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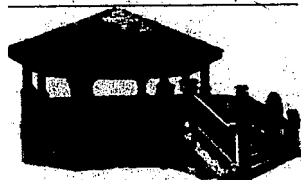
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## VINTAGE



## CLARKSTON

Over the past few weeks we've been examining the history of Michigan's fruit production. Though apples were not native to the state, they were introduced early on, probably by the Jesuit missionaries. Why were they so important? Besides the tasty fruit, two apple products were vital to early settlers, cider and vinegar. Cider was often safer to drink than local water, and vinegar was used as a food preservative, a household cleaner and as a medicinal ingredient. For this reason, apples were among the first crop planted in each new settlement. Here in Clarkston, apples were introduced by the Clark brothers, Nelson and Jeremiah, Clarkston's founding fathers. They brought seeds from New York, as did many of Michigan's early settlers. But others, after 1833, could choose their trees from the very first greenhouse opened in Michigan. This nursery was founded that year in Ypsilanti by brothers Ezra and Zina Lay of Rochester, N.Y. They started with 25,000 cultivated trees, including 130 varieties of apples as well as several varieties of pears, peaches, apricots, nectarines and cherries.

Of course, not all who imported fruit trees were so successful. A Mr. Woodbridge tried to ship 20 apple trees from Buffalo, N.Y., to Detroit in 1830. Unfortunately, the boat became frozen in the water, where it stayed until the lake melted the following spring. When it finally arrived in Detroit, all the trees were dead.

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

# New punishment: Saturday school



BY JAN BAKER  
SPECIAL WRITER

If Sashabaw Middle School students regularly misbehave, arrive late to class or don't turn in their homework this year, they'll have to attend school on Saturday.

SMS principal John Dilegghio explained the new disciplinary approach at Clarkston Middle School last week during a joint middle school

■ For some kids, the ultimate punishment is having to go to school on a Saturday. Knowing that, Sashabaw Middle School recently started requiring mischief-makers to show up on their day off.

PTA meeting of SMS and CMS parents.

"We think kids need a safe and orderly environment in order to learn," the first-year SMS principal said. "Kids want to know where the parameters are. We think there's a feeling of security that comes from that."

Acting on those beliefs, Dilegghio said four SMS staff members traveled to Sault St. Marie last summer to

attend a four-day workshop on middle-school discipline. The "Saturday school" concept represented one of the ideas those staff members brought back, he said.

Teachers will still be handing discipline at the initial stages if students are having a difficult time," Dilegghio said. "We're talking about things like not handing in homework, being tardy to class, some insubordination and other minor offenses. After the teacher contacts the parents, a consequence will be issued. That could be a lunch detention, an after-school detention, a sentence-writing exercise, or whatever. "But if after that point in time, we do

not see a change in the behavior, there will be a referral to the office. And if the administrator who receives the referral deems it necessary, we will issue a "Saturday school."

According to Dilegghio, Saturday school runs from 9 a.m. to noon under the supervision of the principal, assistant principal and one teacher. During that time, students are expected to complete homework and reflect on why they're there and what they need to do to change their behavior. They are also required to perform some kind of community service. That can mean putting

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STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

**Home Sweet Home:** Cheryl Molencupp of Clarkston — shown with her cat Tess, parrot Dorothy and bird Merlin — cares for other people's animals in their own homes.

## Pet sitter

### Clarkston woman turns love of animals into business

BY CAROLYN WALKER  
STAFF WRITER

The famous animal-loving Dr. Doolittle has got nothing on Cheryl Molencupp — except maybe that old top hat and frock coat. She can chat up a parrot, scold an iguana or converse with a kitten just as easily as he can. As long as it's within a five-mile radius of her downtown Clarkston home.

As if to offer up proof, she leans into the face of her beloved Timneh African Gray Parrot, Dorothy, and

says, cooing mother-like at the bird that's perched on her finger: "I sold my Wizard of Oz book collection to get her. . . I've known her since she was a little, naked baby. I had to have her."

Molencupp's childhood love of animals stayed with her to the point where her passion became her profession. Having survived her mother's oh-so-familiar admonishment, "When you have your own place, you can have as many pets as you want" (she has five cats, four birds, one dog and several full aquariums of her own),

Molencupp left her job as a hairstylist three years ago to enter the pet-sitting business, opening the Home Sweet Home Pet Care service.

"This is a good job to have," she says, "but you must have a passion for animals."

For a \$10-per-visit fee, Molencupp will visit a client's home twice daily to feed animals, walk dogs, clean litter boxes, water plants, gather the mail and provide other services while pet owners are away on vacation, at work or absent from their homes for other reasons.

Each visit lasts about one-half hour — long enough for the pet to experience some genuine affection. Molencupp does not take the pets to her own residence, preferring instead to go to them, thus reinforcing the security they feel in their own homes.

"It's a good, hearty little visit," she says. "Enough to give them some attention and love them a little bit. By about the third day, they're really happy to see you because you're putting food in the dish. Their little

Please see PET CARE, A5

## Student-run floral shop blooms in time for holidays

BY JAN BAKER  
SPECIAL WRITER

They've decked the walls with festive vine wreaths, topped the stands with eucalyptus and dressed the shelves with scented candles.

Now floral design students at Oakland Technical Center's Northwest Campus are momentarily stepping back and enjoying a milestone — the first holiday season in their new flower shop.

According to floral instructor Donna Papatheodoropoulos, the 2-month-old store exists because of a successful department fund-raiser last year — one the entire school supported. Today, the shop represents a dream come true.

Floral instructors teach the fine points of customer service there. And students garner lessons about the floral business that couldn't be duplicated in a classroom.

Papatheodoropoulos said she expects the stylish little store to particularly enhance the floral program during this time of year, however. That's when the

shop will showcase students' most dazzling holiday creations for the public to purchase. And that's when students will experience the most interaction with shoppers and browsers.

"Customer service is No. 1 in this business," Papatheodoropoulos said in a recent interview. "You can be a wonderful florist, but if you can't sell what you have, it's no good to anybody — yourself included. . . You have to have those people skills."

According to the teacher, when Clarkston senior Amanda Simmons enrolled in the two-year floral program as a sophomore, she already possessed those abilities. As a result, Amanda helps run the floral store and she participates in an unprecedented third year of floral design through a special curriculum that Papatheodoropoulos created for her.

First- and second-year floral students work in rotations with Amanda during the flower shop's regular business hours of 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Mon-

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STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

**Trim a tree:** Student Amanda Simmons of Clarkston trims a tree on display in the new floral shop at OTC Northwest.

## POLICE NEWS

The following incidents were reported to police and fire agencies in Springfield and Independence townships and the city of Clarkston Nov. 17-24.

## Springfield Police

## House Fire

On Nov. 18, officers responded to a report of a trailer fire on **Louise Drive**. There were no injuries.

## Breaking and Entering

On Nov. 21, unknown persons entered a house under construction on **Clark Road** and took carpenter tools.

## Theft

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

## Independence Police

## Thefts

On Nov. 17, a bicycle was reported stolen from Clarkston Middle School on **Church Street**.

On Nov. 18, a decorative flag was reported stolen from a residence on **Mary Sue Street**.

On Nov. 18, a snow plow was reported stolen from a residence on **Maybee Road**.

On Nov. 20, a cellular phone

was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on **South Main Street**.

On Nov. 20, a wallet was reported stolen from a locker at a business on **White Lake Road**.

On Nov. 21, a wallet was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on **Meadowbrook Court**.

On Nov. 21, a cell phone was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on **Deerhill Drive**.

On Nov. 21, copper was reported stolen from a building on **White Lake Road**.

On Nov. 21, a stereo, amplifier and speakers were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on **Deerhill**.

On Nov. 22, personal checks were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on **Maybee Road**.

On Nov. 23, cassettes and money were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on **Dixie Highway**.

## Vandalism

On Nov. 17, a report was filed stating that the tires on two vehicles parked on **Deerhill Drive** were slashed.

On Nov. 18, a report was filed stating a BB was fired through a window of a vehicle parked on **Michigamme Road**.

On Nov. 18, a report was filed stating that a BB or pellet was fired through a window of a residence on **Michigamme Road**.

On Nov. 18, a window was reported smashed on a vehicle while it was parked on **O-Aw-Wen-Sa Drive**.

On Nov. 21, a windshield was reported cracked while parked on **Maybee Road**.

On Nov. 21, an auto was reported dented while parked in a lot on **Dixie Highway**.

On Nov. 21, a window was reported broken on a vehicle while it was parked on **Allen Road**.

On Nov. 22, a window was

reported smashed on a vehicle while it was parked on **Hillendale**.

## Suspicious Circumstance

On Nov. 20, an Independence Township woman reported that she found a metal tie pin backing in a hamburger purchased at a fast-food restaurant.

## Home Invasion

On Nov. 22, unknown persons reportedly illegally entered a residence on **Gulfview** and ransacked several rooms. It was not immediately known if anything was taken.

## Independence Fire

During the week of Nov. 17-24, firefighters responded to 23 calls. Among them were 15 medical runs, three personal-injury accident runs and one automatic alarm. The calls included:

On Nov. 17, firefighters assisted a person who was having trouble breathing at a residence on **Simlar Drive**.

On Nov. 17, firefighters assisted a 76-year-old woman who was having difficulty breathing at a residence on **Dixie Highway**.

On Nov. 17, firefighters assisted a 90-year-old woman who was experiencing weakness and

shortness of breath at a residence on **Ortonville Road**.

On Nov. 19, firefighters assisted a patient who was experiencing insulin shock at a residence on **Eastlawn**.

On Nov. 21, firefighters assisted a man who fell from a ladder at a residence on **Curtis**.

On Nov. 23, firefighters assisted a person who was experiencing back pain at a residence on **Peach Street**.

## Clarkston Police

On Nov. 20, officers responded to a report of a natural death at a residence on **Overlook**.

On Nov. 22, officers stopped a vehicle on **Main Street** whose driver was driving erratically. The Ortonville man driving the vehicle was found to be intoxicated and he registered a Breathalyzer test of .12. He was cited for possession of marijuana and transferred to the Oakland County Jail. He is to face an arraignment in 52/2 District Court within 15 days.

On Nov. 24, officers stopped a vehicle traveling on **East Church Street** for an equipment violation. The driver, a Clarkston-area woman, was found to be in possession of marijuana. She was cited for possession of marijuana, for not having an operator's license and for improper license plates and released. She is to appear in 52/2 District Court within 15 days.

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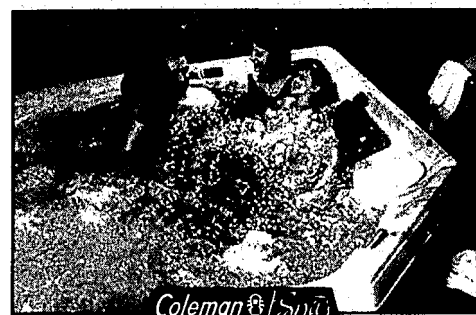
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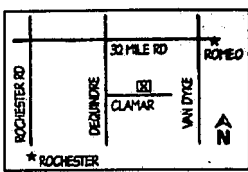
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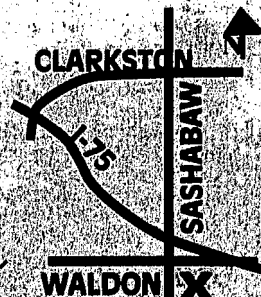
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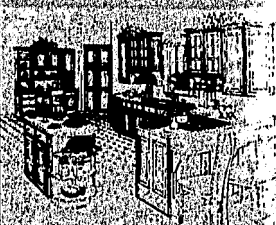
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## Floral shop from page A1



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**Dream come true:** The OTC floral shop is a dream come true for teacher Donna Papatheodoropoulos.

day through Friday, Papatheodoropoulos said. Some of those pupils will also man the store when it opens from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, as part of the OTC's annual holiday open house.

Of course, even if customer service is No. 1, it certainly doesn't hurt to do a great job at

No. 2, Papatheodoropoulos said. Pointing to some ribbon-trimmed vine wreaths, the teacher remarked, "All of these are first-time pieces. This year, I think I've had some of the best designers I've ever had."

When asked which store item was the most popular thus far in the 1997 holiday season, the flo-

ral teacher picked up an egg-shaped piece that was covered in eucalyptus and dotted with gold beads.

"The hot new things are these orbs," Papatheodoropoulos said. "You can set them on a candlestick or throw some of them in a mantelpiece as a focal point. And they're permanent. It's a cool look — something different, something unusual."

The instructor said that although her students produce work that meets industry standards, reflects what's current and is reasonably priced, she doesn't view the OTC flower store as a retail competitor.

"My interest is not to compete with the industry out there because I want my children to be placed within that industry," Papatheodoropoulos said. "My interest really is this — that people realize the students are producing high-quality work and that the money that's spent here comes back and supports more educational efforts."

They've decked the walls with festive vine wreaths, topped the stands with eucalyptus and dressed the shelves with scented candles. And now they're ready to celebrate the holidays in a flower shop that's truly unique.

(The OTC flower store is located in the Oakland Technical Center — Northwest Campus building on Big Lake Road near Dixie Highway in Springfield Township. For more information, call Donna Papatheodoropoulos at 625-5202.)

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## Greens market



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**Christmas crafts:** Barb Trueman of Independence Township works on a craft in preparation for the sixth annual Christmas Greens Market sponsored by the Clarkston Farm and Garden Club. The greens market will be open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, in the Masonic Temple of Clarkston, 2 N. Main St. Proceeds go to scholarships.

## ON THE AGENDA

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**Payable Check Run**  
**Approval of Purchase Orders**  
**Public hearing: Townsend Lake sewer and water SADS**  
*Old Business*  
 1. Adoption of Resolution Determining Necessity of Improvements: Townsend Lake sewer and water SADS  
*New Business*  
 1. Final site plan approval-

**Oakhurst Phase III**  
 2. 1998 Township Board meeting schedule  
 3. Request to hire recreation programmer  
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## Pet care from page A1

needs are getting met."

Molencupp requires that any potential clients meet with her and their animals in their home, to give her a chance to assess the pets and get acquainted with their environments.

"We just talk things over. What they want me to do. How many times they want me to come over," she says of her human clients. "They give me explicit instructions. Sometimes novels. I've stopped bringing as many animals home. You get your fix off other people's animals."

And while she won't care for large farm animals, no house-sized pets are out of bounds. "I'm not afraid of anything as long as I meet the pet first," she says, noting that she is even willing to take care of snakes or other such exotic pets. "I've had them all. When I was a kid, I brought home everything."

Molencupp founded her career after watching a television show featuring guests who started their own businesses based on

their hobbies and interests.

"I looked around my house and I had all these cats," Molencupp recalls of the moment inspiration hit. "I've loved animals since I was little. My mom said I'd grow out of this phase. Well, I'm 41. It's like Wild Kingdom in here. I love it."

To handle the occasional unexpected emergency, Molencupp keeps a veterinarian on call. She also requests that clients leave the names and numbers of their own vets for access when they are away.

Her routine of visiting animals in their homes runs from 6-9 a.m. and 6-9 p.m. daily, leaving the bulk of the day for her to be home with her own menagerie.

She won't take more than six clients at one time and won't venture any farther than five miles from her Clarkston home to keep her traveling time down, she says.

In her three years of experience, Molencupp says she can only remember one misadventure that, fortunately, turned out

**I've loved animals since I was little. My mom said I'd grow out of this phase. Well, I'm 41. It's like Wild Kingdom in here. I love it.**

**Cheryl Molencupp**  
Home Sweet Home Pet Care

okay.

She was pet-sitting the hamster of former judicial candidate Dana Fortinberry when, as Molencupp puts it, "the little bugger got out."

Desperate that the Fortinberry children not come home to find their pet missing, Molencupp imagined herself in the hamster's state of mind and decided he must be hiding in the closet.

"There he was — fat little Squeak," she recalls. "I was so happy to see that hamster."

Molencupp's pet-sitting services can be obtained by calling 625-4844 or Pagemail, 405-PETS. Molencupp is bonded and insured and is a member of Pet Sitters International, a nationwide referral agency.

## Saturday from page A1

up posters in the hallways, planting flowers on the grounds or other in-school tasks.

The principal also said that Saturday school attendance is limited. "We don't like to have more than 12 kids on a Saturday," he said. "If we had 25 to 30 kids coming in, it wouldn't have the same impact on them. So if we had those kinds of numbers, we'd probably assign half the group to one Saturday and the other half to another (Saturday)."

Dilegghio said Saturday school runs at SMS every other Saturday or according to the need for it. So far, the program has operated three times. However, the principal said parents are supportive of the Saturday concept — even if they've had to change their weekend plans to accommodate it. And the new approach seems to be working.

"On the first Saturday, there were eight kids," Dilegghio said.

"The second Saturday, we had 12 kids. The third Saturday, we had two. We think they understand now that they don't want to come to school on Saturday."

Ginny Farmer, assistant principal for Clarkston Middle School, said the staff there is "studying" the Saturday school concept.

To date, the traditional all-day in-school suspension program has worked well for ongoing behavior problems at Clarkston Middle School, she said. Part of that program requires each offender to draw up a contract with goals for improving their behavior.

For less serious infractions such as tardiness, CMS also has a before-school detention program, she said.

Both SMS and CMS enforce out-of-school suspensions for serious offenses like those involving weapons or drugs, Farmer said.

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## OBITUARIES

**Paul L. DeLongchamp**  
Paul L. DeLongchamp of Tequesta, Fla., formerly of Clarkston, died Nov. 1, 1997, at age 82.

Mr. DeLongchamp was the owner and president of Precision Metal Spinning and Spin Metal Products in Clarkston from 1945 to 1972. He was a member of St. Daniel Church in Clarkston and then of St. Jude Catholic Church of Tequesta. He was also former president of the Clarkston Rotary Club, organizer of the Davisburg Rotary Club, member of Jupiter Elks No. 2469 and Pontiac Michigan Elks Club.

He is survived by his wife, Lois; daughter, Diane (James) Clabuesch of Saginaw; and sons, David B. of Ithaca and Daniel P. (Michele) of Sylvan Lake. He is also survived by five grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

A memorial mass was celebrated at St. Jude Catholic Church with family member Bishop J. Keith Symons of Palm Beach officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor's choice or to the Little Club Library, 9601 S.E. Little Club Way, Tequesta, FL 33469.

**Harry D. Mosher**

Harry D. Mosher of Clarkston died Nov. 20, 1997, at age 70.

Mr. Mosher was a retired civil engineer and a U. S. Army veteran of WWII.

He is survived by his wife, Wilda; five children, Sue Babcock, Catherine Mosher, Ann Savickas, Barb Shafer and William Mosher; one sister-in-law, Elizabeth Mosher; and nine grandchildren.

Services were held at the Lewis E. Wint & Sons Funeral Home Nov. 23.

**Pauline M. Anderson**

Pauline M. "Toni" Anderson of Clarkston died Nov. 21, 1997, at

age 72.

Mrs. Anderson was formerly employed by the Orchard Lake Our Lady of Refuge School for 10 years and was the assistant manager for Steak and Ale restaurant for five years.

She is survived by two sons, Michael of Virginia and Paul of Clarkston; one daughter, Janet Gerula of Waterford; one sister, Mary Janet Grofer of California; and nine grandchildren.

A memorial mass was held at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church Nov. 24.



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Helping hand: Executive Director Cathleen Gilbert (right) looks on as resident Mary Anne Maxwell talks on the telephone at Middlebury Home in Bloomfield Township, one of four Angels' Place homes in Oakland County for developmentally disabled adults.

STAFF PHOTO BY JERRY ZOLINSKY

## Oakland angels extend their wings

In lore, angels spread spiritual joy. In Oakland County, they stimulate self-dignity. Angels' Place provides homes and hope for developmentally disabled adults whose parents or guardians can no longer care for them. Often bypassed by society, these people run the risk of ending up homeless and helpless.

Up to 1,000 Oakland County men and women with developmental disabilities await placement in a residential home. Shockingly, some will wait up to 28 years. Desire for placement far exceeds availability of homes.

The Angels' Place mission is to offer Christian-based residential services, advocacy and public education. But foremost, the not-for-profit ministry strives to inspire, not convert. Advisory board members include respected county leaders like state Sen. Michael Bouchard of Birmingham, Waterford's Joyce Keller, executive director of the Southfield-based Jewish Association for Residential Care, and state Rep. Joe Knollenberg, whose district extends from Farmington Hills to Bloomfield Hills.

"We support the uniqueness, wholeness and dignity of each person, and strive to respond to the individual needs of each person we serve, so they may fully participate in and contribute to community life," said Lake Angelus resident Marian Cote, who co-chaired the recently held fifth anniversary dinner of Angels' Place.

Created in 1992, Angels' Place houses 54 men and women age 26 or older in four state-licensed homes — two in West Bloomfield, one in Bloomfield Township and one in Southfield. A fifth, Troy's Van Elslander Home, will open in December. Two more will be added by 1999. "I don't want to see us going back to the institutional setting," says Angels' Place executive director Cathleen Gilbert, a Lake Orion resident and ARC of Oakland County board member.

A tribute to the respect they draw, Angels' Place this year won a national honor — the American Cardinals Encouragement Award, which "recognizes faith-based initiatives that reflect gospel values."

The Troy home is a byproduct of a financial

### OAKLAND WATCH



BOB SKLAR

gift from Grosse Pointe residents Art and Mary Ann Van Elslander of Art Van Furniture fame. "People with developmental disabilities often can't speak for themselves after their parents are gone. They need a place to live and people to care for them," Mary Ann said.

Since its founding, Angels' Place has raised \$3 million. The Kresge Foundation of Troy has approved a challenge grant of \$150,000 if Angels' Place raises \$1.65 million toward its \$1.8-million capital campaign goal. The capital campaign, within \$395,000 of qualifying for the grant, will fund the three new homes and the creation of a \$600,000 endowment.

Angels' Place has a \$1.2-million operating budget; just 16 percent is earmarked for administration. The bulk of the revenue — derived mostly from grants, fund-raising and an Oakland County Community Mental Health allocation — goes to services.

What kind of emotional bonds does Angels' Place build? The summer issue of *The Herald*, the official newsletter, tells of Gretchen Roese, who died peacefully in her sleep on May 6 after a year in Southfield's Webster Home. "She was a joy to all the residents, staff and members of the Angels' Place family who had the privilege of knowing her and sharing her life."

Bob Sklar is managing editor of *The Eccentric Newspapers*.

### COMMUNITY VOICE

#### QUESTION:

What are you thankful for this Thanksgiving?

This question was asked at the Clarkston Post Office.



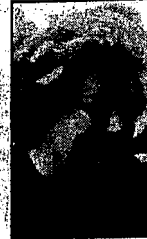
"That I have two healthy children."  
Renee Bittick  
Independence Township



"For my health and for my children."  
Mary Spencer  
Independence Township



"I'm thankful that all my family's healthy."  
Don Slegia  
Independence Township



"My family. We're going to have a new grandson."  
Nancy Mitchell  
Clarkston

### LETTERS

#### Thanks for partnership

Thanks for your recent excellent coverage of the "Up With Parents" and "Clarkston Cares" events — both before and after. Also we were gratified to see other articles (Al Roberts, Dr. James Windell and Bob Sklar) reinforcing the same community-based prevention message.

Your role, as the media, in bringing these issues to the forefront is absolutely vital.

Thanks again for your partnership for the health and well-being of our entire community of Clarkston!

Clarkston Community Task Force for Youth

#### Help citizens stop casino

Recently the Bay Mills Indian Tribe filed to put 5.9 acres of land situated in Auburn Hills into trust for the purpose of building a casino on this property. This land, located at the northeast corner of I-75 and Joslyn Road, was purportedly obtained in trade from an Ohio real estate attorney, who offered it in exchange for the tribe dropping a claim against 50 acres he was purchasing in the Upper Peninsula. The tribe had claimed this land in the UP belonged to them because it had been illegally sold for unpaid taxes in 1884.

If built, this casino would bring millions of visitors — about 6 million, according to releases from the Bay Mills Tribe's representative, who would lose about \$600 million a year on all gambling in the casino — slots, blackjack, roulette etc. They have suggested they might return 2 percent of their profits from only the slot machines to the local area — this would mean about \$600,000 to \$1 million per year, again according to the information they have released.

They would pay no taxes on this land. They would not be subject to local regulations regarding height of building, style, light and noise pollution to the neighboring areas. They are also seeking an additional 14-plus acres adjacent to this 5.9 acres. The adjoining 132 acres is — surprise, surprise — owned by the same real estate attorney from Ohio.

One can easily see where this is leading — and who will benefit in the long run. Certainly it won't be the townships or villages surrounding this proposed casino, who would have to bear millions in dollars of additional cost for security and safety, road widening and repairs, to say nothing of losing this \$600 million, much of which would come out of money

normally spent in the area. Add to this the increased family problems, bankruptcies and suicides that gambling addiction brings, and one can only foresee a tremendous blight on our horizon if this casino is built.

They are claiming this will bring additional jobs in the \$6/hour range — which we certainly do not need at this time. Most of the employers in the area now offering \$6 an hour are having a hard time filling these jobs because of a manpower shortage.

If area citizens want to gamble, the proposed Detroit casinos will be less than an hour away, as are those in Windsor. History in other cities has shown that casino gamblers do not visit area businesses; they eat and drink on site, then return home.

Gov. Engler, State Senator Mat Dunaskiss, State Rep. Penny Crissman, Sheriff John Nichols, the Auburn Hills, Lake Orion and Clarkston city and village councils, the Orion and Independence Township boards of trustees, and the Oakland County Board of Commissioners have all come out publicly against this casino. Gov. Engler has called it a "dubious scheme" to avert his authority over gambling in the state.

The Citizens Against the Auburn Hills Casino group was formed last spring to mount a grass-roots campaign to convince Bruce Babbitt, chairman of the Department of the Interior, and the ONE PERSON who can approve or deny this casino, that we do not want it or need it. We need support of local citizens to back up our voices in the form of financial donations as well as letters stating you are against this casino. If you can provide either or both, please send these to CAAHC, P.O. Box 858, Lake Orion, MI 48860.

Please help us stop this casino from coming to this area.

Beverly A. Luther  
Lake Orion

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## POINTS OF VIEW

# Memories march on long after the parade ends

**T**hanksgiving in Detroit is a very busy day. Most towns offer turkey with all the trimmings. The motor city not only has turkey but a parade and a professional football game to boot.

Those who try to participate in all three feasts are pretty exhausted by the end of the day, but there is something for everyone.

The Thanksgiving Day parade in downtown Detroit not only brings awe to the hearts of the little folk but also ingenuity on the part of parents.

In the old days, if junior couldn't see, daddy would hoist him up on his shoulders where the wonderful world of make-believe would unfold in front of him. With the crowds now attending this spectacular, daddy not only

has to hoist junior up, but also loan him a pair of field glasses.

The most astute families bring along a stepladder for the kiddies to climb. Larger families have to bring two and sometimes stretch a board across both of them to take care of the whole family.

The lucky kids are those whose father happens to be a painter and has a real tall ladder. Grocers can be identified because they arrive with plastic milk cartons under their arms for their children to stand on. Some clever fathers who own trucks or motor homes park them ahead of time along the parade route so their kiddies can sit on top of them.

Because it gets mighty cold out there in the open, the most popular

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HANK HOGAN

people around this time of year are those who happen to have an office overlooking the parade route.

The first couple of years, parents are willing to brave it, but then they start looking for a new dentist or lawyer who had the foresight to be

well located.

Of course, being inside takes away half the fun from watching the parade. Bundling up and sipping steaming hot chocolate on top of a ladder are the things remembered for a lifetime. People sitting in a warm office miss the clowns coming up and shaking their hands or the fuzzy animal that passes just a few feet away.

Trye, attending a parade with your children or grand kids isn't all peaches and cream.

You have to get up early and out into the brisk cold air. Kids tire easily in that kind of weather. You have to convince them they don't need everything being sold along the way. You have to umpire the disputes over the best step on the ladder.

**■ Bundling up and sipping steaming hot chocolate on top of a ladder are the things remembered for a lifetime.**

But the tears fade away, and the morning is worthwhile when they hear the first note of the band, their eyes get wider and they are enveloped into the wonderful spectacular before them.

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

## Let's remember to give thanks on *Thanksgiving Day*

**T**he dinner is in the oven. Fresh 20-pound turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie. Your guests have finally arrived, eager for a day of feasting, fun and football — it's Thanksgiving, of course. But do we really stop to think about what Thanksgiving means?

Think about the word Thanksgiving. Giving thanks. When our turkey is being carved, we don't think about how the pilgrims came over and gave thanks for their first meal as Americans. We forget the people who aren't eating anything today. We put everyone who is less fortunate in the back of our mind. Instead, we cry and whine when the Lions turn over the ball and keep pestering mom on when dinner will be done. How many of you have actually sat down and thanked the people in your lives on this day? After all that is what it's for, right?

When we were children the story of the pilgrims was told to us every year. We made paper turkeys out of hand prints and did little skits, pretending to be the pilgrims and the Indians. We tend to forget, that in all actuality, that is where Thanksgiving started. The pilgrims settled in America in 1621. The following year when they harvested their crops, they gave thanks for their religious freedom and thanked the Lord the land was fruitful. They started the Thanksgiving Day tradition. Each year they took this day to be thankful for their family, friends and their plentiful crops.

Now, 376 years later, we are only thankful if grandma's pumpkin pie is good and hot. Complaining about what we don't like and asking mom why crazy, old Aunt Patty has to sleep in our room seem to be commonplace for Thanksgiving Day conversation.



KRISTIN FRENCH

We complain about Michigan weather, how much longer dinner will take and doing all the dishes when this whole shebang is over. We tend to complain rather than be thankful for what we have.

Any parent has probably heard these statements before: "I don't like that stuff. Why can't we eat something else?" or "Can I have pie now?" Parents who catered to these kids all their lives now expect them to eat

"Thanksgiving" food. Even if the table is loaded to the hilt with traditional food, make sure there is something kids will reach for before they beg for pie. It may look a little strange to have macaroni and cheese or peanut butter and jelly set out next to the turkey, but surely happy non-complaining kids are more important than table decor.

When I was a kid, my dad always made something special for my sister and me. It didn't matter if it was traditional; whatever was requested was on the table. Then, when the table was set and it was time to eat, we said a prayer — not just any prayer but a special Thanksgiving prayer. We would go around the table, each of us saying what we were thankful for and how to appreciate more in the years to come. This tradition has made Thanksgiving more and more

**■ When the table was set and it was time to eat, we said a prayer — not just any prayer but a special Thanksgiving prayer. We would go around the table, each of us saying what we were thankful for and how to appreciate more in the years to come.**

interesting every year.

Every family has different traditions. For my family, it's the Thanksgiving prayer. For others, it may be the food, family or football, but we all share the same holiday — giving thanks for what we have.

*Kristin French is a student at Clarkston High School. Her column runs every other week in this space.*

## U-M football: Famous victories worth remembering a lifetime

*Reflections on the Michigan Wolverines' undefeated season:*

**M**y father started taking me to Michigan football games in 1946. I was eight years old.

In those days, Michigan ran out of the single wing, with the spinning fullback taking the ball from center and dishing it out. I kept asking, "Daddy, who's got the ball?" Turns out that Michigan's opponents were asking the same question as "Michigan's Mad Magicians" under head coach Fritz Crisler lost only to Army that year.

In 1947, Michigan went 9-0 in the Big Ten behind the running and passing of All-American halfback Bob Chappius. In my memory, each of those games was played on green grass, in bright sunlight, under a cloudless sky.

I listened to the Rose Bowl on the radio at a friend's house. After Michigan stomped USC 49-0, we dashed out into the frigid street over our mothers' protests, throwing the football and pretending to tackle like Dick Kempthorn. After the game, the sports writers voted Michigan No. 1 over Notre Dame.

I remember how anxious I felt in 1969 when Woody Hayes brought Ohio State to Ann Arbor ranked No. 1 in the nation and rated as among the best football teams of all time. Michigan had just hired a new coach, somebody with the unpronounceable name of Schembechler.

I believe it was under a grim, gray sky that Michigan broke OSU's 22-game winning streak, 24-12, gaining a share of the Big Ten title. Never have I heard such a savagely satisfying roar as came from that giant crowd when Don Moorhead crashed over the goal line in the second quarter. Winning that game was the defining moment for Bo Schembechler's career. Suddenly, from that moment on, he became bigger than life.

Other than Jack Kennedy, I never experienced a personality as compelling in a small group as Bo's. After going undefeated in 1971 in the Big Ten, Michigan lost in the Rose Bowl to Stanford, 13-12, on a last-second field goal. "It's a hell of a thing to lose the Rose Bowl when we had it won," said Bo.

As the '70s turned into the '80s, I'd always join my father in the Big House to watch Michigan play. We'd grouse about Bo's conservative



PHILIP POWER

play selection and delight in his fierce sideline manner after a bad call from the ref.

It was after the 1991 victory against Notre Dame that he told me how he had been arrested by the Ann Arbor police after a game at Ferry Field some time in the 1920s. Seems a traffic jam developed at the intersection of State Street and Stadium. After having a few beers, my father concluded that he was just the person to get out into the middle of the street and direct traffic to sort it out.

My son, Nathan, started joining us at Michigan football games when he was 10. All three of us would marvel as Tyrone Wheatley would turn it on as he cut upfield, speed and power combined.

And so last Saturday, as I felt Michigan Stadium — the whole place — rumble, I thought of my father and the memories we had stored up, of famous victories won and defeats suffered.

And I reflected on the intensity of emotion that comes from the tribal bonding in the company of many thousands of others.

Some say the only worthwhile residue of a life is memories.

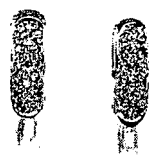
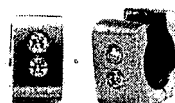
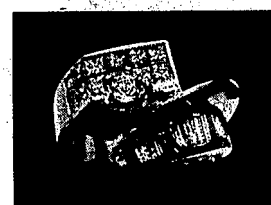
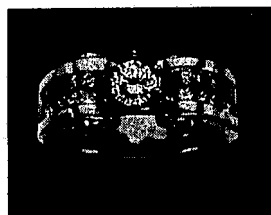
Maybe that's one reason I keep going back to the big house year after year to watch Michigan play football.

And maybe that's why it was such a wonderfully intense emotional experience as Ohio State's last pass fell incomplete on the ground: **WE'RE GONNA WIN THIS GAME!**

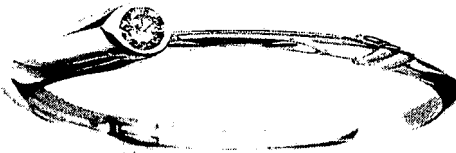
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■ **Bloomfield Township** — Squirrel Road, between Long Lake and Westview, is being resurfaced and reconstructed at the north end. A detour will route drivers along Adams and Square Lake roads. The project is expected to be completed by the end of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

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

■ **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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**BY CAROLYN WALKER**  
**STAFF WRITER**

*Mary, Mary, quite contrary, how does your garden grow?*

Mary, Mary may not have the answer to that question, but Jocelyn "Jocie" Rogers of Independence Township does.

The English Gardens store manager — who has a degree from Michigan State University and a background in merchandising management — knows of what she speaks when it comes to flowers and tropical plants.

Mary, Mary's garden grows, Rogers says, with "something better than astro-turf or grass to cover it. And artificial flowers. And with a mechanical butterfly."

Stated to be a "maiden" alongside Mary, Mary's float in America's Thanksgiving Parade in Detroit on Thanksgiving Day, Rogers is counting her blessings that she won't have to go in disguise as a flower, even as she extols the wonders of her lengthy, floral, maiden's gown complete with a big white apron.

"It's kind of exciting," she says, well aware of the potential for teasing but happy as a bee in nectar, nonetheless.

Rogers, who is married but has no children, jumped on the parade

wagon, so to speak, when it was announced in September that English Gardens would be sponsoring its first Thanksgiving float this year. Rogers is manager of the company's West Bloomfield store.

Volunteers were solicited from among employees and about 30 people applied for the 18 positions available, she says. She and the others were selected at random by the marketing manager. Other Mary, Mary floatists will come from English Gardens full-service flowers shops throughout lower Michigan.

"I wanted to do it from the get-go. Just to have fun. I told the other two, 'We're in. We're in,'" Rogers recalls of the day she and her two assistant managers learned they would be representing the store in the parade.

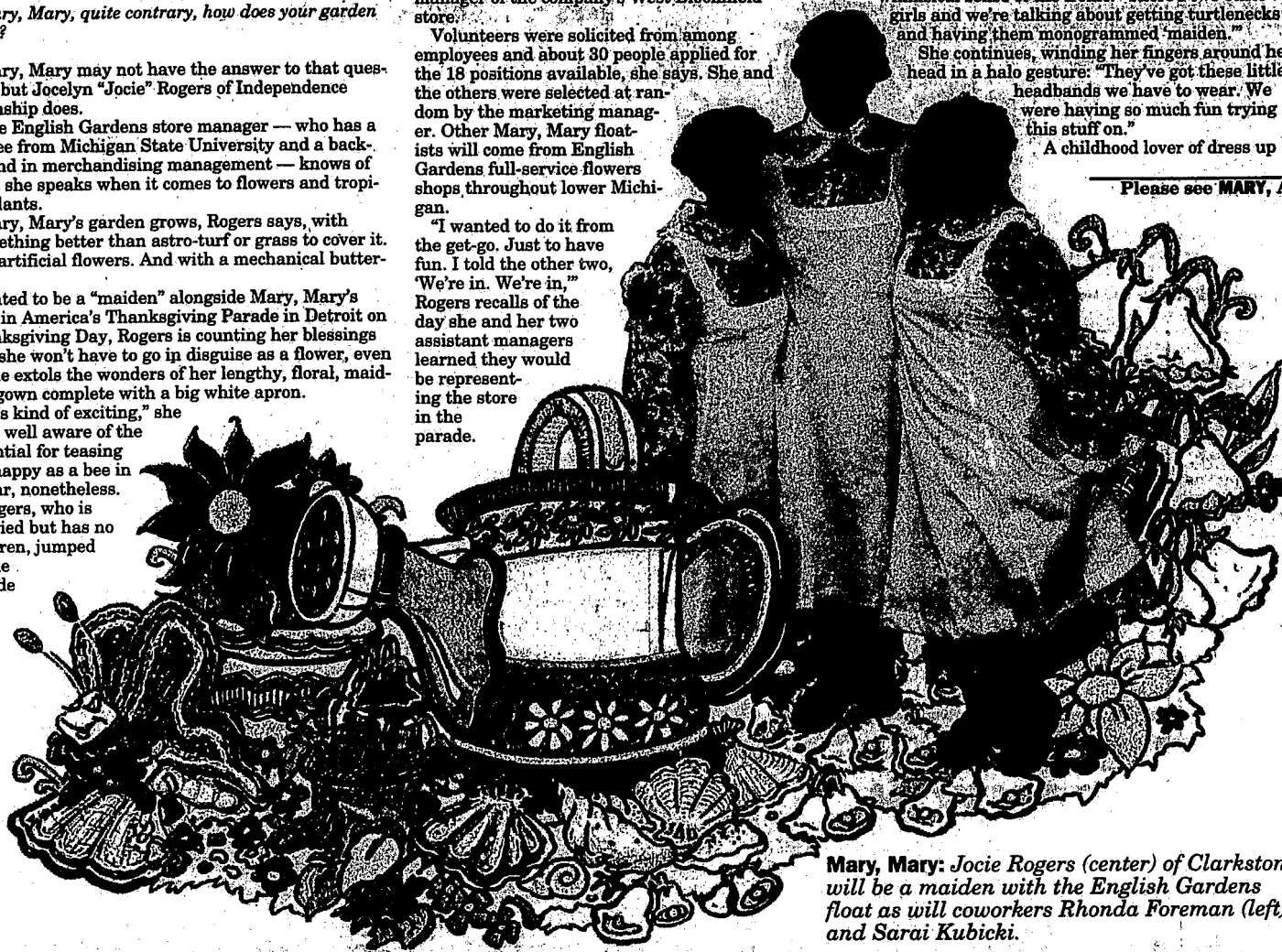
(She slips out of modern-day, women's-lib protocol and calls the other two "girls.")

"I'm totally excited," she says, adding her own whimsical sense of the ironic. "There's two other girls and we're talking about getting turtle-necks and having them monogrammed 'maiden.'"

She continues, winding her fingers around her head in a halo gesture: "They've got these little headbands we have to wear. We were having so much fun trying this stuff on."

**A childhood lover of dress up**

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**Mary, Mary:** Jocie Rogers (center) of Clarkston will be a maiden with the English Gardens float as will coworkers Rhonda Foreman (left) and Sarai Kubicki.

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# An elderly man, an old song and a long-ago romance

There is a particular family restaurant that we have been frequenting now for many years (the restaurant will remain unidentified here because names are of no significance in this piece) and in all those years, I have never witnessed anything there like the scene I am about to describe.

First, you must picture the restaurant in your mind: It is alive with patrons downing fried foods, and there are scattered toddlers clamoring out of high chairs, and waitresses are bustling between two rooms with heavy-laden trays. Scents of grease and coffee fill the air as does the faint buzz of small talk. Outside it is dark.

Near the exit, in the very first booth with his back toward the door, sits a solitary, elderly gentleman with a lap-sized tape recorder, circa 1970, resting on his table; and on that tape recorder he is playing a big band version of "Smoke Gets In Your Eyes."

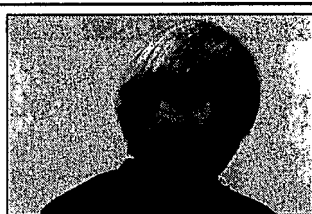
Though he is looking at his recorder and is fidgeting with the volume button with long, skeletal fingers — perhaps pretending to turn the thing down — he is in reality playing the song loud enough for the other diners sitting near him in the smoking section to hear.

In fact, one has to wonder if he is playing that very song for a reason. It is the only music I have ever heard in this restaurant. And it is so out of place that for one surprised moment I find my thoughts diverted while the song ascends toward the ceiling and joins the cigarette smoke that lingers there.

Having pictured the restaurant you must now picture the man. He appears as old as time itself.

(My son, who only moments before had been walking away with confidence, ventures beside me with a worried scowl on his face.

"Mom, that man is scaring me," he



CAROLYN WALKER

says, and I wonder aloud, "Why?"

"Because he is so old," comes his childish, thoughtless reply.)

The old man is but a wisp of a man. He is dressed in a white shirt and dress pants. Sparse, well-scrubbed, white hairs are parted at the side of his head and combed neatly across his bald spot. As his fingers fidget with the volume, he sits in a perfect "C" shape, resting his weight not on his

bottom but on his arthritic, curved back. Thus stooped and concentrating on his music, his chin floats just inches above the table — the way a little boy's might when said boy is in need of a booster seat.

His dinner has not yet arrived.

As we pass him, moving toward the exit — my hands are resting on my son's shoulders, now, hopefully providing reassurance — a rush of questions concerning the man come into my mind.

How old is he, really? I wonder. Why is he dining alone (is that not the worst of all fates?) And, what significance does "Smoke Gets In Your Eyes," written in 1933, have for him?

The mischief-maker in me imagines that he is playing the song for the benefit of the smokers present, while the romantic in me envisions him as a young man, a soldier maybe, with a beautiful, dark-haired woman in his arms.

They are in a club, dancing away the wee hours of some long-distant evening as he prepares to go to war. On this long-distant evening, the man stands tall (he has not yet assumed the shape of a "C") and he pulls the woman close to him and takes in the fragrance of her perfume one last time. As he does so, she brushes his cheek with hers and allows a tear to slip between them.

She hums along with the music, "Smoke Gets . . ." And the words, "I love you" escape her even as she tries to hold them at bay.

Decades later the song haunts a family restaurant and an old man's memory — even as he strikes fear in a young boy's heart.

The boy hasn't learned yet that love transcends both age and time.

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 additional information and mail to the Clarkston Eccentric, 7151 Ortonville Road, Suite 2, Clarkston, Mich., 48346 or fax to 248-625-5712. Deadline for calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper.

### FRIDAY, 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 Catholic

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### MONDAY-FRIDAY, DEC.

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#### BOOK FAIR

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily and 5 - 8 p.m. Friday, Clarkston Elementary School. A book fair to benefit the school's media center sponsored by Scholastic Books. Call Karen Dickey (248) 620-4650.

### MONDAY, DEC. 1&8

#### DOLLARS FOR COLLEGE

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Township Library. Two-part seminar by Sheryl E. Krasnow covers the ins and outs of financial aid, including definitions, college costs, the financial aid package, government programs, etc. The second session covers filling out the FAFSA form step-by-step. Call the library at (248) 625-2212.

### WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY, DEC. 3-4

#### CHRISTMAS GREENS MARKET

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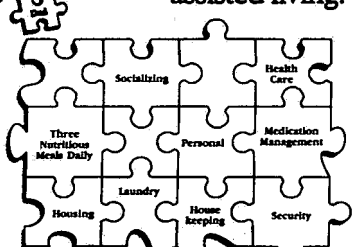
### THURSDAY, DEC. 4

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11:30 a.m., Mesquite Creek, Clarkston. Daughters of the American Revolution, Sashabaw Plains chapter, will host a Recognition Day Luncheon honoring good citizen Samantha Hardenburgh, Clarkston High School; Leah Catherine Smith, Waterford Kettering; Stacey Salting, Our Lady of the Lakes; Alicia Suggs, Holly High; Kari Ann Dille; Lake Fenton High; Andrea Marie Bulte, Fenton High School; Darcy Dinse, Linden High School. For reservations and information, call Nancy Woodruff (248) 625-1519.

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## Boy's float design wins award

BY CAROLYN WALKER  
STAFF WRITER

Nick Lockwood, a lover of art and sports, took up his drawing utensils recently and walked away an honorable-mention winner in the Skillman Foundation's annual Balloon and Float Design contest.

The contest solicits entries for float designs for the American Thanksgiving Parade, held annually in Detroit. Lockwood's was one of 20 submissions, geared around children's stories, that won honorable mentions.

Lockwood, an 11-year-old

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student at Our Lady Of the Lakes School and an Independence Township resident, decided to submit a rendering of Pecos Bill for float consideration at the urging of his sixth-grade teacher, Carm Smolinski, Lockwood said during a telephone interview on Monday. His teacher suggested that he do a "bird's eye view" of a possible float, he said.

Lockwood's fellow students also submitted drawings, he said.

"I just thought of it," said

Lockwood of his decision to draw Bill. "It just popped into my mind."

Lockwood estimates he spent 10 to 15 minutes of school and home time on the sketch that shows Pecos Bill with a rope and tornado.

"Art is one of my favorite hobbies," the boy said. "I also play sports — hockey, football, baseball."

The Skillman Foundation is a private grant-making foundation with grants of \$20 million going to a wide range of human welfare and community institutions.

## Grief counselor offers holiday help

Christine Spencer, the new director of bereavement services at Wint Funeral Home in Clarkston, will present "Coping with the Holidays After the Loss of a Loved One" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, in the Independence Township Senior Center.

The presentation is free of charge. The senior center is in Clintonwood Park off Clarkston Road, west of Sashabaw Road.

Spencer is a licensed counselor

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## Mary from page A9

and fantasy and a television viewer of the 71-year-old Thanksgiving Day parade, Rogers, now 30, says this will be her first experience as a participant in any kind of parade and even the pre-parade preparations have reduced her and her friends to awe.

Recently, she and her partners-in-pleasure went to the Parade Company's construction house in Detroit where they were fitted with their costumes and treated to a visit of the floats in progress.

She describes the experience thus, as wide-eyed with wonder as she must have been when young: "It's a big warehouse-type building with zero parking. You go in there and they have this

place where all the floats are being worked on. And boxes — costumes in something like a circus train all hitched together."

The hitched boxes, full of float loot, will be hauled to Cobo Hall, where parade participants are expected to appear at 6:30 a.m. Thanksgiving morning. Rogers says the English Gardens float will be about number 15 a line of 70 exhibits and the maidens and flowers will be walking alongside Mary, Mary — not riding beside her.

"We meet down there and they have our costumes all ready for us. They send us to makeup," Rogers says, pausing for an afterthought: "That's going to be scary."

"We ... get pretty flowery

dressess with white aprons. We were there first and they only had so many dresses so we said, 'That's okay. I didn't want to be a flower. They wear a jumpsuit and a big papier-mache headpiece. Most of the guys are flowers, obviously. They aren't going to be maidens.'"

She figures she'll be complementing her outfit with a pair of warm socks and boots in anticipation of cool weather.

"We're going to have so much fun," Rogers says. And then she notes: Mary, Mary, herself, will be the large, papier-mache woman on the float. The one with what some are calling, "the Olive Oyl hairdo."

## Gray from page A9

had her hair cut, but to having had it dyed for the first time to cover up her increasingly salty salt-and-pepper look. The poor woman had just turned 30!

I remember the trauma I went through when I decided to start coloring my hair. I had thought my gray hairs weren't very noticeable to other people until a friend gently told me that I was too young to be gray.

At the time, I was in my early 30s and my youngest child was only 2. I thought about the TV commercials of my youth where a young mother with a preschooler at her side washed

hair dye into her hair while a jingle sang out, "I'm going to wash that gray right out of my hair." I remembered thinking as a kid, No way would a person with gray hair have a kid that young. Well, there I was with a 2-year-old washing that gray right out of my hair!

Over the years, I became accustomed to my trips every five weeks to the hairdresser, and people I told my secret to realized I dye my hair because the color looks so natural.

I had even begun to learn to accept and live with my malady

— until recently when I, rather traumatically, discovered that going gray is not a one-time phenomenon.

Just days after meeting with Miss H, I peered closely at myself in the mirror and saw, for the first time ever, two, white eyebrow lashes — one in each eyebrow!

Now I realize that even veterans like me need an understanding shoulder to cry on. Whaaaaaa!

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

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## TASTE

## Some 'Passing Dishes' just too good to pass up

BY KEELY WYGONIK  
STAFF WRITER

This is Carolyn Rushlow's favorite time of year. "I love to cook," said Rushlow of Farmington who shared her Spinach Casserole recipe with us. The casserole has been a staple on the Rushlow table for the last four years. "Everyone loves it," she said.

• **Rushlow's Spinach Casserole** is easy to make and sure to please friends and relatives who don't eat meat.

It's hard to pass up an invitation to gather with family and friends during the holidays. Deciding on a dish to pass can be a challenge.

We asked our readers for some help, and in exchange for their ideas and recipes shared some newly published cookbooks so they'll have more ideas for a "dish to pass."

Besides getting some really great recipes, I had the chance to catch up with friends I haven't heard from in a long time.

Peggy (Vautaw) Peck of Redford, wanted to know if my maiden name is Kaleski and if I went to Fordson High School in Dearborn. Do I look that different from my high school year-

book picture?

Peggy and I worked together on *The Tower Tribune*, and I was delighted to hear from her.

• She shared **Auntie Flo's Fruit Salad** recipe made with lime Jell-O, whipped cream, marshmallows, cream cheese, crushed pineapple and walnuts. "Auntie Flo has been passed away for years, but I hope this recipe lives on. It seems to go real well with turkey, and someone in our family always brings

it," said Peck.

Peck and her husband, Bob, have a son, Gabriel, who's 13.

Last year Joyce Weigel of Farmington won a 20-pound turkey. "We had seven meals out of it," she said. But since both her boys became vegetarians, Weigel said this year she made reservations at the Botsford Inn, instead of dinner.

"I called ahead to see if they had a lot of vegetable dishes," said Weigel. "I cooked last year and made all these vegetable

dishes for my kids."

• One of her favorites is **Make-A-Head Mashed Potatoes**, a recipe she got from her friend Isobel Van Akin.

"I met her through church, and she would make these potatoes," said Weigel. "It's delicious, and I love things you can make ahead of time."

• Jovan Alber's **Pear and Cranberry Relish** is always a favorite with her guests, and

children. This year Alber, who lives in Canton, is planning dinner for 22 people.

"A lot of people don't think of cranberries as being sweet, but this recipe is tasty, and it doesn't take a long time to make."

Alber said her Pear and Cranberry Relish can be made ahead of time. "I try to find recipes that you make ahead so that you're not racing at the end. I hate mashed potatoes. When you're having 22 people for dinner you want something easy

and different."

While some of us might cringe at the thought of cooking for so many, Alber is looking forward to it. She enjoys entertaining, and experimenting with recipes.

• Deanna Werner's **Sweet Potato Casserole** topped with corn flakes, coconut, brown sugar and nuts sounds a lot more like dessert than a vegetable.

"This recipe is excellent," she said. "It tastes like a dessert."

## Family-tested side dishes are more than passing fancies

## SPINACH CASSEROLE

2 eggs, well beaten  
6 tablespoons all-purpose flour  
1 package (10 ounces) frozen chopped spinach, thawed  
1 1/2 cups cottage cheese  
1 1/2 cups grated Cheddar cheese  
1/2 teaspoon salt

Preheat oven to 350° F. Beat eggs and flour in bowl until smooth. Stir in spinach, cottage cheese, Cheddar cheese and salt; mix well. Pour into greased 1-quart casserole. Bake in oven for 1 hour. Serves 4-6.

Recipe compliments of Carolyn Rushlow.

## AUNTIE FLO'S FRUIT SALAD

1 small package lime Jell-O (3 ounces)  
1 cup hot water  
1/2 pint whipped cream  
1 cup finely chopped marshmallows  
2 packages cream cheese (3 ounces each)  
1 (9 ounce) can crushed pineapple, drained  
1 cup chopped walnuts  
Juice of 1/2 lemon  
1/4 cup sugar  
Pinch of salt

Dissolve Jell-O in hot water and cool. Put sugar in whipped cream. Mix marshmal-

lows, nuts, pineapple and cream cheese. Fold in whipped cream and sugar mixture. Add to Jell-O. Chill until firm.

Recipe compliments of Peggy Peck who said this recipe can be easily doubled.

## MAKE-A-HEAD MASHED POTATOES

5 pounds potatoes  
1/2 cup margarine  
2 (3 ounce) packages cream cheese, softened  
1 cup sour cream  
1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese

1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese  
Salt and pepper to taste

Cook potatoes until tender, mash. Add other ingredients and beat well.

Put into 3-quart casserole, greased with some margarine. Can cover and put into the refrigerator at this point. Take out of the refrigerator 1 hour before baking. Bake uncovered at 350° F. for 45 minutes.

Recipe compliments of Joyce Weigel who said this recipe is easily cut in half and baked in an 8 by 8-inch pan at the same temperature and same time.

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# Recipes

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## PEAR AND CRANBERRY RELISH

- 1 can pear nectar
- 1/3 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 8 ounces (about 2 cups) whole fresh cranberries. Frozen can be used, but do not thaw
- 2 stalks celery, diced
- 1 pear, halved, cored and diced
- 1/3 cup pecans, chopped

In a saucepan bring pear nectar, sugar and honey to a boil over medium heat. Boil about 3-5 minutes. Stir occasionally, until sugar is dissolved.

Add cranberries to saucepan. Return to a boil then reduce heat to medium, cover and simmer 5 minutes, until cranberries begin to pop open. Put into a bowl; cool slightly and refrigerate until well chilled. To serve, stir in celery, pear and nuts.

Recipe compliments of Jovon Alber.

## SWEET POTATO CASSEROLE

- 1 large can of sweet potatoes
- 3/4 stick butter
- 3 well beaten eggs
- 1/2 cup sugar
- dash cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons cornstarch
- 1 cup milk

Dissolve cornstarch in a little cold milk. Mix with all other ingredients with mixer. Pour into a large casserole dish sprayed with nonstick spray. Bake 15-20 minutes at 400° F. covered.

## TOPPING

- 1 cup crushed corn flakes
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 3/4 cup butter
- 1 cup coconut
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts

Melt butter, mix in other ingredients. Spread topping over sweet potatoes. Return to oven and bake 15-20 minutes, uncovered.

Recipe compliments of Deanna Werner.

# Old fashioned 'Tea time' is back — big time

■ Tea is not 'spur of the moment, like coffee you pour in a cup.' Tea is for lingering.

BY KEELY WYONIK  
STAFF WRITER

When you're hurried and stressed and in need of a little comfort, a cup of tea really hits the spot.

"My parents were from Ireland and tea was an important part of our lives," said Loretta Conway of Farmington Hills. "We used to imitate our parents and have tea parties," added her sister, Mary Bohn of Rochester Hills.

For them, tea is a symbol of love and warmth. It's a tradition Loretta passed on to her daughters, Shawn Mather and Donnell Zeidman of West Bloomfield.

"Tea time is special," said Zeidman. "It's story time, when we laugh and catch up," said Shawn. "We are more relaxed, it gives us a chance to slow down. Normally everything's such a rush."

Shawn's daughter, Brittany, 9, has her own tea set. "When she was younger she used to have tea parties with her dolls and friends," said Mather. Tea time is also special for Brittany's older sister, Erin Cain, 16.

When Aunt Kitty comes for tea they put away their everyday dishes, and get out the fancy stuff — the good teapot and china. Having tea is an excuse to get "fancied up and to put out lace doilies," and other treasures that are safely stored away most of the time.

"Tea goes back to our roots, it gives us warm memories," said Bohn. "When my parents served tea the good china always came out."

Tea time is an old custom that has won many new fans. Nora Dolan, program planner for the senior adult division for the City of Farmington Hills is busy preparing for a Holiday Victorian Tea on Dec. 2. The event, sponsored by the City of Farmington Hills, Senior Adult Division and Manor Care Health Services/Springhouse Assisted Living, sold out shortly after it

## TEA SPOTS

■ **Sweet Afton Tea Room** — 450 Forest, Plymouth, (313) 454-0777. Open for lunch and tea 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Sundays are reserved for private parties, such as showers. Sweet Afton Tea Room will open for dinner 5-8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12 during Plymouth's special shopping day, "Home for the Holidays." Stores in Plymouth will stay open until 10 p.m. on that day, and there will be carolers and other surprises to get you in the holiday spirit.

■ **Mrs. Lovill's Tea Cozy** — 32905 Grand River, Farmington, (248) 477-8307, open for lunch and tea 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Sundays are reserved for private parties. Mrs. Lovill presents "The Twelve Days of Christmas" — 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1 through Friday, Dec. 12. Dinner and enter-

tainment, \$49 per person, which includes tax and gratuity. Call for reservations.

■ **Victorian Rose** — 118 W. Third, Rochester, (248) 852-8595, open for lunch and tea 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; available for private parties on Sundays and after closing throughout the week. High tea served 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on the first Saturday of every month. \$12 per person; call for reservations. Holiday theme dinner with entertainment 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12. The cost is \$80 per couple; call for reservations and information.

■ **Townsend Hotel** — 100 Townsend, Birmingham, (248) 942-7900. Afternoon tea served 3-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; in December tea will be served 3-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday.

Cost is \$17.95 per person, reservations recommended. Afternoon teas in December will feature a variety of holiday music including children's choirs, and musicians performing on violin, dulcimer and piano.

■ **The Ritz-Carlton** — 300 Town Center Drive, Dearborn, (313) 441-2100. Tea served 2-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Light Tea (includes scones, pastries, tea sandwiches) \$15. Royal Tea (begins with a Chamberlain cocktail, includes scones, pastries, tea sandwiches, and ends with fresh strawberries marinated in Grand Marnier) \$20. Yuletide teas 2-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday beginning Friday, Nov. 28 to Tuesday, Dec. 30, \$50 per person, includes Christmas ornament from Poland, representing Mozart or Bach, Light Tea, and seasonal holiday music performed on piano. Tea without ornament is \$20 per person. Reservations recommended.

According to the authors of *Victoria: The Charms of Tea, Reminiscences, and Recipes* (Hearst Books, New York, 1991), Queen Victoria popularized the custom of taking afternoon tea. "When the clock struck four, every kettle in the empire began to whistle and every tea table was set with all manner of delectables to appease the appetite and restore the flagging spirit."

Charles Dickens observed tea time as being a moment "in which we were perfectly contented with ourselves and one another."

Nancy Reagan said "a woman is like a tea bag. You never know how strong she is until she gets into hot water."

Tea can be a dinner, or a simple gathering. If you're real busy, make reservations and arrange to meet friends for tea. Getting together is what counts.

was announced.

"Teas are hot," said Dolan. "I think it's a wonderful opportunity for ladies of all generations to gather together. It's especially appealing at this festive time of year. In one week we sold 300 tickets for our tea. We hope to make it an annual event."

Holidays and tea seem to go together like cream and sugar, and local tea spots are planning special events. Sweet Afton Tea Room in Plymouth is hosting a dinner on Friday, Dec. 12.

## Rebuilding a tradition

"Tea is a warm and comfortable tradition," said Cynthia Belanger who owns Sweet Afton Tea Room in Plymouth with her mother Nancy Burton. "When you're planning a tea at home for friends, serve two different teas and a variety of finger foods."

Doris Lovill, who owns Mrs. Lovill's Tea Cozy in Farmington, has celebrated "The Twelve Days of Christmas" for the past four years. Guests are greeted with a cup of mulled cider and variety of relishes to nosh on. A barbershop quartet performs holiday music, while guests wait for dinner to be served.

During the festive seven-course dinner, which features a Cornish hen with holiday dressing, a harpist and flutist perform. After dinner two guitarists lead a holiday sing-along.

"People make reservations for the next year after dinner," said Lovill. "It's wonderful and a lot of fun. We wrap up the house with a big bow. It looks like a pre-

sent."

Victorian Rose in Rochester hosts a holiday dinner with entertainment Dec. 12, and the Townsend Hotel and Ritz-Carlton also plan sweet surprises.

Having friends over for tea is an uncomplicated way to enter-

tain, but "you've got to make a ceremony out of it," said Lovill. "There's a ritual. Set aside a little bit of time, the more elegant you make it the better."

Lovill said tea is not "spur of the moment, like coffee you pour in a cup." Tea is for lingering.

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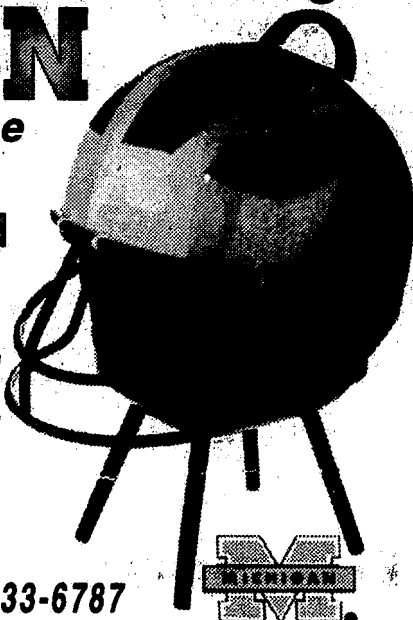
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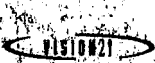
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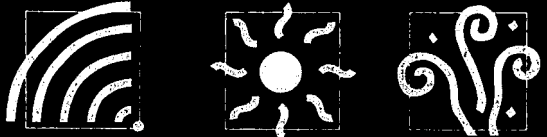
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# Command Officer's pension issue heading to court

By PAT MURPHY  
STAFF WRITER

County officials hope a Circuit Court judge will vacate or modify a labor arbitrator's decision they insist will otherwise cost hundreds of thousands of tax dollars.

But the president of the Command Officers' Association for the Oakland County Sheriff's Department said the arbitrator's decision is not only valid, but justified.

The command officers have fallen behind in pension benefits and wages compared to other law enforcement agencies, Det. Sgt. William Harvey said in a letter to The Eccentric Newspapers.

The dispute is a sore point with Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson because it could have been avoided. "We (in the executive's office) know what we are doing," he said. "And if commissioners hadn't tried to second-guess us, we wouldn't have this problem."

The problem is the pension multiplier used to determine retirement benefits for the sheriff's personnel. Under Public Act 139, the county executive handles labor negotiations with county employees, including those within the sheriff's department. Besides the factor known as the pension multiplier, other elements that determine a pension are an average of the best five year's wages and the total number of years of service.

The county board of commissioners, however, must ratify any agreements.

The dispute is part of unsettled labor talks between the executive and the command officers for the 1994-95 contract.

At one point in those negotiations, the executive — through appointees like Thomas R. Eaton, deputy director of personnel — had negotiated an increase in the pension multiplier. The executive and the command officers association had agreed the multiplier should increase from 2 to 2.2 for the 1994-95 contract. The higher pension multiplier meant better retirement benefits.

When the tentative contract went to the Personnel and Finance Committee of the county board, however, commissioners balked. By a 7 to 2 vote, the tentative contract, with the 2.2 pension multiplier, died in committee.

The command officers association — representing 65 sergeants, 14 lieutenants and five captains — demanded binding arbitration, an option given them under state law.

Hearings began in June 1996. It wasn't until last month, however, that arbitrator Daniel Krueger, a professor at Michigan State University, gave a ruling. Krueger agreed the 2.2 pension multiplier was inappropriate.

He ruled the multiplier should be 2.5 instead.

"Obviously we think that is inappropriate," said the county's deputy personnel director Thomas Eaton, who was part of the county's motion filed Nov. 12 in Oakland Circuit Court. "That ruling has tremendous cost implications."

The case has been assigned to Judge Fred M. Mester.

The county has submitted a proposed schedule under which

briefs and arguments would be submitted by February, with the judge making his ruling thereafter.

At least one commissioner, however, isn't optimistic.

## Higher math?

"I don't know how we can win when the arbitrator came up with a 2.5 multiplier," said commissioner John P. Garfield, R-Rochester Hills. "The end result might be an even higher multiplier."

Garfield said the dispute might be the sign of a bigger problem — namely, the county's failure to keep good faith with the command officers. "They do a tremendous job," Garfield said following Thursday's meeting of the county board. "But the county refuses to acknowledge that good work."

Garfield doesn't want to second-guess the decision to appeal the arbitrator's ruling. "I'll leave

that to the executive's office," he said.

But there is at least one unanswered question, Garfield insisted. "Where will we get the money needed to satisfy the arbitrator's decision?"

County officials claim the arbitrator's ruling will mean additional costs ranging from \$165,000 to nearly \$200,000 annually — a figure the command officers dispute.

Using such figures is erro-

neous and unfair, according to Detective Sgt. Harvey, particularly since command officers have not received the same wage increases that other county employees received.

While the dispute seems complicated and destined for court resolution, Eaton and others are quietly crossing their fingers. "The county is always anxious — and available — to discuss a possible settlement in the interim," Eaton said Friday.

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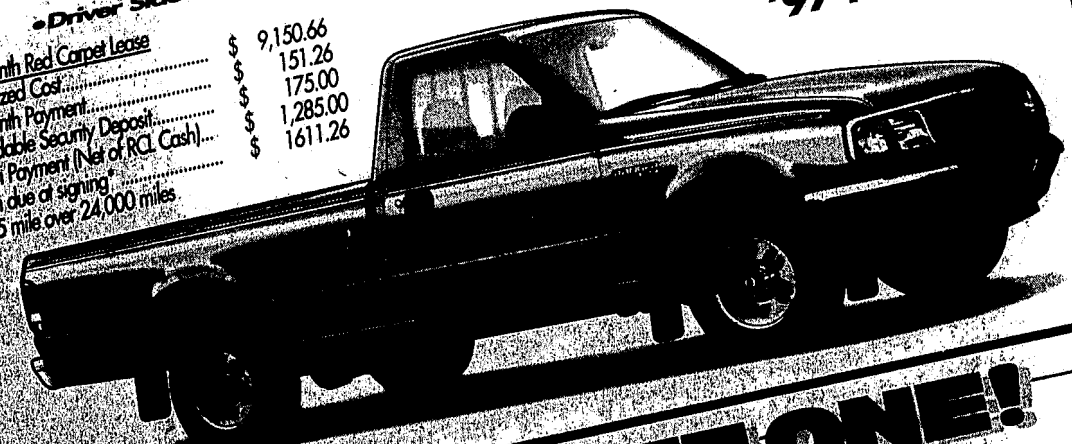
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Best of the best: These five players made the 1997 team (clockwise from left): Clarkston's Deana Kanipe and Georgia Senkyr, Lake Orion's Jennifer Johnson and Oxford's Jenny White and Sarah Courtright.

## Cagers helped teams get better

BY BRAD KADRICH  
SPORTS EDITOR

The three teams from which players for the Eccentric All-North Oakland girls' basketball team are drawn achieved great levels of success this season.

Oxford won a district championship and came within three points of the regional final. Clarkston had an eight-point halftime lead in the district final before losing to the defending champion. And Lake Orion won 15 games under a first-year coach and a team that lost eight seniors.

So it follows that their top players would make up the 1997 team. And that's exactly what happened. The team:

**Jenny White, Oxford, senior guard** — White, who missed most of her junior season after suffering a knee injury, came back her senior year with a vengeance, averaging 22 points a game and setting school records for 3-pointers in a game and a season and becoming the fifth Wildcat to surpass the 1,000 point mark.

White finished the season with 69 3-pointers, and shot an incredible 48 percent from the 3-

### 1997 Eccentric All-North Oakland Basketball Team

#### First Team

Player	School
Georgia Senkyr	Clarkston
Deana Kanipe	Clarkston
Jenny White	Oxford
Sarah Courtright	Oxford
Jennifer Johnson	Orion

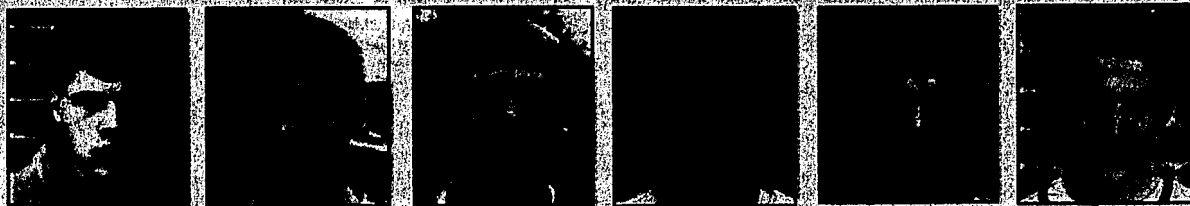
#### Second Team

Player	School
Libby Nelson	Orion
Megan Hope	Oxford
Beth DeVries	Orion
Lori Wild	Clarkston
Tiffany Honey	Clarkston

point arc. She was also a 64-percent shooter from two-point range, and she averaged 7.7 assists, 7.5 rebounds and 5.4 steals over the course of the season.

She was a first-team all-Flint Metro League selection as the Wildcats earned a share of their first Flint Metro League championship since 1991.

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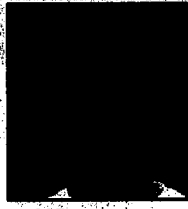
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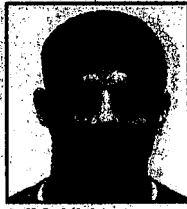
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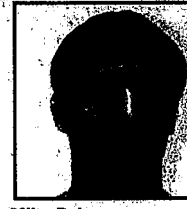
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## Soccer squad features area's best

BY BRAD KADRICH  
SPORTS EDITOR

If Kellen Kalso flunks out of this soccer thing, his coach thinks he might have a career as a military officer.

Kalso, the Oxford sophomore who his coach likened to "a general out there," was among the 11 selections for the 1997 Eccentric All-North Oakland soccer team.

**The team:**  
**Kellen Kalso, Oxford, sophomore** — The young midfielder, already one of the state's best, scored a team-high 11 goals and chipped in 19 assists while leading the Wildcats to a second straight district championship.

Kalso's talent lies not only in his ability to put the ball in the net, but also in making his teammates better, according to his coach.

"He was like a general out there," Oxford coach Dave Summers said. "He scored himself, but he also created chances for everyone else. He's a consummate player, because he can do it all."

**Luke Fouracre, Oxford, senior** — Fouracre, who made this team last year, scored 10 goals and added 11 assists.

Fouracre was a second-team all-Flint Metro choice. He used his ability to start quickly to frustrate opponents.

"In the first five yards, he's super quick," said Summers, the first-year Oxford coach. "He's got great vision, and he's got so much skill."

**Adam Wolosiewicz, Oxford, senior** — The Wildcat goalkeeper gave up just 9 goals in 13 games playing behind an Oxford defense that provided solid support. Wolosiewicz was a second-team all-Flint

Metro League selection, and made the all-district team despite being out after suffering a broken leg late in the regular season. Backup Chris Castro was splendid in goal for Oxford, but Summers felt losing the regular goalkeeper hurt his Wildcats.

"I don't want to detract from what (Castro) did for us, because he played well," Summers said. "We didn't just lose a goalkeeper, we lost a captain."

**David Rayner, Oxford, freshman** — Rayner debuted in style for the Wildcat varsity, giving Oxford solid play from the sweeper's position.

Rayner, an experienced Vardar player, also contributed offensively, adding six goals and three assists.

"He's played at the club level, so he brings that experience with him," Summers said. "He's a brilliant sweeper."

**Jeff Schlicht, Lake Orion, senior** — Schlicht, the Dragons' best player one-on-one, led the Dragons to a district final in what was arguably the state's toughest soccer district.

The senior captain scored 11 goals and added 13 assists, and was a first-team all-state and all-Oakland Activities Association Division II player.

"He was a big player for us," Lake Orion coach Paul Elder said. "He's a very effective one-on-one attacker, and a very strong defender. He's good with both feet."

**Adam Krug, Lake Orion, senior** — Krug, who was one of Orion's captains and a member of this team last year, gave the Dragons strong play at the stopper position, and chipped in a couple of goals and two assists.

A converted forward, Krug was a first-team all-OAA selection. He made his a major part of his soccer living stopping the opponent's best player.

### 1997 Eccentric All-North Oakland Soccer Team

#### First Team

Player	School
Adam Wolosiewicz	Oxford
Kellen Kalso	Oxford
Luke Fouracre	Oxford
David Rayner	Oxford
Shawn Verilinden	Clarkston
Mike Gabriel	Clarkston
Ryan Turner	Clarkston
Mike Spencer	Lake Orion
Mike Peluso	Lake Orion
Adam Krug	Lake Orion
Jeff Schlicht	Lake Orion

#### Second Team

Player	School
Tom Dews	Clarkston
Mike Tharrett	Clarkston
Mike Hard	Clarkston
Russ Parrott	Clarkston
Jared Purcell	Lake Orion
Paul Mozik	Lake Orion
Ryan Szaroleta	Lake Orion
Andy Lyssiolis	Oxford
Brian Workman	Oxford
Anthony Cilli	Oxford

"He's a very strong, attacking defender," Elder said. "He's very good in the air, and he's our best marking back. He gave us a lot of senior leadership. He's just a great

See SOCCER TEAM, B3



**Better days:** Sophomore Lori Wild (33) is one of several reasons for optimism in the Clarkston girls' basketball program.

## One loss doesn't wreck a season spent building

The game ended and the tears flowed, as they do so often in moments of great drama.

Clarkston, which suffered through a 2-10 conference season a year ago, had just completed a magic ride, albeit with a disappointing 51-44 loss to Lapeer East in the district final. The Wolves reversed their record, finishing 10-2 and grabbing a piece of their first Oakland Activities Association Division I title. They finished 18-4 overall and, when the tears cleared and the sun rose again Saturday morning, the players could begin to enjoy it.

Please see KADRICH, B3

## Cagers fall short against East

**The Clarkston Wolves went into the final of the Lapeer East district as the underdog to the host Eagles, but came out knowing they were capable of competing for a girls' basketball district championship.**

BY MIKE SCOTT  
SPECIAL WRITER

For nearly three-and-a-half quarters Friday, Clarkston did what it had to do to win the district final against favored Lapeer East.

The tide turned in the last six minutes, though, as the Wolves were out-rebounded badly and committed too many turnovers. In the end they fell to the host Eagles, 51-44.

Lapeer East senior center Jennie Behrenbrinker dominated the fourth quarter, scoring 11 of her game-high 17 points. She also added 10 rebounds and four blocks and was a perfect 7-for-7 from the free throw line.

Clarkston also appeared tired in the game's final minutes, and head coach Ann Lowney placed part of the blame on herself.

"I told the girls after the game I messed up," Lowney said. "I didn't make the adjustment to use our (man) full-court defense until the fourth quarter. I kept us playing our (zone) press for too long."

But the experience of Lapeer East may have played the biggest role in the fourth quarter. The Wolves scored the first seven points of the fourth quarter to take a 37-31 lead on five straight points from sophomore guard Candace Morgan, who led Clarkston with 15 points for the game.

Lapeer East (20-3) called a timeout down six, then ran off eight consecutive points and stepped up the press. Clarkston's starting center, Lori Wild, picked up her fourth foul with 3:20 to play, and fouled out a minute later.

Meanwhile, Behrenbrinker was hitting every free throw.

After Jessie Hoppe, who scored 14 points, hit a baseline jumper to put East up 46-39, Lowney called a time out with 1:45 to play in an attempt to get back into the game.

The Wolves still had enough left to make a run as Deana Kanipe banked in a 3-pointer to cut the lead to four. Following a steal by Tiffany Honey, Corinne McIntyre scored inside to make it 46-44.

Clarkston (18-4) would not score again. Behrenbrinker converted on a putback with 45 seconds to play, then blocked McIntyre's shot at the other end to preserve the victory.

"I challenged our seniors in the second half, and they came through, particularly (Behrenbrinker)," said Eagles coach Mike Halstead, who captured his fifth district title in six years. "We were shaky and intimidated in the first half, but we were more precise in the second."

The game was marked by pressure defense in the first half, as Clarkston led 22-14 at the break. Lapeer East adjusted to the Clarkston zone press in the second half by beating it down using the long pass, often with Behrenbrinker using her 6-foot frame to pass over Wolves defenders.

Morgan was a key in that first half, hitting two 3-pointers, and Wild and Rachel Uchman played well inside the lane as Clarkston played the Eagles even on the boards.

Please see HOOPS, B3



**Emotional rescue:** Clarkston's Tiffany Honey gets a gentle hug from her aunt, Debbie Clement, as teammates Georgia Senkyr and Aimee Giroux watch the closing moments of Friday's district final loss to Lapeer East.

PHOTO BY MELINA WARTENKO



## Hoop team from page B1

"Jenny brings leadership, experience and a tremendous knowledge of the game," Oxford coach Ian Smith said. "She probably understands the game better than anyone we've ever had. You can't measure that like you do her scoring and rebounding."

■ **Deana Kanipe, Clarkston, junior guard** — In her first season at Clarkston after transferring from West Bloomfield, Kanipe led the Wolves in scoring and helped them reach the district final, where they led 22-14 at halftime before falling to defending champion Lapeer East.

Kanipe has a deadly shooting eye from the outside, and can post up and get her points inside, as well. She averaged 14.1 points per game, with 43 assists, 49 steals and 61 rebounds in 20 regular-season games.

As Kanipe went offensively, so went the Wolves.

"When she scores well, we win, when she doesn't we lose," said first-year coach Ann Lowney, who moved from Birmingham Seaholm to take over the Wolves. "When she scores, it opens it up for the Lori Wilds of this world. When she's not hitting, it really makes it difficult for the rest of our players."

■ **Georgia Senkyr, Clarkston, senior guard-forward** — Senkyr had to make arguably the toughest adjustment when Lowney took over the Wolves. Primarily a post player last year, Senkyr was moved to the point and asked to do two things: run the offense and guard the other team's best player.

She did both superbly. Senkyr averaged just 5.3 points a game, but she was second on the team in rebounds and third in steals, and set the tone for the Wolves' aggressive defense. Senkyr had 35 steals and 136 rebounds in 20 regular-season games.

"She's probably our MVP, because she had to be on the floor all the time," Lowney said. "She guards the other team's best player, and she has to run our offense. Even though she doesn't score, that's not the important thing. It's the other things she brings to the floor that make her so valuable."

■ **Sarah Courtright, Oxford, senior, forward** — Playing in the shadow of White, Courtright carved out an excellent career for herself as a Wildcat.

Courtright was fearless driving to the hole and it showed in

her statistics, where she led the team in free throw attempts. She scored 16.2 points per game, grabbed 5.4 rebounds and had 113 assists, 60 steals and 10 blocked shots. She was a first-team all-Flint Metro selection. Her 37 points in the final against Imlay City helped deliver the Wildcats' their second district title in three years.

"Sarah plays a good, physical game," Smith said. "We have good outside shooting, so we need someone to attack the basket. That's Sarah."

■ **Jennifer Johnson, Lake Orion, junior, forward** — Johnson emerged from two years in the shadow of former Dragon Karen Chastain and firmly established herself as one of the Oakland Activities Association's best players.

Johnson was Lake Orion's go-to player, leading the team in both scoring and rebounding. Johnson scored 14.1 points per game and averaged an incredible 13.2 rebounds as the Dragons went 15-6.

"She tends to lead by example rather than vocally," said first-year coach Eve Claar. "She knows what she's doing. She really understands the game."

## Kadrich from page B1

"We aren't crying tonight because we lost the game, but because we won't be playing anymore," said senior guard Tiffany Honey, an integral part of the reason Clarkston was able to turn it around this year: defense.

And that's a shame, because the Wolves may be on their way to becoming a conference power. The season they put together this year demonstrates when a dozen players stand behind a coach in whom they believe and sacrifice individual statistics in favor of team goals.

Ann Lowney came to Clarkston after winning a couple of division titles at Birmingham Seaholm, and brought a fiery competitiveness to the Wolves. She ran around the practice floor, clicking her stopwatch and hurrying her players. She caught a break when Deana Kanipe transferred from West Bloomfield, where the Lakers were 19-1 last year.

And she knew the wisdom of shifting some of the players around. Last season, for instance, Georgia Senkyr spent most of her time around the lane. When Lowney got to Clarkston, one of the first moves she made was moving Senkyr, a

senior, to point guard.

"I think Georgia had the toughest adjustment to make, because she went from being a post player to running our offense," Lowney said. "She's probably our MVP, because she has to be on the floor all the time."

Senkyr was counted on to defend the opposing team's best player, and she delivered mightily. She only scored a little over five points a game, but her contributions cannot be measured in statistics, unless you count the low shooting percentages of opposing scorers.

And Kanipe brought her sharp shooting eye and, more importantly, a winning attitude.

And the Wolves got contributions from several other places, most notably the post tandem of Corinne McIntyre and Lori Wild, both of whom return next year. Wild led the team in rebounding and blocked shots, and was second in field goals and steals (behind Kanipe in both categories). McIntyre was third in rebounding and fourth in total points and steals. If Wild, who was great a year ago for the junior varsity, learns some post moves, she's going to be some-

thing to watch.

Honey was the team's defensive sparkplug, and she's the only player who got significant time on the court the Wolves lose. Rachel Uchman, Abby Wiley and Jenny Bauer also contributed.

But here's the name to watch for next year: Candace Morgan.

The sophomore guard/forward is a fearless player who plays with heart and desire. She's never met a shot she's afraid to take, as her 15 points in the biggest game of the year, the district final, will attest.

For now, though, the Wolves must be content having taken a step toward consistent winning. "I wish it wasn't, but I guess it is a necessary step toward learning how to win," said Lowney, who hates losing. "It was necessary for me, too, to learn this league and this district. I learned a lot."

Sometimes teams must lose an important game before they can learn to win one.

That's a lesson Clarkston learned this season. It's a lesson they'll be looking to teach someone else next year.

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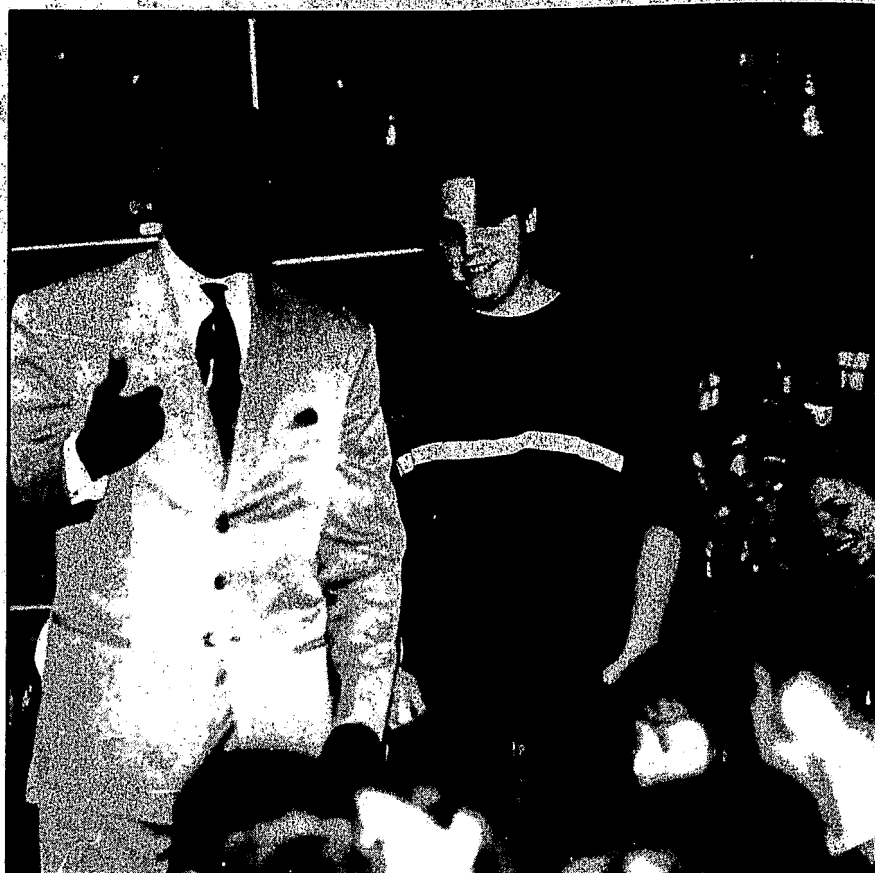


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**Tommy talks:** Seven-time boxing champion Thomas Hearns enlists the aid of Clarkston High School student Joe Oliver to illustrate a point about self-motivation during his talk at the school Monday. Hearns was at Clarkston to talk about diversity, about working hard in school and motivating oneself to work hard and achieve. "It's mind over matter," Hearns told a packed auditorium. "If you say, 'I can't,' you defeat yourself. When you say, 'I can't,' you're not going to do it."

## Shooters excel at Turkey Shoot

Fifty shooters took aim from the free throw line in the third-annual Turkey Shoot Monday at Sashabaw Middle School.

The shoot was sponsored by the Independence Township Parks and Recreation Department.

The winners (girls listed first) in each category were:

■ **8-9 year olds** — Norah Kelly, John Kast.

■ **10-11 year olds** — Stephanie Parkin, Brad Goodman.

■ **12-13 year olds** — Pam Wylie, Nick Craig.

■ **14-15 year olds** — Ben Horstman. (There weren't any girls competing.)

■ **20-29 year olds** — Heather Steinhelper, Darren Master.

■ **30-39 year olds** — Sue Wylie, George Zaratzian.

■ **40-49 year olds** — Maureen Tippen, Scott Vanderveen.

■ **50-59 year olds** — Sam Antanazzo (there weren't any women).

## District from page B1

Honey credited Lapeer East's defensive pressure with turning the tide in the fourth quarter.

"We didn't adjust to their press and they made the right plays down the stretch," Honey said. "It was there for us to win."

Wild scored 10 points and Kanipe added eight for the Wolves, who were coming off a thrashing of Lapeer West in the semifinal two days earlier.

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Jamie Couzens also scored eight for the Eagles, who have also captured eight straight Flint Metro League titles.

Lowney remained upbeat after the game, praising her squad for not playing like a team which was not supposed to win.

"Some of these girls were very nervous today in school, but they played great," the first-year coach said. "I hate to talk about the future at a time like this, but we knew we were good enough to win and that's important."

After the game ended, Lowney instructed her team to remain on the sidelines so they could watch Lapeer East players receive their district championship medals as incentive for the players returning next year.

"Clarkston basketball is on the way up, and I told the seniors they were the ones who started it," Lowney said. "They have nothing to be upset about. I told those coming back next year we'll be the ones (accepting the medals)."

Morgan praised Lowney for being the biggest reason for Clarkston's dramatic improvement this year, saying the first-year coach instilled confidence.

"I never would have thought I would do this well before the year started," said Morgan. "But we all had a great attitude and

believed in ourselves. We didn't win (Friday), but we didn't play scared, either. We know we can beat them."

Honey, who signed to play basketball and softball at Northwood, said Clarkston set high goals.

"The girls next year have a lot to look forward to," Honey said.

"We weren't crying tonight because we lost the game, but because we won't be playing anymore."

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**Ice time:** Clarkston's Anthony Facione (left) puts Clarkston on the scoreboard just 20 seconds into the game, and Ryan Peters finished off the scoring with two goals as the Wolves opened the hockey season with a 5-2 win over Waterford Kettering Saturday.

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## Wolves open with ice win

Clarkston survives penalty-filled game to stop Kettering

BY BRAD KADRICH  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Clarkston Wolves wasted no time getting started, and the result was an easy win in their season opener.

Sophomore Anthony Facione got the Wolves on the scoreboard just 20 seconds into the game with his first goal, and the Wolves survived a physical contest to top Waterford Kettering, 5-2, in their season-opener at Lakeland Arena Saturday.

Ryan Peters chipped in his first two goals of the season, and Steve Badger got the nod between the pipes and played well to pick up the win.

"I'm pleased with the win, but it was an ugly game," Clarkston coach Rick Rowden said. "It

wasn't pretty."

That's because the game featured 90 minutes worth of penalties.

According to Rowden, the Wolves got caught up in getting back at the physical play of the Captains.

"Our problem was retaliation penalties catching up with us," the coach said. "We retaliated instead of sucking it up and playing the game."

That did wind up paying off for the Wolves, though, because they finished with a pair of power play goals.

The Wolves held the 1-0 lead provided by Facione's goal until the final three minutes of the second period, when they pushed it to 2-0.

The teams traded goals early in the third, with Kettering getting its first goal.

Peters made it 4-1 with his first goal, and the Captains got their final goal past Badger.

Rowden said opening-night jitters and the rivalry between the teams had some impact on the physical nature of the game.

"Being the first game probably had something to do with it," Rowden said. "It's a pretty good rivalry between the schools."

Clarkston played at Brother Rice Wednesday, but results were not available at press time.

The Wolves host Hartland at Lakeland Arena Saturday at 8:20 p.m. Hartland knocked the Wolves out of the playoffs last year.

## Soccer team from page B1

**■ Mike Peluso, Lake Orion, senior** — A center midfielder, Peluso was one of the Dragons' top scorers and helped give the Dragons a number of options when it came to scoring goals.

Peluso notched eight goals and two assists as the Dragons reached the district finals.

"He's a very strong, smart player," Elder said. "He reads the game very well. He's very fast, he's got good skills and he's got a very strong shot. He's just a very good all-around player."

**■ Mike Spencer, Lake Orion, senior** — Spencer gave the Dragons solid offensive play, with six goals and six assists, from his forward position.

He used his variety of scoring skills to his, and the Dragons', advantage.

**■ Rean Turner, Clarkston, senior** — Turner returned after missing much of his junior season with health problems, and

returned with a vengeance.

The Wolves' netminder helped Clarkston post a team-record seven shutouts, and allowed 31 goals, the fewest the Wolves have allowed, while playing every minute of every game between the pipes. He was an all-OAA, district and region selection, and was an honorable mention all-state player.

"Having Rean back helped tremendously," Clarkston coach Dan Fitzgerald said. "He's got good hands, he's got a strong punt, and he's fearless. But more than anything he's a hard worker. At practice, he gets everyone going."

**■ Mike Gabriel, Clarkston, senior** — Gabriel, who split the season between sweeper and the midfield, must have impressed everyone. He was an all-OAA, district and region player and an honorable mention all-state player.

Gabriel scored five goals and

had 16 assists, and was especially effective down the stretch as the Wolves reached the district semi-final.

"You can't say he's a great scorer, or a great defender," Fitzgerald said. "He just does everything well. He leads by example. He doesn't talk a lot, just works real hard. It's like having another coach out there, because Mike is soccer smart."

**■ Shawn Verlinden, Clarkston, senior** — Like Gabriel, Verlinden split his time between the defense and midfield duty, and turned into Clarkston's top scorer.

Verlinden notched 16 goals and 12 assists, and was an all-OAA, district and region player as well as being an honorable mention all-state choice.

"He definitely has good finishing ability," Fitzgerald said. "I thought he had an excellent season. He's very competitive and can't stand to lose."

## Elks contest

Clarkston area boys and girls ages 8-13 are eligible to enter the Elks National "Hoop Shoot" free throw contest hosted annu-

ally by the Pontiac-Waterford Elks #810.

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Firearms deer season doesn't end until Sunday, but already it appears the season has been a good one.

With snow cover and mild winter temperatures throughout most of the state on opening weekend hunters were greeted with near perfect hunting conditions for the first week.

If you haven't bagged your buck yet, don't give up. There's still time, and for muzzleloader hunters the season hasn't even started yet. Successful hunters are reminded to report that success. Call or write to me at the number and address listed at the end of this column.

Good luck for the remainder of the season and remember to think safety first.

• Joe Thumbal, of Rochester Hills, shot a doe with his bow and arrow and took a 5-point buck on Nov. 16 with his 12 ga. shotgun.

Thumbal took both deer while hunting private land in Oakland County.

• Seventy-year-old Virgil Thill traveled "north of the Big Mac" for the start of the firearms deer season as he has for most of his life.

The trip to St. Ignace paid dividends this year as the Farmington Hills resident tagged a buck around 9 a.m. on opening day.

"I saw a huge buck and a doe but I couldn't get them in my scope because it was so thick," explained Thill, who grew up around Fayette at the west end of the Upper Peninsula. "Then I noticed a smaller buck behind them and he stepped out and I got him."

That "smaller buck" turned

## OUTDOOR MOMENTS



BILL PARKER

**'I saw a huge buck and a doe but I couldn't get them in my scope because it was so thick.'**

Virgil Thill  
—Hunter

out to be a 9-point with a 16-inch spread and nine-inch brow tines. The buck dressed out at 160 pounds.

"I like to hunt the old fashioned way," explained Thill. "I don't use bait and I don't use a blind and it has worked pretty well. I've got three deer in the last three years."

• Redford's Kevin Veith enjoyed a fantastic hunting season and was able to tag a pair of bucks.

On Oct. 13 Veith shot a spike with his bow and arrow. On opening day of the firearms season Veith dropped a 3-point buck. Both were taken in Crawford County.

• On Nov. 15th Mike Kafila broke a 13-year drought. The Canton resident shot his first buck since 1985. Hunting state land in Hillsdale County, Kafila watched as a group of hunters jumped two big bucks out

of a marsh area.

"They got the 12-point and I got a 7-point," explained Kafila.

Kafila's 7-point was a dandy buck. The antlers featured a 15-inch spread and the buck dressed out at 180 pounds.

• Last month a group of Oxford Lions went on a pheasant hunt at the Harsen's Island Hunt Club. Bob Collins, Ed Spinazzola, Carl Szoff, Jim Klauza, Stan Sala and Mike Sauer combined to drop 29 birds.

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Tom Smith  
—Chief of Interpretive Services

## Clay target champs

Wings & Clays hosted the 1997 A 1-Around Clay Target Championships earlier this month at the Bald Mountain Gun Range in Lake Orion.

Clarkston's Gerald Perzyk won the Top Gun Trap, Jim Siudara of Metamora won Top Gun Five Stand, Jim Beckman of Owosso won Top Gun All-Around and Sporting Clays, and Hank Jensen of Naples, Florida won the Top Gun Skeet.

## Volunteers honored

A number of area residents were recently honored for their volunteer work at Kensington Metropark near Milford.

• Dave and Kathy Renwick and their nine-year-old daughter Bridgett made volunteering a family affair.

The Walled Lake family helped the park naturalist conduct a number of programs throughout the year.

• Southfield's Georgia Reid, an avid birder, has been a leader in the park's three annual bird counts since 1978. This year Reid and others helped spot 97

bird species in the park for the spring count and 89 species in the fall count.

• Canton's Roland Brege donated pictures he took at the Farm Center, providing a valuable pictorial history of the facility.

"In 1996, more than 1,640 volunteers gave 16,700 hours of their time throughout the

Metroparks system," said Tom Smith, chief of interpretive services and head of the volunteer program.

"These volunteers have really helped improve the Metroparks system."

Anyone interested in volunteering at their favorite Metropark may call the park directly or call the

METROPARKS administrative office at 1-800-47-PARKS.

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

## Be part of the Town Meeting!

On Thursday, December 4, you will have a chance to participate in person or by phone in the live broadcast of "First Thursday Town Meeting"

Here is an exciting opportunity to talk with people who have the answers about traffic, schools and just about anything that's happening in the halls of your hometown government.

Sponsored by The Observer and WXYT-AM-1270, this public forum is open to everyone interested in the Plymouth area.

Join co-hosts Jimmy Barrett, WXYT on-air personality, and Joanne Maliszewski, Editor of The Observer as they broadcast live from John Cleveland's Water Club Seafood Grill on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township. A panel of Plymouth community leaders will be on hand to answer questions and discuss issues.

There is no admission and reservations are not necessary, however seating is limited, so come on down early, take a seat and enjoy a rousing exchange of ideas and information.

Don't miss this opportunity to offer your opinion or ask that burning question in person or by phone! CALL 248-559-1270.

Broadcasting from 10 a.m. until 12 noon in John Cleveland's Water Club Seafood Grill, 39500 Ann Arbor Road (Just East of I-275)



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the respective parks, toll free: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178.

### 1998 PERMITS

The 1998 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 and \$8 for senior citizens. The annual boat launching permits are \$18 and \$9 for senior citizens. Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

### ARIZONA DESERT

Join parks naturalist Tom Smith on a picture journey of Arizona's Sonoran Desert during this program, which begins at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Stony Creek.

### WINTER'S A COMIN'

Learn how wildlife prepares for winter during this naturalist-led walk, which begins at 2 p.m. Sunday at Kensington.

## OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

### COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS

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

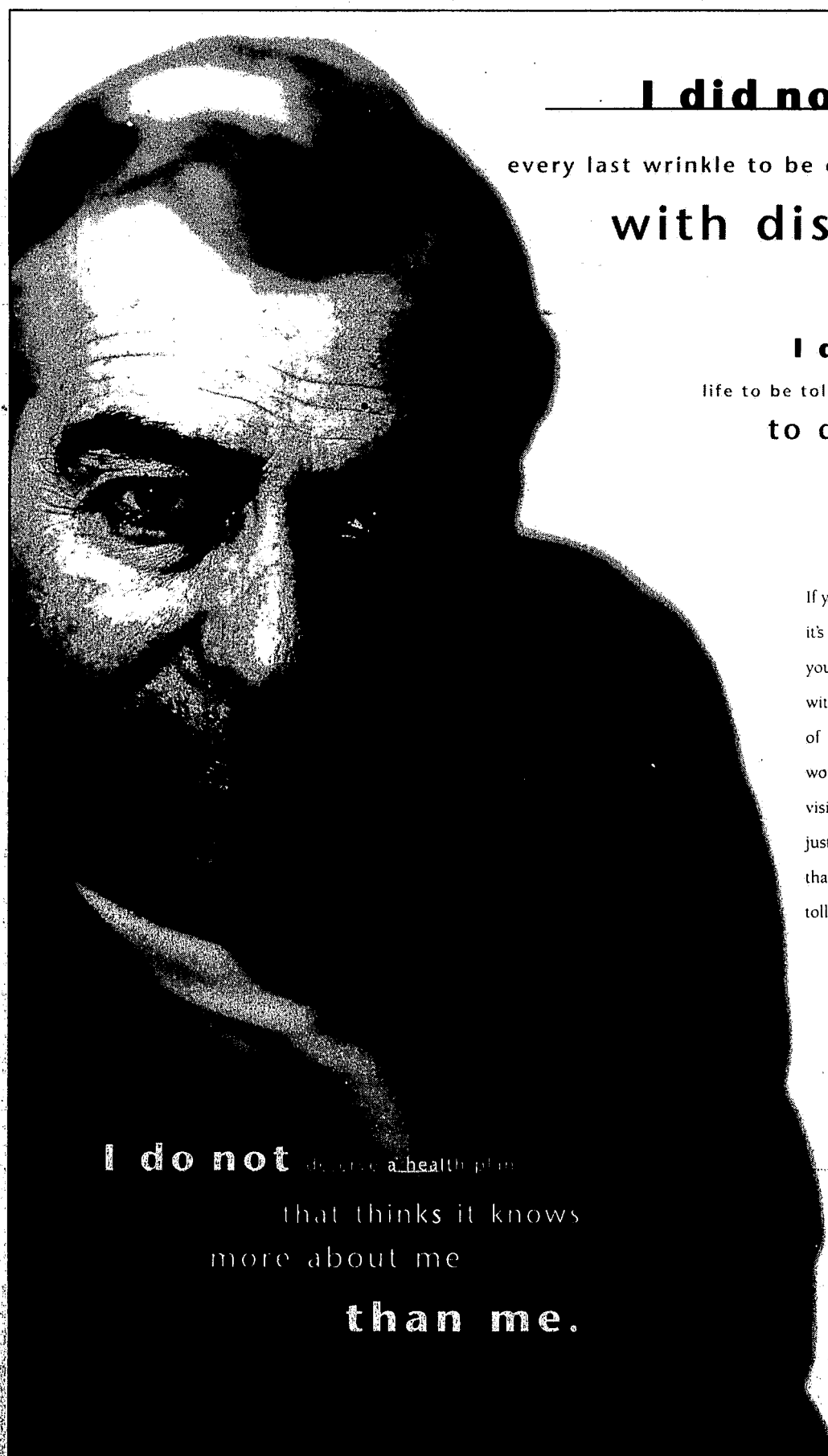
### HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

Create hand-made gifts for the holidays during this craft session, which begins at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at Independence Oaks.

## STATE PARKS

### STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS

Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (810) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-8767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2433. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 429-7067.



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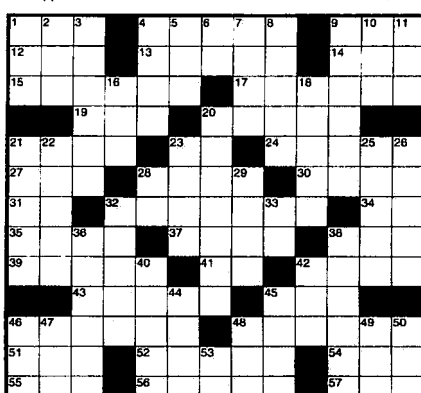
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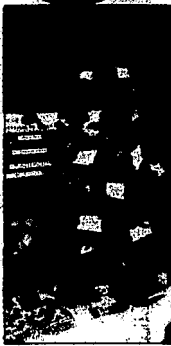
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## THE WEEKEND

### FRIDAY



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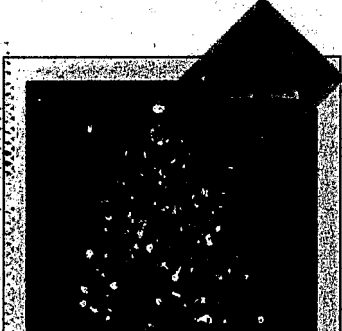


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### SUNDAY



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**Family comedy: Professor Phillip Brainard (Robin Williams) who has been working to create an alternative source of energy, accidentally creates a goo that looks like rubber but has amazing properties in "Flubber."**

## Remakes, sequels highlight holiday trips to the movies

BY JOHN MONAGHAN  
SPECIAL WRITER

December 25 has long been a popular night at the movies.

"It's become a sort of family tradition," said one friend, more a casual moviegoer than fanatic. "Once the presents are exchanged and the dinner eaten, it's about the only thing open to do."

Hollywood, which routinely premieres movies on Christmas Day, is being especially accommodating this year. No less than nine movies bow, and though the ghosts of Christmas past have often capped the day with disappointment ("The Godfather Part III" and "Four Rooms" come to mind), we can only hope.

"Flubber" and "Alien Resurrection," which officially kick off the holiday season this weekend, pretty much sum up your choices in general: sequels and remakes with some original ideas thrown into the mix.

■ **"Flubber"**—A Disney remake of its own 1961 live-action comedy, Robin Williams fills the shoes of "My Three Sons" Fred MacMurray, whose absent-minded professor was first to invent the green goo that makes whatever it comes into contact with fly. (Opened Nov. 26)

■ **"Alien Resurrection"**—More than lead char-



ANDREW COOPER/DREAMWORKS

**On the set: Director Steven Spielberg (left) goes over a scene with Anthony Hopkins (center) and Morgan Freeman on the set of "Amistad."**

acter Ripley died at the end of "Alien 3." Director David Fincher pretty much sank the franchise with his shaved-head aesthetic and heavy-handed symbolism. French directors Jeunet and Caro (fresh from "Delicatessen" and "The City of

Lost Children") promise to breathe new life into the series, resurrecting star Sigourney Weaver and introducing Winona Ryder as a cyborg mechanic. (Opened Nov. 26)

■ **"Contempt"**—Martin Scorsese is behind the rerelease of this 1963 French film (also known as "Le Mepris"), the third and perhaps most accessible from experimental director Jean-Luc Godard. Here Jack Palance and Brigitte Bardot find themselves in the midst of marital troubles as he tries to pen the screenplay for a movie version of "The Odyssey." Fritz Lang, the genius behind "M" and "Metropolis," plays, appropriately, a director. (Playing Nov. 28-30 at the Detroit Film Theatre)

■ **"Amistad"**—Word is that it's no "Schindler's List," but Steven Spielberg still entertains while bringing to light a little discussed bit of history. The year is 1839 when 53 Africans take over the title vessel, a Spanish slave ship, and are put on trial in the United States. Matthew McConaughey plays a crusading young lawyer (again) while Anthony Hopkins depicts another American President, this time John Quincy Adams. (Opens Dec. 12)

■ **"For Richer or Poorer"**—Kirstie Allie and Tim Allen as a rich Manhattan couple, on the

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## THEATER

### Ghost of Christmas past returns to Meadow Brook

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

Keep it simple. Keep it true to the original. Have a great actor in the lead role.

According to the Charles Nolte this is the secret to success when mounting a production of Charles Dickens' beloved "A Christmas Carol."

Nolte should know. After a three-year experiment of doing other versions, Meadow Brook Theatre is bringing back Nolte's adaptation with Nolte directing. Earlier this year, Meadow Brook artistic director Geoffrey Sherman admitted that popular sentiment favored the simple, faithful Nolte approach.

"It's nice to have your version remembered so fondly by people," Nolte said.

Nolte lives in Minneapolis where he divides his time between acting, writing and directing and teaching theater at the University of Minnesota. But Meadow Brook, on the campus of Oakland University, has become something of a second

**A Christmas Carol**  
Walt Charles Nolte's adaptation of Charles Dickens' famous story. Meadow Brook Theatre on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. Next Friday, Nov. 28 to Sunday, Dec. 28. Performances 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays, 6 p.m. Fridays, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays, 2 and 8:30 p.m. Sundays. Ticket prices range from \$25 to \$33.50 depending on performance day. Special family rates are available Nov. 28-30. For tickets and information, (248) 377-3800.

home for Nolte.

"I'm delighted to be back. I've spent a good deal of time here. There are also so many who were in my version years ago, so it's déjà vu all over again. It's a family reunion."

Dickens' immortal tale of a stingy man redeemed by ghosts has been a Nolte favorite for a long time.

"My generation remembers the

old radio show with Lionel Barrymore," he said. "And every year, my father made us sit down and listen to him read the story. So the story was familiar to me."

Nolte also remembers seeing the original MGM sound version in the 1930s which featured an eager, round-faced young boy as Tiny Tim. The boy was Terrence Kilbourne, who became artistic director at Meadow Brook. It was Kilbourne who asked Nolte to adapt the story.

"The challenge of converting 'Christmas Carol' to the stage isn't as great as you might think because Dickens thought in theatrical terms," Nolte said. "He was great monologist himself. He wrote in theatrical terms. Much of the dialogue in my play comes from the book because you can't improve on Dickens."

Dickens also gives the play a simple, clear structure with visits of Marley and three spirits leading to the redemption of Ebenezer Scrooge. Nolte said the story has a

natural shape to it as Scrooge deals with his past, compares his current misery to the warmth of those around him and confronts his possible future.

"The closer one gets to the original story is the way to go," Nolte said. "The problem at many theaters, such as the production at the Guthrie (in Minneapolis) is they draw in things that don't belong and aren't in the story. At the Guthrie, they bring on Charles Dickens but he's not in the story."

But keeping things simple doesn't mean ignoring the stories deeper meanings. Dickens is not all sweetness and light and Nolte said he wouldn't think of softening the later scenes of despicable alms life and haunting death.

"Admittedly the story is quite dark, it doesn't serve Dickens' purpose to pretty it up. It's a dark, dark scene. But immediately after the darkest scene comes the lightest when he is redeemed," Nolte



**Fast friends: Booth Colman reprises his performance of Ebenezer Scrooge and Jeffrey Hyke (left) alternates the role of Tiny Tim with Jamison Schrock (right).**

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lam from the I.R.S., who hide out in Amish country. Enough said. (Opens Dec. 12)

■ "Scream 2" - The characters left alive at the end of Wes Craven's last frightfest are still haunted by the ghosts of horror movies past. (Opens Dec. 12)

■ "Spike and Mike's Festival of Animation" - The California-based duo have been producing and distributing animated shorts for almost 20 years. The regular edition of their popular festival bows Dec. 19-21 at the Detroit Film Theatre. The adults-only "Sick and Twisted" version plays the Magic Bag in Ferndale from Dec. 18 through Jan. 1, highlighted by the unrated pilot for the cable TV hit "South Park."

■ "Home Alone 3" - Goodbye Macaulay Culkin. Hello Alex D.

Linz, his 8-year-old replacement who gets the best of computer chip thieves while left home alone with the Chicken Pox. John Hughes, who penned the first two, is credited with this screenplay. (Opens Dec. 19)

■ "Tomorrow Never Dies" - Some would say the 18th James Bond entry is about 13 too many. There is one upside here: Michele Yeoh upstaged Jackie Chan in "Supercop," so should have no trouble with Pierce Brosnan, in his second outing as 007. (Opens Dec. 19)

■ "Titanic" - The most anticipated Hollywood epic in recent years finally gets to test its sea legs. The love story between Kate Winslett and Leonardo DiCaprio should take a back seat to the painstaking recreation of

the 1912 disaster, conducted by the "Terminator's" James Cameron. (Opens Dec. 19)

■ "Deconstructing Harry" - Like clockwork, Woody Allen has made a film a year even during his most trying personal times. In this year's model he plays a successful author who is a complete failure in every other aspect of his life. The typically eclectic cast includes Demi Moore, Kirstie Alley, Robin Williams, Judy Davis, Amy Irving, and Elisabeth Shue. (Opens Dec. 25)

■ "The Sweet Hereafter" - Canadian Atom Egoyan's downbeat drama about collective mourning copped the Grand Prize at Cannes this year. Here the residents of a small town try to cope with the bus accident

that killed 14 school children. (Opens Dec. 25)

■ "Mousehunt" - Nathan Lane and Lee Evans in a story aimed at kids about brothers who inherit a haunted house. (Opens Dec. 25)

■ "Mr. Magoo" - National organizations for the blind were unable to keep this out of theaters. Fans of Jim Backus (he supplied the voice in the original cartoons) still have to decide whether Leslie Nielsen does justice to (almost) everyone's favorite near-sighted millionaire. (Opens Dec. 25)

■ "An American Werewolf in Paris" - A sequel to the 1981 cult favorite about an American tourist (Tom Everett Scott from "That Thing You Do!") who romances a beautiful Parisian

girl (Julie Delpy) before discovering her dark secret. (Opens Dec. 25)

■ "Goodwill Hunting" - Gus Van Sant ("To Die For," "Drugstore Cowboy") directed this drama about a brilliant but uneducated orphan from South Boston who is helped by a college professor and a psychologist. Robin Williams and Ben Affleck ("Chasing Amy") star. (Opens Dec. 25)

■ "Jackie Brown" - Hard to believe but this is the first feature Quentin Tarantino has directed since "Pulp Fiction." Here he takes "Rum Punch," a novel by Birmingham author Elmore Leonard, and concocts a tribute to '70s blaxploitation movies with queen of the genre Pam Grier as star. (Opens Dec.

25)

■ "As Good as It Gets" - Jack Nicholson is harassing waitresses again, this time TV's Helen Hunt as the only server who can stand his outbursts. Joining their unlikely friendship is Greg Kinnear, as a gay artist neighbor. James L. Brooks, who used Nicholson to great effect in "Terms of Endearment," will hopefully perform similar magic here. When was the last time Nicholson appeared in a truly solid film? (Opens Dec. 25)

■ "The Postman" - "Waterworld's" Kevin Costner in yet another post-apocalyptic action drama. Here he plays a man, circa 2013, who discovers a lost postal vehicle and starts delivering to survivors letters written before the war. (Opens Dec. 25)

## Concert to feature Michigan Chamber Players

The Cranbrook Music Guild will present its annual holiday concert featuring the Michigan Chamber Players, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2 in the library of Cranbrook House.

The Michigan Chamber Players are artists-in-residence at the University of Michigan School of Music, where each of the four members are also on the

faculty.

Michigan Chamber Players include pianist Arthur Greene, violinist Paul Kantor, violist Yizhak Schotten, and cellists Erling Blondal Bengtsson and Anthony Elliott.

The program will feature works for strings and piano, including Schubert's Trio in B flat Major, Menotti's Suite for

Two Cellos and Piano, and Dvorak's Sextet for Two Violins, Two Violas, and Two Cellos. For the sextet, the Michigan Chamber Players will be joined by graduate students from the University of Michigan School of Music.

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Nolte said Colman is a unifying force for other cast members and he passes along his expertise to others. Nolte and Colman have known each other for almost 50 years and Nolte has directed Colman in many acclaimed performances at Meadow Brook including Captain Queeg in "The Caine Mutiny Courtmartial," Willy Loman in "Death of a Salesman," Shylock in "Merchant of Venice" and Matthew Drummond in "Inherit the Wind."

Colman lives in Los Angeles where he performs in television and film and does commercials. Meadow Brook is his opportunity to perform on stage in meatier roles.

Nolte has spent his life in theater. He performed as a young actor throughout Europe and in New York.

He said he became disillusioned

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Charles Nolte

sioned with the commercial New York theater scene and returned to his native Minneapolis where he has been a professor at the University of Minnesota for 30 years. He said he teaches on a part time basis to allow time for directing, acting and writing. Several of Nolte's plays have debuted at Meadow Brook including "The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," "The Last Days of Mr. Lincoln" and the autobiographical "A Summer Remembered" in which Colman played a character based on Nolte's father.

"Even in grade school, I knew I wanted to do theater," he said.

Nolte most recent triumph was a four-month run as the father in O'Neill's "Long Days Journey Into Night" in Minneapolis which he said was draining but enjoyable.

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I've just spent some time with a group of people who love their work. They put together America's Thanksgiving Day Parade today, an enormous event in its 71st year - 2.2 miles of parade along Woodward Avenue and still Michigan's largest free public event. And, in the words of the Parade Company's executive director Suzie Gross, "We've revved up."

Another thing about the people who love what they do? Follow the baton as it's passed around. Suzie Gross: "We have four full-time artists who are master sculptors and craftsmen, plus hundreds of volunteers to paint, glitter, mache, work with fabric and sculpt. The windows of my office overlook the parade studio, and there must be 300 people in the studio. We have an award-winning art director,

Jimmy Thompson, renowned nationally for his designs and his whimsical and creative concepts. It's fun."

To art director Jimmy Thompson: "Ralph Skinner, out assistant art director, is one of the best sculptors I've ever met, and great painter, too, and Don Watts, our technical director, who does everything from building chassis to building animation. We're all on the same page. And the veteran volunteers understand the direction we're going, too."

To technical director Don Watts: "It's a pretty big effort between a lot of different people. I keep a pretty low profile. My goal is to make the animation work underneath their art work. If my animation distracts from the art in any way, that's not good. My intent is to make the art work come to life by adding the movement. And I have great people backing me up."

Sense a pattern? Suzie credits Jim. Jim credits Don. They credit the volunteers. No wonder the parade's so fun to watch!

Jimmy explained the parade process lasts all year. "In January I state illustrating for next year." Literally hundreds of artisans and volunteers are

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ther."

Talking to Don, it sounds like he may be one of those people. "My previous mechanical background was working on trucks, and I couldn't express myself, I only did repairs. But now Jimmy Thompson and I talk about how to make clearances lower so the artwork doesn't sit on high, or so we can put more on the chassis. Even though nobody really sees that, if it enhances the art we've done well."

They all get a thrill out of parade day.

Jimmy says, "The payoff is the teamwork involved. There's

nothing like seeing so many people on the same page. And to see it go down Woodward, seeing people enjoy the parade even if they don't know how much work goes into it. And then there are the people who pitched in who are able to point their stuff out to people, 'hey I did this part, that's my piece!' So it really is a parade for everybody."

Suzie says she watches children on parade day. "The best part are the looks that you see on the kids' faces as you walk the route. When you look at the parade, it takes you on a magical journey. It takes so many people to put together, but it touches

everyone individually. That's why we work these 18- and 20-hour days. These are not only floats and balloons, these are enduring memories that will last a lifetime. It's really a moving exhibition, a museum on wheels. It's not only a story book, but it's a history book, too."

Don concurs. "I personally do love it. I get a thrill out of the excitement of doing the parade. Then he whets our appetite with this: "Wait 'til next year, 'cause we already have ideas!"

Backstage Pass will be pre-empted tonight (and for the Winterfest Pledge Drive - we return Dec. 18), so for Detroit Public Television: Happy Thanksgiving.



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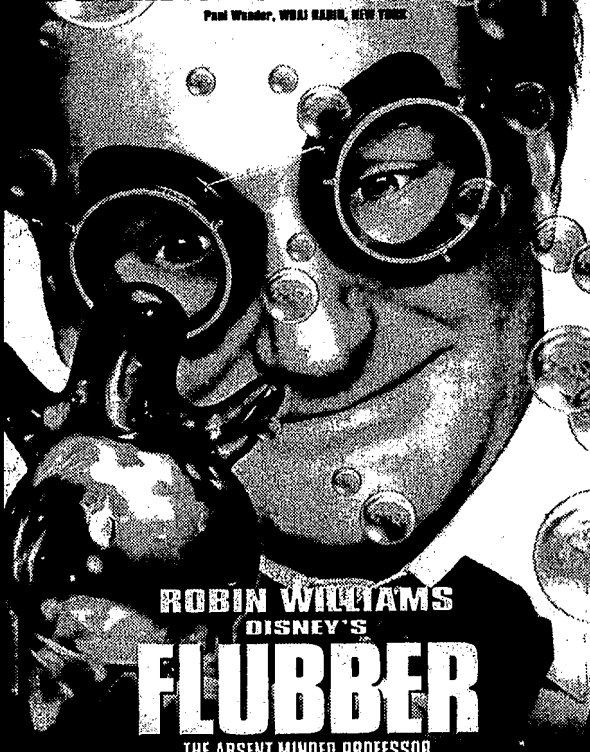
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## MOVIES

## Savannah stars as 'Midnight' unravels murder

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Savannah, Georgia, is unlike any other Southern city. Left relatively intact at the close of the Civil War, it is a haunted place where you can turn a corner on its brick-lined streets and come face to face with a building untouched for over a century.

For John Kelso, the writer played by John Cusack in "Midnight" one of the decade's best-selling novels doesn't translate all that well to film. Through the earnest, but uninspired, lens of director Clint Eastwood, it becomes a murder mystery without enough of either to sustain its 2-1/2-hour running time.

Unfortunately, the real-life story that made 1994's "Midnight" one of the decade's best-selling novels doesn't translate all that well to film. Through the earnest, but uninspired, lens of director Clint Eastwood, it becomes a murder mystery without enough of either to sustain its 2-1/2-hour running time.

The movie opens leisurely (and I suppose appropriately so) as

Kelso encounters the eccentric Savannah locals. A man walks an imaginary dog. Another has huge horseflies attached to strings on his sweater. A former beauty only strays from her boudoir long enough to attend the lavish formal parties.

When Jim Williams (Kevin Spacey), a popular member of Savannah's "nouveau riche," shoots his volatile young lover, his self-defense plea doesn't automatically mean innocence. How his sexual relationship with the deceased plays in court could put him behind bars.

Set in 1981, the movie is adapted from John Berendt's novel, itself based on the actual Williams murder trial. Tourists now visit familiar Savannah spots described in "Midnight" (referred to simply as "The Book") and pry the locals for first-hand gossip about the case.

But these same juicy tidbits that seem so great in whispers might not be enough to support a film, especially one as self-important as this one. Eastwood, never known for his light hand, seems so intent on covering all the bases of race, sexual preference and even voodoo, that he strips the life out of each. Cusack walks through the movie literally in an open-mouthed stupor, seemingly awed by his Gats-

by-like relationship to the dapper Williams (he even addresses the young writer as "Sport"). Spacey, sporting distinguished gray hair and a bushy mustache, plays his role appropriately friendly but formal and maybe even a bit detached.

If that woman the young writer has his eyes on throughout the movie looks familiar, it's because Eastwood cast his 25-year-old daughter Alison in the role. Yet the attempt to give Cusack a love interest (I don't think her character existed in the book) only drags the movie out longer than necessary.

Eastwood makes a far bolder move in the casting of The Lady Chablis, the real-life Savannah drag diva who figured somewhat in the original case. With her black, aquiline face and impossibly long arms, she gives an authentic, if unevenly paced, performance.

The courtroom sequences move at a fairly good clip, helped in part by Jack Thompson's turn as Williams' loyal friend and attorney. The Australian actor employs the same jury-swaying technique that won accolades in the classic "Breaker Morant" almost two decades ago.

Still, the gay conflict at the center of the trial seems a bit



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**Film adaptation:** John Kelso (John Cusack) looks at a dagger owned by Jim Williams (Kevin Spacey) in "The Garden of Good and Evil," based on the book by John Berendt.

out-of-date. Sure a lot has changed since 1981, but because Savannah is such an antique place to begin with (the old cars are normally a giveaway), I didn't realize until almost halfway through that we were back in

time at all.

What remains unspoiled in "Midnight" is Savannah itself, still the movie's biggest selling point. That alone may make it worth a look.

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.

## SCREEN SCENE

A sampling of what's playing at alternative movie theaters across metro Detroit as reviewed by John Monaghan.

**Detroit Film Theatre** Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. Call (313) 833-2323 for information. (\$5.50; \$4.50 students/seniors)

"Contempt" (France/Italy-1963). Friday-Sunday, Nov. 28-30 (call for showtimes). Martin Scorsese is behind the rerelease of this 1963 French film (also known as "Le Mepris"), the third and perhaps most accessible from experimental director Jean-Luc Godard. Here Jack Palance

and Brigitte Bardot find themselves in the midst of marital troubles as he tries to pen the screenplay for a movie version of "The Odyssey." Fritz Lang, the genius behind "M" and "Metropolis," plays, appropriately, a director.

"Forgotten Silver" (New Zealand-1996). 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1. Peter Jackson ("Heavenly Creatures") created this mock documentary about a forgotten New Zealand film legend whose life is shown through interviews and clips.

**Main Art Theatre** 118 N. Main Street at 11 Mile, Royal

Oak. Films play through at least Thursday, unless noted otherwise. Call (248) 542-0180 for information. (\$6.50; \$4 students, seniors and matinee; \$3 twilight)

"Washington Square" (USA-1997). Jennifer Jason Leigh and Albert Finney star in this adaptation of a Henry James novel about an awkward rich girl in turn-of-the-century New York caught between her over-protective father and a penniless suitor.

"Wings of the Dove" (Britain-1997). More Henry James. This time the turn-of-the-century romantic entangle-

ment occurs between a conniving woman (Helena Bonham Carter) and a handsome journalist (Linus Roache). They devise a plan to have him woo a dying woman and thus inherit her fortune.

"Kiss or Kill" (Australia-1997). In this grifters movie from the Land Down Under, an outlaw couple used to robbing businessmen ends up on the run when one of their victims dies.

**Magic Bag Theatre** 22918 Woodward, Ferndale. Call (248) 544-3030 for information. (\$2)

"Fast Times at Ridgemont High" (USA-1982). 9:30 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 27. Sean Penn, Jennifer Jason Leigh, Nicolas Cage, Eric Stolz and Anthony Edwards are just a few of the familiar faces in this New Wave-era teen comedy. **Star Southfield 12 Mile Road** (West of Telegraph), Southfield. Call (248) 372-2222. (\$6.50; \$4.50 before 6 p.m.)

"The Ice Storm" (USA-1997). A film adaptation of Rick Moody's confessional account of life in the 1970s, starring Kevin Kline, Sigourney Weaver and directed by Ang Lee (\*).

**Windsor Film Theatre**, 2135 Wyandotte Street West, Wind-

sor, Canada. Call (519) 254-FILM. (\$5.25 Canadian; \$4 U.S.)

"A Summer in La Goulette" (France/Tunisia-1996). 7 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 27-30. When a trio of girls begin dating boys of a different religion, tension erupts in their strict families.

**3-D Double Feature.** "Revenge of the Creature" (USA-1955) and "It Came From Outer Space" (USA-1953). Beginning at 9:15 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 27-30. Expect meteors to fly out into the audience in this rare 3-D presentation, with the glasses, of course

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Attractive SWF, 25, 4'10", 145lbs, blonde/blue, enjoys movies, quiet evenings, skating, long walks, hockey and football. Seeking SWM, 25-35, who is looking for a LTR. #7604

**IN YOUR DREAMS**  
You're in mine, if you're a tall, medium-large built SWDM, honest, affectionate, N/S and financially secure. DWF, 37, 5'9", light-brown/blue, attractive, full-figured, N/S, various interests, with one child. #8176

**HAVE YOU BEEN?**  
I didn't think it would be this hard to find a man who is 24-35, dark-haired, in shape, college educated and seeking warm, beautiful woman - me. Please help me and my search - quick! #7937

**SEEKING**  
SWFP, 25, enjoys movies, racquetball, softball, quiet evenings at home, seeks attractively built SWM, 24-32, to share similar interests. N/S preferable. #7478

**PICK ME**  
Lonely, attractive, petite SF, 25, seeks honest, reliable, sincere, hard-working, semi-intelligent SWM, for companionship, friendship, possible relationship. If you cheat, don't bother calling. #7660

**OLD-FASHIONED**  
Divorced mother of one, 30, very shy, blonde/brown, blue eyes, 5'7", 110lbs, enjoys dancing, older mills, all winter activities. Seeking caring, true romantic, sensitive, old-fashioned guy. #7853

**ARE YOU THE ONE?**  
Attractive SWF, 26, Auburn/blue, hopeless romantic, seeks attractive SWM, 28-32, who enjoys the outdoors, movies, museums, sports, quiet times, for LTR, for Mr. Right. #7907

**HUSKY MAN WANTED**  
Attractive, honest, kind SWF, 24, 5'11", HW proportionate, blonde/blue, enjoys movies, concerts, parties, and not the bar scene. Seeking tall, 5'6", husky built SWM, 24-34, honest, caring, and romantic, for friendship, possible LTR. #7939

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

**STOPI!**  
Look no further! You have just entered the dark and lovely zone. Gorgeous BF, 30, 5'7", one dependent, seeks attractive, gorgeous SWM, 30-45, 5'10", N/S, ND, for friendship and dancing. #7608

**WHERE'S MY KNIGHT?**  
Cute, nice DWF, 35, 5'7", 120lbs, fun, down-to-earth, one son, N/S, enjoys jogging, biking, concerts, travel. Looking for SWM, 35-49, who's fun, caring, financially secure, N/S, to enjoy life with. #7892

**64 AND PRETTY**  
Two lives can be joined together in friendship. Pretty SWF, short blonde hair, sometimes shy, but always honest, enjoys fine dining, and casinos. #8042

**I HAVE A LAW**  
Eclectic, attractive, active, classy, slender SF, 5'7", brunet, blonde, enjoys tennis, golf, dancing, boating, most music, gardening, spectator sports. Seeking a tall, special, loyal, active flexible, fun gentleman, 50+, #8086

**LOOKING FOR A MIRACLE**  
DWF, 54, 120lbs, black/brown, humorous, employed, seeks S/D Indian M with long hair, 5'7"-5'9", 35-45, handsome, slim and fit, fun, for quiet evenings and more. Friends first. #7936

**CAN YOU GIVE 110%?**  
If treated the same, you get it all; no love, caring, passion, no love, no one believes it, love, hockey, boating, 4-wheeling, sledding. Seeking Mr. Wonderful, 30-42, attractive, loves kids, you won't be disappointed. #7984

**GEMINI GIRL**  
DF, 43, 5'8", slender, medium-length blonde hair. Looking for tall, outgoing type of guy, who's happy, caring, communicative, financially secure, who likes kids, for friendship and possible romance. #7761

**LET ME BE YOUR SUNSHINE**  
Widowed SWF, 59, 5'2", N/S, social driver, blonde/blue, emotionally/financially secure, seeks honest SM, 57-65, with sense of humor. #7575

**ROMANTIC PARTNER WANTED**  
SWF, 47, 5'8", blonde, fun-loving, owner, no dependents, believes in God, enjoys stock car, movies, travel, and more. Seeking SWM, active, with passion for life, for romantic, monogamous LTR, possible marriage. #7824

**NEW TO THIS, ARE YOU?**  
Humorous SWFP, 32, 5'7", physically fit, enjoys golfing, cooking, going to North, boating, amusement parks, seeking humorous, trustworthy, sensitive, Catholic SWM, 28-38, 5'10", physically fit, N/S, for friendship first. Plymouth/Novi area. #7760

**PRETTY BLONDE LADY**  
Refined, giving, loving, educated, young 60s, 5'5", good figure, N/S, many interests, for C&W dancing, rollerblading, and companionship. West Side Area. #8121

**HAVE HERPES?**  
SWF, 38, smart, attractive, fun-loving, great sense of humor, enjoys sports, travel and more. Seeking a humorous, honest, marriage-minded, N/S man with herpes, to build a relationship. #8130

**TEDDY BEAR WANTED**  
Seeking big, warm, cuddy SWDM, 38-50, to keep cute, heavyset, romantic, caring, active SWF, 41, 5'5", warm. #8133

**LADY**  
Fun, honest SWF, 33, loves animals, looking for marriage-minded SWM, 35, Plymouth area. #7664

**BEST WHEN SHARED**  
Attractive, warm female, 42, seeks attractive, healthy, warm male, for friendship, possibly romance. #7342

**SOMETHING DIFFERENT**  
SBF, 24, 5'4", dark-skinned, gorgeous, feminine, seeks financially secure WM, 30+, for fun and friendship. #8049

**FUN-LOVING, FUN, CULTURED**  
Blonde lady, fun and adventurous, respects life and people, appreciates kindness and honesty. Seeking emotionally available, secure, tall gentleman, 45-60, for travel, adventure, and companionship. #8050

**SINCERE, PRETTY, PROFESSIONAL**  
Petite, slim SWF, 38, blonde, enjoys working out, dining, theater, travel, some sports. Seeking sincere, honest, attractive SWM, 30-39, physically fit, N/S, financially/emotionally secure. #7358

**LOOKING FOR A FRIEND**  
Down-to-earth divorced WF, mid 50s, petite, blonde/green, great sense of humor, enjoys dancing, the movies and dining out. Seeking SWDM, 56-65, great sense of humor with similar interests, for friendship first, possible LTR. #7949

**SOMEONE SPECIAL**  
Versatile, open and very honest DWF, 41, with kids, seeks attractive, confident, secure SWM, 30-50, N/S, to enjoy life with. #8003

**BOTH WORLDS**  
Attractive, affectionate, athletic, adventurous, warm, romantic DWF, 5'5", 50, blonde/blue, medium built, educated, seeks gentleman, 39-48, 48-62, who likes the N/S, who likes the outdoors, travel, for friendship. #7765

**I'VE GOT WHAT IT TAKES**  
Attractive, slender, intelligent, refined, affectionate, humorous JF, 54, blonde/green, 5'5", seeks classy gent, who is sweet, intelligent, honest, polite, for a real relationship. #7819

**PRINCESS NEEDS PRINCE**  
Playful, fun SWF, 27, 52, medium built, brown/brown, enjoys outdoors, sports, camping, dancing, and much more. Seeking SWM, 24-35, with similar interests, to make me laugh for friendship, and maybe more. #8051

**A GOOD WOMAN**  
Intelligent, attractive DWF, 38, blonde/green, full-figured, has kids and great sense of humor. Seeking safe, fun, tall, courageous, intelligent man for friendship, maybe more. #7846

**LOOKING FOR LOVE NOT GAMES**  
Attractive DWF, young 40s, 5'4", brown/blue, N/S, financially/emotionally secure, enjoys movies, dining, sports, travel, and romance. Seeking attractive, honest, caring, compassionate SWM, 45-55, financially secure, for friendship, leading to LTR. #8083

**THE MAGIC AGAIN**  
Are you? I'm! Young 54, varied interests. Seeking older, soulmate, social drinker only, who'll treat a lady like lady, for special relationship. Loves warm South Carolina beaches, and fishing for fun. #8023

**YOU WANT BE DISAPPOINTED IF...**  
you're looking for a petite, creative, sensitive, very attractive, multi-degreed SF, 49, with a twinkle in her eye and rebellious on her feet. Seeking intelligent man, 40-49, with similar qualities. The only games I'll play are monopoly and pinochle. #8091

**BEEN THERE, DONE THAT**  
SWF, 41, 5'5", 120lbs, dark brown/hazel, sense of humor, never married, no children, enjoys quiet evenings at home, dining out, drag racing, boating. Seeking honest man, old-fashioned values. For LTR. #7933

**SPECIAL WOMAN**  
Affectionate DWF, 44, full-figured, red-head, loves dancing, cuddling, quiet times at home. Seeking SWM, 40-50, who wants a one-on-one relationship. C&W dancing a plus. No games please. #7935

**ATTRACTIVE, PETITE...**  
professional DWF, with a passion for love and life, enjoys jazz, the arts, fine dining, some sports, outdoors. Seeking financially secure, handsome, tall, confident, N/S PM, 40-53. Race open. #7958

**A LITTLE SHY**  
SWF, 38, 5'7", red/blue, honest, loving, caring, likes bowling, camping, fishing, some sports, outdoors. Seeking SWM, 36-42, not married. #7962

**MEET FOR COFFEE**  
Young 62 year old WF, Farmington Hills area, seeks companionship/friendship of a man of same age group. Loves animals, long walks/dances, dining out, movies and shows. Would like to meet for coffee, conversation. #7965

**LUCKY YOU**  
Petite SWF, N/S, outgoing senior, needs a sweet, sincere SWM, 66-71, to join me for golf, bowling, cards. Must enjoy people and have family values. #7761

**CASINO ROYALE**  
DWF, 39, full-figured, shy, hard worker, smoker, enjoys BINGO, Vegas, travel, and quiet times. Seeking employed male, 30s-40s, who is honest and caring. Nationality unimportant. #7999

**SWEET, SENSITIVE...**  
Intelligent, attractive full-figured woman, 22, seeks tall, financially secure, attractive, live, non-smoking, God-fearing man. Race unimportant. #8000

**SPARKLING, SPUNKY, ETVLISH**  
Sensual, gorgeous, fit, 40, 5'7", 130lbs, MA degreed, into biking, reading, antiquing, jogging, seeks SWM, N/S, degreed, fit, outgoing guy. #7968

**LOOKING FOR LOVE**  
Fun, honest SWF, 33, loves animals, looking for marriage-minded SWM, 35, Plymouth area. #7664

**GO NO FURTHER**  
DWF, 40s, professional, blonde, attractive, slender, seeks gentleman, N/S, professional, 40s, for dining out, theater, travel, quiet evenings at home, possible LTR. #7814

**HURRY, I'M A GOOD ONE!**  
Attractive DWF, 50ish, 5'5", 125lbs, looking for Mr. Nice Guy: a 50ish professional SWM, with positive attitude and great smile, for friendship or more. #7525

**SECOND TIME AROUND**  
Spunky, attractive widowed WF, 56, 5'3", 125lbs, blonde, Places-Artes-Capricorn, retired consultant, seeks SWM, 40s, to share ballroom dancing, movies, travel, good conversation and family get togethers. #7572

**WAITING IN WESTLAND**  
Passionate, honest, upbeat, humorous DWF, 43, 5'8", 160 lbs, long brown/hazel, smoker, social drinker, N/Drugs, enjoys bowling, movies, dining out, quiet times at home. Seeking gentleman, 40-55, with similar interests, for friendship, possible LTR. #7701

**YOU AND ME**  
Shapely, active, fit, classy, modern SF, 5'12, 125lbs, natural blonde/green, seeking DWM, 45-50, nice thick hair, with same qualities, to share life's simple pleasures and...? Truth is foretold. #7666

**I'M NOT BARRIE...**  
so you don't have to be Ken. DFW, 40ish, realizes we still look good, but aren't 20 anymore. Seeking fun, romantic, smart, honest SWM, 39-49, N/S, drinker. Let's play! #7667

**SOMEONE SPECIAL**  
SWF, 70, feels younger, seeking WM, 65-70 who is sexy, passionate, loving and honest, who loves to laugh and have fun. I am a lady with many interests, so give me a call. #7649

**PETITE, BRUNETTE**  
DJF, 40ish, N/S single mom, enjoys movies, music, dancing, dining out. Seeking romantic, caring honest S/DJM, 40-50, N/S, for friendship, possible LTR. #7802

**61 YEAR-OLD ENTREPRENEUR**  
Pretty, successful, giving, loving, likes movies, plays, concerts, traveling, boating, swimming. Looking for her knight in shining armor. Any sincere, successful, caucasian gentleman, 45-70, please reply. #7944

**SEEKING ROMANCE**  
I'm attractive, slender, tall, and a young looking 51, plus intelligent, refined, honest, financially secure gentleman, who's 50-65, intelligent, tall, classy, confident, and selectively marriage-minded. #7756

**101 WAYS**  
SWF, Mom, Big Beautiful Woman, seeks N/S man, 40-65, who is into a little bit of everything. #7813

**LOOKING AND WAITING**  
Intelligent, attractive SWF, 39, 5'6", employed, with kids, romantic-at-heart, seeks tall fit, down-to-earth, intelligent, honest, caring, humorous, romantic SWM, 34-45, N/S, financially secure, for friendship/more. #7515

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

**SINCERE REPLIES ONLY**  
Versatile, romantic DWF, 43, 5'8", attractive, medium built, blonde/brown, N/S, sound heart, drag racing, boating, confident, secure SWPM, 35-50, 5'11", N/S, knows how to love, be loved, for LTR. #7476

**PERKY BROWN-EYED GIRL**  
DWF, 38, 5'11", brown/brown, romantic, caring, kind seeks SWDM, 35-43, for friendship, enjoyable weekends, a little hand-holding, slow dancing, and good conversation. #7601

**SOLID SECURE GENTLEMAN**  
Independent, WF, 38, full-figured, working mother, own home, with sense of humor, seeks male 30+ with a patient heart, who enjoys watching/participating in sports, quiet times, nights out, for friendship. #7568

**DOWN-TO-EARTH**  
DWF, 44, 5'11", 155lbs, N/S, mother of two, employed, affectionate, romantic and caring, likes camping, movies, music, art, antiques, almost all sports. Seeking WM with similar interests, for possible LTR. #7570

**MISSING SOMETHING?**  
Me too... someone to share fun, quiet times with. SF, 45, 5'2", brunet/green, live in northwest side, seeks honest SM, to care about, who cares back, who enjoys movies, family, having fun. #7889

**FUN-LOVING**  
Attractive, intelligent DWF, 40s, 5'4", 115lbs, black/brown, seeks secure, handsome, sincere SWDM, 40-50, HW proportionate, for companionship, fun, possible LTR. #7693

**YOUR LUCKY DAY**  
Classy, upbeat, witty, vivacious, professional WF, 52, 5'6", 160lbs, quite a package. Needs athletic, romantic, humorous, N/S PM, 55+, to let her cherish. #7706

**LOOKING FOR PUMPKIN**  
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**FULL FIGURE**  
If you're looking for a full-figured woman, please contact me. SDF, 5'6", 220 lbs, brown, seeks fun-loving man, 45+. #7481

**ATTRACTIVE ASIAN**  
Non-smoking AF, 36, seeks attractive, health-conscious, dependent-free WM, 30-40, 5'9", for casual dating, possible LTR. #7609

**I'D LIKE TO WATCH**  
"Friends" on Thursday! Single mom of three, 30, straight-forward, honest, enjoys rollerblading, camping, working out. Looking for a friend, 26-33. Relationship possible. #7604

**SOULMATE, WHERE ARE YOU?**  
SWF, mid-40s, dark hair/eyes, seeks to dance, take walks, has good sense of humor, family oriented, a good communicator. Serious inquiries only. #7712

**LADY IN WAITING**  
Foxy 45 year old, DSCFP, hopeless romantic, 5'2", 145lbs, enjoys traveling, cooking, theater, and quiet evenings at home. Seeking SWM, 40-55, with similar interests, N/S, prosperous, for friendship possible more. #7700

**LAUGH WITH ME**  
DWF, seeks S/DWM, 55-62, who likes to dance, take walks, has good sense of humor, family oriented, a good communicator. Serious inquiries only. #7712

**DYNAMIC, BEAUTIFUL PH.D.**  
Cultured, mean apple pie, Golf, tennis, and playing enthusiast. Theater addition, dance fever. Seeking male counterpart, 34-47. #7609

**WAITING FOR YOU**  
SWM, 35, seeks honest, sincere, caring, slim DWF, 20-40, for friendship, with the possibility of something more serious. #8132

**AFFECTIONATE**  
DWM, 35, seeks honest, sincere, caring, slim DWF, 20-40, for friendship, possible relationship. #8093

**S.O.S.**  
Please save this somewhat shy, professional, slim SWM, 29, from being alone, enjoys racquetball, music, computers, and trying new things. Seeking SWF, 25-35, N/S, social drinker, who enjoys sports (especially water sports). Must love kids. #8120

**HONEST AND AVAILABLE**  
SWM, 34, athletic, enjoys outdoors seeks courageous, compatible, communicative SWF for friendship and possible LTR. #8080

**HANDSOME MID-AGED GENT**  
Homeowner, educated, N/S, romantic, compassionate, caring, but lonely SWM. My virtues are many, my needs are few, if you can believe that. Seeking same or better. 155lbs, 40-55. Race unimportant. #8114

**R U A BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS?**  
Homeowner, educated, SWM, 30, 5'3", 135lbs, N/S, never married, money manager, enjoys romance, opulence, simplicity, commitment. My princess is an elegant, articulate, truly beautiful SF, 23-33, N/S, size 2-6. #8116

**FIRST-TIME AD**  
Seeking SWF, 27-30, under 5'4", N/S, HW proportionate. Profession or social status unimportant. Will return all calls. #8175

**HAPPINESS COUNTS**  
SWPM, 33, 5'10", never married, nice-looking. Enjoys dinner, dancing, sports and companionship. Seeking SWF, 25-33, down-to-earth, for meaningful relationship. #8177

**DOES ANYONE READ THESE?**  
DWM, 35, N/S, HW proportionate, seeks friend and lover, HW proportionate, for friendship, relationship, marriage. #8138

**ONE IN A MILLION MAN**  
Financially secure, early retired SBDM, 38, loves to travel, enjoys sports, movies, quiet weekends, seeks female, 20-25, with same qualities. Kids ok. #7956

**SINCERE AND HONEST**  
SBPM, 26, 5'5", 145lbs, no dependents, sincere, loving, female, single female, 23-39, who has a great sense of humor, is well-educated, and professionally employed. #8006

**CHILI COOK**  
Seeking missing spot for seasonal travels. SWM, 34, 5'2", 190lbs, professional, professional, and humorous. Seeking a dash of attractive spirit to complete mix before simmering. #7955

**A YOUNG ROBERT REDFORD**  
SM, 51, 165lbs, brunet, hair, home-owner, self-employed, loves the outdoors, boating, skiing, hiking, picnics, working out, traveling. Seeking tall female. Must work out. Have a sense of humor and be employed. #7994

**SPECIAL LADY**  
Sensuous, attractive DWF, 5'5", 130lbs, black hair, sexy eyes, seeks tall WM, 45+, to share fun, romance, and adventure, in rewording LTR. Serious only reply. #8033

**NORDIC SKI ENTHUSIAST**  
Attractive, fit, petite SWF, 40 plus, seeks tall, sexy guy, for weekend trips, North, Lower. If you know difference between "free style/skiing" and "classic" can ski 20K plus (both styles), call me. #8046

**LOOKING FOR THE SAME!**  
Let me introduce myself. I'm a 49, N/S, DWF, with red hair, only have one natural high and that's it! I have strong morals and values. Let's talk soon. #7983

**ABOVE THE LAW**  
SWF, 5'2", brown/brown, seeks law enforcement officer. #7861

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

**PRETTY**  
Full-figured 32, seeks employed WM, who enjoys country music, night life, evenings at home. Smoker and social drinker. #7616

**TALL HANDSOME DOWN...**  
to earth. SWM, 37, 6'2", 200lb+, athletic, brown/blue, home owner, work and skill trades, enjoys hockey and outdoors. Seeking fun, attractive, pleasant SF, 23-35 to build a strong relationship. #8124

**OUR TURN NOW**  
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**GEO** 1991 Jimmy, 75,000 miles, AWD, power, leather/brakes, windows, trailer hitch, 10,000 CD, red, Datsun. 248-951-3066

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**JEEP** 1994 Wrangler Sahara - loaded, 5 speed, 6 cylinder, excellent, 50,000 miles, warranty, 248-642-3592

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**SUBURBAN** 1995, CHEVROLET, LT-leather, 4x4, loaded, 66k, warranty thru 2001 or 100k, 248-648-9190

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**MITSUBISHI** 1991 Galant V24 4 door, sunroof, leather \$5,995. **SNETHKAMP JEEP** 313-255-2557

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**FORD** - 1961 Starliner 282, 3 speed, very good condition, \$7,500. (313) 613-5220

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# AT HOME

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appliance doctor

# How to replace refrigerator seals



**JOE GAGNON**

The refrigerator in your home is such a necessary part of life today and also the biggest user of your energy bill. A clean condenser is critical not only to proper temperatures and longer life expectancy but also to energy consumption. A dirty condenser can add \$5 to \$10 extra on the utility bill each month and so can a leaking door seal.

To check the door seal is as simple as shutting off the lights in the kitchen and placing a good operating flashlight inside the product.

Move the flashlight several times as you look around the seal looking for light. Use a mirror along the bottom edge because it is the most common area to leak. The reason this area is the com-

mon one to leak is that when something is spilled on the inside of the refrigerator door, it leaks to the bottom and stops at the door seal. Any food product which may contain an acid base could cause havoc with the rubber seal.

Door seals for your refrigerator can cost anywhere from \$45 to \$150 for each seal depending on who made the refrigerator.

While preparing to replace the old seal, I would recommend the new one be placed in the clothes dryer, set under gentle heat and run the dryer for 10 minutes. This will make the seal easier to work with.

Take a pencil and draw a line all around the old seal while it is still attached to the refrigerator. Lift the top edge of the seal and you will see screws and continue to do so on each side until you have reached half way down the door and then stop. Gently lift out the old seal and insert the new one in its place.

Put the screws back in place but do not tighten them beyond snug. Finish doing the bottom portion of the seal in the same manner as the top. At this point you have replaced the seal without taking off the door and everything lines up with the pencil line you drew earlier. The screws which have not been tightened are the next step.

Tighten these screws proceeding from corner to corner and across from each other. This will ensure that the door liner is being fitted without bending the metal portion of the door. Close and open the door several times while you are tightening all the screws.

After you have completed the job take a hair dryer and carefully heat the new seal and stretch it outwards toward you. This will remove areas which might have little pleats in the rubber.

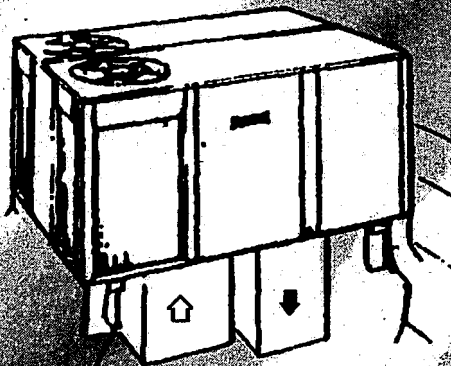
On the hinge side of the door seal,

take a small amount of Vaseline on the end of your finger and smear it all the way down the door seal. Every time you open and close the door there is a friction point which tends to buckle the seal. The Vaseline will take care of this problem and should be reapplied at least once a year. Use a clean cloth and a cleanser which is non-abrasive to clean your seal.

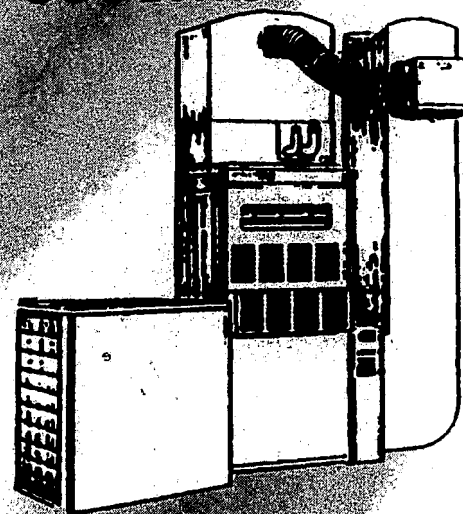
Take a knife and carefully slit the old door seal removing the magnet to be used around the house. Stay tuned for more do-it-yourself information.

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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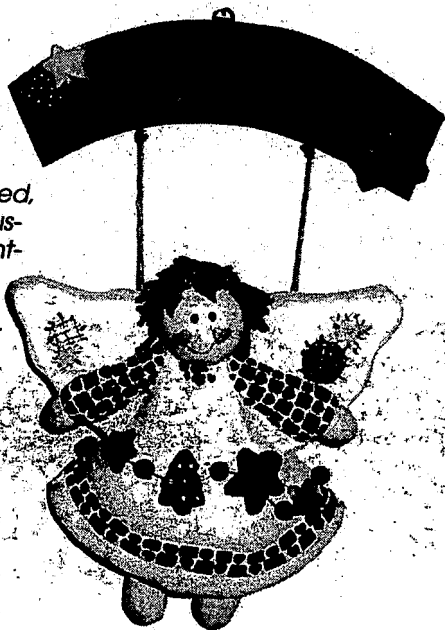


### Classic setting

**Season's eatings:** What better way to enjoy a holiday meal than with the seasonal favorite, "A Visit From St. Nicholas" ("Twas the Night Before Christmas")? No need to bother with turning the pages - this whimsical dinnerware set from International tells the story for you. Featuring lines and scenes from the beloved story, the classic tale unfolds with each place setting. The 12-piece set is made of fine porcelain and retails for \$90. Available at Heslop's at the Merri-Five Plaza in Livonia (call (313) 522-1850), Meadow Brook Village in Rochester Hills (call (248) 375-0823), Oakland Mall in Troy (call (248) 589-1433) and Orchard Mall in West Bloomfield (call (248) 737-8080).

### Holiday welcome

**Angelic:** This handcrafted, papier-maché angel suspended by a handpainted wood banner will add a touch of cheer and decoration to your home's holiday decor. Available for \$17 at Annette's Unique Boutique, 3646 Rochester Road in Troy. Call (248) 680-1600.



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### The Guardian

**Art work:** This piece, part of Thomas Blackshear's Ebony Visions Collection, is available at Linda's Frameworks & Art Gallery, 180 W. Nine Mile in Ferndale. The work symbolizes two children venturing out into an unknown world. Through their guardian angel's prayers, God's power protects them on their journey. Call (248) 546-0987.



### Artistic gifts

**Holiday happening:** The Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association's 1997 holiday sales show, "Gifts of Art," will feature ceramics, glass, jewelry, wood, fibers, toys, wearables, Judaica and ornaments by more than 150 Midwestern artists. The works will include the beautifully handcrafted seasonal items shown here, rang-



ing from holiday angels to the fuzziest of kittens and Humpty Dumpty himself, by Birmingham artists Caryn Bayraktar and Mariquita Koprincz. "Gifts of Art" will run Dec. 1-13 at the BBAA, 1516 S. Cranbrook Road in Birmingham; admission is free. A show cafe with specialty coffees, beverages and desserts will be featured. A preview party, at which patrons may meet the artists and be among the first to buy items, will take place 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30. Preview tickets are \$25. Call (248) 644-0866.

celebrating family

# Personalize holiday gifts, greetings



LISA LUCKOW-HEALY

Even before the onset of the holiday season, children's eyes gleam at the sight of mechanical monsters, golden-haired dolls, video games and computer babies gracing one toy commercial after another.

Whether celebrating Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa or another holiday, your family will likely race to a mall or favorite shopping area in search of just the right gift this holiday season.

Chaos is abundant, but it doesn't have to be with some careful forethought, planning and a bit of tradition.

The holidays are full of tradition. A strong sense of family in which rituals and traditions are commonplace is the eighth most evident trait in healthy families, said Dolores Curran, author of "Traits of a Healthy Family" (1983, Bal-

lantine).

This holiday season, sit down as a family to mull over what each of you can do to personalize your holiday gifts and greetings. In doing so, you are building your own family tradition to be passed down through the generations.

When the creative juices run dry on what to give teachers, family friends and acquaintances, try a make-and-bake holiday cookie bag.

Buy seasonal or decorative fabric (approximately 20 by 20 inches for each bag, to be trimmed down as needed), or take advantage of fabric scraps left over from other projects.

At the top of an index card or colorful piece of paper, write down, "Dry ingredients for a special batch of (cookie name) are in the bag." Include your cookie recipe on the space that follows. Punch a hole in the upper lefthand corner of the recipe card.

Mix together all the dry ingredients from your favorite cookie recipe, pour the mixture into a clear plastic food storage bag, and tie it off with a piece of matching yarn or ribbon. Set the bag in

**■ Sit down as a family to mull over what each of you can do to personalize your holiday gifts and greetings. You are building your own tradition.**

the center of your fabric square and gather the fabric edges up around the neck of the plastic bag.

Secure the gathered material with a sheer, decorative ribbon. Insert one end of the ribbon through the recipe card and tie the ribbon into a festive bow.

Homemade holiday cards send cheer and the underlying message that the sender truly cares because he or she took the time to invent a personal creation.

Aside from the architecturally innovative construction-paper-and-glue method, try concocting a card that tells a

holiday story. Fold card-stock-weight paper into equal, accordion-folded sections (approximately four by six inches if you are working with four-by-six-inch prints).

Gather old family photographs of the children from past holidays or special occasions through the previous year. Photocopy your pictures at any local self-serve copy center. If you are mailing out 50 greeting cards, you will need to make 50 copies of each photograph.

Trim the photocopied pictures down to size and stick to each accordion-pleated "page" with a glue stick or rubber cement. Allow the card to dry. Sign your own greeting inside each card.

This holiday season, indulge in the spirit of a gift-and-greeting tradition you can pass down through the generations.

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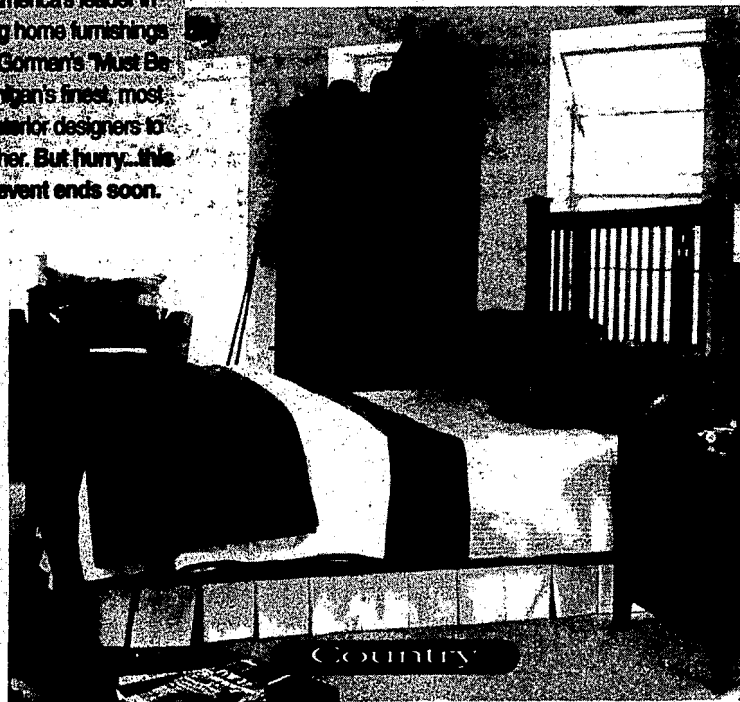
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garden spot

# Making a list? Check out these gifts



MARTY FIGLEY

The day after Thanksgiving is reportedly the busiest shopping day of the year, so here's the lowdown on some great gardening gifts. Large or small, they will surely please the recipient.

Calendars are always appropriate, no sizes or colors to worry about so the gift would "fit." Each day of 1998 is celebrated in "Gardener's Calendar" (Workman, \$10.95). Barbara Damrosch has assembled this neat collection designed so the reverse sides of the pages can be used as note paper.

Also from Workman, many lovely wall calendars for Smith & Hawken, among them "Herbs" and "Flowers," as well as five different Audubon calendars, i.e. "Wildflowers" and "Nature"

(each \$9.95).

Tasha Tudor's "Engagement Calendar" (Houghton Mifflin, \$15.95) is just perfect for those who admire this artist. Stewart, Tabori & Chang calendars are also beautiful. I'm already using their 1998 "Butterflies and Botanicals" that features 19th century floral engravings (\$10.95). Bookstores are good sources for calendars.

Craftsman tools are excellent products for the gardener. I am especially intrigued with Craftsman's Pump N Cut Tree Pruner, which is ropeless. It has an internal patented strap that engages the pruner's cutting hook with a downward pull stroke, and a twist-and-lock feature to set up sawing operations when cutting larger branches. Price is \$69.

Craftsman's Quick Connectors for hoses make great stocking stuffers.

Fiskars also makes fine garden products. Three that you might want to check out are the PowerLever Grass Shears, Model 9211; the PowerGrip Util-

ity Knife, a real improvement over the standard knife; and a most innovative cutting tool, the PowerGear Bypass Pruner with an unusual gear action that will make cutting much easier. Many stores carry Fiskars products.

Made especially for women (listen up, men), Garden Pals Inc. now has a line of Garden Gals tools created to fit a woman's hands. The packaging is eye-catching; each handle is bright fuchsia. Included are By-pass and Needle Nose Pruners, Multipurpose Scissors, Houseplant/Bonsai Pruner and Nip N Grip Floral Shear. Call (800) 666-4044 for the store nearest you.

Bemis Manufacturing Co. has just introduced a line of its gardenware. The lightweight containers feature a "controlled watering" system that waters the plants from the roots up with a ventilated platform that creates a pocket of air between the plant and the water reservoir. The most recent design, the Mexico Collection, has an earthenware look that resembles stucco, either in pale beige

color or terra cotta and the size range.

Other collections are very attractive and worth considering. Fill one up with garden goodies! Bemis products are widely distributed and are competitively priced.

For the cooks on your list, "The Best of Thymes," Marge Clark (\$25, Thyme Cookbooks), will be a treasured, much-used surprise.

Clark has published several "Thyme Cookbooks" and this is her most ambitious, filled with information about the plants and many recipes using herbs (but not all of them). She also has included "Her Favorite Things Recipes" and a collection of new and old favorites.

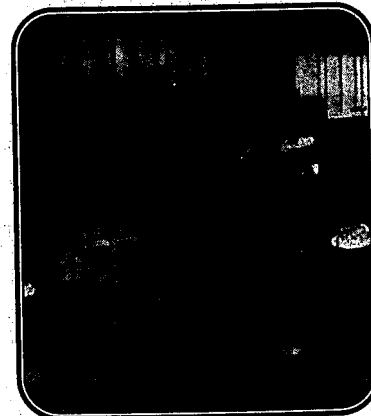
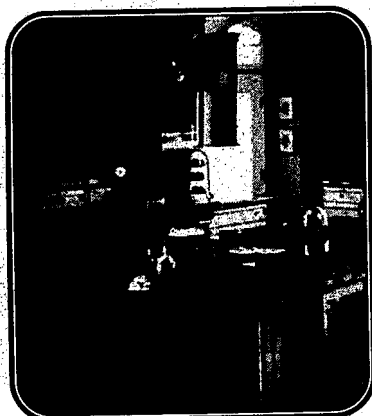
Nothing is too complicated and much practical "herby" advice is welcome. Her homey writing style conveys her warmth. The very attractive book design is soft with pastel colors, much of it

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**Gift ideas:** It's always fun to give and receive presents.



MARTY FIGLEY

## Brickscape expansion branches out its Christmas tree lot

The Brickscape Christmas Store has officially opened, and a greatly expanded Christmas tree lot will open with the arrival of fresh trees, owner Joe DiRado said.

Brickscape is on Brickscape Drive, which runs north off Eight Mile, just east of Novi Road in Northville. Call

(248) 348-2500.

With the purchase of adjoining property, Brickscape has doubled the size of its outdoor Christmas tree lot.

The lot is managed by DiRado's father, Paolo, who has been selling Christmas trees for 35 years.

A full range of trees will be offered, including Douglas, Concolor and Fraser firs, Scotch and white pine and blue spruce.

The lot also offers fresh roping and wreaths, memorial wreaths and grave blankets, both ready-made and custom-made.

Due to the demolition of the small house on the property to make way for the expanded garden and tree lot, electrical power won't be available this year for Christmas lights on the 50-foot walnut tree so familiar to motorists on Eight Mile during the Christmas season.

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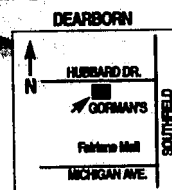
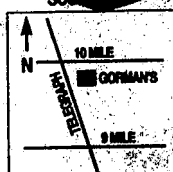
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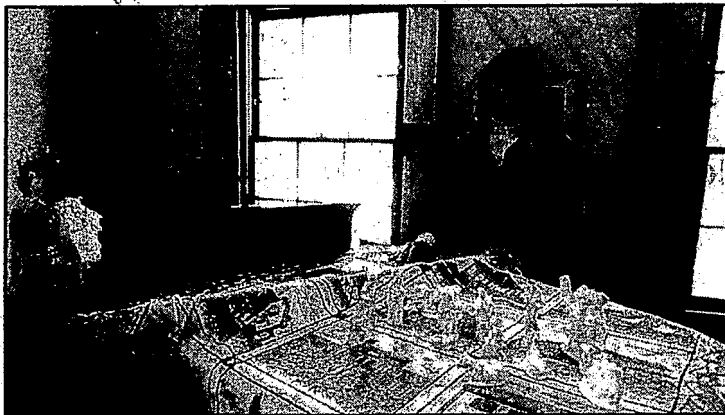
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cover story

# House extends warm welcome



**Season's greetings:** Judy Ernst displays a creche set made by her mother. A winsome Santa (below) is among the family decorations. The Ernst residence will be featured on the Franklin Village Holly Day home tour next week.

BY MARY KLEMIC  
At Home Editor

You could easily start singing "There's no place like home for the holidays" when you visit the home of Steve and Judy Ernst.

Their house is featured on the Franklin Village Holly Day home tour. This charming and cozy residence suggests that a warm welcome awaits those who go on the tour.

The tour takes place 4-8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, as part of Holly Day festivities in the village. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$2 for children, and available at Village Barn, Comerica Bank, Market Basket, Apple Tree Room and Yanke Design in

Franklin.

In the Ernst home, where the family has lived since 1962, features and furnishings combine to inviting effect. Oak floors and pine are found throughout the house.

"The woodwork is so wonderful," Judy Ernst said.

In the kitchen, cabinets are wood and have black iron work. Brick lines the wall around the oven and space between some cabinets. Additional storage room is in the arched spaces above and below the oven, with wood doors and iron work matching the rest of the kitchen. The tile floor is a colorful pattern of tiny squares.

The dining room walls are papered in



**Home for holidays:** Family treasures add to the charm of the Ernst home. Staff photos by Jeff Klessel.

a leafy pattern; wood paneling lines the lower section of the walls. A wood table and chairs are placed in the center of the room, which also features random plank flooring. A cradle handmade for a grandfather when he was born is placed near the bay window.

The living room features wood beams, and chairs in a lively floral pattern. Slender shutters lay against the wall along the windows. A round table, and smaller square tables, are included in the sitting area. The fireplace here is of an Early American design. It opens up; the idea is that meals could be cooked in it.

A sampler made by Judy Ernst's mother in 1930, and a creche set also made by her mother, are among the decor. The latter is placed on a grandmother's piano dating

from around 1910.

Holly Day is Franklin's traditional holiday celebration. This year's event will run 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Also scheduled are ice sculptures crafted at The Slade House, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; children's activities throughout the day, including a Hannukah dreidel game and a visit from Santa 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; The Mercy Mimes hosted by

Comerica Bank, noon to 4 p.m.; a children's craft program with the Franklin Arts Council, noon to 4 p.m.; high school carolers

singing songs throughout the village, 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.; and horse-drawn carriage rides

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**Warm welcome:** The kitchen contains wood cabinets and black iron work.



**On the cover:**

Hello-ho-ho! The Ernst family, and other Franklin residents, will have their houses decorated for the holidays in time for the community's Holly Day home tour. Staff photo by Jeff Klessel.



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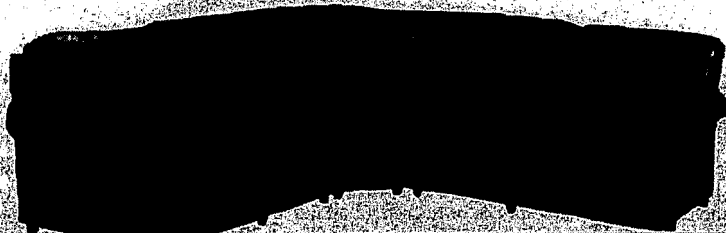
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# Designers help Meadow Brook Hall get 'Set for the Holidays'

BY MARY KLEMIC  
At Home Editor

Get set for the holidays at Meadow Brook Hall.

"Set for the Holidays" is the 27th annual holiday walk at the hall, which is on the Oakland University campus in Rochester. It will take place Nov. 28 through Dec. 7. Call (248) 370-3140 for admission costs and other information.

Four designers from Panache Designs Ltd. of Atlanta were at work decorating 13 rooms last week. Volunteers will do other rooms.

Basically, the thing to remember about decorating is to "make it personal," lead designer Becky Parker said. At Meadow Brook, that means the decor should be in keeping with the period and style of the 1920s Tudor-revival house and the person who went with

each room.

"The challenge is to make decor make sense in the room," said Parker, who decorated Meadow Brook for the holidays last year.

"I wouldn't do anything ... shiny, glitzy. You wouldn't do that here."

An example of an ornament for the house - the home of OU founders Matilda Dodge Wilson and her second husband, Alfred Wilson - is a velvet boot in burgundy and green, adorned with tiny pearls and tapering into a slender, curving toe.

In son Danny's room, a tree is decorated with such items as velvet grapes, twigs and ivy. This natural motif is representative of Danny's being an outdoorsman and sportsman.

A soft look was achieved in daughter Frances' room. Spool wire fastened flowers in a garland on a shelf; the wire

disappears from sight and the flowers appear to be floating.

"This room was a different challenge. The colors made you want to do something soft."

Decoration in the nursery includes a smaller, child-size tree topped with a doll from the house. Among its branches are poinsettias, blown-glass baby bottles and blown-glass candy canes.

Parker did research into Meadow Brook and collected information in a thick binder. She has a special feeling for the elegant residence, coming from both the house itself and its workers.

"I've been in a lot of America's castles, and I have never felt as warmly received in a home as you do in this one."

"There is so much love and care that went into this house. You can see it in every corner."

Other Panache designers working at

Meadow Brook are Mark Widder, Randall Adams and Cynthia Wilson. The company is owned by Pamela Anderson.

Also on display will be settings for the holidays: tablescapes by antiques author and TV personality Sheila Chefetz and Birmingham designer Sara Scott Cullen. The tablescapes will be the first public showing of many of the pieces in the settings, such as vintage crystal, china, silver, linens and accessories.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Dec. 2-3. Gala dinner evenings, \$175 per person, are scheduled Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 4-6.

"Set for the Holidays" is sponsored by AirTouch Cellular. Mr. and Mrs. Gary Valade of Bloomfield Hills are chairs of the event.

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through the historic district, available 5-9 p.m.

Dulcimers will be played at homes and shops. Children can see a fire truck up close at the fire station's open house noon to 4 p.m.

Complimentary refreshments will be served all day, and food and hot beverages will be offered at the gazebo near the Village Green during the carriage rides.

Visitors to village shops may enter raffles, with drawings 7 p.m. A holiday lighting contest, a menorah lighting ceremony 6:45 p.m., a tree lighting ceremony 7 p.m. and a performance by the Salvation Army Band during the tree lighting will also be featured.

For information, call Sandy Lang at (248) 855-4613, Nancy Kern at (248) 626-2820 or Anna Marie Rqediger at (248) 851-9179.



Gracious dining: Wood paneling adds to the warm beauty of the Ernsts' dining room. A grandfather's cradle is by the bay window.

PHOTO BY JEFF KESSEL

## Talk turkey about cleaning your carpet after mealtime spills

United Flooring Center in Troy has taken the worry out of Thanksgiving dinner by providing carpet cleaning tips.

Turkey gravy, mashed potatoes, pumpkin pie, cranberry sauce and beverages are the most common spills that occur during Thanksgiving dinner. United Flooring Center gives the following tips on removal.

(For dry cleaning fluid mentioned below, a non-flammable spot removal solution is preferred. Never pour the solution directly onto the carpet or allow it to reach the carpet backing. It may dissolve the latex holding the backing together.)

(For detergent solution, mix one-

fourth teaspoon of a liquid dishwashing detergent per one cup of lukewarm water. Never use a stronger concentration! Never use a laundry detergent of any type: Laundry detergent may contain brighteners that dye the fibers in the carpet.

(For ammonia solution, mix two tablespoons of household ammonia per cup of water.)

**Turkey gravy** - Blot the area with an absorbent cloth or paper towel with no printing (may run), apply dry cleaning fluid or detergent solution to the area.

**Mashed potatoes and pumpkin pie** - Scrape up as much as possible. Blot with a clean/dry cloth, blot with detergent solution on remaining area, rinse with

warm water several times to completely remove residue.

**Cranberry sauce** - Blot (don't scrub). Call in the professionals because of the red dye in the sauce.

**Beverages** - Blot, use a detergent solution or ammonia solution, rinse with warm water several times to completely remove any residue.

The most important thing to remember in stain removal is to act quickly. The longer a spill sits unattended the more likely that it will become a permanent stain.

Liquids should be blotted with a dry absorbent cloth so as not to set the stain. Always start from the edges of the spill and work your way in so the spill does-

n't distort or expand.

When using any spot-removal agent, a pretest should be done in a concealed area to ensure that the agent won't discolor or damage the fibers in your carpet.

A common mistake made to prevent a spill from becoming a stain is to scrub the spill. This is actually the worst thing you can do because it not only spreads the spill area, but it sets the stain in the carpet. Once a stain is set, there is little that can be done to remove it, even by a professional.

Any questions or concerns regarding your carpet and rug care can be directed to Paul Gronow at (248) 528-1900.



focus on photography

# These hints help improve photos



MONTE NAGLER

Has your meter ever failed, causing you to pack it in for the day because you had no other way to determine exposure? Have you ever shot a roll of film, perhaps of a very important event, only to find out afterward to your dismay that the film

never went through the camera?

Well, fear no more. This week, and in my next column, I'm going to share my list of helpful hints for better photographs and pointers to help you keep out of a jam.

If your meter fails, all isn't lost. Use the rule of "Sunny 16." Set the camera's aperture at f-16 on a sunny day (hence, sunny 16) and the shutter speed at the number closest to the ASA of your film.

For example, with Kodachrome 64, proper exposure is yours with an exposure of f-16 at 1/60 second. On a bright overcast day, use f-11 at 1/60; with overcast skies, use f-8 at 1/60.

Film didn't pass through the camera? Here's a sure-fire way to make sure it never happens again. On manual wind cameras, always watch the rewind crank as you advance the film. If it rotates, there is film in the camera and it's passing through properly. If the rewind lever

isn't turning, the film isn't advancing. It's as simple as that!

Use a skylight, haze or ultra violet filter on all your lenses. They will not only warm up colors and cut through haze, but they will also serve as an invaluable protector for each lens.

Tape the label from your film box to the back of your camera (some cameras have slots for this purpose). This will serve as a reminder of what film you're shooting. If you don't take many pictures or haven't used your camera in a while, it's easy to forget what kind of film is in the camera.

We're all guilty of buying a new product and not taking the time to read the owner's manual. This is true for cameras, too. So shake this bad habit and read your instruction manual! Not only will you have a more thorough understanding of how your camera works, but you'll find much useful advice to help you take better photographs.

Stay tuned. In my next column, I'll give you more helpful hints on taking stronger pictures and keeping out of a jam.

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.

## Gorge-ous shot:

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# Leftovers can liven up many a menu



RUTH MOSSOK  
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Well, Aunt Tillie brought that same old box of mixed nuts, your brother offended your uncle at the dinner table by putting down his favorite football team and asking him what kind of work does he really do (?), and the dishes are still stacked

waiting for the midnight elves to come in and mysteriously clean up all the mess... sound familiar?

Holidays always bring out the best, and the worst. Listed under the best, it is hoped, was your meal – but now, what to do with all the leftovers? Needless to say, you don't want to do another all-day cooking marathon. Aren't there some easy ideas for all that turkey meat and mountain of mashed potatoes?

After slicing off the choice meat, my bird is ready to hit the big pot of water

for soup. Some years I make turkey stock, and other years I feel more inspired – perhaps a turkey vegetable, turkey rice or a minestrone using the stock as a base.

If making minestrone, I can usually use up those extra boiled potatoes I didn't mash. Mashed potatoes work wonderfully for thickening soup – especially those that haven't had milk and butter added to them (many Italian restaurants use this technique for making their minestrone nice and thick).

- The leftover green peas I've made specifically for the grandfather who doesn't eat any other vegetable are perfect for a savory turkey pie.

- The lone boiled beets will be perfect julienned and placed in a chilled salad – along with some sliced grapefruit.

- The mashed potatoes will be delightful with some of Aunt Tillie's boxed nuts finely chopped and added to them, along with some shredded cheese, then made into potato mounds placed

on a greased or sprayed cookie sheet, and popped into the oven for 20 to 30 minutes to heat and lightly brown.

- The baked or boiled yams/sweet potatoes will make a wonderful sweet potato pie to take as a hostess gift to a friend.

- The leftover glazed carrots will be great added to a soup.

- Some of that wonderful turkey meat, shredded, would make great tortilla or taco filling.

- The mulled cider can actually be frozen for another cold night get-together. Make sure if putting it back in the plastic jugs for freezing, don't fill it right to the top.

- Leftover noodles, leftover meat? Perfect for making a casserole.

- Soup is always an answer for turkey meat, the turkey carcass, and all those leftover vegetables.

- Use that partial bottle of dry red wine for a spaghetti sauce ingredient.

- Do a repeat performance with all of your leftovers – but just invite friends!

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Yield: 6 servings

### Ingredients:

- 3 cups water, salted
- 1 1/2 cups peeled seeded squash, cut into 3/4-inch cubes
- 1 cup leftover vegetables, cut into cubes
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 cup turkey or chicken stock (home-made or prepared)
- 2 tablespoons fresh sage, leaves minced
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 15-20 pearl onions, blanched in boiling water for 2 minutes, drained and

peeled

3 cups cooked turkey, cut into cubes

### Ingredients for the crust:

- 1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons double-acting baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons cold unsalted butter, cut into pieces
- 1 1/2 cups Cheddar cheese, grated
- 4 to 6 slices of bacon, cooked crisp, drained and crumbled
- 1/2 to 2/3 cup milk

### Directions for the pie filling:

In a large saucepan add the 3 cups of salted water and the squash. Cook over medium-high heat until boiling – cook for 6 to 8 minutes, or until it is just tender. With a slotted spoon transfer the squash to a bowl of cold water to stop the cooking process.

Reserve 1 cup of the cooking liquid.

In the same saucepan, melt the butter over medium-low heat, add the flour, and cook the roux, whisking continuously for 3-4 minutes. Add the turkey or chicken stock and the reserved cooking liquid in a steady stream. While whisking, add the minced sage and salt and pepper to taste. Simmer the sauce, stirring occasionally, for 10 minutes. Drain the squash, then add it and the cooked cubed leftover vegetables into the sauce. Add the onions and the turkey and mix well. Place in a low oven-proof casserole dish. Preheat the oven to 425 degrees F.

### Directions for the crust:

Into a large bowl, sift together the flour, the baking powder and the salt.

Add the butter, and blend the mixture until it becomes crumbly.

Add the Cheddar cheese and the bacon, and stir in enough of the milk to form a soft, sticky textured dough.

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Drop the dough by rounded tablespoons onto the turkey filling.

Bake the turkey pie in the lower third of the oven for 20 to 25 minutes, or until the crust is golden brown, and serve with your leftover mashed potatoes.

**SCALLOPED TURKEY ALA LEFTOVERS**

Yield: 6-8 servings

**Ingredients:**

Non-stick spray, butter or margarine  
12 ounces noodles (leftover or any of your choosing), cooked al dente, and drained

2 cups leftover turkey, cut into cubes

1 cup leftover turkey stuffing

1/2 small onion, chopped

3 tablespoons butter or margarine

1 pound mushrooms (wild or any of your choosing), sliced

1/2 cup fresh parsley, chopped

Leftover gravy  
Bread crumbs

**Directions:**

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

In an oven-proof buttered or sprayed (non-stick spray) casserole, layer half of the cooked noodles, add the turkey and the stuffing. In a skillet, sauté the mushrooms and onion in butter. When the mushrooms are sautéed to desired doneness, add the fresh parsley. Add the mushroom mixture to the casserole. Layer the gravy, and top with remaining noodles. Place slices of butter on top and sprinkle with bread crumbs. Cover the casserole with a lid or foil, and bake for 20 minutes. Remove cover and bake for 10 minutes longer. Serve hot.

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.

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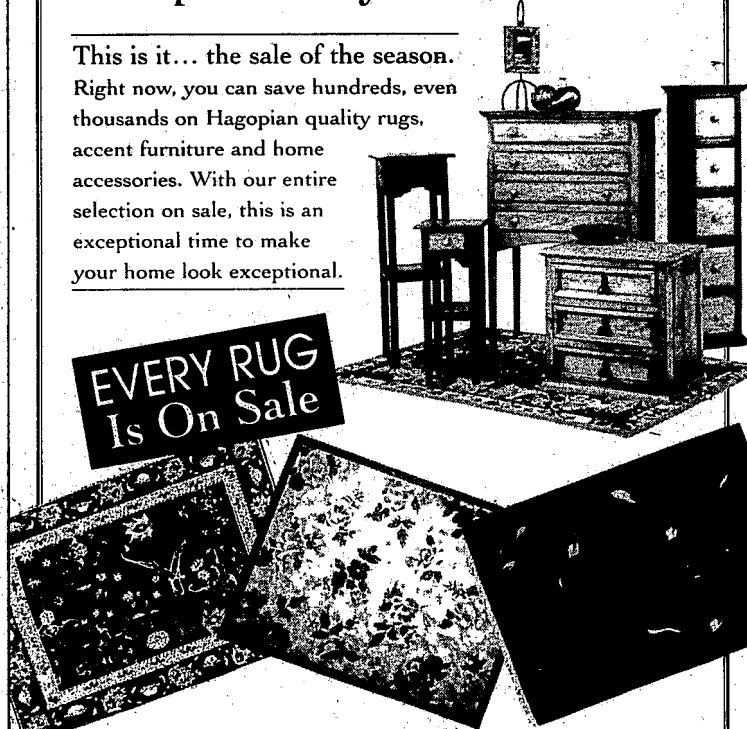
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■ Meadow Brook Hall at Oakland

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 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.

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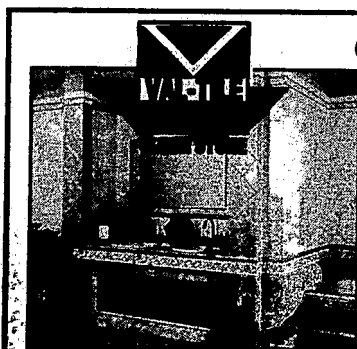
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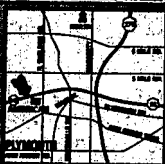


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■ "Holiday Homes of Historic Ypsilanti" will showcase nine residences trimmed for the season with greenery, trees and seasonal collectibles noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7. Tickets are \$12. Proceeds will benefit Meals on Wheels and the Humane Society of Huron Valley. The Breaky Manor will host a candlelight dinner, featuring a holiday buffet. For information, call Remington by Design at (313) 485-2164.

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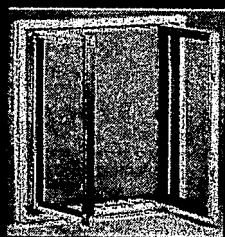
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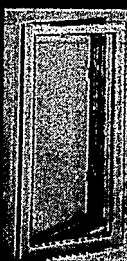
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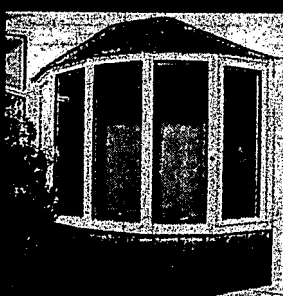
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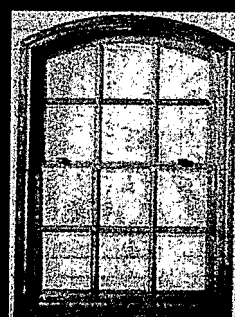
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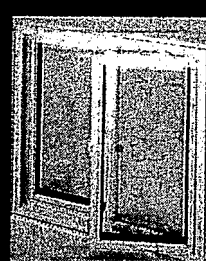
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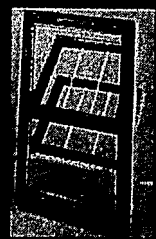
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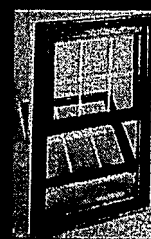
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## 3rd-generation builder going into Hall of Fame

BY DOUG FUNKE  
STAFF WRITER

Dan MacLeish, a third-generation builder, credits his success with custom residential construction to faith in God and biblically based business practices.

"Everything I have, I owe to the Lord," said MacLeish, who next week will be inducted into the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan Hall of Fame during its annual banquet.

MacLeish, 55, is active in a variety of religious activities since his youth. He never figured he needed business degrees to learn and practice sound principles like dealing fairly with customers and trades.

"We build every house as unto the Lord rather than for men," MacLeish said. "If it's in your power to pay a man when due and you tell him to come back another day, that's wrong."

In fact, MacLeish was heading into the ministry until further reflection turned him to business.

And because his grandfather, James Archibald MacLeish, built barns and his dad, James Archibald Jr. - Archie - was a residential builder, Dan moved in that direction.

He started in 1964 at the age of 21 in partnership with his father.

"I wouldn't be here today if my dad



STAFF PHOTO BY JOHN STORMER

**Fame Honoree:** Dan MacLeish, a third-generation builder, is heading into the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan Hall of Fame.

hadn't given me a head start," Dan said. "I knew how to hammer. My dad had knowledge how to bargain with people, make a deal with subcontractors. Nuts and bolts like getting permits. He helped a lot with paperwork."

Three years later, with the Vietnam

War raging, Dan enlisted in the Marines Corps.

Things were a little slow in the building business, and Archie was heading into retirement when his duty tour ended, Dan said, so he concentrated on remodeling jobs and rough-in carpentry

for other builders.

Then religious ties touched his life again. "Someone from my church wanted a house built and I did it near Monroe," he said.

That triggered other jobs, which have numbered in the hundreds over the years. Today, MacLeish specializes in luxury, upper-end houses, usually on smaller, infill parcels of land.

He's finishing up at Vineyards South in Troy and has plans on the drawing board for Adams Pointe, 15 sites in Troy, and Paint Creek Estates, 18 lots in Oakland Township.

"We build traditional because it never goes out of style," MacLeish said. "We're dirty-boot builders. We're on the job all the time."

The "we" could be family members involved in the business - son Dan Jr., a superintendent; daughter Melody Griffin, sales; and nephew Jim, associate builder.

Joyce, Dan's wife, is an administrative assistant/bookkeeper in the office. Another daughter, Bonnie, has helped design advertising pieces.

"He loves pleasing people," Joyce said of her husband. "He wants to see people happy. He wants to deliver a house people can enjoy. It's a very creative occupation."

Don VanEvery, a developer, nominated MacLeish for the Hall of Fame.

"He's a fine builder with a great reputation," VanEvery said. "He's active in business; he's active in politics. He's a straight-forward guy who lets his position be known at all times."

Fred Capaldi, a friend and competitor, described MacLeish as a hard-driving self-starter.

"A man with good moral values, too, a guy you can really trust," Capaldi said. "I know he's going to give people an honest price and not try to hide anything."

MacLeish likes to hunt and dabble as a gentleman farmer. He's active in Mt. Zion Tabernacle in Clarkston. But building is his avocation as well as his profession.

"I don't think I'll ever retire," MacLeish said. "I've got to be doing something. I'm a hands-on type person."

MacLeish has served on boards of directors of local, state and national building associations. He's worked on behalf of energy codes and carpenter training programs. His company has won numerous design and beautification awards.

"God's my boss," MacLeish said. "I have to be a good steward of what He's given me or He won't entrust any more to me. The world has a hard time understanding that."

## David Kellett Sr. named Builder of the Year

BY DOUG FUNKE  
STAFF WRITER

"I think I'm inquisitive, curious. I think I have integrity and a real joy for the business, respect for the business."

That's how David Kellett Sr., president of Kellett Construction in Bloomfield Hills and the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's Builder of the Year, describes himself.

Kellett built his first house with Bill Pulte, founder of the nationally known company, shortly after the two graduated from DeLaSalle High School in 1950.

"It was a spec house," Kellett recalled. "This is a wonderful business because it allows you to take gambles. Bill decided to get in the business, and he dragged me along."

Kellett worked with Pulte - "drafting plans, sweeping up, painting, roofing, whatever it took" - while earning a civil engineering degree from the University of Detroit.

Kellett later served as vice president of construction and a director for Pulte prior to striking out on his own in 1978.

Today, Kellett said his company does between \$4 million and \$5 million of

business annually, about a third remodeling and the rest in new construction. A half dozen custom houses are under way now.

"Our jobs are all referrals," he said.

Kellett has pioneered what he calls the fast-track approach to residential construction, initiating a series of rough sketches in-house with clients before going to a professional architect and the building process.

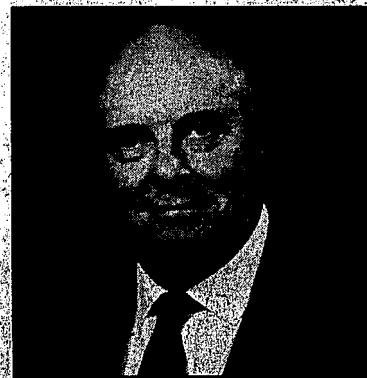
"I highly recommend we form a team - the architect, us as builder, landscape architect and interior designer," Kellett said. "We really are in true custom

work."

Kellett, 64, is president of Stonycroft Hills (Golf) Club. He also enjoys the outdoors - camping, hiking and hunting. He's married to Janet and is dad to Tom and David Jr.

"I'm most proud of the relationship with my boys, how they grew in the industry, that we work together," Kellett said.

"It's a wonderful business. Probably the best thing is not only do you do a professional job, the people you do it for appreciate you and become your friends," he said.



David Kellett Sr.

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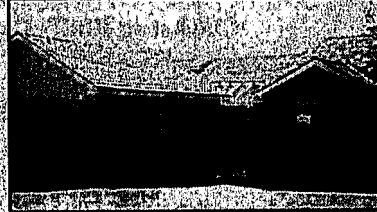
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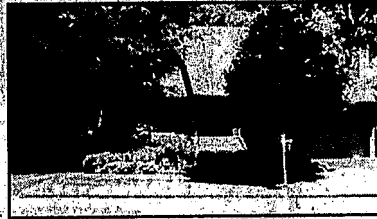
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**WEST BLOOMFIELD**  
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These are the Observer & Eccentric area residential real estate closings recorded November 3-7 at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office and compiled by Advertising That Works, a Bloomfield Township company. All tracks deed and mortgage recordings in Southeastern Michigan. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

3250 E Walton Blvd	\$72,000	5036 Parview	\$143,000
4493 Hawthorn Dr	\$313,000	9940 Reese Rd	\$290,000
2579 Hempstead Rd	\$134,000	4941 Riverview Dr	\$75,000
2295 Richmond Rd	\$90,000	5810 Rockcroft Blvd	\$60,000
3156 Waukegan St	\$115,000	7024 S Bluewater Dr	\$135,000
Clarkston		7041 S Bluewater Dr	\$135,000
6457 Ancroft Dr	\$235,000	7053 S Bluewater Dr	\$130,000
8493 Andersonville Rd	\$105,000	7062 S Bluewater Dr	\$129,000
3675 Clarkson Rd	\$148,000	532 Shrewsbury Dr	\$260,000
9130 Crosby Lake Rd	\$141,000	6000 Snow Apple Dr	\$140,000
3374 Floretta St	\$125,000	6211 Snow Apple Dr	\$137,000
5627 Kingfisher Ln	\$150,000	6828 Strawberry Ln	\$64,000
5510 Larkin Rd	\$274,000	6569 Summit Ridge Ct	\$201,000
5269 Marconi	\$123,000	Commerce Township	
5529 Northcrest Village	\$50,000	131 Aniston St Apt 5	\$112,000
5029 Northcrest Village	\$50,000		

1970 Bridge Pointe Dr	\$266,000	23410 Haynes St	\$157,000
4065 Forest Edge Dr	\$233,000	32263 Heathstone Rd	\$200,000
3890 Heatherwood Dr	\$205,000	38769 Lancaster Dr	\$190,000
4483 Lynne Ln	\$183,000	29652 Middlebelt # 240	\$89,000
4110 N Vanstone Dr	\$320,000	29334 Morningview	\$296,000
1924 Nacoma	\$137,000	23611 Paddock Dr	\$281,000
2152 Oakbrook Blvd	\$170,000	35928 Quakerown Ln	\$176,000
8480 Pine Cove Dr	\$94,000	23050 Springbrook Dr	\$77,000
4776 Ponderosa St	\$108,000	25067 Springbrook Dr	\$263,000
3076 Rio Vista St	\$98,000	29245 Stillwater	\$268,000
2305 Ponderosa Brk	\$94,000	29286 Stillwater	\$317,000
307 Vinona Ter	\$43,000	29324 W 12 Mile Rd	\$116,000
307 Vinona Ter	\$85,000	30475 W 14 Mile #88	\$59,000
2001 Waldo Dr	\$163,000	29383 Weatherlyane	\$317,000
177 Winding Bk	\$170,000	21600 Whittington St	\$143,000

22827 Renford St	\$90,000	1597 Colby Dr	\$145,000
22294 Roxbury Dr	\$425,000	1402 Crescent Ln	\$123,000
351 S Lake Dr	\$1414,000	2153 Crystal Dr	\$168,000
24237 Scarlet Ct	\$196,000	791 Dunedin Dr	\$245,000
47309 Scarlet Dr N	\$224,000	3120 Eastern Ave	\$127,000
44489 Stone Rd	\$223,000	538 Galloway Ave	\$240,000
22521 Summer Lk	\$445,000	873 Grovecrest	\$254,000
39752 Village Wood Dr	\$89,000	942 Hillsborough Dr	\$261,000
24380 Willow Ln	\$175,000	1780 June Ave	\$118,000
22709 Winfield Rd	\$176,000	24 Kirk Ct	\$122,000
24000 Wintergreen Cir	\$319,000	1423 Oakbrook E	\$113,000
Oakland Township		774 Oakbrook Rd	\$104,000
2980 Long Winter Ln	\$80,000	1050 Paint Creek Ln	\$119,000
467 Maple Dr	\$38,000	1716 Ridgecrest	\$208,000
3941 Mountain Laurel B	\$518,000	85 Rose Bluff Dr	\$220,000
900 W Predmore Rd	\$219,000	1763 Spring Creek Dr	\$415,000
Oxford		1347 Springwood Ln	\$293,000
937 Crestmoor Dr	\$180,000	170 Vreeland Dr	\$145,000
1960 Metamora Rd	\$140,000	2207 Wentworth Dr	\$260,000
1836 Seymour Lake Rd	\$224,000	438 Whitley Dr	\$171,000
1344 W Drahner Rd	\$250,000	1069 Willow Grove Ct	\$100,000
Rochester			
381 Abbey Wood Dr	\$352,000	21411 Buttercrest St	\$113,000
1921 Beaver Creek Dr	\$65,000	23340 Churches St	\$82,000
4118 Bold Midway	\$288,000	19580 Dorset St	\$102,000
1352 Copper Cir	\$259,000	27650 E Larkwood Dr	\$122,000
1364 Copper Cir	\$246,000	20169 Everett St	\$108,000
235 Glenmoor Dr	\$317,000	30407 Everett St	\$80,000
259 Glenmoor Dr	\$317,000	15933 Goldwin Pl	\$140,000
983 Hollow Corners Ct	\$80,000	17045 Harvard Rd	\$189,000
148 Linwood Ave	\$109,000	38003 Hazen St	\$146,000
845 Loggers Cir	\$90,000	28669 Lowell Ct N	\$79,000
858 Loggers Cir	\$328,000	28580 Lowell Ct S	\$93,000
1247 Maple Dr	\$144,000	20339 N Larkmoor Dr	\$96,000
5742 Murfield Dr	\$613,000	30680 Old Stream St	\$174,000
215 Oakbridge Dr	\$316,000	29694 Pleasant Trl	\$124,000
410 Parkside Ave	\$140,000	21159 Poinciana St	\$42,000
603 Renshaw St	\$143,000	21816 Poinciana St	\$98,000
641 Wyngate Dr	\$329,000	19549 Raleigh Cir S	\$26,000
Rochester Hills		29297 Rambling Rd # D	\$120,000
320 Antoinette Dr	\$223,000	17230 Roseland Blvd	\$94,000
6470 Apple Orchard Ln	\$200,000	29256 Spring Hill Dr	\$138,000
421 Arlington Dr	\$183,000	3480 Lake Heron Ln	\$149,000
3480 Lake Heron Ln	\$300,000	29436 Spring Hill Dr	\$149,000
3110 Burlington Dr	\$250,000	17275 Stratford Dr	\$128,000
1502 Charter Oak #132	\$110,000	21489 Virginia St	\$165,000

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**Susan Heacock**, a Realtor with the Prudential Great Lakes Realty in Rochester Hills, has acquired the professional designation of Certified Residential Specialist.

Heacock, is a 10-year veteran of the real estate business and is a member of the Women's Council of Realtors. She also lives in Rochester Hills.



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The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan will honor several people next week in addition to Dan MacLeish, Hall of Fame, and David Kellett, Sr., Builder of the Year.

They include: Adorno Piccinini, president of Adco Group in Novi, Young Builder of the Year. Edward Barry Stulberg, president of

## MOVERS AND SHAKERS

Stulberg Development in Farmington Hills, Developer of the Year.

**Fred I. Capaldi**, president of Capaldi Building in Rochester Hills, Remodeler of the Year.

**Barbara Bloch** of J.A. Bloch & Co. in Southfield, Women's Forum of BIA Leadership Award.

**Sally Jo Luyckx**, underwriter with the Huttenlocher Group in Pontiac, and **Don Bourdeau** of Al Bourdeau Insurance Service in Farmington Hills, Spike of the Year Award for membership recruitment.

**Stephen Oaks**, account manager for Sears Commercial Sales in Livonia, Associate of the Year.

**Kathy Keenmon**, sales manager for BRG Custom Homes in Farmington Hills, New Home Sales Professional.

Several professionals will receive Distinguished Service Awards.

**John Carlo Catenacci**, president of John Carlo in Clinton Township, service to the housing industry.

**Edward Ravitz**, partner with Edward Rose & Sons in Farmington Hills, service to the apartment industry.

**L. Brooks Patterson**, Oakland County Executive, service to government.

**Robert Halperin**, broker with Ralph Manuel Associates Central in Farmington Hills, service to the BIA.

**Gary Shripka**, director of Troy's Building Dept., the Thomas Ricketts Award for the region's outstanding building department.

## 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.

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## SCHWEITZER OPEN HOUSES

Coldwell Banker Schweitzer Real Estate announces upcoming open houses at three of its offices to benefit the annual Toys for Tots gift program.

Open houses are scheduled 3:30-7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1, at the Birmingham office, 500 S. Old Woodward; noon-3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at the Farmington Hills/West-Bloomfield office, 29905 Middlebelt; and 4-6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, at the Troy office, 901 Tower Drive.

The event features photos with Santa and refreshments for children who donate a new, unwrapped toy to Toys for Tots. The toys will be distributed to local charitable organizations by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve.

Those unable to attend the open houses may drop off a toy donation at any one of the 15 Schweitzer real estate offices throughout the holiday season. For a list of locations, call (810) 268-1000.

## 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.

## MORTGAGE MANAGEMENT

Observer & Eccentric columnist David Mully speaks on mortgage management at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4, and 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, in Commerce. Seminar covers mortgage prepayment and auditing a mortgage. Fee: \$125. Info: 1-800-521-0026. Exp. 227.

## MAMOLA ASSOCIATES

Mamola Associates Architects of Novi has won a design award for the conversion of a 1,300 barn into an office for four people on a 7-acre farmstead in that community. Lee J. Mamola, AIA, was recognized in the Low Budget/Small Project category during the Detroit Chapter of the American Institute of Architects' annual awards ceremony. Mamola, who started his own firm in 1986, offers architectural services in commercial and residential markets.

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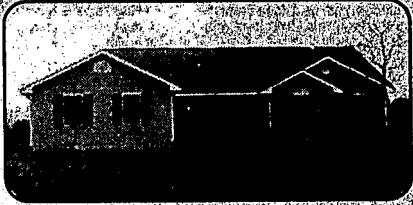
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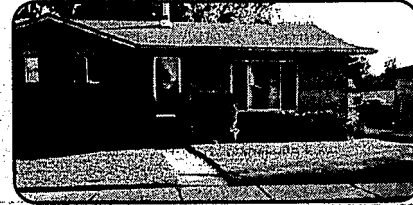
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**WATERFORD** Brick ranch with partially finished basement, huge garage with new door, frame, opener. New hot water heater, new electrical service. Newer windows, central air, fenced, home warranty. \$122,900 (COB85SUT) 248-626-8000



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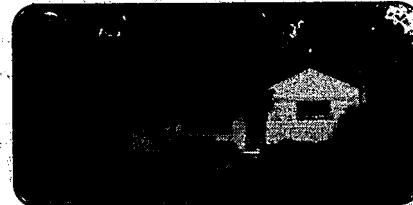
**NEW ON THE MARKET!** Come see this "move-in condition" ranch home with finished basement, attached garage & enclosed front porch! Charming and updates galore! Ask for Kathy Muscillo to take you inside! \$109,900 (61AUB) 248-280-4777



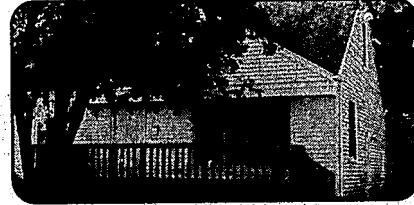
**CONTEMPORARY QUAD!** A beautiful private lot backing to wooded area. Multi-level deck. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, living room, dining room & wonderful large family room with fireplace, Jacuzzi tub. New windows in 1996, central air & more. \$155,000 (OE38SHE) 248-299-6200



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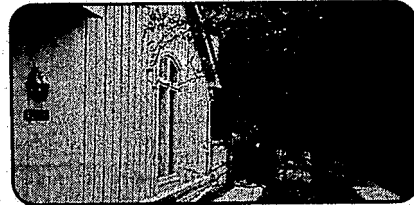
**A MUST SEE!** 3500 sq. ft. custom built colonial in desirable Oakland Township. 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath, formal living & dining room, private library, family room with doorways to decking overlooking a beautiful yard with inground pool. Huge gourmet kitchen. \$399,900 (OE52AI) 248-299-6200



**DON'T MISS THIS ONE!** Traditional 4 bedroom brick colonial great location. Newer vinyl windows, roof, furnace, central air and humidifier. Built 1962, basement, almost 1700 sq. ft. Only \$139,900 (COB29KIN) 248-626-8000



**STATE OF THE ART ARCHITECTURE:** Extensive use of woodwork, white bay kitchen, 2 gas fireplace with marble surround. Lower daylight 10' basement prestigious Plymouth Sub with parks, ponds, gazebo and community pool. Premium corner lot. \$389,900 (480 HIL) 248-349-6800



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**EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY IN WEST BLOOMFIELD.** Completely updated ranch in heart of West Bloomfield. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. \$149,900 (COB40BRO) 248-626-8000



**WONDERFUL 4 BEDROOM COLONIAL** in great sub with swim tennis club. Hardwood floors in some rooms, newer carpet and tile in others. Almost 2,000 square feet. \$174,900 (300 BAR) 248-349-6800



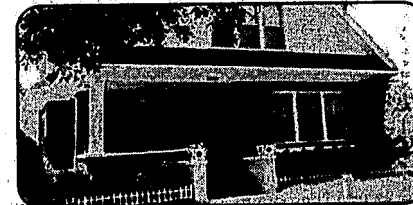
**MOVE IN CONDITION BUNGALOW!** Updated GFA furnace, hot water heater, master bedroom w/bath, kitchen, including: hot tub, deck & privacy fence, partially finished basement, hardwood floors, natural fireplace, separate dining room, spacious closets & 3 bedrooms. \$158,500 (31HAW) 248-280-4777



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**ONE OF A KIND.** Sparkling colonial park-like setting (fenced yard) beautiful hardwood flooring, gorgeous updated white kitchen with ceramic floor, close to schools, churches, x-way. \$121,900 (COB08SHI) 248-626-8000



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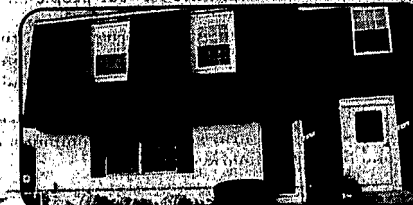
**LARGE LOT.** Updated bungalow & extra large lot features 3-4 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, finished basement, 2 car garage, central air, formal dining room & sellers have found their new home & are ready to move! Sellers will pay \$900 towards closing costs! \$87,500 (79FIS) 248-280-4777



**WELL KEPT!** Rochester Hills - 3 br/2 1/2 bath Colonial, 2 story, brick & vinyl siding, on a corner lot, 2 car garage, tiled foyer, family room w/fireplace, bay windows, ceramic tile baths, eat-in kitchen w/dishwasher, formal dining rm. C/A, manicured law & sprinkler System. \$199,500 (OE70BAK) 248-299-6200



**WEST BLOOMFIELD** First offering fabulous contemporary with beautiful hardwood floor in kitchen, dining room and step down great room. Gas fireplace, surround sound system. Office/Den, 1st floor laundry. Pond at rear of property. \$264,900 (COB45WAT) 248-626-8000



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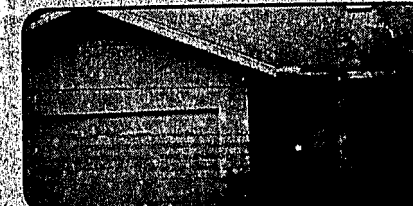
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**GREAT CONDO COMMUNITY!** Offers 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, 2 car attached garage. Finished basement is drywalled & insulated, tastefully decorated, with bookshelves & closet space. Nice layout. Privileges at 55+! Voted Best Lake. Priced to sell at \$146,900 (18VUN) Call 248-626-7200



**5.34 ACRES IN BRANDON TOWNSHIP!** Home features include 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, hardwood floor in kitchen, new carpet, updated windows, lovely property with stream running thru it, 2 car attached garage, living room with wood stove. Priced to sell at \$145,000 (42HAD) Call 248-626-7200



**VOORHEIS LAKE VIEW!** 2 story great room, 2250 sq. ft., 3 bedroom, 3 baths, hardwood floors in white kitchen, built in appliances. Master with walk in closet & whirlpool tub. Andersen windows & 2x6 construction. QUALITY THROUGH OUT! Priced \$264,900 A MUST SEE!! (25BRO) Call 248-626-7200



**GREAT LOCATION!** 2 miles from I-75 exit 98. Spacious colonial on 1.5 acres. Features: 1st floor laundry, formal dining, central air & cozy fireplace in family room. Quiet den and rec room in lower level. All kitchen appliances include plus HOME WARRANTY! Priced at \$199,000 (66TIN) 248-626-7200

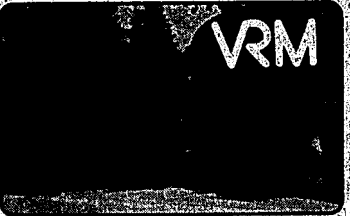




**WEST BLOOMFIELD - FOUR ACRE ESTATE**  
 • Unique opportunity to own 145 footage on Green Lake  
 • Contemporary in tranquil setting comparable to Monterey  
 • California, pasture for horses & barn  
 • Three stories of glass walls overlooking lake  
 • Magnificent architecture, 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths  
 • 40 ft. bridge entrance, wooded & hilly landscaping  
 \$1,650,000 683-8900 741204



**BLOOMFIELD HILLS - GREAT FOR ENTERTAINING**  
 Over 5,500 sq. ft. on 2 acres with pool, decks & a 4  
 car garage-breakfast room encased by glass  
 • Breathtaking great room with fieldstone fireplace  
 • Large kitchen, finished walk-out lower level with  
 additional bedrooms & baths  
 • Intercom system, wet bar & security system  
 \$644,500 646-6000 741306



**DOWNTOWN BIRMINGHAM - CLASSIC VICTORIAN**  
 • 2,800+ sq. ft. w/4 Bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths & 1 1/2 lots.  
 • Hardwood, bay window & crown moldings  
 • Huge master suite with study & dressing area &  
 dual walk-in closets, 2nd floor laundry  
 • Seller will consider offers between  
 \$540,000-\$600,000 646-6000 741231



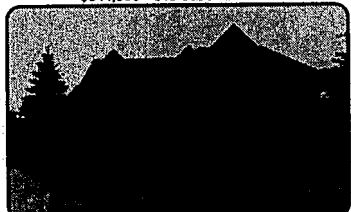
**ROCHESTER HILLS - PICTURESQUE SETTING**  
 • Dramatic soaring ceilings & walk-out lower level  
 • Oak bookcase in library, formal fireplace, four bed-  
 rooms, ceramic tile in kitchen, laundry & foyer  
 • Gracious living with 4,000 sq. ft. & 3 1/2 baths  
 • Home shown can be duplicated on another site  
 \$550,000 - 689-8900 - 764466



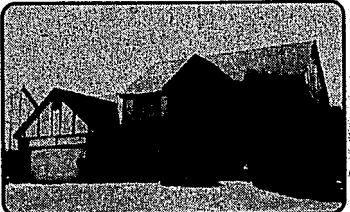
**LAKE ORION - LAKE VIEWS FRONTAGE**  
 • Premium location on private cul-de-sac plus 60 ft.  
 cedar dock, seawall & sandy beach  
 • Wonderful contemporary with updated kitchen has  
 island & hardwood floors, 3 1/2 baths  
 • Balcony off plush master suite, walk-out lower level  
 with full bath, fireplace in living room, alarm system  
 \$485,000 - 681-8850 - 741551



**TROY - THE BEST CHRISTMAS GIFT OF ALL**  
 • Stunning 1st floor master +3 bedrooms upstairs  
 • Architectural Contemporary design w/vaulted ceiling  
 • Gleaming "state of the art" gourmet kitchen  
 • In-ground pool-Seller will consider offers between  
 \$370,000-\$398,000 689-8900 758304



**BIG & BEAUTIFUL IN BLOOMFIELD**  
 • Over 3,600 sq. ft. with 4 bedrooms & 2 1/2 baths  
 • Huge family room with wet bar & cathedral ceiling  
 • Large formal living, dining rooms & a library  
 • Tiered deck, 3 car garage, home warranty!  
 \$359,900 646-6000 741759



**FARMINGTON HILLS - COUNTRY RIDGE BEAUTY**  
 • Over 3,200 sq. ft. Colonial offers impressive foyer  
 with sweeping circular staircase, island kitchen  
 Vaulted ceiling in sunlit family room, finished lower  
 level with wet bar & 3rd bath, jetted tub in master  
 suite  
 \$319,900 626-9100 760395



**OAKLAND TWP. - WELCOME FAMILY & FRIENDS**  
 • Sizzling fireplace in great room-watch the winter  
 wonderland through the wall of windows  
 • Country kitchen with wood stove, finished basement  
 with kitchenette & bar, over 3,100 sq. ft. deck  
 • Heated pool w/Jacuzzi-Close to all conveniences  
 \$299,900 Ask For: Eleanor Feeley 656-4404



**STOP LOOKING-YOU'LL BUY THIS!**  
 • Charming 4 bedroom, in a class by itself  
 • All the major updating has been done with quality  
 amenities & desirable floor plan, 3,000 sq. ft.  
 • Exceptional West Troy locale, private lot with trees  
 \$297,500 689-8900 766613



**WEST BLOOMFIELD - DRAMATIC CEILING LINES**  
 • Enjoy the view from your 3 season sun room  
 • Fresh decor in neutral buff & white, circular staircase  
 • Hardwood floors, fireplace highlights family room  
 • Still time for you to move in for the holidays!  
 \$289,900 626-9100 766380



**ROCHESTER HILLS - ONLY 9 MONTHS NEW**  
 • Premium amenities & cathedral & vaulted ceilings  
 • Hardwood floors, in foyer, island kitchen & bath  
 • Neutral decor, 4 bedrooms, 3 full baths, family room  
 • Wired for invisible fence including collar & box  
 \$267,900 651-8850 757464

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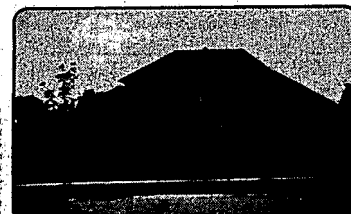
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**WHITE LAKE TWP. - BEAUTIFUL CONTEMPORARY**  
 • Offering 4 bedrooms with full basement walk-out to  
 large pond for fishing or skating-TWO ACRES!  
 • Quality woodwork through-out, master suite with 3  
 walk-ins, Jacuzzi & more!  
 \$280,000 683-8900 763385



**SOUTHFIELD'S POPULAR "BELL AREA"**  
 • Entertaining is a pleasure with formal dining  
 • Fireplace in great room, sun room & master bedroom  
 • Exquisite carved wood oriental French doors  
 • White kitchen with eating area overlooks pool. (BE225)  
 \$265,000 Ask For: Lewis 620-4373 or Geoff Leach 625-6151



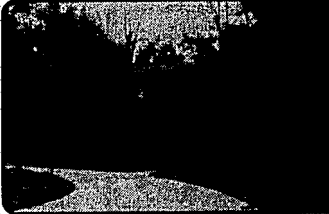
**WATERFORD - WALK TO LAKE OAKLAND**  
 • Dramatic 2 story great room with mirrored fireplace  
 • Memlit oak kitchen with hardwood floor & island  
 • Built-in bar in dining area, ceramic foyer, Jacuzzi in  
 master suite-Lease option available  
 \$259,900 651-8850 757336



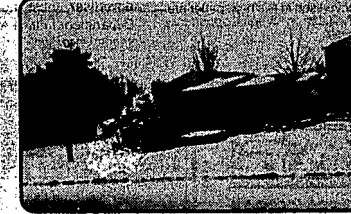
**WATERFORD - EXCEPTIONAL CONTEMPORARY**  
 • Built in 1990 with large deck & private rear yard  
 • Full finished basement with storage & Jacuzzi  
 • Vaulted & cathedral ceilings, recessed lights  
 • Minutes from I-75, professionally landscaped  
 \$254,900 683-8900 762631



**WATERFORD - LAKE OAKLAND ESTATES**  
 • Two story entry & great room, dramatic windows  
 • Chef's delight kitchen, main floor master suite with  
 Jacuzzi & 2 person shower, 2 1/2 baths, central air  
 • Fireplace, wet bar, deck plus lake privileges  
 \$249,900 651-8850 759671



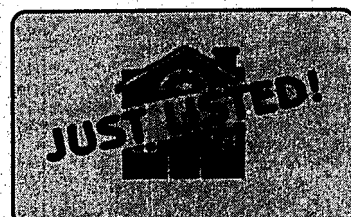
**WEST BLOOMFIELD-BACK TO WOODS**  
 • Freshly painted & beautifully maintained  
 Contemporary offers kitchen w/Jenny-air & oak floor  
 • Top quality amenities, great room w/fireplace  
 • Circle drive & side entry garage, alarm system, deck  
 \$274,900 646-6000 761537



**ROCHESTER HILLS - GORGEOUS POND VIEW!**  
 • Beautifully decorated, hardwood floors throughout  
 • Formal dining, gas fireplace highlights great room  
 • Spacious kitchen, finished walk-out lower level  
 • Charming court entrance, home warranty!  
 \$239,900 Ask For: Anna Percy 656-4400



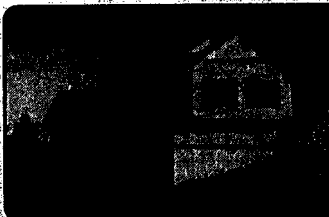
**LAKE ORION - CUSTOM BUILT RANCH**  
 • Just under an acre with Indianwood Lake privileges  
 • Fireplace in living room, family room & library  
 • Updated kitchen with white cabinets & hardwood  
 floor, partially finished basement, 3 bedrooms.  
 \$239,000 Ask For: Susan Heacock 656-4402



**CANTON - THE END OF THE RAINBOW IS HERE!**  
 • Elegant 4 bedroom Colonial in desirable Brookside  
 Village with cozy fireplace in family room  
 • Tasteful decor, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, formal dining  
 • Well located deep within subdivision  
 \$224,900 626-9100 769408



**ROCHESTER HILLS - MATURE TREES, PRIVATE LOT**  
 • Great location in Christian Hills, one owner home  
 • Lower level family room with corner fireplace opens  
 to 24x12 sun room, main floor laundry, 2 1/2 baths  
 • 4 large bedrooms, sprinkler system, central air  
 \$224,900 651-8850 765748



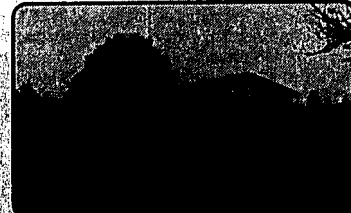
**OAKLAND TWP. - THE CROSSINGS SUBDIVISION**  
 • Premium cul-de-sac location w/pavers & landscape  
 • Marvelous 1996 built Colonial w/4 bedrooms  
 • Breakfast nook & dining room w/bay windows  
 • Family room w/gas log fireplace, sprinklers  
 \$209,900 Ask For: Susan Heacock 656-4402



**ROCHESTER HILLS CONDO - WALK TO TOWN**  
 • Private courtyard entrance & attached garage  
 • Updated kitchen, Parquet flooring, newer carpet  
 • Wet bar in den, 2 fireplaces, 2 balconies, deck, patio  
 • Formal dining plus partially finished basement  
 \$199,900 651-8850 767211



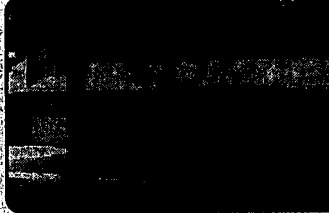
**OAKLAND TWP. - MUCH HOUSE FOR THE \$\$**  
 • Super 4 bedroom ranch offers large family room  
 with fireplace, maple paneling & beamed ceiling  
 • Mostly hardwood floors, 20x20 sun porch, 1 1/2 baths  
 • Siding new in 96, 2 car garage & security system  
 \$182,900 Ask For: Eleanor Feeley 656-4404



**TROY - BACK TO SUNNY NORTH PARK**  
 • 3 Bedrooms, large family room & country kitchen  
 • Large Florida room overlooks patio & park-Sherp as a  
 tack w/new carpet, roof & replacement windows  
 • Fresh decor, some include 2 car garage, central air  
 \$159,900 689-8900 764462



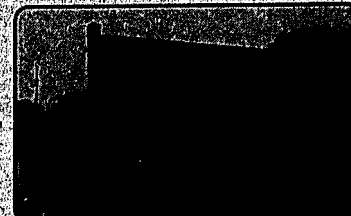
**LITICA SCHOOLS - PREMIUM CUL-DE-SAC LOT**  
 • New oak kitchen in 1993 includes appliances  
 • Natural fireplace, 3 bedrooms plus den, deck  
 • Central air plus ceiling fans, newer roof, siding &  
 windows, 2 full baths, security system  
 \$155,900 689-8900 323188



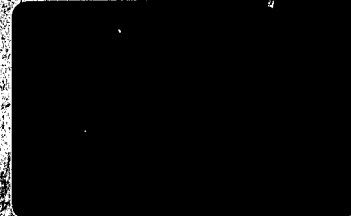
**LIVONIA - GREAT LOCATION! GREAT VALUE!**  
 • Spacious open floor plan with updated baths  
 • Hardwood floors in bedrooms, over 1,300 sq. ft.  
 • Family room, patio, 2 car attached garage  
 • Great landscaping with lots of perennials  
 \$144,900 626-9100 768841



**ENJOY ROOM TO ROOM IN THIS MIDON RANCH**  
 • Family room offers doorway to large deck & gazebo  
 • Natural fireplace w/custom marble, hardwood floors  
 • Master bedroom w/large walk-in closet, full bath in  
 basement, running water in garage, security system  
 \$143,500 Ask For: John J. Emerson 536-8150



**ROYAL OAK - ACT QUICKLY!**  
 • Barber carpet throughout this brick bungalow  
 • Newly updated kitchen, bath, doors, finished  
 basement, water heater, doorbell, deck & windows  
 • 3 Bedrooms plus 2 car garage  
 \$136,900 689-8900 758793



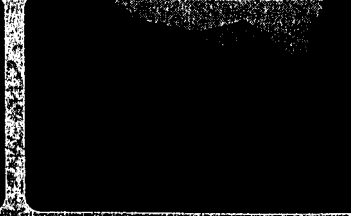
**WEST BLOOMFIELD - FULL OF CHARM**  
 • Structurally sound & well maintained Colonial  
 • Large deck off breakfast area, full basement  
 • 3 Bedrooms, oversized 2 car garage, built-in  
 Main floor laundry, situated on over 1/2 acre  
 \$129,900 689-8900 760757



**DOWNTOWN ROYAL OAK**  
 • Over 1,200 sq. ft. w/3 bedrooms, 1 bath & 1 1/2 lots  
 • Large living & dining room plus kitchen w/brick  
 bar  
 • Arched doorway, hardwood under carpet  
 • Family owned & well maintained for over 80 years  
 \$124,900 Ask For: Bill Vandenberg 644-3629



**TRIMBLE AREA - FABULOUS VIEW!**  
 • Wonderful location on Channing all across town  
 • Private beach, launch, covered porch & deck  
 • 2 Bedroom ranch w/stone fireplace, w/2 car  
 • Convenient to shops & freeway (81&14)  
 \$106,000 646-6000 768039



**AUBURN HILLS CONDO - UPPER LEVEL RANCH**  
 • Super view w/1000 sq. ft. deck & pool  
 • Downward to deck, laundry facilities in unit  
 • 1 Bedroom, 1 bath, open welcome  
 • Access to clubhouse, pool & stocked pond  
 \$49,900 681-8850 746071



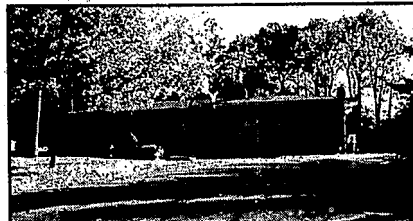




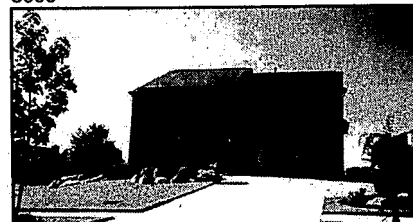
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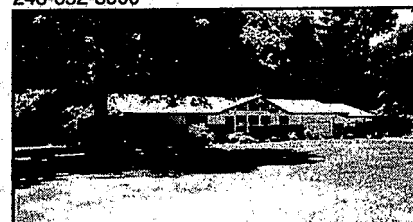
**ENJOY HARMONY** with nature in this 3 bedroom, 1½ bath colonial located in Heatherwood sub. Backing to wooded privacy and Arlington Park. Home features central air, gas fireplace in family room. Neutral finished basement, deck. You'll love this one! \$179,900 (81BOL) 248-652-8000



**PRESTIGIOUS** loc-towering trees. Brick ranch, many updates. Premium newer kitchen w/custom counter & oak cabinets. Newer furnace, central air, air cleaner & humidifier. Great family room w/brick fireplace. 20x11 shed - more! \$157,977 (17HOL) 248-652-8000



**SPACIOUS "Baybrooke"** colonial on premium lot on cul-de-sac. Hardwood floors, 2nd floor laundry, sprinkler system, partially finished basement, living room, dining room, sub has pool, tennis courts & sidewalks, lots of extras! Immediate occupancy. \$269,900 (48NOR) 248-652-8000



**WOULD YOU LIKE** to see deer & wildlife feeding in your backyard, yet be close to town & shopping? Then you must see this 4 bedroom, 2½ bath sprawling ranch home on a huge lot. \$223,900 (72WIM) 248-652-8000



**PREPARE TO BE CHARMED** by this 2 story colonial nestled on a treed rolling lot. A 4 bedroom home w/hardwood floors in many areas. Great family room set up w/fireplace with wood stove, built-in shelves, sliding doors to patio & picturesque lot. Convenient location. \$212,900 (95LAK) 248-652-8000



**SHARP 3 bedroom** well maintained Troy brick ranch with an open floor plan. Private deck in rear yard. First floor laundry. Neutral colors thru-out. Fresh paint, newer carpeting. Huge open basement. \$183,900 (82FED) 248-524-1600



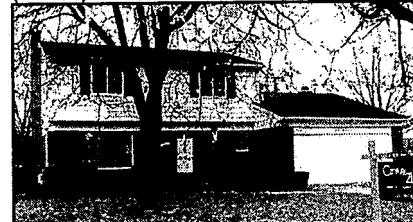
**LEASE ONLY!** 3 bedroom brick ranch in Troy with 2½ baths. Finished basement. 2 car garage. No pets! \$1,900 per month. (58HUB) 248-524-1600



**TROY 3 bedroom** bungalow on quiet country-sized lot with over 1700 sq. ft. of living space. New windows, carpeting, blinds and furnace within last year. Large 3 season enclosed breezeway. Open living room/dining room area. Troy schools. Home Warranty! \$139,900 (03HAR) 248-524-1600



**OUTSTANDING 3 bedroom** ranch home with many updates and upgrades. Andersen windows. Extensive professional landscaping. Great floor plan featuring large family room and kitchen. Formal dining room. First floor laundry and a full basement. \$204,900 (29SHA) 248-524-1600



**TROY SCHOOLS.** Move-in condition 3 bedroom home with vinyl windows. Central air. Hardwood floors and a fenced yard. Oak kitchen. Newer shingles. \$181,900 (11HIL) 248-524-1600



**TROY BRICK RANCH.** Updated thru-out this 3 bedroom ranch home offers 2 full baths. Finished basement. Central air. Large kitchen and hardwood floors under carpet. Short walk to city park. \$139,000 (73RED) 248-524-1600



**WALLED LAKE.** Vacation at home with your own built-in pool in private backyard. Completely updated 4 bedroom, 2 bath, spacious brick ranch, appliances stay, great neighborhood. \$139,900 (16BE) 248-626-8800



**FARMINGTON HILLS.** 3 bedroom ranch w/great location in popular Kendallwood Sub. Family room w/fireplace, hardwood floors, newer furnace & central air, newer roof. \$159,000 (32OL) 248-626-8800



**BETTER THAN NEW!** Move right into this charming 4 bedroom, 2½ bath colonial. Updated inside and out. Hardwood floors, beautiful wooded lot & much more. Hurry, won't last long! \$239,900 (31BY) 248-626-8800



**CANTON.** Neutral, bright & airy, lovely 3 bedroom, 2½ bath colonial in cul-de-sac location of newer sub. Master suite w/walk-in closet, great room w/fireplace, central air, sprinkler, professional landscaping. 1st floor den. \$164,888 (43LO) 248-626-8800



**WATERFRONT FAMILY HOME.** 4 bedroom home offering fantastic views, large open family room with fireplace. Hardwood floors, many updates thru-out. \$239,900 (55FOX) 248-363-1200



**SUPER SHARP LAKEFRONT** ON all sports Lake Sherwood! 4 bedrooms, 3½ baths, open floor plan, finished walkout and much more! Immediate occupancy! \$339,000 (87RAV) 248-363-1200



**SHARP NEW CONTEMPORARY** complete and ready to move in! Open floor plan with vaulted ceilings in great room and entry level master. Private yard, 3 bedrooms, 2½ baths. \$165,900 (55BRE) 248-363-1200



**NEW COLONIAL ON 1+ ACRE!** Sharp 3 bedroom, 2½ bath colonial with impressive 2 story foyer huge family room, vaulted ceilings in master suite. Great new sub with 1+ acre lots. \$199,900 (55DIL) 248-363-1200



**A SPECIAL PLACE TO BE!** One plus acres of gorgeous land plus really cute home with basement, 2 car garage and pool. In area of newer homes. \$136,000 (52LOR) 248-363-1200



**PROFESSIONALLY UPDATED!** Pack your bags & move right into this beauty. 3/possible 4 bedrooms, den/office, new hardwood floors and berber carpet throughout. Basement & 2 car garage, large lot, generous storage. \$146,500 (95OAK) 248-363-1200



**TUCKED-AWAY PRIVACY!!!** Bloomfield home on a wooded ravine. Expansive marble foyer, elegant dining room, kitchen & breakfast room. Master bedroom with skylight & jacuzzi. 3 car garage. \$819,900 or lease \$7,500 (19SH) 248-626-8800



**TROY BEAUTY!** 4 bedroom colonial with 2½ baths. Family room with fireplace and doorwall to cedar deck. First floor laundry. Large kitchen. Dining room, den, finished basement. Home Warranty! \$219,900 (34WIL) 248-524-1600



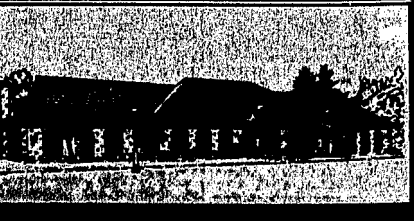
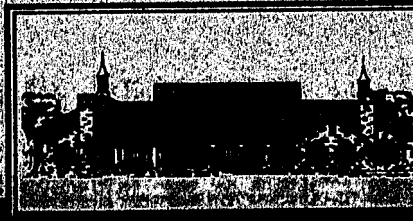
**UPDATED 4 BEDROOM HOME.** Everything is done, hardwood floors, berber carpet, updated throughout, plus windows, shingles, paint and landscaping! WOW! 2,300 sq. ft. \$175,900 (42STE) 248-363-1200



**NEW 4 BEDROOM COLONIAL!** Brand new house in new subdivision, 4 bedrooms, 2½ baths, island kitchen, family room w/fireplace, 1st floor laundry, master suite w/cathedral ceiling and walk-in closet, city water and sewers. \$186,330 (28REF) 248-363-1200



**PICTURE PERFECT COLONIAL** with wonderful West Bloomfield location! 4 bedroom, 2½ bath, built in 1987, 2,400 sq. ft., luxurious master bath, family room w/fireplace, move-in condition. \$229,900 (40POP) 248-363-1200





# Country a's #1 21 Firm!



**TOUCH OF CLASS THRU-OUT!** This home features top of the everything! Custom built 1 1/2 story home has dream kitchen, all appliances, brass fixtures. Stone fireplace and more. \$449,500 (00TUR) 248-363-1200



**PARADISE FOUND!** On all sports! Lake Orion! Fabulous contemporary nestled among towering pines. 180' of water frontage. Meticulously maintained 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths. Finished walkout. Breathtaking views & privacy! \$459,900 (26WPI) 248-652-8000

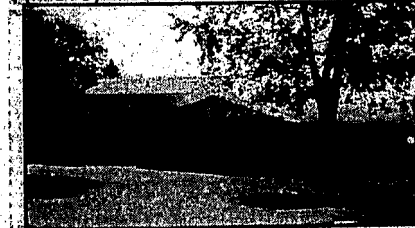
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**BIRMINGHAM.** Fabulous in-town condo with spectacular view! 2 bedrooms, 2 full baths. Open, spacious and bright! Totally updated...move right in! \$169,900 (00SOU) 248-642-8100



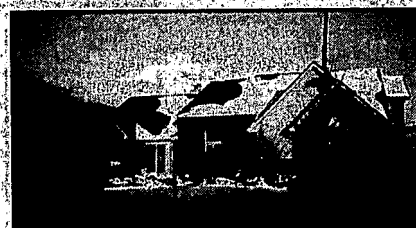
**FARMINGTON HILLS.** 2 story tudor on cul-de-sac. Large private yard exquisitely landscaped including patios and boulders. 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 bath, 1st floor office/library. Huge great room w/vaulted ceiling and skylights. 3+ garage, many extras! \$339,900 (77STO) 248-642-8100



**BLOOMFIELD.** 2500 sq. ft. quad in the Dells. 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 bath home on exceptionally large lot with 3 car garage. Living room, family room, library, updated kitchen, baths. \$269,900 (67LON) 248-642-8100



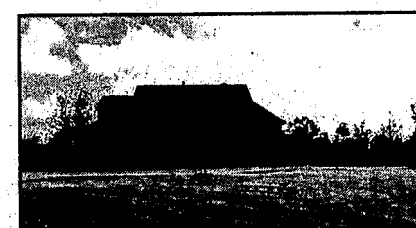
**TROY.** 4 bedroom, 3 full bath colonial in Somerset North Sub. Hardwood and ceramic floors, crown moldings. Fireplace in extra large kitchen, neutral decor, library, large master suite, and 3 car garage. \$485,000 (60PIC) 248-642-8100



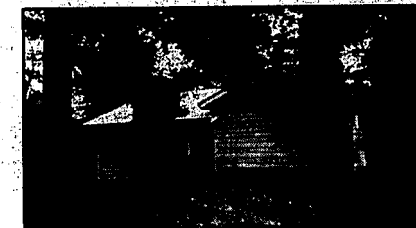
**BLOOMFIELD.** Dynamite 3861 sq. ft. Multi-level, open, great flow for entertaining. Many professionally designed updates: newer state of the art kitchen, 94, some ceramic floors. Master bedroom with dressing area. Lower level walkout \$495,000 (98DAR) 248-642-8100



**WEST BLOOMFIELD.** Fabulous 2 story contemporary with 3600 sq. ft. and dynamite 1st floor master suite, great room with fireplace, library, terrific white formica kitchen. \$449,900 (83ROY) 248-642-8100



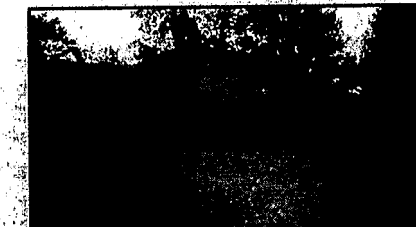
**PRIME COUNTRY.** 3 acres, horses allowed. 3000 sq. ft. of premium detail & finishes! Deep unfinished walkout, 3+ car garage, 48x30 pole barn w/electric, dream kitchen w/Merillat cabinets, JennAir & Swanstone sink. Don't wait! \$334,977 (28HOS) 248-652-8000



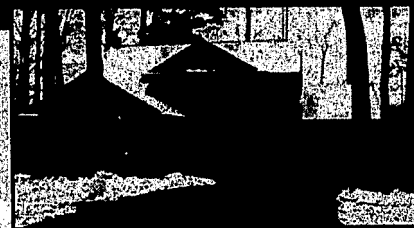
**WHAT A VIEW!** Lakefront ranch is 1200 sq. ft. with finished walkout. Home sits off 1.40 acres that offer options for adding on or remodeling. Over 160 ft. on the lake. A rare find. \$205,000 (50LAK) 248-652-8000



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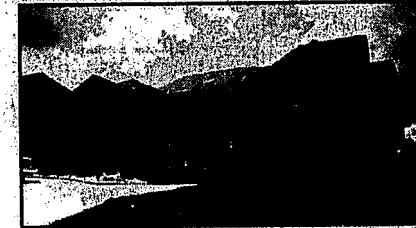
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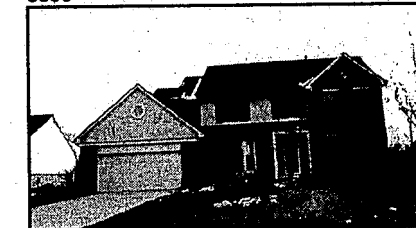
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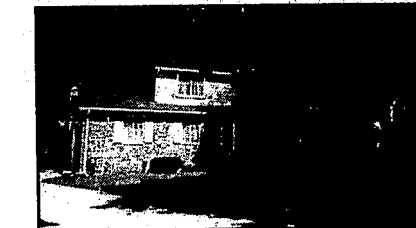
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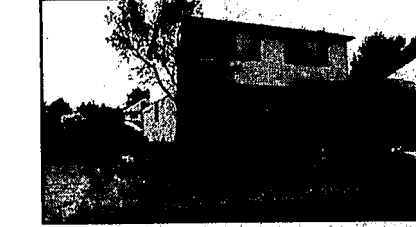
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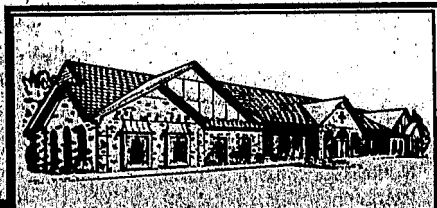
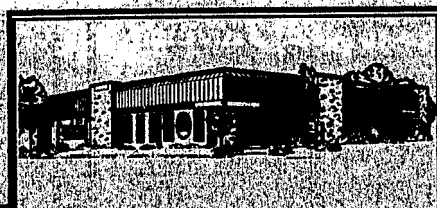
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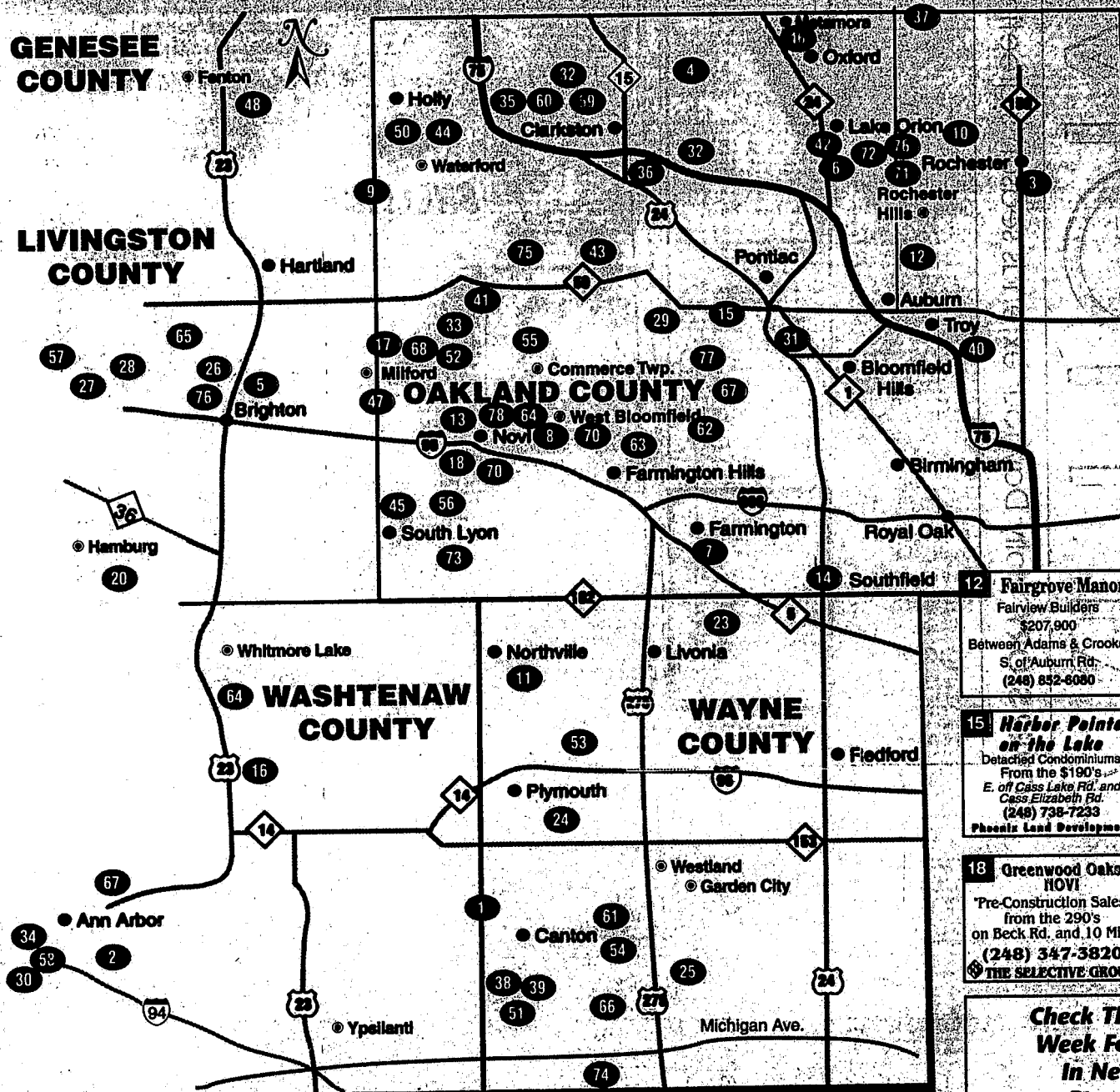




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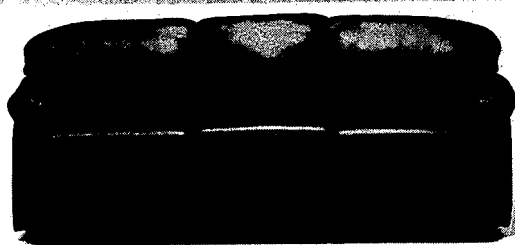


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So light a fire in the fireplace and start dreaming about presents that will make you and your loved ones smile on the frostiest of winter days.

May we suggest a holiday that warms the heart with the "coolest" gifts around? Inside this publication, we've collected some off-the-wall items that are sure to bring a grin from even the grumpiest of grinchies - all through the year! We hope you can include a few when brainstorming your gift shopping list.

Stay tuned for our second gift guide, *Making Memories*, inside the Thursday, Dec. 11 edition of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. This publication centers on gifts and activities that bring families and friends together in the spirit of holiday fun.

Enjoy the season!

Susan DeMaggio  
Retail editor

**On the cover:** Top off your tree with Marvin The Martian proclaiming "Peace On Earth" to all who visit. Find him (or an alternative, the Scooby Doo tree topper) \$20, at the Warner Bros. Studio Stores, Somerset Collection North in Troy, or Twelve Oaks in Novi.

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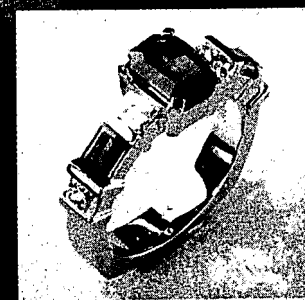
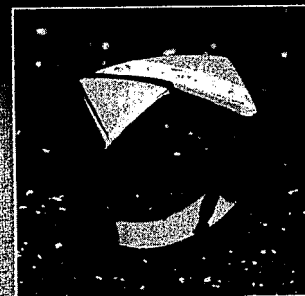
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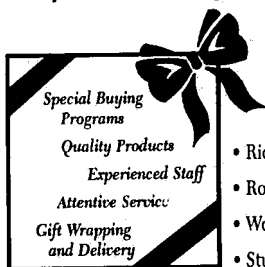
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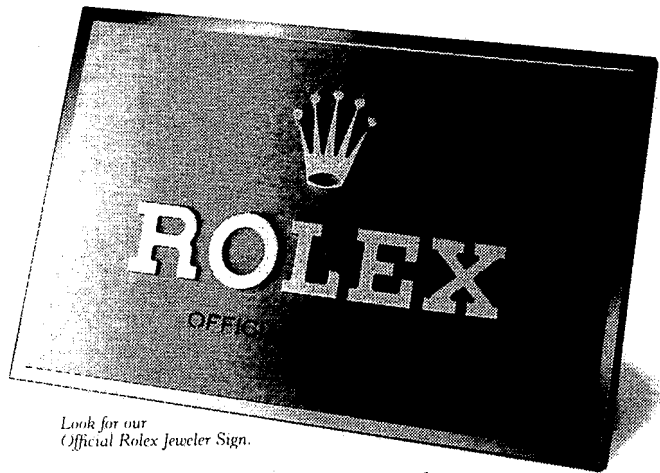


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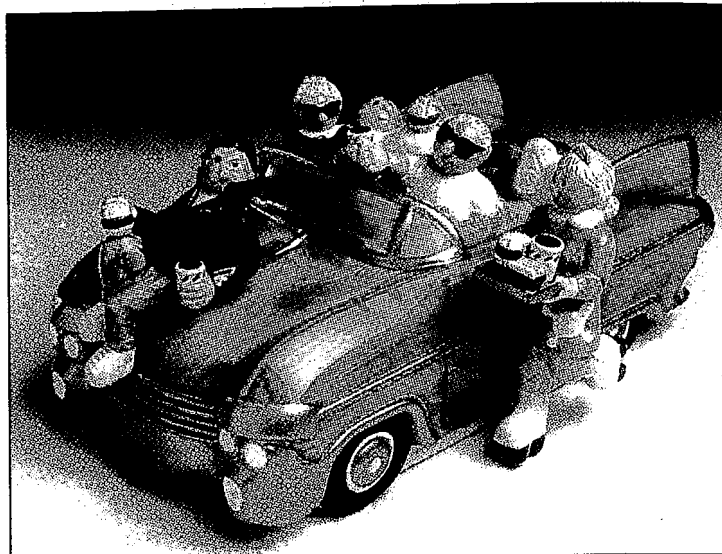
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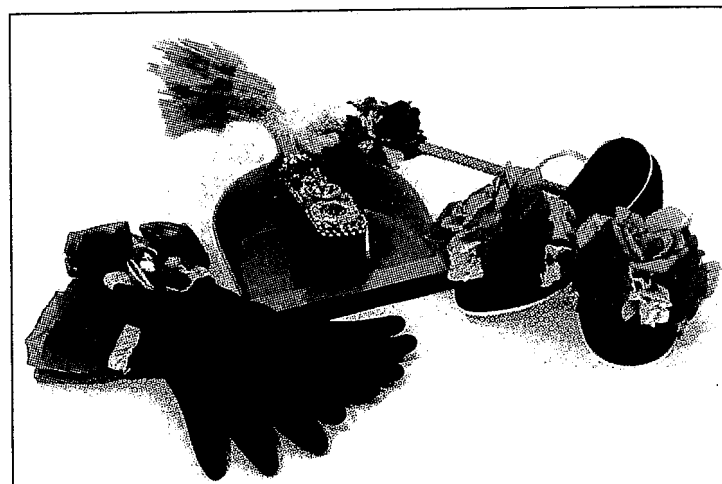
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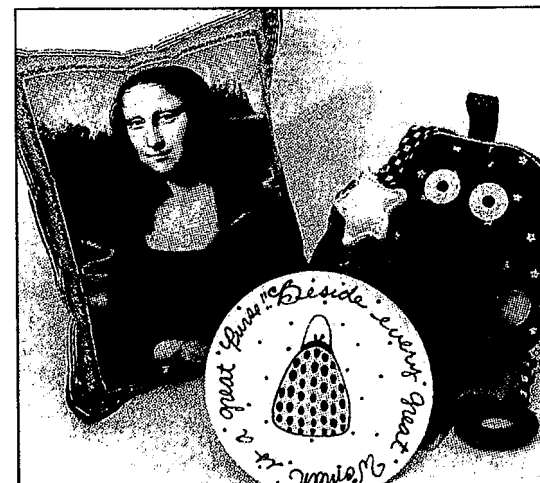
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**Cookie "Caddie":** A '50s pink cadillac cookie jar that features a drive-in with a roller-skating waitress, \$83.50, from *In the Cards*, Laurel Park Place, Livonia.



**Tidy-up in style:** Put a little ooh-la-la in everyday chores with some flirty household essentials. Carmen Miranda rubber gloves, \$32; jeweled dustpan, \$34; floral fantasy feather duster, \$30; blossoming house slippers, \$34. All from Roz & Sherm, in the Bloomfield Plaza, Bloomfield Hills.



**Tongue in chic:** Make 'em smile with these three attention-grabbers: Giggling Mona Lisa pillow, \$26, The Print Gallery, Southfield; "Beside every great woman is a great purse!" ceramic plate, \$24, Festivities, Birmingham; Whoozit crib toy, \$20, The Print Gallery.





**Mouse calls:** The original character still leads the pack by miles and now speaks to his live audience in an animated talking telephone, the Disney classic for kids of all ages, Mickey Mouse phone, \$80, Sharper Image, Somerset Collection, Troy.



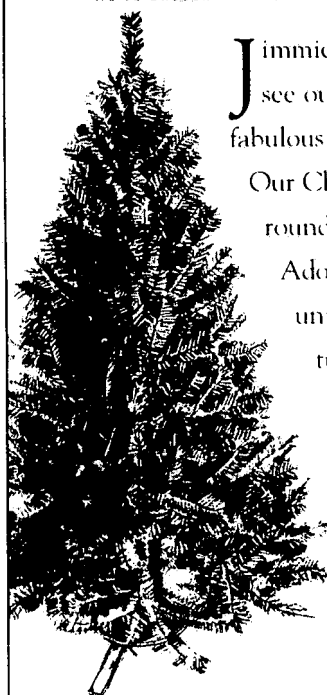
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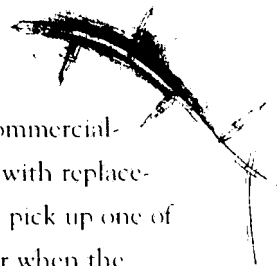
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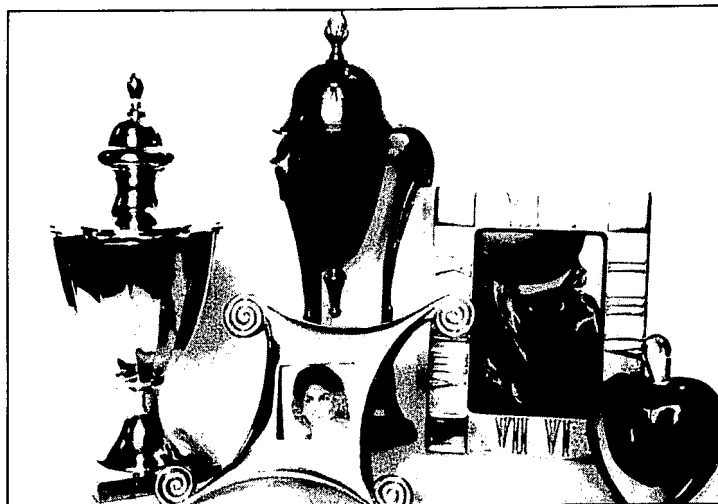
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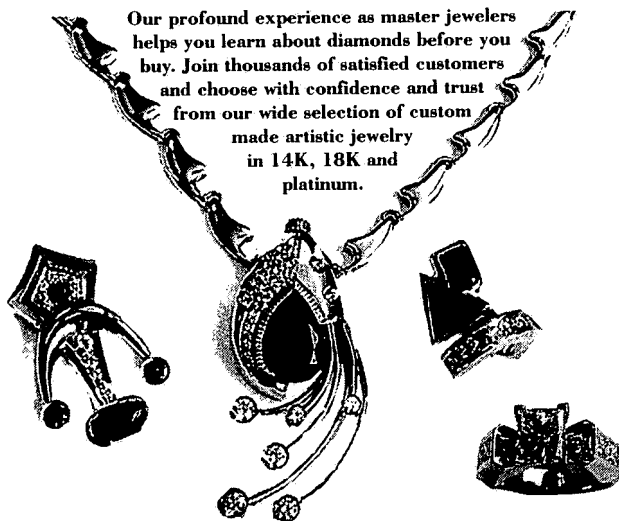


**Classic cutting edge:** A classic remembrance for business associates, family and friends, custom-crafted steak knives with wood handles set the table all year long. Boxed set of six, \$55, from Morton's of Chicago, The Steakhouse, Southfield.

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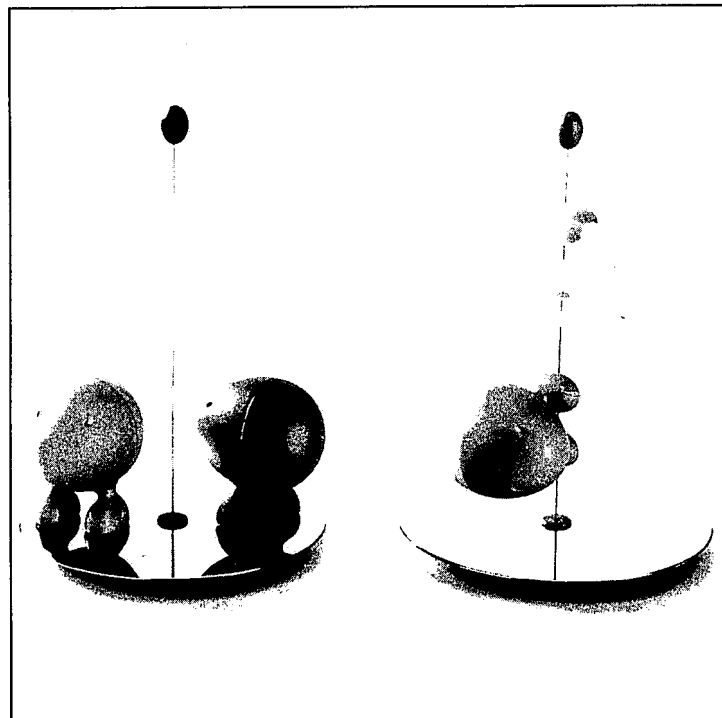


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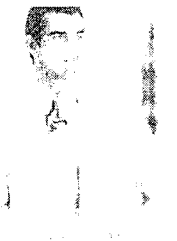
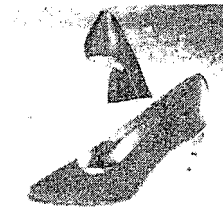
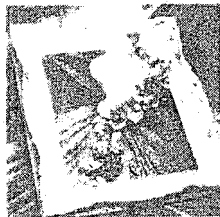
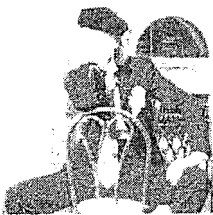
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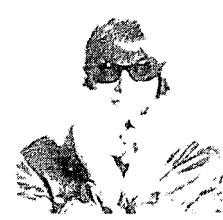
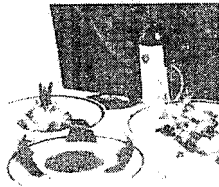
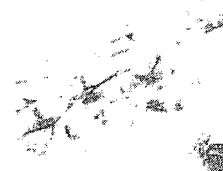


**Topsy turvy:** Designer Stefano Giovannoni fit his salt and pepper shakers with magnetic feet so they can either stand on the stainless steel base or hang sideways from the thin magnetic wire. The shakers, of thermo plastic resin, come in green or orange, \$55, at Chiasso in the Somerset Collection North, Troy.





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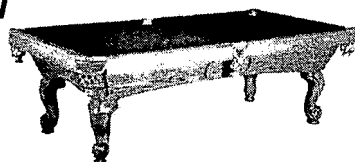
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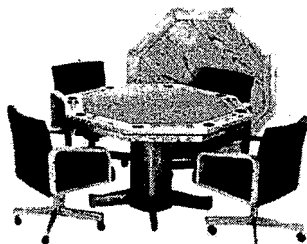
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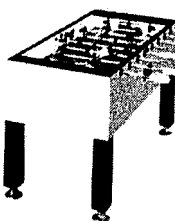
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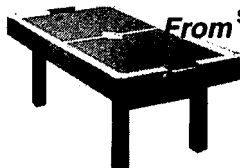
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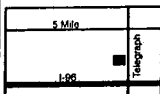
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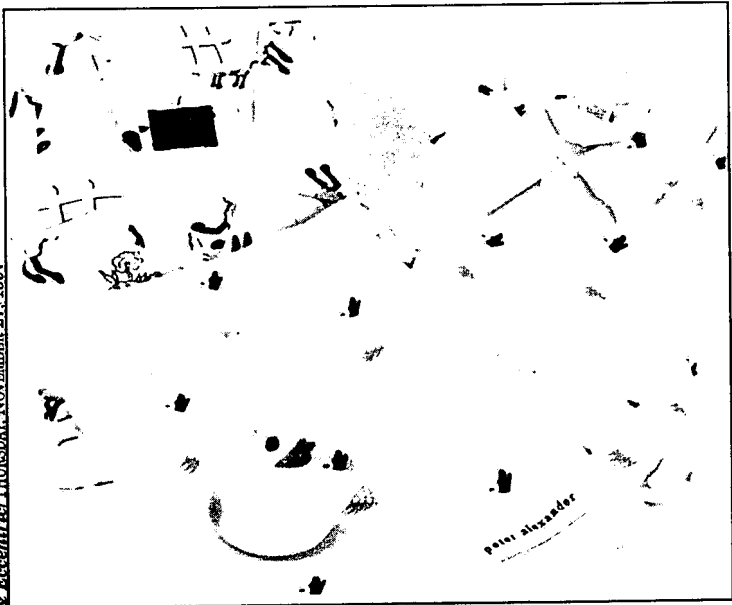


**Rhym'n' wrap:** It's the wacky world of Dr. Seuss on a chenille bathrobe, \$136, at Sunny J's in downtown Plymouth.





**Sweet seams:** A sewing motif decorates a silk gown, \$80, and robe, \$102, from Hannah Rose, in the Bloomfield Plaza, Bloomfield Hills.



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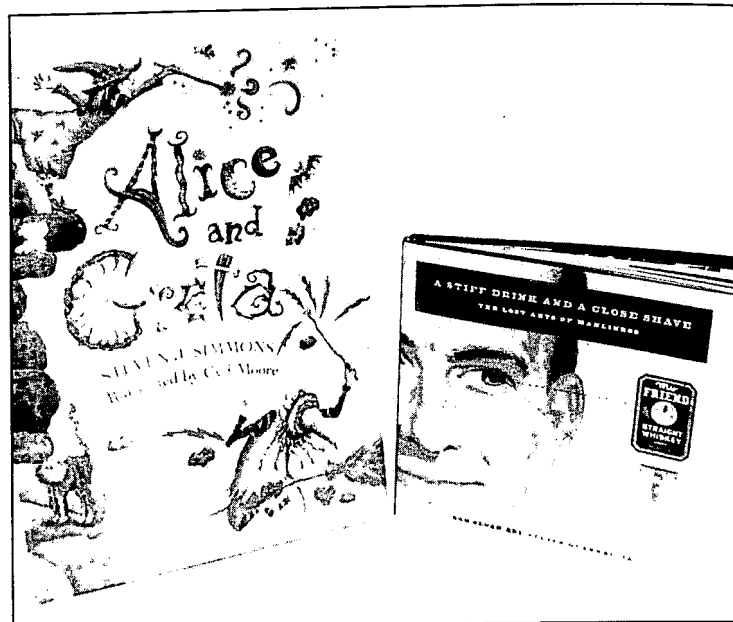
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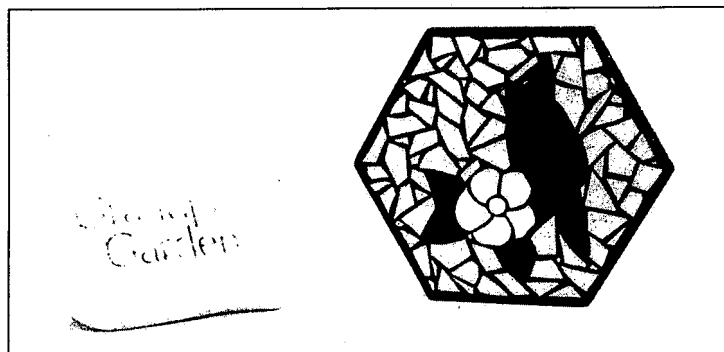
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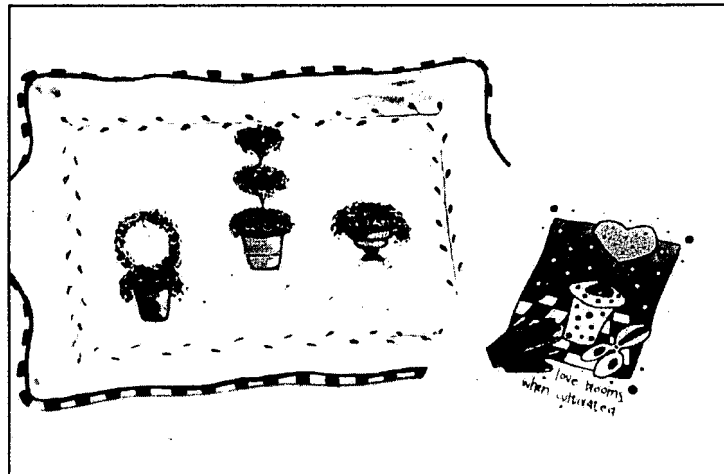
  
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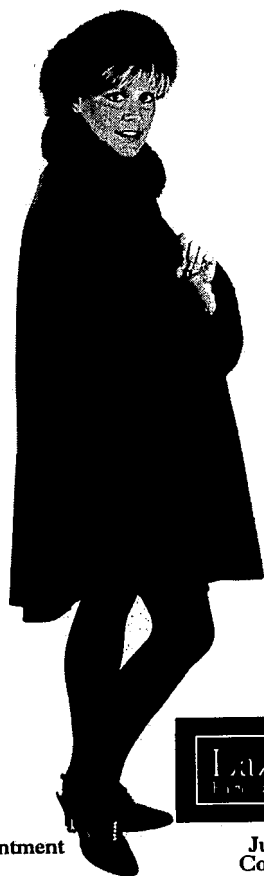




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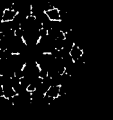
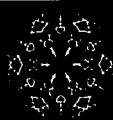
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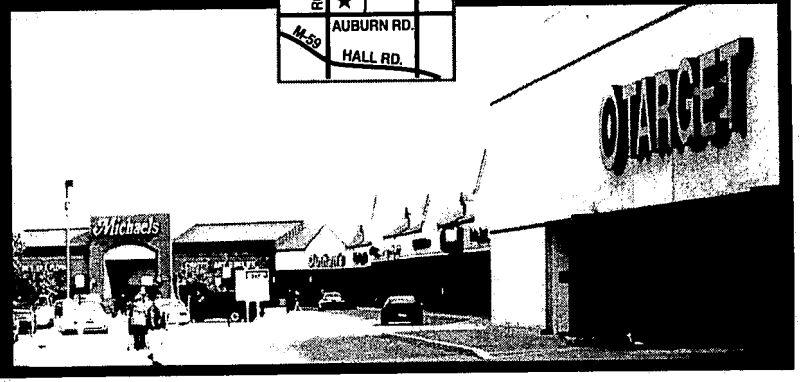
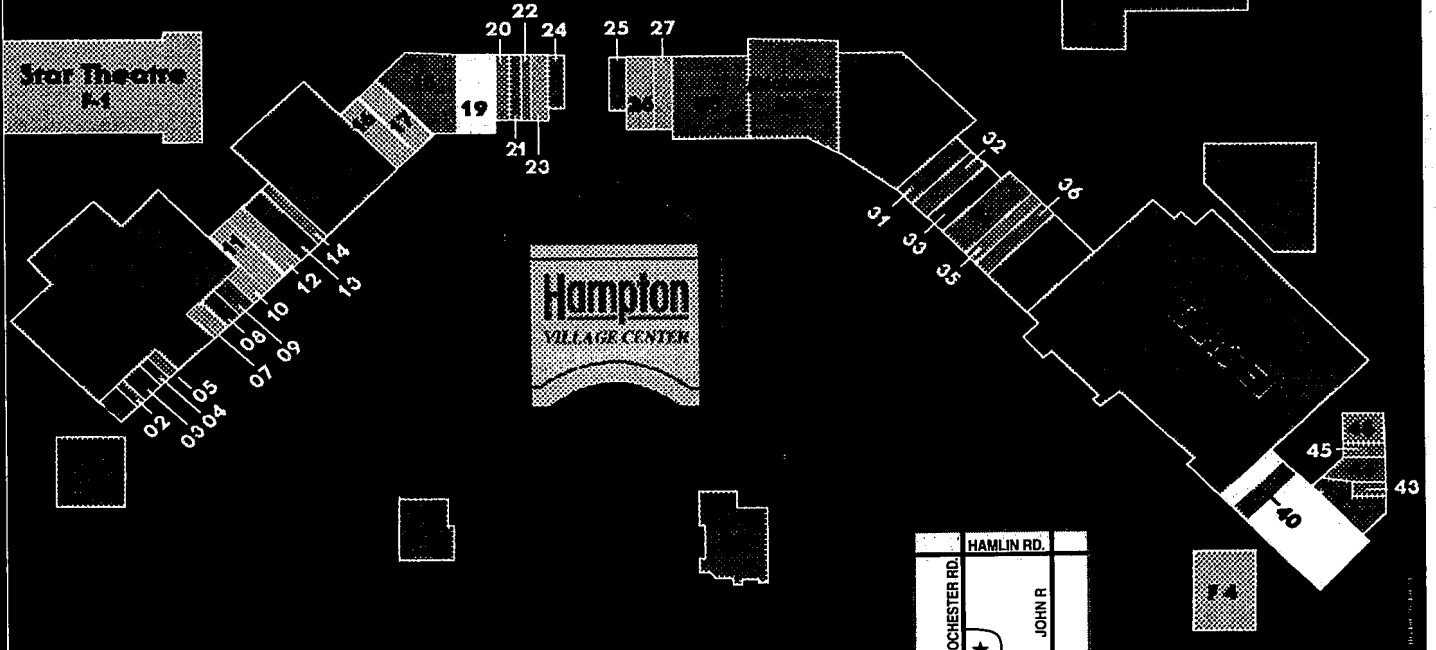
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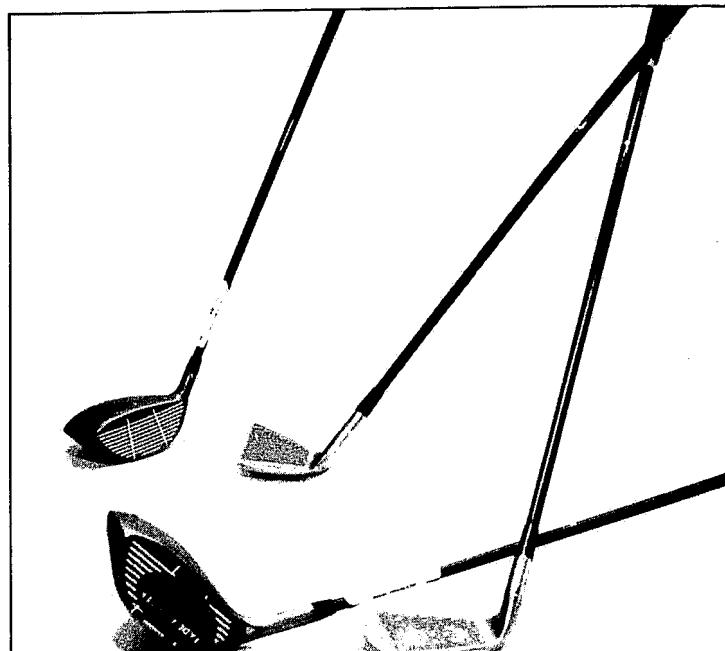
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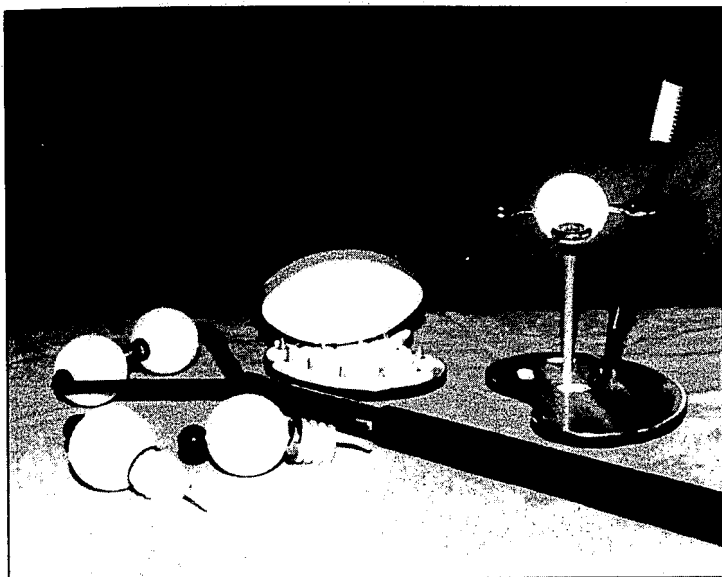
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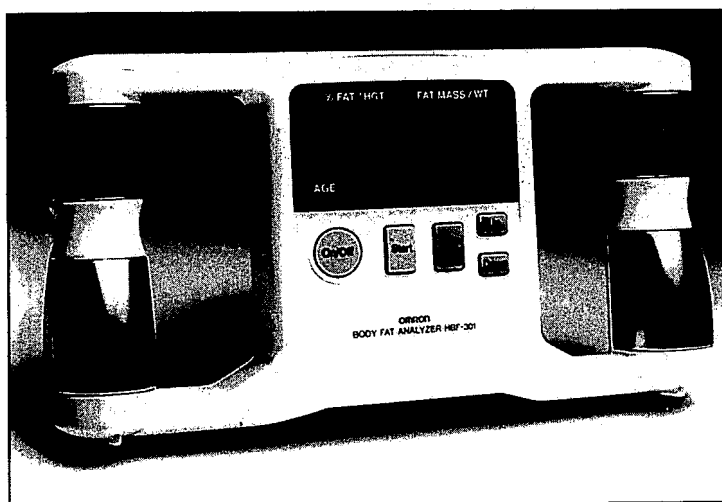
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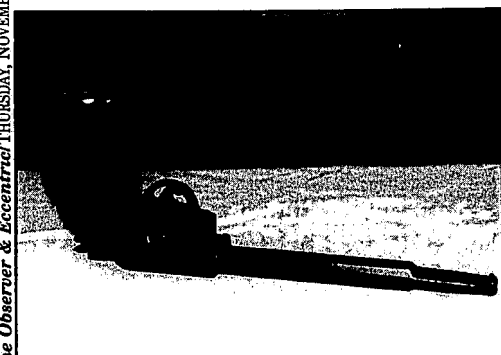




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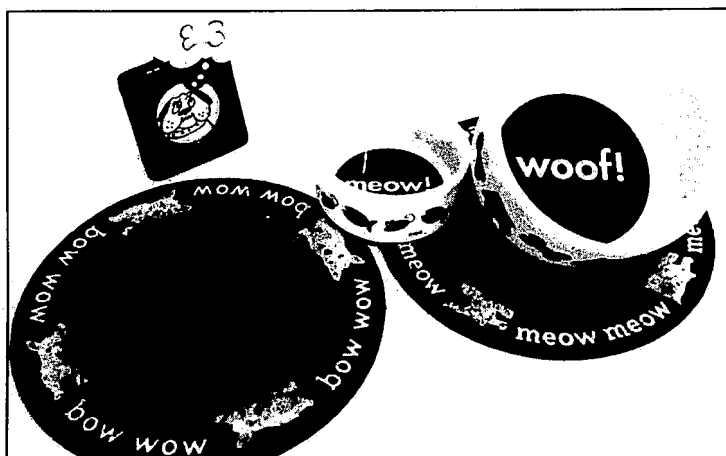
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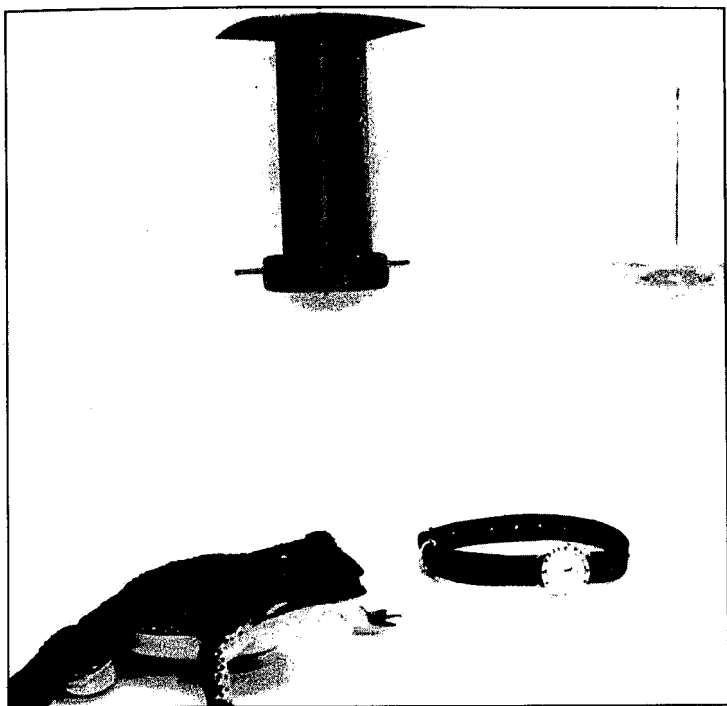
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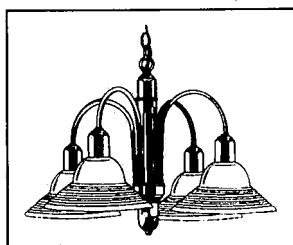
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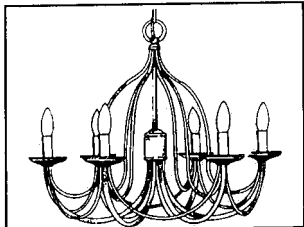
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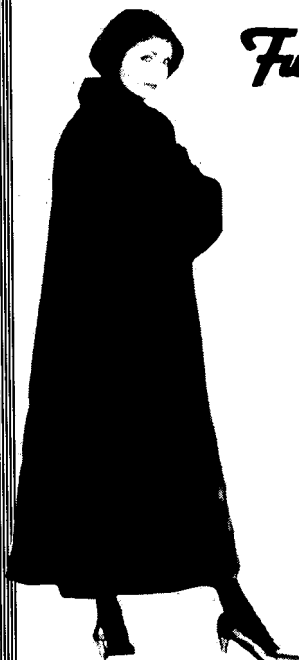
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BY LEE LITTLEWOOD  
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

If you love the holiday season, you want to fill your home with Christmas cheer and let your spirit show all over the house. These tips should help get creative juices flowing before snow globes and mistletoe hit the shelves.

Just remember that most of the charm of Christmas comes in timeless, classic decorations that reveal the personalities of a home's inhabitants.

- Trendy for 1997 - snowmen and whimsical nostalgia, according to Country Sampler's Country Business. Snowmen - with their warm, welcoming faces and cuddle-up-to-me bodies, adorn everything from wall hangings to painted pillows to ornaments, but especially as dolls and collectibles. Decorative snowmen this year are chubby, with unusual materials for buttons, jaunty hats and snug scarves.

- Vintage teddy bears, folk art angels, retro Santa designs and stars aplenty are already lining the shelves of holiday shops.

- Silver is in, especially in frames, but old-fashioned, burned gold decorative candles, flowerpots and tableware also look hot for Christmas 1997. Contemporary blues, yellows and metallics, as well as the traditional reds and greens, should be popular color themes, too, according to Department 56's Home for Holidays Idea Guide. For a copy call (800) LIT TOWN, or visit their Web site at [www.department56.com](http://www.department56.com)

- Stamped-on designs and sponge-painted napkins and tablecloths revealing gold angels and stars are easy to create yourself. Craft stores are

literally brimming with stamps and sponges of every kind that are simple enough for even kids to work with for a hand in holiday adornment.

- Wreaths, always classy, are especially in vogue, with the popularity of natural products this year. When festooned with natural berries, acorns, twigs and pine cones, wreaths don't hang just on doors anymore. They look great propped against a wall, on a table or hanging above a bed. For different looks, try adding cookie cutters, seashells, tiny ornaments or toy soldiers with ribbon.

Creative types who love to make their own wreaths and flower arrangements can cop some year-round instructions with Kim Unsworth's Secrets From the Garden video. Call (330) 484-4129 to order (\$25).

- Those who yearn for a unique look without a traditional tannenbaum can wrap an old wooden ladder with garlands, ribbons and holiday lights to set against any wall. You're still left with rungs to hang favorite ornaments on, and there won't be any shedding of pine needles.

- Candles and festive candleholders remain big sellers. A warm flame scented with cinnamon or pine lights up the seasonal ambience of any room - a timeless classic that's especially hot this year.

- Display ornaments in bowls, as curtain tiebacks or to hang on plants.

- To provide the scent and look of a real tree without the trouble, use fresh greens to create garlands around windows or over doorways.

- Hang stockings from a chair, bookcase shelf, or coat rack if you don't have a fireplace.

- Wrap up bundles of cinnamon sticks with ribbons and pine cones. Set them in a basket by the

fireplace for a warm, spicy aroma.

- Display Christmas cards under a glass table, by framing an entryway or attach to a banister garland with gold-painted clothespins.

- Check out Reader's Digest Decorating for Christmas, by Carolyn Schulz. It centers around five festive themes with 70 craft projects for your home.

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Check out the rah-rah merchandise in your elementary or high school "book stores." You can surprise a child or grandchild with a school sweatshirt, school-colors blanket, or flag.

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# SEASONAL BLUES

## What to do when the holidays aren't so happy

BY NEIL ROSENTHAL  
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

If the holidays give you a headache. . . you're not alone.

Most people feel a little uneasy as the holiday season approaches because although the winter holidays can be fun, joyful and uplifting, they can also be stressful, expensive, lonely, empty and depressing, according to Jo Robinson and Jean Coppock Staeheli in their book "Unplug the Christmas Machine."

There may be any number of reasons why you do not feel happy. You may not be able to be with your children for Christmas. You may not be getting along with your family; you may be worried about money. You may feel lonely, have health problems or job concerns; a major relationship in your life may not be working out so well. Or you might be spending Christmas alone.

Unfortunately, problems don't disappear at Christmas; they may even be intensified by the cultural message that you are some sort of Scrooge if you are not feeling warmhearted and happy during the holiday season.

Regardless of your religious beliefs or the significance you attach to the event, Christmas is impossible to ignore. You can't turn on the radio, go to a restaurant or go shopping without being confronted with images of the holidays.

The following ideas are designed to buffer you

from having the holiday blues:

- Figure out exactly what it is that you are sad, regretful or disappointed about.

- If you were to take responsibility for your life, your well-being, and for the attainment of your goals, what would you do? What would you stop doing?

- How could you invite deeper connections and more meaningful friendships with people in your life?

- Set some new goals for yourself.

- What's fun? Figure out the answer to this question.

- Lighten up on food, alcohol and recreational drugs. Most of us overindulge in items that really don't make us feel better, and frequently make us feel worse.

- Watch less TV and fewer videos and movies.

Be more an active participant in your life and less an observer.

- Plan something special soon: a weekend trip, a vacation or a visit to somebody special.

- Figure out how to pamper yourself in ways that are positive, healthy and that truly serve you.

- What are the people, things or events you are most grateful, thankful or appreciative of?

- What or whom do you still have to forgive?

- What adventures do you want in your future?

- What do you want different in your life? Feeling better begins with a vision of something that

you hope for.

- Quit thinking and acting out of fear. Don't let your fears stop you from doing what matters.

- Seek out people who make you feel better, and avoid people who contribute to your depression.

- Be more physically active. Physical activity is one of the best antidotes to depression.

- Think back to your childhood Christmas.

Which traditions, activities or occasions were particularly pleasurable for you? Are any of those memories reflected in your current celebration?

- What do you have to look forward to after Christmas?

- From everything you know about yourself and Christmas, what changes would you like to make in the coming celebration?

The first step in making your Christmas a better experience is figuring out what you want different. For most people, the real problem is that they haven't taken the time to define for themselves what's most important to them about Christmas, and what changes they might make that would add to the celebration.

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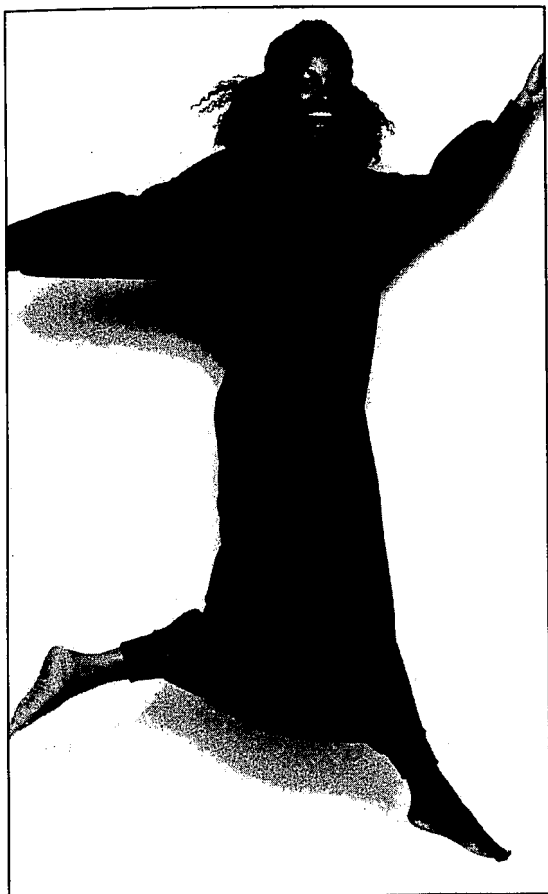
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# 'TIS THE SEASON FOR CREATIVE DRESS

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## His holidays

If you normally wear a traditional black tuxedo to a black-tie party, think twice.

"The penguin look is dead," says Edward Kaminow, president of Lord West Formalwear. You don't want to waddle into that special affair looking anything but dapper. Yes, I know, a tuxedo is a classic. It's safe. It can also be boring. So live a little. Change it with accessories.

"Formal accessories are hotter than ever and are giving men the freedom to express their fashion individuality with color, pattern and style," says Kaminow. The newest extras include a wide variety of shirt choices in combed cottons, blends, wide and narrow pleats, lay-down, wing and banded collars (yes, there still in) and the unique crossover collar.

The long "Euro-tie" is the hottest look. And, of course, you don't have to wear "black ties" to those "black-tie" parties. Colorful paisleys, solid satins, checks, plaids or stripes are all "creative" alternatives. Or how about a button-cover in place of a bow tie. Now that's really keeping it simple.

If a tuxedo is too, too much, there are plenty of fancy vests out there that easily substitute for a jacket when the occasion is a little less formal. Layer a dark-red or gold shirt with subtle shine and a matching textured tie underneath it, and you've got another "creative" solution to partying with the best of the fashion crowd.

A black turtleneck and black leather blazer tossed over gray flannel trousers would be another winning combo for creating a little bit of a different fashion beat at the next party you attend. Dress it all up with

a silver-toned belt buckle for even more sparkle.

## Her holidays

When it comes to dressing for parties this holiday season, the possibilities are endless. Evening is the perfect time to get creative with an elegant look that goes to black-tie balls or to the neighbor's annual open house.

Let's face it, you've been wearing that little black dress for a few years. Now's the time to blast out of black or at least put a little more than a blouse with your boring black suit. How about a pair of high-heel suede boots with that dress? Or a slinky beaded drapery tank with your suit?

The beads are glistening this holiday season. It's a great way to shine up your fashion act. Not with a lot of glitter (that goes on your eyes), but with subtle shimmer of metallic colors that light up those holiday nights. Try a crystal-beaded top with your favorite pinstriped suit.

That's called "creative black tie." It's putting the unexpected with the tried-and-true classic - just as you do to liven up your work wardrobe.

But it doesn't end when the clock strikes 5. The principles of casual elegance are alive and well on the party track, too. Beads with pinstripes. Lace with flannel. Fur with leather. It's all in the mix of opposites this season.

The same goes for proportion. Team last year's skinny pants with this year's long knee-length tunic coat. Or put a skinny Lurex top with a pair of new wide-legged trousers. A cropped leather vest looks great with a long, slit skirt. Experiment and learn to love it or leave it in the closet. It's your party and you can wear what you want to.

If you have a special black-tie occasion coming up,

there are lots of wonderful "item" kinds of clothes this season.

From the wispy chiffon slip dresses to stretchy charmeuse bias gowns, velvet dresses with sheer cutouts and even cashmere knit columns, the dress express is headed your way. Add a pair of high (very high, if you dare) strappy heels, lots of eye makeup, a fur boa if you must, and you've got the look.

And if you really want to get serious about partying with the guys, there's always that classic tuxedo look that just never seems to go out of style - for men or women. Maybe this year you'll add a short skirt slashed to the thigh.

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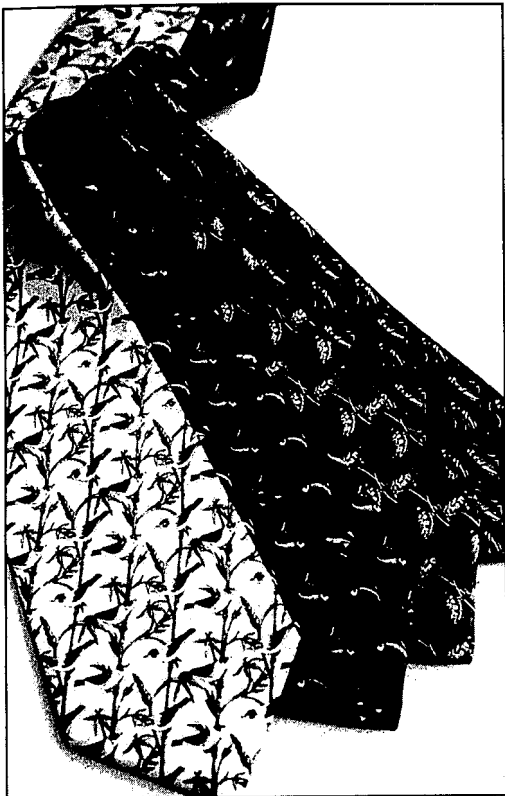
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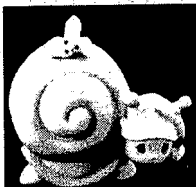
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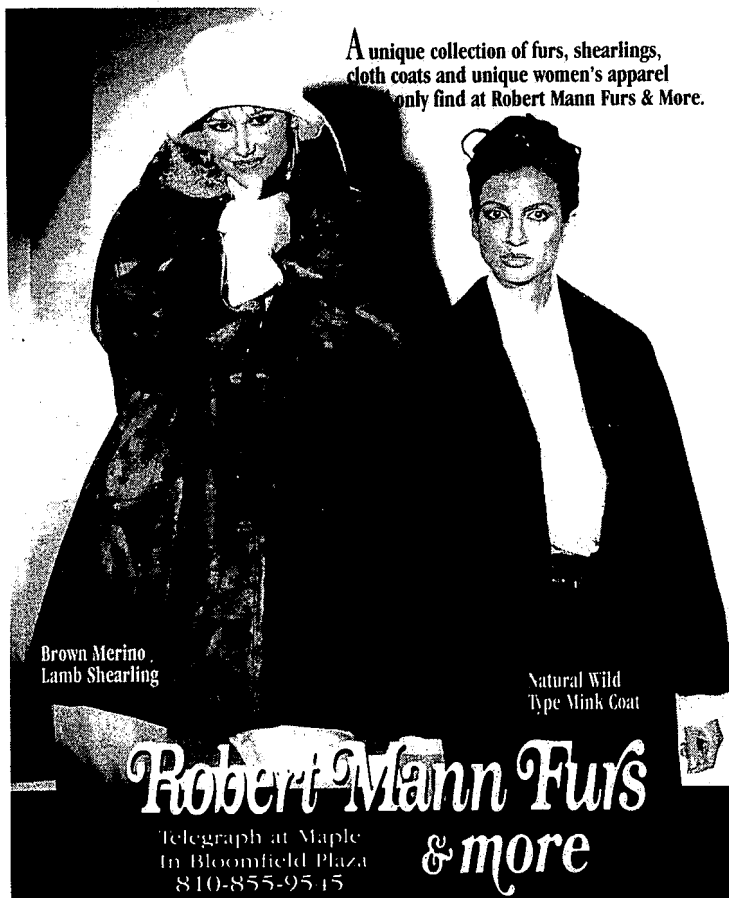
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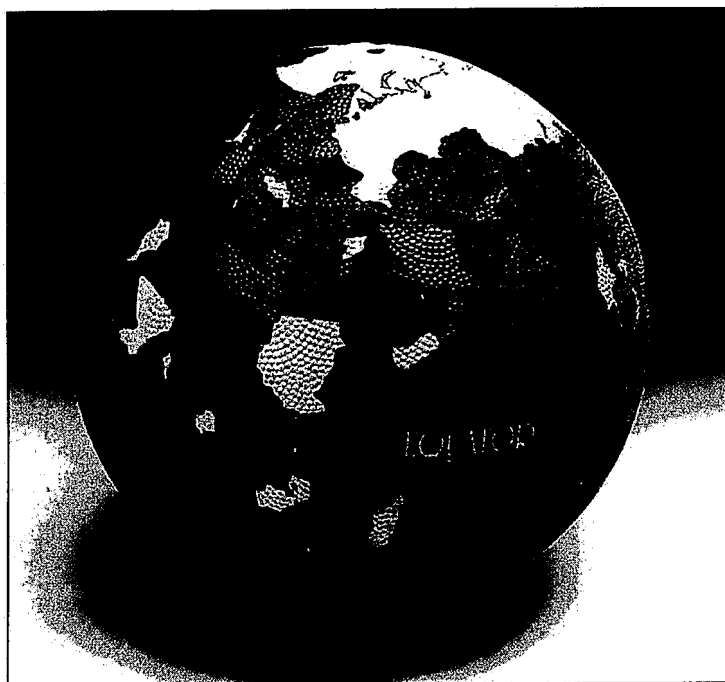
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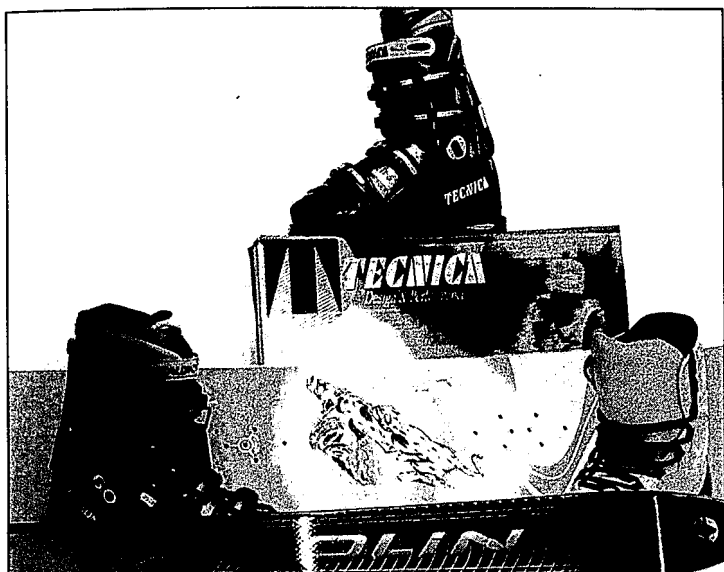
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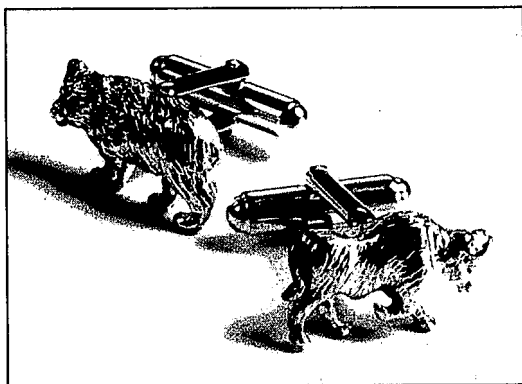
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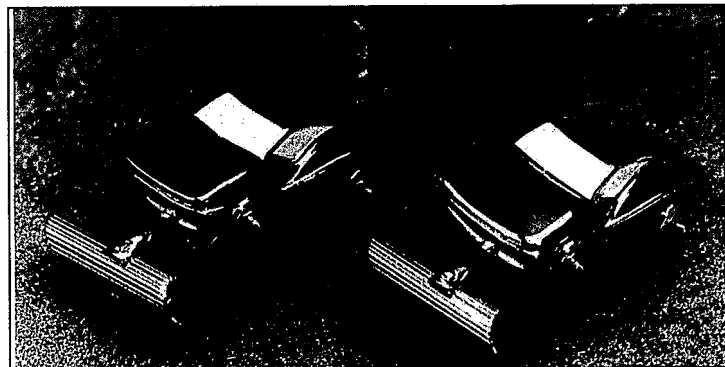




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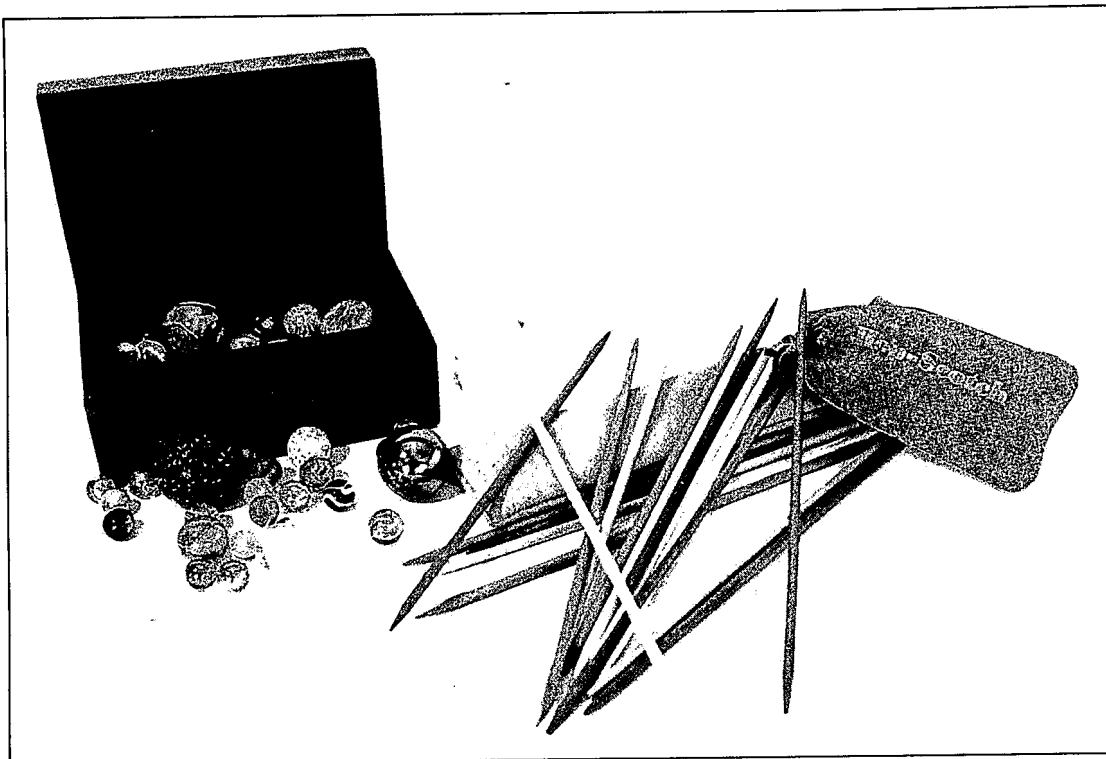
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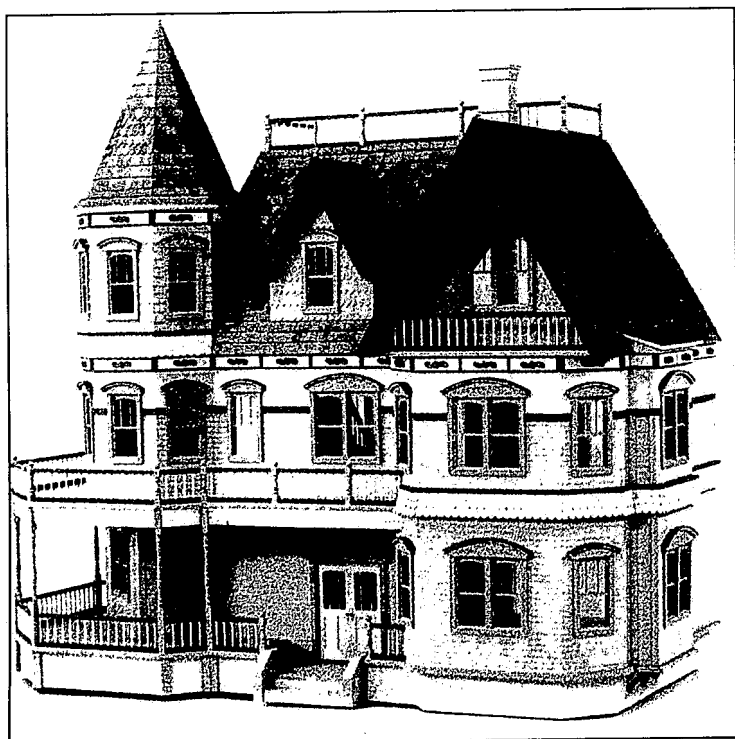
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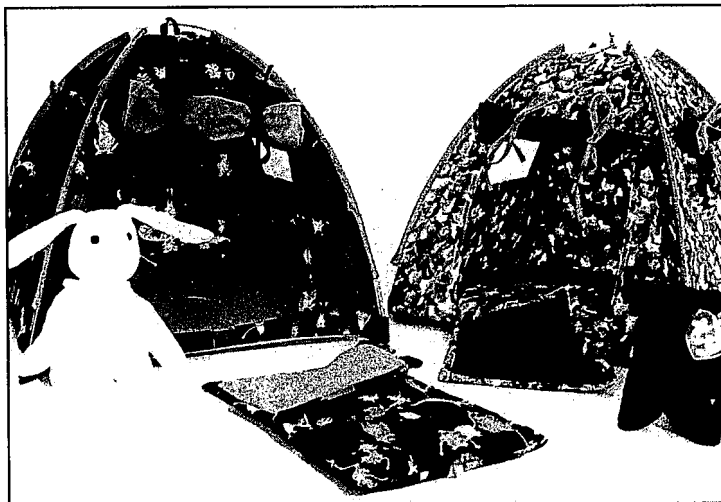


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