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# Clarkston Eccentric

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## THIS WEEK

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## VINTAGE



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**W**e have been looking at Michigan produce over the last couple of weeks. We discovered that growing fruit was especially important to Michigan's earliest settlers because they lived very transitory lives. Missionaries, fur trappers and explorers would not have been in one place long enough to tend a farm, but if they planted groves of fruit trees as they traveled, those trees would bear fruit every season, giving them an important addition to their diet of wild game and fish. Apples and pears were not native to Michigan. It is supposed that the first apple trees were planted all around the Great Lakes by French missionaries. A speaker before the Michigan Pioneer Society in 1884 had this to say about the Saginaw Valley area: "The first white person who visited this valley (unless it may have been the Jesuits) found several clusters of apple trees growing at different points — their origin was generally conceded to have been from seeds brought by the Indians from Canada — but this could hardly have been, for these trees must have commenced their growth long before those regular trips (to receive annuities from the British government) were made by the Indians. It is my opinion that those trees had their origin from trees brought by the Jesuits when they were establishing missionary stations at all important points around the Great Lakes."

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

## School construction sparks debate



BY CAROLYN WALKER  
STAFF WRITER

It seemed a case of controlled tempers Tuesday night as members of the Independence Township Board debated whether the Clarkston School District should, in the future, be made to abide by township planning procedures when locating and building new schools.

The board discussed whether the

**Should Clarkston School District have to go through the same hurdles as other developers when building in Independence Township? Some township board members think so while others think state requirements are sufficient.**

township could legally make the schools apply for site plan consideration before the planning commission, as private developers do, or whether the schools should be required to have special land-use permits for new buildings.

After discussing the issue and listening to comments from Gerald Fisher, township attorney, and Craig Kahler, director of business services for Clark-

ston Schools, they voted 6-2 to keep the status quo. Currently, the school district does not have to apply for site plan approval from the township.

Instead, schools answer to the state for inspection of plans and construction, as mandated by the Michigan Legislature, according to a letter that was sent to board members from township Supervisor Dale Stuart, who was against trying to enforce township rules against the school district.

Like Stuart, many of the board members were opposed to any change, though Fisher advocated having the schools apply for special land use permits.

The controversy arose, in part, because of the location of the new Clarkston High School on Flemings Lake Road. It is expected to open in the fall of 1998 and put as many as 2,000 drivers onto that two-lane dirt road. In addition, many township residents, including Trustee Neil Wallace, a planning commission chairman during the 1980s, have expressed concerns about how traffic will be affected on the nearby Clarkston Road, which has a sharp curve at Flemings Lake Road.

Wallace, who initiated the matter of having schools comply with township regulations, said the school district is

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Computer manufacturing: Oakland Technical Center — Northwest student Toni Sebastian (left) guides two robots making business card holders as Dalong Li of GMI watches.

## Real-life robotics

### Robots teach need for technical education

BY JAN BAKER  
SPECIAL WRITER

**F**orget about those pesky Capulets and Montagues, their meddlesome friends, the bloody dagger, the balcony and all that stuff about denying thy father and refusing thy name.

When robots Romeo and Juliet visited the Oakland Technical Center — Northwest Campus in Springfield Township last week, they demonstrated that even though passion and poison may have made them household words way back when, today's twosomes need decent jobs in a productive field.

To illustrate that notion, Romeo silently dipped a block of wood in a varnish receptacle. Juliet, in turn, silently handed a different block of wood to Romeo. After several more seconds,

Please see **ROBOTS**, A8



Robotics: OTC-Northwest student Josh Kluesener works the computer-controlled manufacturing lab.

## Dispatcher talks gunman into surrendering to officers

BY CAROLYN WALKER  
STAFF WRITER

Clarkston City Police Chief Paul Ormiston credited Oakland County Sheriff's Department dispatcher Donna Ling with successfully — and quickly — talking a gunman out of a Clarkston residence last Thursday morning.

According to Ormiston, the 48-year-old North Main resident was charged with discharging a firearm while intoxicated after he walked out of his North Main Street residence at Ling's urging, and into the hands of two Clarkston police officers and three sheriff's deputies.

No one was injured in the incident, during which the man had allegedly fired a weapon into a bedroom ceiling, Ormiston said. The man did not threaten police and was alone in the house at the time, he added. Officers were dispatched at about 10:46 a.m.

Officers were notified about the gunman by his counselor, who had been talking with him on the telephone and who contacted the sheriff's department,

which does dispatching duties for Clarkston police as well as the sheriff's department.

Officers remained outside the home while Ling called the man on his phone. It took Ling only two to three minutes to persuade the man to come out, Ormiston said.

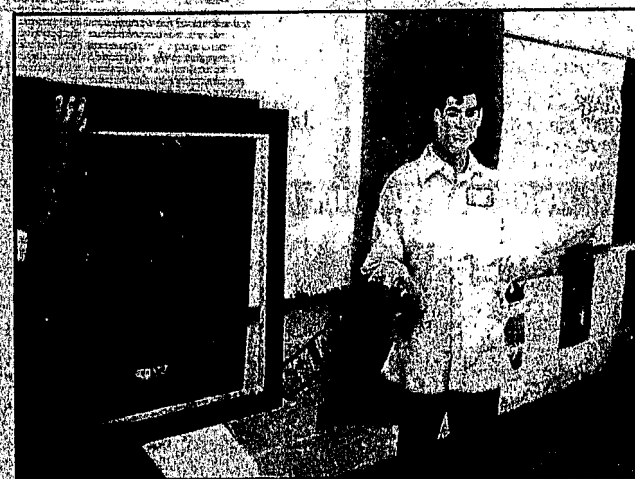
The man was transported to a mental health treatment facility in Davison.

He will have 15 days to have himself arraigned on the misdemeanor charge in 822 District Court and could face 90 days in jail and/or a \$500 fine, if convicted, the chief said.

"I would like this dispatcher to get proper credit because she was able to get him to come out," Ormiston said. "You don't know what would have happened. Any number of bad things could have happened if she had not gotten him to walk out freely."

"(Dispatchers) are unsung heroes," Ormiston added. "Very rarely do they get proper credit for what they do keeping us safe."

## Picasso painting



Living art: Clarkston Middle School eighth-grader Leslie Bailey (inside picture frame) pretends to be a Picasso painting as classmate Laura Barnett (wearing mask) pretends to be Picasso. The students, who have been studying the cubist period, made the living art history presentation Nov. 7 as an enrichment exercise.

## Clarkston Lumber owner, 87, loved work

BY CAROLYN WALKER  
STAFF WRITER

The city of Clarkston lost a native son and veteran business owner Saturday when R. D. "Bill" Kelley, the 87-year-old owner of Clarkston Lumber Co., succumbed to a heart attack after working.

"He had worked all day and fell ill in the afternoon,"

said his son, Terry Kelley, on Monday. Kelley had been in good health and had no known heart ailments, his son said. Kelley was taken to North Oakland Medical Center in Pontiac on Friday, after he became sick at about 5 p.m. and he died there early the following day.

A Clarkston native, Kelley began working for the Holcomb Road lumber yard in downtown Clarkston as a general worker in 1944 when it was known as the Miller and Beardslee Lumber Co. He stayed on when the business changed hands in 1949 and bought the business himself in 1955. He renamed the company Clarkston Lumber in 1963, his son said.

Raised in Clarkston, Kelley attended the one-room Perry Lake schoolhouse until eighth grade when he quit to go to work and help support his family.

Clarkston Police Chief Paul Ormiston was one of the last area residents to see Kelley alive. A Holcomb Road neighbor of the lumber business, Ormiston said he was just returning home when he saw Kelley pull out of the lumber yard driveway, and travel at a slow pace in his car on Holcomb Road. Kelley's car eventually left the road and came to rest against a tree, where Ormiston went to his assistance.

"He was confused, but he knew what I was. He wasn't in any pain. It was odd."

Please see **KELLEY**, A8

R.D. "Bill" Kelley



## POLICE NEWS

During the week of Nov. 10-17, police and fire agencies in Springfield and Independence townships and the city of Clarkston responded to the following incidents:

### Springfield Police

#### Thefts

On Nov. 11, a tool box with tools was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on **Ware Road**.

On Nov. 13, tools were reported stolen from a garage on **Bridge Lake Road**.

On Nov. 13, numerous vehicles were reported vandalized at the Town and Country Dodge on **Dixie Highway**. Air bags were reported stolen.

On Nov. 15, a cassette disc player was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on **Diane Street**.

On Nov. 18, a cell phone was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on **Dixie Highway**.

#### Vandalism

On Nov. 13, a brick was reported thrown at a vehicle parked on **Andersonville Road**.

#### House fires

On Nov. 14, police and firefighters attended a trailer fire on **Detroit**.

On Nov. 18, police and firefighters attended a house fire on **Louise Court**.

### Independence Police

#### Thefts

On Nov. 6, a radio was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on **Ortonville Road** near I-75.

On Nov. 11, a cassette disc player and radar detector were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on **Ellis Road**.

On Nov. 12, a wallet was reported stolen from a truck parked on **Sashabaw Road**.

On Nov. 12, a shotgun was reported stolen from a residence on **White Lake Road**.

On Nov. 14, power tools were reported stolen from a construction trailer parked on **Staghorn**.

On Nov. 14, stereo equipment was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on **Maybee Road**.

On Nov. 17, a stereo, briefcase and day planner were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on **Sashabaw Road**.

#### Vandalism

On Nov. 9, a window was reported smashed on a vehicle parked on **Curtis Lane**.

On Nov. 12, officers responded to a report that rocks were thrown at a parked vehicle on

**M-15 near Dixie Highway**, creating dents in its fenders and headlight damage.

On Nov. 13, officers responded to a report that an angry man karate-kicked a vehicle, denting its fender, after its driver allegedly drove too close to the man in a parking lot on **Sashabaw Road**.

On Nov. 15, tires were reported damaged on a car parked on **Deer Hill**.

#### Attempted break-ins

On Nov. 14, officers responded to a report that unknown persons had attempted to illegally enter a residence on **Maybee Road**. It was not immediately known if anything was taken.

On Nov. 16, officers responded to a report that unknown persons had illegally entered the Clarkston Creek Golf Course on **Maybee Road**. It was not immediately known if anything was taken.

### Independence Fire

During the week of Nov. 10-17, firefighters responded to 24 calls. Among them were 14 medical calls, four personal-injury accidents and one vehicle fire. Other incidents included:

On Nov. 13, firefighters assisted a 17-year-old student who was experiencing weakness at Clarkston High School on **Middle Lake Road**. She was transported to a doctor's office by her parents.

On Nov. 13, firefighters assisted at the scene of a fuel leak at Cherry Hill Lanes on **Dixie Highway**.

On Nov. 15, firefighters assisted an elderly woman who was having difficulty breathing at a residence on **Drayton**.

On Nov. 16, firefighters assisted at the scene of an unoccupied vehicle fire on northbound **I-75** near Sashabaw Road.

### Clarkston Police

On Nov. 10, officers responded to a report that a lawn ornament had been stolen from a residence on **North Main Street**.

On Nov. 14, officers responded to a one-car accident on **Clarkston Road** near Robertson Court in which a driver lost control of his vehicle and left the roadway. There were no injuries and no citations were issued.

On Nov. 16, officers responded to the scene of a three-car accident on Main Street near **Washington Street**. There were no injuries. A Bay City man was cited for failure to stop.

On Nov. 16, officers responded to the scene of a four-car accident on **Main Street** near Robertson Court. There were no injuries and no citations were issued.

## 'The Stuck Pot'



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HOFFMEYER

**Fall play:** Clarkston High School drama club members (from left) Cara Forney, Jessica Williams, Takouhy Teberian and Danielle Carl rehearse a scene from "The Stuck Pot," a romantic comedy that takes place in a girls boarding school. The drama club will present the play at 7:30 p.m. today, Friday and Saturday in Clarkston High's Kirchgessner Theater. Tickets, \$5 each, are available at the door.

## OBITUARIES

### Joe H. Gibson

Joe H. Gibson of Clarkston died Nov. 16, 1997, at age 84.

Mr. Gibson was retired from G.M. and was an active member of VFW Post No. 1008 in Waterford.

He is survived by his daughter, Jo Ann (Jeb) Ball of North Carolina, and sons Larry (Lori) of Holly, Scott (Erin) of Davis-

burg and Brent (Wendy) of Clarkston. He is also survived by seven grandchildren and a sister, Charlene Hawkins of Waterford.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home in Clarkston with Pastor Jim Combs officiating. Interment was at Ottawa Park Cemetery.

### Richard A. Patterson Sr.

Richard A. Patterson Sr. of Summerfield, Fla., formerly of Davisburg and Alpena, died Nov. 13, 1997, at age 69.

Mr. Patterson is survived by his wife, Catherine; sons, Richard Jr. of Florida and Douglas (Cassie) of Clarkston; and daughters, Denise (Bill) Chase of Auburn Hills, Maureen (Frank)

Leach of Florida, Judy Fox of Romeo and Frances Downs of Davisburg. He is also survived by 20 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and a sister, Betty (Ed) Lewis of Kentwood.

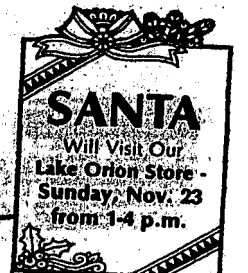
Funeral arrangements and services were entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home in Clarkston. Interment was at Hillview Cemetery.

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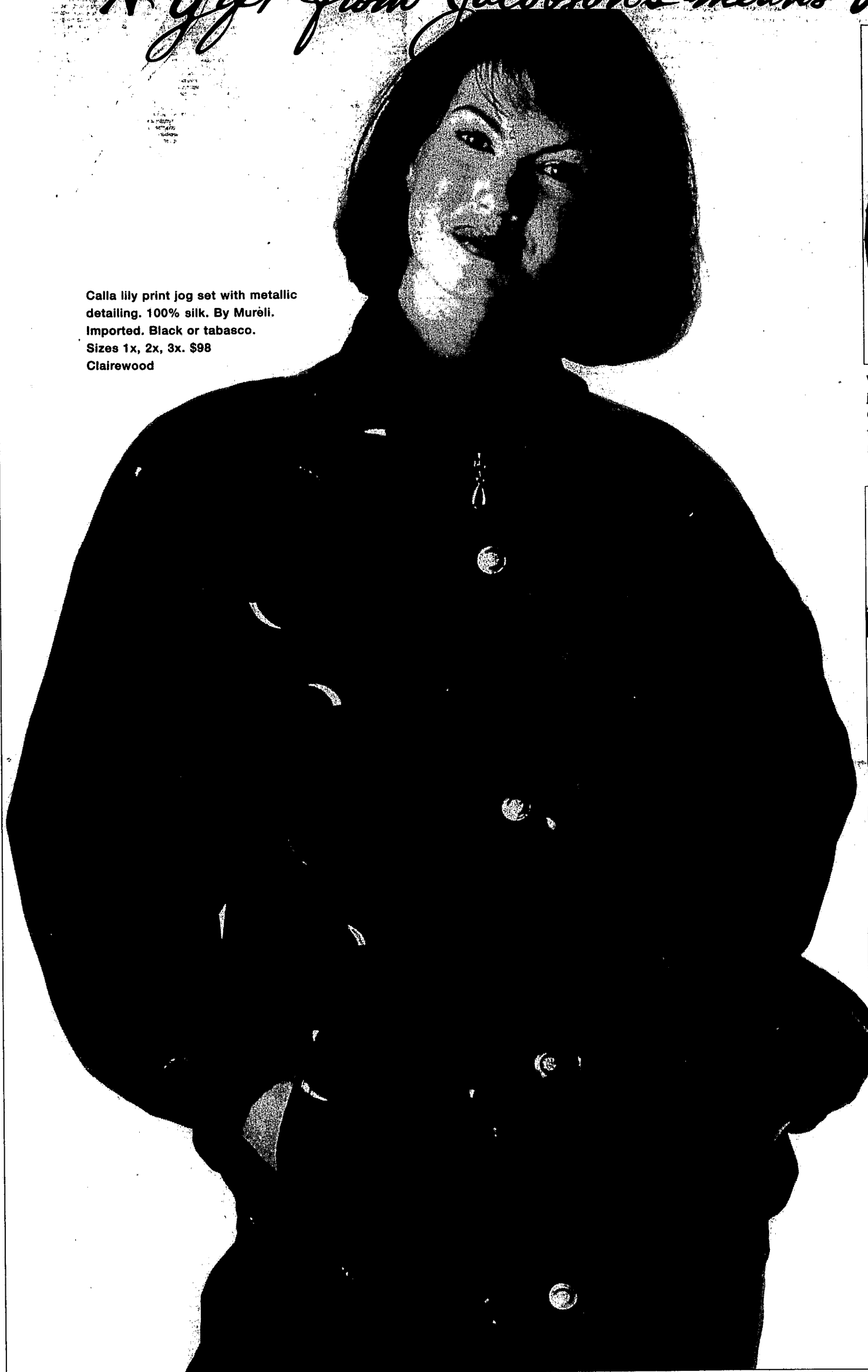
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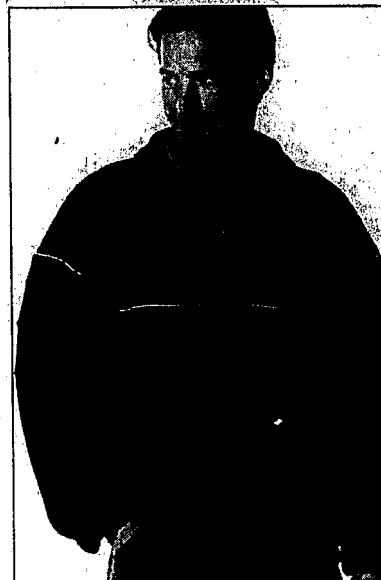


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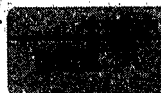
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## School calendar topic of survey

Officials in the Clarkston School District will conduct a telephone survey of district parents Dec. 1-4 to determine local preferences for school start days and length of school day. Using the services of the Oakland County Intermediate School District, the district plans to contact more than 400 families.

The state of Michigan has mandated that students receive increasingly more time in the classroom, phasing in a longer school year over the next decade. Currently, Clarkston students attend school 185 days each year, but the state has mandated that the time be increased to 190 days, or an equivalent num-

ber of hours, by the year 2007.

Because the starting day, ending day, and vacation dates are part of the negotiation effort with the Clarkston Education Association, the teachers' union, district officials are preparing for that negotiation by obtaining parental input in December, several weeks before negotiations on the calendar begin.

In Clarkston, a two-year teacher contract will expire at the end of August, but union officials and administrators hope to develop a new contract by early spring.

Parents will be asked if they prefer to add minutes to the beginning of the school day, add

minutes to the end of the day, or split between the two. They will also be asked to comment on beginning before or after Labor Day; maintaining or shortening a two-week winter holiday break; maintaining, shortening or eliminating the February one-week break; and scheduling a shorter break in the spring.

Some school districts have created year-round schools where children attend for 45 days, then have a 15-day break. Parents will also be asked to indicate their preferences for that schedule option.

School administrators hope to have statistics compiled before the middle of January.

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## Disaster service medal



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**Honorable job:** Oakland County Sheriff John F. Nichols (left) presents a departmental award Nov. 10 to Capt. H.C. Wallace for assisting in the aftermath of the tornado that struck Springfield Township July 2. Nine other sheriff's employees, including Sgts. Dale Miller and Herbert Holmes and Lt. Dale LaBair of the Independence Township substation, also received awards.

## Clarkston slated to get \$2.6 million reimbursement for special education

BY JAN BAKER  
SPECIAL WRITER

Even though the Michigan Senate approved a bill last week that includes the reimbursement of \$2.6 million in unpaid special-education expenses to the Clarkston School District, one local school official said "we'll have to wait and see."

Craig Kahler, director of business services for Clarkston schools, said in a phone interview last Friday that though the news from the state sounded good, "It's a 'show me the money' scenario. They could end up giving us money (in the special-education reimbursement) and then taking it from our foundation allowance. It could be a 'borrowing from Peter to pay Paul' situation."

The foundation allowance — which was created with the passage of Proposal A — is the amount of per-pupil funding that each school district receives annually from the state. Currently, Clarkston's foundation allowance is \$5,754 per student,

but Kahler indicated that annual foundation allowance increases "have never been the same as the inflation rate." With that financial disparity already a concern in long-range budgetary planning, Kahler said he and other school business managers will be waiting to see where the state gets its payout money for the special-education settlement.

"They've talked of 'rebasing' the foundation allowance — which is another way of saying, 'reduce,'" Kahler said. "I haven't seen that in the documentation so far, but it's been almost 20 years and we're just now getting this (lawsuit) solved, so we're all a little skeptical."

Clarkston's potential repayment is the result of a 17-year lawsuit that 84 school districts fought against the state for unpaid special-education funds. Even though Clarkston didn't participate as a plaintiff district in that lawsuit, it — along with 471 other non-plaintiff districts — will receive reimbursements. However, Clarkston and the other non-plaintiff districts will

face more restrictions on how to spend their reimbursement money.

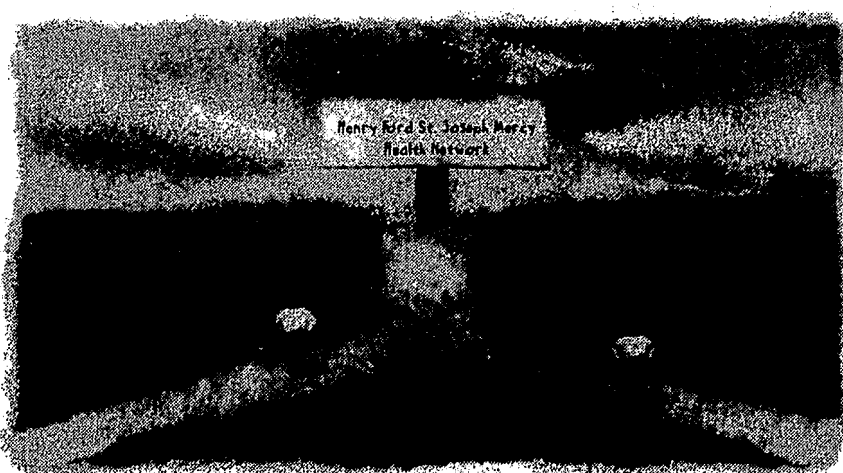
Under the payout plan, Clarkston can select two options. The district can issue bonds for the amount it is owed and the state will pay off the bonds and expenses in 10 years. In this scenario, money can be spent on such things as textbooks, technology and school security.

If district officials don't want to issue bonds, they can receive their money in payments over 15 years. But in this option, the money can be used only for eliminating voter-approved debt, for tax obligations or for deposit in a fund for future repairs.

However, in either case, Clarkston schools will not see any repayment money until November of 1998, Kahler pointed out.

"We'd need to look at both options to see what's in the best interest of the district, operationally," Kahler said of the two repayment choices. "How is all of this going to affect us? We'll have to wait and see."

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# Developer to turn gravel pit into 72-home sub with lake

BY CAROLYN WALKER  
STAFF WRITER

A portion of the former Salem gravel mining pit, at the northeast corner of Indianwood and Dartmouth roads, is slated to be a 182-acre subdivision following final site plan approval from the Independence Township Planning Commission on Thursday night.

The subdivision is to be called Indianwood Estates on the Lake. Developers J. A. C. Construction received site plan approval in a 6-0 vote and said after the meeting that they hope to break ground on the 72 lots as soon as they have received their construction permits.

Members of the commission welcomed the development, which will feature \$250,000 to \$300,000 single family homes and some natural areas and park lands, as an improvement over the old mining site.

"We appreciate it from the standpoint of turning an eyesore into a nice place to live," said Commissioner Dan Travis.

Before voting to approve the site plan, the commission listened to comments from some neighbors who were concerned about how the subdivision would affect their residences, including Don Moran, who said he spoke

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**Dan Travis**  
Independence Township Planning Commission

on behalf of his parents, the owners of a nearby tree farm.

"We don't want anything to interfere or restrict that operation as it currently exists," he said, asking for a fence to delineate the property lines.

The subdivision was recommended for approval by Planner Dick Carlisle, pending an agreement between J.A.C. and the Independence Land Conservancy for an access to conservancy property bordering the development. The developers are not donating land to the conservancy, they said after the meeting.

"I think, really, the landscape plan is going to look very nice out there," Carlisle said, making his recommendation and encouraging the developers to plant landscaping trees that are native to lower Michigan as a part of their project.

The site also includes an as yet unnamed, 30-acre, man-made



HELEN FURCEAN / STAFF ARTIST

lake created from the old mining operation.

Voting to approve the site plan, with fencing, were Chairman Steve Board and commissioners Jill Palulian, Cynthia Lohmeier, Todd Moss, Joe Figa and Dan Travis.

Commissioner Carolyn Place was absent.

## ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS

**John T. Duhn** of Clarkston is among 125 students in the entering class at the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine. Duhn is the son of Gilbert Duhn of Ferndale and Sandy Duhn of St. Louis. He earned his B.S. degree in physiology from Michigan State University in East Lansing.

**Andrew Soltes** of Clarkston earned an average of 3.7 or better to qualify for the Honor Roll for the first card marking of the first semester at St. Mary's Preparatory, Orchard Lake, an all-boys college prep school

northwest of Detroit. Andrew is a senior.

**Gerald A. Pesta** of Clarkston received a B.A. in sociology from Saginaw Valley State University in University Center.

**Matthew Feneley** of Waterford, son of Detective Dirk Feneley at the Independence Township substation of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, attended the National Young Leaders Conference from Oct. 28 to Nov. 2 in Washington, D.C. The National Young Leaders Conference is a leadership devel-

opment program for high school students who have demonstrated leadership potential and scholastic merit. Matthew was among 350 outstanding national scholars attending the conference from across America.

The theme of the National Young Leaders Conference was "The Leaders of Tomorrow Meeting the Leaders of Today." Throughout the six-day conference, Matthew interacted with key leaders and news makers from the three branches of government, the media and the diplomatic corps.

## WELCOME TO Santa's Workshop



PHOTOS BY LEE SMITH

**Christmas wreaths:** Florence Wonfor of Clinton Township (left) and Diane Woloson of Clarkston shop for Christmas wreaths at Santa's Workshop.



**Ornaments:** Toni Siterlet of Lake Orion (left) and her mother, Donna Ayres, admire Christmas tree decorations during Santa's Workshop at Clarkston High School Nov. 8. A fundraiser for the Clarkston Band Boosters, the 19th annual craft/antique show drew 137 vendors and a record 2,800 shoppers.

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Jenna Clavette  
Stephen Coryell  
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Brandon Hampton  
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Kaitlin Kieras  
Elizabeth Knappe  
Maureen Kuhta  
Kendra Linenger  
Kyle Linenger  
Sarah Mahrle  
Mallory Mast  
Anne Mazzeo

Colleen Mead  
Lindsay Mozer  
Sarah Napier  
Brendan Pawlik  
Vincent Pierotti  
Matthew Prunte  
Nicholas Riegel  
Peter Schweitzer  
Stephanie Secord  
Matthew Smith  
Aaron Verlinden  
Maria Vermeulen  
Shanna Williamson

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Peter Boissonneau  
Jessica Bukoski  
Marissa Combs  
Kristy Giles  
Blake Harlow  
Charles Kraut  
Teresa Kuhta  
Michael McGregor  
Sarah Mehaffey  
Lindsey Miller  
Brenton Place  
Elizabeth Randall  
Brandon Rosengren

Andrew Smith  
Lindsay Tighe  
Lauren Trager  
Mary Wisniewski

### Eighth Grade

Caleb Borchers  
Mark Catanes  
Amy Curtis  
Matthew Davenport  
Sean Dougherty  
Stacie Goodman  
Kendra Harlow  
Cassandra Hart  
Eric Kieras  
Megan McGeogh  
Meghan McGinn  
Maureen McIntyre  
Christopher Moore  
Brian Samuel  
Samuel Stapp  
Jeffrey Steele

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Anamarie Allingham  
Kathleen Amor

Kristina Amundson  
Nicholas Andalora  
Zachary Banycky  
Andra Barget  
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Rheannon Blake  
Kelly Boskee  
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Aaron Catanes  
Emily Clark  
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Colleen Dempsey  
Elisa Dickey  
Ammon Dietz  
Ashley Doyle  
Matthew Dudek  
John Elliott  
Terry Fahey  
Maria Felt  
Bess Ferguson  
Sarah Ferguson  
Autumn Garrison  
Nicole Gauche  
Travis Hadden

Jenna Hart  
Lyndsey Hart  
Matthew Herron  
Allison Hillman  
Ashley Hudson  
Mark Jackson  
Brian James  
Matthew Karnes  
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Jamie Keesling  
Jennifer Kendrick  
Stephen Kiester  
Jack Kinsey  
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Samantha Konzen  
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Greyson LaHousse  
Jeremy Land  
Jessica Lewis  
Samantha Lowe  
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Megan Maxson  
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Benjamin McArthur  
Matthew McCallum  
Keith McIntosh  
Todd Merz  
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David Mispelon  
Emma Mizusawa  
Jonathan Moehlig  
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Neda Nikoui  
Brendon O'Rourke  
Sarah Olson  
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Christopher Allen  
Amanda Armstrong  
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Matthew Baker  
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Cameron Banworth

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Jillian Pistonetti  
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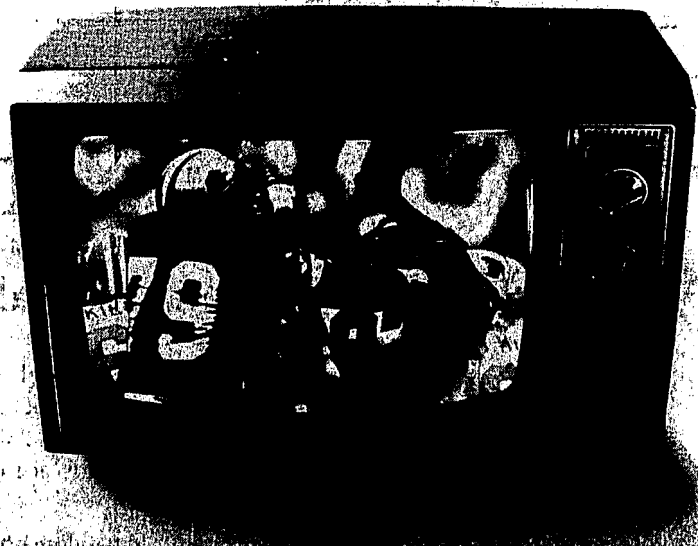
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## Discussion from page A1

the single largest building entity in the township and that new schools put an increased demand on surrounding roads and utilities.

He contended that the township has a responsibility to oversee utilities, roads and traffic within its boundaries and said applying for site plan approval from the planning commission, whose members have expertise in these matters, would actually be a benefit to the school system.

"I don't propose that this would alter the high school in any way," Wallace said. "I believe that our input here makes for a better product. We have a legitimate role and, I think, legitimate concerns."

"I can't think of a good reason why they should be exempt," he continued. "I genuinely believe that it will end up saving the taxpayers of this community money."

Some residents in the audience reacted by applauding Wallace's comments.

And Trustee Jeff McGee agreed with Wallace, saying that although he is generally against adding more layers of government, requiring a special land use permit would "be a tool for us to have some level of review."

McGee said he wondered if the fact that Treasurer Jim Wenger and Trustee Larry Rosso were former Clarkston High School teachers might be tainting their perspectives, to which the two men took exception.

They contended the issues could be worked out through cooperation between township and school officials.

"My allegiance is to the township," said Wenger. "I am a past educator, that's true," he added, saying that his teaching history might naturally have colored his

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opinion somewhat.

Wenger also suggested that enacting planning requirements would be the equivalent of punishing the district for the new high school situation.

"I would tend to have to take this as a punitive action and I don't see the justification for it," Wenger said.

Rosso responded by saying: "I don't think we need more statutes, more ordinances, more regulations. I respect their independence as much as they respect our independence. It's a unique situation because this is a jurisdictional matter."

Wallace, in turn, said he was "insulted" by Wenger's contention that the proposal is punitive. "Take me at my word," he said, "this is not punitive. The proof is in the history. They have disregarded, time and again, our legitimate concerns."

In response to the board's comments, Kahler told them that the school district, like the township, solicits the services of Planner Dick Carlisle, who is familiar with the township's vision for planning and helps them when they are considering the locations for new schools.

He said the school district is attempting to work cooperatively

with the township.

"In general, I think the direction that the school district is attempting to go demonstrates cooperation," he said, adding that he was opposed to adding another layer of government to the process.

"My concern is that this would become a burden for both of us," Kahler said.

Wallace then asked Kahler why the schools should be exempt.

"I don't necessarily believe we should be. But I believe we serve different masters," he said, noting that the school district cannot pass on the costs of, say, improving roads, the way other developers can.

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Summing up his feelings before the vote, Stuart said Michigan legislature policies make school site planning "beyond our scope."

Until the legislature returns power to local districts to regulate all building, Stuart said, "It really would amount to no more than a second-guessing of the school boards."

Voting for a motion to not alter the current practice of school building siting were Stuart, Wenger, Rosso, Clerk Joan McCrary and Trustee Daniel Travis. Wallace and Trustee Jeff McGee voted no.

## Rite Aid OK'd for Sashabaw site

BY CAROLYN WALKER  
STAFF WRITER

Developers of the 11,000-square-foot, free-standing Rite Aid pharmacy proposed for the intersection of Clarkston and Sashabaw roads got the prescription they were hoping for Thursday night when members of the Independence Township Planning Commission voted 6-0 to grant them final site plan approval.

Before casting their vote, members of the commission listened to comments from the township planner and engineer as well as two neighbors of the corner, who voiced long-standing concerns about how the development would affect wetlands, wildlife, traffic and safety paths bordering their home and about how any large signs might obscure the view.

"Trust me, we're in agreement with you on that," responded Chairman Steve Board.

Township Planner Dick Carlisle reassured the neighbors that safety paths would eventually be constructed on both sides of Sashabaw to handle pedestrian and bicycle traffic.

"Safety paths are required on both sides of Sashabaw," he said. "The township's master plan calls for safety paths on both sides of the road."

The developers were told they would have to clear debris from the south end of the property before they can get a building permit as a provision of their final site plan and developer

Jerry Pattah pledged that the clearing would be done within a week.

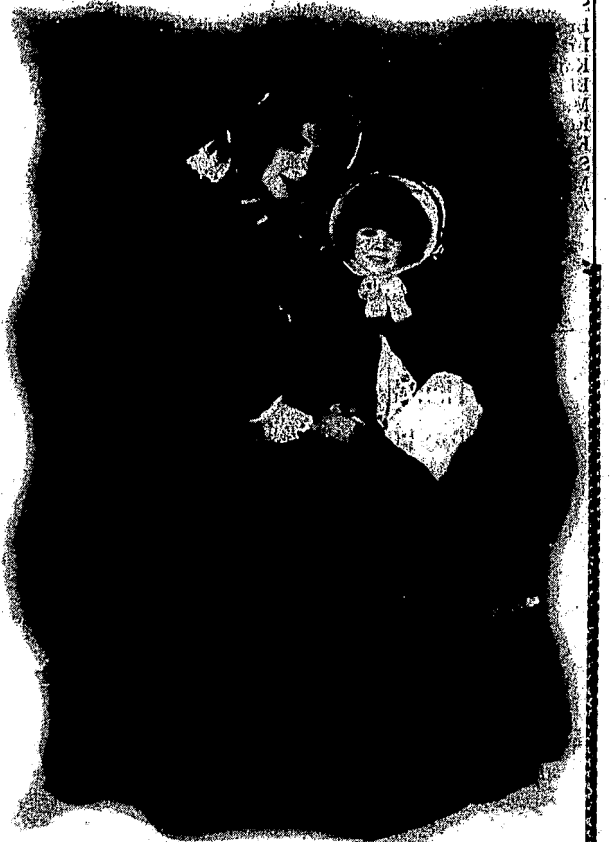
Over the past several months, the Rite Aid proposal has undergone a series of revisions, changing it from the white contemporary building originally proposed last September to a two-colored brown and brick building that planners hope will be more in keeping with what they have called the "pastoral" look of the Sashabaw Corridor.

The Rite Aid would be across

Clarkston Road from Fire Station No. 2, and diagonally from Pine Knob Video Express, which was recently sold to make way for a small convenience plaza.

Pattah told the commission that there is a trend away from strip mall drug stores, because many grocery stores in strip malls now sell pharmaceutical products.

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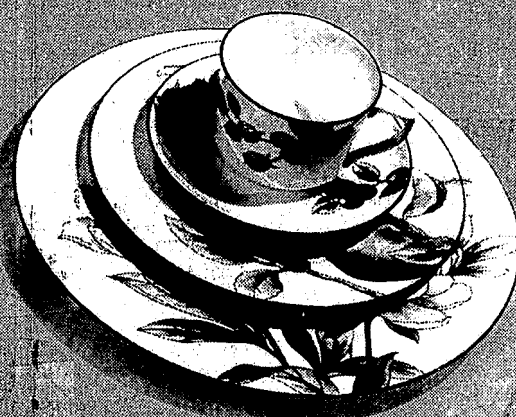
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## Kelley from page A1

Before the fire department got there, he completely came to himself again — jovial," Ormiston said.

Reflecting on Kelley's presence in the community, he added, "I did know that he was an 87-year-old man who was happy in his work — rarely missing a day. He had just left a job that he loved."

Preceded in death by his wife, Florence, Kelley was an avid bowler and hunter, Terry Kelley said.

Currently, Kelley said, family members have not made plans

about what they will do with the lumber business.

In addition to his son, Terry, of West Branch, Kelley is survived by a daughter, Cindy (John) Jones of Clarkston, and four grandchildren, Jeff, Kimberlie, Scott and Michael. He is also survived by a sister, Doris Inman, and a brother, Art Kelley. He was preceded in death by his siblings, Myrtle Perry, Mae Jones and Asa, Lee and Gordon.

Funeral services for Kelley were scheduled for Tuesday by the Lewis E. Wint & Son Trust 100 Funeral Home with inter-

**■ 'He was an 87-year-old man who was happy in his work — rarely missing a day. He had just left a job that he loved.'**

*Paul Ormiston  
Clarkston Police Chief*

ment at Lakeview Cemetery. Memorials can be made to the Michigan Heart Association or Rainbow Connection.

## Robots from page A1

Romeo methodically passed a piece of wood to Juliet. Then Juliet methodically placed it in a miniature mill. A few seconds later, when Romeo's metal arm became momentarily stuck in the midst of an item transfer, Juliet turned and kept working, never batting an eye. (Come to think of it, Juliet didn't really have a head that contained an eye to bat.)

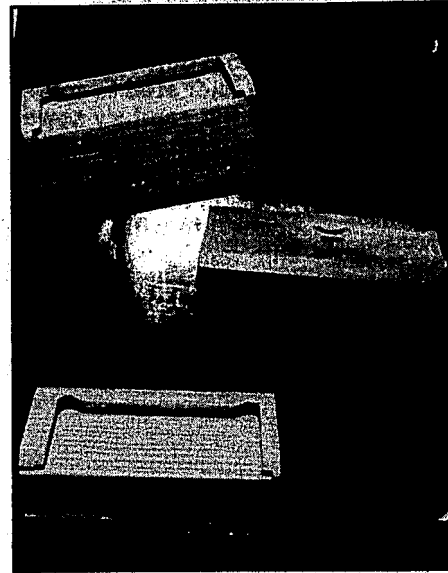
But even though the cable-laden couple will probably never be invited to guest-star on "Beverly Hills, 90210," OTC student audiences seemed to appreciate Romeo and Juliet for their reliability.

That's because the robots were going through about 25 minutes of computer-programmed tasks in their mobile manufacturing laboratory to create a marketable product — a wooden business card holder with a digital clock. As small groups of OTC students took turns observing and then participating in guiding Romeo's and Juliet's actions via computers alongside the unit, those pupils could actually experience how computer-integrated manufacturing works.

The project, "CIM (Computer Integrated Manufacturing) on Wheels," rolled into the OTC for three days last week as part of the school's ongoing partnership with General Motors Institute (GMI).

According to GMI project director Dr. Lucy Siu-Bik King, Romeo and Juliet, the third robot, "Miller," — and everything else in the manufacturing unit — resulted from the planning and research of "several generations" or semester classes of GMI seniors. To help make that endeavor a reality, King said many businesses and organizations donated equipment and pitched in with financial support. In particular, Ford Motor Co. donated the van that pulls the CIM trailer and the Flex-Link Co. provided conveyor loops for the mobile laboratory. King also said that the project received grants from the National Science Foundation and the Society of Manufacturing Engineers.

The professor explained that when she and her GMI students



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take their computer-controlled laboratory on the road, they do so with the hope that other students will gain exposure to computer-integrated manufacturing processes and become interested in pursuing mathematics, engineering and science careers.

Why did King and her classes name two of their three robots, "Romeo and Juliet?"

"We wanted to pick names that students could relate to — something that would be fun. So, this is what we came up with," King said with a smile.

For their part, OTC students seemed to enjoy observing and programming the not-exactly-star-crossed robots and the rest of the machines and cables in the 16-foot by 8-foot laboratory trailer.

Steve Gorecki, 14, remarked that he was impressed with the operation, but not intimidated by it. The Holly student said, "It's not really that complicated. It looks pretty easy to run."

Fourteen-year-old Josh Kluesner of Ortonville said that he did find the computerized robotics process complex, but interesting. "It's really cool. I never realized so much went into making systems do what you want them to

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do. I'm thinking about designing these kinds of things in the future."

As the small crowd looked on, Romeo and Juliet kept performing their production tasks with remarkable precision.

Sure, those crazy Elizabethan robots weren't the passionate kids they used to be. But they had technical jobs and a trailer roof over their heads — er, arms. And they seemed to finally realize — with the help of technology — that timing is, indeed, everything.

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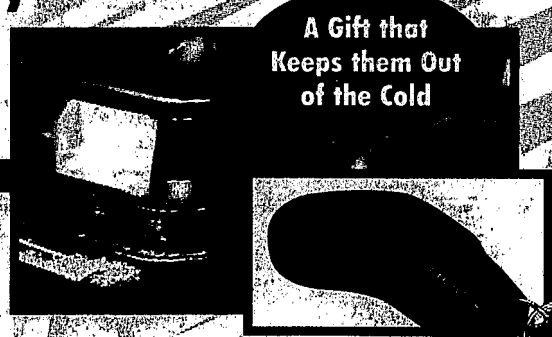
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# Durant funds may go to schools next April

BY TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

School districts who won a court decision in the so-called Durant case will receive their \$211 million total in checks from state Treasurer Doug Roberts around next April 15.

The Michigan Legislature last week put the finishing touches on bills to pay 84 mostly suburban districts the money Lansing owes them for shorting them on special education and other mandated services over 17 years. The bills await Gov. John Engler's signature.

It was a major bipartisan victory for House members, who fought Engler's and the Senate Republicans' plan to pay off the winners over three years. The state will use about one-sixth of the budget stabilization fund, known as the "rainy day fund," to make the payments. Engler and Senate Republicans wanted to use only the fund's interest.

## Amendment approved

Rep. Tom Middleton, R-Ortonville, won unanimous approval of an amendment requiring that school boards convene a public meeting within 90 days after receiving their settlements and before spending any of the winnings.

"After all the controversy surrounding this matter," Middleton said, "I insisted that the public have a strong voice when important choices are made."

The House on Nov. 13 gave final approval to a conference committee report on a vote of 99-7. All Eccentric area representatives voted yes.

The 84 plaintiffs filed suit in 1980 charging the state violated the 1978 Headlee amendment to the Michigan Constitution by failing to pay them for such state-mandated services as special ed, transportation for special ed and other categoricals. The suit, named for Donald Durant of Warren Fitzgerald School District, was decided in

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spring by the state Supreme Court. The court awarded local districts about 43 percent of the \$492 million they were seeking.

Oakland Intermediate School District is slated for \$3.6 million.

The Supreme Court ruled 4-3 on the money damages, awarding \$210 million of the \$492 million sought by 84 school districts.

Last week's bills also dealt with related school finance issues. The deal:

■ School districts which weren't plaintiffs in the suit, but could have filed claims, will get a total of \$768 million — about \$350 million from state-issued bonds, the rest in equal installment over 10 years from the rainy day fund. Engler and Senate Republicans had wanted to pay them off in one lump sum, restricting use of the money to capital improvements and not salaries.

■ Programs for "at-risk" pupils will get \$250 million in the current fiscal year and \$260 million in fiscal 1998.

■ Special education this year will get \$66.7 million more and next year another \$48.2 million. This avoids violating the court decision in future fiscal years.

■ The per-pupil minimum school aid grant will rise \$46 to \$5,170 for the lowest-funded districts.

■ A handful of districts with large numbers of at-risk students will get \$20 million to reduce class sizes. Flint lawmakers, in particular, had pushed hard for this money.

■ School districts will have to pay 3.54 percent less into the employees' pension fund for the next two years. Estimated savings: \$246.6 million in fiscal 1998 and \$252.7 million less in fiscal 1999.

■ Adult education will be given \$80 million despite Engler administration efforts to shift much of those funds to the Jobs Commission.

The Associated Press contributed to this story.



**Despite frigid weather conditions, road construction projects continue throughout Oakland County including the following:**

■ **Bloomfield Township** — Squirrel Road, between Long Lake and Westview, is being resurfaced and reconstructed at the north end. A detour will route drivers along Adams and Square Lake roads. The project is expected to be completed this week.

■ **Farmington** — Grand River will be widened to include a left turn lane and traffic signal at the Shiawassee intersection. Shiawassee, from Grand River to Farmington Road, will be closed during construction which should be completed this month.

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

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■ **Orion Township** — Joslyn Road at Flintridge is being widened to include a center left turn lane from northbound Joslyn to westbound Flintridge. The project includes the addition of a traffic signal which is expected to facilitate school bus traffic. The project is expected to be completed by the end of November.

■ **Rochester Hills** — Hamlin Road is being reconstructed to a four-lane boulevard from M-59 to Crooks Road. The project, which is expected to be completed by the spring of 1998, will include the completion of the east-west link from the new M-59 ramp to various business facilities. The roadway is closed, except for local traffic, with detours across M-59 and Avon Road. A left turn lane is being added at the intersection of Auburn Road and Technology. The project is expected to be completed by the end of November. The gravel roadways of June and Tamm will be paved this month.

■ **Southfield** — Ten Mile, between Beech and Inkster roads, will be paved due to deterioration and Holy Sepulchre Archdiocesan Cemetery, between Inkster and Telegraph, will be given a new approach. The project is expected to be completed by the end of November.

■ **Springfield Township** — Dixie Highway at Cedar Crest Academy is being widened to include a center turn lane. The project is expected to be completed by the end of November.

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

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

— Compiled by staff writer Sara Callender

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## Computer program

### New perk downloads on taxpayers

**I**ndependence Township employees have a new benefit paid for by taxpayers. The employees get to borrow up to \$5,000 each of tax money, interest-free, for three years to buy computers for their homes. The township board approved the controversial program Nov. 3 in a split vote (4-3).

Board members in favor of the new benefit argued that employees would become more proficient at using computers at work if they have computers to practice on at home. They would pay back the money by way of deductions from their paychecks.

We think the board members who voted for the program were not being fiscally responsible with taxpayers' money. Certainly there are cheaper ways to train employees on computers.

There are 77 full-time township employees who are eligible to buy computers under the new program. Even if just 10 of those employees took advantage of it, that would be \$50,000 in tax revenue that the township would be lending to employees instead of investing and earning money on. At a modest interest rate of 5.15 percent, that translates into a loss in interest revenue of \$2,500 a year or \$7,500 over three years.

If those same 10 employees took four- to six-week computer classes through Clarkston

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Community Education, the total cost would be just under \$1,000, for a savings to taxpayers of \$6,500.

Two of the three board members who voted against the new program — trustees Neil Wallace and Jeff McGee — said they are philosophically opposed to lending tax dollars to public employees. "I felt we didn't have a whole lot of business lending public funds to employees," McGee said, explaining his no vote. (Treasurer Jim Wenger, the other board member who voted against the plan, said he thought \$5,000 was too much money to lend each employee, though he agrees with the plan in concept.)

We agree with Wallace and McGee. Township officials should not be using tax dollars for their own benefit. As representatives of the public, they should be getting the best return on tax dollars for the benefit of their constituents.

## It's time to change drug-lifer law

**O**ne of Michigan's cruelest laws, and one of the harshest in the nation, is about to be modified by the state Legislature.

The Senate has passed, 30-6, bills to ease the law mandating life in prison, with no hope of parole and no chance for judicial discretion, for persons convicted of dealing in 650 grams or more of proscribed drugs.

**Oakland's law enforcement community** didn't push for passage of the drug-lifer law in 1978. Once it was enacted, however, they embraced it. Under the drug-lifer law, almost 70 people from Oakland County have been sentenced to life in prison with no parole.

Designed to catch drug "kingpins," it has done anything but since it was passed in anger in 1978. Among 220 people caught in its gill nets were many first-time offenders potentially capable of rehabilitation with maturity and schooling.

"A few years ago, the average sentence served for murder was 14 years," said Sen. Jon Cisky, R-Saginaw, a former sheriff's officer who deplored the 650-lifer law. "Many of these people we've convicted for the rest of their natural lives have never been convicted of anything, ever."

Sen. Bill Bullard Jr., R-Milford, was among those voting for reforming the law. "I probably would have voted for the bill (in 1978) when it passed," he said. "Because I would have thought life in prison with no parole would be a deterrent."

"But it hasn't turned out that way," said Bullard, a lawyer. "We're getting a lot of mules and low-level dealers who were stupid. I don't think the penalty for being stupid should be life in prison."

Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township, voted for the reform because he felt state law should be parallel to federal statutes. Under federal law, a person trafficking in 650 grams or more of heroin or cocaine faces three to 10

years in prison, he said. In Michigan, the penalty is life in prison with no parole.

"I also believe judges should have some discretion," said Peters. "They are in the best position to determine if somebody is a kingpin or a mule. They should make the call."

Those convicted under Michigan's drug-lifer law have been thrown onto a social scrap heap, treated worse than violent criminals, and given no "light at the end of the tunnel" — that is, no incentive to mend their ways. With no chance of getting out, they had every reason to continue drug dealing inside prison walls. That's poor prison policy. The prisons would be easier to operate if inmates had an incentive to improve themselves.

The new bills don't ask that we forgive the offenders; just that we give them a 15-year chance to mend their ways.

The House of Representatives should lighten up on the Senate bill a bit more. The bill 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 other drug violation worth four years in prison, and wasn't part of an organized drug gang.

Those are pretty stiff conditions. We especially question the feasibility of requiring a convict to "cooperate" with law enforcers. Will the person who squeals be protected in prison, or face severe retaliation if he reveals gang secrets? Does this section give police too much discretionary power that, in the American system, belongs to a judge?

Michigan was the first jurisdiction in the English-speaking world to prohibit government from killing people through executions. The 650-lifer law has stained that record. We hope the Legislature and governor will remove that stain.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

### QUESTION:

**Do you think Clarkston High School students responded truthfully to the recent drug-use survey?**

*This question was asked at Clarkston High School.*



"I'm sure they did to an extent... I don't know how others think."

**Annie Whittington**  
Freshman



"Yeah. I think they responded to it right."

**Aaron Pursell**  
Sophomore



"I think probably they did. I think most of them told the truth."

**Paulina Komorowska**  
Sophomore



"I think they exaggerated (with some saying they do drugs more and some less than they actually do)."

**Amy Warblington**  
Sophomore

## LETTERS

### CBS episode disappointing

**A**t a time when substance abuse ranks high on every list of concerns for the health and well-being of our youth, it is disappointing that CBS and one of its most engaging characters, Murphy Brown, would send such a strong pro-drug message as was seen in the Nov. 5 episode.

While the series' opener admirably sought to raise public awareness of the issue of breast cancer, Murphy's recent portrayal of the need to turn to "medical marijuana" for relief of her chemotherapy side effects was a blatant effort to blur the issue of chemical usage and its obvious dangers.

We see Murphy yield to peer-pressure, as her "friend" and colleague persuades her to try marijuana, despite knowing of her past history of alcoholism. (Never mind that there are plenty of legal medications available to treat her distressing symptoms, including an FDA-regulated oral form of marijuana's active ingredient.) Then, the same friend joins her in "taking up," obviously turning this medical treatment into a party. (If you delivered a prescription of insulin to a sick friend, wouldn't you encourage him by injecting yourself, too?)

The scene is laced with compassionate references to her illness, the need for hope in the midst of suffering, and large doses of canned, inappropriate laughter that implies social acceptance. Murphy demonstrates for her friend (and the viewing audience) the proper way to hold and inhale a marijuana cigarette, implying that he is pretty stupid and naive not to already know this. This gets a very big laugh. Then, under the influence of THC, Murphy's uptight friend is finally able to say what's really on his heart, again implying that chemical usage will make up for lacking social competencies and interpersonal communication skills.

So what message does this send to our youth? Besides the obvious — that one would surely want to be considered knowledgeable and sophisticated, not uncool and uptight like Murphy's friend — is the very mixed message of the entire legalization of marijuana movement: that an illegal and unapproved high-risk substance could now suddenly become "medicine."

Michigan, because it is a ballot initiative state, has been targeted by the pro-legalization of marijuana forces, as another "test" case for medical marijuana. We have not heard the end of this story line.

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### Basinger will be missed

**T**he special interest group that produced negative campaign letters along with press releases and political signs on lawns led to the defeat of a man of integrity and professionalism. The loss of council member William Basinger was a sad day for the small village of

Clarkston.

Slick political signs, negative articles and a lot of political glad handing won't bring a good, solid low tax budget, a beautiful park used by children of all ages all the time, a good full-time police department, a financed sewer system that allowed a full tax deduction, and most of a functioning low-cost government. Think about that citizens before it is too late!

Apologize indeed!

**Thomas Goldner**  
Clarkston

### Parking not city's fault

**I**n the Thursday, Nov. 6, edition of the Clarkston Eccentric, Hank Hogan's points of view article talks about parking in Clarkston. He says and I quote, "The major problem with parking in the city is that there isn't enough of it. The city allows new businesses to come into town without supplying enough parking."

Mr. Hogan, where do you propose to build new parking? Tear down a building, maybe? I don't see that as a valid option. How about in Depot Park? Again I can't see that as an option. The problem is people perceive that there is a parking problem. If you say it, enough people are going to start to believe it.

I can't tell you what the answer is, but I do know for a fact that the Clarkston Planning Commission is just starting to redo the city zoning ordinance. We are trying to address this issue along with many others.

Should we make new businesses pay into a fund if they don't have enough parking to meet the current standard? Do we do away with parking requirements?

We have no where to build new lots or to make more parking spaces downtown on Main Street. If we make businesses pay into a parking fund, what do we do with the money if we can't buy and tear down a building to make more parking? Does the money just sit there until someday we can buy a building and tear it down and then build a lot?

This is a hard issue for everybody, but do not put the blame for this issue on the city. The planning commission would like to hear residents' views on this issue. The Clarkston Planning Commission meets the first Monday of every month at city hall. If you have any thoughts on this or other matters, please feel free to contact me or a member of the planning commission.

**Michael S. Kelley**  
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## POINTS OF VIEW

## When prices decline, service usually does too

**R**emember in the old days you always used to go to the same neighborhood gasoline station and everyone called you by name? You probably paid more for your gas, but you were assured that if something went wrong with your car, there was someone to help you out. You also didn't have to pump it yourself.

Remember when you used to go to that little corner grocery store and the manager greeted you by name? You paid more for the groceries and, possibly, didn't have as great a selection, but the meat was cut to your order and you got personal attention, and if you really wanted something special, the owner would order it for you.

Today the world has changed. In our great mobile system, we seem to be dominated by discount prices.

We drive miles to save pennies,

often spending more than we save.

The problem is that when organizations discount their prices, they must, of course, make up for the lost revenue, usually by reducing something, usually service.

A parallel in industry is where manufacturing companies become so dedicated to the philosophy of awarding business to the lowest bidder that they in fact hurt themselves in the long run because quality is sacrificed.

Their suppliers in competing to be low bidders face the possibility of eventually going out of business if some fool, in order to get the business, bids less than cost. Sometimes the lowest bidder only won because he made a mistake in estimating his costs. In that case he has to make up for it by eliminating something else.

Usually the lowest bidder is not the

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HANK HOGAN

best supplier but has eliminated something other suppliers are offering to get his price down.

Some suppliers still believe that if they lose a little on every job, they'll make it up in volume. The funny part is that after all the other suppliers are put out of business, prices go up with the lack of competition.

The world is getting to be like the adage: "He knew the price of everything, but the value of nothing."

Discount pricing and low bidding are cyclical. Even today we have seen many deep discounters disappear because sooner or later the customer not only wants a low price but also starts asking for more service.

When those services are supplied, the price goes up. Thus the old discount house that was on the second floor of an industrial center is now in a proud new shopping complex that is easy to get to, but the prices are higher.

The scary part is that we are proud that we put a man on the moon in a vehicle that was manufactured by the lowest bidder.

While it is true that the vehicle did make it to the moon, we all have had

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experiences with low bidders and discounters that leave something to be desired.

If we devote our lives to seeking the lowest price, the people who create quality products or are known for wonderful service will soon disappear from the earth.

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

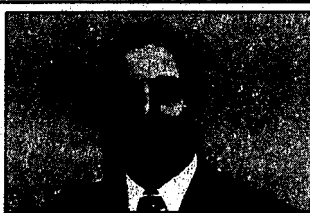
## New high school will be center for community activity

**T**he opportunity to enhance education in our new high school will be, as the kids say, awesome! But a recent meeting with James Haskins, principal of the new Rockford High School, revealed that our new school is likely to provide as many opportunities for residents as for students. You may recall that plans for our new high school were based on the successful layout of the Rockford facility. So, we asked Haskins to visit us and discuss the transition he and his staff experienced as the new Rockford High School opened for business.

Haskins tells us that one of the building features that has changed the face of Rockford is the high school auditorium. In the past five years, the RHS auditorium has evolved into a performing arts center that schedules

250 performances in a year. These events include programs by the high school drama and music departments, special events for elementary and middle school youngsters, and various concerts and celebrations. But the activities also include plays and musicals by professional touring groups that are sponsored by local community organizations. The 1,000-seat auditorium has been managed with care, and a trained cadre of involved students provides support by running the sensitive light and sound equipment. The separate auditorium entrance and parking area enable a number of events to take place simultaneously — without confusion or chaos — and the community has realized the benefit of planning ahead.

Although Rockford's old high school building did have a swimming pool,



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our present high school does not. Therefore, we expect the new pool to make a huge impact on physical education and local recreational activities. Naturally we plan to field high school swim teams, and the seating capacity in the natatorium will make it possible for us to host district and regional swim events. But the opportunities will extend far beyond these obvious uses. Rockford, for example,

makes its pool available for early morning swims and the community (babies to senior adults) also uses the pool later in the day. Swimming appears to be a non-stop activity!

The theater and pool areas are prime examples of building features that provide wonderful opportunities and a fair amount of challenge along with 65 classrooms connected with voice, video and data technologies designed to raise the academic bar. But remember there is much more to this secondary complex:

■ Gymnasium with its second-floor indoor running track

■ Outdoor athletic fields, track and tennis courts

■ TV studio

■ Computer and science labs

Clarkston High School will be widely used for the benefit of our students

**■ Clarkston High School will be widely used for the benefit of our students and for our residents, and we are putting a sizable investment into the systems that will run this fantastic facility.**

and for our residents, and we are putting a sizable investment into the systems that will run this fantastic facility. Safety, security, good maintenance and usage are the issues that must be addressed as we move forward toward the dedication of this architectural gem. How exiting it is to be in Clarkston!

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

## We need to unlock reasons why state's prison costs are so high

**S**o Gov. John Engler wants to build five new prisons. In a special report to the Legislature last week, the governor argued that Michigan will exhaust its prison capacity as early as next month and needs right away to start construction on 5,400 new beds.

That's fine. No red-blooded politician dares oppose locking up murderers, felons and drug dealers. And just maybe, our prison system is up against court orders prohibiting overcrowding.

But sooner or later, somebody is going to have to start paying tough-minded attention to costs, efficiency and priorities.

State Rep. Donald Gilmer, vice chair of the House Appropriations Committee, is off to a good start: "I'm personally convinced we could build a hundred new prisons and we'd never have enough. If we continue this way we will eventually spend every dime we have on corrections."

Predictably, the governor's message did not estimate the capital or operating costs for the new facilities he wants. Best guess around Lansing is that debt service and additional operating costs, mainly for guards and other prison staff, would add up to an extra \$150 million each year.

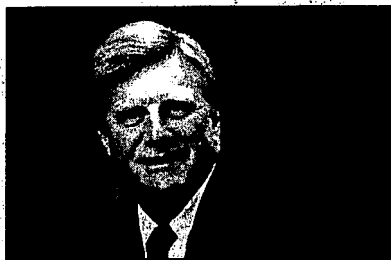
Currently, the Department of Corrections spends more than \$1.3 billion annually to house around 43,000 inmates at state prisons, camps and halfway houses. That's something like 15 percent of the general fund budget for the whole state, way up from the 5 percent that went to Corrections in FY 1982-83, when the prison budget was \$228 million. Over the past 15 years, the growth in spending for the Department of Corrections has far outstripped the growth in any other state department.

State Rep. Kirk Profit, who was undersheriff of Washtenaw County from 1980-84 and so is immune to charges of criminal coddling, has been grumbling about excessive spending on prisons for years. He makes some mighty interesting points:

■ Michigan's average daily cost per inmate is \$53, whereas the average daily cost per inmate in Ohio is \$37. If Michigan's prisons were run as cost effectively as Ohio's, our state would save more than \$250 million per year.

■ Michigan incarcerates 430 people for every 100,000 residents. Indiana's rate of incarceration is 279 inmates per 100,000 residents. Should Michigan choose to imprison our residents at the same rate as Indiana's, taxpayers would save more than \$400 million per year.

Another way to look at Michigan's prison pol-



PHILIP POWER

icy is as a matter of relative priorities as defined by the way our government spends its money.

Michigan's priorities are these, in order: We spend an annual average of \$25,000 per inmate in prison, \$5,500 per student in our K-12 school system, around \$4,000 per student in our state colleges and universities, and an average of \$2,000 per mental health recipient.

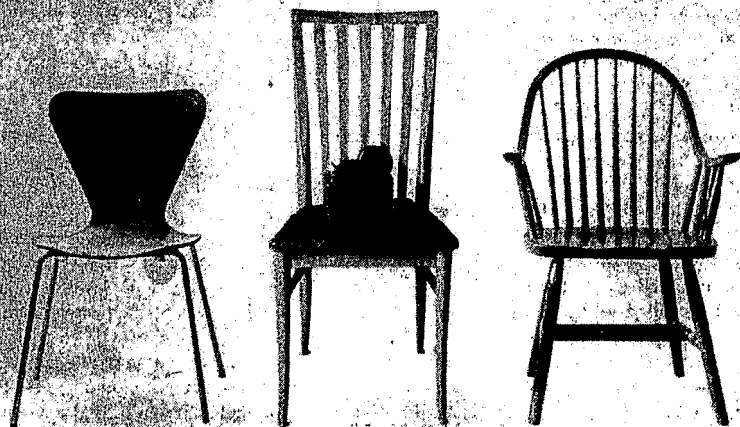
The conclusion is simple. State policy, as reflected in actual spending, considers warehousing felons as four times more valuable than educating our kids. That's ridiculous, of course. But thinking about priorities in this way helps highlight the enormous amount we are spending on our prison system.

My guess is that Engler is right to argue that our prison system is dangerously close to overcrowding. And political reality, with an election year coming, is that the Legislature will make sure it is all for locking up criminals.

But it might be a good idea to link building new prisons with creating a serious blue-ribbon commission to take a searching look at the cost-effectiveness of Michigan's prison system and make recommendations. Just why is it that Ohio's costs are \$16 per day per inmate less than Michigan's? How has it come about that a bunch of federal judges are effectively micro-managing our prisons in matters ranging from the number of inmates per cell down to the kinds of basketball shoes the taxpayers are required to buy?

Sometimes commissions of this sort can be very effective, especially in a highly charged political environment. And with \$1.3 billion to look at, I'm sure some hard-headed folks could ask a lot of questions, shed a lot of light and, just maybe, find some good ways to save a lot of money.

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

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# Commissioners to vote on 911 improvements

BY VIVIAN DEGAIR  
STAFF WRITER

Oakland County telephone consumers, currently billed 16 cents per month for Emergency 911 services, could be paying more for system technology upgrades, but some county commissioners said the money is already available from the county budget and need not come from consumers' pockets.

Motivated by public safety concerns because the existing 911 broadcast systems across the county are somewhat of a mismatch, most agree it's time to consider the problems and how to fix them.

The questions are how much money will it take, where will the money come from, county or city taxes, or from bigger phone bills?

County Commissioner John Garfield, R-Rochester Hills, said some \$3 million dollars could be available from the county budget to buy E-911 equipment for the municipalities.

"But a straw poll of the board would not support increasing phone bills or giving cities money to pay 911 personnel," Garfield said.

But phone bills could go up.

According to Public Act 29, phone companies may assess a county surcharge of up to 4 percent of the "highest monthly rate for each chargeable phone line" which could be as high as 58 cents per month, based on the established bill of \$14.48.

The additional \$6.96 per year to the customer amounts to hundred of thousands county-wide, but it's difficult to pin-point because Ameritech determines how many "billable phone lines" there are.

Ameritech advisors have said they are counting, but the number changes daily because of new startups and cutoffs.

Garfield estimates there are some 875,000 lines, growing daily with increased demand for home fax and electronic lines.

The Oakland County Board of Commissioners is expected to vote Thursday Nov. 20, about hiring a consultant to study the aging E-911 system. The board is expected to approve the study, but remains at odds with each other and the administration over the eventual funding to improve the system.

County Commissioner Sue Ann Douglas, R-Rochester, said once the board approves the study, there are more questions to be brought to the table, and the task force is eager to get on with it.

"We'll move this along. We want information so the task force can assess and make recommendations to the board," Douglas said. "The police chiefs and fire chiefs brought this forward, and it's in everyone's interest to find the solutions."

The board's vote Thursday regards a Plante & Moran, LLP, proposal to evaluate the current state of E-911 affairs and make

recommendations about the strengths and weaknesses of a county-wide solution, and about the proposed funding alternatives for a communication upgrade or replacement.

Farmington Hills Police Chief William Dwyer, who supported the initiation of the task force last May, said he's glad things are finally progressing.

"We need a county-wide ability to communicate between different public safety agencies. During the shooting at the Ford Wixom Plant last year we had 13 different agencies on the scene and nine of them could not communicate together," Dwyer said.

"It's important that we have an in-depth study and move in the direction of whatever county-

wide solution is the best." Currently, E-911 equipment exists at 32 public service answering points within the county, operating within systems and different bands of broadcast.

Richard English, manager of communications and network consulting, Plante Moran, said it is too premature to predict how long the study could take.

"We have a detailed work plan to present to the county, and we won't know exactly how long it will take until we all agree on the specific proportions that we will study. We need their feedback," English said.

But Plante Moran has worked extensively with the 911 telecommunications infrastructure for the county and nearly all the different municipalities with-

in the county, and English comes well-prepared to the project.

"The existing system was last updated in 1988, which is already several years old by technology standards," English said, adding that he plans to look at how the various police agencies were not able to network at the Ford-Wixom incident.

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## Red ribbons: 'Tie One on For Safety'

MADD, Oakland County Chapter launches its 12th annual Tie One on For Safety — Red Ribbon Campaign at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 26, at the Oakland County Commissioners Auditorium, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac.

Huel Perkins, Fox TV2 anchor, is this year's honorary chairperson and keynote speaker. Red ribbons will be tied to a representative vehicle from many police, fire and rescue units in Oakland County. Besides political officials, also present will be representatives from Chrysler/Plymouth Superstores Association of Southeast Michigan, this year's local sponsor, and Allstate Insurance Company and Precision Tune Autocare. MADD's national sponsors.

A reception with refreshments will follow the ceremony.

Last year MADD, Oakland, distributed 300,000 ribbons throughout the county. The ribbons are a visual pledge not to drink and drive.

For more information on MADD, call its office at (248) 621-6233.



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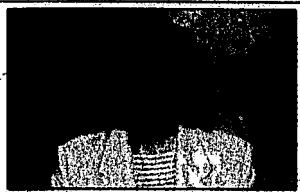
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ROCHELLE SMITH

## A dirty house is a gift of love

A few weeks ago my oldest son asked me what his late Grandma Rockwell was like. Even though he was 7 when my mother passed away, his memories of her are not very strong. In an effort to correctly describe my mother, I searched for the right words. "Well, she was wild. Always talking, trying to make people laugh. She told wild, unbelievable stories and wore loose fitting, brightly colored clothes."

My son chuckled. "You just described yourself," he said. "No, your Grandma was nothing like me," I protested. "She would talk to complete strangers. She once talked on the phone for 45 minutes to a wrong number." "That's you!" my son replied. "No way," came my retort. "Your Grandma was a good housekeeper." That was the clincher. "Oh, you're right. It's not you," he resigned.

Recently, while getting ready for guests, I insisted my boys pick up their toys and miscellaneous from the living room. It took several prompts to keep them moving and my youngest got quite tired of my calling him back. As he worked up a real pout about how unfair the whole situation was, my oldest pointed out the obvious, "If we had a different Mom, we might have to pick stuff up even when company isn't coming over. Just think about that."

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## Ad agency owner on the fast track

■ A Clarkston woman who started out as a secretary in an advertising agency now runs her own successful advertising company with \$2.7 million in sales.

BY VIVIAN DEGAIN  
STAFF WRITER

As success stories go, Tamara Kappel said it wasn't easy or, for certain, but five years after landing on her own, she's feeling on solid ground.

Her agency, Birmingham-based Kappel Advertising Inc., formed in 1992, has grown to an estimated \$2.7 million in sales this year.

"My own style is to develop trust with my clients, let them know that I spend their money as carefully as I spend my own," Kappel said about tough negotiations with the broadcast media to obtain the best advertising value for her customers' price and placement of their ad.

Kappel, of Clarkston, also encourages her clients to do their homework about their customers.

"You can have the best, most clever ad ever written, but if no one hears or sees it, if it's played in front of the wrong audience, or hardly played at all, it's a waste of money," Kappel said.

"The critical things businesses need to analyze before they advertise is, who is their target audience, what media does their target most watch, read or listen to, and when is the target audience most likely to be watching or listening?" she said.

She attributes her success to building relationships with her clients, knowing how to negotiate winning deals for them, and for her sheer determination to dig in during the tough times.

Following 10 years experience in the industry, she formed Kappel Advertising Inc. with her husband and business partner, Laszlo Kappel. The company has grown from a one-person home-



STAFF PHOTO BY LAWRENCE H. MCKEE

**Fast learner:** Tamara Kappel of Clarkston has gone from secretary to ad agency owner in a few short years. This year her company expects to make nearly \$2.7 million.

office to a commercial suite, and will this month include five employees and an independent contractor.

"It's been a very rough road. We started out with nothing and kept branching out until we had five employees. At one point two years ago, because we were too trusting, we had a couple of bad-pay clients. As a result,

we were close to bankruptcy. It was a terrible time. I had to let everyone else go and start all over by myself," Kappel said.

Since the glitch two years ago, she's worked to redevelop her client base and learn from her mistakes.

"We were looking at clients with our personal feelings instead of through

good business eyes," she said.

Additionally, changes in the local radio market spiked advertising rates to go up, adding more challenge to her job.

"Oakland County is a very different market than the national market. We

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# Life's run for the roses, remembered — in Clarkston

It seems to me that the water sprites become most visible just as winter approaches. The breath of Old Man Winter brings them out. It captures them, frozen in mid-air, as he arises from his year-long sleep and yawns across the Mill Pond.

If you awaken early enough, you can see them. They show themselves, holding hands and caught for an instant, dancing by the hundreds on the surface of the water, in the rising sun on brisk November mornings.

The water sprites are thin and smoke-like in their appearance — and when they dance, they dance on their tiptoes, and their reflections go straight down.

Down through memory.

The water sprites tell a story when they dance. It is a story of young men and derring-do and horses with forgot-

ten names. And it is a story that grows in proportion to the passage of time.

The water sprites learned early on that they would have to play a game of hide-and-seek with life. Each season, after Old Man Winter got his just-out-of-bed bearings, he chased them off with frigid blasts and snow squalls and great sinister ice traps that lay alongside the occasional bare patch of cold water.

And it was under just such circumstances that these young men with bravado attempted to prove their mettle.

They gathered on the pond's banks with old nags and bays and working horses and they strapped on what there was to strap in the way of bridles and saddles. And they pulled their knit caps down over their ears and wrapped their coats tight about them. And they



CAROLYN WALKER

mounted their sometimes tired mounts.

Then they listened, intently in a line, their heads pushed forward in anticipation, for the Ready, Set, Yelp! or the single whistle that would send them forth. (And the water sprites concealed themselves and watched and laid the founda-

tion for their dance.)

There was a thrill to be had in racing across the Mill Pond. Sometimes there would be thick snow to bog the horses' legs and make the races a struggle. And sometimes the ice would glisten, almost black, it was so thick.

The horses' hooves would strike it, in beats of four, and the sounds would carry across the pond and join the cheers of passers-by who stopped to watch the races.

On any given day, the ice could have broken away beneath them. And on any given day, the victory could change hands.

The water sprites dance in honor of those times. We find now that we must trust both their memories and their judgment as they give their performance each season. They tell us on

their tiptoes what we do not want to know: The horses have gone and the races are over and the young men fall away, one by one.

Perhaps unknown to the water sprites and far across town, a lone victor survives, old and enmeshed in his wrinkles. Even as he slips into dementia among strangers, he tells those who come to visit that, "Yes! by gum, I won the Kentucky Derby three times!"

And they believe him. Some strangers are too polite to not believe. And some are too young.

And some have seen the water sprites on tiptoes in November.

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

## CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Clarkston Eccentric publishes calendar items free of charge. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Type or print: Event, date and time, location, telephone number and any addi-

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### THURSDAY, NOV. 20

**MADD/ARBONNE INTERNATIONAL**  
4 - 8 p.m., MADD office at 5395 Dixie Highway, Waterford. Arbonne International and Madd of Oakland County are offering complimentary facials and makeovers. Call (248) 623-6233 to schedule an appointment. All profits go to MADD. Buying \$150 in products enters participants into a raffle for a two-year lease for a 1998 Jeep Grand Cherokee.

#### AUCTION

7:30 p.m., Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Clarkston Community Women's Club annual auction of

craft projects made by members, baked goods, homemade candies and a raffle of items donated by local merchants. All monies raised benefit the library and local charities. For questions or additional information, call (248) 623-9462 or 335-6986.

### THURSDAY-SATURDAY, NOV. 20-22

**CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS**  
7:30 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Depot Theater on White Lake Road. CVP presents "Twelve Angry Men." A 19-year-old boy has just stood trial for the fatal stabbing of his father. It looks like an open and

shut case until one of the jurors begins opening the other's eyes to the facts. Tickets: \$8. Call (248) 625-8811.

### FRIDAY, NOV. 21

#### DINNER THEATER

9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m., depart from Independence Township Senior Center. Trip via deluxe motor coach to Marshall, Mich., for the historic Cornwell dinner theater including a homemade turkey feast and feature show, "An Old Fashioned Christmas." Cost: \$43 resident, \$45 non-resident. Call 625-8231 or drop by the senior center at 5980 Clarkston Road to register.

### SATURDAY-SUNDAY, NOV. 22-23

#### INSPIRATIONAL CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Catholic Book Store will be open after all weekend masses at St. Daniel Church, 7010 Valley Park Drive, Clarkston.

### SATURDAY, NOV. 22

#### FESTIVAL OF THE TREES

Noon-8 p.m., First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road (near Pine Knob), Clarkston. Featuring more than 20 fully decorated Christmas trees and wreaths for silent auction. Enjoy the lighted outdoor Country Christmas walk. Area youth carolers — various times; drama presentations — 3 and 5 p.m.; gift certificate auction-6 p.m.; Tuesday Musicals' Adele Thomas, Handbell Choir — 7

p.m. Proceeds to support youth programs.

#### DECOR CARVING

2 - 4 p.m., Independence Oaks Nature Center. Make a traditional decoy to take home and investigate some of the various decoys used through the years. Cost: \$7 person. Registration required. Call (248) 625-6473 for additional information.

### SUNDAY, NOV. 23

#### ADVENT WREATH WORKSHOP

1 - 3 p.m. St. Daniel Church, 7010 Valley Park Drive, Clarkston. Make your own fresh evergreen wreath in traditional Austrian style. Call art teacher Regina Weiss from Austria at (248) 620-1157 for additional information.

### MONDAY, NOV. 24

#### TURKEY SHOOT

6:30 p.m., Ages 8-17, 7:30 p.m., Ages 18 and over. Free-throw shooting contest, sponsored by Krogers. The winners of each division will win a free frozen turkey. Register today by calling 625-8223.

### TUESDAY, NOV. 25

#### THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY SERVICE

7:30 p.m., Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass, Clarkston. Thanksgiving community service including Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clarkston Community Church of God, Clarkston Free Methodist Church, Clarkston United Methodist Church, Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, First Congregational Church, St. Daniel Catholic Church and Sashabaw United Presbyterian Church. There will be a 100-voice children/adult choir, dulcimer, flute, trumpet and sacred dance.

### WEDNESDAY, NOV. 26

#### THANKSGIVING LUNCH

Noon, Independence Township Senior Center, 5980 Clarkston Road in Clintonwood Park. Celebrate the kick off of the holiday season. Chicken dinner, friendship and prizes are on the menu for the day. Winner of the raffle will be drawn at 12:30 p.m. Twenty four-hour advance registration required. Call 625-8231 for more information or to register.

### FRIDAY, NOV. 28

#### CLASS REUNION

Clarkston High School classes of 1967/1968 will hold a combined reunion at Addison Oaks in Leonard. For additional information, contact Shayla Smith (248) 625-9749, Sally Hadden (248) 625-1490 or Vicki Love (248) 625-9749.

### SUNDAY, NOV. 30

#### ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

7 - 9 p.m., St. Daniel Parish community will be hosting an evening of contemplation including music, an inspirational talk, desert and time for fellowship with friends. The entire evening is spent in candlelight and the purpose is to make room in our hearts for Christ, the Light of the World, as we continue our journey through the advent season. Open to women of all religions. Reflection is scripture-based. To host a table, be a guest or for additional information, call Kathy Will at 989-2286 or Frieda Arpoika at 625-1760.

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## Housekeeping from page A13

While I admit to being a lousy housekeeper, there are certain duties I take seriously. Equality is a constant struggle. I try to make sure everyone feels he or she has received equal treatment, down to the last detail. Whenever a birthday is celebrated in our house, I make sure the "Happy Birthday" banner is hung from the curtains and the birthday tinsel is draped over the dining room light. This has become a tradition and I always fear that I will forget it, thus leaving the birthday boy or girl feeling forgotten. I'm probably the only one who has even noticed this tradition, but it is very important to me. While putting up the banner and tinsel has great importance, taking it down does not weigh as heavily on my mind. One day last month my youngest son glanced at the birthday banner and asked with a pensive look, "Whose birthday is it?" Although I hated to admit it, I had to be honest. "Nobody's. That's been up since my birthday, but if we wait long enough, it will be your brother's birthday so we shouldn't take it down now."

What my boys don't seem to understand about my lax housekeeping habits is that I'm doing it for them. On the surface it appears that I just don't bother vacuuming or dusting, but really it's all a very carefully thought out plan to save my sons agony in the future.

Here is my reasoning. My mother-in-law is perfect. She is a great cook, bakes like Betty Crocker, keeps a spotless house and is a wonderfully soft-spoken mother. Before marrying me, my husband assumed that all women were like that. Imagine the problems he had adjusting to me. During the first year of our marriage, he got tuna casserole once a week because it seemed to be the only thing I could consistently get right. "When he informed me that he was sick of tuna casserole, I was lost."

When we moved into our first house, I started out well with the housekeeping. I was proud of our new home and eager to keep it clean for all the visitors stopping by to see it. After the stream of friends and relatives stopped coming for tours, my

enthusiasm died down. Slowly I started noticing that a messy house usually bothered my husband long before it bothered me. When he started picking things up and cleaning the toilets, I started thinking of equality. Why should I deprive him of the joys of home ownership? Surely he too wanted to enjoy the feeling of accomplishment that comes from turning that dirty bathtub into a clean one or the great feeling of satisfaction one gets from scraping the grease off the bottom of the oven.

Over the years my husband has adjusted and now seems not to notice when the tub is getting fuzzy or there are dust bunnies on the stove, but this was not an easy transition. There lies my concern for my sons. If I were perfect, they would have to go through this same difficult adjustment. But now, if they marry someone who is a wonderful cook and keeps the house spotless, they will think they have gone to heaven. Not only am I making life easier for my sons, just think of the lucky girls who marry them. Talk about low expectations. If they get a girl, just like the girl that married dear old Dad, they will be content to live happily ever after (with happy birthday banners and tinsel) till death do they part.

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

## Kappel from page A13

have so many Fortune 500 companies here, and from a radio standpoint, Detroit was always a very undervalued market," she said.

She said Detroit was considered the number six market, but local radio ad prices were often below the market of the seventh, eighth or ninth place. But when regulations regarding the ownership of radio stations changed two years ago, rates went considerably up.

In today's market she urges businesses to use an agency for media buys because the agency buys in volume and may have a better understanding of the station formats and the way each fits the target market.

Kappel's climb to success is a stellar example of her ability to negotiate for herself.

Her advertising career began in 1982 as a secretary at J. Walter Thompson, a job which let her see the potential in the field and consider her own potential.

Business associate Franklin Dohanyos said to her credit, when Kappel was ready to stretch, she took advantage of all the learning opportunities provided by her employer and attended every session, class or program.

"After just six months at J. Walter Thompson, she was promoted to assistant broadcast negotiator and in another six months, to the principal media buyer. She learned everything she could about the business and worked to establish her professional skills," Dohanyos said.

Following three-and-a-half years at J. Walter Thompson, Kappel landed a media-buyer position at Lintas: Campbell-Ewald and served two years in

radio sales.

Prior to opening her own agency, she served with Yaffe & Co as the head of the Perry Drug Store media team in charge of all negotiations and placements, along with negotiating sports franchise involvement. Kappel offers these tips for successful radio and television advertising:

■ Always use a professional advertising agency to place your media buys because ad agencies place a large volume of business on the stations and can negotiate far better rates than one individual client.

■ Finding your target demographic is the key to insuring successful ad campaigns. Keep good records on your current customer base. Write as much information about your customers as possible and ask questions about their media habits.

■ Having excellent credit references is the key to getting credit from media outlets. All media outlets have been victims of "bad pay" and even if you have excellent credit with your vendors, they will often require cash in advance for at least the first few times you advertise.

■ Maintain a consistent presence. If you know that you're using media outlets that work, continue to run on a consistent basis even if you don't get immediate results. Running one or two times per month, every month, is far more effective than running for four weeks and then being off the air for three months.

■ Preplanning saves dollars. Radio station inventory is sold on a supply and demand basis. If you purchase the inventory well in advance, the savings can be substantial.

## Lowrie's lends a hand to Lighthouse



STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

**Hoedown haul:** Tom Lowrie, owner of Lowrie's Landscape Inc. in Clarkston, poses with Katie Stewart (left) and Diane Scribner (right) of Lighthouse of Clarkston after presenting them with a check for about \$1,000 at the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce Expo Nov. 5. Lowrie raised the money for the human services agency during a Halloween hoedown he held at his business on Dixie Highway. About 150 costumed guests attended the hoedown, Lowrie's 11th annual.

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## TASTE

# Parade leads our Thanksgiving traditions

BY KEELY WYGONIK  
STAFF WRITER

Let the feasting begin! Thanksgiving Day officially ushers in the start of the holiday season.

In our family the celebration began early in the morning when my brothers and I woke my dad up at the crack of dawn and asked — "is it time to go to the parade yet?"

I don't know how he managed to look after me, and my younger brothers, Mike and Greg, carry a ladder for us to sit on, blankets, and a thermos full of hot chocolate.

Dad found our spot on Woodward Avenue, in front of the marquee of an all night theater, by accident. It happened the one and only time my mom joined us.

"We were running late, and traffic was getting heavy," he recalled. "Instead of trying to head all the way downtown near Hudson's, I pulled off along the

route, and looked for a space to park."

We walked a couple of blocks to Woodward and found "our spot." There was even a White Castle down the street, a good thing in case one of us "had to go," and the theater marquee offered shelter from unexpected sprinkles and flurries. For a father with three small children it was heaven.

While we were at the parade, mom was home getting dinner ready, usually with the help of my grandma. I remember one Thanksgiving when we had to wait for the turkey to be done.

Everybody has a favorite Thanksgiving Day memory, and if you live in metro Detroit, chances are very good the parade is one of them.

"My parents were from South America, and we moved here in 1961," said Annabel Cohen of Bloomfield Hills. "We lived downtown, and I remember being three or four and sitting on my dad's shoulders watching the

parade. For some reason it seems a lot colder now. The parade initiated them into the Thanksgiving tradition."

Cohen, a chef, writer, and cooking instructor, with Linda Hayman, a parade foundation trustee, compiled "Traditions: America's Thanksgiving Parade Cookbook," a collection of favorite recipes from Detroit's personalities. It ties in with this year's parade theme — "America's Thanksgiving Parade... Everyone's Favorite Family Tradition!"

All of the proceeds from the sale of the book benefit the Michigan Thanksgiving Parade Foundation, which produces the parade.

"Everything for the cookbook was donated — we don't have to pay anybody back," said Hayman who shared her Cranberry Quick Bread recipe.

"The parade is a huge volunteer effort," said Cohen who also

contributed some of her favorite recipes including Root Vegetable and Apple Puree and Apple Cider Glazed Roast Turkey. Parade supporters were invited to share their favorite recipes for the book, not all of them are for Thanksgiving dinner.

There are recipes for appetizers, soups and salads, vegetables and side dishes, entrees, desserts, and even "Carmen's Classic French Toast," contributed by Carmen Harlan.

"It's interesting to see the traditions, and how different ethnic groups relate to Thanksgiving," said Cohen. "We even have two stuffed cabbage recipes in the book. People celebrate the whole weekend. Paul W. Smith doesn't cook on Thanksgiving, he eats out, and shared a recipe from the 'Beruit Restaurant' in Toledo."

Vintage parade photos, comments from recipe contributors,

Please see BOOK, A17

## Thanksgiving Tidbits

■ After the colonists' first bountiful harvest, Pilgrim Governor William Bradford declared a day of Thanksgiving. Indian Chief Massasoit attended along with 90 braves.

■ The first Thanksgiving feast lasted three days.

■ Indian braves presented the Pilgrims with a gift of five deer for the first Thanksgiving dinner.

■ Venison, roasted or stewed partridges, ducks, geese and turkeys, common game along the Cape Cod shore, were probably served at the first Thanksgiving dinner.

Cranberries were boiled to make a sauce for the meat — perhaps sweetened with a little wild honey.

■ Pumpkins and corn were abundant in the New World, but since there was no flour or molasses, there was no Thanksgiving pumpkin pie — just plain, boiled pumpkin.

■ Desserts for the first Thanksgiving dinner consisted of wild fruits and nuts.

■ The "spirits" served at the first Thanksgiving was a very sweet, strong wine made from wild grapes.

Information from Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village archives.

## Parade supporters share 'Traditions'

Recipes from "Traditions: Thanksgiving Parade Cookbook."

### CRANBERRY QUICK BREAD

2 cups flour  
1/2 cup sugar  
1 tablespoon baking powder  
2/3 cup orange juice  
2 eggs  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1/4 cup butter, melted  
1/2 cup pecans or walnuts  
1 1/2 cups fresh cranberries  
Grated zest of 1 lemon

Preheat oven to 350°F. Spray a 9 by 5-inch loaf pan with non-stick cooking spray. Combine flour, sugar and baking powder in a large bowl. Add the juice, eggs and vanilla and mix just to combine. Fold in nuts, cranberries and zest. Bake for 40 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into the center

comes out clean. Cool for 15 minutes and remove from the pan. Wrap well in plastic wrap until ready to eat. Makes 1 loaf.

Recipe from Linda Hayman, parade trustee.

### APPLE CIDER GLAZED ROAST TURKEY

One turkey, an size you prefer, cleaned  
3 tablespoons, plus 1 cup (2 sticks) butter, melted  
2 cups apple cider  
kosher salt and fresh ground black pepper to taste  
1 whole onion, peeled, but not cut  
1/4 cup soy sauce  
Juice of 1 lemon  
Grated zest of 1 lemon

Preheat oven to 425°F. Combine cider, soy sauce, lemon juice and

zest in a medium bowl. Whisk to combine. This is the basting liquid.

Place turkey on a rack (if you have one) or in the roasting pan. Brush the turkey with the melted butter and sprinkle it with salt and pepper. Place the whole onion in the turkey cavity. Tie together the drumsticks in front of the cavity with cotton string or a plastic tie. Roast uncovered for 30 minutes.

Reduce heat to 350°F. Baste the turkey with the basting liquid. Soak a piece of cheesecloth in butter and drape it over the turkey.

Continue roasting, uncovered, for about 10 minutes per pound, basting with the liquid and pan juices every half hour. The turkey is done when juices run clear when pierced with a fork on the thickest part of the thigh. In the last half hour of cooking, remove the cheese cloth and pat with the juices/basting liquid. If the turkey is not "golden" enough, raise heat to 400°F. Watch carefully that the turkey does not become too dark.

Remove the turkey to a serving platter and drape with foil to keep warm while you prepare the gravy.

### GRAVY

Turkey pan drippings  
1 cup red wine  
Salt and white pepper to taste  
2 cups chicken or turkey broth (optional)  
1/3 cup extra fine flour (like Wondra)

Pour drippings off roasting pan. Strain the drippings. Skim or remove the fat from the drippings. Reserve 1/4 cup of the fat.

Place the drippings in a medium saucepan over medium-high heat.

Add the wine and continue cooking the drippings until they reduce slightly. Stir in the reserved fat. Whisk in the flour, a little at a time, until incorporated and the gravy is thickened. Season to taste.

If you need more gravy or the gravy becomes too thick, add chicken broth to thin or stretch the amount. Pour into heated sauce boat or pitcher to serve.

Recipe from Annabel Cohen, chef, cooking instructor, writer.

Please see RECIPES, A17

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Thanksgiving relives our history. If you take our suggestion and serve port, or more properly Porto, here's a bit of history to relate. Port was first created, almost by accident, in the 17th century. British traders, cut off from France by wars, took fancy to the red wines of the Douro Valley, near Oporto in Northern Portugal. To preserve the wine for their long journey back to England, they added brandy to it. The combination created an extraor-

inary flavor.

No one we know relates port tales and explanations of the many port wine styles like Adrian Bridge, director of the port house Taylor Fladgate & Yeatman and its sister company Fonseca Guimaraens. Taylor (as it's commonly known) is one of the oldest and most prestigious of port wine companies, dating its founding to 1692. In 1744, the son of the company's founder became the first British wine shipper to purchase property in Portugal's Upper Douro Valley, the most famous port wine growing region.

This purchase became the cornerstone of a series of Taylor vineyard acquisitions including the most famous Quinta de Vargellas. Quinta is Portuguese for vineyard. Additionally, through the years, Taylor has become a recognized leader in wood-aged and vintage port production. It also pio-

neered Chip Dry white port and Late Bottled Vintage port styles.

"The port wine region is the only one in the world that uses dynamite to plant grapes," Bridge noted. "The soil is so rocky that it takes one ton of dynamite to plant two and one-half acres of vineyard." Might we say a big bang for the buck!

Chip Dry white port was a Richard Yeatman invention in 1934. He was the first to depart from the traditionally sweeter white aperitif port consumed in Portugal, but rarely exported.

Low Weidemann, Maitre d' of Big Rock Chop and Brew House's specialty bar Got Rocks, says Chip Dry should be served slightly chilled neat or on the rocks. He also suggests it 50/50 with tonic and a lemon twist as a "longer" aperitif. As such, it makes a good Thanksgiving Day pre-meal opener.

After the feast, there are a number of port styles from which to choose. An older (20+ years) vintage port would be the finest offering if available. The 1980 Taylor, about \$52, is drinking well, but is still a baby.

"Even in non-vintage years, we try to make a wine of the vintage," Adrian Bridge said. "Vintage character ports are soft, velvety and a good value. They are much better than a young ruby or tawny port. Pay \$2 to \$3 more and get something better." Taylor Fladgate First Estate \$17 is a vintage character port filling the bill with its lively rich, black-fruit flavors and mellow oak-toned finish.

But if you like tawny port with all its nuttiness, then Fonseca's 10-year \$28 is excellent. Its vanilla-caramel character is like eating ice cream topping.

A step up in the after-dinner category is 1991 Taylor Fladgate Late Bot-

tled Vintage Porto (commonly LBV) \$18. Bridge's father-in-law Alistair Robertson, chairman and majority share holder of both Taylor and Fonseca, invented LBV in the late 1960s. The convenience of serving an LBV over a vintage port cannot be overstated. Bottled at six years old, it needs no decanting and is ready to drink. The 1991 sports sophisticated berry fruit and the complexity of a vintage year.

From the flagship and renowned vineyard, 1986 Taylor Fladgate Quinta de Vargellas Porto \$31 has mature aromas and complex flavors. Depthful and structured, it is a perfect after-dinner, fireside sipper showcasing the merits of bottling a single vineyard port.

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## Book from page A16

cook's tips, and sayings to share are part of this culinary treasure.

"It turned out great," said Hayman about the cookbook. "You don't buy this book just for the recipes, you buy it because it's part of Detroit and your heritage. It help build the image of the city. You'll also see some interesting recipes."

Cohen and Hayman are already thinking about a cookbook for next year — "Generations," that would include some children's drawings, and favorite family recipes, handed down generation to generation.

The cookbook is available at Borders two Birmingham locations, 34300 Woodward, and 31150 Southfield Road, or by calling (313) 923-COOK. It costs \$10 (plus \$3 shipping and handling).

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Because he's a pastry chef, he's often asked to bring dessert. Preniczky doesn't mind. "I like to try different things," he said. "People shouldn't be afraid to try something new. We make an apple pie with dried cherries and walnuts."

Growing up, butter tarts were a Thanksgiving tradition at the Preniczky house. "I'm half Canadian," he said.

His advice for getting ready for the big day — "prepare as many things in advance as possible."

## Recipes from page A16

### EMILY'S SIGNATURE SWEET POTATOES WITH VANILLA BEAN CREAM

2 cups heavy cream  
1 vanilla bean, split  
4 pounds (about 8) sweet potatoes  
Soft unsalted butter, to taste

Salt and pepper to taste  
Scrape vanilla seeds into the cream. Slowly simmer with cover off of to reduce to 1 1/2 cups.  
Boil and mash sweet potatoes. Add cream, soft unsalted butter to taste, salt and pepper.

Recipe from Rick Halberg, O&E columnist.

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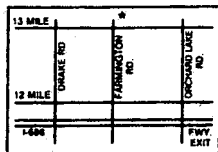
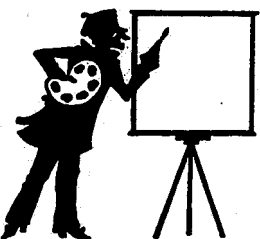
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**BY TIM RICHARD**  
**STAFF WRITER**

The U.S. Environmental Agency, several environmental and two property rights groups filed "amicus" briefs in the case of an Oakland County landowner who won a \$5.9 million trial court decision by saying the Department of Natural Resources denied him the use of his land.

"The government can outlast

This case, *K&K Construction vs. DNR*, is the latest in the property rights' movement to make government pay when it deprives owners of use of their property through regulation. The 1992 and 1996 Republican national platforms square support property owners.

The Michigan Supreme Court

Backing DNR were the EPA; Michigan United Conservation Clubs; Michigan Municipal League and Townships associations; the Audubon Society; the American Planning Association; Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council; Michigan Natural Areas Council; and Michigan Environmental council.

Backing K&K was the Pacific Legal Foundation of Sacramento, Calif., and Michigan Peat, a division of Bay Houston Towing

Packing the second floor courtroom in the G. Mennen Williams Building were students from Thomas Cooley Law School in Lansing.

One central argument is how much land is at stake along the south side of M-59 between North Oakland Blvd. and Airport Road in Waterford Township.

Bunting says only the commercially-zoned parcel of 55 acres counts, and the DNR's declaration that 28 acres are wetlands makes the property worthless for borrowing purposes. And besides, it's not wet, he said.

"The entire parcel is both buildable and saleable except for the fact that in 1988, appellant DNR designated the heart of it (28 acres) as wetlands. At no time prior to this action had any of the property been inventoried or designated by the state as being a wetlands," Bunting said.

He said there are different ownership patterns in three adjacent parcels totaling 27 acres to the south. Kosik and his wife bought the land in 1986. The 55-acres commercial frontage is in a limited partnership, called JFK, owned by their five children.

K&K Construction has a contract with JFK to build a restaurant and sports complex on it; K&K is a corporation owned by Kosik and one son. They filed for a DNR permit in June of 1988 and were denied. They filed a second plan, developed by civil engineer William Goga, after working with DNR. The agency first denied and then accepted the Goga plan.

"The plaintiffs' reasonable investment-backed expectations are limited by statutes that were in effect when the property was acquired."

In court, assistant AG Stanley Pruss said DNR's permit denial was not a "categorical taking" under a U.S. Supreme Court decision in a South Carolina case, because "not all economic usage was extinguished." A taking occurs when government acquires ownership, extinguishes all economic value or makes a regulation that "goes too far."

"There's still tremendous economic opportunity for the plaintiffs at this site," he said.

Michigan's 1980 wetlands law, called the Goemaere-Anderson act for the representatives from Roseville and Southgate who sponsored it, "has the most detailed statement of purpose of any state statute," Pruss said.

An amicus brief filed by Michigan United Conservation Clubs' general counsel, M. Carol Bambery, argued:

■ "The entire 82 acres of plaintiff's property must be considered as one unit."

■ Ownership doesn't convey the right "either to injure the rights of others by altering the natural character of wetlands or to violate state constitutional and statutory provisions."

As the case was being argued, Gov. John Engler announced the appointment of Bamberg to the post of legislative liaison for DNR effective Dec. 1.

"Carol's professional representation of the largest conservation organization in the nation has demonstrated her abilities to effectively promote and defend environmental and natural resources issues," Engler said.

Bamberry has served on the state's Environmental Code Commission. In 1995 she received the Cooley Law School's "environmental lawyer of the year award."

Several Oakland County Board of Commissioners urge an appeal of the arbitration ruling awarding sheriff's officers a 2.5-percent pension factor. On April 28, 1994, the board of commissioners approved the 1993-1995 labor agreement with the Oakland County Command Officer's Association. This action authorized the board chairman to execute the agreement, which contained salary and cost benefit increases.

**Employment Relations Commission for Act 212 arbitration**

Although the arbitrator agreed with Oakland County's position on several issues, the union was awarded a 2.5 percent pension factor.

Board of Commissioners chairman John P. McCulloch (R-Royal Oak, Troy) and Finance Committee Chairperson Sue Douglas (R-Rochester, Rochester Hills) agree that this ruling is not based on sound legal arguments or prudent public policy and must be appealed.

The board of commissioners and the county executive will maintain open communications and work together to insure that the best interests of the taxpayers of Oakland County are fairly represented, according to a board statement.

The labor agreement, as recommended by the county executive, contained language allowing negotiations to be reopened for 1995 retirement benefits. The negotiators on behalf of the county and the union were unable to reach agreement on these retirement issues.

On Sept. 22, 1995, the union petitioned the Michigan

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## GLEANERS BOOST

Gleaners Community Food Bank's newly initiated \$3 million drive for endowment has been given a significant boost with a grant of \$150,000 from the Detroit-based Matilda Wilson Fund. The Gleaners Endowment was established to allow the food bank to meet the growing challenge of hunger in southeastern Michigan in the years to come. Gleaners and its member agencies currently provide more than 300,000 meals a week to poor and hungry people. More than 41 percent of those served are children.

The Matilda Wilson Fund, which has broad purposes, was established in 1944 by Matilda and Alfred Wilson, who built Meadow Brook Hall in the 1920s in Rochester Hills.

## SERVICE VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

The Oakland County Retired & Senior Volunteer Program seeks volunteers 55 and older to become involved with community agencies that need assistance. Varied opportunities are available at schools, hospitals, libraries, human service organizations and cultural institutions throughout Oakland County. Benefits include supplemental accident and liability insurance, mileage reimbursement and the chance to make a difference. For further information and assistance in finding the right volunteer spot, call Edna Thoms at (248) 559-1147.

## HOSPITAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed by St. Joseph Mercy - Oakland, with

openings in the gift shop, surgical lounge among other areas. Call the hospital at (248) 858-3035 to set up an appointment for a November orientation. The hospital is located at 900 Woodward Avenue, just north of Square Lake Road, in Pontiac.

## VOLUNTEER INTERVIEWS OPEN

The Maplegrove Center in West Bloomfield needs volunteers with openings in the gift shop, business office, medical records and as patient greeters. Call the volunteer department at (248) 661-6198 to set up an appointment for an interview. Maplegrove is located at 6773 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield.

## PENNIES-A-POINT

Grant Hill and the Detroit Pistons will again team up with Oakland County Special Olympics for the "Pennies-A-Point" program for the 1997-98 season. The program entails pledging pennies (one cent, five cents or 10 cents) for every point that Grant Hill scores for regular season games. Pledge proceeds go to Oakland County Special Olympics for training, competition, uniforms, equipment and other costs throughout the year. Pledge cards are available at the Special Olympics office by calling (248) 674-4924. Oakland County Special Olympics offers 18 year-round sports for children and adults with mental retardation.

## ANN RAFFLE

The Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Oakland County will hold its ninth annual limited ticket raffle. Grand prize is a 1998 Corvette or \$30,000 cash. Other prizes include a TV, VCR and camcorder. Tickets are \$100 and only 1,200 tickets will be sold. Drawing will be 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 23, at the Jack Cauley Dealership in West Bloomfield. Proceeds from the sale help support research, education, support groups, housing and advocacy for the needs of individuals with mental illness and the needs of their families. For ticket information, call (248) 557-6440.

## PERSONAL COUNSELING

Counseling services are available free of charge at the Practicum Counseling Center on the Rochester Hills campus of Oakland University. The center is open most weekdays from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (248) 370-4187 or (248) 370-4176.

## YOUTH ASSISTANCE

Youth Assistance Volunteer Programs of Oakland County Probate Court need positive adult role models for children ages 5 to 16 in need of one-to-one mentors. To become a mentor, join us for training from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Nov. 15. For more information about Oakland County Youth Assistance, call (248) 858-0041. The court also needs a few good volun-

teers to periodically check on elderly and very young individuals who are in the care of guardians appointed by the court. Guardianship Volunteer Training sessions will be conducted Nov. 15 and 19. For more information about this volunteer opportunity, call (248) 858-0288. All training programs will take place at the Oakland County Courthouse at 1200 N. Telegraph in Pontiac.

## OU SCHOLARSHIPS

Graduate students at Oakland University in Rochester Hills who are physically challenged and use wheelchairs are eligible for financial assistance through the Steven R. and Leah P. Vartanian Endowment Scholarship Fund. Scholarship applications can be filed with the Office of Graduate Study at Oakland University. The application deadline is Dec. 1. For more information, call (248) 370-2194.

## ADD SPEAKER

Family and Classroom Training & Resources reports that John F. Taylor, a prominent authority on Attention Deficit Disorder, will present a day-long seminar for parents and professionals entitled: "Beyond Ritalin: Mega-Answers to ADHD" at 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, at the DoubleTree Guest Suites in Southfield. For registration information, call (248) 988-0532. CEU's and university credit are available. Purpose of the public service/community

outreach effort is to strengthen families, decrease juvenile delinquency and reduce school dropout rates.

## SALE-O-RAMA

Marathon shopping will be going on at the Sale-O-Rama from noon to 10 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21-23, at the Novi Expo Center. The sale will feature brand name products from local merchandisers.

## WAR TOY PROTEST

Women's Action for New Directions and Women's International League for Peace and Freedom are cosponsoring the 12th annual peaceful demonstration to stop war toys at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 28, at the Toys R Us store at Tel-Twelve Mall in Southfield. The organizations are providing leaflets, petitions, pins, clowns, and balloons. Demonstrators are encouraged to bring their children, musical instruments, signs and posters. Theme for the demonstration is "Toys are tools for learning."

## A BEARY HOLIDAY

For the second consecutive year, RKT Portrait Studio is collecting Teddy Bears to be given to the Children's Hospice of Southeast Michigan. This organization caters to the needs of children with cancer and the special problems it creates within the family. With each donated bear, donors will

receive a choice of a certificate for a free portrait session or an all-American getaway vacation. Bears will be collected during studio hours until Dec. 10. They must be new and a "huggable" size. The studio is located at the southeast corner of 14 Mile and Main (Livernois) in Clawson. For details, call (248) 585-7111.

## ALEXIS SUPPORT GROUP

The Alexis Foundation for Premature Infants and Children will be having bi-weekly support groups for parents and caregivers of premature infants at the Women's Survival Center of Oakland County, 167 W. Pike Street in Pontiac. The support group will begin from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, and continue to meet on alternate Saturdays. Area residents are invited to share their premature's story and speak with other parents who have experienced the difficulties which come with having a premature baby.

## RESCUE MISSION BREAKFAST

The Pontiac Rescue Mission is hosting a "Give thanks for kids" breakfast from 7:30-9 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 30, at the Troy Marriott, on Big Beaver east of I-75. Cost is \$25 per adult and \$10 per child. Keynote speaker will be Frank Reich of the Detroit Lions. Funds raised will benefit the Women's and Children's Program of the mission. To make a reservation, call Michelle at the mission at (248) 334-2187.

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## OAKLAND DIGEST

**Oakland Digest provides a summary of headline stories from around the county during the week leading up to Nov. 16.**

## BIRMINGHAM

**Pitt not in town:** After weeks of chasing a rumor, Brad Pitt fans and visitors to Birmingham can rest their eyes. Contrary to a popular rumor that the Hollywood actor was staying in Birmingham, the crew of an independent film being made in south Oakland County reported that they saw Pitt in New York.

## CLARKSTON

**Teen drug use high:** Results from the latest university survey on drug use among teenagers in Clarkston schools showed that Clarkston High School seniors are smoking cigarettes, drinking alcohol and using other drugs at percentage rates above the national average. However, the same survey indicated that Clarkston students are least likely to smoke, drink or use drugs in or near school.

## FARMINGTON HILLS

**Theater to close:** Farmington Hills' Old Orchard 3 Theater, which is operated by American Multi Cinema Inc., is expected to shut its doors. The company also plans to close two of its other metro Detroit theaters, the Americana West in West Bloomfield and the AMC Eastland Mall in Harper Woods. The Old Orchard 3 Theater has been operation in Farmington Hills location since the middle 1970s.

## INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP

**Bagpiper breaks stereotype:** Madeleine Macy, an Independence Township resident and music teacher in West Bloomfield, is shattering the myth that only men play the bagpipes. Macy, 42, plays the Scottish instrument in the Celtic Piper and Drums band, the unofficial band for the Indianwood Golf and Country Club in Orion Township.

## NOVI

**Ready for freeway work:** The Mission Roads Project, a partnership between the cities of Novi and Wixom and the Providence Hospital Group, are urging the Michigan Department of Transportation to accelerate a

project to modernize the Beck Road/Wixom Road/I-96 interchange from a possible 2005 to a 2001 completion date. The Mission Roads Project has a \$23 million contribution for the modernization project.

## LAKE ORION

**Superintendent honored:** Robert Bass, superintendent of Lake Orion Community Schools, was recently honored as Michigan's 1998 Superintendent of the Year.

## ROCHESTER HILLS

**Road widening:** Traffic jams

across Rochester Hills have prompted the city's planning commission to consider widening either Avon Road or Tienken. They plan to hold a public meeting on Nov. 18 to discuss the matter.

## SOUTHFIELD

**School shopping:** Hoping to attract students to their schools, the Southfield Schools District is holding an All-District Open House from 2-5 p.m. Nov. 16 at each school building in the district. Aimed at marketing the public schools to potential stu-

dents and their families, the open house will offer building tours, information tables and displays, computer demonstrations, performances and video presentations. For information, call any Southfield public school.

## TROY

**State house seeker:** Troy councilman Matt Pryor recently announced that he would seek the 41st District state House seat in the Aug. 4 GOP primary election. Republican Shirley Johnson of Royal Oak currently holds the post, but is barred

from running again because of term limits. The 41st District covers the southern half of Troy, part of Royal Oak and all of Clawson.

## WEST BLOOMFIELD

**Judge hikes Potter's bond:** Bond for Steven Sidney Potter, the 32-year-old West Bloomfield man accused of sexually molesting a 4-year-old boy, was increased Nov. 12 to \$150,000 with no surety by 48th District Court Judge Kimberly Small. Potter is charged with two counts of first-degree criminal

sexual conduct and faces up to life in prison if convicted. The court entered a not-guilty plea on the charges for Potter. Potter, who is a Boy Scout leader, could not post bond and is being held in county jail. His preliminary exam is set for Nov. 21. Meanwhile, U.S. Customs is trying to determine through computer records whether Potter was involved in the proliferation of child pornography on the Internet.

Compiled by staff writer Nicole Stafford

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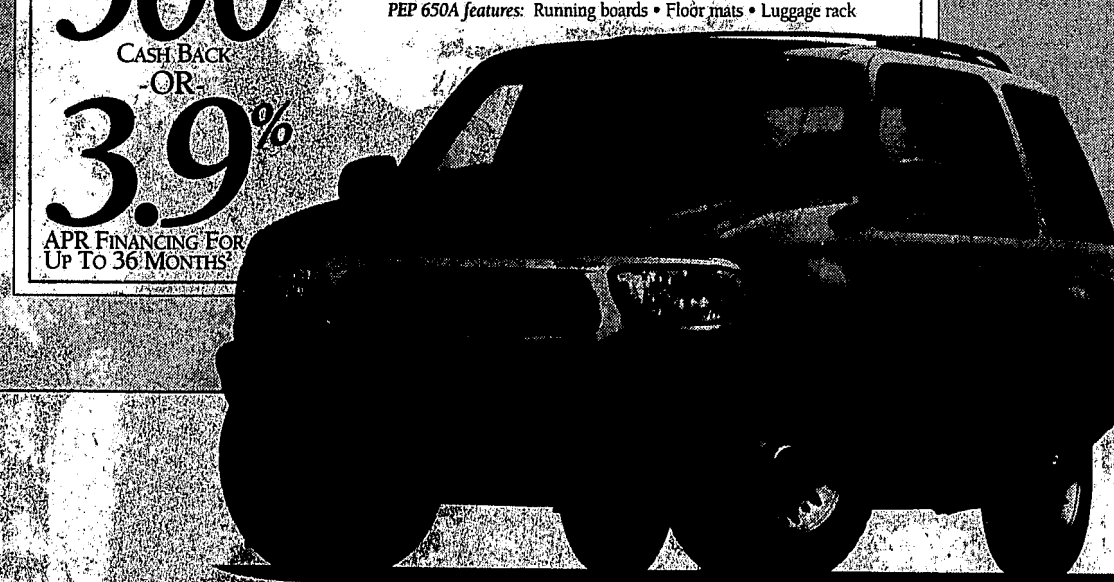


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## OU begins student exchange with China

Oakland University recently agreed to exchange students for the next three years with an education commission in China.

The agreement is an example of OU's commitment to preparing students for the challenges of a rapidly changing global workplace and society, said Mary Otto, dean, School of Education and Human Services.

Oakland will exchange students with the Guizhou Education Commission in Guizhou, a rural province in south central China.

Every year, about a dozen volunteer instructors participate in the nine-year-old Summer English Language Institute. They travel from OU and nearby school districts to four Guizhou sites to show instructors how to teach English and other subjects. In return, the American educators learn about Chinese culture and lifestyles so they may share their knowledge with their students back home.

Last August the institutions agreed to serve as hosts for up to three exchange students per year who will study at the host institution for up to one year in programs of their choice.

The host waives charges for tuition and housing; the sending institution or exchange student is responsible for other expenses such as food, books and medical insurance. OU is hosting three Guizhou students who are studying in the SEHS Department of Reading and Language Arts.

"I believe in a global education system," Otto said. "I believe it is important for us to understand people from other cultures who come to this country to study, but also that we educate American students to be prepared for travel. Americans should be exposed to other cultures by living and working with people from those cultures — not just by reading about other cultures in books."

"It's very important to the Chinese to be able to speak English because the Chinese economy is growing so rapidly."



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## Harriers' dominance highlights '97 squad



■ Some of the state's best cross country runners, including state runner-up Jordan Desilets, make up the 1997 Eccentric All-North Oakland Cross Country team.

BY BRAD KADRACH  
SPORTS EDITOR

If the state cross country meet had been a couple of feet longer, Lake Orion's Jordan Desilets would probably be a state champion right now.

As it is, the Dragon junior finished second. And the

scary part is, Dragon coach Stan Ford thinks Desilets can be even better. That's why Desilets heads the list of runners who make up the 1997 Eccentric All-North Oakland cross country team.

### The Boys

■ Jordan Desilets,

Lake Orion, junior —

Desilets' finish at the state meet was just the latest in a list of season-long accomplishments. He won the Oakland Activities Association Division II meet, was

third at the county and second at the regional. He also won the Oxford Invitational with a tremendous finish.

Desilets admits his training isn't as strenuous as it could be, and that's one reason Ford thinks Desilets can be even better than he is.

"Jordan isn't as patient when it comes to his running," said Ford, who has known Desilets since elementary school. "One area he lacks in is his endurance. It's not that bad, but it is one area we can improve on."

"He shows patience in his races, but if he shows that in practice, he'll be tougher. He's still got a lot of potential."

■ Eric Lohr, Lake Orion, junior — A per-

fect complement to Desilets, Lohr put together his best season.

He finished 17th at the Oakland County race, was second (behind Desilets) in the OAA II meet, and 10th at the regional.

While Desilets chafed at doing the longer workouts, Lohr thrived on them.

"He has the patience and can do the long runs," Ford said. "He's a very smart runner when it comes to training and racing. He can hold a pace for a long time. He'll train with Jordan, and that will help his speed. They made good training partners this year."

■ David Sage, Clarkston, sophomore — The Wolves' top runner most of the season, Sage showed an excellent attitude and was one of Clarkston's most durable runners.

The youngster finished second at the Oakland Activities Association Division I meet, behind the only runner to show much ability to beat Sage, Sean Secord of Rochester.

Sage also qualified for the state meet, where he finished 20th.

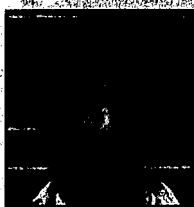
"He's a real dependable kid," Clarkston coach Mike Taylor said. "He didn't seem to take it too seriously. He's not a rah-rah type of team leader."

■ Matt Haver, Clarkston, sophomore — Part of a strong crop of sophomores for the Wolves, Haver was one of three Wolves to qualify for the state meet.

Haver was an all-league pick after his sixth-place finish at the league meet, was 11th at the regional (ahead of Sage) and qualified for the state meet. Taylor stays on Haver because he knows the youngster has potential.

"You've got to watch him, but he does know how to compete," Taylor said. "He's a competitor. On any given day, if he decides to turn it on, he can beat anyone. He's working harder in the off-season. He's putting a lot of effort into-

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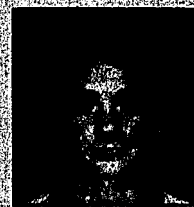
David Sage



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**Wolves' wonder:** Clarkston's Megan Plante qualified for the Class A state meet, and landed a spot on the 1997 Eccentric All-North Oakland Cross Country team.

## Wolves complete OAA title run

Highlanders latest victim as Clarkston grabs share of league crown

BY JOE KYRIAKOZA  
STAFF WRITER

Clarkston may have seen a number of Rochester's girls basketball players sitting in the stands during the Wolves' regular-season finale at Rochester Adams High School Friday night. Then again, maybe they didn't.

Rochester stood alone atop the Oakland Activities Association Division I prior to the contest, and those players in the bleachers had their fingers crossed in hopes that the status would remain unchanged.

Whether or not Clarkston's players noticed the visitors, the Wolves weren't looking over their shoulders in this league battle.

Instead, they gained a share of the league title with the Falcons by prevailing 50-35 over the Highlanders.

"We were predicted to come in fifth," said Clarkston coach Ann Lowney, whose Wolves earned their first league title since entering the OAA. "That makes it even sweeter."

"It wasn't even one of our goals to win the league," Lowney went on. "We were winning and it just sort of fell into place. The girls have worked hard to earn it."

The Wolves were focused early on as they seized control against the Highlanders on Senior Night.

The Wolves grabbed a 13-6 first-quarter advantage, pushing the ball up and doing a solid job on the boards.

Adams crept to within four 18-14, with 3:40 remaining in the first half, but the Wolves closed the half strong, claiming a 28-18 lead.

Dominating the boards and playing ball-hawking defense, Clarkston motored through an 8-0 run to start the second half and held a 34-18 lead

■ 'We haven't won a district title since 1975. So we have the attitude going in that there's nothing to lose.'

Ann Lowney  
—Clarkston cage coach

midway through the third quarter.

By the early part of the fourth quarter the Wolves grabbed their largest lead of the game, 42-24.

Clarkston's Lori Wild, a sophomore, controlled the middle with a game-high 15 rebounds to go with 16 points.

Guard Deana Kanipe scored 11 points and collected six steals. Both players are in their first season with Clarkston's varsity team, much to the delight of Lowney.

"(Wild) is such a dynamite player," Lowney said. "And she's only a sophomore. She's got a lot of confidence."

Kanipe, a transfer from a highly successful West Bloomfield team a season ago, adds other dimensions to the team.

"She gives us 14 points per game," Lowney said of Kanipe. "She's been a great addition to the team. She came here with a winning attitude."

Senior Dianna Sorrentino battled inside for Adams, scoring 16 points and snaring five rebounds. Kim Benedict scored four points, grabbed six rebounds and logged three blocks.

Sorrentino, Kelly McCoy (four points) and Sarah Inley (five rebounds) competed for the last time in front of the Adams home crowd.



**That championship feeling:** Clarkston's Candace Morgan controls the ball among Rochester Adams players during the Wolves' win at Adams Friday. The win gave Clarkston a share of its first Oakland Activities Association Division I title.

have along with us," Scislowicz said. "They've all been in the program for four years and two have come back from major injuries (McCoy, Inley). Dianna has raised her level of play each year. I've enjoyed having all three players in the program."

The Highlanders began post-season play Wednesday at Waterford Mott, where they faced Pontiac Central in the first round of Class A district competition.

Clarkston (17-3, 10-2) on the other hand would likely be disappointed without some advancement in the district playoffs despite lack of suc-

cess in recent history. The Wolves play Wednesday at Lapeer East against Lapeer West.



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HOFFMEYER

**College bound:** Clarkston's Tiffany Honey, backed by mom Tammy, signs to play softball at Northwood Institute. Honey, a two-sport star at Clarkston, will also play hoops at Northwood.

### Honey picks smaller confines of Northwood

Tiffany Honey could be found easily enough, sitting at a small table surrounded by her parents, a couple of dozen friends and teammates, and two pudgy sportswriters.

No microphone, no bleachers pulled out to accommodate throngs of cheering students, as there was when Dane Fife made a similar announcement two weeks ago. There weren't four television cameras, one radio station and half-a-dozen reporters waiting with bated breath for the announcement of a decision months, maybe years in the making.

And that was fine with Honey, who

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## State gives wrestlers new standards for weight

Beginning with the 1997-98 wrestling season, the Michigan High School Athletic Association has made the Wrestling Weight Monitoring Program required for all member schools that sponsor wrestling and want to compete in MHSAA-sponsored tournaments.

The program is made up of two parts: the skinfold measurement, which becomes mandatory this year, and nutrition education, which has been operating since the 1994-95 school year.

The MHSAA Representative Council approved the weight monitoring program in May 1993, testing the skinfold measurement component with 40 schools during the 1994-95 school year. The MHSAA had 100 schools participate in the skinfold assessment in 1995-96 and 430 of 440 wrestling schools took part in a "100 percent dry run" last year.

"We're trying to wade through it right now," said Clarkston wrestling coach Mike DeGain. "Legally, I understand why they want to do it. I'm not sure it solves any problems, but at least it makes sure the parents know what's going on. It forces the parents to at least be involved in knowing what their kids

are doing."

The skinfold measurement establishes the minimum weight at which a wrestler may compete and is based on 7 percent body fat for males and 12 percent for females. The nutrition education portion teaches students, parents, coaches and administrators how a wrestler can maintain a healthy body weight and be at the top of his or her game without resorting to unhealthy practices.

"The . . . program was created as a way to allow wrestlers to compete at a weight that is both healthy and safe," said Bill Bupp, MHSAA assistant director in charge of wrestling. "The MHSAA is trying to promote weight management, not weight cutting. The knock against wrestlers is that they do unhealthy things to cut weight, like not eating properly and not drinking enough fluids."

With the new requirements, a wrestler may not compete without an initial skinfold measurement being taken by a school-appointed and MHSAA trained assessor. The measurer takes three measurements on the wrestler with a caliper that was specifically created for these types of measurements.

## Vets should keep skiers atop slopes

*Despite graduation losses, Wolves should be among state's top teams*

BY MIKE SCOTT  
SPECIAL WRITER

Before Clarkston High School was known for its strong football, basketball and golf teams, it was known as a ski power.

And nothing has changed in that department. Last season, the Wolves' girls team placed third in the state finals and the boys team finished fourth among the largest class of ski schools in Michigan.

Clarkston will again be one of the favorites in the Southeastern Michigan Ski Association (SEMSA) and will set its sights on qualifying for the state finals despite graduating a combined 12 seniors.

"We still have the potential to be really good, because we've always had great depth here," said Clarkston head coach Bruce Rosengren. "But although it's certainly not going to be what I would call a rebuilding year, we lost a lot of experience."

Returning for the Wolves' girls team is junior Kristen Atkinson, who won every postseason award possible. She placed second in Michigan in the slalom and fifth in the giant slalom at the individual state finals.

Atkinson is joined by senior Gretchen Pitser and sophomore Megan Whipp, who received numerous postseason honors as well, such as All-Division and All-Region.

The boys team will be led by a pair of seniors: Brad Villiere and David Whipp. Whipp was All-Division, Region and OAA and Villiere was named to the All-OAA squad.

Clarkston competes in SEMSA, a league first developed in the early 1960s to incorporate high schools whose programs practiced at Alpine Valley, Brighton, Holly or Pine Knob ski slopes. The Wolves are in the Pine Knob division with such schools as Rochester, Rochester Adam, Lake Orion, Bloomfield



All-world: Clarkston's Kristen Atkinson should again be among the state's best skiers as Clarkston eyes a state championship this season.

Hills Cranbrook, Detroit Country Day and others.

The team in the Pine Knob division will begin dual meets the first week of January and conclude the season with a division meet, held just before regionals. Approximately two-third of the Class A schools who have ski programs are in one of the four divisions in SEMSA.

Last season, Clarkston was the most successful of all southeastern Michigan ski teams. Traverse City and Marquette placed first and second in both the boys and girls team competitions, and Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central edged out the Clarkston boys for third place.

"Skiing has always been a profile sport at Clarkston," said Rosengren. "The kids love to do it, and Pine Knob is right, down the street."

A number of talented skiers are expected to make the jump from junior varsity to varsity this season, including Ryan Srogi and Laura Pope. Both finished first in the individual competition at the Don Thomas Cup last winter at Pine Knob, one of the largest junior varsity ski invitational in the nation.

**"All our meets are important, but we have set our goals to win every meet and finish first as much as we can."**

*Bruce Rosengren*  
—Clarkston ski coach

approximately a combined 400 racers to finish first.

And 17 freshmen turned out for the first practice on Monday, which will ensure the Wolves will continue to build for the next two to three years.

Clarkston will know early where they stack up against top competitors, when they face Rochester and Rochester Adams early in the regular season. The Wolves' first dual meet is against Adams at Pine Knob

Jan. 6.

"All our meets are important, but we have set our goals to win every meet and finish first as much as we can," said Rosengren. "We start with some good squads early."

Skiers can compete in the slalom (Super G) events. The slalom is a slower course, with gates spaced closer together, forcing the skier to make more turns. The Super G has only about one-third the number of gates as the slalom, and is a faster, straighter course.

Rosengren said until the regular season starts, the Wolves will condition on dry land and will discuss strategy, such as course settings and different combinations of gates.

Once they begin practicing on snow, Clarkston team members will be at Pine Knob four days a week with about two hours of practice each day, not including dual meets or invitational.

"The first few times on snow, we'll go over basic drills without gates, but it won't be long before we go full speed," said Rosengren.

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# Team effort brings Wolves' their 1st OAA title

Adjustment to new coach, system helped Clarkston win

BY BRAD KADRICH  
SPORTS EDITOR

When Ann (Serra) Lowney took the job as Clarkston's girls' basketball coach, 17 wins and a piece of an Oakland Activities Association Division I title were light years away.

Time apparently travels fast in space. The Wolves, in their first year under Lowney, achieved both Friday with an easy win over

**■ 'The Seaholm game opened our eyes to the fact we have to be fundamentally sound.'**

**Ann Lowney**  
—Clarkston coach

Rochester Adams.

The title is Clarkston's first since joining the OAA, and came with a price as Wolves' players adjusted to new roles and shelved personal egos in favor of team goals while embracing Lowney's up-tempo, high-pressure style.

"The kids truly accepted their roles, whether they liked them or not," said Lowney, who came from Birmingham Seaholm to replace Larry Mahrle after last season. "In the back of my mind I was thinking we had the ability (to win 17 games), but when I put it on paper, it looked like 15-5."

When the Wolves lost twice — to Rochester and Athens in the middle of the season — Lowney figured any chance at a division title were gone.

"When you think about the middle of the season, when we had two losses and Athens didn't have any, I thought, 'No chance,'" Lowney said. "But then we got a couple of breaks."

The biggest came when Rochester shattered Athens' air of invincibility and beat them early in the second half. Clarkston then handed the Falcons their second loss in a relatively easy win Oct. 23. Two weeks later, the Wolves stopped Athens to set themselves up as co-champions.

Lowney said the turning point came when the Wolves went to Seaholm to play the Maples, Lowney's former team, two days before her wedding. Clarkston blew a late lead and fell to the

Maples in an emotional loss. But from the ashes of that loss came the realization Clarkston had to get back to basics. The game showed the Wolves they couldn't just walk onto the court and beat teams, Lowney said, and sent them back to work.

"The Seaholm game opened our eyes to the fact we have to be fundamentally sound,"

Lowney said. "Talent helps a ton, but you add fundamentals and you're going to be tough."

To achieve their success, the Wolves have had to adjust, to Lowney and to each other. There are four new starters in the line-

up, with Georgia Senkyr the lone holdover. Senkyr, who played inside most of last season, has operated most of this year as a guard, often running the offense and keying the Clarkston defense.

"Georgia just shuts people down," Lowney said of her senior.

Junior guard Deana Kanipe transferred from West Bloomfield, which went 19-1 last year, and brought a winning attitude with her. She has given Clarkston consistent outside scoring, something they lacked a year ago, and can also post up if she has to.

"She's a legitimate 14-point scorer, but even when she isn't scoring she brings so much attention it allows someone else to get it," Lowney said. "She knows what it takes to win. In the beginning, these kids were like, 'No way' we could win, and Deana wouldn't let them think that way."

Sophomore Lori Wild was "dynamite" as a junior varsity freshman last year, and has played well for the varsity all season. She gives the Wolves a tough, low-post presence and teams with junior Corinne McIntyre to play solid defense. Both have shown offensive promise,

but McIntyre may be the team's biggest surprise, according to Lowney.

"I remember telling her she's probably in my top 10 players," said Lowney, who has been forced to reassess that opinion by McIntyre's play. "She has started to realize how good she can be."

Tiffany Honey often plays much of the second half as a defensive stalwart for Lowney's Wolves, and Clarkston also gets help off the bench from players like Candace Morgan, Abby Wiley, Jenny Bauer and Rachel Uchman. It has been a "total team" season, according to Lowney.

Case in point: Clarkston is struggling in the Troy game, and Lowney puts Uchman, a freshman, in the game. Uchman proceeds to toss in 14 points and help the Wolves get the win.

"It's been truly a team game," Lowney said. "If Lori has a bad day, Deana picks it up. If Deana's off, Corinne does it."

Rachel saved us in that Troy game."

Now the Wolves face sterner tests. Results weren't available, but Clarkston was expected to beat Lapeer West in

Wednesday's district semi-final. If the district went as scripted, the Wolves would face Lapeer East in Friday's championship game, on East's home floor.

Would a loss at that point dull the accomplishments of the season?

"I told the kids not to look at it that way," Lowney said. "It's two different seasons. The first season, they went 17-3 and won a division title. No one can take that away from them."

Still, Lowney knows the farther her Wolves go in the tournament, the better it is for the overall program.

"The farther I get them, the better it will be for the Deana Kanipes and Lori Wilds," Lowney said. "The farther you go, the better the chance for the younger kids."

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Defensive dandy: Clarkston's Georgia Senkyr has adjusted well to playing the point guard, and is a key figure in the Wolves' defensive plans.

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announced Monday she was signing to play softball at Northwood Institute.

"Yeah, my name's not Dane Fife," she said, a broad smile across her face. "It's tough to follow Dane, because all I'm doing is announcing it. He was making a decision the whole world was interested in."

That was the contrast that struck me, too. Fife is a two-sport stud whose name is being bandied about on the Internet, who had his choice of schools drooling over the possibility of having him bark out signals on a football field or take the 3-point-er on the basketball court.

In her own way, Honey is every bit the star Fife is. She's just as good at her best sport — softball — as Fife is at his. Where was the media? Where were the hundreds of people waiting, breathless, for her to name a college? Why not strike up the band for Honey like we did for Fife?

To be perfectly honest, if it were up to me, we'd have a ceremony for every student who announced he or she was going off to college. They're just as deserving, and the decision is equally important. But maybe that's a topic for a different column.

Now, lest everyone in Clarkston whose last name is Fife thinks I believe we blew Dane's announcement out of proportion, let me say this: Of course not. It's good to celebrate decisions like this, particularly when they've come after such painful debate and consideration.

But Honey's announcement was just as important, just as life-altering as Fife's. Honey noticed the difference, but didn't care. It was how she'd prefer it, anyway.

It's the same thought process she put into choosing Northwood, a Division II school, in the first place. Honey probably would have had a chance to play at a Division I school. In fact, there was some interest from

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**Tiffany Honey**  
Clarkston High School senior

Central Michigan, Michigan State and U-M. But Honey said she prefers the quiet solitude of a smaller campus.

"I like the small schools because it's private," Honey said. "I'm not into the big campuses."

She certainly has the talent to play at a Division I school. She can play the infield and outfield, so that will increase her value to Northwood coach Sue Brown. Truth be told, Honey could play anywhere, and play it well. Case in point: she likely will be the Wolves' backup catcher this season.

So why not pack up all that talent and take it to a big program? Clarkston coach Al Land said she could, but won't. After all, it isn't like Northwood is some slug program barely able to field a team.

"Tiffany could play Division I, but Northwood gives her a comfort zone," said Land. "Northwood has an outstanding program. They're usually one of the top teams in the country. (And Brown) doesn't take just anyone."

The really cool thing, though, is that Honey isn't just picking Northwood because she can play sports there. Honey knows there's life after sports, and Northwood has the kind of business curriculum Honey finds attractive.

"The number one thing is academics; it's just lucky for me that athletics came through," she said. "I can't see my life without sports, but after college, there aren't going to be any sports. Academics is important."

The decision came rather quickly for Honey, who made her official visit to Northwood Oct. 26. She originally wanted to play basketball there, and it was the basketball staff that first approached her about coming to Northwood.

Honey will be a recruited walk-on at Northwood, but it was Brown who came through with a scholarship for softball. But no matter which sport she plays, no matter where the decision takes her, Honey has made her parents happy.

"I'm real proud of her," Bill Honey said. "She loves to play the game, and this is what she wants to do."

Picking a college is the first step to leaving home, and Honey's mother isn't so eager to watch Tiffany leave the nest. But she couldn't be happier.

"I'm in no hurry (to watch her leave)," Tammy Honey said. "I'm excited and she's excited. She has that independence thing about her, so I think this will be good for her."

No matter what happens from here, Land is just as happy for Honey as the rest of her family and friends. After all, she's entering her fourth year with him, and she has developed into arguably his best player. Now he, like her parents, gets to watch her leave the nest.

"The most fun is watching what they put into it, watching them develop," Land said. "They work hard at it. Tiffany deserves it."

And, like Fife before her, she'll get it. On her own terms.

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# Harriers

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it." **Chris Bien, Oxford, senior** — Bien, the perpetually optimistic Wildcat, put together his most consistent season in proving he was the Flint Metro League's top runner.

Bien went undefeated in the dual-meet season and finished second at the FML meet — to teammate Jeff Bowden — and finished 14th at the Oxford Invitational. Bien was fifth at the regional meet, and made Academic All-State with a 3.966 grade-point average while qualifying for the state meet.

"He never gets down," Oxford coach Ray Sutherland said. "He can take any situation and find good in it."

"When he has a good race, he enjoys it. When he has a bad race, he tells himself, 'It's just a race.' He sets a good example for the young kids."

■ **Jeff Bowden, Oxford,**

**senior** — Bowden isn't the school's most vocal leader, but he let his effort lead by example in posting a superb senior season.

Bowden was the champion at the Flint Metro League meet, finished 17th at the Oxford Invitational and was ninth at the regional in qualifying for the Class B state meet.

"He's a tremendous leader, not only by action but by word," Sutherland said. "He's not afraid to talk to someone to help them get with the program. He's quiet, but no matter what the situation, he works through it."

## The Girls

■ **Becky Keller, Oxford, senior** — Keller proved for the fourth consecutive year she is one of the state's best runners.

She was the Flint Metro League champion, finished fourth at the Oxford Invitational, second at the regional meet

and qualified for the state meet. She finished 24th and was an All-State selection. A 4.0 student, Keller was also Academic All-State.

"She had a tremendously consistent, excellent year," Sutherland said. "She is the fastest, most consistent girl I've ever coached. She never questioned a workout, she just did it."

"She does exactly what she's supposed to do to prepare. That's the type of leadership she showed."

■ **Karen LeRoy, Oxford, sophomore** — LeRoy gave notice she will be a force for the next two years with her second straight all-state selection.

LeRoy finished second in the league (to Keller), sixth at the Oxford Invitational, sixth at the regional meet and 14th at state.

"She's a very strong, talented runner," said Sutherland. "The worse the conditions, the more

she fired up for a race. She knows there are people who don't like poor conditions, and she knew she could beat those people. She loved the challenge."

■ **Leah Dubay, Lake Orion, junior** — Dubay earned her third varsity letter as a junior, and made it her best season.

The Dragons' top runner in all but one meet this year, Dubay finished 20th at Holly, 10th at Ambrose, 39th at the Oakland County meet, which featured some of the state's best runners, and seventh at the Oxford Invitational. Dubay would have finished 13th at the OAA II meet, but was disqualified because she wore a necklace, a violation of rules.

She ran a 20:56 at the regional and missed qualifying for state by seven spots.

"She's extremely strong and dedicated to running," Ford said. "She wants to be a good runner."

She can be impatient if what she's doing isn't coming to her quickly. She likes the physical activity. I've known Leah a long time, and she's always been that way. She's a strong, physical girl who isn't afraid to put the work in."

■ **Megan Plante, Clarkston, senior** — Right up until the end, Plante put in her most consistent season, medaling in all the invitationals in which she ran.

Her best time was a 19:27 at the OAA I meet, good enough for a fifth-place finish. She finished fifth at the Oakland County meet, but was disappointed with her finish at the state meet, after being named an all-stater a year ago.

"She's an extremely disciplined runner," Clarkston coach Debbie Zonca said. "She has a great work ethic, right down to her training, eating and sleeping

habits and her school work. She's a very focused individual."

"She was very consistent all year," Zonca added. "It was a good season, just a bad finish."

■ **Jennifer Rooding, Clarkston, junior** — Rooding had a good season for the Wolves' track team last spring, then put in a solid summer of training in preparation for the cross country season.

It paid off.

Rooding was Clarkston's No. 2 runner nearly all season, cutting nearly a minute off her best time from last year with a 20:04 at the OAA I meet, good enough for a ninth-place finish and an all-league berth. Rooding finished 24th at the county meet.

"She had a real good track season and this summer had good mileage," Zonca said. "She was real dependable. You could always count on her performance."

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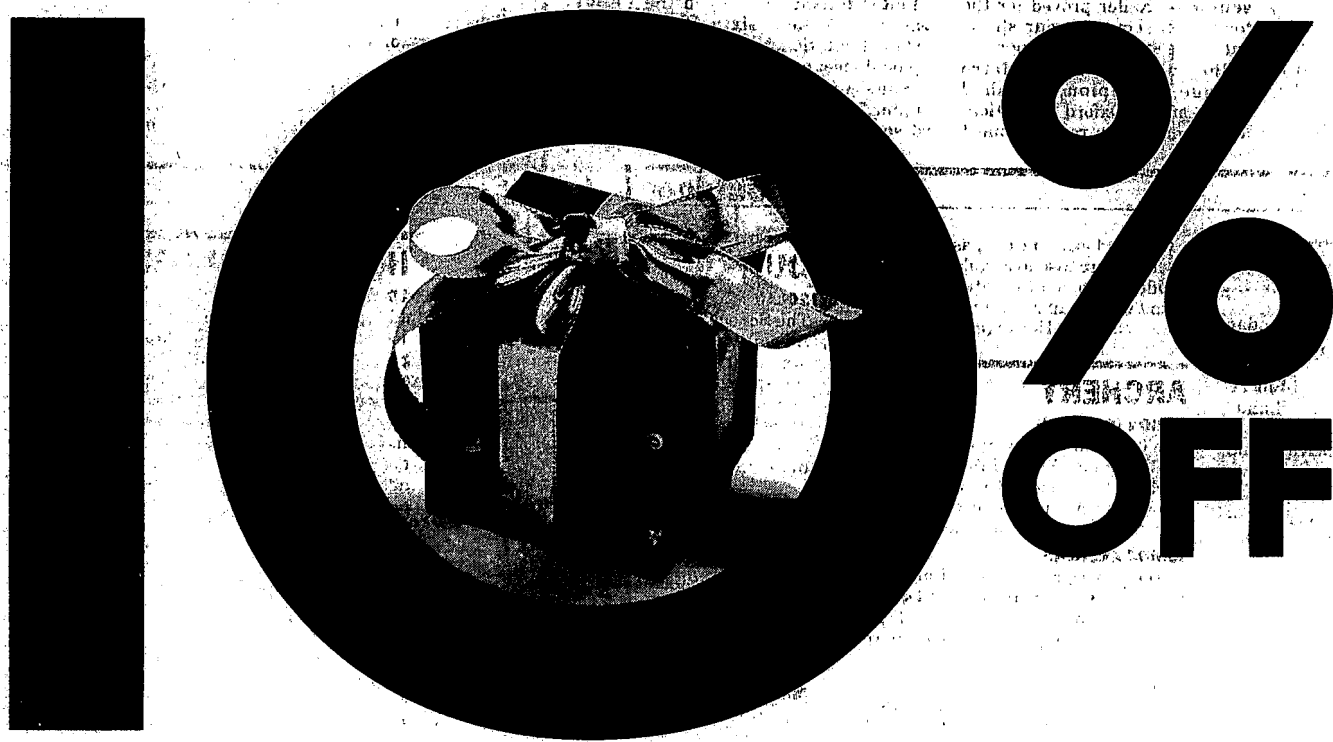
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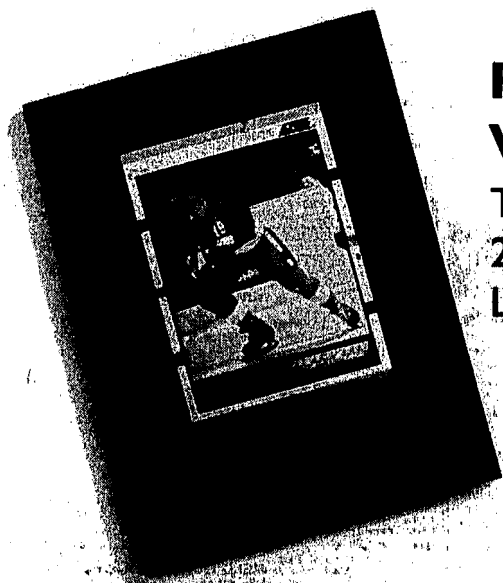


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Drive away from the traffic and into a job with good benefits, possible advancement! Entry level opening in fast-paced Brighton company! Accounts payable & data entry experience required. Mail resume with salary requirements to: PMGM, 8137 W. Grand River, Suite 10, Brighton, MI 48116 or Fax to (313) 225-1422

### ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE/LEGAL

Full-time position with benefits. Legal experience not necessary. Send resume to: Box 4834, Southfield, MI 48037

### ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Vitek Inc., a leading alarm company, has an immediate full time opening. Looking for individual who possesses computer knowledge, multi-line phone experience & customer service skills. Call (248) 969-5800

### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/RECEPTIONIST

design firm, Downtown Rochester, Computer Literate. Call Jenny: 248-651-7830

### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

needed for Bloomingville Firm. Duties include answering phones, filing & light typing. Send resume to: P.O. Box 829, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303-0829

### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Outgoing personality with Word & Excel experience, \$10 per hr. + benefits. Call Orlan Stiffing at 313-441-3182 arrange an interview. 311-41-3182

### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Full time w/benefits. Immediate opening. \$12.00 per hour. Must be computer literate. Send resume to: Word & Excel. Send resume to: P.O. Box 70024, Plymouth, MI 48170

### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT / RECEPTIONIST

Local CPA firm looking for a person with the ability to handle multiple tasks, including greeting clients, WordPerfect 5.1, and light bookkeeping. Permanent position. Good working conditions. Send resume to: B. Harmon, 23800 W. 10 Mile Road, Suite 220 Southfield, MI 48034

### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

For technical service company. Good people skills, general office procedure, computer literate (with excel, VMS software). Benefits offered. Send resume to:

Hartford & Ratiff Co., Inc.  
Farmington, MI 48336  
Fax: 248-474-2740 Attn Pat Ratiff  
Or call for appointment:  
248-471-3110 Mon-Fri 9-5

### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Now opportunity immediate openings in the executive offices of international auto supplier. Local divisions in Auburn Hills, Farmington Hills, Detroit locations. Openings include long-term part time. We train Power Point. Salary \$9.00-\$15.00/hr. Call Sara today

### Advantage Staffing

Administrative Assistant  
Immediate position available. White Lake area. Mon-Fri 8:30a-5p. Please call Debbie: (248) 360-0349

### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

needed for transportation company. Phone skills, computer literate, Windows 95 & Office 95. Mail or Fax resume to: C.T.I., 12780 Levan Rd., Livonia, MI 48150. Attn: Joanna Fax: 313-484-5642

## 502 Help Wanted Office Clerical

### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS

Large, prestigious CPA firm in Southfield is seeking top-notch assistants. This is an excellent opportunity for candidates with 2+ years secretarial experience. Preferred candidates will be professional, personable and have excellent word-processing skills. Must be proficient with Windows 95, Microsoft Word, PowerPoint and Internet. Great work, steady pay, benefits. Please apply in confidence to: Job #2338-A2, P.O. Box 307, Southfield, MI 48037 or fax 248-352-0078.

### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Leading fast paced design/build construction firm seeking an administrative assistant in operations department. Ideal candidate will possess accurate typing ability, proficiency in MS Word and Excel, and a friendly personality. Send resume with salary requirements to:

Human Resources  
DeMatia Group  
4530 Plymouth  
Plymouth, MI 48170  
Fax: (313) 453-7755  
E-mail: dematia@rust.net

### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

For Residential Builder. Individual must have computer experience and general office procedure knowledge. Responsibilities will include typing, phone answering, accounts payable, etc. Send resume and salary requirements to: 29553 Coastal Drive, New Hudson MI 48165. Fax 248-486-8490

### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Southfield sales office seeking a self-motivated person with good organizational skills, PC experience, and a friendly personality. Send resume to: Bookkeeper, P.O. Box 2044, Southfield, MI 48037.

### BOOKKEEPER

needed for growing business. Excel, Word & One-Write Plus applications preferred. Livonia area. Please call David Rice, 313-484-9158

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Novel person, computer literate, accounts payable/receivable, AIA billing. Full benefits. Send resume & salary requirements to: Demaria Building, Nov, MI 48376

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### CLERICAL HELP needed immediately

Full & part time positions. Must be available to work all shifts including night shifts. Send resume to: Art Van Furniture 5053 Dixie Hwy., Waterford, MI

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Employee Benefits Administrator seeks full-time Bookkeeper through trial balance & preparation of financial statements. Full time position requires 3-5 years previous work experience with both manual & computerized accounting systems. Starting salary \$27,000-\$30,000. Excellent benefits include fully paid medical/dental/vision plans with 401K matching. Send resume & salary history to: HR/Bookkeeper, PO Box 3039, Birmingham, MI 48012-3039

### BOOKKEEPER

Full charge, includes preparation of payroll, sales tax, financial statements, and 1040's. MUST be experienced & detail oriented. Farmington Hills accounting office. 248-855-1552

### Bookkeeper

Livonia general contractor has immediate opening for full time receivables/payables administrator. \$12/hour based on experience. Full benefit package available. Call Joyce for interview: 248-476-1310 or Fax resume to: 248-476-4277

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for non-profit organization. Must be experienced with all facets of bookkeeping including year-end closings. Master with great computer skills. Send resume to: Bookkeeper, P.O. Box 2044, Southfield, MI 48037.

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### CLERICAL/TELEPHONE

Opportunity for enthusiastic & motivated team player. Make outgoing telephone calls to update customer/prospect information. No sales involved. Qualified candidates should have pleasant phone voice. Customer service, typing & computer skills preferred. Send resume with salary requirements to: Anny Dene Cruty, Inc. Attn: Marketing Services Manager 45700 Port Street Plymouth, MI 48170 An Equal Opportunity Employer

### CLERK

Attorneys in Farmington Hills will train clerks. Computer literate. Typing, spelling skills essential. Experience not required. Starting wage, \$7/hour with regular increases. (248) 855-5562

### CLERK POSITION

Law Firm has immediate opening for a clerk position on a full or part-time basis for switchboard relief and general office clerical duties, deliveries and court filings. P. Manager. Qualified candidates should have pleasant phone voice. Customer service, typing & computer skills preferred. Send resume with salary requirements to: Bookkeeper, P.O. Box 2044, Southfield, MI 48037.

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FULL TIME position for Livonia office. Great work environment. Competitive pay.  
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39000 Schoolcraft in Livonia

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Needed for a fast paced law firm in Bloomfield Hills. Must have good skills with clients. Send resume to: Mary, 2550 Telegraph Rd., Suite 250, Bloomfield Hills, 48302  
Or fax (248) 333-7355

**RECEPTIONIST**  
Heavy phones. Busy Canton construction office. Some typing. Good pay/benefits. Resumes to:  
23521 Kottis, Taylor, MI 48180

**RECEPTIONIST - Immediate**  
opening for commercial graphics firm. Must have good skills with clients, typing & computer skills. Full time, 9:30am-5:30pm. Salary negotiable. Send resume to: 23550 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield, MI 48034  
Fax: 248-333-1199

**RECEPTIONIST - Immediate**  
opening for entry level receptionist position in fast paced office. Candidates must enjoy working with the public, be organized, detail oriented and have general computer skills. Full time position, Mon-Fri, 9:00am-5:00pm every other weekend. Send resume to Box #1969.  
Observer & Electronic Newspapers  
36251 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI 48150  
Or fax: 313-455-1159

**RECEPTIONIST**  
Important position at Excellent Company. Favorable compensation/benefits. Experienced in phone operations, computer knowledge, wordprocessing, typing. Call Ken  
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**RECEPTIONIST/Multi-line phone**  
Immediate opening. Travel agency is seeking a energetic, take charge individual to handle multiple tasks. Will train quickly. Full time, Mon-Fri. Fax resume to: Receptionist: 248-642-5663

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needed, Southfield law firm. Phones, filing, light typing. 248-353-3600

**RECEPTIONIST**  
needed for law office in Farmington Hills. 9am-5pm. Benefits. Fax resume to Joe: 248-474-9350

**RECEPTIONIST PLUS**  
Busy Livonia CPA firm has full-time Receptionist Plus position available for a well-organized, dependable person with at least 2 years experience. Starting salary \$12 per hour plus benefits. Individual should possess good communication skills and some computer knowledge. Must be highly organized, detail oriented, team oriented - willing to assist where needed.  
Please send resume with salary requirements to: Pat Wagner at: 248-489-0148, ext. 202.  
Abolishon & Walworth, P.C., 17600 Newburgh, Suite 101, Livonia, MI 48152  
Or fax to (313) 464-1951

**RECEPTIONIST/ SECRETARY**  
BUSY Birmingham development company seeks experienced Receptionist/Secretary. Must possess excellent telephone & typing skills, professional manner and appearance. Windows WordPerfect & Lotus very helpful. Minimum 2 yrs. experience. Excellent benefits. Send resume to:  
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**RECEPTIONIST**  
Southfield firm seeks a highly motivated individual for fast paced reception area. Must be reliable and able to work on Saturday. Computer and clerical experience helpful. Send or fax resume to: D.S. At: 248-489-0148, ext. 202.  
FAX: 248-827-4278

**RECEPTIONIST**  
With data processing & general office experience. Benefits. Industrial area, 7 mi. E. of Detroit. Mail resume to: Controller, P.O. Box 3457, Detroit, MI 48234-0577

**ROCHESTER HILLS COMPANY**  
seeking qualified persons for multiple full-time office positions. Customer service and computer skills. Fax resume to: 248-299-8980  
Melissa Tel. 248-299-3883

**SALES ADMINISTRATOR**  
Join a dynamic, high quality automotive supplier. This new position has developed from our aggressive growth in car sales and marketing office. The responsibilities include a number of sales and marketing administrative functions. The ideal candidate would have excellent computer skills (Microsoft Office), at least a two-year college degree, and experience working in a sales environment. We offer a competitive salary and excellent benefits. Forward resume to:  
Omron Automotive Electronics  
36000 Northwestern 250  
Farmington Hills, MI 48334  
Attn: HR/SA  
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Busy property management co. relocating to new office. Dependable, experienced individuals with sharp skills including computer data entry, WordPerfect, pleasant phone manner, ability to handle multiple tasks. \$8-10 per hour plus blue cross. Hours: 8:30-5:00. Send resume to: 24400 Northwestern Blvd., Suite 110, Southfield, MI 48075  
or fax to (248) 332-2130

**SECRETARIAL HELP**  
Experienced in PC use, Microsoft Word & Excel. Administrative experience a plus. Must possess excellent organizational skills. Competitive salary with experience. For appointment, call: 313-937-2010

**SECRETARIAL**  
Real estate office in Livonia seeking a Part-time Secretary. Phone, computer & word processing skills. Flexible hours. Approximately 24 hours per week. Call Anne Norton at: 248-474-7111  
Carnary, 21, Row, (313) 464-7111

**SECRETARY - Automotive O/E**  
Supplies sales office. Microsoft Word, Excel, professional appearance. Send resume with references to:  
Parsonnet, P.O. Box 1081, Farmington Hills, MI 48334

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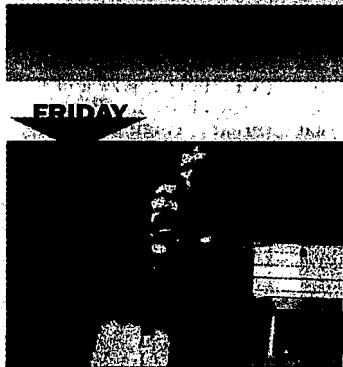
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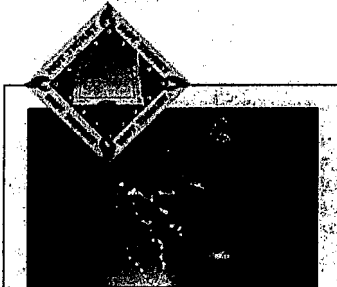
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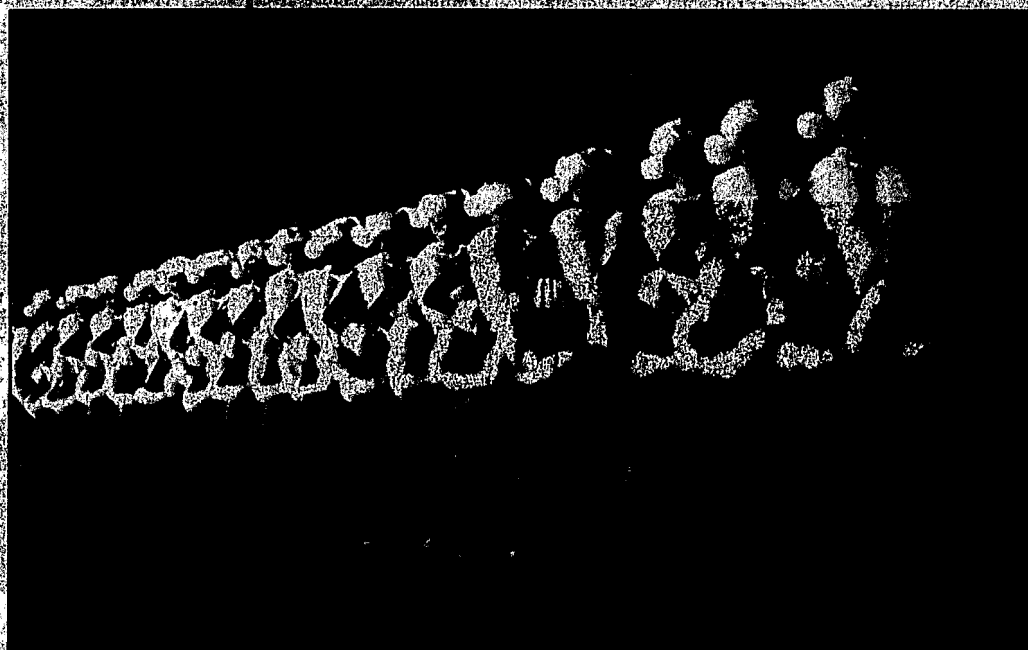
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**SUNDAY**  
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**Hot tix:** The Detroit Zoo shines bright during the fourth annual Wild Lights exhibit Nov. 21 through Jan. 4. Admission \$3 adults, \$2 children ages 2-12; children under 2, free, (248) 541-5835.



**Spectacular:** The Radio City Rockettes in "Christmas in New York," a featured number in "The Radio City Christmas Spectacular."

## IT'S A KICK FOR LOCAL DANCERS TO BE R.O.C.K.E.T.T.E.S

BY JULIE YOLLES  
SPECIAL WRITER

"Step, kick, kick. Knee, kick touch. Again. Turn, turn out, in, touch, step, step, down, back, step, pivot, step, walk, walk. And 5, 6, 7, 8," shouts the choreographer.

"God, I hope I get it," thinks every expectant dancer at the grueling audition in "A Chorus Line" back in 1976 when it first opened on Broadway.

Today, the routines are more advanced, the requirements more stringent, the competition fierce. But the desire is just as intense. That was the scene last April at Wayne State University's Old Main Building when 65 lithe dancers showed up at an open casting call.

Their dream? To be selected for one of 18 coveted spots in the ultimate chorus line and become a Radio City Rockette.

More than 500 would-be Rockettes and six months later, four chorus lines of 18 each have embarked on marathon rehearsals for "The Radio City Christmas Spectacular."

The Radio City Rockettes will be performing their world-famous Eye-High Kicks in shows opening in New York City, Branson, Mo., Myrtle Beach, S.C., Chicago and, for the first time, here in Detroit at the Fox Theatre, Nov. 28 through Dec. 27.

Six Detroit-area dancers survived two strenuous cuts and a callback, which entailed learning a ballet

### "The Radio City Christmas Spectacular"

■ **When:** Friday, Nov. 28 - Saturday, Dec. 27

■ **8 p.m. performances:**

- Nov. 28-29
- Dec. 2-6
- Dec. 9-13
- Dec. 16-20
- Dec. 22-23
- Dec. 26-27

■ **3 p.m. & 7 p.m. performances:**

- Nov. 30

■ **1 p.m., 4 p.m. & 7 p.m. performances:**

- Dec. 7
- Dec. 14
- Dec. 21

■ **2 p.m. performances:**

- Dec. 24

■ **No show Christmas Day**

■ **Where:** The Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit

■ **Tickets** are \$10-\$50 and can be purchased at the Fox Theatre Box Office and all Ticketmaster locations. To charge tickets by phone, call (248) 433-1515. For more information, call (313) 983-6611.

combination, jazz combination and tap number, plus smiling - at the same time.

Of course, the initial cut was easy for Linda Haberman, choreographer and director of "The Radio City Christmas Spectacular," who auditioned all 500 dancers in 10 cities across the country.

"You have to be between 5 feet 5 1/2-inches and 5 feet 9-inches tall to be considered," said Haberman on a 10-minute break at the Masonic Temple, where the Rockettes were rehearsing before moving into the Fox Theatre last week. "There's no weight requirement, it's just a matter of them being fit and looking good. And there's a certain amount of stamina required."

To prove her theory, Haberman had her auditionees stand in place with their arms out to their sides and do the Rockettes Eye-High Kick 25 times in a row.

"Once I see that they're adept at the technical aspects, then there's their presence to look at," said Haberman, who was a dancer on Broadway before becoming the Rockettes choreographer five years ago. "Can they hold themselves and carry themselves and present an optimistic outlook and feel that they really want to do it? It's that desire. Certain people don't want to blend in with 17 other girls, to fill in and be a part of the ensemble."

Not so for 5-foot, 8-inch Denise Caston of Clarkston. When she got the call, she took the semester off from Oakland University where she's dual majoring in computer engineering and dance, to focus all her efforts on being a Radio City Rockette.

"I started thinking about and aspiring to be a Rockette a few years ago," said Caston, after she took a

Please see KICK, C2

## Changes make great show better

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

The students will be at the barricades again, though, ironically, in the plush surroundings of the Fisher Theatre.

"Les Miserables" is returning for its sixth Detroit engagement. But this will be a slightly different "Les Miserables," incorporating changes made to the Broadway production this past spring.

Why tamper with success, a musical seen by more than 40 million people, 830,000 in Detroit alone, a musical that has been on tour since 1988 and taken in a worldwide gross in excess of \$1.6 billion?

Touring producer Peter Lawrence said when the show's 10th anniversary came, the creators Alain Boublil and Claude-Michel Schonberg, directors Trevor Nunn and John Caird and producer Cameron Mackintosh decided to take another look at what they were presenting on Broadway.

They replaced cast members who had become tired of their roles; did a complete relighting to give a more dramatic backlit effect; refurbished costumes

Please see SHOW, C2

### Les Miserables

- **What:** Musical based on Victor Hugo's novel.
- **Where:** Fisher Theatre, Grand Boulevard, Detroit
- **When:** Nov. 28 through Jan. 4; 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 7:30 p.m. Sundays, 2 p.m. matinees Saturdays and Sundays. Special holiday performances 4 and 7 p.m. Nov. 26 and 9:30 p.m. Dec. 31. No performances Dec. 24 or Jan. 1.
- **Tickets:** \$15 to \$58 available at the Fisher Theatre Box Office and all Ticketmaster outlets. To charge tickets by phone, call (248) 645-6666.



**Arise:** Students and workers throw up the barricades in Paris during the climactic second act of "Les Miserables."

## STREET SCENE

### And it goes like this:

## Detroit funksters Howling Diablos give fans the 'Green Bottle'

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO  
STAFF WRITER

The Bear's Den is a tiny liquor stand nestled perpendicular to Coolidge Highway in downtown Berkley. On most days, a few cars trickle into the parking lot.

On Sundays, however, the unassuming bar hosts one of the hippest, sweatiest nights in the Detroit area when the Howling Diablos bring in its blues/rock/funk sound.

"It's like a Fellini film in there," said band leader/singer Tino Gross of Royal Oak. "It's a complete freak show."

Blue-collar workers, frat boys and sorority girls, Deadheads, drunks, rappers and regulars hang off the rafters and each other, dance in the aisles and on tables at the Bear's Den to get a glimpse of the jam session.

And since its fervent following, the Howling Diablos have attracted the likes of rappers Insane Clown Posse and Kid Rock, and Black Crowes keyboardist Eddie Harsch.

"We have a mutual admiration society going on, no doubt. We're a live band and the clowns (ICP) have a lot of respect for musicians and we have a respect for what they do," Gross said. "It's great to see bands in this town getting together and supporting each other."

The only problem with the Sunday night music marathon and the Howling Diablos' other shows was that the music stopped there. Fans didn't have anything to take home with them.

To the fans' over, the Howling Diablos released a live album on

Top Dog records, Kid Rock's label. It was taken from a session at the White Room Studios in Detroit.

"It was an exact representation of that day. The live album did phenomenal. It did way beyond my expectations. (Then-rock station) 102.7 was playing it. It was amazing that it got added. A live album doesn't usually do that," Gross explained.

"We wanted to take the time to do this one right." After two years of work, the Howling Diablos - percussionist Amjed Abdullah "AJ" of Oak Park, guitarist Jeff Grand of Ferndale, Gross, saxophonist Johnny Evans of Berkley, drummer Jerome Day of Dearborn, and bassist Mike Hollis of Detroit - released its first studio CD, "Green Bottle," on Nov. 1's Overture Records.

The Howling Diablos will celebrate the release of "Green Bottle" with a party and performance, with special guests The Holy Cows, Broken Toys, Merge, and The Almighty Lumberjacks of Death, 7 p.m.-2 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, at the State Theater in Detroit. Dr. Funk Rockin' Brad will spin tunes between the acts. The show-closing song "Go Home Go" will feature a jam session with Kid Rock and surprise celebrity guests.

"Green Bottle" reflects a melting pot of influences culled from blues, rock, and hip-hop artists.

"I think one of my favorite bands is the Rolling Stones. They were a white band in the '60s that wasn't afraid to explore black

Please see HOWLING, C2



**Fervent following:** The Howling Diablos featuring singer Tino Gross created a frenzied fanbase at the Bear's Den in Berkley every Sunday.



## Kick from page C1

two-hour class with the Radio City Rockettes when she was in 11th grade. "When I tried out for the Rockettes in 1996, I was newer to the audition process.... The second year when I went back, I was a lot more familiar with the movements and what they wanted and what they expected out of us, so I had more confidence the second time around."

"It's funny how I eased into everything. I did it so much for recreation when I was little and

never thought about it until later in high school that I really wanted to pursue it. I think that part of being a dancer is thinking about dance all the time — you wake up, you're thinking about dance. You hear a song on the radio, you think about dancing to it. That's when I began to realize that this is what I wanted to do. Dance often occupies my mind, so it was just the next step for me."

Watch Caston taking that next

step, seventh from the left.

Erica Bromm is just two spots over from Caston — fifth from the audience's left — in the famous chorus line. Bromm, who's living with her parents in Farmington Hills during rehearsals and the run of the show, was working as a dancer in the casinos and waiting tables in Memphis. She went to the auditions in Nashville and was later cast for the Branson, Mo., "Radio City Christmas Spectacular." Because Bromm's entire family lives in Michigan,

she asked to be a part of the Detroit show and was granted her request.

Though she started dancing when she was 5 in Rochester Hills, Bromm was a competitive gymnast first, before giving it up during her freshman year of high school when her gymnastic meets started conflicting with her dance competitions.

"I just enjoyed dancing a lot more, and gymnastics is really tough when you're my height,"

said the 5-foot, 7-3/4-inch first-time Rockette from a Russian splits position on the floor.

"This is a workout in itself, these rehearsals. You can't tell, but we're all sweating by the end of the day. We all have sore muscles and blisters on our feet. Dancing is tough. We don't get the recognition that we deserve as being the athletes that we really are. Everyone thinks that it looks so easy. But that's our job, to make it look easy. We're

working really hard out there." That's why Bromm and Caston say they don't have to diet — though Bromm confesses an addiction to chips and dip. Any other tips for Rockettes wannabes?

"It's training. And it's training in all areas, because they require us to do tap, jazz and ballet," advises Bromm. "Being a triple threat — singing, dancing and acting — is what keeps you working in this business."

## Show from page C1

Dand wigs which had become drab with age and made surgical changes in the script.

"There is a new scene," Lawrence said, in a telephone call from his New York office. "The authors put it in between 'The Master of the House' number and 'The Bargain.' There was always mention of Valjean meeting Cosette at the well and now he does."

The show has also been redid, with an emphasis on personalizing the performances. Lawrence said the playing of the lead roles had been done by formula, every part played the same way everywhere.

"It was important for the direc-

tors to see what the actors thought of their roles," he said. "Now the actor who plays Javert on Broadway will play it differently than the Javert on the road. By making it more personal for the actors, it becomes more personal for the audience."

Once the changes had been made on Broadway, Lawrence said, Mackintosh called him to have the changes incorporated in the road show. The total redo has cost about \$2 million.

"In Detroit we will be using a new sound system for the first time," Lawrence said. He said it will provide state-of-the-art fidelity and clarity.

"Les Miz," as it is universally

known, is on its way to becoming the most popular musical of all time. One young Rochester actor said he has seen the show four times and looks forward to seeing it again.

Though based on Victor Hugo's sprawling novel, which is nearly 1,400 pages in most English-language editions, the sung-through musical focuses on the core story of Jean Valjean, a petty thief hounded by a by-the-books detective, Javert. It is also the story of Fantine and her daughter, Cosette, whom Valjean agrees to remove from an abusive foster home. It ends with the Paris uprisings of 1830 involving Cosette and her lover, Marius.

"Les Miz" is a great story," Lawrence said, "with great staging, music and performances. It's a great story of uplift and hope. If you lead a life worthy of being lived, you'll be rewarded. It's also the story of the beginning of the future."

"Actually, it took me a while to find my way into the story. But at the finale, where the whole cast backs away leaving Marius and Cosette. Those two people are the future, those people are the future of France."

Finding a personal connection is one of the things Lawrence and the directors are emphasizing to all new cast members. Lawrence said that Gregory

Calvin Stone has come up from the ensemble to take the lead role of Valjean. "He sings 'Bring Him Home,' better than anyone I've ever heard," Lawrence said.

J.P. Daugherty represents another kind of musical style as the comic scoundrel Thenadier.

"He has that English music hall tradition that you don't find," Lawrence said. "He's funny as hell and conveys a different period."

Lawrence became involved with "Les Miz" after working on Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Sunset Boulevard" and Mackintosh's production of "Miss Saigon," another Boublil-Schonberg musical.

He said Mackintosh shows are the same on the road as they are on Broadway.

"If you see any of our shows on the road, you'll have the same experience visually, aurally and every other way that you'd have in New York," he said.

Lawrence is hoping the show's popularity continues long enough to overtake "Cats" as the longest running show in history.


"This show has no signs of winding down. We expect to be on the road at least five more years."

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music. They drew on the blues, absorbed it and let it come out in rock 'n' roll. We do the same thing with today's black music which is hip hop," Gross said. "Rock 'n' roll has to have fresh flavors going on if it's going to survive."

The ingredients include rock ("Criminal Mind," "Funky Daddy"), a blend of funk and hip-hop ("Green Bottle"), hard-driving rock ("6th Street Opera," "Whack The DJ"), and old school ("It's My Party").

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**Who:** Howling Diablos along with special guests Holy Cows, Broken Toys, Merge, The Almighty Lumberjacks of Death and DJ Bad Rockin' Brad

**What:** Perform

**When:** Wednesday, Nov. 26. Doors open at 8 p.m.

**Where:** State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

**How:** Tickets are \$11 in advance and \$13 at the door for the 18 and older show. For more information, call (313) 961-5451 or (248) 645-6666.

■ Howling Diablos, Megadeth, Jackyl, Jimmie's Chicken Shack, and Creed. Perform as part of the "Nightmare Before Christmas II" concert — 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17 at The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. Tickets are \$15 and \$10 for the all-ages show. For more information, call (248) 377-0100.

■ Howling Diablos — 9 p.m. Sundays throughout November at The Bear's Den, 2972 Coolidge Highway, Berkley. Call (248) 545-2246 for more information.

■ Howling Diablos and The Parka Kings — 9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31 at the Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Tickets \$20 in advance for the 18 and older show. For more information, call (248) 544-3030.

The Howling Diablos can be reached via e-mail at [HowlingDs@aol.com](mailto:HowlingDs@aol.com) or at <http://user.aol.com/HowlingDs>.

to be a hit locally. With its hook-laden chorus "And it goes, and it goes, and it goes like this/I'm a high high hippie hippie yes I am," the single "Green Bottle," a song dedicated to Jagermeister, debuted at No. 20 on the list of top sellers at Harmony House stores.

"All the other bands (on the list) were national acts and we're selling as good as they are," Gross said excitedly.

Besides selling well, the single, mixed by Mike E. Clark of ICP fame, has received or is receiving airplay on Detroit-area radio stations WKRR, WRIF, and Q10X.

"It's tough for local bands to get airplay, the politics the way they are," Gross said.

For the album, the Howling Diablos worked at several studios including the White Room, 54 Sound in Ferndale, A&M in Hollywood, and the legendary studio United Sound in Detroit.

"That place is like the temple of funk. There's so much history there. George Clinton worked there, the Red Hot Chili Peppers cut there. There's an endless legacy of groups that have been there."

There was also an endless stream of guest musicians —

organ player Chris Codish, pianist Eddie Harsch, guitarist Bobby East, drummer Jeff Fowlkes, background vocalist Mildred Anderson, violinist Mary Alice, and drummer Vinnie Dombroski, lead singer of Sponge.

"We have Vinnie playin' drums on a couple of the songs. They all know him as the singer in Sponge. People don't remember what a great drummer Vinnie is."

Rapper Kid Rock, who recently inked a deal with Lava/Atlantic records, remixed "Reefer Man" and provided drum loops for the album.

With the success of "Green Bottle" and its live album, the Howling Diablos have garnered some interest among major labels. Gross said whether the band signs a deal or not, the Howling Diablos will remain true to its mission.

"We're always gonna be a live band that takes it live to the people. Of course we'd like to hook it up (with a major record label). We do not depend on the whole major-label fix to survive. We're going to keep on doing what to do."

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## MOVIES

# 'Jackal' fails to improve on the original

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JOHN MONAGHAN

Part of the fun in 1973's "The Day of the Jackal" was the obscurity of the actor playing the assassin, a master of disguise. It gave you the paranoid feeling that the nondescript fellow with the wide tie and sideburns sitting next to you on the airplane (or in the movie theater, for that matter) could be a political assassin.

The new version, shortened to simply "The Jackal," features Bruce Willis in various personas (and wig styles) from pot-bellied Canadian to blond-maned fisher dude. The only problem is: the elaborate get-ups don't add up to much except tedium for the audience and another star vehicle for Willis that goes nowhere fast.

An MTV-style credit sequence, backed by music from Primal Scream, is practically a mini-movie about the fall of the Soviet Union.

This hip intro couldn't contrast more with the rest of the movie, which, directed by "Rob Roy's" Michael Caton-Jones, quickly

becomes your standard-issue espionage thriller. When a gangster's brother is killed during a Russian nightclub bust, a mysterious assassin is hired. For \$70 million, the killer (known only by the code name "Jackal") will murder the American FBI director and then disappear without a trace.

Enter Declan Mulqueen (Richard Gere), an imprisoned IRA bomber and the only man who can identify the Jackal by sight. He strikes a deal with the authorities (led by a stern Sidney Poitier): collar the would-be killer and the Irishman will have

his sentence lessened.

And you thought Brad Pitt's accent in "The Devil's Own" was suspect? Check out the gray-haired Gere; he makes Pitt sound like Michael Collins. Moreover, he has virtually no chemistry with Willis, save for the slow-motion shots of their inevitable face off stolen from director John Woo.

Even worse served is Poitier, who keeps appearing in thankless roles like this in forgettable action movies. Can't the man generally regarded as one of the nation's premier black actors find work in better projects?

"The Jackal" sinks lowest when it mixes violence with humor when the assassin uses a greasy-haired shop rat as a moving target for his latest weapon.

The movie's sole good idea comes near the end. The chase takes the men deep into the subway tunnels, capped by a shot of a narrow escape that may be the movie's only true thrill. Even this is hindered by surprisingly low-tech special effects.

My love/hate relationship with Bruce Willis continues with "The Jackal." Used so effectively in "Pulp Fiction" and "Twelve Monkeys," the egomaniac actor is

asked to do little more than look stone-faced as he carries out his mission.

By the end of the movie, he reverts to your run-of-the-mill raging psychopath, holding innocent people hostage and taunting Mulqueen with cries of "you can't protect your women, can you?" It's a bloody and stupid end to what his Irish adversary might call a bloody stupid film.

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.

## COMMUNITY THEATER

## Veteran St. Dunstan's players steal show in funny '70, Girls, 70'

St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild presents "70, Girls, 70," 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 21-22, St. Dunstan's Theatre on Lone Pine Road (near Cranbrook Road), Bloomfield Hills. Complimentary parking at Christ Church Cranbrook, shuttle service to theater. Tickets: \$15, students under 18 and seniors over 65, \$12; call (248) 644-0527. BY BARBARA MICHALS SPECIAL WRITER

In an odd variation on "Cinderella," the Kander and Ebb musical "70 Girls, 70" has a bejeweled fairy godmother turn a cranky group of senior citizens into a lively gang of fur thieves. The current production by St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook allows many veteran players to shine.

Ida (Fran Hayes), dripping fur and jewelry, returns to her old pals at a dowdy senior apartment building in Manhattan. Having learned of a serious illness sometime back, she decided

to live her remaining life to the fullest and sort of fell into shoplifting. She proposes her friends join her in an expanded operation, not only to enrich their own lives, but also to spiff up the apartment building and open it to homeless seniors.

While the show offers rich comic roles, the musical numbers are sillier than the plot. Half the numbers have little or nothing to do with the story, and even the ones that do are not memorable despite the excellent skills of the performers.

Hayes is full of gusto as Ida, so are co-stars William Everson as Harry, Barbara Brown as Gert, Margery Brooks as Eunice, and Don Schore as Walter. All are wonderfully funny and sing and dance with zest.

Also adding to the fun are other senior players in supporting roles - Lillian Hitchcock, Keith Lepard, Susie Raisch, Bet-sie Robinson, Al Rosie, Amelia

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Duke, Robert Raisch, and Irving Ruben.

Among the younger generation, Krystyn Irvine and Kimberly Brown sing up a storm as the friendly cafe waitresses who also join the gang of thieves. Pamela Richards, artificially aged as a grandmother, is a comic treat whenever she's on stage, and Jeff Drewno is very likable as the accommodating doorman Eddie.

Together they're a knock-out in "Go Visit Your Grandmother," with Richards' lively dancing enhancing Drewno's outstanding voice.

Undoubtedly, the funniest scene is when the gang decides to "play old" when questioned by a policeman, their hard-of-hearing antics very recognizably true-to-life.

Music director Barbara Anne Gowans, stage director Laura Raisch and her assistant John Irvine, and choreographer Roberta Campion assisted by Victoria Costantini cannot be faulted; they do the most with essentially weak material.

Unfortunately, at last Saturday night's performance the age of the star players was made all too believable by the many line flubs. A few missed lighting cues and a loud smoke alarm set off by a very small on-stage explosion also showed a need for more polish.



STAFF PHOTO BY JEFF KIESSEL

On the set: Don Schore (Walter, left to right), Fran Hayes (Ida), Bill Everson (Harry) and Susie Raisch (Edna) rehearse a scene from "70, Girls, 70."

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## SCREEN SCENE

## Backstage Pass looks at 'Drama on the Coral Reef'

## BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

Have you ever looked down at your calendar and discovered it was something like National Formica Awareness Day? Or Adopt A Naked Mole Rat Week? Or Razor Burn Prevention Month? If we actually got all this "official" time off from work — say to educate ourselves about the impor-

tance of durable, stain-resistant countertop veneers in our lives — we'd never get anything done.

But not all such designations are punch lines. For instance, 1997 is the International Year of the Coral Reef, a call for everyone on the planet to bone up on the importance of the coral reefs to the health of earth's ecosystems. We at Backstage Pass, along with everyone at Detroit Public Television, are doing our part to get the word out. But perhaps the most active participant in the spirit of the year is the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery at

the Detroit Zoo. They've been housing a coral reef exhibit, with underwater photographs and art inspired by these living canyons of the sea. Now, to complement the exhibit, the gallery commissioned Detroit's Mosaic Youth Theatre to create a live performance piece dramatizing the importance of the reefs.

I spoke with Yvonne DuQue about the show. Now, I don't want to liken Yvonne to a Dr. Seuss character, but she wears a lot of hats in the renaissance of Detroit's indigenous theater scene: associate director of Mosaic Youth Theatre, director of the Next Stage Company — an extension of Mosaic with an older cast — one of the founding members of, and a producer at, Planet Ant in Hamtramck.

Just typing that list wears me out, but Yvonne somehow found the time to write, direct and create the coral reef show for the zoo, and even some more time to

**■ By humanizing the reef's inhabitants, the show drives home its message to kids. "In 20 years, 70 percent of coral reefs could be gone if we don't do something."**

tell me about it. "The show is called 'Rain Forest of the Ocean: Drama on the Coral Reef.' Mosaic has been wanting to do something with the zoo, and Gerry Craig (curator of the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery and a crack Backstage Pass art correspondent) wanted to do something about the coral reef. It's been very collaborative with the zoo. They've been giving us fish lessons, so we're educated and accurate. They've also been generous about letting us be very creative."

The show posed some interesting problems for Yvonne: it had to be geared toward kids and

driven by content. "We wanted to get them excited about the coral reef, but we didn't want it to be scientific. So we had to come up with a format: What can we pull from our research to tell the story?"

Luckily, the reefs are home to real-life fish whose names sound downright theatrical — Damsel, Clownfish, Foxface, among others. The names lent themselves to a story kids already knew: "What if instead of the wolf, we have a fox? Damsel is Little Red Riding Hood, and instead of taking goodies to grandma's house, she's taking algae, because their home is dying, because humans are killing the coral."

Next problem: create drama without making anyone the bad guy. Solution: "It's a play within a play. The actors are playing fish who are actors. Because they're not bad fish. They all get along. So Foxface can come out saying, 'Why do I have to play a mean character? I'm a mild-man-

nered algae grazer!' so we don't misrepresent him. And later on, in place of 'what big teeth you have,' Damsel can say, 'my, what a dog-like snout you have.' That way we get the fish facts in there."

By humanizing the reef's inhabitants, the show drives home its message to kids. "In 20 years, 70 percent of coral reefs could be gone if we don't do something. This is a way of saying to the kids, 'Hey, recycle plastic, and do all these other things you've been hearing about, because now you know who we are.'" It's a great project, and tonight on Backstage Pass we'll see a scene from the play and talk some more with Yvonne and Gary.

Also on the Big Show, we'll get a live performance from one of Dan Aykroyd's favorite blues-funk-rock bands, Detroit's own Mudpuppy. We'll look behind the scenes at preparations for the Thanksgiving Day parade. And we'll show you the musical talent of Detroit's own King of All Media, Mitch Albom, when he performs live in the Detroit Public Television studio with his wife, Jeanine. That's tonight on Backstage Pass at 9:30 on Detroit Public Television, Channel 56.

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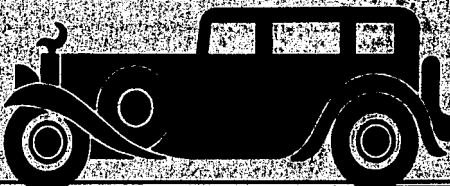








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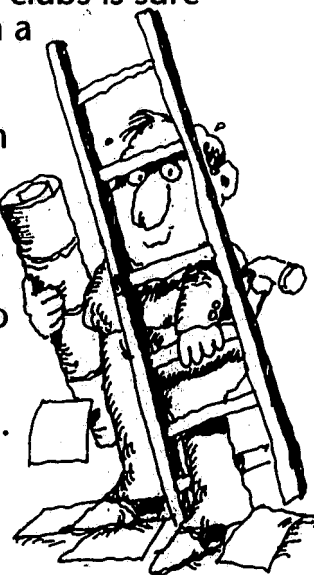
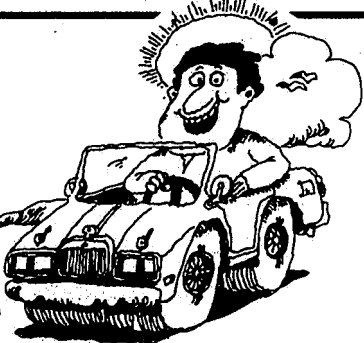
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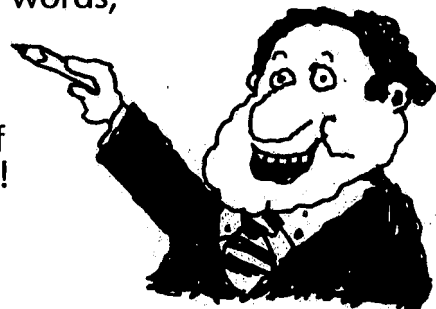


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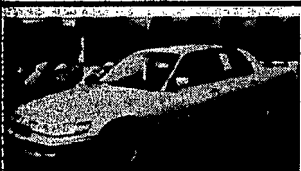
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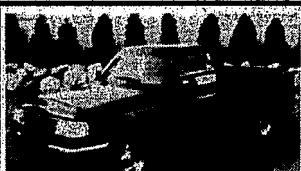
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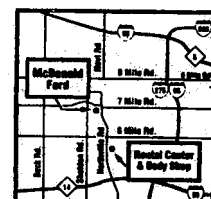
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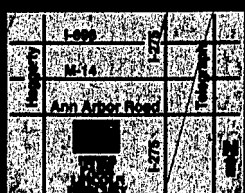
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### In friendship

**Block party:** Jean Candler calls it the "Friendship Throw," suggesting that knitters join a group in her shop, The Knitting Room, to receive the pattern and yarn and knit that month's block - or form a group of their own to meet and knit. Each block takes a skein of Manos del Uruguay handcrafted yarn. (Manos del Uruguay is a cooperative of more than 1,000 artisans that brings economic and social opportunities to rural women throughout Uruguay.) The shop is on the upper level of the Merrillwood Collection, Woodward and Merrill in Birmingham. Call (248) 540-3623.



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MONTE NAGLER

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If so, you're missing out on a terrific photographic opportunity: photographing in the rain.

There's a mood and feeling on rainy days that can be captured on film that ordinary days just won't give you. There are some precautions you should take to safeguard your equipment, but once done, you'll get pictures of which you'll be proud.

With point and shoot cameras, the obstacles aren't difficult. You can stand under a thick tree or roof overhang and quickly pull your camera out of a pocket to snap the shot. With a little practice, you can even hold your camera in one

hand and an umbrella in the other.

But with more sophisticated cameras, more care is needed.

To begin with, always use a lens shade and skylight filter. They will usually protect the lens from raindrops. As with point and shoot cameras, try to shoot from the protection of a roof overhang or thickly foliated tree. On a rainy or drizzly day, the lighting is often consistent, so have your exposure pre-set.

Think about photographing with a friend or fellow photographer so you can take turns holding an umbrella for each other. And just before snapping the shutter, double check the lens for unwanted water droplets. If present, carefully wipe away with lens cleaning tissue. Use a soft cloth to wipe any drops from the camera.

Having just been made the official fine arts photographer for the Chevrolet Tahoe, I was requested to get an impact-filled shot of the vehicle on Oregon's famed Cannon Beach.

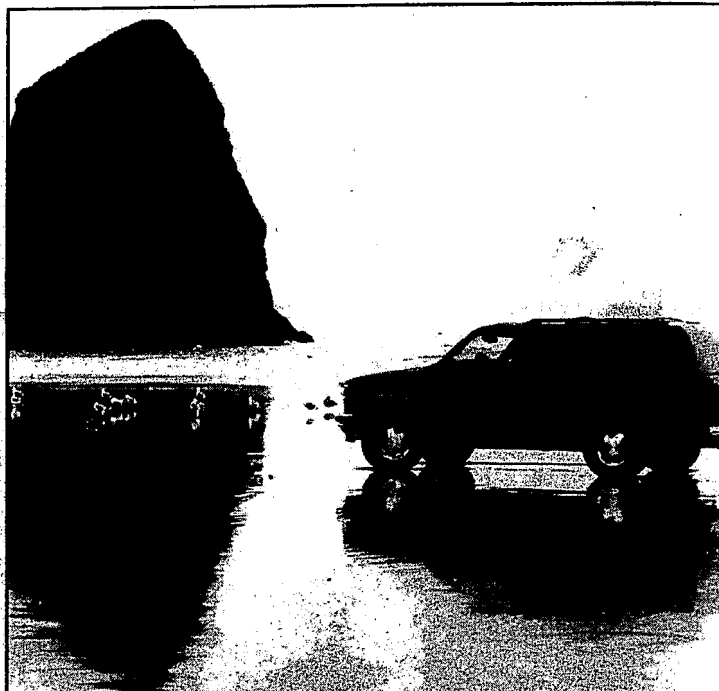
It was raining heavily, soaking the

sand, and turning it into a reflective surface. This could be a great opportunity, I thought. So, with a co-worker holding an umbrella, I was able to get the picture shown here. And not a drop of water got on the camera.

Every so often, let it rain on your parade. Just have your camera ready to

capture the moment.

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.



**Hit and mist:** The rain sure helped Monte Nagler in taking this photograph. It turned the sand at Cannon Beach, Ore., into a reflective surface, resulting in this dramatic photograph of a Chevrolet Tahoe.



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Interviews will take place in November. For an application form or more information, call Mary Pulick at (313) 998-7061.

Docents at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens provide tours to visitors of the Conservatory, trails and display gar-

dens. While primarily given to groups of school children from kindergarten to eighth grade, tours can include anyone from any walk of life. The topics of the tours are established in advance.

Docent training classes will meet alternating Thursdays 7-9 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to noon. Sessions will begin Saturday, Jan. 10, and will end in mid-May.

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# How to clean Thanksgiving oven



JOE GAGNON

Many years ago the Appliance Manufacturers produced a self-cleaning oven and they were gobbled up like candy by the majority of homeowners.

This oven, which is still the popular range in the industry, uses a very high heat in its cleaning cycle. There is no doubt that it makes life much easier in the kitchen and certainly does the job. Some measures of care have to be used by consumers during this cleaning cycle because of the high heat factor. Children should be kept away from it, and items in cupboards or on top of the range should be removed especially if they are prone to melt. Spray cans which have certain degrees of temperature warnings should also be removed.

Several years after the advent of self-cleaning ovens, the manufacturers produced a continuous clean oven. This oven, instead of using a high heat to bake off the spills, used a special finish on the inside walls which kept the spills from sticking.

This was a terrific concept which failed in appearance. After you had used the oven for a while the inside began to leave streaks which looked ugly and most consumers tried to clean them, which made it even worse. There are still some of these ovens around but few being purchased today.

As described in last week's column, the oven gets a good workout during Thanksgiving and many of them have spills etc. that should be taken care of as soon as possible and with great care.

The inside of your oven walls are made of very shiny metal which should never have a scratch on it. Many homeowners will use a cleanser on a stubborn

spot which is an abrasive and that's a no, no. If you hurt the finish inside, you can expect spills etc. to occur there more often and all you've done is defeat the purpose of why you purchased a self-cleaning range in the first place.

I read a lot of articles written by others on the subject of appliances and I don't agree with all of them.

People write that cleaning stubborn spots inside the oven should be done using salt, baking soda, powdered laundry soap, kitty litter and many other products which all become abrasives. They tell you to soak, let sit etc. and then tell you to scrape it off with a knife.

My logic, which is a simple one, tells me you will create scratches of some sort or another. The other thing to happen which will cost money in repairs is that the substance you use may touch the heating element.

To properly remove those stubborn stains inside your oven is as simple as a

bottle of white vinegar. Warm the vinegar to 140 degrees and soak a clean dish cloth in it, place the dish cloth on the spot and let it sit there for an hour. Use another clean cloth to remove the stain.

To clean the racks, place them in a plastic bag with a solution of water, vinegar and liquid dishwasher detergent. Let them soak overnight, and they'll come out like new. The only product I suggest to use in cases or necessity for the occasional spot which is too stubborn is a bar of Bon Ami soap available at some local grocery stores and at all Damman Hardware outlets. Good luck with the holidays.

Joe Gagnon, the Appliance Doctor, will answer your questions about maintaining and repairing large appliances. Gagnon is president of Carmack Appliances in Garden City and does a weekly radio program on WJR-AM. He is author of "First Aid from the Appliance Doctor," available at area bookstores.

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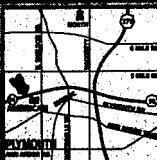


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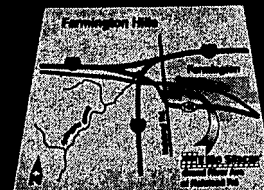
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# Give thanks in special ways



LISA LUCKOW-  
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Believe it or not, it is turkey time. The holiday season has officially begun. No more procrastination over who will host Thanksgiving dinner. It has arrived and someone - quite possibly you - has the dubious task of cooking.

Although this is often looked upon as an overwhelming, daylong task, Thanksgiving is the time to be thankful for the opportunity to share a special meal with family and friends. It is also a time to reflect upon all the people and things for which you are thankful.

Did you thank your neighbors for cutting your grass while you vacationed last summer? Have you thanked your friend for picking up your child from school each day? Have the kids thanked their grandparents for all the treats they supplied when you weren't looking? Did you, the college student, thank your parents for the care baskets you received at school, or the extra money your parents gave you when you didn't ask for it?

Every day of the year is a good day to be thankful for what we have. Perhaps Thanksgiving is a good time to start thinking this way if you aren't already. It is also a tremendous opportunity to reach out to others and say, "Thank you," or to help others in need.

**Neighborhood Food Fund** - This Thanksgiving weekend, ask neighbors to contribute to a neighborhood food fund to be donated to a local charity that helps provide food baskets for the needy during the holiday season.

**Kids in the Kitchen** - Does one person in your household always end up doing all the holiday cooking? Perhaps it is time to lend a helping hand.

Teenagers can offer to help plan the meal, make a grocery list, do some of the grocery shopping, cook a special dish, or even take over the preparation of the entire meal. If this all sounds too overwhelming, and the traditionally designated cook prefers to maintain his or her post, offer to set the table, clean up during meal preparation and after dinner, and make appetizers.

**Invitation to Dinner** - Are there people you know who have no place to go for a holiday meal because they have no family or their family is out of town? This holiday season, welcome them into your home to share in the celebration.

**Shop for a Friend** - Amidst hectic schedules, it is easy to overlook the friend or neighbor who could use a little help on occasion. When the driveways become snow-covered or icy, it may be difficult for an elderly neighbor to get out to pick up much-needed medication or groceries. Your family can help by shoveling snow or offering to make the trip to the store.

**Create a Thank You Card or Coupon Book** - Young children love to make homemade cards and draw creative pictures. Did a relative bring the kids gifts from a recent trip or an autographed baseball? Help your children create a thank you card that illustrates all the things for which they are thanking a family member or friend.

Children can create a coupon book of thank yous for Mom or Dad. One coupon might read, "Thank you, Dad, for making pancakes every weekend. This coupon is good for one pancake breakfast in bed where I do the cooking ... with Mom's help."

**Build a Thank You Album** - On Thanksgiving Day, while the turkey's in the oven and the family is perched in front of the television, grab the boxes of family photographs you have been meaning to put into albums. Ask everyone to select one photo each that recalls a special moment for which each person is thankful.

Pull out the glue stick or archival photo stickers, a new scrapbook (or one you can assemble by punching a hole into the upper left-hand corner of each piece of heavy paper stock, carefully joining the pages with a decorative ribbon), and scrapbook pens. Ask each person to adhere his or her photo to a page and write up a brief paragraph about why that photograph has special meaning.

After Thanksgiving dinner, gather everyone together and ask each person to read his or her thankful message and photograph.

**Start a Thank You Tradition** - In the day and age of busy schedules, it is often easy to forget what your family did in a given day that made each of you happy. Were you happy you got the kids to school on time? Was your daughter happy she wore her new outfit? Was your son happy about winning the basketball game?

At Thanksgiving dinner, ask each person to share one thing for which he or she is thankful. Continue the thank you tradition the other 364 days of the year at each main family meal.



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# Little roomboxes hold world of wonder

By MARY KLEMIC  
At Home Editor

Each of Ronni Silberman's roomboxes is a room with a view of life, a small world showing large amounts of love and care.

Out of such materials as dolls and miniature furniture, fabric and wood, Silberman makes her diminutive dioramas, slices of life that appeal to every age. They can invite nostalgia or inspire a story.

"They're special to everybody," said Silberman, a West Bloomfield resident. "(People say) 'I remember that,' or 'That's my mother.' Everybody finds something that's special to them.

"It's the world I'd like to see."

Silberman makes her roomboxes on a scale of one foot to one inch. They range in size from eight by eight inches to 14 by 10 inches. Costs start at \$175 and go up to around \$1,500.

When you first see the roomboxes, you feel like a giant; the longer you look you may feel as though you are shrinking.

You're peering into a house, with patterned wallpaper and sheer drapes, lights and framed paintings. Or you're seeing part of a park, with a person on a bench.

Details delight and dazzle. A busy kitchen scene includes a refrigerator — complete with child's art work posted on the front. It has cabinets and drawers — some of which are open to various degrees, just as they are in everyday life. (And if you were to open the closed doors and drawers, you'd find items within.)

"Kitchens are the ones I like the best. You can put so much stuff in a kitchen."

Here's a diner, with swirled countertop, and black and white squares on the floor; a gumball machine in a corner, and a mirrored wall facing the customers. Here's a cozy restaurant, with foaming beer in mugs, pastries on shelves, and waiters in formal attire. Here's a children's shop, with toys and clothes displayed on shelves, on stands and in glass cases.

Silberman has made tiny replicas of rooms for clients, including a 1950s kitchen

in avocado green, and a bedroom shared by two sisters long ago (one side cluttered, the other tidy, as it was in real life).

There are as many stories as there are kinds of rooms. In one scene, a marriage proposal is taking place; in another, an elderly woman and her cats are watching TV. In one elegant room, complete with servants, is the site of a party; in another, a man shaves in a messy bathroom.

Silberman loved doll houses when she was a child, and her fascination continued into adulthood. A large Victorian doll house, full of meticulously arranged rooms, is near her front door.

When Silberman's children moved out 8-1/2 years ago, she looked for something to do. She took care of newborns, which kept her at home. Soon she began making the roomboxes.

"It came from not having room for any more doll houses," she said with a smile.

Other elements from Silberman's background come into play as well. Her father had a furniture store, and she did interior decorating.

Silberman's roomboxes have been featured at the Riki Schaffer gallery in Pontiac and the medical building at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Her roombox at the latter had a Halloween theme that was recently changed for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Silberman cuts the plywood for the foundation (and other items) herself with power tools. She keeps a constant lookout for materials and pieces, and organizes them in storage bins as she acquires the items. Some dolls are made specially for her, others she buys.

Her work is an ongoing process, as she may take an item from one "completed" roombox and place it in another.

Some roomboxes have special features, such as building fronts that can be removed. The outside of buildings have such architectural details as tiny bricks or carved accents.



**Small world:** Furniture and such accessories as paintings are among the details in Ronni Silberman's roomboxes, each of which is a tiny slice of life. Staff photos by Dan Dean.



**Little things:** Silberman appears to be a giant as she looks into her diner roombox (above). She makes many of the featured items herself (below).



Silberman doesn't have favorites among her roomboxes.

"When I've made it, I love it... I'm excited about the next one."

Silberman may be reached at (248) 661-4688.



**On the cover:**

Ronni Silberman of West Bloomfield puts a great deal of care into her tiny roomboxes. Staff photo by Dan Dean.



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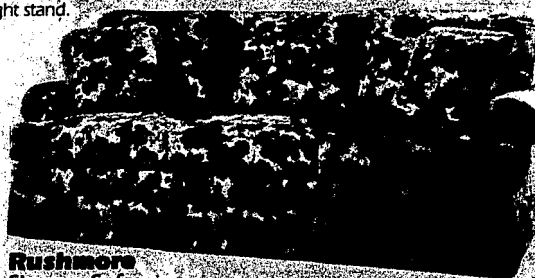
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# Holiday decor includes many pieces, colors for many places

By MARY KLEMIC  
At Home Editor

Anywhere and everywhere - keep that in mind when decorating for the holidays.

Don't hesitate to put a little holiday touch all through the house. A sampling of area businesses shows the wide variety of items available for decor.

"Pull out all the stops," said Beverly Rice, senior vice president, fashion and merchandising strategy for Jacobson's. "At Christmas, you don't think too much of anything is too much."

"Don't forget the bathroom. Don't forget the little hallway. Don't forget the guest bedroom. Don't forget the den. Don't forget the kitchen."

Let your visitors hear sounds of the season when they first arrive at your

door. Rice suggested hanging tinkling bells on the doorknob to give the sound of Santa landing with his sleigh. Inside, have instrumental music piping softly so people can talk comfortably.

Spread the scent of the holiday throughout the house with pine, spruce and potpourri.

If you can't or don't want to have a fire in your fireplace, arrange votive candles in it instead. They will give a glow in an otherwise dark space, Rice said. Elsewhere around the house, light "as many candles as you can afford to watch," she said.

There's creativity in numbers. Cluster different types of trees together - crystal, faux evergreen and brass, for example - and make families of different animals.

Give proper display room to your

creche or other traditional family piece, no matter how old.

"Charlie Brown trees" is the name Candy Petrick at The Silk Warehouse, 301 Walnut Blvd. in Rochester, gives to a popular decor item. The "tree" is a group of slender, curving, bare branches that may be painted or adorned with flowers.

Birds and penguins are also strong sellers, Petrick said.

Sage green and other misty colors are outselling red for the holiday, she said. Ivory, mauve and burgundy are popular, as are glass ornaments, silver and tinsel.

A gold lame draping fabric is being used in many trees, draped and tucked around them.

La Belle Provence, 185 W. Maple in Birmingham, offers ornaments by

Christopher Radko. They include four Santas on a snowmobile, a noblewoman in a harlequin dress skirt, and variations on Santa Claus.

Majolica and Quimper (pronounced kam-PAIR) nativity scenes, in 17 and 12 pieces respectively, are also at the store.

If you'd like to add French dressing to the flavor of your decor, try placing santons. A santon, an important part of the French Noël, is a terra cotta figure representing a villager on his or her way to see Baby Jesus in the manger. Santons come in three-, 10- and 12-inch sizes at La Belle Provence.

The store's French ladderback style chairs help with extra seating. They come in whitewash and fruitwood stains, and French provençal fabrics for reupholstering are available.

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The cost is \$2 per scout. Reservations

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MARTY FIGLEY

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When you buy an orchid, take it to the sink and run lukewarm water into the container until the water flows through the drainage hole; about 15 seconds. Be sure all the potting medium is moistened, then gently wash the plant to remove dust.

In a few days, test the soil (a finger poked one inch down will do), and if it's dry, water again.

When flowers are spent and drop, remove the remainder of the spike with a sterile razor blade; remove dead or yellow leaves the same way.

Before you leave the store, you'll need to buy the following: single-edge razor blades, thermometer (get a good one), plant hangers (those that firmly grip the rim of the pot), orchid potting mix, pots (clay or plastic, six-, eight- and 10-inch diameter; orchid pots with slits are optional).

Now you're ready to begin a new and fascinating hobby.

Orchids have different light requirements depending on the genus, but generally two hours of direct sunlight a day or fluorescent light (preferably from wide-spectrum tubes) at least 14 hours a day is sufficient. Temperatures are variable, too, but conditions in which you are comfortable, with ideally a 15-degree Fahrenheit drop at night.

Two hours of bright sunlight would be a good place to begin growing the orchid. Don't let the plant touch the

glass. If the windowsill is too narrow, use a table, or hang the plant in the window. If sunlight pours through the window more than four hours, especially around midday, shade the orchid to prevent the leaves from burning.

Proper water practices and fertilizer applications are as important as is proper light for orchids. Because of the specific makeup of the medium, most orchids need to be watered once or twice a week. This isn't set in stone, but is a guide. Conditions vary for each situation.

A good place to water the orchids is in the sink. Use a barrier to keep the potting mix from washing down the drain.

Most orchids are epiphytes growing on trees, so the nutrients that they receive naturally are very dilute. Orchid fertilizers come in varying formulas and there are specific ones for specific reasons. It's always best to follow package directions.

The Orchidaceae is one of the largest families of flowering plants in the plant kingdom. There are 20,000 named species (and possibly as many as 35,000 species) in nature.

Distributed worldwide, the majority come from the Old World and New World Tropics, where they are generally epiphytes (plants growing on other plants that are called hosts - usually trees). It is these orchids that first were brought into cultivation in England in the middle of the 19th century.

Other orchids are lithophytes (growing on rocks) and many in temperate regions are terrestrials (in the ground).

When you look at the label that came with your orchid it should have at least two things on it: the genus name, and the specific or hybrid epithet. Together these comprise the species or hybrid name. Sometimes a third element, the cultivar name, is included.

Perhaps soon you will want to collect many of these plants. All of the above information (more detailed), and a lot more such as the kinds to grow, repotting, cultural practices, diseases and insects is contained in a most attractive booklet published by the American Orchid Society, 6000 S. Olive Avenue, West Palm Beach, Fla. 33405; phone (561) 585-8666. The cost is \$7.95, plus \$3 shipping and handling.

The book is free with membership in AOS (\$36 per year), said Ann Brunke of Grosse Pointe Park. With membership a

very informative monthly bulletin is included, plus part of the fee is used to support orchid conservation.

You are also welcome to join the Michigan Orchid Society. Contact membership chair Gail Lift, 2905 Whittier, Ann Arbor 48104, phone (313) 971-4117. Annual dues are \$10. Meetings take place in various locations throughout the area.

To leave Marty Figley a message, dial (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then her mailbox number, 1859.

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# Go earthy with Thanksgiving sides



RUTH MOSSOK JOHNSTON

I remember the days when the big side dishes for Thanksgiving dinner were sweet potatoes with a golden marshmallow covering and green bean casserole encased in mushroom soup and topped with canned onion rings. I'll just bet many of you

have those same memories.

Those days are gone, at least for most of us, now. Earthy, robust, natural flavors appear as a trendy cordon around our roasted turkey and stuffing.

My darling 31-year-old nephew, Bryn, still tells me, "Aunt Ruth, I don't like those cancer-fighting veggies." I'm happy to say that my nephew is now in the minority.

Most people not only like those greens and/or cruciferous vegetables, they are demanding them. Bitter is in, if it's green, cruciferous is in, regardless of its hue, and earthy vegetables are hot, even if they are served cold or at room temp.

"Greens are popular, healthy, and are available just about all year round," said Carl Meister, produce manager at Vic's World Class Market in Novi.

Keith Famie from Forté restaurant in Birmingham agrees. Chef Famie often uses "greens" as a bed for grilled fish.

Greens have definitely left the South, and have moved globally! Collards, turnip greens, dandelion, Swiss chard, mustard greens and kale, are sharing the stage with cabbage, broccoli rabe (rape, raab, rapini), Chinese broccoli, Mizuna (a Japanese Mustard), cauliflower, broccoli (the combination of broccoli and cauliflower, that has a milder flavor than either of the two vegetables).

All or any of these choices would add an earthy and intense flavor to your Thanksgiving dinner. Leave them deliciously bitter with a hint of garlic, or add some sweet to add to their natural complexity.

#### Tips for Cooking Greens

■ Briefly immerse greens in boiling water until tender and bright green in

color.

■ Plunge them into cold water when done cooking to stop the cooking process.

■ Sauté greens or braise them in liquid (chicken stock or wine works great!).

■ Use a small amount of garlic - you want their own natural flavors to come out, not be masked by another strong flavor.

■ Chopped or chiffonade of greens are delicious added to cooked pulses (beans of all kinds).

■ Use flavored vinegars to season - after they are cooked. Seasoned Rice Vinegar is delicious as a flavoring on greens, cruciferous vegetables or roasted veggies.

■ Don't boil greens to death - keep them deep green, not greenish-brown!

■ Add cooked, chopped greens (in small amounts) to mashed potatoes.

■ Lemon juice is a great flavor to marry with greens.

■ Chopped greens are delicious added to soups.

#### More Green Info

Rapini (Broccoli Rabe) - Deep green and leafy, this bitterly delicious member of the cabbage family is a prominent ingredient in Italian cuisine. Usually blanched then sautéed with garlic in olive oil.

Mizuna (Japanese mustard) - On the light side of mustard greens. Like all mustards, when mature, they are best cooked or steamed.

Swiss Chard - similar to spinach, this full-leafed plant is great sautéed, braised or stuffed with meat and rice then baked in a tomato sauce.

#### BRAISED RED/PURPLE CABBAGE

This cabbage side dish is deliciously sweet and intense in flavor - terrific with turkey, goose or rabbit - and looks beautiful on your table or plated with your entree.

##### Ingredients:

2 tablespoons light olive oil  
1 small onion, chopped to small dice  
1 head purple cabbage, washed, patted dry and julienned  
1/2 cup red wine vinegar  
1 cup firmly packed light brown sugar

##### Directions:

In a large casserole or stock pot, heat oil over medium heat. Add chopped onion, and sauté until transparent. Add the julienned cabbage, and sauté for several minutes.

Add the vinegar and brown sugar. Mix thoroughly and cover the pot with a lid. Cook over medium heat. Toss with a spoon to mix ingredients and to cook evenly. Cook to desired doneness (leave fairly crisp for best results).

#### GREENS BRAISED IN RED WINE AND TOPPED WITH TOASTED PINE NUTS

##### Ingredients:

1/4 cup light olive oil  
3 garlic cloves, peeled and minced  
1 1/2 pounds of greens (of your choice) washed well, trimmed, and torn into pieces  
Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste  
1/2 cup dry red wine (good quality)  
1/2 cup chicken stock (homemade or prepared)  
1/2 cup pine nuts

##### Directions:

In a large skillet or pot that has a lid, heat oil over medium-high heat. When oil is hot, add the minced garlic then the greens. Reduce the heat to medium, and sauté for several minutes. Add the salt and pepper, wine and chicken stock. Cover with the lid and continue to cook until the liquid is almost evaporated and the greens are tender.

While the greens are cooking, in a small clean pan, dry pan-fry the pine nuts until golden brown (because of the nut natural oil, they don't need any).

Place the greens on a serving dish, and top with roasted pine nuts.

#### BROCCOLI RABE WITH GARLIC

Yield: 8 servings

##### Ingredients:

1 cup water  
2 tablespoons thick and sweet soy sauce\*  
4 cloves garlic, peeled, and sliced thin  
2 bunches of broccoli rabe, hollow stems discarded

Salt and freshly ground black pepper

##### Directions:

In a large skillet or pot with a lid, over medium heat, bring water, soy sauce and garlic slices to a boil.

Add broccoli rabe and cook, lidded, over medium heat for several minutes. Remove lid, turn heat up to medium-high, and cook until water is evaporated and broccoli rabe is tender. Season broccoli rabe with salt and freshly ground pepper to taste.

\* Thick and Sweet Soy Sauce can be found at Vic's World Class Market, upscale groceries with an Oriental Food Section, or Asian food shops.

#### COLLARD GREENS WITH RED ONIONS AND CRISPY BACON

Yield: 8 servings

##### Ingredients:

1/2 pound bacon  
3 medium red onions, thinly sliced (approximately 3 cups)  
1 1/4 cups chicken stock (homemade or prepared)  
1/4 cup cider vinegar or seasoned cider vinegar  
2 tablespoons firmly packed light brown sugar, or to taste  
1/2 - 1 teaspoon dried red pepper flakes

4 pounds collard greens (small leaves), heavy stems discarded, leaves and thin stems washed well, drained, and coarsely chopped

##### Directions:

In a deep skillet, cook bacon over medium heat until crisp. Transfer to paper towels to drain. Remove bacon grease, except for 3 tablespoons. In the reserved bacon grease, sauté the onions until they are browned and soft. Remove the onions, and set aside.

To the same skillet, add chicken stock, vinegar, brown sugar, red pepper flakes and half of the bacon. Stir lightly until all of the sugar is dissolved. Add half of the collard greens, tossing until wilted, then add the remaining greens. Simmer collards in the skillet, lidded, for 30 minutes. Return the cooked onions to the skillet and simmer, lidded, until collards are very tender.

Top the collards with remaining bacon and serve.

Ruth Mossok Johnston is an author and food columnist who lives in Franklin. To leave her a voice mail message, dial (313) 953-2047, mailbox 1902.

## English Gardens to make its holiday parade debut this year

English Gardens will make its debut in America's Thanksgiving Parade this year.

English Gardens' "Mary, Mary Quite Contrary" is one of six new floats this

year.

The 35-foot float features a cold-air inflatable watering can balloon that a 15-foot tall Mary Contrary uses to "water" flowers. The flowers, in turn,

move up and down, "growing."

Eighteen English Gardens employees will march along the 2.2-mile parade route in full costume as flowers and pretty maids all in a row.

The parade will travel down Woodward Avenue, from Mack to Jefferson, 9:15 a.m. to noon Thursday, Nov. 27.

An English Gardens store is at 6370 Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield.



## New 'purrfect' wrap for feline gifts releases catnip scent

Forget the gifts! This holiday season it's the wrapping paper that counts, at least for the felines on your shopping list.

The Kong Company, maker of the world-famous Kong Toy, has introduced catnip-scented gift wrap.

Using a specially developed process, Kong saturates its wrapping paper in fresh catnip nectar. The paper is then sealed in mylar to preserve its pure catnip scent.

Just one whiff of this unusual gift wrap will captivate felines, setting off a blissful chain of scratching, sniffing and rolling around in ecstasy.

Kong catnip gift wrap can be found at leading pet stores, including Pet Supplies "Plus" and Petco. It is also available from consumer pet catalogs. For more information, contact the Kong Company at (303) 216-2627, e-mail jawrobics@aol.com

"You can give your cat this wrapping paper on Christmas morning, and she'll keep herself amused without having to investigate everyone else's presents," said Joe Markam, a cat owner and president of the Kong Company.

"All of the cats who tested this for us, including my own pets, went wild over the gift wrap."

The new Kong gift wrap has also been tested by veterinarians, and is completely safe for cats.

Kong processes catnip into nectar within a few hours after it is harvested to ensure that the new wrapping paper has a field-fresh scent.

Only the freshest catnip plants are used in the gift wrap making process. Kong uses a proprietary process to soak the catnip nectar into the wrapping paper. The scent of the fresh catnip on the paper is so fresh and so real, it acts like a magnet to attract cats.

Markam advises owners not to put a Kong-wrapped present under the tree until they're ready to give it to their pet.

"There's no way you're going to surprise a pet with this paper, they know it's catnip."

The new catnip gift wrap is available in two festive, contemporary patterns. Both feature vivid colors and eye-popping designs. One of the patterns is built around a fish, butterfly and cat food theme. The other has lively abstract stars, kaleidoscopes and paws.

## Adopt-a-pet



**Tyler:** This is an active, playful cat who loves children. He's very gentle and would be perfect for a family looking to add some feline fun to their home. He is about 2 years old and was found as a stray. Tyler (No. R079698) and other pets are available at the Michigan Humane Society Rochester Hills Shelter, 3600 Auburn Road, (248)852-7420, noon to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday.

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■ The Southfield Americana Antiques Show and Sale will take place 2-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, noon to 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, at the Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen at 10-1/2 Mile. Admission is \$4 with any ads or listings of the event, \$5 regular, free for age 12 or under. One paid admission is good for all three days of the show. More than 100 Americana dealers from across the country will be featured. Preview the show at its web site, [www.antiquet.com/M&M](http://www.antiquet.com/M&M)

■ Hudson's Interior Design Studio will present a free seminar, "Focus On: Holiday Gift and Home Decorating Ideas," with designer B.C. Cabangbang, 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, in Hudson's furniture department at Northland in Southfield. Call (248) 443-6000.

■ English Gardens will conduct free holiday how-tos noon to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 22-23, at each of its four locations, including the West Bloomfield store at 6370 Orchard Lake Road at Maple. Call (248) 851-7506 for topics, times and other information.

■ The Metro Detroit Hosta Society will meet 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 24, at Congregational Church of Birmingham, at the southwest corner of Woodward and Cranbrook Road, just south of Long Lake Road in Bloomfield Hills. Guest fee \$3. Call Jan at (810) 642-1619 or Jim at (313) 822-3345 for information. The

meeting will include a slide presentation of the June 1997 American Hosta Society Convention and Garden Tours by Jan Everson.

■ Reserve your spot early to celebrate the season at the inter-generational Holiday Victorian Tea sponsored by the Senior Adult Division of the city of Farmington Hills and Manor Care Health Services/Springhouse Assisted Living. The tea will take place Tuesday, Dec. 2, at the Costick Activities Center, 28600 11 Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster Road in Farmington Hills. Cost is \$5. Tickets are required and are available at the center to Monday, Nov. 24. Call (248) 473-1830.

■ Meadow Brook Hall at Oakland University in Rochester will glow for the holidays during its holiday walk, "Set for the Holidays at Meadow Brook Hall," Nov. 28 through Dec. 7. Hours (last entry one hour before closing) are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Dec. 2-3. Admission is \$10 adults, \$5 ages 12 and under and OU affiliates with ID, \$8 for groups of 20 or more. Call (248) 370-3140. Dodge and Wilson family treasures will be featured in table settings styled by author and antiques dealer Sheila Chefetz and interior designer Sara Scott Cullen. Festive holiday decorations are by Panache Designs Ltd. See Santa at Knole Cottage (admission \$1), find unusual items in the Meadow Brook Hall Gift Shop and pamper yourself

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## Frank's helps Festival of Trees

Frank's Nursery & Crafts has donated more than 120 trees and holiday decorations to this year's Festival of Trees, taking place Nov. 23-30 at Cobo Conference and Exhibition Center in Detroit.

In addition, Frank's is sponsoring a decorated tree, wreath and centerpiece created by Bob Zaworski, Frank's designer.

Frank's has been a major sponsor of Festival of Trees since the festival's inception in 1985.

Many different lifelike trees have been donated, including two-foot PVC Pines, 4-1/2-foot Deluxe Mountain Firs and Glacir Pines, seven-foot Galaxy Pines and Sequoia Pines, and 7-1/2-foot Slim Glacier Pines, Tuscan Slims, Canterbury Pines, Tuscan Firs and Canadian Pines.

The donated trees will be professionally decorated by a variety of local individuals, corporations and organizations to create an impressive holiday display for the community to enjoy.

All trees, wreaths and centerpieces at the Festival of Trees are for sale to the public.

Frank's Nursery & Crafts is proud to continue its tradition of supporting this wonderful event which benefits Chil-

dren's Hospital of Michigan," said Ernest Townsend, president and COO of Frank's Nursery & Crafts.

"The festival not only captures the beauty of the season with its many elaborate displays, but the spirit of the holiday is evident through the contributions that are made during the program."

The Festival of Trees is a public display of more than 100 professionally designed holiday trees, vignettes, a gingerbread village, an aisle of wreaths, entertainment, a gift shop, Santa Land with children's activities, photos with Santa and a Secret Santa Shop just for youngsters.

Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$4 for seniors and \$2 for age 12 and under. Proceeds from the event benefit the Evergreen Endowment at Children's Hospital of Michigan.

The Evergreen Endowment was established in 1985 to provide financial support for research performed at Children's Hospital into the causes, cures and treatments of diseases that afflict children everywhere.

Since 1985, the Festival of Trees has contributed more than \$3.2 million to this endowment.



## Holiday House



**Open doors:** The 1997 Holiday House and Boutique, sponsored by the Volunteer Council of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall Inc., will be open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Nov. 21-23 and 28-30 and Dec. 5-7. The house is at 6232 Rue Du Lac, off Pontiac Trail, 2 1/2 miles west of Orchard Lake Road in the South Pointe Development community in West Bloomfield. Tickets are \$8 per person and available only at the door. Parking available adjacent to the house. For more information, call the DSOH Volunteer Council at (313) 962-1000, Ext. 285. Participating designers are Kasey Werner Plerson, design studio director of Scott Shuptrine Studio; Gail Maitland Urso of Urso Designs; and Decorative Additions, studio of Eileen Mills. Floral arrangements and decorations are provided by Blossoms, Hearts and Flowers, Jacobsen's Flowers, Reiko M and Artistic Expressions Custom Florals. Exterior lighting is provided by W.B. Enterprises, holiday lighting specialist.

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with Coffee Shop goodies. No reservations needed except for groups of 20 or more. Elegant candlelight dinners to benefit the hall will take place Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 4-6; reservations required and black tie preferred. Gala dinner times are 6:30 p.m. reception and touring and 8 p.m. dinner. Dinner costs are \$175 or \$250 per person and include informal touring, gift shop, music by Detroit Chamber Winds and Strings and afterglow.

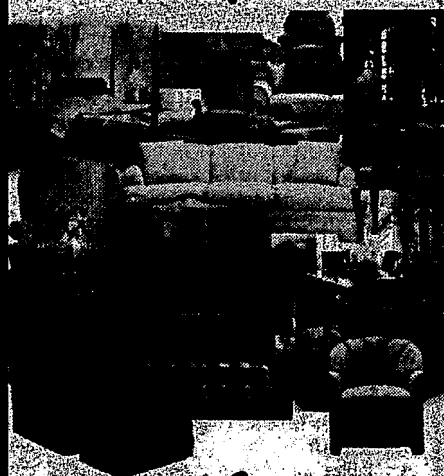
■ The American Craftsman, a group of 19 local artists and craftspeople bearing witness to the ideals of the Arts and Crafts movement conceived at the turn of the century, will open its first showroom 6-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, at Cutters Art Glass, 814 W. 11 Mile, just east of Woodward in Royal Oak. Call (248) 548-3513. The studio will display more than 100 objects in the Arts and Crafts style — glass art for residential and commercial applications, original designs in furniture, light fixtures, paintings, pottery

and metal work. Artists include Blair Reed of Southfield, Marilyn Gorman of Birmingham and Ron Rae of Farmington Hills.

■ Exhibitors from across the country will feature antiques collections at the 50th annual Goodwill Antiques Show, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, at the Michigan State Fairgrounds, on Woodward south of Eight Mile. Admission is \$7, \$6 for senior citizens. Tickets may be bought at the door or through Junior Group members. All show proceeds benefit Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit's job training and placement services for people with disabilities and other barriers to employment. A preview will take place Thursday, Nov. 20, featuring former U.S. Congressman and "The Love Boat" actor Fred Grandy. Preview tickets range from \$75 to \$125. For preview tickets or information, call (313) 886-6787.

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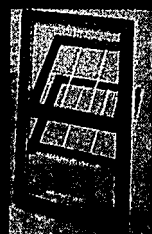
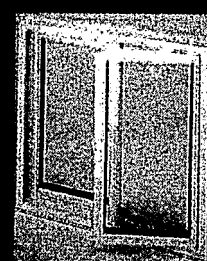
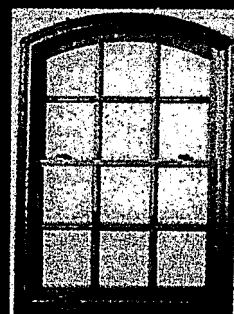
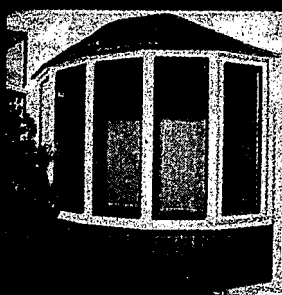
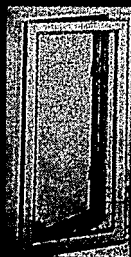
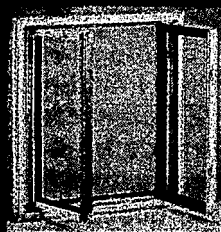
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## Clean up before you're frozen out

BY DOUG FUNKE  
STAFF WRITER

It's time. Heck, it's probably past time to get the house and property ready for winter. But don't throw in the towel if you've procrastinated. You know the saying — you take care of your house and your house will take care of you.

Property owners can take several steps to make things comfortable for themselves before cold weather makes an extended visit in the weeks ahead.

"A lot of this stuff is taken for granted and not paid attention to," said Mark Feick of Building Inspector of America in Plymouth. "There's always something that's forgotten."



Clean curb: Keeping streets and catch basins free of debris results in better drainage and safer roadways.

"I think people tend to wait until they have a problem to react," added Rick Bowling, president of Amerispec Home Inspection Service in Plymouth.

"If you let some maintenance problems go, it only will end up costing more money," said Richard Davis of Davis Home Inspection in Troy.

Here are a few simple maintenance activities — weather permitting, of course — that will pay big dividends down the line. Take it one small job at a time. If you don't have the time or ability to do the work, hire a kid from the neighborhood. Your house will thank you.

■ Clean the gutters and downspouts. This is one of the most important things you can do. Leaves block the flow of water, which may result in ice damage to the roof and leaks inside.

"I just came from a house with a roof leak due to the fact that someone wasn't cleaning the gutters," Bowling said.

Wear gloves to protect your hands. Use a paint brush to do a thorough cleaning. Tap the nails holding the gutters to the house. Be careful on the ladder. When finished, flush downspouts with a garden hose or a couple buckets of water.

If you have lots of leaves on the roof, consider using a blower rather than a broom to put less stress on the shingles. Again, be careful on the roof.

■ Trim any tree branches that may be brushing up against the roof or house. The contact will wear shingles. Be safe on the roof, ladders and around power lines.

■ Drain and store outside garden hoses. Turn off the water supply to exterior faucets from the inside shutoff valve, usually found in the basement, in the kitchen or bathroom of houses on concrete slabs.

■ Shut off and blow out lawn sprinkling systems. This professional service costs upwards of \$35 to \$50 but could prevent more costly problems from arising in the future.

"Trying to find a crack or break in these lines is almost impossible," Feick said.



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Potential trouble: Plugged gutters and downspouts can lead to ice and water damage.

■ Fill in low spots around the foundation of the house with topsoil. Consider adding extenders to downspouts. "The most important thing is there be a downward pitch away from the house," Bowling said.

■ Sweep leaves, sticks and other trash from the curb in front of your house. If you have a stormwater catch basin in front of your house, keep it free of debris for proper drainage of late fall rains and winter snow melt.

■ Rake the leaves off the lawn and give the grass one final mowing at standard height. Fertilize one last time before the lawn permanently freezes. Rake leaves out of flower beds and from under shrubs and trees.

"The rule of thumb is don't prune anything now except to get rid of dead, broken or damaged branches," said Larry Wright, president of the Metro-

politan Detroit Landscape Association.

■ Pull down or install storm windows or use plastic insulation kits over drafty windows of older houses. Weatherstrip around doors if necessary. Caulk as needed, if it's not too cold.

■ Make sure that vents on the roof and at crawl spaces aren't closed or blocked.

■ Change the batteries in smoke detectors.

■ The state fire marshal recommends an annual inspection of furnaces, flue pipes and chimneys by a qualified specialist.

Chimneys from fireplaces and wood stoves should be cleaned every year, too. A professional will charge upwards of \$130.

How do you find a qualified specialist?

"The worst ones tend to have their

reputations precede them," Bowling said. "It doesn't hurt to call your city building department. They can be helpful."

Joe Gagnon, owner of Carmack Appliance in Garden City and a columnist for the O&E, suggests that consumers check with local building departments, chamber of commerce, rosters of local community service clubs and the state department of commerce (900) 555-8374.

Good businesses tend to want to protect their reputations and get involved in community events, he said.

"I think word of mouth is the best source — your neighbors, friends, relatives," Gagnon said. "Go to (district) court and look at the small claims cases filed in the last two years. If you keep seeing the same names popping up, you know you have a problem."



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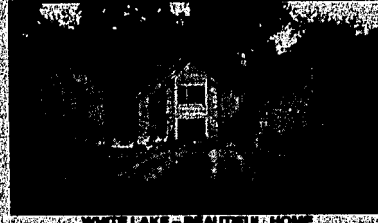
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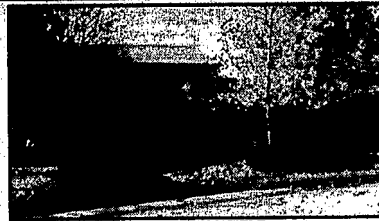
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CONTEMPORARY DESIGN 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath, large living & dining room, new carpeting & paint, circular drive, Bloomfield Hills schools, & Walnut Lake private.  
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SPECTACULAR LOT on Briarwood golf course, 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 bath, soaring ceiling, central air throughout, island kitchen with built-in and walk-out lower level.  
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LOCATION! LOCATION! 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath 2 half bath contemporary on cul-de-sac, library, family room and finished basement. West Bloomfield schools.  
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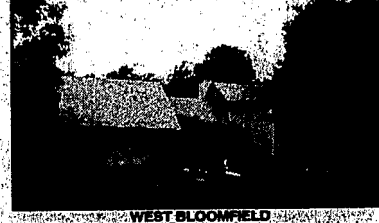
**WATERFORD**  
WOW, THIS BIG BABY IS ONLY 7 MONTHS OLD! 2,000 sq. ft., 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, 2 car garage, basement, huge master with jacuzzi, air conditioning, sidewalks, recessed lighting, deck, sprinklers and more.  
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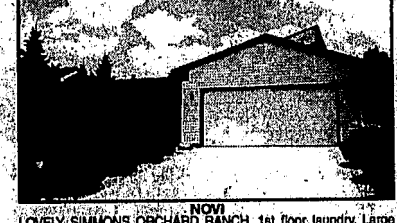
**BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP**  
BOAT & SWIM ON WALNUT LAKE. Ranch with Birmingham schools with walking distance to lake. Lot is newly landscaped. Sandy beach prime elevation, 2 story home with carriage house, parking for 6! \$635,000 CA-18 248-851-4100



**WIXOM**  
FANTASTIC COLONIAL offers 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, gourmet oak kitchen with center island, and a doorway that leads to expansive deck. Family room with fireplace, 1st floor laundry and lush landscape.  
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**FARMINGTON HILLS**  
SHARP UPDATED COLONIAL. Newer laminate cabinets in kitchen, bath, carpet, furnace, & water heater replaced in 1996.  
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**NOVI**  
LOVELY SIMMONS ORCHARD RANCH. 1st floor laundry. Large living room with bay window. Family room with fireplace opening to porch. Game room in basement for kids activity. Beautiful yard.  
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## HOMES SOLD IN OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric area residential real estate closings recorded October 27 - 31 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. List the township, address, and sales price.

**Clarkston**  
2350 Clarkston Rd \$40,000  
3030 Caroline St \$55,000  
3500 Adams Rd \$96,000  
2600 Williamsburg Cir \$97,000  
**Clarkston**  
5130 Clarkston Rd \$230,000  
7300 Deer Lake Rd \$157,000  
5550 Dorek \$133,000  
5130 Fenwick Pl \$95,000  
6130 Havelock Dr \$114,000  
5030 Hilltop Ct \$100,000  
5530 Mary Sue \$97,000  
8850 N. Eston Rd \$151,000  
5140 Pine Knob Trl \$135,000  
5140 Stevens \$135,000  
5140 Timber Ridge Trl \$155,000

**Commerce Township**  
3229 Adele Ter \$297,000  
3025 Brisbane St \$84,000  
8663 Buffalo Dr \$152,000  
392 Mulberry Dr \$165,000  
9350 Park Ln \$475,000  
1229 Penarth St \$119,000  
4394 Ravinewood \$227,000  
8115 Richardson Rd \$235,000  
3091 Smugglers Ridge \$197,000  
4560 Vandalia St \$125,000  
4833 Walden Woods Dr \$232,000

**Daviesburg**  
9934 Creekwood Trl \$387,000  
10570 Liberty Way \$38,000  
5570 Ormond Rd \$149,000  
6350 Ware Rd \$152,000  
**Farmington**  
31541 Lamar St \$126,000  
22820 Power Rd \$91,000  
31751 Sherwood St \$122,000  
**Farmington Hills**  
36998 Aspen Dr \$258,000  
32140 Baintree Rd \$195,000  
34057 Barnaby St \$182,000  
28352 Briar Hill Dr \$203,000  
25334 Chapelglen Dr \$198,000  
38818 Country Cir \$129,000  
29214 Dresden St \$165,000  
32551 Dunford St \$186,000  
28470 Eastbrook Ct \$557,000  
23320 Elm Grove St \$50,000

30038 Fiddlers Grn \$189,000  
29270 Fieldstone \$265,000  
22545 Glenmoor Hts \$79,000  
34155 Glenmoor Cir \$231,000  
29629 Greening St \$152,000  
25704 Hunt Club Blvd \$215,000  
28951 Lake Park Dr \$220,000  
29323 Laurel Ln \$139,000  
35290 Lone Pine Ln \$174,000  
29445 Minglewood Ln \$271,000  
39372 Plumbrook Dr \$271,000  
28176 Quail Hollow Rd \$178,000  
30061 Ravenscroft St \$222,000  
22000 River Ridge Trl \$225,000  
30436 Rochelle St \$59,000  
30941 Rockdale Ave \$105,000  
27299 Rosewood Ct \$312,000  
37020 Sandalwood \$227,000  
30591 Sequoia Cir \$282,000  
23907 Tuck Rd \$131,000  
29956 W 11 Mile Rd \$166,000  
32135 W 12 Mile Rd \$119,000  
24680 Westmoreland \$156,000

**Franklin**  
31320 Inkster Rd \$235,000  
26265 W 14 Mile Rd \$214,000  
**Kearney Harbor**  
1673 Cass Lake Rd \$70,000  
2058 Willow Beach St \$35,000  
**Lake Orion**  
506 Conklin Rd \$110,000

2544 Eaton Gate Rd \$162,000  
777 Heights Rd \$50,000  
3508 Kossuth Rd \$255,000  
2906 Lochmoor Blvd \$185,000  
2946 Lochmoor Blvd \$222,000  
2548 Mercury Dr \$145,000  
300 Peninsula Ct \$391,000  
1090 Seabury St \$141,000

**Lathrup Village**  
26763 Bloomfield Dr \$148,000  
27641 E California \$102,000  
18530 Glenwood Blvd \$208,000  
18211 Meadowood Ave \$164,000  
**Neve**  
45467 Addington Ln \$305,000  
45635 Addington Ln \$286,000  
43521 Algonquin Dr \$180,000  
45525 Andes Hills Ct \$190,000  
24427 Bashian Dr \$98,000  
23039 Brookforest \$218,000  
47329 Butler Ln \$213,000  
202 Linhart St \$145,000  
21888 Siegal Dr \$250,000  
22568 Summer Lk \$491,000  
27702 Summer Lk \$495,000  
24427 Surfside Rd \$146,000  
39735 Village Wood Dr \$75,000  
40965 W 10 Mile Rd \$125,000  
42683 Wilmington Way \$242,000  
24090 Wintgreen Cir \$394,000

3354 Tupelo Ct \$569,000  
**Orion Township**  
520 Roxbury Dr \$265,000  
**Oxford**  
1060 Brookside Ct \$174,000  
1114 Brookside Ct \$194,000  
3244 Honey Bee Ln \$235,000  
109 Highland Pines Dr \$50,000  
1363 Pembroke Ln \$157,000  
2961 Spruce Ln \$40,000  
3330 Thomas Rd \$100,000

**Rochester**  
4116 Bold Mews \$298,000  
814 Garnet Ct \$253,000  
834 Loggers Cir \$317,000  
1012 Mahaffey Ave \$152,000  
829 Miller Ave \$37,000  
3639 Normandy Ct \$223,000  
4159 Ridge Side Dr \$80,000  
334 Terry Ave \$135,000  
327 Winyr Dr \$124,000  
**Rochester Hills**  
1939 Alsdorf Ave \$39,000  
627 Ashley Cir E \$141,000  
1944 Blue Grass \$385,000  
780 Brookwood Ct \$385,000  
131 Clair Hill Dr \$205,000  
160 Clair Hill Dr \$202,000  
2430 Frankston Ave \$157,000  
3758 Hazelton Ave \$136,000  
2645 Hickory Lawn Rd \$132,000  
2330 Hillendale Dr \$83,000

1119 Lakeview Dr \$270,000  
967 Langley Rd \$223,000  
2242 Longdon Bridge Dr \$102,000  
3196 Midvale Dr \$91,000  
989 Norcross Dr \$277,000  
2712 Oak View Ct \$224,000  
3353 Paint Aire Ct \$215,000  
2355 Rochelle Park Dr \$135,000  
2593 S Christian Hills \$239,000  
592 Sea Brook Dr \$245,000  
2835 Trailwood Dr \$126,000  
1657 Tree Side Dr \$120,000  
550 W Hamlin Rd \$120,000  
2191 Wentworth Dr \$270,000  
951 Worford Way \$129,000  
2233 Willow Leaf Dr \$215,000  
346 Wimpole Dr \$141,000

**Southfield**  
28098 Aberdeen St \$82,000  
23245 Berg Rd \$93,000  
28070 Berkshire Dr \$120,000  
15912 Catalpa Dr \$65,000  
22091 Chatsford Circuit \$162,000  
18470 Cornell Ave \$26,000  
30251 Devonshire St \$173,000  
27181 Everett St \$120,000  
28075 Fairfax St \$55,000  
28449 Fairfax St \$52,000  
29251 Fairfax St \$67,000  
28158 Fontana Dr \$123,000  
25241 Greenbrooke Dr \$118,000  
21602 Hidden Rivers Dr \$73,000

23506 Lahser Rd \$78,000  
23532 Lahser Rd \$78,000  
28088 Marshall St \$38,000  
30484 Marshall St \$73,000  
28205 Tavistock Trl \$225,000  
16140 Templar Cir \$145,000  
5000 Town Ctr \$182,000  
26922 W 12 Mile Rd \$113,000  
21702 W 9 Mile Rd \$50,000  
20720 Wayland St \$160,000  
20910 Westover Ave \$79,000  
20345 Westpointe St \$140,000

**Sylvan Lake**  
2129 Pontiac Dr \$153,000  
**Troy**  
3124 Adams Rd \$143,000  
125 Alganssee Dr \$165,000  
1558 Brentwood Dr \$137,000  
1616 Brentwood Dr \$136,000  
1822 Brentwood Dr \$90,000  
1839 Brentwood Dr \$155,000  
2546 Cheswick Dr \$236,000  
512 Choice Ct \$299,000  
2161 Cumberland Dr \$163,000  
199 Hampshire Dr \$292,000  
2208 Highbury Dr \$190,000  
3848 Highland Dr \$171,000  
1885 Kristin Dr \$282,000  
2600 Locksley Ct \$215,000  
2678 Locksley Ct \$178,000  
5080 N Adams Rd \$364,000  
3118 Oakhill Dr \$209,000

2092 Oakwood Dr \$306,000  
2685 Oxford Dr \$221,000  
2644 Pearl Dr \$207,000  
4287 Renee Dr \$320,000  
4697 Rivers Edge Dr \$431,000  
1820 Smallbrook \$308,000  
112 Tacoma Dr \$89,000  
1071 Wheaton Dr \$28,000  
5420 Winchester Dr \$196,000  
3452 Wolverine Dr \$139,000  
3920 Woodman Dr \$235,000

**Warren**  
1114 Hidden Hls \$78,000  
875 S Pontiac Trl #B-307 \$64,000  
**West Bloomfield**  
2150 Aldwin Dr \$144,000  
2403 Archdale St \$90,000  
4731 Arline Dr \$180,000  
4210 Barrmeadow Ln \$348,000  
7125 Canterbury Ct \$318,000  
7174 Canterbury Ct \$83,000  
2550 Charel Ct \$295,000  
2600 Elizabeth Ln \$385,000  
4930 Fairway Rdg S \$349,000  
6121 Flowerstone \$750,000  
4331 Green Lake Rd \$94,000  
3215 Hartslock Woods \$220,000  
7134 Heather Heath Ln \$215,000  
1770 Henbert \$127,000  
1717 Janet Dr \$55,000

1775 Janet Dr \$214,000  
6508 Kings Ct \$392,000  
5055 Lagoons Cir \$47,000  
4340 Macqueen St \$252,000  
6759 Meadowfield St \$126,000  
7322 Millwood Dr \$320,000  
7420 Millwood Dr \$320,000  
4730 Morris Lake Ct \$408,000  
3659 Oakleaf Dr \$272,000  
4929 Patrick Rd \$239,000  
5868 Red Coat Ln \$225,000  
6061 Simsbury Ct \$350,000  
5840 Swan Lake Ct \$440,000  
5157 Village Commons \$359,000  
3680 W Long Lake Rd \$325,000  
5527 Walnut Cir \$180,000  
4801 Walnut Lake Rd \$569,000  
7614 Watford Dr \$339,000  
4321 White Birch Dr \$242,000  
4082 Winterest Ln \$300,000

**White Lake**  
1300 Babylon St \$167,000  
8858 Charbone St \$131,000  
1270 Clearwater St \$139,000  
4467 Coastal Pkwy \$39,000  
8604 Newport Dr \$227,000  
10780 Oxbow Lksh \$195,000  
8690 Sharon Rd \$191,000  
**Wolverine Lake**  
1411 Shanks \$280,000

## REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Real estate briefs features news and notes on professional associations, office activities, upcoming meetings and seminars, new services/products and consumer publications.

**Write: Real estate briefs, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, 48150. Our fax number is (313) 591-7279.**

## SCHWEITZER OPEN HOUSE

Coldwell Banker Schweitzer Real Estate sponsors an open house 3:30-7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1, at its Birmingham office, 500 S. Old Woodward.

The event features photos with Santa, face painting, holiday caroling and refreshments for children who donate a new, unwrapped toy to Toys for Tots.

The U.S. Marine Corps Reserve distributes the toys to local charitable organizations.

"With the community's help, we'll be able to provide the needy children of our community with a memorable holiday experience," said Paul Schweitzer, president of Coldwell Banker Schweitzer.

Those who can't attend the open house are encouraged to drop off a toy donation at any one of the 15 Schweitzer real estate offices which will serve as collection centers.

For a list of locations, call (248) 642-2400.

## REAL ESTATE INVESTORS

The Real Estate Investors Association presents a program on the seven deadly sins of real

estate purchasing and management 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, at the Southgate Holiday Inn, 17201 Northline one block east of I-75.

Cost is \$10 for non-members. Beginning landlords interested in a free introductory package should leave a message for Wayne Koehler at (313) 277-4168.

## BUILDING CONFERENCE

The Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants sponsors a Construction Industry Conference 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, at the MSU Management Education Center in Troy.

Janine Reid, keynote speaker, will discuss "What to Do When the News is You." Participants can choose to attend five of 15 scheduled breakout sessions.

Cost, which includes lunch, is \$130. To register, call (248) 855-2288.

## 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 - <http://www.ramadavantage.org>.

## INRECON EXPANDS

INRECON, a leader in disaster and reconstruction services based in Birmingham, has expanded by opening an office in Charleston, S.C. and acquiring Action Plus Services of Virginia Beach.

INRECON provides restoration, general contracting and disaster planning services. The company has expanded from five offices in 1994 to 14 offices in nine states.

## REAL ESTATE ONE

Real Estate One, headquartered in Farmington Hills, has purchased exclusive rights to RentFAST, an apartment locator service franchise for Oakland, Livingston, Wayne and Macomb counties.

"The addition of the RentFAST service to our relocation department adds another valuable facet to our already comprehensive portfolio," said Richard Elsea, Real Estate One president.

## RALPH MANUEL WEST

Ralph Manuel Associates-West in Farmington Hills announces aggregate sales of single family homes April through September of \$65.7 million.

This column highlights promotions, transfers, hirings, awards won and other news within the real estate, construction, architecture and mortgage communities.

Send a brief summary including town of residency and black and white photo to Real Estate Movers and Shakers, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, 48150.

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## Amy Bodell-Sliwa

Bodell-Sliwa has been hired as a designer in the kitchen/bath division of the N.A. Mans Building Center in Canton.

Bodell-Sliwa, a Livonia resident, graduated from Adrian College with a bachelor of fine arts degree in interior design. Her previous experience includes working with high-end interior designers and furniture sales.

## Larry Krefman

Krefman has joined the Michigan Group Realtors in Livonia.

Krefman, a West Bloomfield resident, earned a B.A. degree from Wayne State University and a law degree from Detroit College of Law.

He's been a practicing attorney for 19 years who switched

careers to combine his favorite aspect of legal work with people-contact opportunities.

## Arlene Feller

Feller, a Realtor with Century 21 Today in Livonia, won that office's October listing and selling competition and a four-day getaway to Myrtle Beach, S.C., as a reward.

Feller, an 18-year veteran of the business, is a member of the company's prestigious Master's Club and Million Dollar Club.

Dolly Matadial, a sales associate with Real Estate One in Northville, has acquired the professional designation of Accredited Buyer Representative.

Matadial is a multi-million dollar sales producer.

Sen. Michael Bouchard (R-Birmingham) has received the Michigan Mortgage Brokers Association 1997 Legislator of the Year Award.

"Sen. Bouchard took a leadership role in amending and modernizing Michigan's mortgage laws to improve regulatory practices, allowing our members to provide better customer service," said John O'Connor, MMBA board member and government relations committee chairman.

Bouchard chairs the Senate Committee on Financial Services and the Senate Committee on Gaming and Casino Oversight.

He's vice chairman of the Senate Committee on Families, Mental Health and Human Services.

## Natural gas is available

Ample supplies of natural gas at competitive prices will be available to meet the future energy needs of the United States, according to the American Gas Association.

"Natural gas is the consumers' best energy choice because of the excellent long-term supply out-

look and the price advantage it holds over competing energies," says A.G.A. President Michael Baly.

"America has at least a 65-year supply of natural gas at current production levels, based on the latest report of the Colorado School of Mines.

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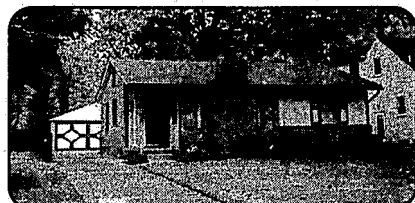
**3 BEDROOM, 2 1/2 BATH COLONIAL.** 2 story, brick & vinyl siding, on corner lot, 2 car garage, tiled foyer, family room w/fireplace, bay windows, ceramic tile baths, eat-in kitchen w/dishwasher, formal dining room, central air, manicured lawn & sprinkler system \$199,500 (OE70BAK) 248-299-6200



**WATERFORD** Brick ranch with partially finished basement, huge garage with new door, frame, opener. New hot water heater, new electrical service, newer windows, central air, fenced, home warranty. \$122,900 (COB85SUT) 248-626-8000



**THIS HOME HAS EVERYTHING!** 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, gorgeous 2 story foyer with ceramic tile, beautiful woodwork and french doors leading to deck. Boat and beach private. (144REX) 248-349-6800



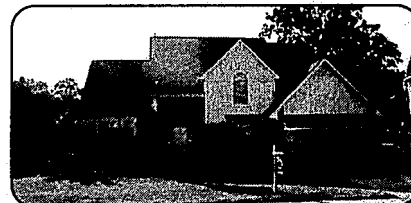
**MINT CONDITION BRICK RANCH!** Terrific 218' deep lot! Great North Royal Oak area! 3 bedrooms oversized 2 car garage, fireplace finished basement, updated windows, roof, furnace & central air! \$149,900. (02ROY) 280-4777



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**WEST BLOOMFIELD.** Nestled in the trees outstanding 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath ranch impressive living room with natural fireplace. Brand new vinyl windows and siding, open kitchen to dining room and family room. \$189,900 (COB50PAT) 248-626-8000



**GORGEOUS CUSTOM BUILT COLONIAL** on beautiful golf course lot. Dramatic 2 story foyer, spiral staircase, extra deep walk-out basement, hardwood floor and white bay cabinets in kitchen. (28GOL) 248-349-6800



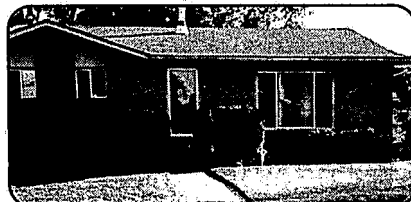
**PARENT'S PARADISE!** Huge master suite w/cathedral ceilings & natural fireplace! Master bath w/2 person whirlpool & skylite! 4 bedroom, 3 bath, formal dining, 2 1/2 car attached garage w/Ferdale schools! Guest bedroom & game room in basement! Near Pleasant Ridge! Built in '92". \$143,900 (39YAL) 280-4777



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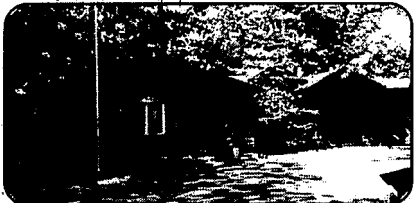
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**HOME WARRANTY OFFERED** with the purchase of this 3 bedroom Royal Oak home featuring newer windows, bay window dining, deep fenced lot, central air, basement workshop, garage & lot more! \$123,500 (11ALT) 280-4777



**ROCHESTER HILLS RANCH.** Condo with garage and finished basement, hardwood floors, bay windows and more. Immediate occupancy. \$138,900 (OE30MED) 248-299-6200



**VILLAGE OF ORCHARD LAKE.** Magnificent contemporary on 1.3 acres is the house of your dreams. Adjoins Orchard Lake golf course, nestled in the trees with fabulous views, 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, finished walk-out plus library and spa. \$479,000 (COB25OLD) 248-626-8000



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**BLOOMFIELD - EXCLUSIVE GATED COMMUNITY**  
 • Elegant custom Gardella built Colonial in prestigious gated Heron Bay - Quality millwork throughout  
 • Light spacious rooms w/ views of terraced landscape overlooking wildlife sanctuary & waterfront  
 • Lower level custom fitness area, absolutely gorgeous!  
 \$1,875,000 Asking For: Gwen Williamson 646-6089



**BLOOMFIELD TRANSITIONAL CHARMER!**  
 • Soaring, sunny great room, plus cozy library  
 • Huge kitchen, breakfast nook & family room areas  
 • Oversized master with gigantic closet & whirlpool tub  
 • Four bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, treed yard, Bloomfield schools!  
 \$599,000 646-6000 759553



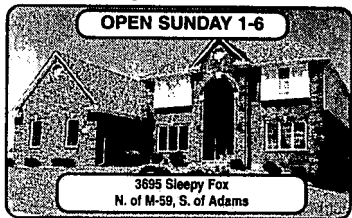
**OAKLAND TWP. - KNORRWOOD PINES NEW BUILD**  
 • Outstanding estate size premium acre court lot  
 • Custom built with 3,800 sq. ft. & 4 bedrooms  
 • Three full baths & 2 half baths, deluxe master suite  
 • Dramatic 2 story great room with 2-way fireplace  
 • Dual staircases, extensive wood flooring  
 \$489,900 651-8850 749261



**ROCHESTER HILLS - BREATHTAKING 3,400 SQ. FT.**  
 • New build ready for occupancy, other sites available  
 • Soaring ceiling in great room, hardwood floor in foyer, great room & library/den, 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths  
 • Gas fireplace, brick & stone exterior, intercom system - can be duplicated!  
 \$465,000 689-8900



**FRANKLIN - "THE EDENBOROUGH" MODEL**  
 • Gorgeous Tudor brand new & ready for you!  
 • Light & bright ceramic foyer, spacious rooms with almost 3,600 square feet quality amenities  
 • Fireplace in 2 story family room, large deck, daylight windows and premium elevation already landscaped  
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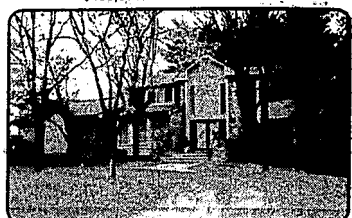
**ROCHESTER HILLS - GRAND OPENING - NEW MODEL**  
 • Popular Rookery Woods II - Soaring 2 story ceilings  
 • Great room highlighted by fireplace & marble surround, solid oak walls & built-in offered in study  
 • Luxurious master suite features 2 person Jacuzzi, separate shower and walk-in closet  
 \$429,900 689-8900 746150

**Rochester Area - Once in a Lifetime**

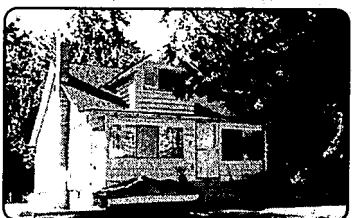
*Featured Fine Home*

- Charming 'Winkler Mill' waterfront cottage styled home - decking walkways & landscape
- Four fireplaces, 3 car garage, 1st floor master suite & two story carriage house w/ fireplace
- All on gorgeous 2.31 acres, security system
- Finished walk-out lower level

**\$749,900**  
 Ask for: Anna Pearcy 656-4400



**IN THE HEART OF ORCHARD LAKE**  
 • Beautiful natural setting with extensive Redwood decking, outdoor hot tub & gazebo  
 • Vaulted ceilings, great room with wet bar & fireplace in master bedroom, island kitchen  
 • Sauna, 3 car garage plus security system  
 \$425,000 683-8900



**COMMERCE TWP. - BUILDERS TAKE NOTE!**  
 • Only \$2,100 per lakelot front foot of 185 ft. private all sports lake frontage prime value in land, splitable lot  
 • Three bedroom ranch with addition possibilities or build your own dream home with walk-out  
 • Must see to appreciate!  
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 • Proudly overlooks custom landscaped lawn  
 • Oversized palladian window, dramatic 2-story foyer  
 • Bay window in living & dining rooms, front & rear staircase, white gourmet island kitchen, 3 car garage  
 \$379,900 626-9100 719165



**FARMINGTON HILLS - TALL TREES & LUSH LAWN**  
 • Chef's delight kitchen with built-ins, sweeping circular staircase in foyer, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths  
 • Sunlit family room with fireplace, extensive decking and brick paver walkways, three car garage  
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**CLARKSTON - INVEST IN A LIFESTYLE!**  
 • Peek at what's new in all sports Autumn Shores!  
 • Spacious 3,400+ sq. ft., great room & family room  
 • 5th bedroom & bath in lower level, premium oak floors & carpeting on main & second floors (SO850)  
 \$349,000 625-5700



**YOUR PROPOSED DREAM HOME AWAITS YOU**  
 • Beautiful Sheringham Place wooded lot ready for you  
 • Lower level master suite with tray ceiling & Jacuzzi  
 • Cozy fireplace opens to breakfast area & custom kitchen. Builder will consider offers between \$260,000-\$280,000 Ask For: Kimberly Harrison-Echlin 625-5704



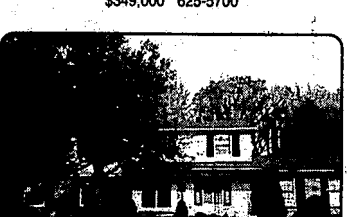
**ROCHESTER HILLS - PARK-LIKE SETTING**  
 • This Traditional Colonial offers extensive crown moldings, beautiful decor & hardwood floors  
 • Marble bath off master, newer roof, windows, trim and gutters, 2 brick patios and perennial garden  
 \$269,000 Ask For: Cecelia Brown 656-4401



**TROY ESTATES - PRIVATE COURT SETTING**  
 • Instantly appealing! Not just a gracious home, a way of life with four bedrooms & 2500 square feet  
 • First floor laundry, newer oak kitchen w/ built-ins  
 • Exceptional area - Award winning Troy Schools!  
 \$249,900 689-8900 766552



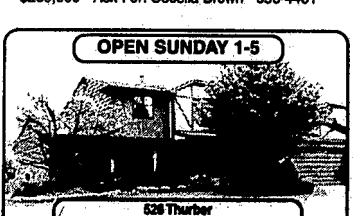
**WEST BLOOMFIELD - BAY WINDOW IN MASTER**  
 • Spacious master bedroom with Jacuzzi & walk-in closet, full walk-out lower level to pond & nature area  
 • Family room off kitchen with cathedral ceiling & fireplace, 3 bedrooms, almost 2,300 sq. ft.  
 \$245,000 683-8900 761770



**ROCHESTER AREA - PRIVATE CUL-DE-SAC SETTING**  
 • Custom built shelving & cabinetry in library  
 • Marvelous Colonial offers some hardwood floors  
 • Family room with fireplace & spacious living room  
 • Oversized 2 car garage & full basement  
 \$244,500 Ask For: Juanita Mallmann 656-4405



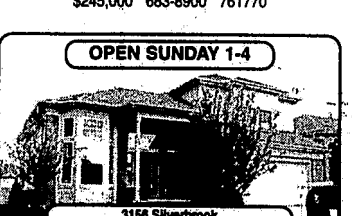
**COMMERCE TWP. - FULL OF CHARACTER**  
 • Cathedral ceilings in this 1995 built Contemporary  
 • Custom window treatments, Jacuzzi tub & large deck  
 • Recessed lights, 1st floor laundry, ceramic tile  
 • Over 2,100 sq. ft. plus professional landscaping  
 \$239,900 683-8900 768222



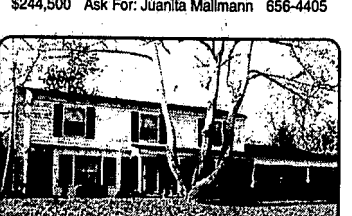
**TROY - WALK TO LEONARD ELEMENTARY**  
 • Great location with super value  
 • Family room with fireplace & wet bar  
 • Main floor laundry, new furnace & humidifier in '97  
 • Four bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths plus a home warranty!  
 \$219,900 683-8900 738447



**WEST BLOOMFIELD - BEAUTIFUL IN & OUT**  
 • Brick paver walkways, 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  
 \$224,900 683-8900 768187



**ROCHESTER AREA - 1984 BUILT QUALITY HOME**  
 • Wonderful kitchen with hardwood floors  
 • Spacious main floor master enclaves jettied tub  
 • Partially finished basement, central air, deck  
 • Custom moldings, tall ceilings & ceramic entry  
 \$209,900 Ask For: Anna Pearcy 656-4400



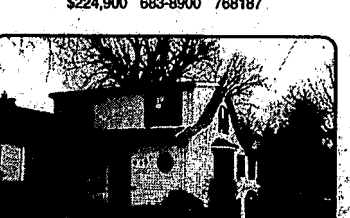
**ROCHESTER HILLS - WONDERFUL SPRING HILL SUB**  
 • Updated kitchen and baths, most newer windows  
 • Hardwood floors, charming decor, four bedrooms  
 • Close to Oakland University & near expressways  
 • Gorgeous wooded lot with Doughboy pool  
 \$209,900 Ask For: Anna Pearcy 656-4400



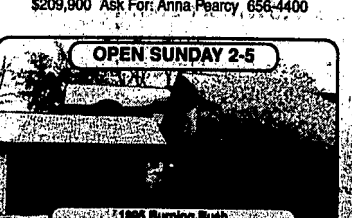
**BLOOMFIELD - EXCITING & INVITING**  
 • Newer kitchen, neutral decor, ready for your move!  
 • Fireplace in living room; 3 bedrooms, almost 1,500 sq. ft. plus large deck on 2/3 acre lot  
 • Appliances in kitchen stay, private setting.  
 \$189,000 646-6000 753363



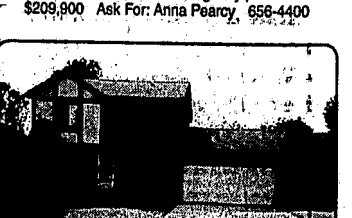
**BLOOMFIELD HILLS - AFFORDABLE & ADORABLE!**  
 • Charming, updated Fox Hills 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths  
 • Tri-level with brand new furnace & water heater  
 • Newer roof shingles, kitchen & master bath updated  
 • Fabulous sub with swim club & tennis courts  
 \$186,900 Ask For: Karen Remy 646-6000



**CONVENIENT ROCHESTER HOME**  
 • Paver brick walks & perennial gardens  
 • Newer Pella windows, plumbing, electrical & C/A  
 • Large living room, adorable corner lot  
 • Fenced yard, walk-out to deck & 2 car garage  
 \$174,900 651-8850



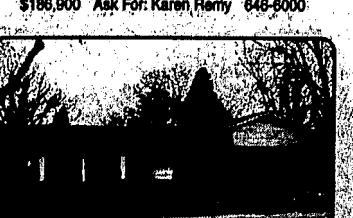
**ROCHESTER TOWNHOUSE NEAR EXPRESSWAYS**  
 • Super location & wonderfully maintained  
 • Three bedrooms, formal dining plus breakfast room  
 • Partially finished basement, central air, deck  
 • Neutral decor, lots of storage!  
 \$168,900 Ask For: Mary Ellen Haan 656-4424



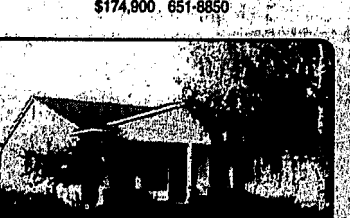
**LIVONIA - IDEAL LOCATION ON DEAD-END STREET**  
 • Walk to Hines Park with year round fitness trails  
 • Island kitchen with light oak cabinets plus pantry  
 • Main floor laundry; 3 bedrooms, newer central air  
 • Professionally landscaped with fenced backyard  
 \$155,000 626-9100 760139



**BIRMINGHAM - LIGHT, BRIGHT & ARTY**  
 • Super clean with newer white kitchen, bath, paint and wallpaper, doorways leads to deck  
 • Hardwood floors, 3 bedrooms, beautiful tree-lined street with sidewalks - walk to school & shops  
 \$149,900 644-4000 727895



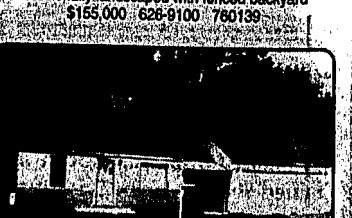
**TROY - READY FOR YOUR MOVE**  
 • Great ranch offers natural fireplace in the great room  
 • Main floor laundry, appliances kitchen; new carpet  
 • Vaulted ceiling, 3 bedrooms, central air  
 • Washer & dryer stay - Must See!  
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**WATERFORD - SELLER MOTIVATED!**  
 • Get the most for your dollar with almost 1,400 sq. ft.  
 • Large family room with newer Pella doorways to 19 x 16 deck, 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, wood floors & C/A  
 • Neutral decor & numerous updates! Don't Wait!  
 \$134,900 683-8900 760233



**ROCHESTER - SPACIOUS & VERSATILE**  
 • Brick 11 room, 2 1/2 bath in-law chamber  
 • Beautifully finished hardwood floors & built-in  
 • Pella windows, full basement, treed, fenced yard  
 • Two 2 car garages plus workshop - new shingles  
 \$189,000 651-8850 740808



**WATERFORD - TWO BEDROOM BUNGALOW**  
 • Affordable home or great rental property  
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 • Area of higher priced homes!  
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**308 Canton**  
A FIREPLACE  
THAT SAYS RELAX  
Everything about this 3 bedroom col-  
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room w/fireplace, kitchen w/island and  
breakfast nook, basement, 1st floor  
laundry, 2 1/2 car garage, enclosed hot  
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DREAM KITCHEN - offered in this  
3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath colonial, kitchen  
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**COZY UP**  
By the fireplace in this living 3 bed-  
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room, large living room, w/hardwood  
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and roof, new lighting and entry door.  
Full basement & 2 car attached  
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**POPPELTON PARK**  
New England Charm  
Hardwood floors, fireplace,  
large dining room, 3 bedrooms, lake  
view yard. Agent related to owner.  
\$258,000. Page 1  
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**308 Canton**  
DEC. 16, 1997  
Occupancy! On this updated 3 bed-  
room, approximately 1400 sq. ft., 2 1/2  
bath ranch. Updated oak kitchen cabi-  
nets, wood floor, central air 6 yrs. old,  
partially finished basement, newer  
roof and more. Asking \$152,900

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Crossroads  
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**First Floor Den**  
4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 1st floor  
laundry, 2 car garage, full kitchen,  
formal dining room, approximately  
2300 sq. ft., large open foyer, open  
kitchen-nook-family room flow. \$300,000  
ALLOWANCE FOR BUYER. Asking  
\$182,900.

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**\$3,000  
FOR BUYER TO DO  
WITH WHAT YOU WANT**  
On this 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath colonial  
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finished setting, \$13,000 updated  
kitchen, family room w/fireplace,  
formal dining room, and more. Asking  
\$163,900.

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**308 Canton**  
HAVE A LOOK  
This 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch has  
been freshly painted throughout and  
is perfect for a quick move. Large  
great room with newer carpet and  
cathedral ceiling. Partially finished  
basement with wet bar. 2 car attached  
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**JUST LISTED**  
Perfect, perfect, perfect, 3 bedroom,  
1 1/2 bath Windsor Park ranch. Com-  
pletely updated kitchen with tile floor.  
Completely updated baths including  
tub/shower, updated carpet & interior  
paint. Updated windows, drive and  
paver stone patio. Family room,  
attached garage, aluminum trim,  
basement & quick occupancy. First  
time offered. \$158,900

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**WEST BLOOMFIELD** - Circular drive and courtyard entry lead to this 6 bedroom Spanish Ranch. 1st floors master bedroom with bath suite, WIC, and private study. Expansive walk-out offers bedrooms, 2 baths, family room, wet bar and indoor pool. Much more to see! \$875,000 (60WAB) 642-8100



**ROYAL OAK** - North Royal Oak gem! 3 bedroom ranch offers newer central air, roof, hot water tank and windows. Clean and neutral! Garage. Great location. \$105,000 (62COO) 642-8100



**WEST BLOOMFIELD** - New West Bloomfield Home. Just completed! 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial on site backing to pond/wetlands, lake privileges included. Great Room, white Kitchen. Wood floors, 9 foot ceilings, MBR with tub, shower & WIC, basement and 2 car garage. \$199,900 (50LON) 642-8100



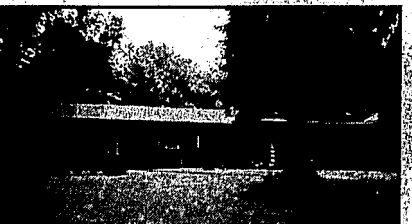
**BIRMINGHAM** - 3 bedroom ranch offers updated bath, 1,100 sq. ft., dining room with FP, deck, newer central air, basement, some newer windows, front porch and neutral decor. Home warranty. \$124,900 (23BEN) 642-8100



**BLOOMFIELD HILLS** - Well maintained brick ranch with private 1/2 acre yard. Newer roof, hardwood floors, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 attached garage, partially finished basement. \$219,900 (17PEM) 642-8100



**COMMERCE** - FANTASTIC RANCH in an excellent family neighborhood. A great finished basement, insulated 2 car attached garage, large open kitchen, deck, central air, fenced yard. Great Schools & Great Price! \$169,900 (21PA) 248-626-8800



**SOUTHFIELD** - This ranch displays pride of ownership with updated kitchen, living room with fireplace, large knotty pine rec room with a barbecue pit. This home has a newer separate dining, family rooms, security system & in-ground pool. \$150,000 (24GL) 248-626-8800



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**WATERFORD** - 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths, great room, gas fireplace - 2 car attached garage. Built in 1995, deck, boat docking. 2 Minutes to Otter Lake. Private backyard. Wonderful home! \$179,000 (11BA) 248-626-8800.



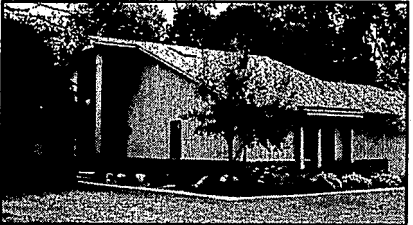
**WIXOM** - DON'T MISS THIS BEAUTIFUL HOME. Built in 1995. Excellent family neighborhood. Features include; attached garage, fireplace, security system. Central air & intercom. Fabulous floor plan. \$189,900 (14PO) 248-626-8800



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2170 Blue Stone  
W. of Welch, S. of Oakley

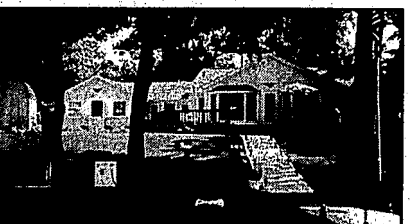
**COMMERCE** - QUALITY NEW CONSTRUCTION AT ITS FINEST! 2,300 sq. ft., light brick colonial. Master with bath. White cabinets in kitchen. Breakfast nook opens to family room, cozy fireplace. Entertain your family & friends this holiday in your new home. \$219,000 (21BL) 248-626-8800



**STUNNING RANCH CONDO** - 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths with finish walk-out basement, dream kitchen. Hardwood floors throughout. Ceramic baths, European sauna, vaulted ceilings, skylights. Pristine setting. 2,000 + sq. ft. \$289,000 (70CED) 363-1200



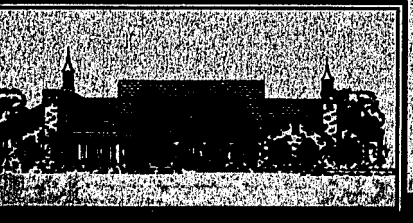
**LONG LAKE LAKEFRONT** - Sharp 3 bedroom ranch, large living room with new carpet, Jenn-Aire stove, Merrilat cabinets, gas fireplace, sprinkler, 2-car garage, sea wall, sandy beach, newer shingles. \$249,900 (88GIT) 363-1200



**WILLIAMS LAKEFRONT** - PRIVATE ALL SPORTS. Completely redone inside & out. 3 bedroom, fireplace in great room, bay windows, central air, 1st floor laundry, extensive decking, seawall, sprinkler system. Bring your boat enjoy! \$289,00 (28HAT) 363-1200



**LAKEFRONT RANCH ON BEAUTIFUL WILLIAMS LAKE** - Updated kitchen with all appliances, sun room, family room, living room, den/office, plus 3 bedroom & 2 baths. 2 car attached garage, sprinklers & home warranty. \$297,900 (70HAT) 363-1200



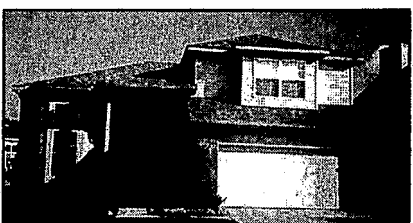
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**RELAX IN YOUR HOT TUB** on the large deck of this '84, 3 bedroom colonial with cul-de-sac location. Over 1,600 square feet, full basement, 2 1/2 car attached garage. Lake privileges & Walled Lake Schools. \$162,900 (24TAM) 363-1200



**LAKE PRIV. ON MIDDLE STRAIT** - Nice park like setting, four bedrooms, three full baths, central air, family room with fireplace, formal dining room, huge closets. \$173,900 (72DET) 363-1200



**ABSOLUTELY LOVELY** & 3 years old-1 1/2 story with vaulted ceilings & unique windows. 1st floor master suite. Full lower level, 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, custom window treat. Great room, formal dining room. Close to I-75, M-59 & Auburn Hills Tech Center. Large white kitchen \$209,900(98SIL) 652-8000



**COUNTRY LIVING** - Convenient location, 4 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths. Remodeled kitchen, hardwood floors, A/C, newer appliances, furnace. Private treed lot with covered patio. \$183,900 (08WAS) 652-8000



**2 YEARS newer colonial** in Rochester schools. 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, 3 car garage, neutral, high ceilings, luxurious master suite, paver patio. Move in condition. \$321,500 (50ARC) 652-8000



**BETTER THAN NEW!** 2 year old custom contemporary with upgrades galore! Skylites, 6 panel wood doors, cathedral ceiling, fireplace, lots of windows overlooking a beautiful one half acre wooded lot. Park nearby - great location. \$189,900 (22BAT) 652-8000



**WALK TO LAKE!** Sharp home a few blocks from all sports lake, built in 1986. Oversized garage and workshop. Finished lower level, large oak kitchen with hardwood floors, first floor laundry, 2 full baths. Great home! \$157,400 (83OAK) 652-8000



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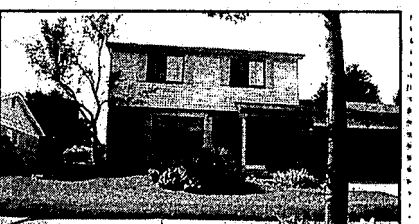
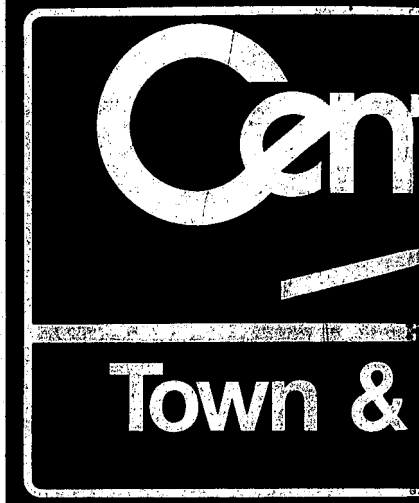
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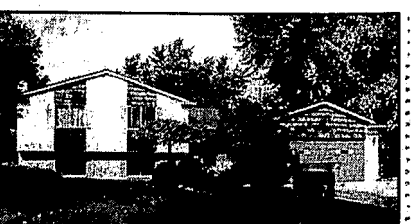
**GREAT CONTEMPORARY** - Bloomfield Hills schools. 4 large bedrooms, open floor plan, 2 story marble foyer. All new carpet and newly painted throughout! Gorgeous walk-out lower level with kitchen, rec room & full bath. \$434,900 (42SE) 626-8800



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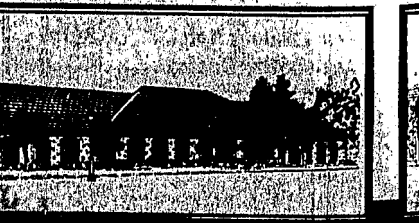
**TROY** - 3 bedroom Colonial with neutral decor. Bright country kitchen which opens to family room. Walk-in closet in master bedroom. Finished basement and much more! \$184,900 (91KIN) 524-1600



**SPACIOUS** - 4/5 bedroom Troy Tri-level with 2,309 square feet. 2 full baths. Roof shingles, central air 5 years. Screened in porch. Fenced yard. Call Today! \$179,900. (27HIL) 524-1600



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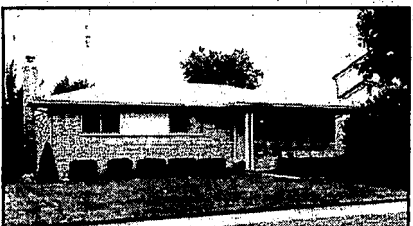


**BLOOMFIELD HILLS** - Fabulous Tudor built in Bordenor. 7,700 sq. ft. acre setting, 5 bedrooms, 5 bath, 2 lav., 3 fireplaces and finished walk-out with spa and home theater. 4 car garage. Master bedroom suite, white kitchen with granite and marble, huge deck and patio. \$1,199,900 (15HID) 642-8100



**3,680 SQ. FT., 5 BEDROOM TUDOR** in executive area. Extra's include 2 fireplaces, security system, intercom, 2 full and 2 half baths, 2 level deck and 3 car garage. \$364,900 (39GLE) 652-8000

# 21 Country



**TROY** - 3 bedroom brick Ranch with a 2 car attached garage. Newer roof and doors. Eat in kitchen opens to family room with fireplace. Full basement. A great value. \$139,900 (57RAI) 524-1600



**BEAUTIFUL BRICK BUNGALOW** located in Lathrup Village. Large living room. Well maintained interior with 3 bedrooms. Central air. Basement. \$141,900 (66BLA) 524-1600



**SHELBY TOWNSHIP** 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial with a finished basement. Great room with fireplace. Neutral decor. First floor laundry. Formal dining room and library. Call today! \$227,900 (88LAS) 524-1600.



**WEST BLOOMFIELD** Desirable new construction ranch on walk-out site! Open floor plan. High ceiling. Lite & bright. Foyer and kitchen nook offers oak flooring. Deck off great room, lower level walk-out, upgrade cabinets, 1st floor laundry. Cul-de-sac. ENJOY! \$274,900 (85HER) 642-8100



**BIRMINGHAM** - 3 bedroom brick bungalow tastefully decorated in neutral tones. Hardwood flooring, cove ceilings, Pella aluminum-clad wood windows, dining room, oak kitchen, garage, central air, recessed lighting and newer roof. \$189,900 (65TAU) 642-8100



**WEST BLOOMFIELD** - Newer construction 2 story contemporary on wooded site in Cul-de-sac. Open floor plan, 1st floor library, laundry, appliances, A/C, carpeting. Lower level walk-out and deck off Great room and nook. Some oak floors. \$306,900 (95HER) 642-8100



**BEVERLY HILLS** - Nice brick ranch with newer furnace, central air, and Sun room overlooking a well kept yard. 2 car garage. Lovely neighborhood with sidewalk and excellent schools. \$164,900 (70BEV) 642-8100



**FRESH townhouse** with indoor & outdoor pools. Newer roof, all windows, light oak kitchen, top of line appliances. Newer hot water heater & humidifier. Fenced, private yard with deck off dining room doorwall. Crown moldings & newer paint & carpeting. \$121,900 (31STR) 652-8000



**EXECUTIVE STYLE 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath** colonial. Loads of updates, walk-out lower level. Large deck and patio overlooking treed lot. \$244,900 (28GLE) 652-8000



**WARM AND FRIENDLY 4 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath** colonial. Remodeled kitchen, newer carpet, windows and roof. Neutral decor. Sun porch overlooking private lot. \$178,900 (33ENG) 652-8000



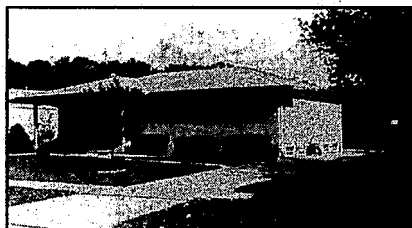
**PREPARE TO BE CHARMED** by this 2 story colonial nestled on a treed rolling lot. A 4 bedroom home with hardwood floors in many areas. Great family room set up with fireplace with wood stove, built in shelves, sliding doors to patio & picturesque lot. Convenient location. \$212,900 (95LAK) 652-8000



**HOUSE BEAUTIFUL** - Classic Clawson Colonial with 4 bedrooms. Family room with fireplace. Finished basement. French doors to deck. Updates galore. \$190,000 (08SHE) 524-1600.



**TROY** - 3 bedroom Colonial with a finished basement. Newer windows '95. Roof '94. Yard backs to shrubs and trees. Troy schools. \$167,900 (61NIA) 524-1600.



**TROY** - 3 bedroom brick ranch with 2 full baths. Finished basement with kitchen and workshop area. Family room with fireplace. Nicely landscaped yard. One Year Home Warranty! \$158,400 (16ROW) 524-1600



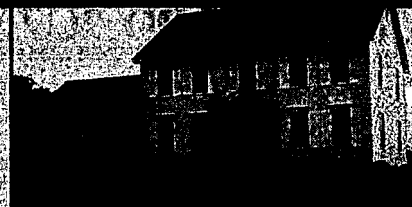
**BERKLEY** - 3 bedroom bungalow with 2 full baths. New carpeting in living room and breakfast room. Large deck. Storage shed. Newer windows. One year home warranty! \$126,500 (49PRI) 524-1600



**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP!** Spectacular quad-level with 3 plus bedrooms. Brand new windows, finished basement, two full baths and updates galore. Close to Glacier Club Golf Club. \$209,900 (66WHI) 524-1600



**ROCHESTER HILLS** - Nearly new "Robert Jones Home". First floor master suite. 3 1/2 baths. Walk-out basement. Library. 2 fireplaces. 3 car side entry garage. Rochester Schools. \$494,900 (76PEA) 524-1600



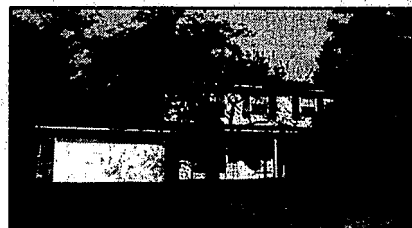
**PRESTIGIOUS NEW CONSTRUCTION HOME** that sits up on a hill with 1.4 acres. 2 story colonial. Surrounds peace & serenity with amenities throughout! Spacious finished walk-out with 800 sq. ft. Studio Ceiling in Master bedroom with bath/jacuzzi & walk-in closet \$198,900 (40WH) 626-8800



**TROY 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath** colonial with great floor plan. Newer kitchen floor and garage door. Finished basement with wet bar, first floor laundry, sprinkler system and alarm system. Freshly painted interior. \$229,000 (50WE) 626-8800



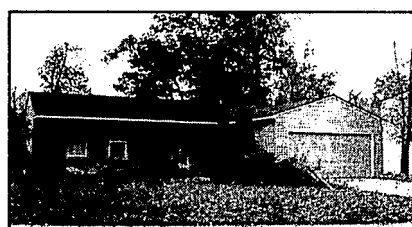
**WEST BLOOMFIELD - CONTEMPORARY QUAD-LEVEL** in a great neighborhood! Birmingham schools, open floor plan, high ceilings, new carpet & new floors in kitchen & foyer. New white formica cabinets. Updated. \$199,900 (68DA) 626-8800



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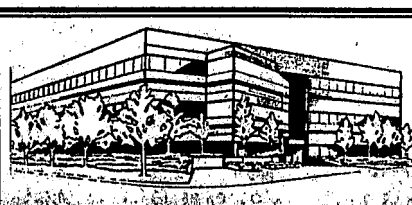
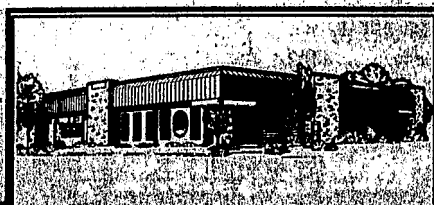
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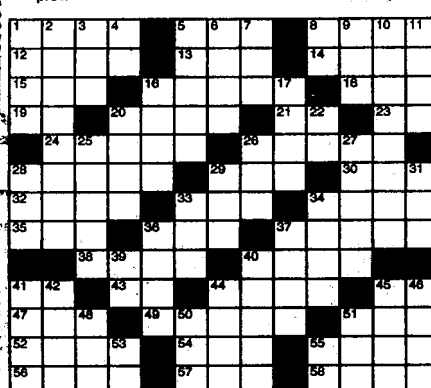
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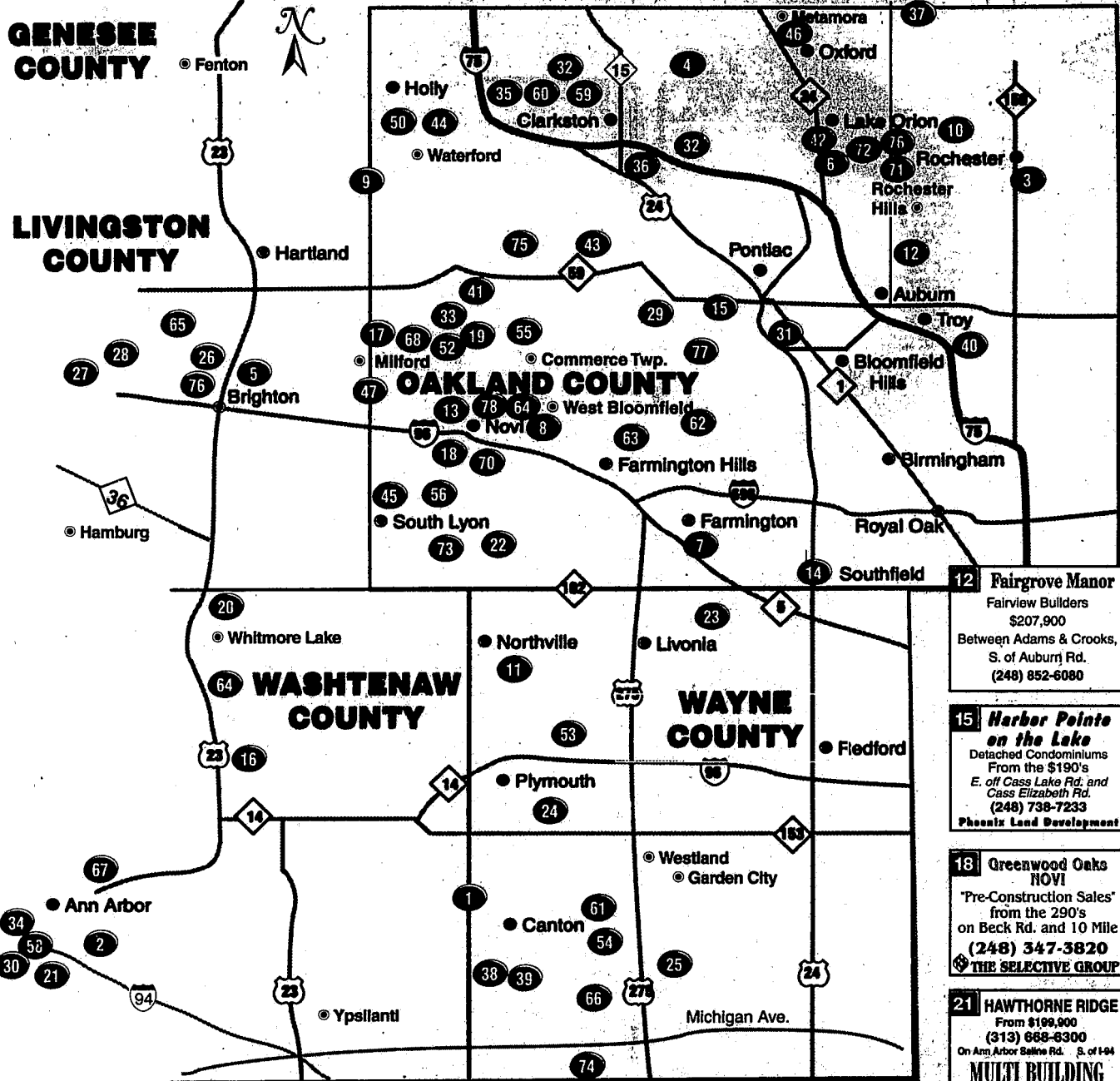
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