins, patches, cider mills, and harvest sunsets. #5891

GOOD CATCH

SWM, 39, 5'8", 160lbs, blonde/blue, smoker, ND, enjoys movies, dining out, sports, and quiet nights at home. Seeking attractive SF, HW proportionate, 25-39, for dating, possible LTR. #7732

GENTLEMAN

Romantic, humorous, educated, down-to-earth SWM, 58, 5'0", who enjoys nature, travel, dancing and home life. Seeking loving SWF, 40-50, to share goals, interests and adventures, within a LTR. #7753

COLORFUL CHARACTER

DWM, 46, 5'11", brown/brown, college-educated, enjoys reading, movies, world travel, strong shoulders to lean on, seeks cute gal. #7762

SEEKS MODEL/DANCER

Athletic, assertive, very attractive, romantic, sincere SWM, 24, 5'11", seeks athletic, caring, affectionate, slim WF, 18-32, with good personality, for friendship, maybe more. Your call could bring us together. #7528

YOUR IDEAL MAN

Attractive, athletic, funny, sincere, romantic SWM, 23, seeks attractive, intelligent, fit, adventurous SWF, 19-26, with great personality, for friendship, fun, maybe more. Try something new - call me. #7702

CONSIDERATE AND AFFECTIONATE

Sensitive, considerate DWM, 57, N/S, ND, interests vary from family activities to craft shows, country music to dancing, cookouts etc. Seeking SDW/F, 40+, who desires a sincere, trustworthy, communicative relationship. #7704

HANDSOME BUSINESSMAN

Professional, sincere, romantic DWM, 50, 5'10", seeks honest woman with sense of humor, for dining out, dancing, plays, weekend get-aways, traveling. Seeking special friend to share great times with. #7503

ATHLETIC & ROMANTIC

Honest, intelligent, honest SWM, 25, with cool personality, enjoys writing, the outdoors, mountain biking. Seeking slim, attractive, lively, athletic SWF, 20-28, caring, sincere, basic all-around goodheart. #7602

LOVES ROLLERBLADING

Fun, handsome, outgoing, athletic SWM, 21, 5'11", enjoys summer time, cycling, movies, working out, rollerblading at Kensington/Metro Beach. Seeking sincere, fit, attractive SWF, 18-25, for friendship, summer fun, maybe more. #7610

OLD-FASHIONED GUY

Romantic, handsome, honest, sincere, athletic, intelligent SWM, 23, N/S, good non-verbal, seeks slender, pretty SWF, 18-26, with similar qualities/interests, enjoys music, good conversation, outdoors, mountain biking working out. #7523

INDIAN GENTLEMAN

Educated, sincere, honest, hard-working, loving, caring SM, 38, Indian, 5'7", 150lbs, handsome, seeks honest, sincere, marriage-minded SF

THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Diana Van Fossen (left to right), Avril Gentles and Fiona Davis perform in "Three Tall Women," 8 p.m. at Meadow Brook Theatre, (248) 377-3300 or (248) 645-6666.

SATURDAY



The Birmingham Temple Vivace series presents Wendell Harrison and Friends 8 p.m. in a cabaret concert at the temple in Farmington Hills, (248) 788-9338 or (248) 288-3953.

SUNDAY



Farmington Players present "Sylvia," featuring Barbie Amann (left), Chuck Fisher and Cynthia Tupper, 2 p.m. at the Players Barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, (248) 553-2955.



Hot tip: Canadian pianist Jon Kimura Parker will appear with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31 and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1. The drama-filled program includes Wagner's Overture to Tannhauser, Samuel Barber's Concerto for Piano, and Schumann's Symphony No. 4, (313) 833-3700.

Steve Martin's conversation with Picasso & Einstein

BY FRANK PROVENZA
STAFF WRITER

When legendary comedian Red Skelton died a few months ago, his wish to be remembered simply as a clown elicited pathos and a wry smile. Neither honors nor fame could substitute for the power of making people laugh.

As Charlie Chaplin and Buster Keaton showed before Skelton, there's more behind a true clown's silly facade. Although comedian Steve Martin

couldn't be accused of being at a loss for words, his recent foray into playwrighting offers plenty of theatrical glimpses at the human face behind the mask of one of America's most playfully charming, yet serious-minded clowns.

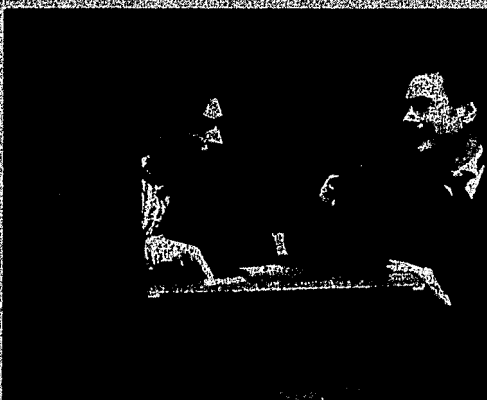
This Tuesday, the Fisher Theater begins a two-week run of Martin's much-publicized comedic play, "Picasso at the Lapin Agile."

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■ **What:** "Picasso at the Lapin Agile," a one-act play by Steve Martin.
■ **When:** 8 p.m. Tuesday, Saturday, Nov. 4-8, and Nov. 11-15; 2 p.m. Saturday, Sunday, Nov. 8-9; Nov. 15-16; 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9 and Nov. 16.
■ **Where:** The Fisher Theatre, Fisher Building in the New Center Area on West Grand Blvd., Detroit.
■ **Tickets:** Range from \$18-\$32; (313) 871-1132 or (248) 645-6666.

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Comedy: Paul Provenza (left to right) and Mark Nelson in a scene from "Picasso at the Lapin Agile."



Playwright/comedian Steve Martin

STREET SCENE



A "relapse": Jane's Addiction, one of the leaders in the alternative music scene of the late 1980s, calls its tour a "relapse" not a reunion because original bass player Eric Avery refused to participate. The band which includes, from left, singer Perry Farrell, drummer Stephen Perkins, guitarist Dave Navarro, and bassist Flea of the Red Hot Chili Peppers, will perform Tuesday, Nov. 4, at the Michigan State Fairgrounds.

Jane's Addiction suffers 'relapse'

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

For Jane's Addiction, it all comes down to the sound.

Leaders in the alternative music scene of the late 1980s, Jane's Addiction broke up in 1991. As the original band members — singer Perry Farrell, guitarist Dave Navarro, and drummer Stephen Perkins — began to gravitate toward each other once again, they, along with Red Hot Chili Peppers bassist Flea, realized what was important.

"There's a sound after being together for six years. Me, Dave and Perry are reconnecting those fuses. I think Flea is just an amazing bass player. He's connecting so well. You want to get a sound

■ **Who:** Jane's Addiction featuring singer Perry Farrell, guitarist Dave Navarro, drummer Stephen Perkins, and the Red Hot Chili Peppers' bassist Flea, and special guests Goldie and Diddy.
■ **When:** 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 4.
■ **Where:** State Fair Coliseum, 1120 State Fairgrounds, Detroit.
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"There's a lot of energy going on right now. We're putting a lot of time and energy into the process because I really want it to sound as potent as possible."

The idea for the "relapse" came when

and we're gettin' that. It's going to be smoking," Perkins explained.

"It" is the Jane's Addiction "relapse" tour dubbed "I-Itz M' My Party Tour," which comes to the State Fair Coliseum in Detroit on Tuesday, Nov. 4. Farrell calls it a "relapse" instead of a reunion because it doesn't include original bass player Eric Avery. He declined to be involved because he was busy with his band Polar Bear.

"I'm definitely looking forward to playing these songs again," Perkins said.

Farrell and Perkins' new band, Porno for Pyros, recruited Flea and Navarro of the Red Hot Chili Peppers to record "Hard Charger" for the soundtrack to the movie "Private Parts."

Flea joined Porno for two or three shows because (bassist) Mike Watt was busy. Dave flew out to some of those shows and it was such a great musical, beautiful relationship. It started to boil and it's really exciting to play new tunes."

The new songs — "Kettle Whistle" and "So What?" — will be found on "Kettle Whistle" (Warner Bros.), a new Jane's Addiction album along with rare, previously unreleased tracks, live recordings and demos. It's scheduled for an early November release.

"I'm excited about the new music. If you listen to 'Then She Did,' and the last three to four songs of the 'Ritual' (the

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Martin

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dawn of a new century, and a year before Einstein published "The Theory of Relativity."

The dingy Paris cafe where Einstein is waiting for a female friend is the turn-of-the-century meeting place of painters, writers and other free thinkers who soon will give a vision to the new century's avant-garde.

While the revelation of $E=MC^2$ may have been directed to finding the simple, unifying principles of the objective universe, the world in the early 1900s was far from unified. The arts, sciences and industry were exploding with innovations and challenging the cherished 19th-century notions of culture.

Set amid the whirlwind of cultural change, Martin's comedic take on cubism and relativity seem to be a perfect match.

Both the highly confident Picasso and Einstein have seen

the future. The intrigue is knowing that in a matter of a few years the rest of the world will realize the profound implications of their compelling new views.

Of course, in comedic terms, it's wonderful fodder for the ultimate insider's joke. Martin doesn't miss many opportunities to wring a laugh or deeper sentiment from the many apparent ironies. The focus, quite clearly, is on the funny bone.

"There's a play of ideas and a poetry in Steve's work that's uncommon in much of today's plays," said Randall Arney, who has directed the play in its various versions since it premiered three-and-a-half years ago at the Steppenwolf Theatre in Chicago, where the scheduled nine-week performance grew into a five-month run.

"It's a combination of being wildly funny and having real

intelligence," said Arney, former artistic director at Steppenwolf, considered one of the leading regional theaters in the country.

According to Arney, Martin's "Picasso at the Lapin Agile" is a combination of the sharp social tongue of Tom Stoppard and the absurd silliness of Eugene Ionesco.

There's a hilarious Martin montage when the wonders of the 20th century are envisioned: the modernization of Hiroshima, banning smoking in restaurants and airplane travel. In Martin's trademark fashion, the sublime becomes indistinguishable from the ridiculous.

And some questions about art, reminds Martin, are destined to go unanswered. Like why there's no demand for paintings that feature sheep or Jesus.

"Watching the play is like spending one-and-a-half hours

inside of Steve Martin's head," said Arney.

Wonder and plenty of laughs

"We're at the end of the century and can look back at the influences who shaped it," said Arney. "And we can look ahead and wonder whose ideas will shape the 21st century. The play strikes a chord."

To most audiences, Martin is perhaps best known for his on-screen roles ("Sgt. Bilko," "Father of the Bride," "Grand Canyon," "LA Stories," "Roxane," "Planes, Trains and Automobiles," and "The Jerk").

Or for those who recall his debut in the mid 1970s after a stretch as writer on the Smothers' Brothers show, Martin will forever be remembered for his refreshingly, off-beat onstage humor ("Excuse me," and

the hilarious routine, "Let's get small").

"My hat is off to Steve," said Arney. "In many ways, critics were tougher on him because he was a celebrity. He didn't have to try to reinvent himself, although writing for the stage was somewhat unfamiliar ground."

Although most contemporary comedians are more inclined to turn to sophomoric ridicule rather than sharp intelligence, Martin, who has extensively studied art and philosophy, is by no means uniformed about the high-brow subjects in his play. Then again, a colorful Seinfeld episode based on Picasso's blue period, or Einstein's preferred bagel do not seem unlikely.

In style and tone, the one-act play is much like Martin's zany and playful wit that often explores randomness, the bounds of embarrassment and

unrequited love. There's more to Martin's silliness than the cosmetics of theater.

"Steve has an ability to make us laugh and cry, and help us see that the two aren't that far from each other," said Arney. "That's the place that's the same for all of us — the place of our humanity."

"Picasso at the Lapin Agile" is not merely an expanded Saturday Night skit as some critics have suggested. Rather, it shows Martin's playwrighting savvy whereby the ensemble cast of nine nearly remain on stage for the entire 80-minute play.

But on an ethereal plane, Martin demonstrates an uncanny ability to put the absurdly meaningful in a hilariously serious context.

Who said a clown couldn't deliver a line?

Relapse

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1990 album 'Ritual de lo Habitual' album, there's a strange sound that was even past the first side of the record. It takes a long time to get to that sound," Perkins said.

"With 'Kettle Whistle' and 'So What' you hear it brewing. It's a sound. It's a Jane's Addiction sound. If you listen to the Chili's (album) 'One Hot Minute' and Pórnós 'Good God's Urge,' me and Perry are making different

music than Dave and Flea. To put us together, it's chemical. Who knows what's going to happen."

Perkins described the song "Kettle Whistle" as a "nice unfolding story. It takes its time. It has beautiful things to look at and hear and then it kind of grabs you by the throat."

"So What?" is a combination of "very modern sounds connected with very timeless Perry Farrell

melodies. It's just like 'Hard Charger' or perhaps 'Freeway' on the Porno record. There's a certain shininess to it, a certain sonic frequency that you don't hear most of the time."

The album "Kettle Whistle" is the brainchild of Perkins, the unofficial historian of the band.

"To me, I love the band so much that at the time I would take everything home. I still do with the band Porno for Pyros, the new Jane's Addiction stuff, and with Banyan, which I produced and put out. I collect all

my tapes and take all the stuff home."

Perkins listened to all the tapes and chose versions of the songs that he thought was "worthy of the new Jane's Addiction album."

"I've got us doing (Led Zepelin's) 'Whole Lotta Love' and funny things like that. It might be cool for some fans, but we're talking about our record. People want a body of work that's really meaningful. I like the humor of things but it was never meant for release."

Outtakes on the album include a "totally lounge" version of the Jane's Addiction hit "Been Caught Stealing" and a live rendition of the song "Three Days."

"I wanted to find a live version of that song because it came alive live. Every song had its moment. I tried to find the moment for each tune."

As for future Jane's Addiction projects, Perkins said that Porno for Pyros and the Red Hot Chili Peppers take precedence.

"With Porno and the Peppers, we both have work to do and

records to make. Me and Perry have great plans for Porno for Pyros music. The Jane's tour is only five weeks. Who knows what's going to happen? Who knows how it's going to feel. We're going to have some intense energy packed into two months. We're going to do a bunch of shows, a lot of rehearsals, a lot of press and then it's going to be over. We'll go back to some other stuff, but we could always do it again."

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'A Life Less Ordinary' not the usual comedy fare

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JOHN MONAGHAN

"Shallow Grave" may be tighter; "Trainspotting" more outrageous and in-your-face. But if you really want to see where Danny Boyle's head is at, then check out "A Life Less Ordinary," the Scottish director's third and

quirkiest feature.

The recommendation comes with a warning. This is not the best movie of the year. In fact, much of it doesn't work at all. But Boyle and his compadres (including producer Andrew Macdonald and writer John Hodge) bounce so many crazy ideas at you that the whole enterprise entertains despite itself.

Borrowing freely from old

screwball comedies (especially "It Happened One Night"), a recently fired janitor (Ewan McGregor) kidnaps a spoiled heiress (Cameron Diaz), daughter of the man that fired him. Once safely away, he has no idea what to do with her.

The twist is: She doesn't mind being kidnapped (it's happened before) and ends up giving him lessons so that he doesn't botch the job. The whole ordeal, it turns out, has been orchestrated by a pair of angels (played by Holly Hunter and Delroy Lindo). According to heavenly law, they must happily unite these two star-crossed lovers or spend eternity stuck back on earth.

In a clever treatise on the way movies work, the angels decide to place them in perpetual jeopardy. After all, how many movies have you seen where a mismatched couple becomes lovers after a few close brushes with

death?

Hunter, especially, is a hoot. Outfitted with a mane of Breck Girl blonde hair and Nancy Sinatra boots made for walkin', her portrayal lurches back and forth between a cigar-chewing bounty hunter to a Bond-style Russian agent. She's obviously having a ball so why can't we?

Much of the charm in "A Life Less Ordinary" lies in Boyle regular McGregor ("Trainspotting's" memorable toilet diver), who plays loser Robert as a likable slacker with a lousy haircut. After losing his job, his girlfriend, his apartment and car in a single day, Robert does the impossible by growing more hapless as the film goes on.

The leggy Diaz, in her most substantial role to date, is one of the film's wild cards. In moments she's incredible, like the pleading call she makes to her father, pretending that she's tortured. But in the longer bouts of dialogue with McGregor, she's emotionally out of her depth.

"A Life Less Ordinary" gives

Diaz her second opportunity this year to croak through a karaoke song, this time in a redneck bar where kidnapping and kidnapping step out for a night on the town.

The resulting dream sequence become yet another clever movie reference, with the black-clad Diaz striking a classic Ann Margaret pose from "Viva Las Vegas."

Far more fun than someone like Godard (who the movie also owes a debt to) would have made it, "Life" goes on with one improvised idea after another. If this one doesn't work, another clever shot or plot twist is close behind.

Though not everyone's cup of tea, the movie has received a surprising number of pans, especially by those so kind to Oliver Stone's criminal "U-Turn." While both take on the overindulged road movie genre, Boyle's trip is the one worth taking.

John Monaghan welcomes your calls and comments. To leave John a voice mail message, dial (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1866.

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Meadow Brook wrings emotional nuances from Albee's memory play

"Three Tall Women," a play in two acts by Edward Albee at Meadow Brook Theatre, Wilson Hall on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester Hills. Through Nov. 16 - 8 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday; 2 p.m. Wednesday; 2 p.m. & 8 p.m. Saturday; 2 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets: \$18-\$32. (248) 377-3300 or (248) 645-6666.

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
STAFF WRITER

Like most of his dense dramas with nimble linguistics and raw theatrics, Edward Albee's play, "Three Tall Women," creates a floating menagerie where the memories of three women become intertwined with the omniscience of death.

Performing Albee's work is far from an easy task. He offers a vocabulary of motives in the sub-

text, and a lexicon of symbols in the simplest details. The trap is either to consider his work as too superficial, or go too deep to find the dramatic truths of his work.

Displaying a deft touch not to overplay the psychological nuances, director Geoffrey Sherman has managed to wring the subtle details of Albee's emotional confession reportedly written to "find peace" after years of alienation from his mother. Considering the surrealistic and sometimes preachy tone of the play, Sherman can claim to have gone where few have trekked.

The two-act play is set in the plush bedroom of a 92-year-old (or is she only 91?) character simply named, "A." In the first act, she's joined by a 52-year-old caretaker, "B," and "C," a brash 26-year-old upstart from the law firm that handles the older

woman's legal affairs.

The understated conflict exists among the cynical older woman and the idealistic young pro on a mission; and, the elderly woman and her fading memories of her ostracized son.

Of course, side bets are taken on whether the acid-tongue geriatric will make it to the bathroom or simply "make it" in her panties.

At the end of the act, the comatose "A" presents an intriguing dilemma: Can the play go on without dialogue including the lead character?

From the onset, Diana Van Fossen, who plays "B," hits her middle-age melancholic stride. She carries herself with the ambivalence of duty, pride and wishing to be someplace else other than wiping up after her loose-bowels client.

Clearly, the onus of the drama is on "A," played by Avril Gentles. Other than Beckett, few other playwrights would simply present a character with so many lines. No doubt Gentles has the one of the difficult roles written for an older actor in recent theater history.

She must alternately sound lucid and a rant like a lunatic about whether she's "remembering what I remember." Gentles should win applause for maintaining the pace, tenor and heart of the play. Her presence alongside the matronly Van Fossen and the attractive, mid-20s Fiona Davis as "C" is a stark reminder of the inevitable stages of life.

In act two, the dilemma of "What to do with the comatose

lead?" is answered. Each woman has been transformed into "A" at different stages of her life. The result is a memory play that offers a psychological drama of three sides of one woman, who went from uncompromising innocence to middle-age resentment to the painful resignation of living with regrets.

By the second act, Davis is freed from the shallow insensitivity of her act-one character. She demonstrates a broader range of feelings as the vulnerable and indoctrinated mistress at the threshold of a life of promise and remorse. And Van Fossen shines in her retellings of the circumstances that have led her to middle-age despair.

In its finest moments when "A," "B" and "C" land the same psychological plane, "Three Tall

Women" sings with the beautiful agony of Albee's existential outlook. Perhaps that's what the 1994 Pulitzer Prize committee realized when "Three Tall Women" was awarded best play.

Self-deceptions and self-deni- may have been coping mechanisms before the curtain raised on "A," but under Albee's spell and Sherman's directorial precision, delusions are rubbed away with stark clarity.

For anyone contemplating how a fading memory complicates the notion of a meaningful life, Meadow Brook's "Three Tall Women" provides a reminder.

Remembering the memories of one's life may be all there is. Life is but a stage. After all, if that revelation resounds in theatre, it'll likely play a role in the world off stage.

Backstage Pass takes a look at Albee's '3 Tall Women'

BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

Boo! I am all about Halloween! For tonight's Backstage Pass program on Detroit Public Television, I actually wanted to dress up as the imaginary bunny, Harvey, but the producers said they had to "save me from myself." Fine. I hope they leave every door tomorrow night saying, "I got a rock."

Tonight's show has no tricks; a lot of treats and even a little rock. To start off, I thought I'd ask out intrepid theater correspondent Gary Anderson, artistic director of Plowshares Theatre, for his take on Edward Albee's Pulitzer Prize-winning play, "Three Tall Women." First off, who are these women in flats? "The three actresses in the show all play the same woman at different stages of her life. At the succeeding stages, she's called A, B and C. But only about half the play is delivered in monologue. In fact, in the second act, A, B and C interact.

"One silent male is on stage for the entire play. The women often refer to him, or even address him at times. He's often the impetus for what she says. But he never says anything. The idea of this silent male, who is the woman's son, supposedly was loosely based on Albee's relationship with his mother. He was estranged from his mother, who gave him up at the age of 15. Placing him on stage without any communication symbolizes

their lack of dialogue."

OK, but why tall women? "Albee is a tall man, and his mother was tall. Which is another clue that this play is autobiographical.

"This production will bring out the comedy in the play, and the dynamics of human, female sexuality, which will make it different from the original New York production. The show started off Broadway, then moved to Broadway and was more literal - the audience was engaged more in listening to the words. This staging will try to engage you at a more sensual level. Geoffrey Sherman is directing. Last year, he won 'Best Director' from the Detroit Free Press Theater Excellence Awards for his production of 'Arcadia' by Tom Stoppard. In that production, he similarly brought out a great deal of

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Gary Anderson

Artistic director of Plowshares Theatre

the passion of the characters in a play that was very literary.

"Three tall women" explores the growth development of a woman in a fashion that probably hasn't been done on stage before. Unfortunately, most plays are written about men for men." Well that stinks. When will it change? "As soon as we get more women writing plays. That's my solution." Good answer.

Speaking of great women writers, we'll also get a field report from our own Nkenge Zola on

WDET on the Nov. 1 Day of the Dead celebration at Detroit's Casa de Unidad. "Dia de los Muertos, or the Day of the Dead, originated in Mexico. It's a ritual holiday of remembrance for the dead, blending many traditions, including Indeo and Catholic traditions. In Mexico, the rituals differ from region to region. And in Detroit, it seems to be more removed from the private, indoor folk celebrations, to a more communal art aspect, because around 1987 a lot of these ofren-

das, or altars, were set up in art centers.

"The first group to set up an ofrenda in the city of Detroit was the Casa de Unidad in 1989. And they invite an artist each year to do one. There's even been one at the DIA in the Diego Rivera court." Casa de Unidad in Southwest Detroit's non-profit, community-based Latino cultural arts organization. They host exhibits featuring various artists throughout the year. This year's ofrenda will be built by artist Hector Perez Tapia.

Zola reports that Detroit's tradition is more and more firmly established. "You'll recognize some familiar traditions. You'll always see the skeletons and the sugar skulls. Usually flowers, sweets and breads are part of the physical structure of the ofrenda. The idea is that the

antepasados, or the spirits of the deceased, will partake of the food spiritually, and that the remaining food will be consumed physically by the living participants."

Rounding out the show, we'll welcome one of Detroit's most celebrated jazz musicians, pianist Bess Bonnier, into the Detroit Public Television studios to perform. Ms. Bonnier has gigged with all the real jazz cats as they've come through town since the '50s. She's absolutely the real deal, and we'll be hearing music off of her new CD "Love Notes."

Our other music guest is Jai, who describes himself as "a mod for the hip hop generation." That's all tonight at 9:30 on Detroit Public Television, Channel 56.

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NEA report provokes passionate debate on the arts

Editor's note: This is the first in an ongoing series of stories on the state of the arts in our communities. It is in response to "American Canvas," a report released 10 days ago by the National Endowment for the Arts, which examines the condition of nonprofit arts while presenting an ambitious agenda: To preserve the American cultural legacy.

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
STAFF WRITER

Despite the popular connotation of Detroit being an aging industrial hub, there are plenty of reasons for arts advocates to feel optimistic about the prospect for growth in the arts.

Indeed, last week The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers held a round-table discussion with representatives from the local arts community, including theater, fine arts, music, dance, arts advocacy and the largest museum in the region about the "American Canvas" report released by the National Endowment for the Arts. Though most panelists hadn't had an opportunity to read the report, they were well versed on the issues it raised.

Primarily, the report considers the impact of the reduction of public funding and competition for corporate dollars; rampant commercialization; trying to appeal to an aging and changing audience; cutbacks in public arts education programs; and, the

"elitist" attitudes of some artists and cultural institutions.

Not surprisingly, most of the O&E arts panelists had known each other for a long time. While metro Detroit is one of the largest populated areas in the country, the arts community is relatively small.

The metro area, panel members noted, is the world headquarters for a range of corporations, prime targets for grants and philanthropy.

But the most stark reality, according to the panel, is that the arts exist amidst a time of expanding entertainment-leisure alternatives and fewer opportunities to educate the public on the empowering influence of the arts.

"We're in the entertainment business," said Michael Vigilant, spokesman of Meadow Brook Theatre. "There are video stores on every corner, 100 cable stations on every TV. It's not simply a case of 'If we build a theater they will come.'"

By far, the biggest challenge is identifying and attracting an audience, whether it's for a community orchestra concert or an exhibit at the Detroit Institute of Arts. In the Information Age, the prerequisite to success in the arts is apparently marketing savvy.

"Even in the best of times, we'd be talking about the issues raised in the (NEA) report," said Maury Okun, executive director

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of the Detroit Chamber Winds. "We're well aware that most of our audience would rather watch 'Monday Night Football' than attend a concert."

While "American Canvas" touches on many practical concerns, it also raises the paramount issue of the role of art in American society.

"I've fought this battle for 25 years," said Carolyn Halsted, chair of the music, dance and theatre department at Oakland University in Rochester.

"We train 500 elementary school teachers every year and they don't take one art class," she said. "You have people teaching children who have no idea about what the arts are about."

The report also calls upon arts groups to become more innovative in seeking funding.

Private donations

NEA spokesperson Cherie Simon pointed to the recent \$22 million in private donations to the Detroit Symphony Orchestra as an example of an effective public-private partnership.

Many arts groups receive seed money from public agencies such as the NEA, or the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs. Individual artist grants from the NEA were eliminated in the early 1990s.

Since the NEA's budget has been reduced nearly 60 percent to current level of \$98 million, local arts groups are more reliant on state funds.

In the past year, the state council for arts has allocated \$21 million to arts programs around the state. Meanwhile, in 1996 the NEA awarded \$902,800 to Michigan arts groups. In addition, the council received \$1.2 million from the NEA for its operating budget.

While corporate donors and

public grant agencies are impressed with the popularity of an arts project or arts group, the trap is that appeal is substituted for quality, said Susanne Hilberry, owner/director of the Susanne Hilberry Gallery in Birmingham.

"There's a competition for a mass audience," she said. "That shouldn't be the way to educate people or determine what's meaningful art."

Yet because of funding challenges, many public institutions, such as the Detroit Institute of Arts, must justify public grants by pointing to attendance figures. If that's the case, the record-breaking attendance at the current "Splendors of Ancient Egypt" should please grantors.

"It's one thing for those of us in the arts to talk about how the arts contribute to society," said Maurice Parrish, deputy director of the DIA. "But it carries more weight if the people we serve read 'American Canvas' and stand up to be heard."

And when that happens across metro Detroit, the Midwest and from coast to coast, then maybe "American Canvas" can be called the catalyst for a grassroots movement.

For many in the arts, it's about time the gestation period moved to the next stage.

While viewpoints varied, the panel was unanimously optimistic that "American Canvas" would open a broader debate about the arts.

Tooling for change

"It should be used as a tool," said Barbara Kratchmer, executive director of ArtServe, a statewide arts advocacy group.

The lasting impact of the report, however, will be whether its findings are as relevant next year and the decades to come as

they appear today.

"Art has always been a lightning rod for a range of (community, cultural and constitutional) issues and that's not a bad thing," said Simon. "We expect formal discussions (based on the report) to begin across the country."

Since the report was leaked to *The New York Times*, there's been an unprecedented number of requests for copies. Last week, the NEA received 500 phone calls and another 250 hits on their website per day. Already, a second printing has been planned for the report, which initially appeared in 5,000 soft-cover editions.

Simon admits to being surprised at the "tidal wave" response. Initial media reports, she said, appeared alarmist, and focused on the finding that "elitist attitudes in the arts" was contributing to the growing alienation with the public.

But Simon contends the report is far from dismal.

She claims it's an assessment of the condition of the arts based on opinions of members of arts groups at forums across the country, especially how communities have successfully integrated the arts by building alliances with the private sector.

The 18-month project included forums in Los Angeles, Salt Lake City, San Antonio, Miami, Columbus, Ohio, Charlotte, North Carolina.

"This isn't about the NEA," said Simon. "We've spent 30 years watching arts groups crop up. Do we want to see that reversed because there's a lack of funding and interest in perpetuating the arts?"

The passionate debate stirred by "American Canvas" presents a conundrum about which historical epoch might repeat itself: Will it be a time of grassroots citizens movement demanding change? Or is this just another episode in the ongoing struggle to save/eliminate the NEA?

The comprehensive 193-page document examines the reasons for the growing anxiety about the lack of an infrastructure to

support fledgling and established artists and arts groups into the next century.

In short, the combined effect is a growing alienation between those in the arts and the general populace who don't see a direct relation between the arts and their daily lives.

Beyond these issues, the intent of the report is to offer a "call to action," challenging communities to not only support nonprofits but redefine American culture beyond the values set forth by the mainstream entertainment industry and the marketplace.

What sounds like a noble intent to some, however, looks like political posturing to others. Cynics contend that perhaps the report coming at the end of NEA chair Jane Alexander's four-year term is a move to consolidate support in the ongoing battle against social conservatives who want to eliminate the NEA, the brainchild and cultural trope of liberals.

At the dawn of the 20th century, a grassroots movement forced a reluctant federal government to take a more active role in preserving the nation's natural resources. The result was the birth of environmental awareness and the start of protecting national parks, wildlife and wetlands.

The report examines the condition of nonprofit arts while presenting an ambitious agenda: to preserve the American cultural legacy. Ironically, that's a heritage without any clear consensus and littered with controversies that have continually exposed the precarious fissures of American society.

Before "American Canvas" began to resound throughout the country, it was being hailed as the most historic document from the NEA since the agency was established in 1965. In practical terms, it's more likely that "American Canvas" resembles the mid-1980s in-depth report by the U.S. Department of Education, "A Nation At Risk."

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books, kitchen items, 5144 Hollow
Cl. N. of Quanton, E. of Inkster

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Long Lake, W. of Adams). Fri-Sun,
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Thirteen Mile, W. of Middlebelt), Umiy
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appliances, House of Denmark teen
bed, household items, clothes.

HUNTINGTON WOODS - Nov. 1,
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Coolidge, 2 bks S. of 11 Mile).

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(near Park). 248-650-0191

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between 24th & Maple, W. of Middle-
belt, 11-5pm, crystals, books, elec-
tronics, clothing, toys.

712 Garage Sales Wayne

LIVONIA - Huge Sale, Thurs, Fri,
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winter coats, toys, Little Tykes &
Misc. 14610 Westmore, E. of Farm-
ington, off Lyndon.

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9am-6pm, 39390 Ann Arbor Tr. (W. of
Newburgh).

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Middlebelt. Costumes, clothes, furni-
ture, toys, Thurs-Sat, 10am-4pm.

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clothes, 12 gun cabinets, 320 Italian Pro-
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713 Moving Sales

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more. Fri-Sat, 10-4, 4386 Sun-
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12 gun cabinets, 320 Italian Pro-
cessed solid cherry bedroom set, \$1,500.
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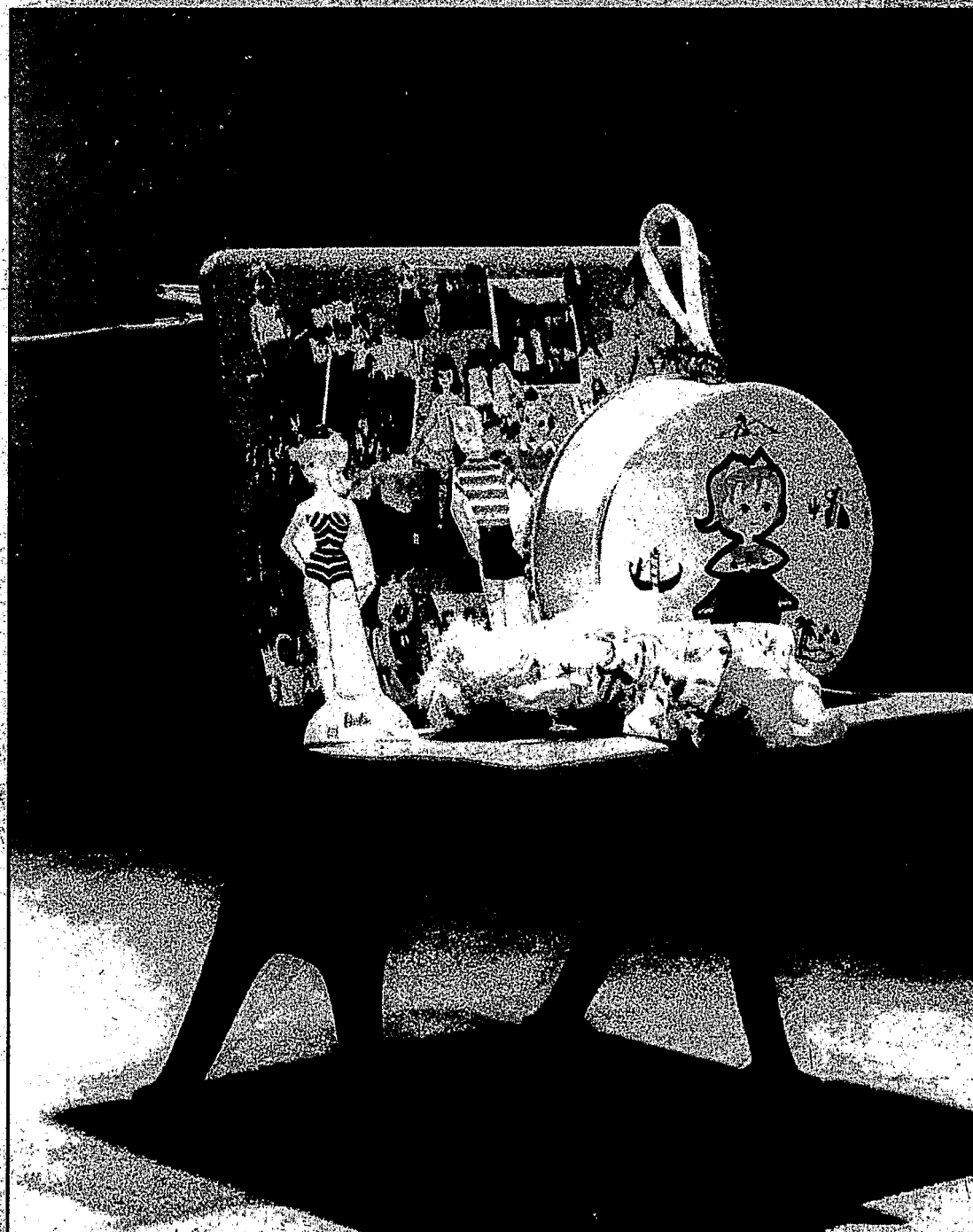
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appliance doctor

With chill, beware furnace scams



JOE GAGNON

I was thinking the other day of the many hats I wear during the days of my life and realize my many involvements.

I attend a function at Cobo Hall which is a white tie event, the next day I'm in blue jeans checking out a house fire caused by a dryer.

A few days later I'm behind a radio microphone and that evening I'm standing in front of a group doing a seminar dressed in a white doctor smock and stethoscope around my neck.

The week before this I was at the state capital in Sen. Geake's office talking about the past failure to pass the Appliance Repair Act. (He is very interested.)

Soon to happen as it does several times each winter I will be in a con-

sumers home investigating why this person spent \$6,000 for a furnace. I guarantee it will happen. The homeowner will say to me, "How could I have been so stupid to let this happen to me?"

Let me give you a typical scenario of an investigating interview with a consumer who has recently been ripped off by one of the few unethical companies in the heating business.

Let's picture the homeowner as an elderly lady living alone with children living out of state. She has a nice, neat home with a fairly new car parked in the garage. It is obvious she can take care of herself and by all appearances may have a few dollars tucked away.

She receives a phone call from a heating company which informs her they can come out and check and clean her furnace for the low price of \$29.95.

"Lady, call any heating company and they'll tell you that it should be done every couple of years and nobody does it as cheap as we can."

The lady decides to have them come out.

The furnace guy comes out and sprays a solution inside her furnace and has a sniffer located near the register and shows her a color in the air which indicates she has carbon monoxide coming out of her furnace. (This test can be rigged to give a false reading.)

He shows her rust and stress marks in the heat exchanger and makes her believe they are cracks. He tells her she has to move out of the house, NOW, because she will surely die if she sleeps here another night.

The little lady is now so frightened she is like putty in the hands of a crook. The furnace guy is so smooth that the little lady is ready to kiss him for saving her life. The rest of this story has been heard many times.

"Lady, I can have two guys here in the next few hours and we'll install a new furnace and have you back in business in not time. No hotel for you, you'll be sleeping in your own bed tonight.

We've got an \$8,000 furnace which we are selling to seniors for \$6,000 and that's a pretty good deal." The lady is hooked.

It won't be long before this consumer hears or reads something which triggers the thought that she may have been ripped off. It will be too late then and that's when she calls me.

If she would have installed a carbon monoxide detector or called the gas company for a second opinion, this might not have happened. It is up to every consumer to be aware and check out who it is that comes into your home.

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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Pleasing pumpkins: Light up your porch this Halloween with terra cotta pumpkin votive holders by Country Originals, available at Jacobson's. The pumpkins come in a variety of shapes and sizes for \$5 each. The terra cotta pumpkin pot, which retails for \$9, can also double as a candy dish with Jacobson's peppermint candy stick finger puppets for \$4 each.



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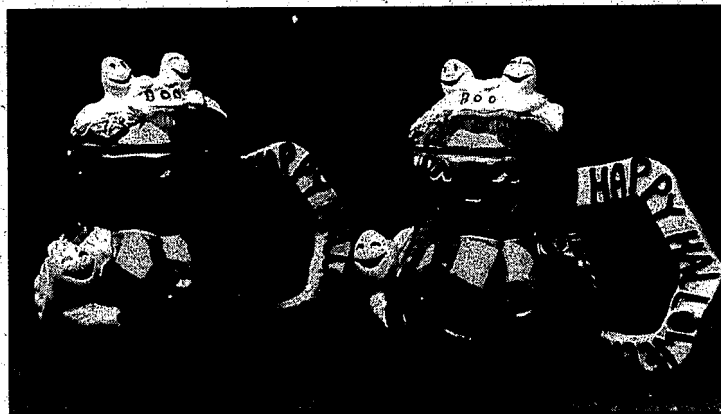
In shape for Halloween: These lawn ornaments are sure to give a fright to trick-or-treaters. Designed by Off the Wall Designs, the iron votive torches come in a variety of scenes, including a pumpkin, ghost and cat for \$30 each at Jacobson's.

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Way to ghoul

Halloween happening: Raphael's Magnificent Possessions, 1799 Coolidge in Berkley, has a treasure trove of unusual Halloween decorations and favors. Shown here are a dancing wooden skeleton that jiggles when you push the button on the bottom (\$4) and tole-painted pumpkin tin lanterns that hold small votive candles (\$10.50). Other items include pumpkin head noisemakers imported from Germany (\$6.95), Wonderful Autumn potpourri in a rattan pumpkin basket (\$12.95), scarecrows holding baskets filled with autumn blends of candy (\$5.50) and wicker pumpkins filled with milk chocolate crispie balls (\$7.50). Call (248) 546-0194.



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inviting ideas

Harvest not-too-wholesome delights



RUTH MOSSOK JOHNSTON

Harvest time is a time for roasted root vegetables browned to perfection, a time for maple syrup and apples, a time for caramel apples loaded with chopped nuts, and some delicious fall flavors, such as pumpkin.

Julia Child has had a deep influence on many of us in the culinary profession, and those of us who just like to cook. Well, Julia, you've taught us how to make some wonderful French cuisine along the way – and with that in mind, let's splurge on some harvest, not-too-wholesome delights.

Six feet 5-1/2 inches tall, Chef Kirk Hansen from Vic's World Class Market in Novi makes a real statement – not only when you see him (with his taller than tall stature), but when he talks

about sweets.

"My Dunking for Apple Crème Brûlée is a great harvest dessert," he said. "By poaching the apples in a cinnamon and clove flavored syrup, you have a nice fall flavor – then adding the crème brûlée, you have your sweet, especially when it sits upon a bed of caramel sauce and sprinkled with a few nice pieces of fresh pecans."

Kirk's right. His decadent brûlée was a real hit the other night, when we taught a class together on Adult Halloween Cuisine. Being a brûlée devotee, it was certainly a winner with me. This poached apple brûlée will make for a nice Thanksgiving dessert, and a great addition to a holiday buffet.

Like other winter squash, pumpkin usually makes a showing as typical Thanksgiving fare, and with good reason. It can be deliciously simple, savory, or sweet. The color, texture and flavor of pumpkin makes one think fall has arrived. With its unusual characteristics and flexibility, this big orange spherical

winter squash also has seeds that are wonderful when roasted. For some reason, often times they seem to be forgotten. Roast them salty or sweet!

Hansen is a graduate of Oakland Community College's Culinary Program, and has been in the business since 1981. This big overgrown kid is as sweet as his desserts, and has graciously shared a few with us:

CHEF KIRK'S DUNKING FOR APPLES CRÈME BRÛLÉE

Yield: 6 servings

Crème Brûlée Ingredients:

5 egg yolks + 3 eggs
1/2 cup light brown sugar
3 cups heavy cream
1/8 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/2 cup sugar (set aside for top)
Chopped Macadamia nuts, or pecans, (optional)

Caramel sauce, homemade or prepared, optional (prepared caramel sauces are found at upscale groceries and specialty/gourmet food shops)

Poached apple Ingredients:

6 macintosh apples
1 quart water
2 cups sugar
1/2 lemon, cut into wedges
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
6 whole cloves
1 cinnamon stick

Directions for apples:

Slice tops and bottoms evenly from the apples (so they will stand upright).

Using a melon baller, scoop out the inside of the apple – leaving 3/8 inch of flesh.

In a large non-reactive pot, add the lemon to the water (this makes acidulated water) to prevent discoloration of the apples.

Place the water over medium heat – when liquid comes to a light boil, remove the lemon – add the apples and set a plate on top of them, to keep the apples submerged.

Cook the apples for 5 minutes and remove. Let them drain upside down, and let cool. Set aside.

Directions for crème brûlée:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

Mix the egg yolks, eggs and 1/2 cup brown sugar until combined – DO NOT WHIP.

In a medium saucepan, heat the cream to a scalding point, then gradually pour in the egg mixture. To that mixture, slowly add salt and vanilla – stir constantly.

Make a bain marie (water bath) by placing the custard in a 9 by 13-inch ovenproof pan. Place the custard pan in a larger pan, and

add water 3/4 of the way up.

Bake at 350 degrees F. for 25 minutes – keep an eye on it, you don't want the water to boil out, or go over into the custard. Bake until the custard is set – do not overcook it. Let it cool at room temperature, then transfer to the refrigerator until needed.

Building the Crème Brûlée:

Using 2 spoons, scoop underneath the skin of the custard and fill the apples, keeping the custard skin intact for presentation, wipe off any custard that drips on the apple. Refrigerate the filled apple, until needed.

Presentation of the Brûlée:

Sprinkle enough sugar over the custard on the top of each apple – place under a broiler, or use a small propane torch to caramelize the sugar, until golden brown.

Top with chopped Macadamia nuts, or pecan halves, if desired.

Sit your brûlée apples on a bed of caramel sauce, with added pecans.

PUMPKIN-WHITE CHOCOLATE-MASCARPONE MOUSSE

Yield: 6-8 servings

2 cups heavy cream
3/4 cup granulated sugar
1 cup fresh egg whites
1/2 cup mascarpone cheese, at room temperature
10 ounces white chocolate, melted
2 cups cooked pumpkin puree or pumpkin pie filling
1/8 cup lemon juice
1/2 cup dark chocolate shavings
Ground cinnamon for garnish – to dust.

Whip the 2 cups of heavy cream to soft peaks, reserve in refrigerator.

Combine the 3/4 cup sugar and egg whites; heat the mixture over simmering water (in a double boiler) until it reaches 140 degrees (use a thermometer candy or meat) stirring constantly.

Remove from heat; whip till mixture is cold and has formed stiff peaks. Reserve.

In a separate bowl, stir the melted white chocolate into the mascarpone and pumpkin puree. Add the lemon juice. Make sure the mascarpone and pumpkin are at room temperature.

Quickly fold egg whites into the chocolate mixture; then fold in the reserved whipped cream.

Spoon or pipe (using a pastry bag) into desert glasses. Refrigerate for 2 hours or until cool and well set. Garnish with the dark chocolate shavings, and cinnamon.

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Author: Keep the peace while keeping the house clean

By MARY KLEMIC
At Home Editor

As he describes it, James Thornton "helped" with housework when he had the time and when wife Debbie told him what to do.

When Debbie became pregnant with their second child and had to stay in bed, Thornton realized he was without a clue about household jobs.

"I was really pathetic," said Thornton, who lives in Pennsylvania.

"I really had no idea how much work she had been doing."

Thornton filled a notebook with Debbie's answers to his housework questions. He drew the dial on the washing machine and asked her to mark the correct settings.

Out of the experience came his new book, "Chore Wars: How Households Can Share the Work and Keep the Peace." It suggests ways to stop fighting over housework, offers time saving tips for tackling chores, and presents basics of cleaning and cooking. The book is for couples, families and roommates.

Housework seen as solely "women's work," clutter/dust intolerance carried to the extreme — such elements can be as aggravating as any stubborn stain and make home life unpleasant.

"Every marriage therapist I interviewed reiterated the point: Fights over housework were one of the single most common, though often uncredited, causes for strife and unhappiness between couples and between parents and children," Thornton said in the book.

"When most of us grew up, the father was the sole breadwinner and the mother kept an immaculate house," Thornton said on a recent stop at Barnes and Noble on Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield.

After the author's mother died, his father had a similar feeling of not knowing the first thing about housework.

"(He said) 'I think I may have to hire a housekeeper to come in and do the laundry.' My brother said, 'You have an engineering degree. You should be able to figure out how to do the laundry.'"

But more households have more than one breadwinner now. "Chore Wars" sites a survey showing that 56 percent of

married American men have wives working outside the home.

It also gives figures tallied by the Washington, D.C.-based Women Work! The National Network for Women's Employment that list hourly wages for 24 jobs performed by a homemaker, from 75 cents for a seamstress to \$12 for a cook to \$40 for a nanny. The total "salary" is \$68,195.40 a year.

In "Chore Wars," Thornton shares his experience and those of other people the freelance journalist interviewed over three years. He hired a maid to teach him how to do housework and gives her lesson in the book.

"Chore Wars" isn't male bashing. It makes its points with humor and practicality.

The stories it contains are sure to sound familiar. There's the one about the woman who returned home after a hard day at work. Her sympathetic, well-meaning husband ran her a bubble bath — but didn't clean the house or make dinner while she was soaking.

There's the one about the wife who kept checking up on how her husband was doing chores, and criticizing him.

There's the one about the 8-year-old girl who wanted to clean the bathroom, but her parents told her she was too young. When given a chance, she did the job perfectly every week — and got excused from drying the dishes, a job she disliked.

The book's lesson is compromise and communicate. Divide work, or swap chores, in a way that's comfortable for everyone. Give positive feedback. Don't be afraid to make a master list of chores and discuss them. Other things are more important than housework.

Housework can be made fun. (After all, it relieves stress and is a form of exercise.) Play music if you like while you clean. Dust with Dvorak, move with the inspiring "William Tell Overture" or "Hallelujah Chorus." (Thornton will make available a CD of music to clean by.)

"The kitchen floor doesn't have to be clean enough to eat off. Maybe mop the kitchen floor once a week instead of every night.

"You should do (what) you feel comfortable with as best you can."

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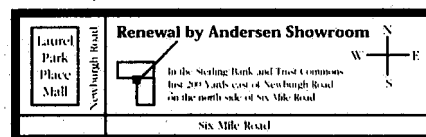
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focus on photography

Lead-in lines bring extra attention

In past columns, I've touched on the importance of composition, which I would define as the placement of the elements you view through the camera in a pleasing and harmonious way.

Today, I'd like to concentrate on a very important aspect of good composi-



MONTÉ NAGLER

tion, one that will enhance and add extra impact to your photographs: lead-in lines.

A lead-in line can be a river, pathway, road, fence or any other element in your composition that will lead and

direct the viewer's attention to the central subject.

Next time you're about to photograph that weathered old barn, stop and take a moment to search for a composition that will include a lead-in line.

Perhaps it's the dilapidated fence or the furrows in a recently plowed field that "lead" the way to the barn. By using either, you can imagine how much more exciting your finished picture will be.

How about that lonely tree in the valley you're about to shoot? Can you position yourself so that the winding river leads the way into the picture?

Using lead-in lines causes you to slow down, think more, and plan out the final image in your mind's eye. You're going through the process of making photographs, not taking snapshots, and your pictures will definitely show the difference.

On a recent trip to Oregon, I chanced upon an old cantilever bridge in the Columbia River Gorge. Notice how the bridge railings and platform serve as lead-ins for the approaching vehicle.

Of course, you'll have to pay close attention to depth-of-field. Most likely



Following lead-ins: The railings and platform of this old cantilever bridge in Oregon were the ideal lead-ins for the approaching vehicle in this Monte Nagler photograph.

you'll need a small aperture so that everything in your finished print is sharp and in focus.

Look for abstract lead-in lines, too. Manmade patterns such as the steel structure in a building under construction or nature's patterns such as the ripples in a majestic sand dune can all serve as effective lead-ins.

The important thing is to begin to "see" lead-in lines. They'll help you look at the world in new, exciting ways. Your

photographs will have added strength and impact that you'll be proud to share with others.

Monte Nagler is a fine art photographer based in Farmington Hills. You can leave him a message by dialing (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then his mailbox number, 1873. His fax number is (248) 644-1314.

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CONSIDER YOUR DESIGN OPTIONS

If space permits, there are a variety of design options homeowners may want to consider for new kitchens. A planning desk makes very good sense in homes where the kitchen is the hub of family activity. All it takes is a few feet to include enough drawer space to hold files, a message center, and sufficient wall space for a calendar and keys. Add a few shelves for cookbooks and this area becomes the favorite place to plan meals, research recipes, keep grocery lists, etc. Another useful option is the snack center, located between the microwave and the refrigerator. Plan storage for glassware, bowls, and cooking utensils in an effort to keep the space self-contained.

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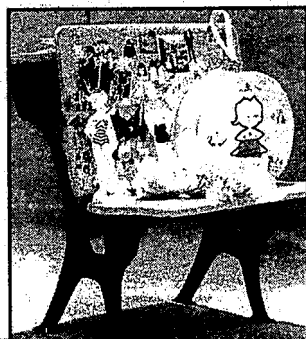


cover story

Chair Affair makes creative arrangements



Chairs with flair: Ginger Vintzel of Michigan Design Center in Troy poses among some of the works to be auctioned at "Chair Affair."



On the cover:

"Childhood Memories" is one of the stylish chairs to be featured at "Chair Affair at Design, Live!" Staff photo by Dan Dean.

BY MARY KLEMIC
At Home Editor

They're "hot" seats – in an artistic way – and cool conversation pieces.

They're 16 furnishings designed by prominent local interior designers, architects, artists and notable personalities for the third annual "Chair Affair at Design, Live!"

The pieces will be auctioned off at the event, 7-10 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13, at Michigan Design Center, 1700 Stutz in Troy, to benefit the Furniture Resource Center.

The Furniture Resource Center is a non-profit organization that collects and distributes usable household furnishings to needy clients of social service agencies.

Participants selected "gently used" chairs donated to the Furniture Resource Center of Oakland County, made them into works of art and gave them to Chair Affair.

"They can cut (the used chairs) down, they can cut them apart," said Ginger Vintzel, MDC advertising director.

"I love the way (the finished pieces) all just have meaning."

This year's Chair Affair has some new features. For one, interior designer Connie Lovell has made a Santa Chair and an Elf Chair that will be donated after bidding to the new Santa House at Shain Park in Birmingham. The plush Santa Chair is in rich plum and green and has gold tassels. The Elf Chair is a smaller wooden rocker.

For another new element, the chairs are displayed through Monday, Nov. 10, in Birmingham business windows. The Santa and Elf chairs are at Masterpiece Gallery.

Chair Affair takes place in conjunction with Design, Live!, an event at MDC that allows the public to view customized vignettes of work by top interior designers and attend seminars on interior design and home-related topics.

Design, Live! dates are Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 15-16. Some of the Design, Live! proceeds will benefit the Furniture Resource Center.

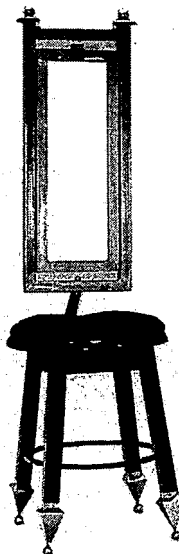
Colleen Burcar, radio personality and owner of Kathryn Scott in Birmingham, will be the Chair Affair emcee. David McCarron of the Frank H. Boos Gallery will be the auctioneer. Opus One will provide hors d'oeuvres.

Tickets are \$50, and may be reserved by calling Carey at (248) 649-4772 by Friday, Nov. 7. The MDC is north off Maple and three blocks east of Coolidge.

Samples of style

Interior designer David Weiss calls his chair "Here and There, North and South, Left and Right." It is displayed in It's the Ritz. The sleek black chair faces in different directions at once, with the cushion angled on the seat and two sides meeting in a right angle. Red lips are accents.

The narrow, metal "Get a Prince... Kiss a Toad" chair by interior



Seats of creativity: Chairs by Ray Fleming of the Robert Kidd Gallery (left), Tom Ver-west (center) and Arturo Sanchez and Barry Harrison (top) show a variety of shapes, textures and themes. Staff photos by Dan Dean.

designer Tom Ver-west has a back that can be flipped for a mirror or padding. The tips of the legs are diamond shaped. The chair is shown in Jacobson's.

Brenda Rosenberg of Hour Detroit shared mementoes in her "Fruit of the Sea" vanity bench, seen in L'esprit. The brown rattan bench is adorned with seashells from her collection.

"Childhood Memories" is the name of the chair by Dwane Adle of Yamasaki & Associates. It is a child's school desk covered with Barbie and Ken doll images and old photos. The chair may be seen at Hansel N Gretel.

For his "Diamonds in the Rough" chair, now at Thom Leffler, interior designer Brian Collins arranged rhinestones and what resembles giant diamond rings on the wooden chair. The chair folds up and can be carried by a strap. A wooden walking stick is an accessory.

"Leopold the First" is the name of the royal red chair by Arturo Sanchez and Barry Harrison, furniture and interior designers. The cushion resembles sleeves on fancy medieval clothing. Each of the four wooden slats on the back bears a symbol of a season – a snowflake, daffodil, sun or leaf – on one side and a small scene of that season on the other. The chair is at Imeldas Closet.

Glass artist Janet Kelman created a chair that isn't meant to be used – as its name, "Don't You Touch," suggests. Instead of converting a chair, Kelman designed her own out of glass. It is exhibited at Maxwell Shades.

Tile designer Ann Sacks put tiles to unusual use, covering a chair with a mosaic pattern made of pink, yellow, cream and green pieces. The chair is shown in It's the Ritz. Ray Fleming of the Robert Kidd Gallery covered a camp chair – displayed in the gallery – with images of art works. The back proclaims "Collector's Chair" in large letters.

The "Roadie Chair" by interior designer Steve Teich of Teich-Davis Interiors/Richard Gage Studio is a little mobile bar, a copper-colored tray with wheels and places for glasses. It's on view at Jacobson's.

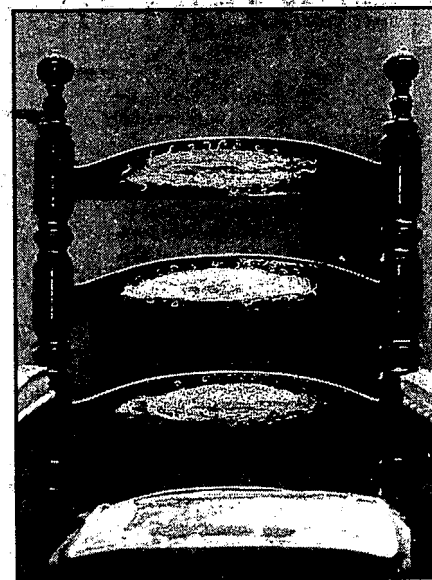
Interior designer Susie Leader's chair, at La Belle Provance, features giant floral appliques on the back and seat, and green arms and legs covered with faux painting.

Richard Krause of Roz & Sherm presented two tiny chairs – one covered with miniature red roses, another with buttons – along with the larger chair that has a rose on the seat. The small chairs are at Astrein; the larger at Sherman Shoes.

Other participants include interior designers Sheila York and Roxane Thomas, sweater designer Lisa Parks and architect Victor Saroki. The chairs by York, Parks and Saroki are at Jacobson's, Kathryn Scott and Art Loft respectively.

MDC is a regional marketplace for interior design professionals, architects and builders. It will be highlighted on the PBS-TV series "Decor," a new home and interior design program hosted by Dina Merrill debuting Saturday, Nov. 15.

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LISA LUCKOW-HEALY

When you think of planning a vacation at Disney World, you probably imagine joining the thousands of tourists flocking to the Magic Kingdom, Epcot, MGM Studios, or one of three major water adventure parks.

You ponder the dilemma of how to squeeze five championship golf courses, a tropical garden and zoological park, tennis and a handful of breakfast and dinner reservations into an already packed family vacation.

Do you take the monorail train, ferryboat, launches or motorcoach shuttle to your park destination? Are you looking for accommodations off the Disney World premises or will you make reservations in one of 25 resorts with 22,464 accommodations?

And if all this activity isn't enough to tickle your family's fancy, consider all

the changes you notice each time your family returns to the wonderful world of Disney.

Did the 30,000-acre entertainment and recreation center that houses three theme parks, three water adventure parks, a zoological park, 99 holes of golf, Disney's Wide World of Sports complex, and Fort Wilderness Resort and Campground have a Downtown Disney on your last trip? It features Pleasure Island, the Marketplace waterside shopping village, and the West Side dining and entertainment district.

If your family has visited Walt Disney World before, you know or will soon learn that there is always something new to experience upon your return. That is the phenomenal aspect of Walt Disney World.

However, in your family's vacation planning, does anyone give any thought to a Disney adventure in the great outdoors hiking, camping, rock climbing, horseback riding, boating and scuba diving?

Many families plan departures from their previous Walt Disney World vaca-

tions where they typically spent the majority of their time at the three major theme parks.

In a vacation mecca that features something for everyone of every age, many Disney visitors are discovering the outdoor side of Disney.

You, too, can opt for an athletic, relaxing and highly entertaining adventure in Disney's great outdoors.

Whether your family prefers the rustic elegance of the premium Wilderness Lodge or campsites or wilderness homes at the Fort Wilderness Resort, either choice is guaranteed to cater to the outdoor lover.

Imagine taking a slow cruise on a pontoon boat, a brisk jaunt on a personal watercraft, or a guided fishing expedition in search of largemouth bass.

If these activities don't appeal to every member of the family, try one of the white sandy beaches or refreshing pools.

If you have never experienced dolphins up close, DEEP - Disney's Dolphin Exploration and Education Program - is perfect for the aspiring marine

biologist. Picture going behind the scenes to learn about dolphin behavior in this three-hour study at The Living Seas in Epcot.

For the certified diver, Disney's Dive-Quest program at The Living Seas pavilion in Epcot offers expert-led tours in its 6 million-gallon aquarium. Swim with angelfish and 300-pound sea turtles.

If you prefer to swim with the sharks, try snorkeling amidst leopard and nurse sharks at Shark Reef in Typhoon Lagoon.

The avid outdoors person who prefers dry land can scale a four-sided, 26-foot high wall on the grounds of the Disney Institute.

Should you wish to venture into something more low-key, the Disney Institute also books birdwatching expeditions to a Wildlife Management Conservation area. On your early morning excursion, you are likely to find herons, wood storks and egrets.

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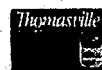


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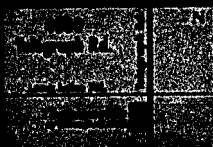
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Frank's appoints Hilsenbeck

Susan Hilsenbeck has been appointed vice president/general manager, lawn and garden products for Frank's Nursery & Crafts, Ernest Townsend, president and COO of Frank's Nursery & Crafts, has announced.

Luckow-Healy
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adventure of a lifetime witnessing jumping fish, sleeping alligators and quite possibly a deer or two.

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Lisa Luckow-Healy is a marketing and public relations consultant and a contributing writer to several parenting publications. To leave her a message from a touch-tone phone, call (313) 953-2045, then her mailbox number, 1903.

Hilsenbeck has more than 20 years of experience at Frank's. She joined the company in 1976 in operations and has held several field positions including store manager, district manager and assistant vice president of operations.

In 1992, Hilsenbeck was promoted to vice president of customer service and training and development, and in 1994 she became the vice president of marketing. In January of this year she was also given the responsibility for strategic planning.

In her new lawn and garden leadership role, Hilsenbeck will be responsible for the strategic planning and merchandising of this core business.

"In this position, Sue will be able to draw upon her knowledge from the experience she has had in the different company divisions to create a well-rounded strategy for this very important category - lawn and garden," Townsend said.

During her years at Frank's, Hilsenbeck has been honored with the prestigious General Host Chairman award, given annually to individuals who have made significant contributions to the company's long-term profits.

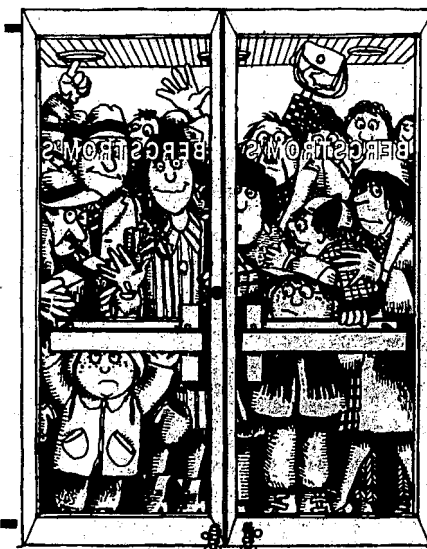
She has also successfully completed Harvard Business School's advanced management program.

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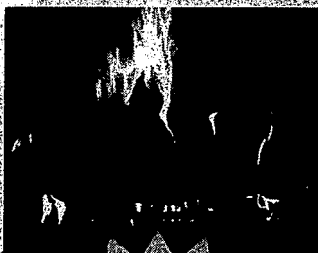
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Shopping for tiles, adhesives, grout

BY READER'S DIGEST BOOKS
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When you're shopping for new tiles, it's best to head for a tile shop. You may pay a little more, but a tile shop is likely to have knowledgeable salespeople who can answer your questions.

Tile shops also have a tremendous selection for walls and floors; unglazed quarry tiles, little mosaic tiles, super-hard porcelain tiles, marble tiles, hand-painted decorative tiles, and rustic handmade tiles. Some tiles come prespaced on mesh backing, and different tile types are installed in similar but not identical ways. That's where a salesperson's knowledge will be helpful.

Here are some buying and installation tips:

Tiles

■ Floor tiles are harder and have less glaze than wall tiles. Floor tiles can be used on walls but wall tiles are too slippery and fragile for floors.

■ Tiles often have a wear rating either on the back side or in the manufacturer's specifications. A rating of three or more is acceptable for floors.

■ Select a matte or textured tile for floors; glossy ones are slippery and

show every scratch or ding.

■ A porcelain tile is colored all the way through, has a slight texture and is durable.

■ Pick a hard tile – vitreous or porcelain – for kitchen counters and back splashes.

■ Stick with a tile size that's in scale with your kitchen. A too-small tile with all its grout lines makes a kitchen look busy, and a too-large tile makes it look disconnected. The tile should integrate cabinets, walls and appliances, not compete with them.

■ Don't use floor tiles that are the same size as the wall tiles. It's hard to get grout lines to line up where the wall meets the floor.

■ Tiles need spaces between them for grout. Some tiles have little lugs for separation. Others need plastic spacers: one-sixteenth-inch spacers for wall tiles and three-sixteenth to one-quarter-inch spacers for floor tiles.

Adhesives

There are two basic tile adhesives: latex-modified thin-set and organic mastic.

■ Latex-modified thin-set adhesive, a cement product like mortar, is the best general-purpose selection. It comes as a

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powder that you mix with a latex additive. The mixture must be wet enough to stick to the tiles but not so wet that it oozes up between the tiles as you push them down. To test its consistency, spread a glob on a scrap of plywood, push down a couple of tiles and make sure they stick without adhesive coming up between them. Thin-set is the hands-down choice for surfaces that get wet, such as showers, bathrooms and laundry rooms. It has little odor.

■ Organic mastic, the other choice, is slightly cheaper, premixed and gives you plenty of time to work. However, it isn't waterproof and it has a strong odor. Also, it can't fill gaps wider than one-quarter-inch.

Grout

■ Grout – the material you use to fill the spaces between tiles – comes in two forms, sanded and without sand. Use the sanded variety for grout lines larger than one-eighth-inch; otherwise use grout without sand.

■ Like thin-set, grout is a powder that you mix with a latex additive. It comes in different colors so you can make grout lines less visible by matching grout to tiles or more visible by choosing a contrasting color. White grout on a floor will get dirty unless you use a penetrating alkaline sealer after installation. Reapply the sealer as it is needed.

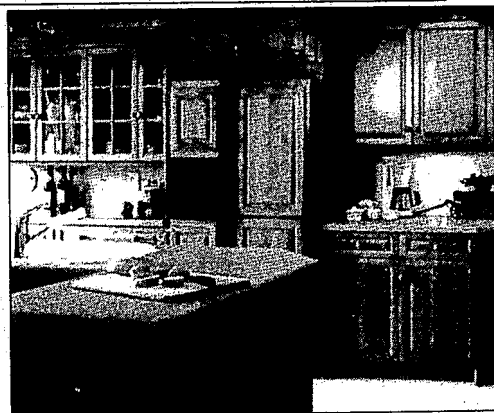
Tools

You're in luck when it comes to tools. Most specialized tiling tools can be rented or borrowed from a tile shop. Consult with your tile shop sales representative about the tools you'll need and how to use them.

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garden spot

Go wild over wildflower preparation



MARTY FIGLEY

explain.

For some time, along one side of the yard, I had been trying to grow roses and have come to the conclusion that the spot just wasn't sunny enough, although it did get a lot of morning sun, which is preferable for roses, rather than the hot afternoon sun. But the roses struggled.

Directly on the west side of the bed, tall shrubs have caused much shade although filtered sun does come through.

A row of lamb's ears along the front

Fall is one of the best times to seed wildflowers, although we seeded an area around July 1 and had excellent results. In fact, even if the plants don't return next year, it was worth the experiment. Let me

of the roses formed a ribbon along the edge of the bed, but they soon encroached on the roses, further competing and crowding them out. They are now relegated to an end of the bed, just because I like the look and feel of lamb's ears, especially when a child caresses the soft foliage.

So, the soil was ready for something new and different, but because of the unusually wet spring, we waited until July to spread the seed - and what fun the flowers have been.

Bright pink cosmos that grew more than five feet tall, yellow lance-leaved coreopsis, perennial gallardia, annual lupines, sweet alyssum, sunflowers, lemon mint, scarlet sage, pinks, pink malva and many more!

This was a very simple feat. The AMTurf seeds were packed in a bag (we used two, a Butterfly/Hummingbird mix and Sun/Shade Wildflowers) and mixed with a recycled colored paper mulch to help in distribution and to hold the seeds in place, and fertilizer.

We spread it over the garden, watered well and soon the plants began to grow.

Ampro Industries of Bradley, Mich., makes the product as well as Lawn Patch and other products. For a catalog, call (800) 699-LAWN.

When the season is over, we'll cut the plants down and expect to see some of the flowers grow again in their special garden. I'll keep you posted.

If you are planning a wildflower garden, now is the time to prepare the area for spring planting. If the weather stays warm, you may be able to get the site ready for a fall planting.

The National Garden Bureau suggests some ways to clear the site. A non-specific herbicide (one that kills everything) can be sprayed on growing plants. This takes 10 days to two weeks.

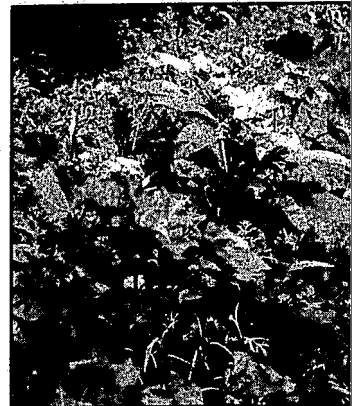
Mow or rake up the area, lightly, so the dormant weed seeds stay deep within the soil. If the soil is hard and compacted, till it to one to two inches deep, water and allow new weeds to grow.

Repeat the herbicide treatment after the weeds are two to three inches tall. When they die, clean up the area and it's ready for planting.

An alternative method is to pull out the weeds, water and let new weeds grow, pull them out, or use repeated tillage to kill the weeds. This may take more than a month. If you're in a hurry, the seeds can be planted after the first weeding. Space them very closely in rows or a pattern that is pleasing to you, and you can then pull out the weeds that grow outside the rows.

Elin Doehne, founder, with her late husband, Harry, of the Michigan Wildflower Farm, was one of the speakers at Garden Day at Michigan State University last August. She shared a couple of ways to prepare a bed.

Cover the area with six to eight



MARTY FIGLEY

Wild side: Our successful wildflower garden provided much pleasure.

sheets of newspaper, cover with compost or four to six inches of topsoil and let the whole thing rest over the winter. Till it all under in the spring. In the summer, when the sun is hot, black plastic laid over an area will kill all growing things beneath. This is an excellent no-work way to prepare any garden bed.

Doehne recommends: Analyze soil to look to see what's there. Study the site type of soil, sunny, woodland edge, open field, etc. Suit plant to soil and site. Prepare site; spread seed lightly. Use non-native annuals and native perennials. All seeds can be planted in the fall or alternatively, sow perennials in the fall and annuals in the spring.

The first year you'll have mostly annuals, and by the third year, mostly perennials. For a copy of the Michigan Wildflower Farm catalog, call (517) 647-6010.

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FOUR-POSTER ROMANCE

In our modern age, most people give more consideration to back problems than romance when purchasing a bed for the master bedroom. In the past, the "marriage bed" was a status symbol. It was not uncommon, for example, for the headboard to be carved and painted with the couple's initials worked into a highly decorative scene. This piece of furniture formed part of a bride's dowry. Today, much of the romance once associated with the marriage bed can be recaptured with the selection of a four-poster bed. Modified versions of the four-poster often work better in modern rooms. Some have minimal black iron posts or pale wood frames over which simple lengths of fabric can be hung to great effect.

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• Brian Santos will bring his educational and entertaining home show "How To" clinics to the American Blind and Wallpaper Factory Showroom Outlet, 909 N. Sheldon in Plymouth, Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 1-2 and 8-9. Clinic topics will be: window treatment, 11 a.m.; wallcovering, 2 p.m.; and window treatment, 4 p.m. Santos will be available for impromptu sessions Nov. 3-7. Santos, on a 22-city national tour, is a fourth generation wallpaper, window treatments and painting contractor. He has worked on the walls of such celebrities as Doris Day, George Lucas and Joe Montana. The showroom features more than 1,000 types of blinds and 1,500 special order wallpaper books. Call (313) 207-5800.

• Nature crafts, birdhouses, antique dolls and quilted wall hangings are among the many items featured at the 22nd annual Handcrafters show, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, at the Rochester Community House, 816 Ludlow off University in Rochester. Call (248) 651-0622. The event is a fund-raiser for the Rochester Community House.

• The North Farmington Garden Club will present its 19th annual Arts and Crafts Sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, at O.E. Duncel Middle School, on 12 Mile between Orchard Lake and Farmington roads. Admission is free. Refreshments will be available. More than 90 juried artisans will exhibit a wide and interesting variety of crafts. Proceeds from table rental help maintain and beautify the grounds at Duncel School and the Five Senses Garden at the YMCA, and support various other club-sponsored community activities, including horticultural and environmental scholarships.

• English Gardens will have its 13th annual open house, a preview to the Festival of Trees, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2, at all four locations, includ-

ing the West Bloomfield store at 6370 Orchard Lake Road at Maple. Call (248) 851-7506. English Gardens will donate a percentage of sales from the open house to the Festival of Trees, the largest fundraiser for Children's Hospital of Michigan (scheduled Nov. 23-30 at Cobo Hall), donate merchandise for the Festival of Trees gift shop and decorate a 12-foot "tribute tree" with 10,000 lights. The Mercy High School Mercyairens will perform at West Bloomfield. Children can have their picture taken with Santa or Mrs. Claus. Refreshments will be served. Sixteen innovative theme trees will be featured.

• Hudson's Interior Design Studio presents an ongoing series of free seminars on home interior design and decor. The presentations are open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis. Scheduled topics include "Focus On: The Gathering Room - Dining Area Designs For Formal Entertaining As Well As Casual Get-togethers," 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 3, in Hudson's furniture department at Westland, 35000 W. Warren Road, with speaker Mary Rose Farkas. Call (313) 458-5400.

• The Holiday Tables preview will take place 6-8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2, at Jacobson's Home Store in Birmingham, featuring vignettes of 10 festive tables decorated for past Holiday Tables. The annual Holiday Tables event benefits the Cranbrook House, the home of Cranbrook founders George and Ellen Booth; this year's display is scheduled for Friday-Sunday, Nov. 21-23. Preview tickets are \$100 for two people and include one ticket for the patron tea and preview Thursday, Nov. 20. Call (248) 645-3147 for tickets and information.

• The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham, offers classes related to the home and garden and hobbies. Call (248) 644-5832 for information. Scheduled classes include "Be Your Own Decorator," Monday, Nov. 3; "Interior Design: Basic Techniques," Tuesdays, Nov. 4 and 11 (two sessions); "Advanced Photography," taught by At Home columnist Monte Nagler, beginning Wednesday, Nov. 5; and "Holiday Raffia Angel," Monday, Nov. 10.

• A Department 56 "Home For the Holidays" event will take place Nov. 1-9 at Always Christmas at Olde World Canterbury Village, three miles off I-75, Exit 83 North, Joslyn Road, in Lake Orion. Call (248) 391-5700.

• Learn how to make a luxurious holiday tree skirt or table topper in a class taking place three Thursdays, beginning Oct. 30, at Haberman Fabrics, 117 W. Fourth in Royal Oak. Beginner plus sewing experience required. Call (248) 541-0010.

• Learn the tricks for constructing "designer pillows" so they don't look homemade in a two-session class Saturdays, Nov. 1 and 8, at Haberman Fabrics, 117 W. Fourth in Royal Oak. Beginner plus sewing experience required. Call (248) 541-0010.

• Raphael's Magnificent Possessions, 1799 Coolidge in Berkley, is one of 40 stores in the world that carries limited edition ornaments by Patricia Breen. Meet the artist, who will sign ornaments, 2:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2, at the store. Call (248) 546-0194. Breen and her husband, Eric, create their own designs, sculpt and fabricate a mold, custom mix lacquers and handpaint the glass ornaments. A staff of about 24 people works under her supervision to produce 500 to 2,000 pieces before the mold is retired. Prices average between \$30 and \$40.

• "Entertaining with Style" is a series of workshops presented at the Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn by Bloomfield Hills party consultant Leslie Jacobs. Chefs, celebrity guests and professionals in entertaining share their expertise. The last session, in December, will be a wine-tasting party featuring prizes and live music. Cost is \$75 per session. Each participant may bring a guest to the wine-tasting event at no charge. Space is limited, so early registration is suggested. Call (248) 646-4517. The next workshop, "You Are Cordially Invited," is scheduled Sunday, Nov. 2.

• Frank's 5 Seasons Garden & Home, 15300 Hall at Hayes in Clinton Township, offers a variety of events around its grand opening. Learn new entertaining settings and hostess gift ideas 12:30-1:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30. Pianist Jim Smela will perform 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31. Treats will be awarded to trick-or-treaters Halloween night. Face painting and live pony carousel rides will entertain children noon to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 1-2. Also Saturday, a Michigan State University master gardener will share gardening tips and ideas noon to 4 p.m.; and experts will share ideas in a 5 Seasons home decor workshop 2 p.m. Janet Macunovich, Detroit News writer, advanced master

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Here are ways to keep the zip in different kinds of zippers

BY READER'S DIGEST BOOKS
For AP Special Features

The zipper is one of the most common fasteners known to man. Although most frequently found in clothing, zippers are also used in applications as diverse as camping gear and lawnmower bags.

Plastic zippers

While some plastic zippers have teeth, most are made of continuous nylon coils. As long as the coils aren't damaged, this type of zipper can usually be fixed. If the coils are pulled apart, rezip them by simply running the slider down and then back up. If the coils are crushed or flattened, however, they won't resume their shape. Also, since they are attached to the tape by delicate stitching, they pull out easily. In either case, the only solution is to replace the zipper.

Metal zippers

Metal zippers have individual teeth. To keep them sliding smoothly, lubricate them periodically. Rub the teeth with a dry bar of soap, a candle, paraffin or wax paper. Rubbing the zipper teeth with graphite from a lead pencil also works. Be sure to remove the excess lubricant, especially graphite. If the zip-

per becomes dirty, clean it with a toothbrush dipped into a solution of dishwashing detergent and water.

Headless zippers

One of the most common problems with any zipper is that the slider head comes off one of the tracks of teeth.

To make a repair, note that there is a metal staple that acts as a stop at the lower end of the zipper. It holds the two tracks together and prevents the slider from coming off at the bottom.

To reattach the slider, turn the item inside out. Pry open the staple with needle-nose pliers or tweezers and remove it. Move the slider head all the way down the teeth to the bottom of the row and carefully thread the loose track of teeth through the open side of the slider. Work the slider head up both tracks of teeth. Then crimp the staple back in place with pliers.

Other repairs

If the staple is damaged or missing, you can make a stop to replace it. Install the slider and zip it up. Then sew the tracks together with a zigzag stitch of heavy thread over both tracks just above the bottom teeth. The stitching must hold the teeth tightly together and should have enough loops to make the stop firm. This only works if the zipper

can be permanently attached at the bottom.

If the slider on a zipper is badly bent or broken, you may avoid installing a new zipper by recycling a replacement slider of the same size from an old zipper. Remove the stops of both zippers and take off both sliders. After tracking the replacement slider, remake the stop with thread.

The tab on a slider may break or fall off. Replace it with a small paper clip threaded through the hole in the slider. For a garment, wind thread or fine yarn around the clip in a matching color. Or

attach a very small key ring to the slider and tie a piece of twine or leather shoelace to make a pull cord.

New zippers

Replacement zippers can be purchased to size at any store that carries sewing supplies. Or you can buy zippers by the yard at a sewing center.

Before you sew a new zipper in, preshrink any tape that is not 100 percent polyester by submerging the zipper in hot water for three minutes. Then let the tape dry before pressing it flat.

Calendar

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gardener, author and host of "Green Side Up" on WXYT-AM, will present "Tucking the Garden in for Winter" 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2. She will conduct a workshop, answer questions and autograph her books. Space is limited for the presentation; call (313) 564-2000 for reservations. Area experts will answer questions about indoor and outdoor gardening 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 4. Design experts from 5 Seasons will share tips on creating beautiful floral arrangements and centerpieces noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5. Chef Ron Colasanti of The Mystic Gourmet will share recipes and demonstrate cooking with gourmet products 12:30-2:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6.

• The Garden Club of Michigan will present a juried flower show, "Absolutely to Die For," 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lake Shore Drive in Grosse Pointe Farms. Admission to the show, boutique and cafe is free. Two international speakers, Olivier Guini and Rosamund Wallinger, will be featured. Tickets for each speaker are \$15; make reservations by calling the War Memorial at (313) 881-7511.

• The University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor, offers a variety of adult education courses. Call (313) 998-7061. Scheduled classes include "Garden

Photography," Thursday, Saturday and Tuesday, Oct. 30, Nov. 1 and Nov. 4 (three sessions); "Michigan Mammals," Tuesdays, Nov. 4, 11 and 18 (three sessions); and "Leaves, Inside and Out," Thursdays, Nov. 6 and 13 (two sessions).

• A free trail tour of the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens will take place 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2, at 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor. Call Liz Elling at (313) 998-7062 for information. Conservatory tours are set 2 p.m. Sundays in November. Conservatory admission is \$2 for adults, \$1 for ages 5-18, free for under age 5. All tours are guided by docents. Meet in the lobby area in front of the reception desk.

• Gather festive ideas for the holidays 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, as the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens presents "Food, Fun and Flowers," hands-on workshops for creating living wreath centerpieces and forcing bulbs. Tickets are \$15 per person, \$12.50 for members of the Friends of Matthaei Botanical Gardens. Seating is limited, so early registration is required. To register, call (313) 998-7061 or stop by in person at the gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor. The event will include a bread-making presentation by Frank Carollo of Zingermans Bake House and food for entertaining by the Junior League of Ann Arbor from the league's cookbook.

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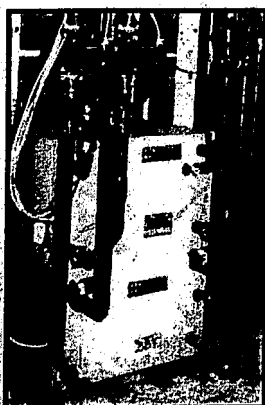
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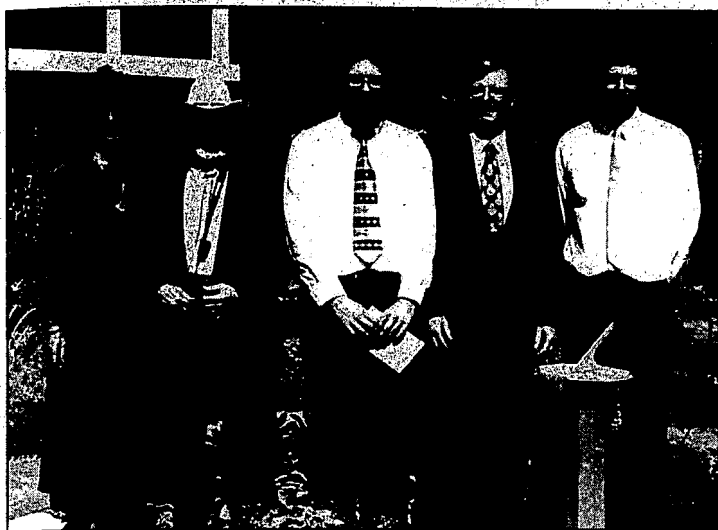
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Sundial dedication: Margaret Ward's family attended the dedication ceremony, left to right, Alice Lincoln Ward, Frank Ward, Phillip Ward, the Rev. George Ward and Byron Ward.

Herb Society dedicates sundial at Cranbrook's Studio Garden

On Aug. 6, members of the Southern Michigan Unit, The Herb Society of America, gathered at the newly renovated Studio Garden at Cranbrook.

The occasion was the dedication of a beautiful sundial, placed in memory of Margaret (Marge) C. Ward, who became a member of the Unit in 1981.

The sundial has been placed in the Members' Memory Garden portion of the Studio Garden, an area reserved for plants that hold a special significance to members.

Her signature herb, Rosa Gallica Officinalis, has been planted here.

Marge held several board positions and was always ready to share her knowledge, books and plants with members and touched the lives of many

with her enthusiastic and cheerful participation in Unit activities.

Marge's husband, Frank, of Franklin, their son, the Rev. George Ward III and his wife, Alice Lincoln Ward, and grandsons, Philip and Byron, were present at the dedication.

The sundial served as the inspiration for the Memory Garden and was part of a generous donation to the Scholarship and Philanthropy Fund by Frank Ward.

The Studio Garden is located on the east side of the Cranbrook House and it, as well as the formal Herb Garden, are maintained by members of the Southern Michigan Unit, the Herb Society of America.

Plan to tour famous Saarinen House, Cranbrook grounds

Guided tours of the Saarinen House at Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills are available through October.

Call (248) 645-3323 for times, reservations and other information.

The tour lasts approximately 90 minutes. Children under 7 cannot be accommodated easily. The ability to negotiate stairs is necessary.

Tours of Cranbrook Gardens, 380 Lone Pine Road, west of Woodward in Bloomfield Hills, are available through October. Call (248) 645-3149 for times, reservations and other information.

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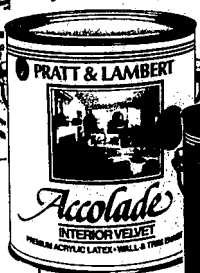
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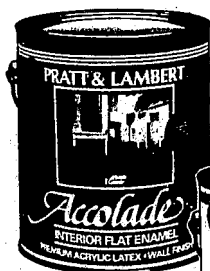
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Cut flowers, potted plants make popular gift alternatives

By DR. J. ROBERT NUSS
For The Associated Press

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) — Cut flowers and potted plants are becoming popular gift alternatives to candy for St. Valentine's Day. But flowers are frequently short-lived because we fail to treat them properly once they are in the home.

The following suggestions may help extend the useful life of cut flowers and make your flowers last a bit longer.

First of all, always purchase good quality flowers. Flowers are just like any other purchase — you get what you pay for.

Consider buying different types of flowers. All too often, gift-givers select the same type of flower year after year.

Check the selection your florist or garden shop has this year.

Make certain the flowers are well protected for the trip home if they're not delivered. Flowers and buds are quite tender and can be severely injured by freezing temperatures if allowed to remain in the car for long periods of time. Make sure flowers are securely wrapped against the cold.

Before leaving the florist, see if they sell flower preservatives to add to the water at home. Preservatives slow the growth of bacteria in the water and extend the life of the flowers.

As soon as the flowers are inside, put them in clean, warm water in a clean container. Sanitation, along with the preservative, will help prevent bac-

teria growth in the water. To help keep the water fresh, remove the lower leaves from the stems. Foliage in the water will quickly decompose and allow bacteria to grow. You should also change the water in the container on a regular basis to keep it as fresh as possible.

After the flowers have been arranged in their container, keep them as cool as possible. Heat takes moisture from the leaves and flowers. With no root system to sustain the flow of water, the flowers will wilt quickly in high temperatures. Ideal storage temperatures are between 32 and 35 degrees, but never below freezing. Unfortunately, display areas in most homes and apartments are considerably warmer. To extend the life of flowers, consider putting the display

into cool storage, but not into the refrigerator, during the evening or at times when no one is home.

Certain storage conditions, however, can shorten the life of cut flowers. Avoid putting cut flowers into an enclosed area where fruits and vegetables are stored. These items give off very small quantities of ethylene gas, which, in simple terms, causes the flowers to age and fade much faster than normal.

It is also important to avoid extreme conditions around cut flowers. Drafts near opening doors or warm air moving from a room's heat source take water from leaves and shortens the indoor life of cut flowers.

Frank's announces appointments in marketing personnel

Two new appointments in the marketing division of Frank's Nursery & Crafts have been announced by Ernest Townsend, Frank's president and COO.

Phil Roos has been named chief marketing officer, and Christine Morrisroe joins the company as director of public relations.

"We are thrilled to have Phil and Chris join our marketing team,"

Townsend said.

Roos comes to Frank's with 15 years of marketing experience.

He created and managed The Discovery Group Inc., a strategic marketing/management consulting firm with clients such as Kraft, Quaker and Seagram/Tropicana; was vice president of marketing and president of Delicious Cookie/R.W. Frookie Inc. in Illinois;

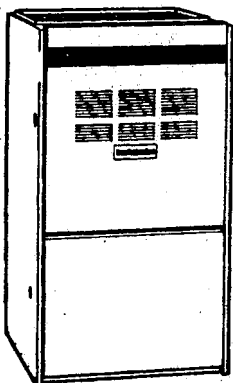
held a managing director position at Marketing Corporation of America, a management and marketing strategy consulting firm with a client list that included Molson, Pepsi-Cola, United Technologies and Miller Brewing; and was most recently the senior vice president of marketing for Little Caesars Enterprises Inc.

Morrisroe has spent the majority of

her career with the Department Store Division of Dayton Hudson Corporation, where she held several positions buying, distribution, special events and public relations for the Hudson's stores.

Most recently, she was account supervisor/public relations for Stone, Auger Baker & Company, a Troy-based marketing communications company.

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Take special care with new wood finishes on furniture

(NAPS) - Q. I recently inherited a solid oak dresser in desperate need of refinishing. After spending a hefty sum to resurface the dresser, what should I do in terms of polishing or oiling the piece to make sure this fresh finish stays fresh?

A. First off, if you've got a freshly refinished piece of furniture, don't do anything to it for about six to eight weeks. A new finish needs to "cure" or set for a time to ensure that the finish will stay smooth and beautiful.

Once you've let the piece cure, use a silicone-free furniture cream. But don't apply it directly to the dresser. Instead, take a soft cloth like an old T-shirt or

chamois cloth, and dampen it with water. Apply the lotion to the cloth, then rub it into the wood along the grain.

Most people forget to actually polish the furniture. Take a dry cloth and actually buff the wood by rubbing along the grain. Over time, this treatment will give your furniture a healthy glow that will really light up the room.

Q. I've heard that a piano should never be polished as the cream or spray would damage the wiring inside. Is this true?

A. Besides being a melodious, harmonious musical instrument, a piano is also a beautiful piece of furniture. And as such, pianos need special care.

Piano restorers are often faced with these challenges, and experts recommend caring for pianos in a slightly different manner than other pieces of furniture.

Instead of using a cloth to apply the cream, experts recommend spraying a beaver-hair paintbrush lightly with furniture cream, then gently brushing the piano. This removes dust and loose dirt quickly and carefully. It's an especially good technique for any piece of furniture that has intricate carving - but please, don't use a paintbrush that has ever been used with paint.

Q. We purchased a new cherry armoire for our bedroom. However, my

husband is afraid that if we put it in direct sunlight, the wood will fade... Since our bedroom lets in quite a bit of sunlight, what should we do?

A. It's true...the sun's rays can hurt wood; much in the same way it can damage skin. But there are ways to prevent this damage without putting your new armoire in a dark closet.

Choose a furniture polish that offers some form of sun protection. The more ultra-violet rays you can prevent from hitting the furniture, the better.

Have a wood question? Ask the Furniture Cosmetologist! Submit questions to Ask the Furniture Cosmetologist, P.O. Box 9569, Downers Grove, Ill. 60515.

Home improvement program broadcasts at new station

Murray Gula, "the home improvement doctor" on "Home Improvement Talk Radio," and Joe Giordano, host of "Making Sense of Your Money," have signed a one-year contract with Crawford Broadcasting to broadcast their shows on the newly acquired WLLZ-AM 560.

"Home Improvement Talk Radio" is heard 1-3 p.m. Saturdays. "Making

Sense of Your Money" starts 3 p.m.

Both long-running shows have been heard in the Detroit area on WEXL radio.

Gula is a registered code official and inspector with the state of Michigan, licensed builder, master electrician, real estate sales person and director of the Michigan Construction Protection Agency, and has been the host of his own pro-

gram for more than four years on WEXL.

He has been helping homeowners, contractors and construction businesses with their build-it and fix-it questions on radio and at public appearances for the past 10 years. Gula has been a guest on many other radio shows prior to having his own program.

Giordano has been doing his show on

WEXL since 1988 and has helped many listeners with their money questions on radio and public seminars. He is a certified financial planner and president of Joseph James Financial Services Inc., a member of the NASD.

Giordano has a degree in finance from Wayne State University and is listed in the prestigious Marquis book, "Who's Who in Finance and Industry."

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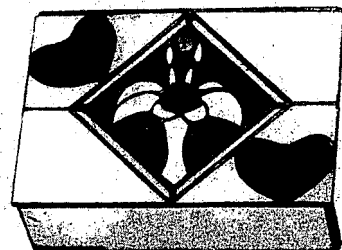
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You can save money on your next mortgage

MORTGAGE SEARCH



DAVID C. MULLY

Here's some information from a local lender that may help save you money on your next mortgage. The newest mortgage program out today is the "no PMI loan" which doesn't include any charge for mortgage insurance. This program is my favorite because it truly does save the borrowers money.

Lenders require at least 20 percent down to skip PMI. But now, if a borrower has less than 20 percent to put down, he can still gain the advantages of a no PMI loan.

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The borrower puts 10 percent down and Key Mortgage, 332 E. Main Street, Northville, (248) 347-0100, gives them a second mortgage of 10 percent or more in addition to their regular first mortgage. The buyer now has a 20 percent down payment with only 10 percent of their own funds and is able to avoid buying PMI.

For example, on a \$125,000 home, a traditional scenario would have 10 percent down payment and first mortgage of \$112,500. The owner's principle and interest payment is \$786.62 and PMI payment of \$48.75 for total monthly expenses of \$835.37.

With Key Mortgage's Combo Loan, the home buyer would obtain a first mortgage of \$100,000 and a second mortgage of \$12,500, which can be a 30-year or 15-year, fixed-rate mortgage. The first mortgage principle and interest payment of \$699.21 and second mortgage payment of \$103.97 total \$803.18 in monthly outlay, but PMI isn't required. The resulting monthly savings is \$32.19.

"Another advantage of this combo loan is gained through tax savings," says Chris Hoehn of Key Mortgage. That is because the interest payment on both the first and second mortgages is tax deductible whereas the PMI payment isn't.

"This loan works great for the move up buyer where their first home hasn't been sold and they need a bridge loan to buy the second home," adds Hoehn. The disadvantage to bridge loans is that they don't allow you to get all the equity out of the old home for the down payment on your new home. Typically with a bridge loan, you are only allowed 80 percent of the value on the current home. After closing on the old home, borrowers are typically left with some cash they wanted to use as a down payment.

They can use a combo loan to make up the difference. Consider move-up buyers with \$38,000 equity in their first home. They are having difficulty selling the first home but want to put 20 percent down on their new home to avoid PMI. They can get a \$20,000 down payment from a bridge loan and a second mortgage of \$18,000 on the new home. Then, after the closing on the old home, they can pay off the bridge loan and the second mortgage. They have achieved their goal of putting 20 percent down on the house and don't have to refinance after receiving the equity from the old home.

If you are in this situation of needing a bridge loan, I urge you to look into the possibility of a combo loan and see how much it can save you.

David Mully is a tri-county mortgage consultant and has been researching mortgage lenders, products and services for more than 10 years. His consulting service concentrates on showing homeowners ways to save on interest charges over the life of their mortgages without refinancing. To contact him, call 1-800-521-0026 ext. 227, fax him at (248) 669-8875 or mail him at P.O. Box 485, Novi MI 48376. You can access Mully's previous Mortgage Search articles and current mortgage rates on-line at <http://www.observer-eccentric.com/realestate/mully>

What's your home worth in another city?

MARKET	AVG. PRICE	INDEX
Ann Arbor	\$217,308	105
Beverly Hills	244,250	118
Birmingham	343,750	167
Bloomfield Twp.	203,500	99
Canton	198,932	96
Clarkston/Ind. Twp.	212,496	103
Dearborn	214,166	104
Farmington Hills	208,979	101
Grosse Pointes	251,493	122
Livonia	203,428	99
Northville	233,806	113
Novi	239,261	113
Pleasant Ridge	226,900	110
Plymouth Twp.	223,818	109
Rochester Hills	215,977	105
Southfield	161,300	78
Troy	208,792	101
West Bloomfield	211,414	102

Source: Coldwell Banker National Home Price Comparison Index

1997 Home Price Comparison Index



Example: If you live in a Canton home with a current market value of \$200,000, approximately how much would it cost to replace it with a similar home in West Bloomfield?

Solution: Multiply the market value of your current home by the index number of the destination city where you plan to move, then divide that number by the index number of the market where your current home is located:

$\frac{\$200,000 \times 102}{96} = \$212,500$

To replace a \$200,000 home in Canton with a comparably-sized property in West Bloomfield, expect to pay approximately \$212,500.

House's value fluctuates across community lines

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

A house with a market value of \$203,000 in Livonia would run about \$232,000 in Novi.

Figure on paying about \$226,000 in Plymouth Township for a house with a market value of \$199,000 in Canton.

And a house with a market value of \$161,000 in Southfield would go for about \$213,000 in Clarkston or Independence Township.

That according to the recently-released 1997 Home Price Comparison Index prepared locally by Coldwell Banker Schweitzer Real Estate.

"One of the most important things to consider when making the decision to move is how much it will cost to buy a home in another city compared to the home in which you currently live," said Paul Schweitzer, president of the Coldwell Banker franchise with 15 offices in suburban Detroit.

"Making a move, especially to a more expensive area, can have a direct effect on your cost of living, and this tool helps home buyers evaluate their options," Schweitzer added.

The updated index is based in great part on selling prices of transactions January through June of this year.

The targeted home contained four bedrooms, 2-1/2 baths, about 2,200 square feet of living space including a

family room and a two-car garage.

The average selling price of the targeted home increased in most Observer & Eccentric communities - a substantial jump in many - during the last year.

In Clarkston/Independence Township, the average rose to \$212,496 from \$184,800; in Troy to \$208,792 from \$191,141; in Plymouth Township to \$223,818 from \$207,673; in Canton to \$198,932 from \$183,579; in Rochester Hills to \$215,977 from \$201,948; and in Southfield to \$161,300 from \$149,079.

"I think the index is extremely useful for people moving from community to community, or the east side to the west side ... and out-of-town buyers, obviously," said Tracey Ewert, marketing director for Schweitzer.

While the Schweitzer index serves as a guideline as to what buyers can expect to pay, prices on actual purchase offerings and acceptances will vary.

Rarely does a buyer go from one exact floor plan to another. Upkeep and improvements differ on similar houses. Supply and demand affect price. So does fluctuating mortgage rates.

The age of the house, how eager a seller is to sell and perceptions of value also impact price.

"Different amenities offered by communities - parks, different things a community does, quality of schools, how close they are to job centers,

close to freeways, shopping - things like that," said Matt Wojcik, marketing coordinator for Schweitzer.

Jacqueline Steuer, a Realtor in Schweitzer's Farmington Hills office, finds that the index is especially helpful to outstate or out-of-state transferees.

"What it does is educate the consumer," she said. "Every educated consumer makes my job easier, or it gives them maybe three new cities they didn't know whether they could afford."

"For the most part, transferees are surprised how expensive our housing is," she said.

Folks already living here have a good handle on what it costs to move from one suburb to another, Steuer added.

"Buyers are very savvy," she said. "When people get ready to make a move, they educate themselves. When someone calls us, they pretty much have an idea where they want to be."

The local Home Price Comparison Index produced by Schweitzer and a national index put together by Coldwell Banker corporate are available at Schweitzer offices in Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Farmington Hills, Livonia, Plymouth and Troy.

Copies may be ordered by phoning Schweitzer headquarters at (810) 268-1000. The information also is on Schweitzer's Internet site, <http://www.cbschweitzer.com>.

You may be able to get out

REAL ESTATE QUERIES



ROBERT M. MEISNER

Q. I contracted to sell property to my broker who had been unable to secure a buyer for over a year. After the contract was executed, but before the closing, the broker found a third party to buy the property for more than the price in the broker's contract with me. Do I have a right to get out of the contract with the broker?

A. In a recent case out of Illinois, the appellate court held that there was at least an issue of fact as to whether the agency relationship continued between the owner and the broker on similar facts and whether the broker owed a fiduciary duty to the owner. The issue might also be whether the original listing agreement had expired and what efforts the broker had made to sell the property.

Q. I am an employer and want to know what to put on my application form that will ensure that I do not have a problem with an employee saying later that he can only be terminated for cause. Do you have any suggestions?

A. In a recent Michigan Court of Appeals case, where the employee signed an application for a manager position which contained the disclaimer that employment was terminable at the will of the employer, the employee can be terminated for any or no reason unless there is a subsequent modification. Unless there is a subsequent modification, the employee will have no cause of action. You should, in bold print, indicate that the employee is terminable at the will of the employer for any or no reason. You should also have any other written manuals reviewed by counsel to ensure that there are not any contradictions in the policy.

Robert M. Meisner is an Oakland County area attorney concentrating his practice in the areas of condominiums, real estate, corporate law and litigation. You are invited to submit topics that you would like to see discussed in this column, including questions about condominiums, by writing Robert M. Meisner, 30200 Telegraph Road, Suite 467, Bingham Farms MI 48025. His email address is bmeisner@mich.com and his web site is <http://www.meisner-law.com>. This column provides general information and should not be construed as legal opinion.

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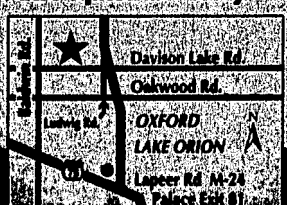
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These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded October 6 - 10 at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office and compiled by Advertising That Works, a Bloomfield Township company that tracks deed and mortgage recordings in Southeastern Michigan. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Auburn Hills	2249 Mattie Lu Dr \$123,000	4425 N Castlewold Ct \$323,000	2400 Walnut Rd \$82,000
Beverly Hills	31400 Kenneway Ct \$282,000	16195 Madoline St \$222,000	19710 13 Mile # 109 \$145,000
Bingham Farms	24054 Bingham Pointe \$287,000	30925 Timberbrook Ln \$262,000	
Birmingham	137 Catalpa Dr \$187,000	185 Coolidge Rd \$105,000	1551 Emmans Ave \$145,000
	720 Forest Ave \$165,000	1091 Madison St \$207,000	1818 Melbourne St \$447,000
	139 Pilgrim Ave \$365,000		
Bloomfield Hills	4350 Ardmore Dr \$510,000	1504 Goddard Ct \$320,000	2140 Heronwood Dr \$770,000
	2170 Lancaster Rd \$140,000	4824 Quanton Rd \$289,000	
Bloomfield Hills	215 Wendy Ln \$220,000	7350 Chula Vista Ln \$235,000	767 E Fox Hills Dr \$48,000
	667 Kingsley Trl \$297,000	2005 Klingensmith # 63 \$87,000	3650 Maxwell Ct \$670,000
	4878 Old Post Ct \$355,000	5698 Raven Rd \$275,000	309 S Glangary Rd \$235,000
	3356 South Blvd \$155,000	2459 Thistle Pointe \$296,000	380 Woodedge Dr \$305,000
Clarkston	6804 Berry Pointe Dr \$263,000	5344 Drayton Rd \$80,000	5709 Fenwick Pl \$373,000
	7670 Golden Hills Ct \$178,000	6320 Heron Ct \$255,000	5059 Hilltop Ct \$95,000
	5898 Hummingbird Ln \$176,000	6276 Lake Waldon Dr \$200,000	7346 Oakstone Dr \$261,000
	5300 Pheasant Run \$145,000	5100 Pine Knob Ln \$118,000	569 Sunrise Dr \$175,000
	7048 Tappan Dr \$90,000		
Commerce Township	2400 Ballusol \$30,000	2576 Barton St \$138,000	5512 Bentwood Ln \$290,000
	2164 Bnar Ct \$293,000	6085 Brockway St \$118,000	3575 Buss Dr \$122,000
	2110 Calle Di \$175,000	4670 Driftwood Dr \$357,000	2721 Duffers Ln \$289,000
	8319 Lagoon St \$92,000	1826 Luneta Ct \$90,000	
Clarkston	1826 Luneta Ct \$112,000	4467 Marcello Dr \$217,000	3565 Moberly Rd \$119,000
	5185 Oakwood Ct \$229,000	2451 Sherwood Ct \$225,000	120 Wendover Ct \$70,000
Daviesburg	10992 Big Lake Rd \$118,000	9866 Boulder Ct \$80,000	9915 Boulder Ct \$82,000
	10116 Boulder Pass \$114,000	9829 Creekwood Trl \$88,000	9920 Creekwood Trl \$370,000
	8242 Tindall Rd \$46,000		
Farmington	21524 Birchwood St \$165,000	34218 Cass Ct \$207,000	23201 Farmington Rd \$170,000
	22905 Hayden St \$135,000	31611 Marblehead St \$126,000	30789 Shawnee #9b \$77,000
	35941 Smithfield St \$215,000		
Farmington Hills	22278 Arbor Ln \$205,000	28861 Balmoral Way \$185,000	25248 Briarwyke Dr \$230,000
	25526 Briarwyke Dr \$215,000	33983 Brittany Dr \$250,000	22798 Colgate St \$99,000
	34239 Commons Dr \$204,000	31244 Country Way \$105,000	31260 Country Way \$121,000
	33605 Edmonton St \$69,000	29307 Fieldstone \$275,000	30131 Fink Ave \$120,000
	28947 Glenbrook Dr \$315,000	28428 Golf Pointe Blvd \$329,000	33833 Hunters Pointe \$272,000
	35083 Knollwood Ln \$168,000	29365 Laurel Dr \$139,000	
Farmington Hills	30128 Mayfair Dr \$260,000	21226 Middlebelt Rd \$93,000	21819 Middlebelt Rd \$275,000
	29580 Muirland Ct \$244,000	31480 Orchardbrook Ct \$159,000	30315 Pipers Ln \$212,000
	38894 Plumbrook Dr \$290,000	21005 Rensselaer St \$101,000	27378 Rosewood Ct \$343,000
	28171 Shadylane Dr \$174,000	29869 Shawnee St \$135,000	24676 Springbrook Dr \$140,000
	30126 Stockton Ave \$140,000	24676 Todd Ln \$229,000	30535 W 14 Mile # 22 \$59,000
	33552 Walnut Ln \$269,000		
Franklin	30780 Heilmannale Dr \$210,000		
Keego Harbor	2490 Cass Lake Rd \$34,000		
Lake Orion	453 Algene St \$193,000	3182 Beech Tree Ct \$67,000	636 Crediton St \$81,000
	347 E Jackson St \$127,000	2457 Gemini Dr \$165,000	950 Golfview Dr \$133,000
	720 Harry Paul Dr \$125,000	228 Lookout Ln \$148,000	815 Pinetree St \$235,000
	1241 Ridge View Cir \$186,000	340 Summit Blvd \$113,000	3695 Waldon Rd \$120,000
Lathrup Village	18187 Avilla Blvd \$153,000	27430 Evergreen Rd \$100,000	
Novi	45619 Addington Ln \$301,000	22253 Chase Dr \$431,000	
Oakland Township	42038 Cherry Hill Rd \$135,000	39427 Country Ln \$135,000	24893 Davenport Ave \$247,000
	24275 Hampton Hill St \$153,000	29052 Heartstone Dr \$248,000	24560 Jamestowne Rd \$175,000
	23673 Londonderry \$145,000	24335 Lynwood Dr \$320,000	41699 Magnolia Ct \$149,000
	123 Maudlin St \$38,000	23322 Mystic First \$349,000	24585 Olde Orchard St \$94,000
	41117 Park Forest Ct \$155,000	24291 Pinecrest St \$165,000	23769 Wintergreen Cir \$374,000
	23973 Wintergreen Cir \$336,000		
Oakland Township	3380 Collins Rd \$332,000	2801 Orion Rd \$95,000	3210 Stoney Creek Rd \$237,000
Orion Township	4061 Harbor Vista St \$205,000		
Oxford	77 E Oakwood Rd \$162,000	2781 Farmbrook Trl \$312,000	1791 Harwood Dr \$317,000
	836 Hemlock Dr \$77,000	824 Keith St \$111,000	3820 Lakeville Rd \$140,000
	1774 Laverne Ct \$266,000	4 Maple St \$122,000	3230 Thomas Rd \$162,000
Rochester	1897 Beaver Creek Dr \$65,000	1920 Beaver Creek Dr \$255,000	1049 Bloomview Cir \$266,000
	1064 Bloomview Cir \$269,000	1073 Bloomview Cir \$293,000	3030 Bridlewood Dr \$184,000
	3104 Bridlewood Dr \$166,000	1663 Chase Dr \$305,000	1718 Chase Dr \$284,000
	1376 Copper Cir \$259,000	501 E University #101 \$29,000	527 E University #1106 \$77,000
	507 E University #402 \$89,000	996 Hollow Corners Ct \$378,000	4134 Kenirey Ln \$309,000
	317 Linwood Ave \$159,000	822 Loggers Cir \$339,000	857 Loggers Cir \$307,000
	159 Maywood Ave \$182,000	565 Springdale Ct \$486,000	
Rochester Hills	1192 Avon Cir E \$252,000	3822 Beechcrest \$246,000	1661 Black Maple Dr \$229,000
	3220 Fairgrove Ter \$236,000	3161 Harrison Ave \$105,000	3054 Hessel Ave \$132,000
	2346 London Bridge Dr \$133,000	263 Marmoor Ct \$238,000	520 May Rd \$120,000
	2582 New England Dr \$175,000	852 Norcross Dr \$263,000	973 Norcross Dr \$266,000
	645 Oakbrook W \$109,000	521 Oakhill Ct \$277,000	380 Shellbourne Dr \$240,000
	871 Spartan Dr \$287,000	2692 Steamboat Spr. \$258,000	564 Sunlight \$265,000
	504 Tennyson \$130,000		
Southfield	408 Willow Grove Ln \$124,000	209 Windrift Ln \$223,000	
	17551 Addison St \$54,000	28165 Brentwood St \$79,000	20928 Delaware St \$86,000
	15834 Fairfax St \$151,000	25923 Forestview Dr \$141,000	17601 Geo. Washington \$98,000
	28073 Glasgow St \$113,000	20775 Greenview Rd \$55,000	23568 Lahser Rd \$76,000
	29391 Melmoor Dr \$160,000	24783 Mulberry Dr \$125,000	23806 Norcross Dr \$84,000
	23361 Plumbrook Dr \$145,000	29994 Rambling Rd \$179,000	23465 Riverview Dr \$130,000
	30023 Rock Creek Dr \$142,000	30260 Rock Creek Dr \$154,000	22240 Rougemont Dr \$115,000
	22705 Rougemont Dr \$200,000	27250 Shagbark Dr \$95,000	29230 Stellamar Dr \$193,000
	29729 Stonycroft Dr \$166,000	26258 Summerdale Dr \$128,000	27676 Sutherland St \$137,000
	19124 W 9 Mile Rd \$146,000	20900 Winchester St \$165,000	
Sylvan Lake	2272 Pontiac Dr \$144,000		
Troy	1515 3 Lakes Dr \$268,000	4729 Alton Dr \$191,000	5278 Breeze Hill Dr \$111,000
	3025 Caswell Dr \$367,000	1619 Delta Dr \$281,000	4983 Foxcroft Dr \$154,000
West Bloomfield	6979 Abbott St \$130,000	6206 Andrea Ln \$138,000	6211 Andrea Ln \$139,000
	2352 Archdale St \$51,000	2352 Archdale St \$149,000	4241 Barclay Way \$149,000
	7763 Barnsbury St \$127,000	2785 Bay Dr \$165,000	7133 Bridge Way \$178,000
	5945 Chelsea Big \$479,000	7496 Cornwell Ct \$180,000	5741 Culpepper \$190,000
	5760 Culpepper \$183,000		
Walled Lake	2097 Hidden Meadows \$80,000	283 Inlet Ct \$88,000	1550 Quinif Rd \$91,000
White Lake	1228 Clearwater St \$176,000	4455 Coastal Pkwy \$47,000	75 Danforth St \$387,000
	325 Decca Dr \$135,000	8100 High Pointe Dr \$311,000	798 Oxbill Dr \$140,000
	1155 Pinetree Dr \$175,000	8979 Satellite Dr \$165,000	10455 Scout Trl \$125,000
	734 Sunnyside Dr \$178,000	435 Taggerline \$130,000	510 Union Lake Rd \$115,000
	648 Woods Edge Ln \$250,000		
Wolverine Lake	810 Marzano Dr \$117,000		

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FALL HOUSING FAIR

Oakland County Housing Network hosts a free fair on home ownership with workshops and exhibits 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, at Perdue Education Center, 25 S. Sanford, Pontiac.

Seminar topics include credit, savings and budget, affordable mortgage products and shopping for a house. For details, contact Michelle Poepppe at (248) 334-8840.

HOME BUYING CLASS

Realtor Rosemary Firestone of RE/MAX 100 and her financial services team host a free, no-obligation class on how to go about buying a house 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 4, at First Michigan Title, Suite 203, 38777 W. Six Mile just west of I-275, Livonia.

Presenters include Craig Lee, Home Inspection Team; Sharon Johnson, First Michigan Title; Jeffrey Sprague, financial planner; Kanter Associates; Michael Rich, lawyer; Jim Athens, Concord Financial; Peggy Bookstein, CPA; and Firestone. For reservations, call (313) 420-9600.

REAL ESTATE INVESTORS

The Real Estate Investors Association hosts Don Eichstaedt, who will discuss the Michigan landlord organization and pending legislation, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 4, at the Southgate Holiday Inn, 17201 Northline one block east of I-75.

Cost for non-members is \$10. Beginning landlords interested in a free introductory package can call Wayne Koehler, president, at (313) 277-4168.

LTU ARCHITECTURE

Lawrence Technological University hosts Chuck Hoberman, an inventor of kinetic structures of animated presence and motion, during its free architecture lecture series 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6 in the college of architecture & design auditorium, 10 Mile and Northwestern, Southfield.

BUILDERS LICENSE CLASS

Livonia Community Education and Oakland Builders Institute present a 16-hour seminar designed to help participants pass the state builders licensing exam 6-10 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays Nov. 10-19 at Riley Middle School, 15555 Henry Ruff, Livonia.

Cost is \$150 plus \$20 for the course textbook. Registration required by Thursday, Nov. 6, at (313) 523-9277.

COMMERCIAL BOARD

The Detroit Area Commercial Board of Realtors presents its annual luncheon meeting program, "Commercial Financing - 1997 and Beyond," 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11, at Glen Oaks Country Club, 30500 13 Mile, Farmington Hills.

Cost is \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members. To register, call Melanie Hagood at (810) 790-4900.

LIEN LAW REVIEW

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan presents a step-by-step review of the Michigan Construction Lien law for builders, subcontractors, suppliers and trades workers 8 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Nov. 12, at its offices, 30375 Northwestern, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Cost is \$30 for members, \$50 for non-members. To register, call (248) 737-4477.

APARTMENT LEASING

The Property Management Council of the Apartment Association of Michigan presents a seminar on leasing strategies 8 a.m. to noon Thursday, Nov. 13, at Chimney Hill Apartments in West Bloomfield.

Cost, which includes continental breakfast, is \$59 for PMC members, \$69 for AAM and building association members and \$79 for non-members. To register, call (248) 737-4477.

TAX CHANGES

The Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland presents a dinner/seminar on the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14, at the Royal Oak American Legion, 1815 Rochester Road. Dinner is \$14. The seminar is free for members, \$10 for non-members. Reservations required by Nov. 11 at (800) 747-6742.

HOME BUYING CLASS II

Ross Mortgage offers a free, no-obligation class, "What You Must Know When Purchasing Your First Home," 6:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 17, at the Carl Sandburg Library, 30100 Seven Mile west of the Livonia Mall. To register, call (248) 968-1800 ext. 363.

WEB SITE

The Real Estate Alumni of Michigan (RAM), dedicated to the promotion of professionalism in the real estate industry through education programs, has established a site on the Internet. Its address is <http://www.ramadvantage.org>.

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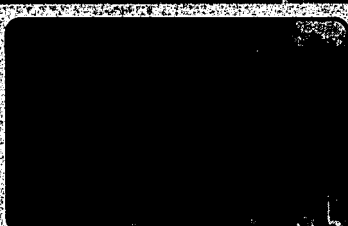
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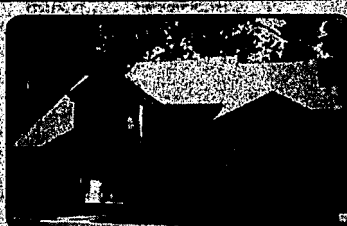
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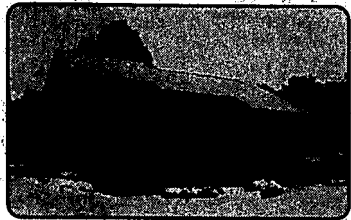
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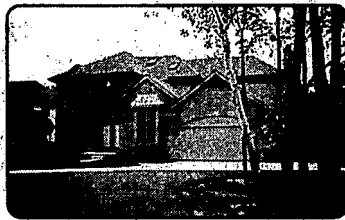
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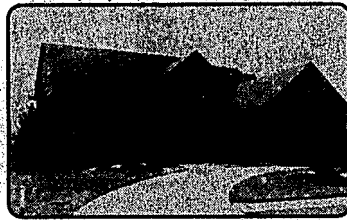
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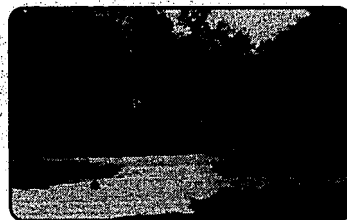
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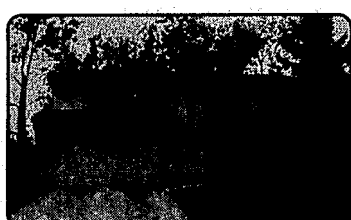
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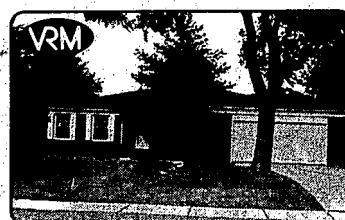
WATERFORD - EXCEPTIONAL CONTEMPORARY
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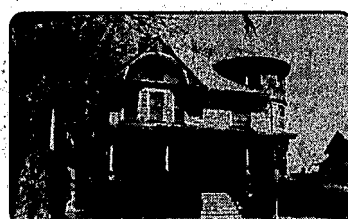
TROY - STUNNING RANCH WITH MANY UPDATES
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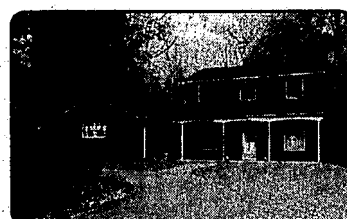
TROY - WALK TO LEONARD ELEMENTARY
 • Great location with super value
 • Family room with fireplace & wet bar
 • Main floor laundry, new furnace & humidifier in '97
 • Four bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths plus a home warranty!
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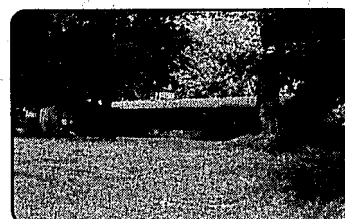
WEST BLOOMFIELD - BEAUTIFUL IN & OUT
 • Brick paver walk-ways, landscaping & newer drive
 • Great finished basement w/ wet bar, office, bedroom
 • Hardwood floors, deck, newer furnace, well, windows
 • Three bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, security system
 \$229,900 683-8900 762626



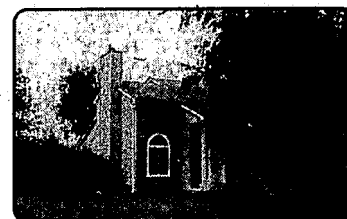
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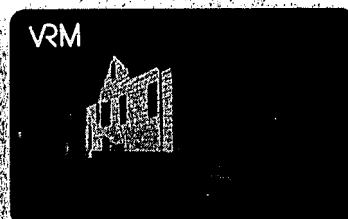
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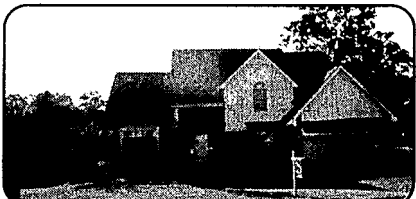
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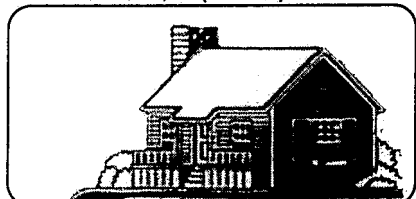
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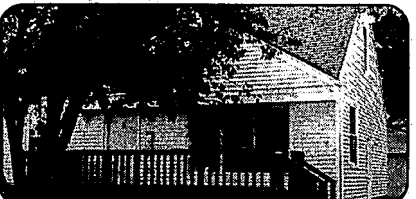
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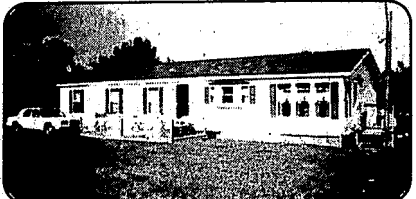
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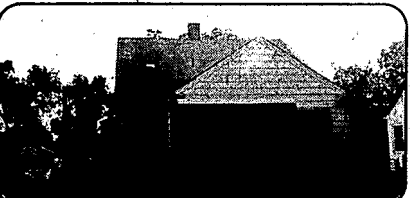
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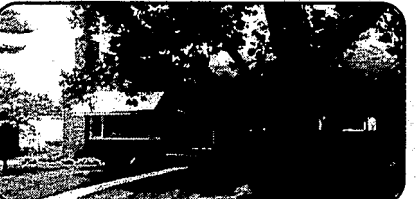
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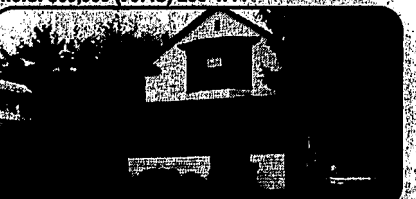
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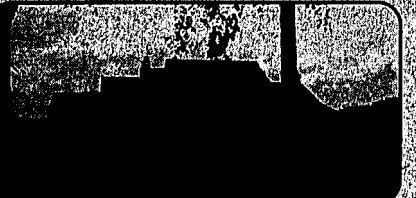
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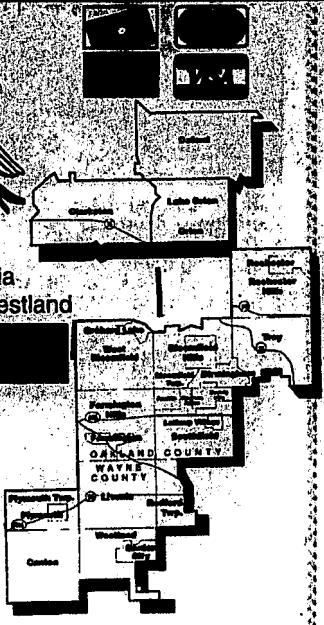
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2400 sq. ft. ranch. Completely renovated 3 bedroom, 2 full bath, finished basement. Large lot backing to protected woodlands. 1426 Chatham. Off Meadowbrook, S. of 10 Mile. \$245,000. (248) 348-8533

REDFORD OPEN SAT. & SUN 1-4

2684 W. Chicago. Sellers have new home & are motivated. Come see this super clean brick ranch w/2 full baths & professionally finished basement. Great S. Redford location & priced to sell at \$104,000. See Jill Judd. (248) 348-8533

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ROCHESTER HILLS - Open Sun.

12-4, 1324 Greenfield, N. of W. of Livonia. 4 bedroom 2 1/2 bath colonial. \$218,900. (313) 591-0900

TROY - OPEN house Sun. Nov. 2

2pm-5pm. 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom, 2 car garage, 1.5 acres, across from 9 hole golf course. Walked LK schools. reduced to \$249,900. (248) 659-1545

303 Open Houses

TROY - Open Sun. 1-4pm. A must see 3 bedroom brick home, oversized lot & garage. \$179,500. 248-544-9770 or 610-772-0041

Bloomfield - Open Sun 1-5

5735 Warrenshire Rd. Updated 4 bedroom, 2.650 sq. ft. Colonial, 2 1/2 baths, family room w/waterfall fireplace, dining room, library, 1st floor laundry, professionally finished basement. 2 1/2 car attached garage. \$239,000. 248-661-1282



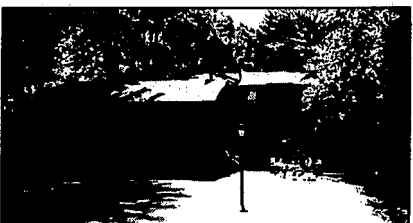
148 FT. OF PARADISE FOUND has it all! From lovely courtyard, 1st floor laundry, 2 1/2 bath, 4 bedrooms, huge walk-in closet in master bedroom to the deck-patio-Florida room that goes to all sports lakefront. \$219,900 (05PAW) 363-1200



LAKEFRONT RANCH ON BEAUTIFUL WILLIAMS LAKE. Updated kitchen w/all appliances, sun room, family room, living room, den/office, plus 3 bedroom and 2 baths. 2 car attached garage, sprinklers and home warranty. \$297,900 (70HAT) 363-1200



NEW EXECUTIVE COLONIAL. Gorgeous 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, new construction w/boat dock on Commerce Lake, central air, gas fireplace, ceramic baths, hardwood floors on 1st level, 9 ft. ceilings, 4 car garage. BUY NOW. \$329,900 (21WOO) 363-1200



OPEN FLOOR PLAN W/PANACHE. Lake front, Wolverine Lake home, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, Pella windows and doorwalls, Michigan room to deck, 24' dock. Must see kitchen, loads of ceramic floors. \$344,900 (85LAG) 363-1200



RARE 4 bedroom ranch with 3 full baths. Family room, living room, great room, dining room and an eat-in kitchen. Fireplace. Excellent location and quick occupancy! \$143,900 (21ARG) 524-1600



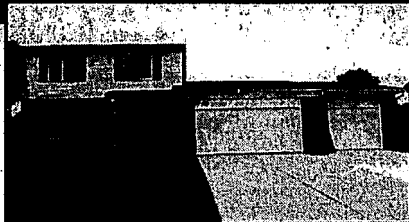
BEST BUY AT FAIRWAYS!! This 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, great room condo boasts an open airy floor plan. Highlighted with light neutral decor, accented with skylights, vaulted ceilings and a marble fireplace. Private deck. Home Warranty! \$182,500 (60FAI) 524-1600



WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP - 3 bedroom Quad-Level with brand new windows and siding. Finished basement, two full baths, hot tub, gazebo, inground pool with an outdoor bar on large oversized lot. Ready to move into. \$209,900 (66WHI) 524-1600



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RARE FIND. 4 bedroom Colonial w/2 1/2 baths. Built-in '87. Glass block basement, 3 car garage/workshop 14x33 heated drywall also great for boat storage, large lot, sprinklers. Rochester Hills Schools. \$199,900 (92WAR) 524-1600



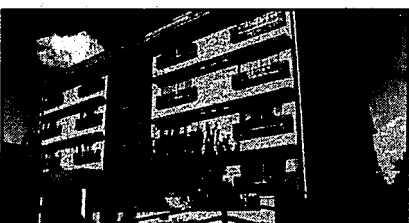
TROY - 3 bedroom brick Ranch with 1200 square feet. Finished basement. Newer roof, furnace, windows, finished basement with bath. Home Year Home Warranty! \$150,000 (75TRA) 524-1600



BIRMINGHAM - 3 bedroom Bungalow, tastefully decorated in neutral tones. Hardwood flooring, cove ceilings, Pella aluminum-clad wood windows, dining room, oak kitchen, C/A, recessed lighting, newer roof and garage. \$189,900 (65TAU) 642-8100



LATHRUP VILLAGE - Charming Cape Cod on oversized lot. Exceptional quality and space. Many exposed hardwood floors, 4+ bedroom, 2 full and 2 half baths. Full finished lower level, 2 1/2 car garage. \$203,500 (06RAI) 642-8100



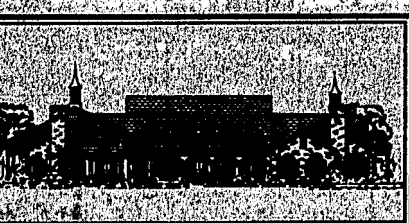
BIRMINGHAM - Fabulous in-town Birmingham condo with spectacular view! 2 bedroom, 2 full baths, open, spacious and bright! Totally updated, move right in! \$169,900 (00SOU) 642-8100



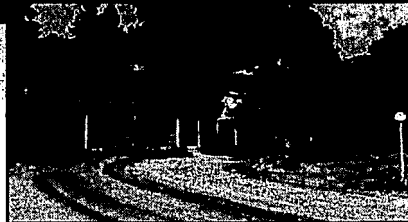
FARMINGTON - Gorgeous Colonial in Hunter's Pointe. Spacious rooms, island kitchen, Jacuzzi in master bath, private yard. Picture perfect! \$324,900 (42FOX) 642-8100



TROY. Beautiful 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial home. 1st floor laundry, full basement, C/A and sprinklers. Home Warranty included. \$259,900 (48STA) 642-8100



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BLOOMFIELD HILLS - Spacious Quad with over 3500 sq. ft. on cul-de-sac lot with private yard. Renovated master bedroom and bath, living room, huge family room with fireplace, maid's quarters and gorgeous pool setting. \$419,900 (15SUT) 642-8100



BLOOMFIELD HILLS - Golfer's delight! Oakland Hills 8th green, 9th fairway is your backyard! 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, family room, living room, greenhouse, 3 car garage. All on a beautifully manicured lot overlooking the golf course. \$375,000 (34MAP) 642-8100



COMMERCE - 3 bedrooms, basement, 20x24 garage. Completely remodeled in 1994 with open floor plan. Must see to appreciate. Beach and boating privileges. Beautiful landscaping and exterior. \$115,000 (93CO) 248-626-8800



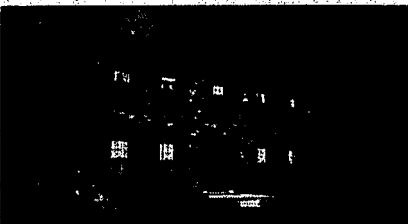
FARMINGTON HILLS - Nestled on almost one acre private treed lot. Sprawling 3 bedroom brick ranch has updated: roof, siding, deck. Refinished hardwood floors, newer kitchen floors and refinished cabinets. \$154,900 (26BA) 248-626-8800



WEST BLOOMFIELD - Wonderful 3 bedroom Colonial features a 1/3 acre lot, lake privileges, central air, fireplace, 2 1/2 car garage and immediate occupancy. Don't miss it! Call today! \$169,900 (36FI) 248-626-8800



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



UPDATED 4 BEDROOM, 3 1/2 BATH COLONIAL nestled on a beautiful wooded, deep lot. Year round garden room w/skylights and hardwood floors. Finished basement. Many updates. \$264,500 (30SU) 248-626-8800

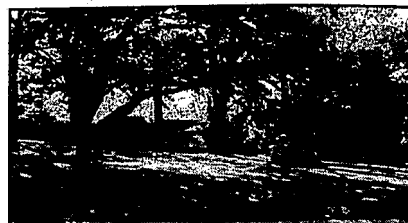


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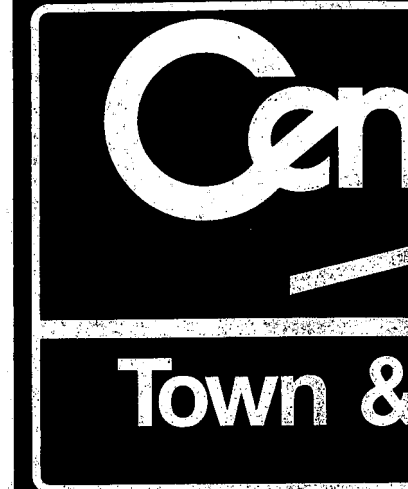
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BEAUTIFUL NEUTRAL TUDOR in executive neighborhood. Newer carpet, paint 1995. Jacuzzi, 3 car garage, alarm, air, sprinklers. Move-in condition. \$445,000 (97EAG) 652-8000



BLOOMFIELD - 5,000 sq. ft. Ranch on nearly one acre with lake views of Island Lake. 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath, finished walkout, 3 car garage, fabulous kitchen, skylights, great windows. Reduced \$20,000 to \$759,900 (31CAR) 642-8100



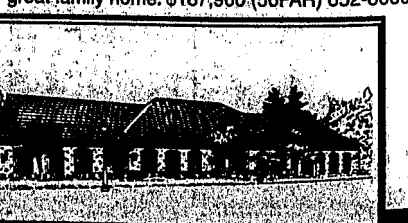
ENJOY NATURE from this 3 bedroom home set on 2 wooded acres. Open floor plan, master suite has sitting room w/fireplace, 2 additional bedrooms w/built-in desks and shelves. Sun room, new Karastan carpeting. Many extras and updates. Home Warranty. Rochester schools. \$269,900 (89JEN) 652-8000



TAKE A DEEP BREATH! Lots of room to breathe in wonderful open floor plan of this boundless ranch condo. Includes 2 bedroom/2 bath, 1st floor laundry & cathedral ceilings in great Room & master bedroom. Enjoy a roomy change of view. \$168,900 (96LON) 652-8000



PILLARED COLONIAL IN ROCHESTER. Sub. featuring parks & trails. Family room w/fireplace for today's casual living. Large master suite, w/walk-in closet & private bath. Kitchen w/mellow oak cabinets, convenient work area & eating space too! Call today for private show of great family home. \$187,900 (56PAR) 652-8000



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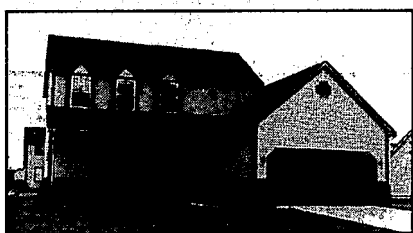


ELEGANT EXECUTIVE HOME with 4 bedrooms. Gourmet kitchen with sitting area and fireplace. Master suite on 1st and second floor. Finished basement with full kitchen and oak bar area. \$449,900 (95PHE) 524-1600



LAKE FRONT IN COMMERCE. Unique home on secluded lot w/680 ft. of water front, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, fireplace, central air, finished walkout, multi-level construction, large deck, hot tub, lots of recent updates. MOTIVATED! \$349,900 (14VEN) 363-1200

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IMPRESSIVE CONTEMPORARY. 2 year old contemporary, 2 story, 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, finished basement, air, fireplace, master suite, deck, great large lot, all sports privileges. \$189,900 (17VAM) 363-1200



SPOTLESS CUSTOM COLONIAL. Built in 1992 w/4 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths, on a lovely landscaped lot in the Walled Lake School district, 2400 sq. ft., huge 3 car garage, family room w/fireplace, basement, whirlpool tub. \$219,500 (54TOW) 363-1200

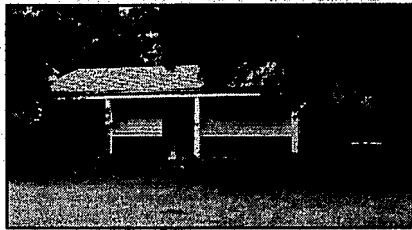


UPDATED AND WELL CARED FOR 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch on large corner lot. Kitchen w/all appliances and doorwall to deck, C/A and attached 2 car garage. Waterford Schools. \$124,900 (93MEA) 363-1200

WE'RE PUTTING YOU ON to a great opportunity to own this custom built brick ranch w/3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, finished basement, 2 car attached sunroom, take a look! \$149,900 (46FAI) 363-1200



CONTEMPORARY BRICK RANCH. Near natural exemplary Oakley Park Elementary, 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, finished basement, beautifully landscaped and private lot. Built in 1988, custom quality and completely updated. \$229,900 (40LOU) 363-1200



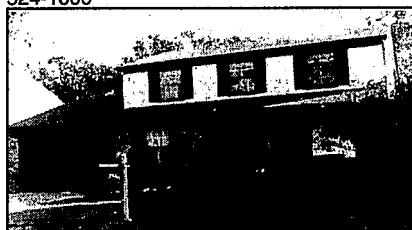
MOVE-IN CONDITION! 3 bedroom, 2 full bath home with over \$34,000 of updating. Finished walkout with raised deck. Country size lot 100x300. Home Warranty! \$189,500 (70ALL) 524-1600



CLAWSON. Beautiful contemporary brick ranch with 3 bedrooms. Hardwood floors. Formal dining room. Remodeled kitchen and 2 full baths. 26x20 wet bar. 2 car garage. \$138,000 (19SEL) 524-1600



GREAT FAMILY FLOOR PLAN. 3 bedroom Bungalow with updated kitchen and an addition and doorwall to new oversized cedar deck. Master bedroom with walk-in closet. Finished basement. Home Warranty and all appliances at full price. \$119,900 (25GIR) 524-1600



TROY - 4 bedroom Colonial with 2 1/2 baths. Large family room with doorwall to cedar deck. First floor laundry. Large kitchen. Finished basement. Home Warranty! \$224,900 (34WIL) 524-1600



FARMINGTON HILLS - 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath, fantastic Colonial, great room w/vaulted ceiling, library, finished lower level. Secluded yard w/inground pool. Wood floors, French doors, lots of windows and beautifully maintained. \$424,000 (29HA) 626-8800

TUCKED AWAY PRIVACY!! Stunning home on a wooded ravine. Expansive marble foyer, elegant dining room, kitchen and breakfast room. Master bedroom w/skylight and Jacuzzi. Lower level has lapsized pool. 3 car garage. \$819,000 (19SH) 248-626-8800



W. BLOOMFIELD - Fantastic contemporary home! Large Great Room w/high ceiling and fireplace, finished basement, while formica kitchen w/eating area. 2 level deck w/built-in BBQ grill. Professionally landscaped. Excellent location. \$264,900 (72SI) 626-8800



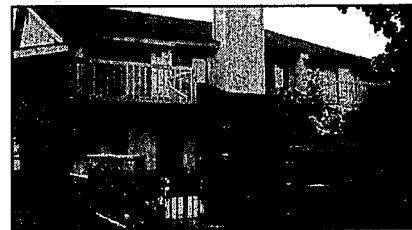
WIXOM - Absolutely fantastic! Custom 1 1/2 story contemporary on prime treed lot backing park. Quality features galore. White bay kitchen w/island, walkout basement, high ceilings, 3 car garage, great floor plan! Ready for occupancy within 30 days. \$329,000 (20ME) 248-626-8800



FINE QUALITY & WORKMANSHIP THROUGHOUT!!! Immaculate condition and all the extras. 2 story foyer, circular staircase, his and her lighted closets in master bedroom, walk-out lower level w/wet bar and fireplace, 2nd kitchen and more! \$350,000 (30SU) 626-8800



BEVERLY HILLS - Fabulous sprawling, spacious ranch. Features include 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths, vaulted family room w/fireplace, full basement and 2 car attached garage. Very special home on super lot! \$339,900 (83SYL) 642-8100

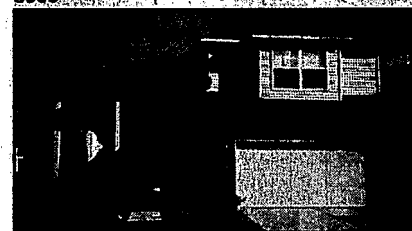


BLOOMFIELD - Dynamite Condo in private setting facing woods! Newer carpet, fresh paint in most rooms and newer siding in Sept. '97. Deck faces woods, master bedroom w/balcony. Includes stove and refrigerator. Great location. \$141,900 (69SOU) 642-8100



WALK TO DOWNTOWN ROCHESTER and parks from this well cared for 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick ranch with finished basement and immediate occupancy. \$144,500 (31ELI) 642-8100

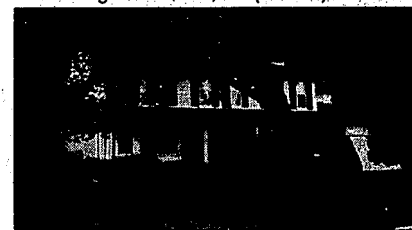
ROCHESTER HILLS - Looking for long-term lease arrangement for beautiful home: 3/1.5/finished basement/2 attached. All appliances, great neighborhood. \$1200/month. Two year minimum lease. \$1800 deposit w/credit. \$1200 (46FOX) 652-8000



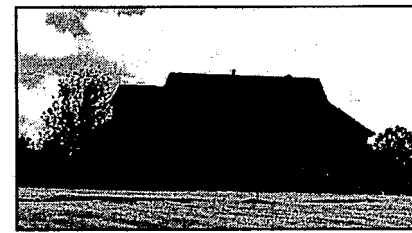
LOVELY 3 year old, Oakland Twp., 1 1/2 story with vaulted ceilings and unique windows. 1st floor master suite. Full lower level, 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, custom window treat. Open airy floor plan. Great Room, formal dining room. Close to I-75 & M-59 & Auburn Hills Tech Center. Large kitchen. \$209,900 (98SIL) 652-8000



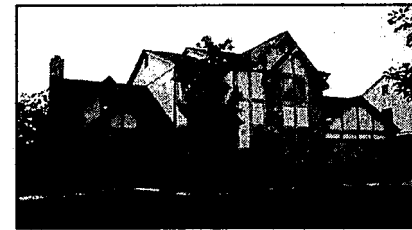
HOME SAYS COME IN. You'll feel at home the moment you step into well maintained 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath colonial located in Oakland Twp. on over 1/2 acre. Home features, updated kitchen, newer vinyl flooring, hardwood floors, neutral decor & carpet throughout. Slate patio w/deck & gazebo. \$234,900 (68CED) 652-8000



FOUR BEDROOM - 2 1/2 bath Colonial in great Rochester Sub. 2479 sq. ft., full basement, storage, 2 car garage, trees, private backyard, deck and first floor laundry. \$189,000 (79BEL) 652-8000



PRIME COUNTRY 3A-Horses allowed. 3000 sq. ft. of premium detail and finishes! Deep unfinished walkout, 3+ car garage, 48x30 pole barn w/electric, moms dream kitchen w/Merillat cabinets, Jennair & Swanstone sink. Don't wait! \$334,977 (28HOS) 652-8000



TROY - Move right in to this delightful open and airy custom built 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath colonial. Cul-de-sac location. High ceilings. Troy schools. \$240,000 (23SA) 626-8800



LIVONIA - Gorgeous! Contemporary, better than new colonial. 1st floor laundry, Great Room with fireplace and cathedral ceilings. Merrillat cabinets in kitchen w/breakfast bar. Walk-in closet w/master bath. Finished basement, pro landscaping w/sprinkler system. \$179,900 (27OA) 626-8800



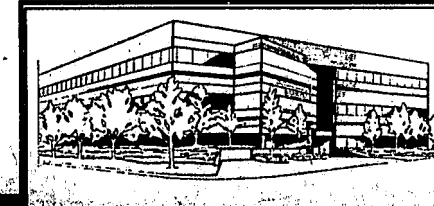
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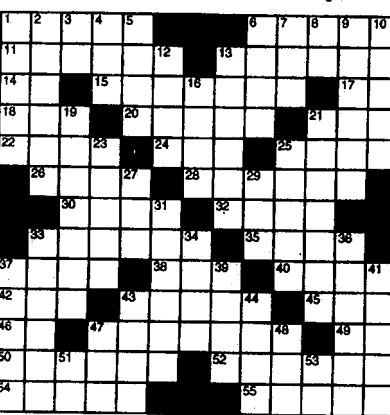
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317 Garden City

BEST LOCATION & immediate possession on this fine, big home. Huge kitchen, dining, 5 bedrooms, 2 baths, garage. Must see! **RED CARPET KEM TIGHT REAL ESTATE** 313-427-5010

GARDEN CITY - 1171 Farmington. 4 bedroom Country Cape Cod, extra updated and clean throughout. **HELP-U-SELL** (313) 454-9535

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To this 3 bedroom ranch home with large lot. Fully finished basement with 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, large yard with deck. \$104,900

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323 Howell

BEAUTIFUL ALMOST NEW COLONIAL. Situated on a premium lot in one of Howell's finest areas. Upgrades include: 3 car attached, wide entry, garage, hardwood floors, central air, super master suite, landscaping, city water/sewer. Easy freeway access. Much more! **RED CARPET KEM TIGHT REAL ESTATE** (248) 661-9010

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325 Livonia

ALWAYS THE BEST! This lovely brick home in the quiet, safe neighborhood of Livonia, has a large, remodeled kitchen, 1 1/2 baths, new furnace & central air, walk-out, 2nd floor laundry, 2 car garage. \$109,900. **CENTURY 21 TODAY** (313) 454-9535

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NEW LISTING! Hurry before it is too late to see this 3 bedroom ranch. Great room with fireplace, great kitchen, formal dining room, 2nd floor laundry, 2nd floor master suite, 2nd floor laundry and much more. **CALL CAROL CLARK** 313-427-5010

GREAT FAMILY HOME

This 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, 2nd floor laundry, 2nd floor master suite, 2nd floor laundry and much more. **CALL CAROL CLARK** 313-427-5010

QUICK OCCUPANCY

On this super 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, 2nd floor laundry, 2nd floor master suite, 2nd floor laundry and much more. **CALL CAROL CLARK** 313-427-5010

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Alluring Homes

TRICK OR TREAT This one's a treat. Stunning 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, beautiful first floor laundry, dining room, gourmet kitchen, custom deck and hot tub. Central and much more. \$212,900.

WOW!

Best describes this spacious 4 bedroom, 2 story with beautiful kitchen, family room, whirlpool, fireplace, formal dining room, basement and attached 2 car garage. Gorgeous area. Just listed. \$173,900.

ACRE IN THE CITY

Totally remodeled home offers 3 bedrooms, 2 story with beautiful kitchen, family room, whirlpool, fireplace, formal dining room, basement and attached 2 car garage. \$133,900.

LIVONIA

Super tri-level brick w/ vinyl maintenance free trim, 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, new whirlpool tub, newer furnace, all appliances, carpet throughout. Asking \$124,900.

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Bayberry Park

Open Saturday 1-4
2865 Bayberry Park Dr., N. of Five Mile, E. of Middlebelt. First offering! Newer 1994 built three bedroom Cape Cod style home. Features first floor laundry, 2 1/2 bath, great room with fireplace, dining area, gorgeous kitchen with granite floor, 2 car attached garage and full basement. 1,650 sq. ft. Must see! \$177,400. **Karen Campbell** Century 21 Row (313) 464-7111 ext. 259

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REDUCED \$150,000
CALL DAN MULLAN
Contemporary custom 1994 Cape Cod in one of N.W. Livonia's hottest areas. 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, open and airy floor plan. Cathedral ceilings and recessed lighting throughout. First floor master suite with separate shower and whirlpool. First floor den, powder room and laundry. Huge bright island kitchen, 3.5 baths, full finished basement. Loads of extras including deck and central air. Shows like a model. 3 car side entrance garage. **Call Carol Clark** 313-427-5010

BRICK RANCH - 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, fireplace, 2nd floor laundry, 2nd floor master suite, 2nd floor laundry and much more.

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OPEN SUNDAY 1-4

3384 FAIRFAX
N. of Seven Mile, E. of Farmington. Sparkling clean, well maintained 3 bedroom colonial on a premium lot. Fireplace in family room, formal dining room, 1st floor laundry, 2nd floor laundry and much more. **Call Carol Clark** 313-427-5010

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OPEN SUNDAY 1-5

(7 Mile & Farmington area)
2 bedroom ranch with double lot. \$110,000. (248) 476-8715

OPEN SUNDAY, NOV. 2 - 1 to 4

1993 St. Francis, Livonia - 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2nd floor laundry, 2nd floor master suite, 2nd floor laundry and much more. **Call Carol Clark** 313-427-5010

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Merriman, N. of Livonia, 1147 sq. ft., 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, open floor plan. \$125,900. 313-425-8645

CANTERBURY DRIVE - 16895

Nottingham Woods, stunning classic brick ranch; circular drive; tiled irrigation; master suite, great room w/whirlpool, fireplace; separate living room; private basement; private screened porch; densely treed 1/2 acre lot; hardwood floors; asking \$249,000. **Call Carol Clark** 313-427-5010

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Lovely three bedroom brick ranch, two bath, garage, workshop, greenhouses on over 1/2 acre lot. Beautiful detached 2 bedroom and family room. \$159,900.

NEW LISTING

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GREAT FAMILY HOME

This 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, 2nd floor laundry, 2nd floor master suite, 2nd floor laundry and much more. **CALL CAROL CLARK** 313-427-5010

QUICK OCCUPANCY

On this super 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, 2nd floor laundry, 2nd floor master suite, 2nd floor laundry and much more. **CALL CAROL CLARK** 313-427-5010

325 Livonia

DESIRABLE Kimberly Oaks 4 bed

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