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## Township eyes new senior center



**■ Does Independence Township need a larger senior citizen center? Can it afford one? These are a couple of the questions to be answered during a \$6,000 feasibility study being undertaken by the township over the next year.**

BY CAROLYN WALKER  
STAFF WRITER

A study undertaken by Independence Township to determine whether a new, larger senior center is necessary, or even financially feasible, has begun but is still in its infancy.

Parks and Recreation Director Ann Conklin said this week she doesn't expect the study — funded by \$6,000

allotted by the township board from the general fund last October — to be completed until wintertime, 1998. But senior citizens who use the existing center agreed during their Thanksgiving lunch hour last week that a larger facility would be welcome.

Despite the existing center's coziness and view of the surrounding Clintonwood Park, seniors find themselves eating and playing elbow-to-elbow

some days, even as they appreciate the social opportunities it offers them.

"We're just doing a concept plan for what we would need," Conklin said, explaining the study. "We're just trying to determine needs."

In addition, founders of the new Clarkston Christian Association building located at Sashabaw and Maybee roads have offered to open their building during the daytime for senior citizen activities.

Pleased with the offer, township officials are considering an agreement with the Christian association but any use of that facility would not take the place of a separate senior center, Con-

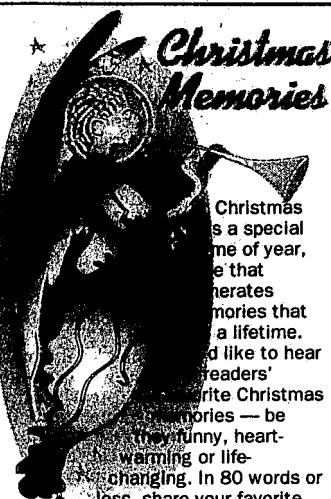
klin said, because the seniors want to maintain their own building.

According to written records at the center, the existing building, which is an old tri-level house off Clarkston Road, was opened in October 1979. Employees of the center estimate that some 100 people pass through its doors daily, either taking advantage of reasonably priced hot lunches, using the recreational facilities or seeking information about senior trips, which are also usually booked to capacity.

In addition, the township's senior citizen van provides transportation to the

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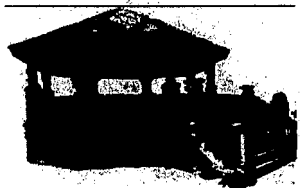
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### CLARKSTON

Like many villages and towns in our state, Clarkston takes its name from the people who did most to support and further its existence, Nelson and Jeremiah Clark. We know much about how the Clark brothers built mills and schools, grew apples and raised fish, and served their town well. Let's look at some other small towns in our region and see how they got their start. It seems they all have one thing in common — a hard-working founder with a vision of how the town should be.

Dexter, Mich., south of Ann Arbor, was founded by Judge Sam Dexter of Massachusetts. His father, who shared his name, had served in Congress and in the Cabinets of both Jefferson and Adams, and he saw to it that his son was well-educated. Sam went to Harvard and Harvard Law School. He came to Michigan, he wrote in a letter, to get rid of "the blue devils," meaning that he did not want to be bored.

Dexter, like many who founded towns, began by building or growing something settlers would need when they arrived. He started with a saw mill and a grist (flour) mill. He even went so far as to set up a pharmacy to lure a doctor into town, and he gave land to churches so they would form. He also sold land to the railroad for a low price so that it would come through town. He platted the village in 1830. It is said he based the layout on Washington, D.C., with numbers and letters for street names.

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

Opening soon: Mt. Zion Pastor Loren Covarrubias stands in the worship area of his church's new teen center on Sashabaw Road at Maybee. A former grocery store, the building is expected to be open to the public as an after-school drop-in center in January.

## Teen center

### Christian values the game plan at new recreation facility

BY CAROLYN WALKER  
STAFF WRITER

The inflatable sumo wrestling gear and human bowling ball have arrived, the arcade machines and pool tables are in place, and the in-line skating jumps have assumed their curves, making a commitment by community volunteers the last necessity to be filled for the grand opening of the Clarkston Christian Association teen center.

According to Mt. Zion Temple Pastor Loren Covarrubias, the associa-

tion's 43-year-old founder, organizers hope to open the teen center for after-school care and activities during the first week in January. The 40,000-square-foot building is currently being used for dance and youth service classes affiliated with Mt. Zion and is patterned after a similar facility the church owns in Waterford Township.

Covarrubias and his partners have geared their plans around middle-school-aged children who need a place to go after school when their parents are working, though they also intend

to offer classes and recreation to other age groups. They anticipate that middle-schoolers will be able to come to the center at about 2:30 p.m. weekdays and stay until 6 p.m. for a \$2-per-visit fee.

Youths will be issued identification tags with bar codes and their parents will be able to phone the center and, if they know their child's code, confirm the times their students arrive and leave, Covarrubias said.

"It's a way of working with parents," Covarrubias said, adding, "We need volunteers from the community

to work the after-school program. We want to service the kids. Our goal is to serve the community."

Negotiations are still in works with Clarkston Community Schools to see if bus transportation can be provided from the middle schools, he said, adding that it is possible the church will provide transportation to neighborhoods close to the church at some point in the future.

The former Food Town grocery store, located at the intersection of

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## Clarkstonite hired to oversee schools' technology transition

BY JAN BAKER  
SPECIAL WRITER

When he and his wife moved from Toledo to Independence Township in 1987, Matt McCarty never figured he would eventually become the first director of technology services for Clarkston School District.

But today, the 37-year-old former manager for Kelly Services Inc. holds that title. McCarty, newly created central office administration post. And he describes the recent turn of events as one of life's unexpected opportunities — one that kind of falls into your lap.

According to McCarty, his wife, Marilyn — who also touts a background in computers — was actually "sort of" scouting job prospects for herself when the district's position popped up.

"We knew the new (Clarkston) high school was going up," McCarty said. "So Marilyn asked our neighbor and friend, Chris Turner — who's the principal at Bailey Lake Elementary — if there was anything going on in the school system. When Chris found out that there was a posting for the director of technology services, he gave her the job description. And she looked at it and said, 'Well this is really more of what Matt does.' So she showed it to me."

"I wasn't really looking (for a job). I was keeping myself quite busy at Kelly. But as I read the job description, I could see it really did fit what I do. And I've always been interested in education. The opportunity was right there. And when you have that kind of an opportunity, you shouldn't pass it up."

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### Fall clean-up



Last of the leaves: Steve Martin of Clarkston, an employee of Northern Pines Lawn and Landscaping, cleans up leaves in front of an historic Main Street house last week. The Clarkston-based company services many of the homes along Main Street in downtown Clarkston.

## POLICE NEWS

The following incidents were reported to police and fire agencies in Springfield and Independence townships and the city of Clarkston Nov. 24-Dec. 1.

## Springfield Police

## Thefts

On Nov. 25, a stereo system and banking books were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on **Coventry Lane**.

On Nov. 28, a lawn mower was reported stolen from a shed on **Louise Court**.

## Attempted Auto Theft

On Nov. 26, police responded to a report of an attempted auto theft of a vehicle parked on **Bluewater**.

## Vandalisms

On Nov. 27, a driver's window was reported damaged on a vehicle parked on **Dixie Highway**.

## Independence Police

## Thefts

On Nov. 24, a vehicle was reported stolen while parked along **North Marshbank**.

On Nov. 26, two shotguns, a video recorder, a camera, amplifiers, binoculars and a crossbow were among items reported stolen from a residence on **Clement**.

On Nov. 27, a camcorder was reported stolen from a residence on **Whipple Lake Road**.

On Nov. 27, a dog was reported stolen from its leash in a yard

## on Clintonville Road.

On Nov. 30, stereo equipment was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on **Mockingbird Lane**.

## Dog Bite

On Nov. 25, police responded to a report that a 15-year-old girl was being attacked by a German Shepherd while walking along **Summerhill Drive**. A police report said the dog bit the girl once on the leg and then continued trying to bite her, while she protected herself with a book bag. A nearby resident, hearing the commotion, called the girl into her house for safety and police were notified.

## Indecent Exposure

On Nov. 25, two 14-year-old girls reported that a man exposed his genitals to them, from his car, while they were walking along **Mary Sue Street**.

## Vandalisms

On Nov. 28, a vehicle was reported vandalized while parked on **Thendara Road**.

## Possession of Marijuana

On Nov. 21, a 15-year-old Clarkston High School student was reported to be in possession of a small amount of marijuana while at the school on **Middle Lake Road**. His case was turned over to the Oakland County Probate Court for further investigation.

## Pedestrian Hit By Car

On Dec. 1, officers responded to an accident on **Waldon Road** near **Waldon Woods** in which a 16-year-old Independence Township youth was hit by an east-bound station wagon traveling

on **Waldon Road**. Witnesses said the youth ran into the road after watching for westbound traffic, a police report said. He was transported to a doctor by his mother. The driver was not cited.

## Traffic Accident

On Dec. 2, officers responded to the scene of a head-on accident on **Main Street** near **Paramus**. In that accident, the vehicle of a 42-year-old Waterford Township woman crossed the center line on Main Street and hit a vehicle being driven by a 71-year-old Clarkston man head-on. The woman was transported to Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital where she was evaluated and released. The man was treated by paramedics at the scene.

## Independence Fire

During the week of Nov. 24-Dec. 1, firefighters responded to 22 calls. Among them were 10 medical runs, five personal injury accidents and one vehicle fire. The incidents included:

On Nov. 30, firefighters assisted a person having seizures at a residence on **Ironwood Circle**.

## Clarkston Police

On Nov. 25, officers stopped a vehicle at **Main and Depot** streets that had been seen disobeying a traffic signal and the 30-year-old Pontiac woman driving the vehicle was found to be driving without a license. She was cited for disobeying a traffic signal and driving while unlicensed, a misdemeanor. She is to be arraigned in 52/2 District Court within the next 15 days.

## Clarkston High picked by state as model school

Clarkston High School is among 14 secondary schools in Michigan chosen by the State Board of Education to compete nationally for a Blue Ribbon award from the U.S. Department of Education.

As a state finalist for the national award, Clarkston High School automatically has the distinction of being a Michigan Exemplary School.

"It feels great to be recognized for the hard work our staff and students have been doing," Principal Brent Cooley said. "The process of applying for this award has shown all of us where our strengths are and where we want to go from here. I have said for years that we have great kids and a great program here, and it is heartening to have the Department of Education agree!"

Clarkston High School is the third school in the Clarkston district to be recognized since the Blue Ribbon program began in 1982. In 1988, Sashabaw Middle School was named a national Blue Ribbon winner; in 1986, Clarkston Middle School became a state finalist.

Superintendent Al Roberts was also pleased to hear of the award. He commented, "The real value of this prestigious recognition lies in the preparation of the application, the establishment of a network with other great schools, the involvement of parents and other community members, and the energy which the honor seems to create among faculty, staff, parents and students."

A state review panel recommended the Michigan finalists to the state school board after reviewers conducted on-site visits at each school. The 1997-98 Michigan Blue Ribbon Schools will be honored next fall at a special banquet.

At the national level, a national review panel will examine all state finalists in early January 1998 to determine which finalists will receive a site visit for verification of the application data. Final recommendations will be made in May to the Secretary of Education. A recognition ceremony will be held in Washington D.C. in the fall of 1998.

## Boy suspended after stealing starter gun from school gym

BY CAROLYN WALKER  
STAFF WRITER

A 13-year-old Clarkston Middle School student has been suspended for 10 days from school following his alleged involvement in the thefts of another student's cassette player and discs, a starter gun from the school's gym, and a bicycle from the school's bike rack.

The thefts were reported to school officials and Oakland County Sheriff's deputies on Nov. 20 and 21.

In the starter gun incident, a police report said the boy took the gun from a gym office and later told friends about it, also

showing them bullets to the gun that he had allegedly taken. The report said the boy hid the starter gun under a large rock behind Clarkston High School. It was later retrieved by police and returned to the school.

"We hope that this boy can learn from the experience and turn it around," said CMS Assistant Principal Ginny Farmer on Monday during a telephone interview. She declined further comment.

The boy's case was turned over to the juvenile division of Oakland County Probate Court to determine if charges will be filed, the police report said.



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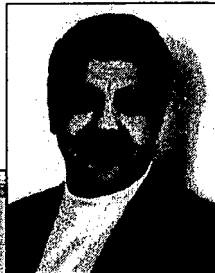
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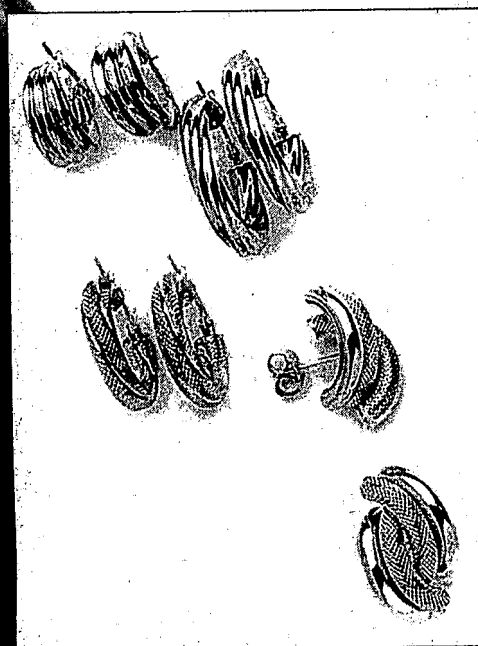
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## Teen center *from page A1*

Sashabaw and Maybee roads, has been restored, painted in bright primary colors, newly carpeted and divided into several rooms that will accommodate karate classes, dance classes, skateboarding and in-line skating, arcade machines, mock sumo wrestling and jousting matches, computers, air hockey, a large-screen television, a billiards room, a wood shop, a snack bar and a meeting room, among other activities.

Covarrubias, who ironically worked as a 16-year-old stock boy at the old Food Town, estimated that in addition to the pay of three full-time employees who have been refurbishing the building, some \$400,000 has been spent in indoor and outdoor renovations along with untold volunteer man hours.

The goal of the center, he said, is to promote Christian and family values, a sentiment that was echoed by Mt. Zion's youth director, Rich Christensen.

"We don't just have to conform to what the world is doing. We can set the precedent," Christensen said, speaking of the role the Christian church can play in providing answers to family and

societal concerns.

Christensen currently holds Sunday and Wednesday night youth services in the building that draw as many as 250 teens.

Covarrubias said that recent statistics show that the hours between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. are the ones when most youths get into trouble.

"Our thought is the church is supposed to be a solution to the world's problems — to actually get involved," Covarrubias said, explaining the impetus for the facility.

In addition to providing a fun and safe sanctuary for teens, Covarrubias said he has offered to open the center during daytime hours for use by senior citizens who frequent the Independence Township Senior Center, which currently finds itself operating under crowded conditions at its location in Clintonwood Park.

On Tuesday, township parks and recreation director Ann Conklin said she would like to take Covarrubias up on his offer but emphasized that such a move would not replace plans to build a new senior center in the township.

"The seniors want their own facility. It's not going to be in lieu of their own facility," she said, complimenting Mt. Zion on the beauty and accessibility of the new building.

In general, Covarrubias said, the new teen center has been warmly welcomed by community leaders and residents. He is aware, however, that the potential exists for occasional youthful disruptions or nay-sayers.

Youths attending the facility will not be permitted to roam outside once they have been admitted for activities, he said.

"People have a misperception oftentimes when they think of kids getting together. We want people to know that if they hear bad things, that most kids are nice and promote good behavior. Ninety-nine percent of the kids are excellent kids. Very respectful," he said.

He went on to say, "We're quite pleased with the community support. Clarkston really does have a sense of community."

**Tamara 'Tami' Pittao**  
Tamara Janelle "Tami" Pittao of Novi, formerly of Davisburg, died Nov. 24, 1997, at age 30.

Mrs. Pittao is survived by her husband, Daniel; daughter, Danielle; stepson, Christopher; parents, Robert and Phyllis Pindar of Chicago; parents-in-law, John and Joanne Pittao of Windsor; brother, Brian Pindar of Lake Orion and many other family members.

A funeral service was held Dec. 1 at Lewis E. Wint Funeral

Home in Clarkston.

Memorials may be made in care of Danielle's future education.

**Roy Welsey McMillen**  
Roy Welsey McMillen of Clarkston died Nov. 28, 1997, at age 89.

Mr. McMillen, who was retired, had been a welder for GMC Truck and Coach for 30 years.

Mr. McMillen is survived by a daughter, Jane (Royce) Griffith

of Clarkston; two grandsons, Welsey (Kim) Wilder and David (Tonya) Wilder, both of Clarkston; a granddaughter, Kari (Michael) McAvoy of Clarkston; five great-grandchildren; and a sister, Erma Kiseock of Minnesota. His wife, Aileen, died in 1993.

A funeral service was held Dec. 2 at Lewis E. Wint Funeral Home in Clarkston. Interment was in Perry Mount Park Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

## McCarty *from page A1*

up."

In his new position, McCarty said he will direct technology implementation at the elementary, middle schools and Clarkston's new high school. However, he explained that the district's other computer guru, Paul Witek, will oversee technology solely at the new CHS because of the immense scope of that project.

When asked what he thought his biggest challenge would be in this new job, McCarty pointed to staff development.

"We're asking teachers to

change the way they've always done things because the world has changed," he said. "And we're asking a lot of these people to do this in mid-career. And that's a very difficult thing to ask somebody to do."

The new director also said he expected the scheduling of staff training in an educational environment to require more forethought and creativity than the planning of employee training elsewhere. "In a business, you often can say, we're going to have this training from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday afternoon," McCarty said. "But a teacher's day is limited (outside the classroom). I'm confident it (adequate training) can be done, but trying to fit in the right kind of intervention with the right schedule will be a challenge."

According to the new technology director, the success of any enterprise largely depends on planning. And he views his ability to do that as a professional strength. "If you take a little more time to plan, you'll save so much more time on the actual implementation," he said. "For instance, we have a technology plan that we're going to implement. But there are also interim measures that we need to take to

get certain technologies into the elementary and middle schools so people there can at least use some of those technologies before the plan is fully implemented."

For obvious professional reasons, McCarty said he would like to successfully help get Clarkston schools up and running for the future. However, the director also cited two personal reasons: His 7-year-old son, Jimmy, attends second grade at Pine Knob Elementary and his daughter, Megan, will enter kindergarten there next fall.

The director said that his 10-year residential tie to the Clarkston community also adds to his desire to make a difference in the district. "Both of our families either live in Toledo or are scattered," McCarty said of himself and his wife. "We don't have moms or dads or brothers or sisters nearby ... but we have made so many good friends here and all of them have always stepped up to help us. Living in Clarkston, we've felt like we're a part of something. So when I was leaving Kelly (Services) and people there asked me, 'Where are you going?', I told them: 'I'm going to work in my home town.'"



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**Billiards, anyone?:** John Thomas enjoys playing pool with other seniors at the Independence Township Senior Center in Clintonwood Park. The township is studying the need for a larger senior center.

## Senior center from page A1

center for six individuals daily, as well as regularly taking seniors and the handicapped to Kmart, Meijers and the Summit Place Mall.

Out of approximately 10 seniors informally polled at the center on the day before Thanksgiving, all agreed that having a home-away-from-home during the day provides them with companionship and opportunities they might not otherwise have in their lives. On that Wednesday, over three-quarters of the seniors in attendance were over age 80.

"It's a hangout for us over-the-hill gang," said Bob Waddell, 70, smiling and wielding a pool cue during a game with several other men. "I like coming here and shooting pool in the winter-time."

And his pleasure was echoed by that of others who began coming to the center fairly recently.

"I'm happy with the place. You get treated real well," said Hubert "George" Switzer, a 77-year-old who has been attending the center for one year.

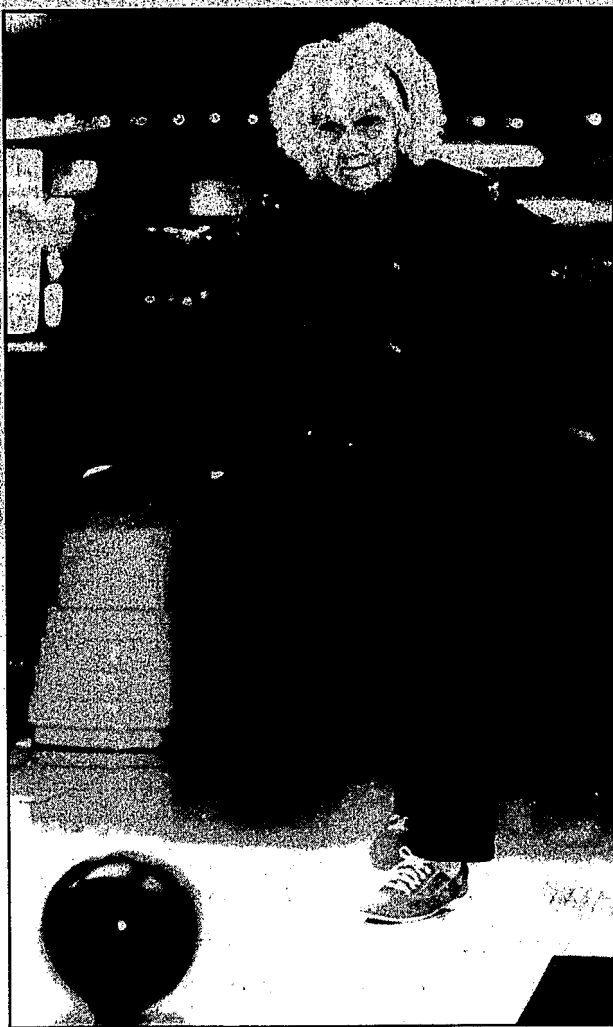
"The people are quite personable and very nice," agreed 85-

year-old newcomer Doris Gould.

Among the activities offered to seniors, either at the center or in cooperation with it, are bowling, emergency food assistance, blood pressure testing, a widowed support group, legal aid, volleyball, a mystery trip and bingo.

"We're absolutely bursting at the seams," said Lannette Amon, who has been senior center programmer for three years. "But that's a good thing!"

The Independence Township Senior Center is open from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.



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**Strike!** Edna Skalsky, 90, of Waterford bowls at Cherry Hill Lanes in Clarkston during an outing Monday with the Independence Township Senior Citizen Center.



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## Winter tax bills reflect levy for new school bond

Independence Township winter tax bills mailed the first of December reflect a new debt retirement levy of 1.8 mills for the Clarkston school bond proposal approved in June.

The total millage for Independence Township residents living in the Clarkston School District (the vast majority of residents) is 14.5334. Following is how the total tax rate was figured: 4.8180 mills is for the county, down from 4.8480 last year; 7.9154 mills is for the township, down from 8.1990 last year; and 1.80 mills is for the Clarkston School District debt bond, which has been placed on the winter tax bill since the millage passed after the time to place it on the summer tax bill.

To figure their taxes, residents should multiply the taxable value of their property by 0.0145334. For example, a house with a taxable value of \$100,000 would owe \$1,453.34 in winter property taxes.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1997

## Saturday night activity School dances would keep kids safe

A recent Western Michigan University study indicated that Clarkston students smoke cigarettes, drink alcohol and use other drugs at a rate higher than the national average.

The study also said that students smoke, drink and get high most often at home, at a party or at a friend's house. School, the study suggested, was one of the safest places for kids to be. In fact, 89 percent of Clarkston sophomores declared school a "no usage" setting, according to the study.

When the study came out last month, Clarkston Schools Superintendent Al Roberts said the district was planning to introduce additional supervised after-school activities to help steer kids away from drugs.

We have a suggestion: How about having Clarkston High School host Saturday night dances?

We checked with a few Clarkston High School students we know to see if students would go to Saturday night dances at school, and they said yes — as long as there was "a good deejay" to play the music.

Here's what else they told us: The dances shouldn't have any theme attached to them so kids can come as they are, and the dances should be held no more frequently than every other month so the novelty doesn't wear off. Also, there should be other activities like basketball and volleyball going on simultaneously so students who don't like to dance will still have something to do.

The students also liked the idea of donating

to charity the ticket sale proceeds from the dances.

Perhaps community groups and local businesses could take turns co-sponsoring the

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dances by donating refreshments and volunteering to chaperone. Currently,

the high school hosts three big dances a year — Homecoming, Snowcoming and the prom. These are well-attended. But we suspect more regular, non-theme dances would be a hit as well. A non-theme dance held Nov. 15 drew 600 students. (The dance was a freebie thrown by the deejay company that supplied the deejay for Homecoming.)

Also, students — as well as their parents, siblings, grandparents, etc. — have been packing the high school cafeteria during the Friday night pizza parties given after every home football game. The school initiated the parties, in part, to keep kids safe after athletic events.

As Principal Brent Cooley said, "We know when kids are with us, they have the opportunity to make decisions more helpful to them."

Saturday night dances would be another step in that direction.

## We're on the run to humble arthritis

"Hit the street with bells on your feet."

Imagine feeling pain whenever you write, walk or bend. Some people do and it's so severe, their independence is threatened.

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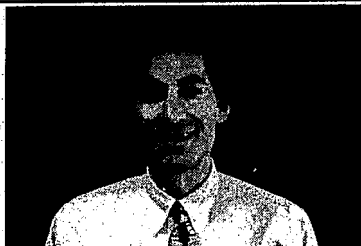
With the pursuit of good health our motivator, The Eccentric Newspapers has teamed up with the Arthritis Foundation's Oakland County-based Michigan Chapter and other sponsors to host the 10th annual Jingle Bell Run for Arthritis at 10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, in downtown Birmingham. This marks the second year Jingle Bell participants will converge on Birmingham.

Unique to the five-kilometer run/walk: shoelace bells so participants get in the holiday mood. The run features awards in several age divisions. Teams are welcome. Costumes are encouraged. A Kid's Elf Mile is scheduled for kids 12 and younger. Registration starts at 8 a.m. at The Community House, 380 S. Bates. For more information, call 1 (800) 968-3030.

Pledges and donations let the Arthritis Foundation do research to find ways to cure and prevent the disease. The United Way agency also offers community-service programs to improve the quality of life for those afflicted. Last year, the Michigan Chapter contributed \$350,000 to the cause.

More than 80 percent of the Arthritis Foundation's 1996 budget of \$105 million went to research and program services. Fourteen percent went to fund-raising. Only 6 percent went to administration.

### OAKLAND WATCH



BOB SKLAR

In the metro area, 600,000 men, women and children cope daily with the potential cripple and its 100 forms. More than 40 million Americans, including 285,000 children, suffer the pain, challenges and limitations of arthritis. The disease strikes one of every seven people. It's the leading cause of industrial absenteeism after heart disease and the leading cause of disability payments. I personally witnessed the physical and emotional toll it exacted on a family member, who struggled valiantly to keep working despite searing pain.

Even if you don't take part in the Jingle Bell Run, join the fun by cheering on those who do. The allure of fund-raising for a worthy cause amid the beautiful, brightly lit backdrop of Birmingham should win out no matter how wintry the morning might be.

Bob Sklar is managing editor of The Eccentric Newspapers. He welcomes your comments, either by touch-tone voice mail at (248) 901-2563 or by e-mail: skater@oeonline.com.

### COMMUNITY VOICE

#### QUESTION:

What kind of Christmas tree do you prefer at your house?



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Susan Marlowe  
Springfield Township



"Artificial. It's just what my parents do."

Wesley Leffel  
Independence Township



"Real. Actually, we're going to get both this year."

Nancy Viviano  
Independence Township



"I have to have artificial because I'm allergic to trees."

Virginia Ball  
Independence Township

This question was asked at the Clarkston Post Office.

### LETTERS

#### Good Samaritans still exist

I have been so very, very negligent in writing this letter, and I am sorry. My husband has an inherited disability in which the brain cells affecting balance, coordination and speech die. Due to this, in September 1994 he fell at the end of our 300-foot blacktop driveway when bending over to pick up a newspaper. He managed to crawl onto our lawn but was unable to stand. The first "Good Samaritan" lady stopped her car and tried to help him up, but could not. Then the second "Good Samaritan" lady stopped and the two tried to help him stand, but could not. Then the third "Good Samaritan" lady stopped and used her car phone to call for help.

The paramedics arrived and took him to the North Oakland Medical Center. During all this time, I was at a ladies' one-day retreat at a Pontiac church. Our neighbor phoned the church, and a friend took me to the hospital. Other friends came to encourage us and pray for us. Everyone at the medical center provided excellent care, and my husband was back home in seven weeks after hip surgery and learning to walk with a heavy walker. Matthew 25:40 Jesus says: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brothers; ye have done it unto me." My sincere and abundant thanks to all of you!

Joann M. Schwartz  
Clarkston

#### Gift helps Wisner Home

On Sept. 19, 1997, the Pontiac High School Class of 1936 had its 61st annual class reunion dinner.

At this dinner the 90 graduates present voted to give a gift of \$1,000 to the historic Wisner Home in Pontiac, which the Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society gratefully acknowledged with a letter of thanks.

I hope you may be of some help in publicizing this generous gift.

Robert H. Lake,  
1936 Class Treasurer  
Clarkston

#### Taxpayers deserve refund

The 84 local school districts that initiated and won the lawsuit against the state should be rightfully applauded for their efforts. It was encouraging to find the Headlee Amendment was finally recognized as being an integral part of the Michigan Constitution when the State Supreme Court ruled on the side of Michigan taxpayers that state-mandated programs must be funded by the state.

The question now arises who is entitled to the redistribution of the special education refunds?

During the 17 years in question, local taxpayers were wrongly required to fund special education. Districts were asking for millage increases and the voters responded. We had a county wide millage to cover special education during this period and the taxpayers are still paying that millage.

Since the passage of Proposal A, school districts are better off financially than before. They are reaping an unexpected windfall due to mounting revenues generated from a growing economy, the 6 percent sales tax, the real estate transfer tax, etc. — not to mention all the bond issues being passed by the voters.

Nevertheless, it was the taxpayers who were illegally required to pay in the first place and will be asked again to fund the distributions.

Rightfully the refunds should be returned to them.

Sam Piluras  
Oxford

#### Health before politics

I read with disgust the recent article in the Oakland Press about the ongoing saga between our county executive and our county commissioners regarding the well policy. I'm at a loss to understand why something that is a health and safety issue to many of the residents in northwestern Oakland County has been turned into a political circus. Renee Crouch is not the only arsenic-exposed person out here. I really cannot fathom why L. Brooks Patterson and Dr. Thomas Gordon of the health department want to downplay this issue. What is the health department for, if not to educate and warn residents of unsuspected danger?

The whole fight over the well policy is only half of the issue, whether to provide alert maps to residents drilling new wells. I'd like to know what is being proposed to alert current residents and people moving into existing homes about the possibility that they would be drinking a naturally occurring poison. What could possibly be wrong with alerting the public to potential arsenic and leaving it up to the homeowner for testing and treatment of their water if arsenic is found? An alert map is not going to cause the widespread hysteria and drop in property values that the county executive believes. Please stop this childlike bickering and develop a comprehensive policy that ensures the safety of all Oakland County residents.

Karen Johanning  
Ortonville

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## POINTS OF VIEW

## Let's lick Christmas card problem by mailing early

One of the greatest parts of the Christmas season is sending out and receiving Christmas cards. It is the extension of the season outside of your own family's activities. It is kind of like Christmas caroling in your neighborhood.

Every year I vow that I will get our cards out early, but every year I find myself deeply mired in card catalogs, well after Thanksgiving without having made a selection.

I remember one year that I was so behind, we sent out Valentine's Day cards instead. Another time we sent out New Year's cards.

We are usually so far behind that at the last minute someone has to call a card manufacturer and get a rush order.

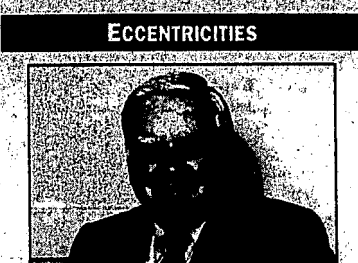
The cards finally arrive right in the middle of Christmas shopping time, and it's rush, rush, rush, getting them out.

Since it is the only way some of our friends know we are still alive, it should be a wonderful opportunity to jot down a note and truly express your personal greetings of the season.

Instead the recipient gets a colorful piece of cardboard with the Hogan's name printed across the bottom.

Since all the effort expended goes into addressing, stuffing and stamping, and it is done under a time pressure, the true feeling behind the card never gets past the thinking stage.

On top of this we receive many beautiful cards that we don't fully enjoy because they all arrive at once,



HANK HOGAN

and it happens to be a time when we are all hustling about with little time to enjoy anything.

The answer seems quite simple. Why not send Christmas cards out at Thanksgiving time?

If everyone did it, then the last two weeks in December wouldn't be so

harried and the recipients would have a whole month to enjoy the cards.

As an added benefit, you would know who sent cards early, and if you hadn't reciprocated, there would still be time to sneak out and pick up a couple of extra cards.

Besides sending out cards early, we should do away with printed signatures on cards.

The printed name makes life easier because you can always have someone else address, stuff and mail your cards without your really being involved at all in the project, but if this is the case, isn't it really a waste of time to send cards at all?

If you have to write your name at the bottom, chances are that you will

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add a postscript at the same time, and aren't these the type of cards you really enjoy getting?

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

## Blue-ribbon success tied to people who support vision

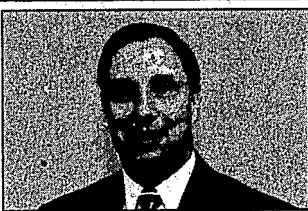
Staff members were understandably thrilled last week to hear the news that Clarkston High School is one of only 14 secondary schools in the state that have been recommended to the U.S. Department of Education for consideration as a national school of excellence. When you consider that we are meeting the state's Blue Ribbon standard even before we move into our beautiful new facility, think what we will be able to do two or three years from now!

But it isn't the Blue Ribbon, or the notoriety that makes a difference in the lives of our teachers, their students, parents or community. As a person who has served as a site visitor for the U.S. Department of Education on several occasions, I don't want to downplay the significance of

achieving this honor. The competition is extraordinarily tough, and the selection process is extremely thorough. Rather, my intent is to give credit where credit is due, and to provide our citizens with some additional perspective about CHS.

The key to success in any organization is its people. No business, Fortune 500 company, or school achieves greatness without personnel who are there day in and day out to guide and support the vision. The real value of this prestigious recognition lies in the preparation of the application; the establishment of a network with other great schools; the involvement of parents and other community members; and the energy which the honor seems to create among faculty and staff, parents and students.

At the most recent recognition cere-



AL ROBERTS

mony in Washington, I had the opportunity to hear Hillary Rodham Clinton address this year's elementary Blue Ribbon winners. You could almost taste the excitement, positive attitudes and commitment that these educators will bring back to their schools. They had the opportunity to share their thoughts and creative approaches and, most importantly, their dreams for the students they

served. I personally had the pleasure of sitting with the representatives of two schools that I had actually visited. My enthusiasm has rarely been questioned, but sharing viewpoints with the leaders of those schools recognized to be among the best in the nation heightened even my exuberance.

In Clarkston, the challenge, to raise the academic standards, has been heard. Our faculty and staff have addressed this challenge in creative, imaginative ways! They have employed active teaching methods and devised strategies to help us reach our learners. I believe that is what a Blue Ribbon School is all about. But win or lose, we must continually challenge ourselves to show better performance, to go beyond school improvement to achieve gen-

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uine excellence. The real value of the Blue Ribbon Award is found in its ability to press us to that higher standard — and that's where we want to be. At Clarkston we are interested in recognition for the right reasons, not as a public relations "ploy," but to reach the pinnacle of success for our kids.

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

## Primaries might be best way to nominate college candidates

For decades, political insiders have been shaking their heads in wonder at Michigan's odd and virtually unique system of selecting members of major education boards. By state constitutional mandate, candidates for the State Board of Education and for the boards of the Big Three universities — University of Michigan, Michigan State and Wayne State — are nominated at party state conventions and elected statewide on the partisan ballot in November.

The usual result is that those so selected are virtually unknown and largely ignored by a news media preoccupied with other, sexier races. In turn, this lends a certain random quality to the outcome of elections, with winners generally riding on the coattails of Democratic or Republican candidates for governor or president.

That's too bad, because these boards, although largely unknown, have a considerable impact on Michigan public policy and shouldn't be selected merely on somebody else's coattails. The State Board of Education, for instance, oversees the contentious charter school experiment, while the U-M Board of Regents is at the center of the far-reaching lawsuit challenging the university's practice of using affirmative action in admissions decisions in order to achieve a diverse student body.

For years, however, this system has worked pretty well in practice. The key to making the process work has been sensible and far-sighted board members who, well in advance of their party's conventions, have recruited able candidates and worked to wire the conventions by selling their candidates to the party leaders and interest groups.

Sometimes the system doesn't work. Absent good early candidates and a pre-wired convention, the urge to play ticket balancing or interest group politics becomes uncontrollable. I remember sitting in on the Democratic Party's "Midnight Caucus" some years ago when people started talking seriously about how important it was to find a female Pole from the Upper Peninsula to run for the MSU board.

In recent years, the Republican Party has experienced considerable trouble with educational nominations, in large part because the political litmus test required of all candidates by Right to Life, the predominant interest group in the GOP, is an unquestioned anti-abortion position.

Two years ago, for instance, Judy Frey, an experienced civic worker from Grand Rapids, was recruited by Gov. John Engler to run for the U-M board. Engler even gave her nominating speech. But Frey lost the nomination to Mike Bishop, an unknown lawyer from Rochester Hills whose main claim to fame was



PHILIP POWER

serving as president of his fraternity while an undergraduate at U-M.

The issue was abortion. Frey was pro-choice; Bishop, whose late entry into the race was orchestrated by Right to Life and the religious right, was pro-life.

Sen. John Schwarz, the leading legislative authority on higher education, is angry about it. "Judy Frey was treated shabbily, shamefully, by my party," Schwarz says, arguing that it is "not only wrong, but absolutely wrong" to choose university trustees solely on the basis of their ideology on abortion or the services they have rendered to powerful party interest groups.

And Schwarz, who chairs the Senate Appropriations subcommittee on higher education, wants to do something about it. It's tough, he admits, to change the Michigan Constitution, which specifies that university boards shall be elected statewide.

But at a recent meeting of the Michigan Association of Governing Boards of State Universities, Schwarz proposed a legislative statute specifying primaries rather than conventions as the means of nominating candidates for state university posts. Legislation to that end could be passed to take immediate effect without going through all the trouble of amending the Michigan Constitution.

Schwarz's idea received a mixed reception. Carl Pursell, a veteran Republican legislator and now serving as (an appointed, by the governor) regent of Eastern Michigan University, predicted "his bill won't fly."

But Schwarz has performed an important public service by bringing into sharp focus an important aspect of the soft underbelly of Michigan politics. His ideas deserve a fair and robust hearing.

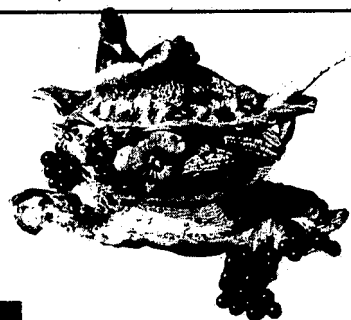
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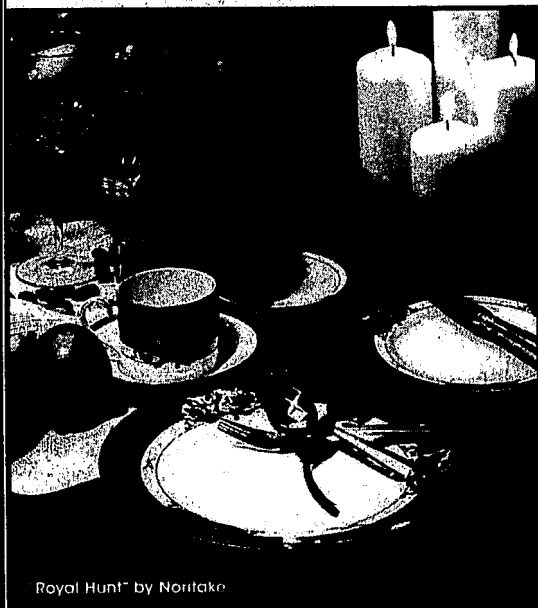
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## Jobless benefits hike stalemated

BY TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

A House Democratic bill to raise unemployment benefits was expected to be dead on arrival when the Republican-controlled Michigan Senate returned Dec. 2.

The Democrats' gift to organized labor came Nov. 6, three weeks after Republican Gov. John Engler announced that jobless benefit taxes on employers will be cut 10 percent, or \$50 million, in 1998.

"Irresponsible," said House minority leader Ken Sikkema, R-Grandville, of the Democratic bill. "In two days' time, House

Democrats recklessly undid several years of work fixing a troubled system that was desperately in need of repair."

"This is a major step in correcting the injustice perpetrated two years ago by a callous, mean-spirited, Republican-dominated state Legislature," said Frank Garrison, president of the state AFL-CIO.

Republicans control the Senate 22-16 with the victory of David Jaye in a Macomb County district to fill a vacancy. Democrats have a 58-51 margin in the House with Jaye's departure.

The stalemate means that

Public Act 25 of 1995, passed when Republicans controlled both chambers, is still in effect.

House Bill 5303, sponsored by Rep. Rose Hogardus, D-Davison, is aimed at restoring jobless benefits to the pre-1995 level. Her changes:

■ Restores the benefit rate to 70 percent of after-tax earnings. The GOP (current) law pegs them at 67 percent.

■ Raises maximum benefits to 58 percent of the state average weekly wage of \$591.18, or \$342.88. That's \$42.88 more than current law. The bill restores cost-of-living indexing.

■ Allows seasonal workers to qualify for jobless benefits.

■ Reduces the amount a worker must earn to qualify for benefits. Ironically, the threshold was raised when the Legislature in 1996 hiked the minimum wage from \$3.35 to \$5.15 per hour.

Engler announced Oct. 16 that an automatic 10 percent tax cut for employers would take effect in tax year 1998 because the state had a higher-than-anticipated balance in its Unemployment Trust Fund.

"The trust fund owed the federal government a \$417 million debt in 1991. Through hard work, we've erased that debt entirely and built a \$2 billion surplus," Engler said.

Michigan's balance had to be at least \$2.077 billion to trigger the reduction. The U.S. Treasury Department said Michigan's mid-1997 balance was \$2.088 billion with no outstanding debt.

Michigan employers unemployment insurance taxes are assessed against the first \$9,500 of wages of an employee. The maximum tax rate has been 10 percent. In 1998 it will be 9 percent.

The GOP's Sikkema credited the 1995 changes with "prompting record declines in unemployment and welfare cases while expanding job opportunities."

### CLARIFICATION

Angels' Place, which provides homes and hope for developmentally disabled adults whose parents or guardians can no longer care for them, houses 16 men and women age 26 or older in four state-licensed homes in Oakland County. A column in last Thursday's Eccentric incorrectly listed the number of residents.

## Business group urges stronger HS testing

The Michigan Business Leaders for Education Excellence is urging the state House and State Senate to strengthen the High School Proficiency Test (HSPT) and to maintain the state-endorsed diploma.

"The Michigan Legislature must continue to raise academic standards for all Michigan children and the time for action is now," said MBLEE Chairman Dave Whitwam, chairman and CEO of Whirlpool Corp.

Specifically, MBLEE wants to strengthen the HSPT by retaining a high standard in cut scores, with clear definitions as to what each level means.

Quick action on the Senate floor is needed to ensure that a complete HSPT process is in place for testing this year and that past problems with administering the test are avoided.

The business group said the HSPT is a major step to restoring the value and integrity of the high school diploma, to fairly measure a student's ability to apply the knowledge they have gained and raise the standard of education in Michigan's schools.

Not to be overlooked is the importance of maintaining the endorsed diploma, noted MBLEE Director Jim Sandy. "For years, we assumed that any child completing 13 years of schooling

would be equipped with the necessary skills to enter the work force or go on to college.

"Unfortunately, we were wrong, but the endorsed diploma will send the message that these skills are necessary and important."

MBLEE has been engaged in a campaign to raise the awareness of Michigan employers about how the endorsed diploma can be a useful tool in hiring practices.

Jim Barrett, president and CEO of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, said, "It is up to the employers to include the endorsed diploma as part of the employment process. This will send a strong message to schools and students that a quality education is a prerequisite to procuring a quality job."

MBLEE is an education reform initiative formed in 1991. It is a collaborative effort between the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, the Michigan Business Roundtable, corporate sponsors and key policy makers.

## Lookin' for a best friend



STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

**Puppy love:** These puppies are just some of the animals awaiting adoption Saturday at a special adoption day at the Oakland County Animal Care Center.

## Take a pet home before the holidays

The phrase "home for the holidays" could take on new meaning for dozens of cats, dogs, puppies and kittens at the Oakland County Animal Control and Care Center. The center is sponsoring Holiday Stray Day from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 6, at its animal shelter, 1700 Brown Road, Auburn Hills.

Center staff members encourage the adoption of animals; however, if you are planning on bringing a pet home for the holidays, it's recom-

mended that the pet be brought home before the holiday, so it has a chance to adjust before the hustle and bustle begins.

The Holiday Stray Day includes information on pets and a Christmas personality present.

Besides the special adoption day, regular hours are 10 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. Monday and Friday, and Tuesday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

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ROCHELLE SMITH

*Have a 'perfect' kid like mine? He must be 9!*

**M**y youngest son, Matthew, is 9 years old. Other than being incredibly shy and very sensitive, I believe he is a typical 9-year-old. I would hate to be accused of using a stereotype, but I've given it some thought and, in my household, at least, being a typical 9-year-old seems to mean the following:

**Faultless:** No matter what happens, it's never Matthew's fault. Usually, if asked, he will give several reasons that it's my fault. I remember the same characteristic in my older son when he was 9. If Matthew is sent to his room to fold his laundry and emerges an hour later having failed to finish the 10-minute job, it's not his fault. "You didn't tell me I had to fold them now. I'm going to fold them later" or "You didn't give me enough time" may be the excuse. If he is told to eat his dessert at the dining room table and not take it to his bedroom, when found in his room an hour later with the dessert, it's not his fault. "You called me upstairs and I didn't have time to finish it" or "You forgot to remind me that I can't eat it in my room" could be his explanation. No matter what happens, the one thing you can count on is, it's not his fault, but, somehow, it's probably mine.

**It's not fair:** Recently my 9-year-old has pointed out numerous times,

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## Fresh trees rooted in tradition

For many families, Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without a live evergreen tree to decorate.

There's something special about bundling up the family, trudging through the snow in search of the perfect tree, inhaling the tree's fresh fragrance as you bring it home and warming up afterward with hot chocolate.

Clarkston residents who enjoy this tradition will be glad to know they don't have to drive far to find a tree farm or a nursery selling high-quality pre-cut live trees.

Listed below are the tree farms, nurseries and their prices, hours, services, etc., as well as several tips from Lowrie's Landscape in Springfield Township and Frank's Nursery and Crafts in Independence Township for selecting and caring for a live tree.

Lowrie's also explains why choosing a fresh tree is the environmentally friendly thing to do.

### Tree farms

**Rattalee Lake Tree Farm**, 7652 Rattalee Lake Road, Independence Township — You choose; they cut. Norway and blue spruce, Scotch pine, Douglas fir and fresh-cut Fraser fir from North Carolina. Prices: \$30 and up. Wagon rides, warming room and refreshments. Open 10 a.m. until dark daily. Located on Rattalee Road, one mile west of M-15. 625-9127.

**Ginn's Acres**, 6780 Rattalee Lake Road, Independence Township — You choose from already cut trees. Blue spruce, Douglas fir and Scotch pine. Prices: Spruce and Douglas fir, \$29 up to 10 feet, then \$1 a foot after that; Scotch pine \$19. Open 4-9 weekdays; 9 to 9 weekends. Driveway is on M-15, immediately north of Rattalee Lake Road. 673-0986.

**Roberts Tree Farm**, Brandon Township — New farm this year. Choose and cut your own. Blue spruce. Price: \$35. Open noon to dark daily. Located on Sashabaw Road one-quarter mile north of Seymour Lake Road;



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**Candy Cane Christmas Tree Farm**, 4780 Seymour Lake Road, Brandon Township — Choose and cut your own. Nine varieties including Fraser fir. Prices: \$15 to \$55. Free tree wrap, saws and tree sleighs provided. Emu exhibit, warm beverages. Open noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Located on Seymour Lake Road, three

quarters of a mile east of Sashabaw. 628-8899.

### Nurseries

**Lowrie's Landscape**, 9561 Dixie Highway, Springfield Township — Pre-cut trees. Assortment of fresh-grown Michigan trees including Scotch pine, Colorado spruce, Douglas fir. Also, Fraser firs from North Carolina.

Prices start at \$20 and go up to \$60 or more. Free baling in nylon twine. Open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Located on Dixie Highway one and a half miles north of I-75. 625-8844.

**Frank's Nursery and Crafts**, 7151 Dixie Highway, Independence Township — Pre-cut Scotch pine, bal-

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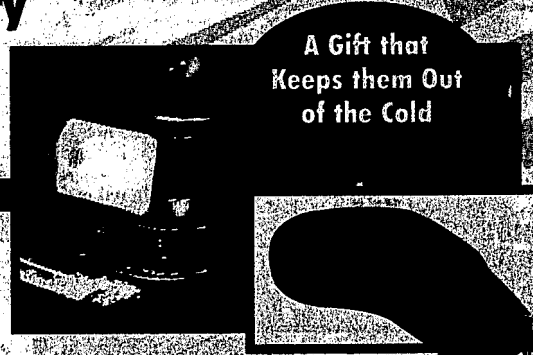
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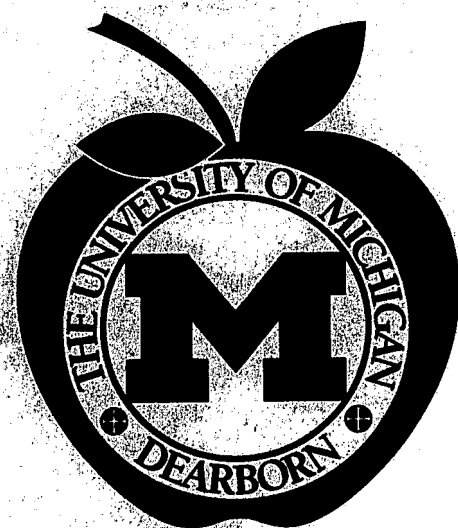


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# 2 'ladies' find companionship on a lonely November night

Only two nights before the Thanksgiving holiday, Mrs. X found herself alone in her house for the first time in months. Standing in her kitchen, she paused to take in sounds she had forgotten amidst the usual hubbub of children's laughter and wrangling pets.

The quiet hum of her refrigerator. The gentle ticking of her stove clock. The drone of the distant furnace forcing warm air up through the floor vents.

Mrs. X felt the warm air encircling her ankles and calves, moving the stubby hairs that dotted her legs the way a wind sways willow branches just before a storm. She reached down to rub one spot that tickled and then turned to open her kitchen window, facing a black sky and the halo of a distant streetlight.

Her fingers alighted on the frame's rusted metal handle and she turned it counterclockwise, once, twice — opening the window just a fraction and letting in a blast of the cold November air.

As she did so, Mrs. X was surprised to see a single bug whoosh in. It came from the dark of night into the soft light of her kitchen and stalled itself in mid air, flapping its wings furiously in an effort to gain control over its own destiny.

Mrs. X imagined that she heard the wind-blown bug go, "Whoa!"

Resisting an urge to swat it, she thought, "Drat! I've got a winter fly to contend with," and she put her flour-dusted hands on her hips in disgust as the bug expertly and efficiently pulled in its wings and let itself drift down onto Mrs. X's wooden cutting board.

The wings folded themselves against the bug's back and converted to a shell with a deep-red, fingernail-polish gloss and several black polka dots. No fly at all, the bug got its bearings on its legs and settled itself while Mrs. X said with whispered astonishment:

"Ladybug, what are you doing out tonight?"



CAROLYN WALKER

Mrs. X had a personal policy against swatting ladybugs and was glad she had resisted that particular urge, in her ignorance. She had favored ladybugs over all other bug types ever since she was a child.

(Oh, certainly, lightning bugs had fascinated her, as did the occasional "walking stick." And butterflies could evoke more than a passing pleasure. But it was ladybugs that truly captured her heart.)

Silly as it was, Mrs. X had never lost her girlhood compassion for their plight, as told in a childhood rhyme that she still remembered. "Ladybug, ladybug, fly away home. Your house is on fire and your children have gone."

The rhyme had given Mrs. X her first girlhood notions about loneliness.

Mrs. X watched while the ladybug walked daintily along the edge of the cutting board, getting, she imagined, little mounds of slippery, damp pie crust stuck against her feet.

The cutting board sat precariously near the edge of the sink and Mrs. X nudged it over gently, toward the cookie jar, to prevent the bug from taking a dangerous plunge.

Beside them (Mrs. X wondered if the ladybug could smell its scents), a simple, homemade chicken pie baked in the oven. Mrs. X had the thermostat on low, allowing the pie to bake slow, knowing that her family would be hungry when they arrived home later.

For a moment, she took her eyes off the ladybug and peeked into the oven to check on the pie's condition and she was relieved to see that its crust was turning a golden brown. When she returned her gaze to the cutting board, she found that the ladybug was no longer there.

Searching her kitchen with her eyes for one quick moment, Mrs. X located the ladybug crawling up a cupboard door, on her way toward the window. The narrow slit she had created by first opening it remained, though the draft had died down, and Mrs. X supposed that the ladybug would soon resume her flight.

"Ladybug, ladybug, fly away home..." Mrs. X sang to her little visitor, opening the window wider. And the humming refrigerator and the ticking clock and the droning furnace played along.

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, Clark-

ston, Mich., 48346 or fax to 248-625-5712. Deadline for calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper.

### FRIDAY, DEC. 5

**CHRISTMAS COOKIE BONANZA**  
10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Citizens Bank on Andersonville Road in Davis-

burg. Home-baked cookies sold by the dozen. Mix and match. Sponsored by Friends of the Springfield Township Library. Volunteer bakers and sales people needed. Call the library at 625-0595.

### CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR SPECIAL PEOPLE

7 - 9 p.m., Hart Community Cen-

ter at the Millpond in Davisburg. A Christmas party for special people will include a dance with the music of deejay Matt Wolfe, a visit with Santa and a gift for everyone. For more information, call (248) 634-9570.

### SATURDAY, DEC. 6

**LIBRARY YOUTH HOLIDAY PARTY**  
10:30 a.m. to noon or 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. The Youth Services Department of the Independence Township Library and The Clarkston Optimist Club present an annual Holiday Party For Kids, celebrating Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and festivities for all holidays. Refreshments, a special North Pole visitor, and the gift of a book chosen by the child are included. Admission is free, but children require tickets due to space limitations. Optional picture with Santa, \$1. Call 625-2212.

**HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS**  
1 - 4 p.m., Independence Oaks Nature Center. Celebrate holiday traditions and create unique handmade gifts. Simultaneous sessions for both children and adults. Light refreshments, sing-along and seasonal surprise visitor. Fees for craft sessions payable at registration. Registration required. Call (248) 625-6473 for additional information.

**SINGLES DANCE**  
8 p.m. - 12:30 a.m., Bethany North Oakland Singles Christmas Dance, St. Daniel Parish, corner of Miller and Holcomb roads, Clarkston. Admission of \$8 includes refreshments and snacks. For information, call (248) 625-6784 or 625-6410.

### SUNDAY, DEC. 7

**CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING**  
5 p.m. - 6 p.m., Hart Community Center, Davisburg. Springfield Township Parks and Recreation will celebrate the holiday season with "An Old-fashioned Christmas" with Dickens carolers, a visit from Santa and a mitten tree. Admission is free, includes refreshments. Call (248) 634-0412.

**TECH THE HALLS OPEN HOUSE**  
1-4 p.m., Oakland Technical Center, Northwest Campus, 8211 Big Lake Road off Dixie Highway, Springfield Township. Visit the high-tech educational programs offered at OTC-NWC. Included in the 17 career programs are programming robots, surfing the Internet, business technology, diesel technology and more. Creations by the stu-

dents of floral design and culinary arts for sale. Call Barbara Mack (248) 625-5202.

**BREAKFAST FOR BASEBALL**  
9 a.m. - noon, American Legion Chief Pontiac Post No. 377, 4819 Edgewood, Clarkston. Breakfast will benefit the baseball program. Breakfast of \$3.50 includes eggs, hash browns, toast or pancakes and choice of ham, sausage, bacon. Coffee, juice and milk for 50 cents. Call (248) 673-9301.

**RIVERDAWS SOFTBALL TRYOUTS**  
2 p.m. at Brandon High School. Girls interested in trying out for the 16 and under Riverdaws team can join the tryouts. Call Independence Township Parks and Recreation, (248) 625-8223.

### MONDAY, DEC. 8

**DOLLARS FOR COLLEGE**  
7:30 - 9 p.m., Independence 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.

### SATURDAY DEC. 13

**BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**  
9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Independence Township Parks and Recreation. Boys and girls ages 10 - 17 will play in age appropriate divisions for a 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament. Registration necessary. Call (248) 625-8223.

### SUNDAY, DEC. 14

**PARK FAMILY HOLIDAY FEST**  
2-5 p.m., Bay Court Parks Playscape. Independence Township Parks and Recreation will host "A Family Holiday Fest." Santa's elves have turned the playscape into the North Pole for family fun, a visit with Santa, refreshments and a horse-drawn sleigh ride. Advance tickets must be purchased by Dec. 11: \$5 for residents, \$7 non-residents, \$20 resident families, \$25 non-resident families. Call 625-8223.

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the great inequities of life. My husband and I used to refer to our oldest son as the "it's-not-fair kid." I recently realized that our oldest no longer drones on and on about how every little circumstance in life is so unfair to him. Unfortunately, what caused me to notice this was the fact that our younger son has now taken his place. If there are four pieces of candy and Matthew is given first choice as to which two he wants, it's safe to assume that once my older son has taken the remaining two pieces of candy, Matthew will change his mind and then proceed to tell us how unfair it is that he can't have the two pieces that his older brother has just put into his mouth. After all, it's not his fault that his brother put the candy in his mouth before he had a chance to change his mind. It's also possible that it's my fault for giving him first pick and not telling him that he couldn't change his mind. "It's just not fair!"

**Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde:** My 9-year-old is a little sweetheart. He can be so caring and sensitive, so generous and sharing, so adorable and cuddly.

Then there are the odd-numbered days. The same child who will give you the shirt off his back one minute will not even let you look at his toy the next. The sensitive little guy who wants to help me with the dishes "just to be nice" one day puts up a fight the next day if I ask him to pick up the cereal that he has dropped on the table. And of course, although it was fine to give him a hug while dropping him off at school last week, it is now the worst thing a mother could possibly do.

Being the mother of a 9-year-old has its ups and downs. While I'm waiting for him to outgrow some of the less appreciated 9-year-old traits, I can enjoy the sweet, loving child that reappears from time to time and remember that, after all, it's not his fault that life is so unfair (actually, somehow, it's probably mine).

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

## Pick the Christmas tree yule like

The following is from Frank's Nursery and Crafts:

■ **Fraser Firs** have soft dark green needles with silver-toned undersides, a pleasant fragrance and excellent needle retention.

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■ **Balsam Firs** have short green needles, stout branch structure and a moderate fragrance.

■ **Blue Spruce** trees are known for their blue-green needles and layered branch

structure, making them easy to decorate.

■ **Douglas Firs** are best known for their dense fragrant needles and tall pyramid shape. Douglas Fir trees have great needle retention, allowing them to keep that "just-cut" appearance all holiday season.

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sam fir, Douglas fir, Fraser fir. Prices: \$16.99 to \$49.99. Free baling. Open 9 to 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday. Located on Dixie Highway at White Lake Road. 620-0290.

■ **Bordine's Better Blooms**, 8600 Dixie Highway, Springfield Township — Live potted spruce trees up to 4 feet in height and fresh-cut Fraser fir, Douglas fir, concolor, noble fir, balsam fir and Scotch pine. Prices: \$20 to \$199. Free baling and tying onto vehicle. Free visits with Santa, entertainment and refreshments on weekends. Open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Located on Dixie Highway just north of I-75. 625-9100.

### Selecting a tree

■ Make sure the tree is the right size for the space. Measure the room before you go shopping, and measure the tree at the lot or farm because trees appear smaller in the lot or the yard than they appear in the house.

■ Look at the trunk to make sure it's straight for easy placement in a tree stand and for the best presentation.

■ Do a freshness test. Gently grasp a branch between your thumb and forefinger and pull it toward you. Very few needles should come off in your hand. Second, take a look at the ground around the tree. You should not see an excessive amount of green needles on the ground. Some interior loss of brown needles is normal and will occur over the lifetime of the tree.

■ Have the tree baled for better transportation. When baled, protective plastic netting is placed around the tree, keeping the branches from breaking while in transit.

■ Once you've chosen your tree, keep it sheltered in an unheated area such as a porch or garage to protect it from the wind and sun until you're ready to decorate it.

■ Before you set up your tree, make a fresh, straight cut across the base of the trunk — about half an inch up from the original cut — and immediately place the tree in a tree stand that holds a minimum of one gallon of water.

■ Water your tree daily. "Car-

■ **On average, the life of an artificial tree is just six years. Then the plastic is tossed into a landfill where it will lie in a composed state forever.**

ing for your real tree is easy. The most important thing to remember is that real trees need water daily," says Tom Lowrie, owner of Lowrie's Landscape. "Never let your tree stand go dry." The National Christmas Tree Association recommends that consumers use a tree stand that holds a minimum of one gallon of water for any cut Christmas tree that is 5 to 7 feet in height. A tree will absorb as much as a gallon of water in the first 24 hours and one or more quarts a day thereafter. Water is important because it prevents needles from drying and the boughs from drooping.

■ Keep your tree away from heat and draft sources like fireplaces, radiators and television sets. Test your light cords and connections before hanging them on the tree to make sure they're in good working order. You don't want to use cords with cracked insulation or broken or empty sockets. Always be sure to unplug lights before you go to bed or leave the house.

### Recyclable resource

"Buying a real Christmas tree is definitely an environmentally sound choice," says Lowrie. "What could be simpler or natural?"

Although artificial tree owners will insist that theirs is a better choice because their tree is being used every year, the National Christmas Tree Association says on average, the life of an artificial tree is just six years. Then the plastic is tossed into a landfill where it will lie in a composed state forever.

"Fake trees are made of plastic and aluminum," says Lowrie. "They will never break down or decompose when they're disposed of."

Christmas trees are no different than any other agricultural group, according to Lowrie.

"These trees are raised to be harvested as Christmas trees. If consumers didn't buy real trees, farmers wouldn't grow them and there would be about a million fewer acres of trees growing in the U.S. For every tree harvested, two to three new trees are planted in its place, Lowrie says.

Lowrie suggests the following post-holiday recycling ideas for your real tree:

■ The biodegradable trunk and branches can be used as mulch for gardens or in animal stalls. The mulch provides a protective barrier for the roots of other plants and vegetation while preventing weeds from growing. The mulch then decomposes, providing the nutrients plants need to thrive.

■ Before recycling, Christmas trees can be used to make bird feeders, adding color and excitement to the winter garden. Use orange slices, suet and seed to attract the birds. They will come for the food and stay for the shelter in the branches.

## Blood drive



PHOTO BY LEE SMITH

**Giving blood, giving life:** Nurse Fern Morrison checks on Clarkston High School senior James Gaw during a Red Cross blood drive at the school Monday. The drive generated 110 pints of blood; the goal was 105. Often during the holidays, blood supplies run dangerously short. To donate blood, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.

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Larry and Carol Eberhardt of Clarkston are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Kelly Eberhardt, to Ibrahim Diokhane.

The couple were married by Cheikh Anta Mbake in Touba, Senegal, on July 11, 1997. Kelly,

a microbiologist at Rockefeller University in New York City, is a 1988 graduate of Clarkston High School and a 1992 graduate of the University of Michigan. She currently attends Hunter College and will complete her master's degree in

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Ibrahim, who moved to New York City from Senegal in 1980, manages his own business making and selling African drums. The couple resides in Brooklyn, New York.

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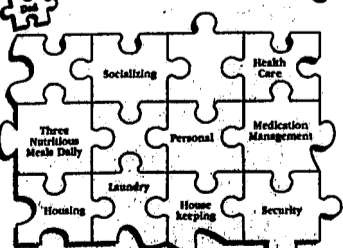
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## TASTE

# Too many chefs? A family full of culinary artists

BY ELEANOR HEALD  
SPECIAL WRITER

Three brothers, all executive chefs at high-profile restaurants in the Detroit metropolitan area — this is a one-of-a-kind phenomenon. It may be duplicated, but diligent research has failed to find it in another U.S. metro area.

Thirty-four-year-old Louai Sharkas is executive chef/owner of Oakland Grill in Royal Oak. His 30-year-old brother Bassam "Sam" is executive chef/partner at Colangelo's in Pontiac. Lee, 29, is executive chef at Andiamo West in Bloomfield Hills.

In 1977, all three emigrated from Baghdad with their parents Amelda and Saib Sharkas. Because they had relatives there, the family settled in Southfield and call this city "home"

today.

Louai's father wanted him to have a "respected" career, so Louai attended Walsh College and studied business and finance. But his love of cooking, a passion that began with his first kitchen job at the former Bijou 20 years ago, won out. There he met Bobby Komoto, now maitre d'hotel at Oakland Grill, and Marty Jenkins, an Oakland Grill head waiter.

After a few positions in area restaurant kitchens, Louai was hired at Birmingham's Townsend Hotel where he

became executive chef upon the retirement of chef Carolyn Haskins (now special projects chef at Birmingham's Big Rock Chop and Brew House), whom he cites as his culinary mentor.

"Carolyn insisted on classic cooking techniques," Louai remarked. "But Douglass Grech (former owner of Douglass Douglass in Southfield, now a personal chef and New York food designer) taught me the meaning of flair."

Louai thoroughly enjoys being owner, managing Oakland Grill and directing the kitchen. "I love doing my own thing

and controlling my own destiny," he added.

Louai's brother Sam needed a part-time job when he was a high school senior. "I was hired as a busboy," he said. "A chef didn't show up for work, but I did. Opportunity knocked and I had a kitchen job after a few weeks."

Sam credits Picano's (Troy) executive chef Bill Hall as his mentor. After nearly two years at Colangelo's, Sam says he enjoys his work because "I can be creative without limitations."

When Lee Sharkas needed his first

job, he applied at Larco's (now in Troy). From there he went to the kitchen at Andiamo Italia Ristorante in Warren to work under Master Chef Aldo Ottaviani. Andiamo's corporate-executive chef, Lee says he loves the rush of running a kitchen in a very busy restaurant, cooking for people and still being guided by Chef Aldo.

Believing that the apple does not fall far from the tree, I talked to the

Please see **BROTHERS**, A13

## LOBSTER EGG ROLLS WITH PAPAYA & MANGO CHUTNEY & CURRY OIL

### Ingredients for Egg Rolls:

- 2 pounds cooked Maine Lobster meat, roughly chopped
- 2 tablespoons olive oil plus more for deep frying
- 3 cups julienne leeks
- 1 cup chopped cilantro
- 1/2 head Napa cabbage
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1 small Thai pepper

- 1 large onion
- 24 Lumpia circle wrappers (available at Oriental food stores)
- 6 egg yolks, lightly whipped

In olive oil, sauté all vegetables until soft. For each egg roll, form a triangle with 3 of the circle wrappers. Brush with egg yolk. Place some of the vegetable mixture on the two circles forming the base of the triangle; top with four ounces of cooked lobster; fold in sides and roll. Once rolled, brush egg yolk on edges and outside of egg roll. Using a

heavy skillet, sauté in shallow oil until golden brown, then place in a 350°F oven for 6 minutes.

### INGREDIENTS FOR PAPAYA AND MANGO CHUTNEY

- 4 ripe mangoes, peeled and diced in 1/2-inch cubes
- 4 ripe papayas, peeled and diced in 1/2-inch cubes
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon toasted mustard seed
- 1 teaspoon ground clove
- 2 ounces shaved ginger

- 3 ounces lemon juice
- 2 ounces rice wine vinegar
- 1 pound dark brown sugar
- 2 ounces chopped cilantro

In a small pan, heat olive oil until warm. Add curry; simmer for 3 minutes on low heat. Strain through cheese cloth.

**To assemble:** Place chutney in middle of plate. Cut cooked lobster roll in half and place on each side of chutney. Spoon curry oil on plate. Serves 8 adults.

Recipe compliments of Executive Chef Louai Sharkas, Oakland Grill.

### FOR CURRY OIL

- 1 cup pure olive oil
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Please see **RECIPES**, A13

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## Recipes from page A12

### ROASTED CORN AND PEPPER SOUP

2 pounds corn kernels  
3 bell peppers, one each red, green, yellow, roasted  
1/2 pound lean bacon  
1/4 cup vegetable oil  
2 celery ribs, diced medium  
2 onions, diced medium  
1 1/2 quarts chicken stock  
1 tablespoon ham base (available in gourmet grocery stores)  
1 cup cream  
1 tablespoon minced parsley  
1 tablespoon roasted garlic  
1/2 cup roux (4 ounces clarified butter to 4 ounces flour, cooked 15 minutes

on low heat)  
salt and pepper  
Place bacon on a sheet tray; cook in the oven at 350°F until crispy. Place corn on a sheet tray. Broil at 500°F to brown evenly.  
Roast peppers, remove skin and seeds then puree. Sauté garlic in bacon fat until tender then puree.  
Sauté celery, onions and corn in oil. When tender, add peppers, garlic, ham base, bacon and parsley. Cook for 3 minutes. Add chicken stock and bring to a simmer. When simmering, add roux. Adjust consistency with cream. Add salt and pepper to taste. Serves 8.  
*Recipe compliments of Executive Chef Lee Sharkas, Andiamo West.*

### HONEY-GLAZED SALMON WITH CARAMELIZED SWEET POTATOES

6 (7-ounce) salmon filets  
6 large sweet potatoes  
1/2 cup brown sugar  
1/2 cup honey  
1 stick butter  
salt and pepper  
Boil sweet potatoes until tender then remove skin. Cut into wedges and place into a sauté pan with brown sugar and butter. Cook until caramelized. Add salt and pepper to taste.  
Preheat oven to 350°F.  
Rub salmon with honey and place on sheet tray. Bake in oven for 12 minutes. Serves 6.  
*Recipe compliments of Executive Chef Lee Sharkas, Andiamo West.*

1/2 cup soy sauce  
1/2 cup Worcestershire sauce  
3 ounces sesame seed oil  
1/2 cup olive oil  
1 teaspoon minced garlic  
1 tablespoon chopped fresh basil  
2 tablespoons pine nuts  
2 tablespoons sun dried cherries  
salt and pepper

Clean calamari and place in a bowl with soy sauce, Worcestershire sauce and sesame seed oil. Marinate one hour.

Roast peppers over a grill. Remove skin and seeds.

In a skillet, sauté calamari in marinade mixture for 5 minutes. Turn every 90 seconds. Drain off most of the marinade. Set aside.

Julienne peppers. Place them in a bowl with the calamari and all remaining ingredients. Mix well. Let stand one hour before serving. Serves 6 to 8.  
*Recipe compliments of Executive Chef Sam Sharkas, Colangelo's*

### GRILLED AND ROLLED STUFFED CHICKEN WITH LEMON-GARLIC SAUCE

8 boneless, skinless chicken breasts, halved  
2 cups Italian-style bread crumbs  
1 cup plum tomatoes, chopped  
1/2 cup fontinella cheese, finely shredded  
1 cup olive oil  
salt and pepper

#### For the sauce:

1 teaspoon minced garlic  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
1 quart chicken broth  
1 stick of butter  
1 cup flour  
salt and pepper

In a bowl, place bread crumbs, cheese, tomatoes, 1/3 of the olive oil. Mix well.

On a flat surface, pound chicken

breasts flat. Salt and pepper lightly.

Place 2 tablespoons of the bread crumb mixture on each breast half; then roll.

Brush each breast with olive oil and grill seam-side down for 15-20 minutes or until cooked. Cut each breast on the bias and serve with lemon garlic sauce.

#### Lemon-garlic sauce:

In a saucepan over medium heat, add olive oil and garlic. Sauté for 2 minutes.

Prepare a beurre manié: on a flat plate, use the back of a wooden spoon to combine butter and flour.

In a saucepan, bring chicken broth, salt and pepper to a boil. Add the beurre manié. Mix well and let simmer until thickened. Spoon over grilled, rolled chicken. Serves 8.

*Recipe compliments of Executive Chef Sam Sharkas, Colangelo's*

## Brothers from page A12

Sharkas brothers about holiday dining experiences in their home.

"My mom makes literally hundreds of time-consuming kibbe, a cracked wheat dumpling stuffed with beef and onions," Louai responded. "Only a mother has the love and would take the time to do this. We have 30 people for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and we each eat six or seven kibbe per person per seating."

Lee and Sam like Christmas Eve because restaurants close early and remain closed Christmas Day. "When we were growing up, we helped cook for the family get-together on Christmas Eve," Sam said. "That's when we open presents and have a big meal at midnight."

Lee added, "We still help, once we get to my parents' home. My father is a great helper, also."

Could the three brothers work together professionally? "Never," came the unhesitating chorus answer. "That's too many chiefs and not enough Indians," said Sam. "It's like three artists trying to paint one picture together," Louai added. "Each of us is too opinionated; it would not work," Lee concluded.

Because their food memory bank is brimming with Christmas nostalgia, all three brothers offer Observer & Eccentric readers original recipes they like to cook for the holidays. All are exceptionally colorful on the

plate. For example, to enhance presentation of his **Marinated Calamari with Roasted Peppers**, Sam Sharkas reserves some red and green peppers to use as a sprinkled garnish around the outside of a plain white plate.

Louai Sharkas chose a **lobster entrée** that reads long, but is very easy to prepare once all ingredients are gathered. The versatile **chutney** that accompanies is also a low-fat condiment for ham, pork or grilled chicken. For a new spin on left-over turkey, use unleavened flat bread, substitute the chutney for mayonnaise, then roll a sandwich.

Although Lee Sharkas heads up an Italian-style kitchen, there are daily specials not regionally focused. He offers two in his **Roasted Corn and Pepper Soup** and **Honey-Glazed Salmon**.

If you don't want to tackle the recipes yourself, just drool a little as you read them, then visit one of the brothers' restaurants and order up.

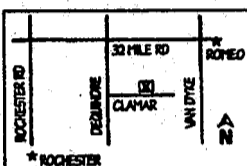
Amelda Sharkas thinks Louai serves portions that are too large. "She says the same thing about me," Sam added. "But she loves my lamb chops and lasagna."

"Hey, Lee, I'm looking at your salmon recipe," Louai chided. "It's simple and I'm going to steal it for New Year's Eve at my restaurant!"

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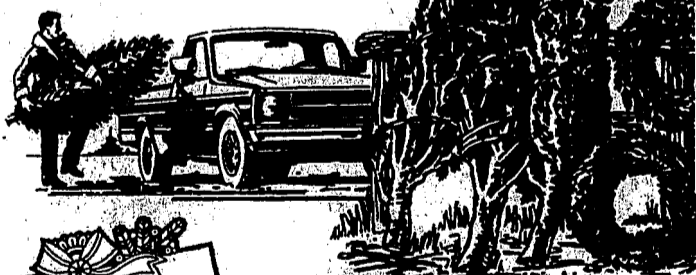
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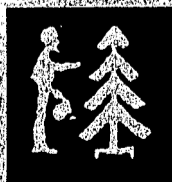
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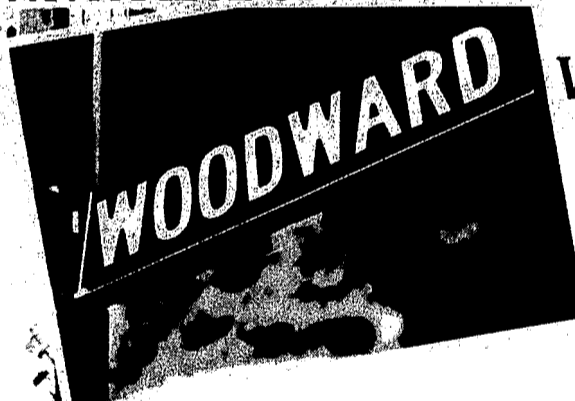
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## HOLIDAY STRAY DAY

The Oakland County Animal Control and Care Center is sponsoring a Holiday Stray Day for pet adoptions from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at 1700 Brown, Auburn Hills. Homeless pets will be available for adoption and a variety of pet ownership information will be on hand. "We suggest adopting early, before the holidays, so your new pet can adjust to its new home before things become hectic for all of you," said Sandy Gay, manager of Oakland County Ani-

mal Control.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

Volunteers are needed by St. Joseph Mercy - Oakland, with openings in the gift shop, surgical lounge among other areas. Call the hospital at (248) 858-3035 to set up an appointment for a November orientation. The hospital is located at 900 Woodward Avenue, just north of Square Lake Road, in Pontiac. The Maplegrove Center in West Bloomfield needs volunteers with openings in the gift shop, business office, medical records

and as patient greeters. Call the volunteer department at (248) 661-6198 to set up an appointment for an interview. Maplegrove is located at 6773 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield.

## MONEY SAVER

Oakland County's Weekend Alternative for Misdemeanants Program has been a resounding success during its first four months of operation, says Bob Dustman, media and communications spokesman for County Executive L. Brooks Patterson. Since beginning in August, a total of 210 nonviolent offenders have gone through the program and performed such tasks as clearing 20 miles of county park trails, washing and waxing road commission vehicles and painting the 50th District Court building. The program has resulted in a cost savings to the county of \$84,864 so far in 1997.

## PENNIES-A-POINT

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

round sports for children and adults with mental retardation.

## AMI RAFFLE

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

## BUCKET BRIGADE

With a twist on the traditional bucket brigade, Einstein Bagel will bring the community together to help fight hunger instead of fires with sales of its bagel buckets. Three percent of its holiday bucket sales through Dec. 31 will be contributed to Second Harvest. Employees will get into the spirit by wearing "Fight Hunger" t-shirts and orange ribbons — the official symbol for hunger awareness. Area locations are 176 South Woodward Avenue, Birmingham; 4089 Maple, Bloomfield Township; 8366 Richardson, Commerce Township; 29191 Southfield Road and 29525 Northwestern Highway, both in Southfield; 3043 Crooks, Troy; and 6540 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield.

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# United Way's volunteers total Torch Drive results: \$60 million

United Way Community Services raised \$60 million in the 1997 Torch Drive Campaign. The results were shared with nearly 700 volunteers at the Thanks for Giving Victory Celebration held at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn Nov. 13. In addition to the Torch Drive Campaign, \$2.3 million was raised for New Detroit Inc., bringing the community giving total to \$62.3 million.

Seven United Way Torch-lighters, who represent the 1.7 million people who benefit from United Way-supported agencies, were recognized for assisting in this year's Torch Drive Campaign. They included Shelia Starks of Southfield, nominated by the Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan.

This year's Torch Drive contributions of \$60 million from nearly 500,000 individuals and 2,000 companies and organizations reflect an increase of \$811,649 or 1.4 percent over 1996 results.



**United Way  
Community Services**

Funds are used to support 130 health and human service agencies throughout Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. Funds from the New Detroit Campaign provide operating funds for the urban coalition.

"United Way continues to be a unifying driving force in this community thanks to the volunteer support from more than 20,000 men and women who gave their time, talent and energy to this campaign," said Stephen Ewing, general chairman of 1997 Torch Drive, president and CEO of MichCon.

"United Way Community Ser-

vices is dedicated to addressing human service needs and community problems throughout our region," said Virgil Carr, president and CEO, United Way Community Services.

"The \$60 million raised will ensure a strong, privately-funded helping network in Detroit and southeastern Michigan to assist people in dealing with critical problems such as domestic violence, child abuse and neglect, homelessness, hunger, illiteracy, care for the elderly, juvenile delinquency and so much more," said Carr.

"United Way is committed to

running efficiently and effectively. Current campaign and stewardship costs are 10.6 percent of the amount raised — one of the lowest among charitable organizations in the country. Almost 90 cents of every dollar raised goes directly to helping those in need."

"An important new effort this year is the New Partners in Giving campaign, a series of initiatives to encourage new businesses and organizations who have not participated in the Torch Drive in the past, to become involved by giving to United Way. They also have a unique opportunity to double their contributions," said Geneva Williams, executive vice-president and CEO, United Way Community Services.

"This is made possible through the generosity of the 'Big Three Automakers' who have collectively committed at least \$350,000 to matching new Torch Drive contributions throughout the campaign. The matching gift campaign continues through March 31, 1998," Williams said.

"Since the merger of the former United Way for Southeastern Michigan and United Community Services of Metropolitan Detroit two years ago, United Way Community Services has been able to increase our community's organized capacity to enable people to care for one another. United Way's value now goes far beyond the amount of dollars raised. We have the unique ability to be the convener, to serve as the neutral ground, to connect people on many issues, and to partner with other organizations to produce

collaborative and creative solutions to the community's most pressing issues," Williams said.

One special collaboration is the commitment of corporate management and labor to work together.

Year after year, members of organized labor come through to support the Torch Drive Campaign," said Edgar Scribner, vice chairman of the Labor Participation Committee and president, Metropolitan Detroit AFL-CIO.

"Their enthusiasm and dedication continues to be an example of good teamwork — a team that not only reaches in their pocketbooks, but also in their hearts."

Any company or individual who would like information on the Torch Drive or would like to contribute their time or financial gift should call United Way Community Services at (313) 226-9200.

## OAKLAND DIGEST

**Oakland Digest** provides a summary of headline stories from around the county during the week leading up to Dec. 4.

### BLOOMFIELD HILLS

**Schools welcome other students:** The Bloomfield Hills schools will welcome out-of-district students on a tuition-paying basis under a policy revision approved unanimously by the board of education. Students will be accepted as space is available in what Superintendent Gary Doyle described as an attempt to make schools more cost effective.

### CLARKSTON

**Hobby becomes business:** Cheryl Molencupp always loved animals. So, the former hairstylist found a way to turn her interest into a business. She founded Home Sweet Home Pet Care service. For \$10 per visit, she will go to a client's home to take care of a pet — and water the plants, take in the mail and provide other services while the owners are away.

### FARMINGTON HILLS

**Apartment inspections challenged:** Keyed-up apartment complex owners have notified Farmington Hills city officials they don't like the mandatory inspection program for rental units. Among other complaints, the owners say the inspections — financed by fees paid by apartment owners — would create a bureaucracy and be used to generate money for the city.

### LAKE ORION

**Village hopes to squeeze bond:** Village council members are wondering just how far they can squeeze the bond dollars recently approved by voters for roads in the Nov. 4 millage election. They plan to talk with the village engineering consultant, Hubbell Roth and Clark, to see what can be done to maximize the two mills approved by voters.

### OXFORD

**Horse shooting called foolish:** Oxford Police are calling the shooting of two horses at a local farm a random, foolish incident. That doesn't make the shootings less shocking, but the assurance from police could alleviate concerns about the safety in the community. Two suspects — a 16-year-old Lake Orion resident and a 19-year-old man from Pontiac — have been arrested.

### ROCHESTER HILLS

**The lion, King, homeless:** The Michigan Humane Society's Rochester Hills office is trying to find a home for King, a partially grown lion confiscated by police in Detroit. The shelter has taken in one lion since 1980 and 23 exotic cats over the last seven years. Homes for lions and other exotic cats are difficult to find, and workers worry that in the near future euthanasia may be the only choice.

### SOUTHFIELD

**Schools to get 'Durant' money:** Southfield public schools expect to get about \$5.9 million as a result of the settlement of the so-called Durant case. Many school districts expect to get millions of dollars in money they claim was owed — but never paid — for state-mandated programs. "The check's been in the mail for a long time," said superintendent

Marlene Davis.

### TROY

**Knife wielding robber sought:** Troy police released a composite drawing of the suspect believed to have robbed two dry cleaners at knife point over the last two weeks. The robberies were Nov. 21, at a cleaners on East Long Lake and Nov. 25 at an establishment on Crooks Road. The suspect is also believed to have attempted to rob one of the cleaners a second time on Nov. 26, but he fled

when the clerk refused to open the door.

### WEST BLOOMFIELD

**ISTEA funds sought for roads:** Supervisor Jeddy Hood plans to lobby people in Washington, D.C., to get money from the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) to upgrade Maple, 14 Mile and Orchard Lake roads. A spokesman for the Road Commission of Oakland County, however, is not optimistic.

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# Lawmakers fume at U-M's use of racial quotas

## U-M blistered

There's a mood of anger in the state Legislature, and it's directed at the University of Michigan's racial quota practices.

Sen. Bill Bullard Jr., R-Milford, has introduced a constitutional amendment based on California Proposition 209. It would prohibit preferential treatment based on race or gender in public contracting, public employment and university admissions.

"The (U.S.) Supreme Court upheld what the people in California voted for and want," said Bullard. The high court refused to hear an appeal, affirming the lower courts' rulings that Prop 209 is valid.

Bullard's resolution would have to be approved on two-thirds votes of the Senate and House to be placed on the ballot, then approved by voters.

In the House, Reps. Greg Kaza, R-Rochester Hills, and Deborah Whyman, R-Canton, were on the short end of a 98-3 vote on a bill allowing forfeiture of properties for violation of copyrights, sought by U-M.

"U-M should not be rewarded at a time when their administrators are flagrantly in violation of federal law for their use of reverse discrimination in admissions," said Kaza in a formal protest.

"U-M routinely admits students from politically-correct groups who have lower grade point averages and college admissions scores than non-minority student applicants to the university... U-M stopped maintaining internal documents confirming their use of reverse discrimination after we announced our probe," he said.

Kaza and Whyman were among four legislators who held public hearings to recruit plaintiffs for a suit against U-M. The case has been assigned to U.S. District Judge Patrick Duggan, a Livonia resident. The students charge U-M with violating the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution (equal protection of the laws) and the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

"We will end reverse discrimination at U-M," said Kaza, referring to administrators there as "New Class mandarins who have made a mockery of the principles of equal opportunity."

## Mail vote nearer

The House Local Government Committee has approved a bill to create a system of voting by mail in Michigan.

"It will increase voter participation," said panel chair Agnes Dobronski, D-Deerborn.

After Jan. 1, 2004, the Secretary of State could conduct a vote-by-mail election for the August primary, November general election, statewide special elections and any election for which a candidate for statewide office, the Court of Appeals or federal office is nominated and elected.

Voters would have to return their ballots by 8 p.m. on election day, either by mail or by dropping them in a designated place.

## Christian callers

The Christian Coalition, a heavyweight in Michigan Republican politics, has a method for supporters to help it through long-distance telephone bills.

Glenn Clark, state director of the Troy-based group, says the MCC will receive 10 percent of a subscriber's domestic long-distance billing by signing up with AmeriVision Communication's "LifeLine" service. The company is based in Oklahoma City.

"You will no longer risk subsidizing the homosexual or abortion movements through your telephone bill," said Clark's solicitation letter.

## More road waits

Michigan must still wait for a longer-term solution to its shortage of federal road money, says the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments. Gov. John Engler wants \$200 million more per year in federal aid.

U.S. House and Senate leaders agreed to a compromise that results in a short-term extension of ISTEA, the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act, says SEMCOG's Nov. 24 bulletin. It's only a six-month extension, but better than nothing, SEMCOG says.

The extension provides federal highway funding through next March. It includes \$5.5 billion in additional federal authority.

## STATE CAPITOL CAPSULES

and \$9.8 billion in obligation authority. And it's more flexible in allowing states to transfer money from one highway category to another.

Adds Carmine Palombo, SEMCOG transportation program director: "If the economy continues to do as well as it has, it may

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Greg Kaza,  
R-Rochester Hills,

be possible to significantly increase the total amount of funds for transportation and to improve Michigan's share of

these funds. Michigan's congressional delegation has worked well in a united, bipartisan effort to improve the state's position."

## New House bills

■ Rep. Patricia Godchaux, R-Birmingham — House Bill 5323, which changes the wording on Michigan marriage licenses to say: "This is a license to marry — not to abuse." The freshman lawmaker says it will "raise awareness." Last year the 45 state-funded domestic violence shelters received nearly 76,000 crisis calls on their state hotline (1-800-996-6228).

■ Rep. Frank Fitzgerald, R-Grand Ledge — a bill to make it a felony to use the Internet to promote sexual abuse of children. "On-line chat rooms are used on a daily basis by pedophiles for trading and distributing child pornography," said Fitzgerald. Penalties for conviction: two years in prison, \$2,000 fine for a first offense; five years and \$5,000 for subsequent offenses.

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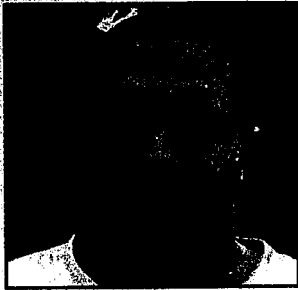
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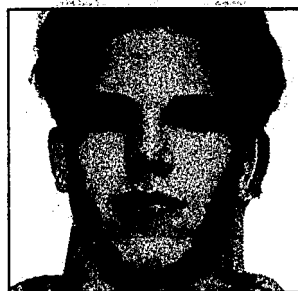
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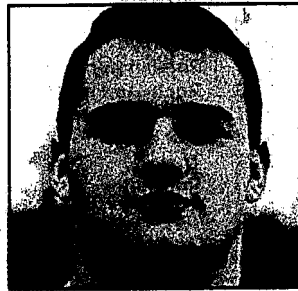
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## Gridiron greatness

*Area's best players had chance to shine*



■ Clarkston, Lake Orion and Oxford football teams reached varying degrees of success this year, but all had one thing in common: stellar performances from some of the area's best football players.

BY BRAD KADRICH  
SPORTS EDITOR

The 1997 Eccentric All-North Oakland Football Team has a little bit of everything: a quarterback who runs well, a punter who can throw the ball, slashing runners, bruising runners,

hard-hitting linebackers and some of the best defensive backs in the area. Here is the 1997 team:

### Offense

■ Dane Fife, senior, Clarkston, quarterback — Fife, always known for

an accurate passing arm, added the running dimension to his game this year, and made it that much harder for teams to defend him.

Fife, a four-year starter for Kurt Richardson's Wolves, finished up an excellent career with a pretty good senior season. He completed 75 of 165 passing attempts for 1,066 yards and 14 touchdowns. But his real improvement came on the ground, where he rushed for 264 yards on 35 attempts and scored seven rushing touchdowns. He also gave the team the senior leadership it needed.

"If there's a highlight to this year, it's that he became a better runner," said Richardson, the Clarkston head coach. "Dane's always been a great leader on the field. He understands the game and he makes better players out of the other people on the field."

■ Brad Phalen, senior, Clarkston, running back — Phalen solidified his position as one of the area's best runners with a solid senior season for the 6-3 Wolves.

Phalen finished his final season with 1,206 yards on 162 carries, a per-attempt average of 7.4 yards. That's better than his junior season, when he rushed 217 times for 1,200 yards. As a senior, Phalen scored 11 rushing touchdowns. He also caught nine passes for 161 yards and two touchdowns. He was also helped by a season running track.

"Brad had a great year," said Richardson. "He's got great vision and great lateral movement. Track made him faster. He had the ability to run away from people he didn't have in the past."

■ James Radich, senior, Oxford, running back — Inch for inch, the 5-foot-4 senior was one of the Flint Metro's top runners.

Radich gained 652 yards on 111 carries, a 5.9 average per attempt. He also scored three touchdowns and did not fumble, while averaging 72 yards per game.

"He gave us all he had," said Oxford coach Bud Rowley. "Show me a tougher back at 5-foot-4 and 150 pounds. He did a great job for Oxford football."

■ Adam Eldridge, junior, Lake Orion, wide receiver — A two-way player, Eldridge led the county in receiving



**Wolves wonder:** Brad Phalen gained 1,200 yards rushing for the second straight year, and also was a second consecutive choice for the All-North Oakland football squad.

## 1997 Eccentric All-North Oakland Football

### First Team Offense

Player	Yr.	School	Hgt	Wgt
Dane Fife	Sr.	Clarkston	6-3	185
Brad Phalen	Sr.	Clarkston	5-10	175
James Radich	Sr.	Oxford	5-4	160
Adam Eldridge	Jr.	Lake Orion	6-1	170
Josh Jolly	Jr.	Oxford	6-4	185
Dave McKay	Jr.	Lake Orion	6-1	180
Pat Mihelich	Sr.	Lake Orion	6-1	215
Bubba Clement	So.	Clarkston	6-2	220
Jason Zurbrick	Sr.	Oxford	6-2	258
Mike Underwood	Sr.	Clarkston	6-0	205
Scott Dolsen	Sr.	Oxford	6-1	200
Kevin Mason	Sr.	Clarkston	6-0	170

### First Team Defense

Nick Upchurch	Jr.	Clarkston	5-8	170
Matt Wohlgenuth	So.	Lake Orion	6-2	210
Pat Bell	Sr.	Oxford	5-10	166
Kevin Wilson	Sr.	Lake Orion	6-0	155
Ryan Kulka	Sr.	Clarkston	6-0	205
Derek Johnson	Sr.	Oxford	5-11	170
Jeff Long	Sr.	Clarkston	6-0	215
Kenny Allen	Sr.	Oxford	6-0	165
George Gomez	Jr.	Oxford	5-11	169
Zach Remington	Sr.	Lake Orion	5-9	165
Brad Bailey	Sr.	Clarkston	5-8	165
Darren Tooley	Jr.	Lake Orion	6-2	180

### Second Team

Steve Sergeant, Lake Orion	Mike Zwack, Oxford
Kyle Millard, Oxford	Chris Bettridge, Lk. Orion
Mike Maitrott, Clarkston	Andy Raab, Oxford
Mike Rolfingsmeyer, Lake Orion	Steve Sheffield, Lk. Orion
Jeff Rieman, Clarkston	Chad O'Brien, Lk. Orion
Mike Little, Clarkston	Ben Pinchback, Oxford
Shawn Clarke, Lake Orion	Nate Skipton, Clarkston
Matt Cagle, Oxford	Dan Neubeck, Clarkston
Adam Wolosiewicz, Oxford	Ron Grinold, Clarkston

The 6-foot-1, 170-pound junior had 46 catches for 582 yards and scored four touchdowns. A three-sport star, Eldridge is also an excellent basketball player and plays baseball for the Dragons.

"He's got great hands, and he runs good routes," Lake Orion coach Rich Burrell said.

■ Josh Jolly, junior, Oxford, wide receiver — Jolly had the one advantage that can't be taught by coaches — height.

The 6-foot-3 Jolly was a big target as quarterback Kenny Allen's favorite target. He caught 37 passes for 454 yards

and scored four touchdowns. Amazingly, he was left off the first-team all-Flint Metro League team and was a second-team selection.

"He's a big target with great hands," Rowley said. "He'll be a force to be reckoned with next year."

■ Dave McKay, junior, Lake Orion, tight end — It wasn't as flashy statistically as his sophomore season, but McKay was still a strong part of the Dragon offense.

The 6-foot-1, 180-pound McKay caught 16 passes for 234 yards. He didn't score a touchdown, but did catch one

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Nick Upchurch, Clarkston



Matt Wohlgenuth, Lake Orion



Pat Bell, Oxford



Kevin Wilson, Lake Orion



Jeff Long, Clarkston



Derek Johnson, Oxford



Ryan Kulka, Clarkston



Kenny Allen, Oxford



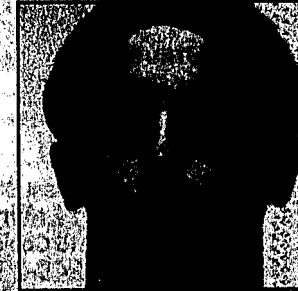
George Gomez, Oxford



Zach Remington, Lake Orion



Brad Bailey, Clarkston



Darren Tooley, Lake Orion

## Transfer Taylor feels like he's finally found focus

Angelo Taylor wanted more.

The youngster was getting by at Pontiac Northern, scratching out a satisfactory grade-point average and starring on the basketball court. But when he took a look into his crystal ball and got a peek at the future, he was uncertain.

And he wanted more. "Northern has a history of students going off to college and then come right back, whether it's grades or some other problem," said Taylor. "That doesn't happen here. Clarkston students go to college and then go on from there."

That's what Taylor wants, despite appearances. He knows, with Dan Fife as the coach and Dane Fife the star, this looks like a basketball decision. He knows that's what some people will think,



BRAD KADRACH

no matter what he says.

He also knows it isn't true. "People will always have that idea," Taylor acknowledged. "But I know why I did it. I called (Fife). He didn't call me."

The reasons for the move are many. Taylor was looking for an improved academic setting, one where he could focus on his studies rather than being the Big Man on Campus.

At Northern, he was the latter, and he suffered all the distractions that come with such designations. He says teachers didn't really push him, except during basketball season.

He also wearied of the constant security concerns at Northern, where students must present a current student identification card and pass through metal detectors and X-ray machines.

"Over here there's more freedom," Taylor said of Clarkston. "They trust their students a lot more."

He loved Northern, but felt

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## Veteran Wolves eye league hoop title

Fife, Taylor could have Clarkston charging toward another OAA Division I crown

BY BRAD KADRACH  
SPORTS EDITOR

Last year, the Clarkston Wolves grabbed a piece of the Oakland Activities Association Division I prep boys' basketball title, sharing it with Pontiac Northern.

This year, the Wolves grabbed a piece of the Huskies, and are expected to be one of the division's top teams once again.

With transfer student Angelo Taylor, one of Northern's top players last year, having moved to Clarkston, the Wolves boast a potentially dynamite front line that could have them grabbing glory in the OAA.

But even with all the talent, Clarkston coach Dan Fife knows his team will have to stay in games mentally to have a chance to win.

"Our team will go as far as mentally they allow themselves to go," said Fife, whose team lost to the Huskies in the regionals last year. "We have to learn the system, we have to play hard and we have to play smart."

Those tasks are made easier by the presence of Fife's youngest son, Dane, the early leader in the state's Mr. Basketball race.

The Wolves lost three key players — Marc Mazur, Chad Bailey and Brad Conley — but return Fife, a 6-foot-4 guard who averaged nearly 30 points per game last year and is expected to be the focus of the offense this season.

Fife, who has signed a letter of intent to play basketball at Indiana University, will swing between the guard and forward positions defensively, depending on the opponent, and will run the offense.

He worked this summer with Arnie Kander, the Detroit Pistons' strength and conditioning coach, and has become stronger.

"He's just a very good player," Dan Fife said. "He doesn't have to score, because he can do so many things on the floor for you. That's what makes him so good. He doesn't back down, and he

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Date	Opponent
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12-12	West Bloomfield
12-16	R.O. Kimball
12-18	Pontiac Central
12-30	Cobo Hall
1-6	Chippewa Valley
1-9	Pontiac Northern
1-16	Southfield-Lathrup
1-20	Rochester Adams
1-23	Troy
1-27	Davison
1-30	Rochester
2-3	Ferndale
2-10	Pontiac Northern
2-13	Roch. Adams
2-17	Flint Northern
2-24	Lathrup
2-27	Troy
3-3	Rochester
3-6	Ferndale

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Down low: Wolves Dane Fife (12) and Justin Dionne are expected to team with transfer student Angelo Taylor to make Clarkston a force in the OAA I race.

loves to win."

Fife will be joined on the floor by seniors Dan Neubeck and Mike Maitrott in the Wolves' three-guard offense. Maitrott was a solid outside shooter a year ago, while Neubeck was particularly effective defensively. He came off the bench in the regular-season finale against Ferndale and picked up five steals and two rebounds to key the Wolves' 57-45 win.

Neubeck took a hit to the eye the other day in practice, and the wound was bleeding. But, rather than go to get stitches, Neubeck put a butterfly bandage on it and returned to finish practice. It's that work ethic which has made Neubeck a particular favorite of Fife's, because he "plays the game the way it's supposed to be played."

"Danny's a throwback to the old days," said Fife. "If we had all Danny Neubecks on our athletic teams, we'd be very, very

good."

Maitrott possesses the same kind of work ethic. He surprised Fife over the summer by obeying (for the most part) his coach's request he shoot 200 jumpers from each corner every day in order to improve his shot.

The Wolves will need Maitrott's outside shot to help ease the pressure on Dane Fife, and his coach thinks he's ready to come through.

"He's got outstanding work ethic," Fife said. "He sets a great example for the other kids."

The Wolves will use two forwards down low, and one of them will be Justin Dionne, who started most of the time last year. Dionne, heeding a request from his coach, played football this season, and the extra athletic work seems to have helped.

According to Fife, Dionne's footwork and body positioning are much better this year, and

the extra conditioning should help when Dionne is called on to score.

"I still think he's a good shooter," Fife said of Dionne. "He gives us a 6-foot-6 presence on the floor, and he understands what he should be doing. He's a smart kid."

But the biggest difference in the Wolves could be Taylor, the 6-foot-5 rebounder who moved from Pontiac to Clarkston in an academic move that could also pay off on the court.

Taylor gives Clarkston something the Wolves haven't had in awhile — a big-time presence under the boards who can get up for the rebounds. The senior forward still hasn't quite caught on to Fife's system yet, but when he does, he could excel.

"Angelo gives us three things," Fife said. "He gives us the ability

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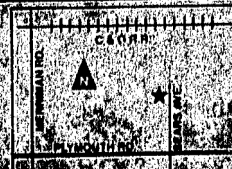
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**Offensive gem:** Clarkston junior defenseman Ron Imls (23) stick-handles through the zone during the Wolves' 3-3 tie with Hartland Saturday.

## Wolves tie Hartland

The Clarkston Wolves exacted a small measure of revenge Saturday for last season's playoff loss.

Maybe they'll be able to finish their job in this season's playoffs. The Wolves got a goal and an assist from Derek Hool, and a tied performance from Ryan Imls, but weren't able to capitalize on a large shot-on-goal advantage and had to settle for a tie with Hartland in a prep key game at Lakeland Arena. It was Hartland which ended the Wolves season in the playoffs last year.

Ron Wells got the Wolves on the board first Saturday, knocking a shot past Hartland netminder Garrett Fons at the seven-minute mark of the first period. Hool picked up the assist.

The Wolves still held a 1-0 lead at the end of the first period despite a 12-5 lead in shots.

Hool picked up his goal at 9:29 of the second period, getting assists from Steve Janowick and Jason Stoecker to put Clarkston up 2-0 on Fons and his Hartland mates. Clarkston outshot Hartland again, this time 13-5, but could only push one goal past Fons.

Derek Arnett beat Hogan unassisted at 4:20 of the third to shave the Wolves' lead in half, and Jeff O'Brien knotted the score at the 9:19 mark. Arnett and Gary Crafton got the assists on the game-tying goal.

Three minutes later, Adam Leech put the Wolves up 3-2 when he took a pass from Ryan Peters and spanked one past Fons at the 12:09 mark.

The lead, however, was short-lived. Kyle Watson tied it again 46 seconds later on assists from Steve Sleva and Darin Arnett.

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rebound the ball, he gives us the ability to get the ball out quickly, and he can alter shots." The Wolves depth will come from players like Marc Venegoni, Kevin Mason, Brad Phalen and Loveless. The Wolves kept seniors among their 14 players, and Fife is hoping to get some relief, particularly for his men.

Somebody's got to spell the

big kids," Fife said. "We've got to sub big for big."

The Wolves will need everyone to compete in the OAA I, where Troy returns much of its lineup and the Huskies, Taylor's former team, get three starters back.

"It's a great league," Fife said. "It's very competitive. If you don't come to ready to play every night, someone's going to beat you."

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needed something else. "Northern was a great school, I never say anything else," Taylor said. "But to come somewhere where I can be just another person makes it easier for me to focus. Over here they stay on me more. They stay on me during basketball, but they were on me before the season, too, and they'll be on me after the season."

It's the academic part of Taylor's life Fife wanted to help straighten out, too. Fife, a big believer — and rightfully so — in the Wolves' faculty, knew Clarkston could provide the academic answers for which Taylor was searching.

Taylor approached Fife over the summer, for the second time, about transferring. Fife discouraged it at first, because Fife, a veteran coach who has been around a long time, knew there could be eyebrows raised. He knew there would be whispers that Taylor was recruited.

Fife told Taylor the same thing he'd tell anyone thinking about transferring to Clarkston: athlete or otherwise.

"Come to Clarkston because it's a good school, because it's going to prepare you better for college," Fife said.

Taylor listened. He was carrying about a 2.1 GPA at Northern, and admits openly his grades in the core classes were a lot lower. But at Clarkston, he said, he's carrying pretty close to 3.0.

"I'm focusing more," Taylor admits. "At Northern, I was trying enough to get by, here, I'm doing more than that, and the faculty is really helping me stay focused on it."

So he's fitting in in the classroom. On the basketball court, progress, surprisingly, is a little slower. Taylor, allowed a great deal of freedom in the system at Northern, is being given more responsibility at Clarkston.

For instance, at Northern Taylor wasn't asked to hurry back on defense. He's stay up front, trying to grab a steal. Problem was, it didn't work much, and often left his teammates in a 5-on-4 situation defensively.

Fife has asked Taylor, who has tremendous speed and leaping ability, to get back quickly on

defense, where Fife believes most games are won.

Taylor admits he's still got some learning to do.

"I'm fitting in pretty well," he said. "I've still got a few things to learn, some bad habits to get rid of. But I'm fitting in."

Taylor is focusing on the present, but he couldn't help but have an eye toward Jan. 9, when the Wolves play Northern — at Northern. Taylor knows he's in for some good-natured ribbing, and maybe some booing.

He's prepared to take it, and maybe dish out a little something of his own.

## Wolves hope to keep pace in mat race

BY BRAD KADRICH  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Clarkston Wolves fully expect fellow Oakland Activities Association wrestling power Rochester Adams to be ranked ahead of them in state polls and favored over them in league ratings.

That doesn't mean the Wolves won't have some surprises waiting.

Clarkston, which finished 21-4 last year while winning a share of the OAA Division I title with Adams, has a young team that features battle-hardened veterans and youngsters looking to make their own names.

"I'm sure Adams is going to be ranked higher," said assistant coach Frank Lafferty. "Adams will be tough, no doubt about it. But I think we'll do very well in the league."

The Wolves' only league loss in a 4-1 season last year came to Adams, a 31-24 loss that saw Clarkston close the gap after falling behind 25-15.

The Wolves reached the state quarterfinals as a team last year before falling to Temperance-Bedford 26-24.

Clarkston did lose four seniors — Ryan Mick, Scott Labrie, Gordie Golec and Jason Tiefenback — who combined for 164 victories, but they believe they've filled those spots, maybe not win for win, but with wrestlers who give them a chance to be competitive.

The Wolves will be led, on and off the mat, by 112-pounder A.J. Grant, whose only loss last year came at the state meet, where he finished third.

An accomplished national

**'(Grant) is probably as technically sound a wrestler as I've ever coached.'**

**Frank Lafferty**  
Assistant coach

wrestler, Grant combines quickness on his feet (he had a school record 176 takedowns a year ago) with a knack for putting opponents on their backs.

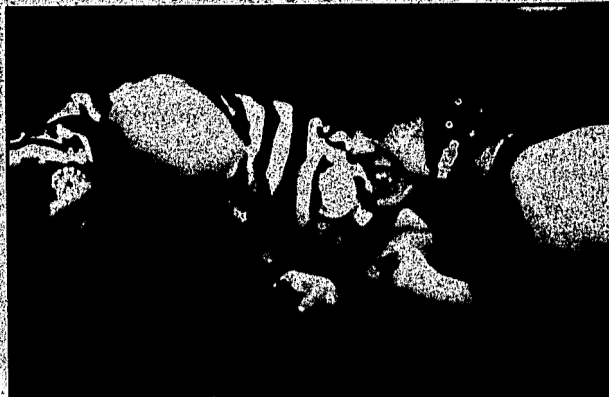
Grant got the first takedown 42 times in 51 matches, and pinned 22 opponents. Two years ago, Grant set freshman records for wins (45), takedowns (93), team points (267) and fastest pin (10 seconds).

"A.J. doesn't have any weaknesses," Lafferty said of Grant, who is a team captain this season.

"He's probably as technically sound a wrestler as I've ever coached. He's a complete wrestler."

Junior Ryan L'Amoreaux will get the Wolves started at 103 pounds.

After spending much of the first half of last season behind Grant, L'Amoreaux emerged as



**Mat master:** Clarkston's Ryan L'Amoreaux is one of the veterans who hopes to lead the Wolves to the wrestling promised land in the OAA.

one of the state's top wrestlers. He won 31 matches, including 13 pins, and qualified for the individual state meet.

"He's technically sound and he's stronger than a bull," Lafferty said. "Ryan is tough."

The middle of the lineup will be filled with wrestlers who spent most of last year gaining much-needed experience.

Ryan McAleer (9-11 record last year) gets the nod at 119 pounds, followed by Dave Walenko (7-5) at 125, Chris Gomez (12-23) at 130, Rocky Bills, who was 6-10 last year, at 135, and Kevin Turnbull (10-6) at 140.

Co-captain Aaron Sailor, whose 20-19 record included

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some good wins and mostly tough matches, steps in at 145 pounds. "He's a good leader," Lafferty said of Sailor.

Andy Auten brings his 25-16 record to the lineup at 152, and Josh Lafferty, who went 25-19 with seven pins a year ago and a third-place finish at the league meet, will wrestle at 160. Matt Edwards steps into Labrie's shoes at 171.

Pat DeGarin, who was bothered much of last season with shoulder problems, is healthy and back in the lineup at 189. He spent the summer wrestling in the national tournament after a season in which he finished 12-6.

"He was tough last year, but he had the shoulder problem and didn't get much experience," Lafferty said. "Pat matured a lot over the summer. He got a lot of wrestling in. We expect big things from him."

Ryan "Bubba" Clement replaces Golec in the lineup at 215, and Jon Robinson, who went 9-6 last year, will be the heavyweight.

"We've got tough kids in Ryan,

**'We've got tough kids, and we're pretty strong in the lower weights. We're young, but we should be solid.'**

**Frank Lafferty**  
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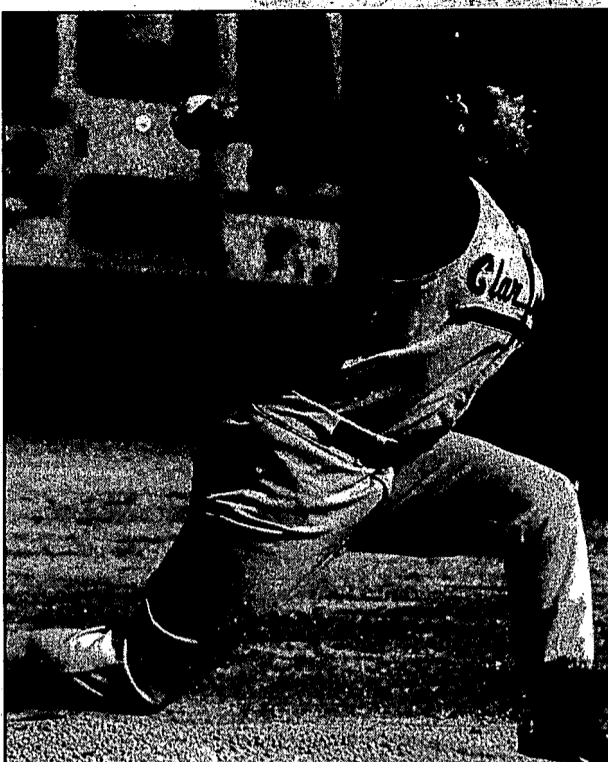
A.J. and Pat, and we're pretty strong in the lower weights," Lafferty said. "We're young, but we should be solid."

The Wolves expect Adams to be the class of the OAA again, with Troy and possibly Athens as contenders. Lake Orion, which has struggled lately, will be improved, but the Dragons may still be a year away.

Clarkston will concentrate on taking care of its own business, and let the chips fall where they may.

"We've got a lot of young kids," Lafferty said. "They work hard, and they've done everything we've asked so far. We'll have to wait and see."

## Clark signs with Western Michigan



College bound: Josh Clark of Clarkston has agreed to play baseball at Western Michigan University.

BY BRAD KADRICH  
SPORTS EDITOR

Josh Clark has always wanted to play professional baseball.

This week, he took a step in that direction.

Clark, the fireballing starter for the Clarkston Wolves, has signed to play baseball at Western Michigan University.

After an early-November meeting with coach Fred Decker, Clark agreed to pitch for the Broncos.

"(Decker) is very honest," said Clark, a hard-throwing right-hander. "He told us things most coaches don't want to say."

Clark, the son of Laura Clark of Clarkston and Earl Clark of Indiana, went 10-3 as a junior for the Wolves. He struck out 98 batters in 82 innings and was the Wolves' top starter.

His mother couldn't be happier.

"I couldn't tell you how happy I am," she said. "I'm very proud of him. He's worked so hard for this, and to see your

child reach a goal he's worked so far for is every parent's dream."

Clark said he hadn't been thinking much about in-state colleges until he met with Decker early last month. He watched an intrasquad game and was quite impressed with the Broncos program.

"It's a very good program," Clark said. "And the coach said he'd start me as a freshman, so that was a big thing."

Clark has been working all summer and through the winter with pitching coach Jeff Kaiser, the former Detroit Tiger, whom Clark met through his summer-league team. Clark credits Kaiser with much of his success.

"I credit him with every bit of my physical development," the young pitcher said.

Clark, who also had a chance to go to Charleston (S.C.) Southern, said Kaiser's knowledge and contacts have led to contact from several major league organizations, including the Dodgers, Reds and Padres.

That would complete a dream Clark has had since he was a little kid.

"But I've learned how tough it is just to get out of the minors," Clark said. "So it's probably much smarter to go the college route."

Josh Clark

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two-point conversion pass. He also had 33 unassisted tackles and 25 assists with one interception.

"He's one of our most versatile players," Burrell said of McKay, who is also part of the Dragon special teams. "He's an intelligent player."

■ **Scott Dolsen, senior, Oxford, offensive line** — Dolsen proved his senior year he was equally effective on offense as well as defense.

Dolsen, a 6-foot-1, 200 pounder, was a first-team all-FML choice on both sides of the ball. He helped the Oxford running game average 232 yards per game.

"He led our power game," Rowley said. "He just crushed people.

son said. "He plays hard every

■ **Jason Zurbrick, senior, Oxford, offensive line** — At 6-foot-2, 258 pounds, Zurbrick was a plus because he could handle rushers on his own, leaving other linemen free to help elsewhere on the line.

A three-year varsity player, Zurbrick was the foundation of the Wildcat offensive line.

"He pretty much anchored our line for us," said Rowley. "He's strong enough to block people one-on-one."

■ **Bubba Clement, sophomore, Clarkston, offensive line** — When the Wolves needed a big block, more often than not it was Clement who provided it, as he honed his particular specialty: planting defenders on their backs.

Clement put in a steady first year as a varsity lineman for the Wolves, who averaged more than 215 yards per game on the ground.

"He was our big-hit blocker," Richardson said. "He had some blocks that were big-time pancakes. He was very steady all year. You forget he's a sophomore because he plays so well."

■ **Mike Underwood, senior, Clarkston, offensive line** — At 6-foot and 205 pounds, the senior guard helped provide stability to an offensive line that suffered from graduation losses and took time to find its way.

Underwood gave the Wolves the steadiness they needed, particularly in the early games.

"Undy had a great year," Richardson said. "He was probably our steadiest player. He has great knowledge of all of our schemes. He's a pretty smart kid."

■ **Pat Mihelich, senior, Lake Orion, offensive line** — Mihelich was nearly perfect as a senior, grading out at 1.98 on a 2-point grading scale over the entire season.

Mihelich, a 6-foot-1, 215-pound guard, was an all-Oakland Activities Association pick.

"He's a great blocker and an intelligent player," Burrell said. "He had an outstanding year."

■ **Kevin Mason, senior, Clarkston, placekicker** — Not only was Mason a solid kicker, he became an expert at the "pooch" kick, a short kickoff designed to give Wolves players a chance to recover kickoffs in good field position.

Mason had two "pooch" kicks recovered by his teammates. He also hit 28 of 29 extra point attempts and chipped in one field goal.

"He only missed one point after," Richardson said. "That speaks pretty highly of him. He was our pooch kicker, and he was outstanding at that."

### Defense

■ **Nick Upchurch, junior, Clarkston, defensive line** — Upchurch's high-intensity style helped make him one of the Wolves' best tacklers this season.

Upchurch had 22 tackles, including 11 for losses of 45 yards, and 16 assists. He also chipped in a pair of fumble recoveries.

"He's Mr. Intensity," Richard-

son said. "He plays hard every day, and it doesn't matter if it's in a game or at practice. He just plays with such tenacity."

■ **Matt Wohlgenuth, sophomore, Lake Orion, defensive line** — Even as a youngster, Wohlgenuth showed he could be potentially one of the Dragons' top players.

Wohlgenuth had 35 unassisted tackles and 15 assists, including four tackles for loss and three sacks. He also had one fumble recovery.

"He's a physically strong, dominating player," Burrell said. "He's just a sophomore, so if he continues to work hard, he's only going to get better."

■ **Pat Bell, senior, Oxford, defensive line** — At 5-foot-8, 158 pounds, Bell played well above his size in putting together a first-team all-Flint Metro season.

Bell had seven unassisted tackles and 27 assists, with one tackle for loss. He also had one fumble recovery.

"He's a first team Flint Metro at 5-foot-8 and 158 pounds," Rowley said. "That tells you all you need to know about what kind of work ethic he had and what kind of job he did."

■ **Jeff Long, senior, Clarkston, linebacker** — Even a pre-season jaw injury didn't slow Long, who led the Wolves in tackles for the second consecutive season.

Long, a 6-foot, 215-pounder who also played fullback (214 yards on 31 carries), had 23 tackles, including nine for losses, and 20 assists. It's his second selection to the Eccentric All-North Oakland squad.

"He was our leader on defense," Richardson said. "He's a big hitter. He can stuff the run right at him, and he became a pretty good blitzer, too."

■ **Kevin Wilson, senior, Lake Orion, linebacker** — They might come bigger than the 6-foot, 155-pound Wilson, but they don't come much tougher.

Wilson put together an excellent senior season, with 51 solo tackles, 21 assists, three sacks and an interception. He was voted the team's defensive MVP.

"He's just a great hitter," Burrell said. "He's a fierce competitor."

■ **Derek Johnson, senior, Oxford, linebacker** — Johnson came back from a severe knee injury and put together a tremendous senior season.

Johnson, 5-foot-11, 170 pounds, was second on the team in tackle points, had 12 solos and 67 assists. He also had one interception. He was voted by his teammates as Oxford's defensive MVP.

"That's his peers, so that's pretty important," Rowley said. "He called our defenses for us, and he had a great year."

■ **Ryan Kulka, senior, Clarkston, linebacker** — Kulka, a second-time All-North Oakland choice, was solid rushing the passer and defended the run, too.

He finished with 23 tackles, including five for losses, and 13 assists.

"He was very steady all year

long," Richardson said. "He's a good pass rusher and he's very hard to power. Teams that try to power at him had trouble doing it."

■ **Zach Remington, senior, Lake Orion, defensive back** — Like many Dragons, Remington had a solid season on both sides of the ball.

He had 20 solo tackles and 18 assists along with seven interceptions. Offensively, he had 20 catches for 288 yards and two touchdowns. Remington was an all-conference choice with a great attitude.

"He's a great natural athlete," Burrell said. "He's a good tackler, and he does anything we ask of him."

■ **Kenny Allen, senior, Oxford, defensive back** — Allen had a solid season on both sides of the ball.

He gained 498 yards rushing and scored 16 touchdowns, while passing for 694 yards and six touchdowns. Defensively, he had two interceptions, including one returned for a touchdown, picked up 20 solo tackles and 22 assists. He combined with teammate George Gomez to hold Detroit Country Day's Javin Hunter, the all-world receiver, to five catches for 29 yards.

"That return was big for us," Rowley said of Allen's touchdown. "He's got good feet and a nose for the ball."

■ **George Gomez, junior, Oxford, defensive back** — Gomez turned in such a good year as a junior it has his coach eager to get him back as senior, when he will serve as one of the Wildcats' captains.

Aside from teaming with Allen to shut down Javin Hunter, Gomez had 19 solos and 55 assists for 93 tackle points, with one interception. At 5-foot-11 and 170 pounds, Gomez can also be a punishing hitter.

"He plays the game the way it's supposed to be played," Rowley said. "He's on the edge all the time."

■ **Brad Bailey, senior, Clarkston, defensive back** — An intelligent player, Bailey used his ability to get to the passer as an asset for the 6-3 Wolves.

Bailey finished with 37 tackles, including three for loss, and nine assists. He also recovered two fumbles.

"He's very intelligent, so he kind of ran the secondary for us," Richardson said. "He's a great blitzer. He's a pretty good hitter, but blitzing was really his forte."

■ **Darren Tooley, junior, Lake Orion, punter** — A three-sport star at Lake Orion, Tooley proved adept at two positions while leading the Dragons to a 6-3 season.

Tooley averaged nearly 36 yards per punt and had four punts downed inside opponents' 10-yard line. He also quarterbacked the Dragons, completing 52.5 percent of his passes for 1,560 yards and 12 touchdowns, averaging 172.2 yards passing per game.

"He's intelligent and full of poise for his age," Burrell said.

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## THE WEEKEND

### FRIDAY



Village Players of Birmingham open their season on a musical note with "Sweet and Hot" 8 p.m. at the playhouse, 752 Chestnut Street, (248) 644-2075.

### SATURDAY



Join the Festival Singers in celebrating the holiday season during Noel Night, 5-9:30 p.m. in the University Cultural Center, call (313) 577-5088 for information.

### SUNDAY



The Michigan Guild of Artists and Artisans presents a Holiday Art Fair 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland University, Building H, Orchard Lake Road at I-696 in Farmington Hills, (313) 662-3382.



Hot fix: Kenny Rogers tells the tale of "The Toy Shoppe" and sings popular Christmas carols Friday, Dec. 5-Sunday, Dec. 7, at Masonic Temple Theatre, (248) 645-6666.

## Collectibles



### Did you know?

- There were seven editions of Dick and Jane textbooks, 1930-1940, 1946-1951, 1951-1960, 1960-1967, and 1967-1970.
- There were 2 million copies printed of the 1930 edition.
- That 8 million Dick and Jane books were printed in 1967.
- That the stories in illustrations came from Sears and Roebuck, so that the family appeared mainstream and not elitist.
- That Dick and Jane books are now collectibles.

## See Dick, see Jane see, see, see at Southfield Library

**What:** The Story of Dick and Jane  
**Where:** The Southfield Public Library, 26000 Evergreen Road  
**Hours:** Exhibit opens Monday, Dec. 8 and continues through Dec. 10. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, (closed Dec. 24-25), 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 5 p.m. Sunday (closed Dec. 21 and 28).  
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BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

Everybody knows Dick and Jane. They had a little sister named Sally, a dog named Spot (run, Spot, run), a cat named Puff, and parents who were always impeccably dressed. Of course, in the early years, they lived in an all-white suburban neighborhood. They were always happy and repeated themselves a lot. Of course, Dick and Jane were up to serious business. They were out there to reading and, in their day, a revolutionary shift from the traditional phonics to a method called "look-say" or whole language reading.

These educational revolutionaries are back, at least temporarily, as an exhibit at the Southfield Public Library, 26000 Evergreen Road, beginning Dec. 8 and continuing through the end of the month. "The Story of Dick and Jane" began in 1934 as a special exhibit at the Richmond Public Library in Richmond, Va. In 1995 it won the American Library Association's John Cotton Dana Public Relations Award after it proved to be a solid hit with library patrons. The exhibit is now on a five-year, cross-country tour of U.S. libraries. "It was a project that evolved out of the Friends of the Richmond Public Library."

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## Disney brings life to 'Aladdin'

BY KEELY WYGONIK  
STAFF WRITER

If you liked "Aladdin" the movie, you're gonna love it on ice. "No one walks away without a smile on their face," said Robert Stoker, performance director for "Walt Disney's World on Ice - Aladdin," at Joe Louis Arena through Sunday, Dec. 7. "To do this live on ice makes it all that more exciting. It's a better sound track. Music was enhanced and expanded, it was specially recorded for the show. It's better than the original." An international cast of "very successful figure skaters" brings Disney's rags-to-riches story of Aladdin to life. "I've been with the company for 10 years, six as a skater," said Stoker who was born in Sydney, Australia. "I watch every performance to make sure everything looks good - the choreography, scenery, sound and lighting." Movie fans will recognize the voices, but because this "Aladdin" is live, some scenes are expanded. For instance, "You Ain't Never had a Friend Like Me" with Aladdin and the Genie builds into a big colorful production number, explained Stoker in a phone interview from Rochester, N.Y. "There are lots of surprises." Jaime Eggleston plays the determined Aladdin who falls in love with

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### "Walt Disney's World on Ice - Aladdin"

**When:** Continues through Sunday, Dec. 7. Performances 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday, Dec. 4-5; 11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6; 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7.  
**Where:** Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Blvd., Detroit.  
**Tickets:** \$17.50, \$14.50, and \$11.50. Kids 12 and under \$7.50. Tickets for children under 12 to 7:30 p.m. performances, Dec. 4-5, cannot be purchased on these tickets. To charge tickets call (248) 446-6666. For more information call (313) 953-6806 for 24-hour information on accessible seating and special needs call (313) 953-6806.



Magical moment: It's an Arabian night to remember for Aladdin and Jasmine at "Walt Disney's World on Ice - Aladdin."

## COMMUNITY THEATER

## Join Trinity House for 'The Long Christmas Dinner'

BY KEELY WYGONIK  
STAFF WRITER

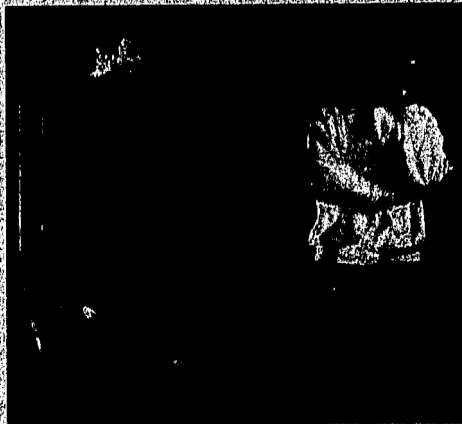
Think about your life in relation to Christmas, or holiday dinners you've shared with family members. These celebrations are markers by which we can measure our passage from childhood to adolescence to adulthood, births and deaths.

Thornton Wilder chose "The Long Christmas Dinner" to illustrate 90 years of life in the Bayard family. The one-act play opening Friday at Trinity House Theatre in Livonia, is being presented with "The Sheep Thief," a comic adaptation by Ford Ainsworth of "The Second Shepherd's Play."

Guest director Thomas Malcolm Olson of St. Paul, Minn., has been working to create an ensemble cast that will make the audience feel like they're part of the show. "We're all in this together folks," is the message Olson and his cast wants to send.

Only 50 people will be admitted to each performance, and the audience, if they choose, can enjoy a shared meal of bread bowls, hot soup and cider with the cast in a sort of progressive dinner. The scene will be set as you enter the theater. Actors will hand out bread bowls, and soup and cider will be served during intermission.

Believing that theater is "a mirror to the community, which provokes thought," Trinity House



**Drama:** Paul Henry (as Charles) and Colleen Hayes (right) Leonora rehearse a scene from "The Long Christmas Dinner" by Thornton Wilder. Hayes has just learned her son Sam was killed in the war.

is trying to blur the boundary where theater begins and ends with these productions.

A ramp extends from the stage to the seating area, which helps link the make-believe world of theater and the real world.

"The audience has a role in community theater," said Olson. "There's an intimacy of space, and we embrace this. You cannot watch these productions like TV. We try to commune with the audience, they're part of the play."

As you join the Bayard family during "The Long Christmas Dinner," you'll be reminded of your own. From the first Christmas dinner you ever spent in your new house with grandma to the last after your children have grown and left to build houses of their own. Time goes very fast. There are deaths, marriages, and births, yet a certain familiarity prevails.

The "sermon was lovely, I cried and cried," says Lucia, one of the characters, year after year. There are shared memories, as history is passed generation to generation.

"It's not all happy memories," said Olson. "There are confrontations between family members who disagree. Sometimes this escalates into violence."

There's a very keen sense of reality," said Colleen Hayes, who plays Leonora. Hayes is playing Leonora in "The Long Christmas Dinner" and "The Sheep Thief."

Maiden in "The Sheep Thief." "There are tender moments, and some bit-ter-sweet, but that's how life is - there's good and bad."

In "The Sheep Thief," the second play to be presented, three bumbling shepherds fight sleep to protect their flock, fall, and search for their finest lamb, which is stolen.

Many lines rhyme song-song in this medieval play, and the script is very funny. Mak the thief takes a lamb home to his wife Gil. They pretend the lamb is a baby when the shepherds come to retrieve it, along the way they discover the miracle of Christmas.

"This play's in verse form," said Olson. "There's a Please see TRINITY, C5"

## Library from page C1

Library discussions of how to best use the materials we have and bring attention to our children's library," said Elena Siddall, a former Richmond library board member and exhibit coordinator.

"Nobody had ever done an exhibit on textbooks and, really, they're a snapshot of the culture, where society was heading. We instantly had the idea of doing a Dick and Jane exhibit."

Dick and Jane was created by Zerna Sharp in 1930 and published by Scott Foresman as an alternative to the traditional phonics method. In look-say, simple words were repeated over and over again until they were learned. The series was eventually used in 85 percent of America's schools, including special versions for Roman Catholic and Seventh Day Adventist schools.

The Richmond exhibit features approximately 100 original Dick and Jane books; 100 color reproductions featuring a walk down

memory lane as the images changed over four decades; life-size color reproductions of the 1946 version of Dick, Jane and Sally; the original teachers guides from 1946 and 1951; and other memorabilia. The Southfield Library will have Dick and Jane posters for sale in the Friends Library Store.

Mounting the exhibit wasn't easy. Siddall said when the library decided to do the show, they found they didn't have any Dick and Jane books. They solicited donations and loans from residents (eventually receiving books from throughout the United States) and went to Scott Foresman.

"They've been very protective of Dick and Jane, but I needed to have permission to reproduce material for publicity," said Siddall.

Scott Foresman has been protective about anyone using the famous images for commercial

purposes. They have also been sensitive to criticism of the books since the last edition was released in 1965. The series was taken out of circulation in the mid-'70s except for a few Amish communities.

Dick and Jane were the targets of severe criticism from the late 1960s on. The series was attacked as being less effective than phonics and it was also attacked for its portrayal of a sterile, standardized, white suburban environment.

"The idea was to take the seven editions over 4 1/2 decades with blowups emphasizing several themes: the look of the family,

the appearance of the house, the cars. It's a snapshot of what people looked like," said Siddall.

While developing the exhibit, Siddall said she discovered that a video, "Whatever Happened to Dick and Jane," was being prepared by Dave Thompson, whose aunt had worked as a consultant for Scott Foresman. His video led to another Dick and Jane exhibit featuring original art done over the years. Siddall said Richmond received a lot of valuable material from Thompson.

"The show has a lot of nostalgia. There has been criticism of the whole language approach instead of phonics and complaints of dumbing down and

also comments on the sexism and racism of the books. But mostly it's been extremely positive," said Siddall.

Siddall said the exhibit has been a rewarding experience for her and the library. When it completes its tour, she said, the library will fold the material into its permanent collection.

An amusing folder put out by the Richmond library has some fun with Dick and Jane (a title of one of the early books and later used for a Jane Fonda movie).

"Oh, oh. See the 1960s."

"See women's groups accuse Dick and Jane of stereotyping gender."

"See civil rights groups attack Dick and Jane for being too white. See Dick and Jane all of a sudden appear terribly out of date. Surprise, surprise."

"Change, Dick, and Jane, change. See Scott Foresman publish a multi-ethnic edition of Dick and Jane in 1965. See it try to appease everyone. See it appease no one. See the beloved primer that had taught every baby boomer in America to read disappear."

"Goodbye, Dick.  
"Goodbye, Jane  
"Goodbye, Dick and Jane.  
"Goodbye, goodbye."

## Trinity from page C1

real melody, and a Vaudeville, slapstick quality to the humor, but when the angels enter the mood changes "radiantly."

"It's very silly and light-hearted," said Hayes.

P.W. Henry of Westland portrays Charles in "The Long Christmas Dinner," and the shepherd Col in "The Sheep Thief."

"It's been a lot of fun," he said. "It's not like work. I really enjoy working with Tommy. Did you

## PREVIEW

know he had over 200,000 miles on his car when he drove here from St. Paul, Minn. to direct these plays? It shows his love for theater."

"The Long Christmas Dinner" is serious drama, but Henry says "The Sheep Thief," is a chance for the audience to have some

fun, and see the birth of Jesus in a different light.

For Laura Gumina who also appears in both shows, working with Olson has been a joy. "Tommy is real inspirational," she said. "I've never seen anyone work this way. We all put in our opinions. A lot of suggestions by cast members are incorporated. The cast has a higher process of ownership."

"I'm only as brilliant as my col-

laborators," said Olson. "I don't care who comes up with the ideas, everyone has experience."

While working together on the play Hayes said the cast has become close like a family.

"We have a real good sense of working together as a team," she said. "It's going to be a good opportunity for audience participation, not anything to be scared of. They can come and share our Christmas dinner with us."

## Aladdin from page C1

Princess Jasmine, an exotic beauty portrayed by Lynda Downey.

Shae Green skates the part of the Sultan of Agrabah who is controlled by his advisor, Jafar, and wisecracking parrot, Iago. Alexandre Kortchach is Jafar, the sorcerer driven by a lust for power.

Christopher Phipson is the all-powerful Genie, who materializes from a magic lamp to help Aladdin learn the lessons of loyalty, integrity, and his own self-worth.

"Aladdin" is much, much more than the traditional ice production that audiences have come to expect from Walt Disney's World

on Ice," said producer Kenneth Feld. "This production is actually musical theater presented on ice, complete with comedy, action and drama."

A bi-level stage set design with two performances areas, one on the ice, and the other 13 feet high atop the proscenium, helps transform a bare ice arena floor into a magical setting.

There are lots of high-tech props including a serpent that is programmed with smoldering red eyes that glow out at the audience through a swirl of simulated smoke, an evil genie that rises 13 feet and the myriad of jewel- and fruit-laden vendor charts displayed in a scene resembling a Middle Eastern

bazaar.

Story moods and themes are communicated through costumes designed to enable skaters to execute difficult jumps, spins and lifts. Jafar is cloaked in black and red. Aladdin always appears in white or pale colors.

There 25 male and 23 female professional skaters in this show, and an average of four costume changes per performance for each skater.

"For a traveling ice show it's one of the biggest in the world," said Stoker. "It caters to many different areas of interest, and ages, there are glamorous costumes, and it's theatrical. Even if you don't know the story of Aladdin you'll enjoy it."

## ART BEAT

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### FOUNDERS SOCIETY TO OPERATE DIA

The Detroit City Council approved on Wednesday, Nov. 26 for the Founders Society to manage the day-to-day affairs of the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Under the agreement, the city retains ownership of the art collection and the museum building. The approval comes after months of negotiations with union workers at the museum and specific terms of the management contract, including length of contract, job security for current employees and residency requirements.

In June, the council voted to accept bids to manage the DIA from an independent, nonprofit agency. The Founders Society was the only agency to submit a formal proposal.

The Founders Society, which raises funds and sponsors pro-

grams at the DIA, has been instrumental in developing fundraising initiatives. A recent campaign has netted \$30 million. Part of the funds will go toward the estimated \$8 million deficit for the 1997-98 fiscal year.

Last month, the council requested the Detroit Auditor's office to review the financial condition of the DIA. The auditor recommended a change in management from the city to a non-profit agency.

### NOEL NIGHT

The University Cultural Center celebrates the 25th Annual Noel Night 5-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6. Planned events include hands-on activities for children at the Children's Museum and the Detroit Science Center, bell choirs, carolers and a tree lighting ceremony. Activities take place in and around Detroit's Cultural Center between Ferry and Warren, on the north and south, and between Cass Avenue and John R. on the west and east. Free shuttle service stops along the perimeter of the Cultural Center, (313) 577-5088.

### HOLIDAY ART FAIR IN FARMINGTON HILLS

Michigan Guild of Artists and Artisans, who present the annual Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair, will stage the "Holiday Art Fair," this weekend.

The art fair of 130 juried contemporary artists will open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6-7 at the Oakland Community College Building H on the Oakland County Community campus at Orchard Lake Road and I-696. Tickets: \$4 adults, children under 12 free. Media include glass, wood, photography, painting, jewelry, clay, fiber, enamel, paper and sculpture. For information: (313) 662-3382.

### WONDERMENT AT CRANBROOK

Cranbrook Art Museum invites families to participate in a variety of hands-on activities based on the current presentation of architecture and photography in their current exhibit: "Evidence: Photography and Site." Young visitors, ages 3-10, will also be able to construct an artistic holiday gift.

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# French director resurrects 'Alien' saga



That's the premise behind "Alien Resurrection," though it

Jeunet (with collaborator Marc Caro) created two of the decade's most spectacular-looking films, the hyperkinetic "Delicatessen"

I didn't get much farther in the scientific intricacies of the plot, but I did deduce that Ripley is some sort of grandmother to the various creatures that she dispatches throughout the film.

The special effects are better than ever, especially in a

Better are the early scenes, like the basketball court introduction that finds Ripley getting the better of Perlman and his

*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.*

## Students learn about creative process



Now, take the leap to the other

So students were given special access to the non-exhibited collections of Cranbrook Institute of Science in Bloomfield Hills. Students donned white gloves and sifted through the science and natural history museum's collection of old post cards, shrunken skulls, Egyptian amulets and all manner of artifacts. They were required to select a prehistoric or historic item, study it and then

Maskill explained how she found her artifact. "I was instantly attracted to the bombillas. They were exquisite to look at and remarkable to hold. The drinking of mate is a cultural tradition in South America, and while the straws were all used for the same thing, each one was a little different. I found connection and separateness in this." Based on the bombillas, Maskill created 80 bronze pieces that can stand alone, yet are also part of a singular interlocking

Some quick housekeeping: *Backstage Pass* is off the air this week and next to make way for Detroit Public Television's Winterfest '98 pledge drive. We'll be back for one show on Dec. 18 at 9:30 p.m. on Detroit Public Television, Channel 56, before we're then bumped by the holidays. We return to a regular weekly schedule starting Jan. 8.

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6. The Commission has also been informed that the Government of India has been advised by the World Bank to undertake a study of the economic and social conditions of the Scheduled Caste population in the State of Madhya Pradesh.

# Sing Hallelujah! Handel's "Messiah" – a triumph of the soul

BY FRANK PROVENZANO  
STAFF WRITER

Even with the spreading superstitions about imminent Armageddon, and what lies beyond the edge of the millennium, it's not an easy task to persuade audiences to come see the messiah.

In a busy shopping season, time and place are paramount concerns.

So naturally, in the age of instant replay and digital recordings, there'll be more than one playing of the Second Coming from now until the end of the year.

In a diverse range of performances and venues, several local choirs will conduct George Friedrich Handel's "Messiah," considered by many as much of an annual rite of the holiday season as a Christmas tree, crowded malls and mistletoe.

Unlike many operas or other oratorios sung in a foreign language, and dealing with obscure mythic tales, the power of the "Messiah" comes from being immediately accessible, said Dave Wagner, program director at WQRS-FM, prior to the station's recent format change from classical to hard rock.

"It's sung in English, and it's based on a story that most people know quite well," he said. "There are few more powerful texts than the Bible, and there's few other as inspiring works as Handel's."

Unfortunately, the sudden format change at WQRS has left many choirs without an effective means to advertise their holiday concerts.

The Detroit Concert Choir with 110 members from southeastern Michigan, for instance, estimates that more than one-third of its audience could be tracked to promotional spots that aired on the station.

Meanwhile, the Detroit Oratorio Society of Rochester Hills has been forced to re-evaluate how it stays in touch with prospective ticket buyers.

"We're heart-broken about WQRS," said Jeanne Bourget of Bloomfield Hills, a DOS board member. "A crucial part of sustaining ourselves was based on finding patrons through the sta-

## Performances of Handel's "Messiah"

■ Detroit Oratorio Society – 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, St. Hugo of the Hills Catholic Church, 2215 Opdyke Road, Bloomfield Hills; 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, St. Mary Catholic Church, downtown Royal Oak. Tickets: \$15-\$25, (248) 650-2655.

■ UMS Choral Union – 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6; 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. Tickets: \$10-\$18, (313) 764-2538.

■ Detroit Concert Choir – 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Woods; 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, St. Hugo of the Hills Church, 2215 Opdyke Road, Bloomfield Hills; 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, Sweetest Heart of Mary Church, 4440 Russell at Canfield, Detroit. Tickets: \$12, (313) 882-0118.

NOTE: The choir will perform parts of the "Messiah" along with classical Christmas music.

■ Rackham Symphony Choir – 8 p.m. Saturday Dec. 13; 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, East Jefferson (at St. Antoine), Detroit. Tickets: \$12-\$15, (313) 341-3466.

■ Orchard Lake Music Series – 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5 and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, Orchard Lake Community Presbyterian Church, 5171 Commerce Road, Orchard Lake. Tickets: \$10, (248) 363-7222.

■ DeHaven Choral – 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, St. James Church, Woodward at Pearson, Ferndale. Tickets: \$10 (\$8 in advance); \$2 students, (248) 542-8835.

tion's listeners."

Ironically, DOS has lost its main advertising medium at a time when audiences for its rendition of the "Messiah" have been growing, said Bourget.

Apparently, providing musical salvation didn't translate into higher ratings.

### Heaven before me

While religious traditions abound at this time of year, the "Messiah" isn't so much an endorsement of a particular theology as a celebration of arguably the most glorious music ever composed about the prophecy, birth, crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus.

When Handel completed the famous Hallelujah Chorus, about midway through finishing the entire oratorio, he said, "I did think I did see all Heaven before me and the great God himself."

It's been said that after hearing the three-part oratorio even agnostics and a few atheists have been moved to consider the possibility of otherworldliness.

Handel composed the "Messiah" over 24 days in 1741, shorter than the amount of time it takes most conductors to learn the piece. At the time, however, it appeared his career was over.

After years of popular acclaim for his operas, public attention was waning. At one point, the public sentiment reached an ugly hatred when posters of Handel's operas were torn down and hate letters appeared in

England's newspapers.

Dejected, Handel withdrew into seclusion. His librettist, Charles Jennens, persuaded him to set to music a scripture collection drawing on the Book of Revelation and the gospels.

The "Greatest Story Ever Told" found its theme music.

### Spreading the word

For more than two centuries, professional and community choirs – with as few as two dozen and as many as thousands of singers – have performed the "Messiah" in cathedrals, churches and auditoriums.

But few other choirs have performed the ethereal masterpiece for as many consecutive years as the University Musical Society Choral Union of Ann Arbor.

This weekend's performance at Hill Auditorium will be the 119th consecutive year for the 175-member choir. And based on recent ticket sales, audiences aren't tiring of the annual concert.

Last year, 40 percent of the audience for the "Messiah" were first-time attendees, according to UMS spokesperson Sara Billmann. Nearly three-quarters of the tickets for the two upcoming concerts have been sold at the 6,000-seat auditorium.

One member of the choir has been singing the "Messiah" for the last 50 years, said Billmann. In February, UMS will also perform another oratorio classic, Mendelssohn's "Elijah."

Often overlooked by most contemporary choirs is that the original "Messiah" composition was written in a baroque pitch, a half-step down from modern performances.

To capture the original sound, a 24-member DOS choir will perform the "Messiah" accompanied by Apollo's Fire from Cleveland, a 20-member baroque orchestra using period instruments, including harpsichord, contra bass and elongated trumpets without valves. The string instruments are played with shorter bows and have a softer resonance.

In contrast to the heavy modern orchestral sound, the DOS presents a scaled-down version without the resounding chorale waves and vibrato.

"It's more of an intimate experience," said Christine Bonner, DOS executive director and co-founder.

"The 'Messiah' has so many different styles within it," she said. "We're one of the few choirs to perform the entire piece in the original way it was written."

But there are mainstream audiences who might not have the patience to sit through two-and-a-half hours of Handel's most famous oratorio.

To offer its audiences a range of holiday classics, the Detroit Concert Choir will perform several pieces from the "Messiah"



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**Holiday tradition: Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra and UMS Choral Union will present Handel's "Messiah," Dec. 6-7 at Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor.**

## What is an oratorio?

"A musical setting for solo voices, chorus and orchestra of an extended story of a religious or contemplative nature, performed in a concert hall or a church without scenery, costumes or physical action."

— Source: The Harvard Brief Dictionary of Music

### Other famous oratorios:

- Cavaleri's "Rappresentazione di anima e di corpo" (circa 1600), the earliest oratorio
- Haydn's "The Creation" (1797), "The Seasons" (1801)
- Beethoven's "Mount of Olives" (1800)
- Mendelssohn's "St. Paul" (1836), "Elijah" (1846)
- Berlioz's "Christ Childhood" (1854)
- Liszt's "The Legend of St. Elizabeth" (1862)
- Franck's "Les Beatitudes" (1879)
- Elgar's "The Dream of Gerontius" (1900)
- Walton's "Belshazzar's Feast" (1931)
- Honegger's "King David" (1923)
- Stavinsky's "Oedipus Rex" (1927)

along with seasonal music in their upcoming December concerts.

Many of the contemporary pieces, said Detroit Concert Choir spokesperson Pam Berger, are performed a capella. "Our audiences always want to hear the 'Hallelujah Chorus' and 'For Unto Us A Child Is Born.'"

Regardless of who is performing the "Messiah," Alan Cooper of Farmington Hills, a member

of Detroit Concert Choir, believes the oratorio has become the ultimate community tradition. "It's almost as if audiences go out to support their local 'Messiah,'" he said.

"There's such a wide variety among the performances," said Cooper. "When you perform, it's all about bringing the audience to tears."

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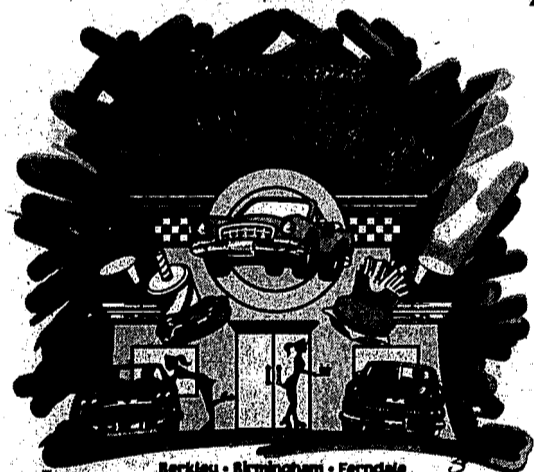


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### 512 Help Wanted-Sales

**\$\$\$ Real Estate Openings**

- Free Training
- Computer M.L.S.
- Private Offices
- Full or Part-Time
- Much, Much More

For confidential interview call:

**Century 21**  
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Brand New Office is looking for...

**NEW AGENTS IN NORTH CANTON.**

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### REAL ESTATE SALES

Earn what you're worth-be in control of your life. First year income potential in excess of \$50,000. Excellent training available through new in-house training center. Call Eric Radner. (313) 281-0700

Real Estate Sales Manager's Largest Real Estate Company

### CHILDREN'S STORE

is looking for energetic people for part-time employment, afternoon & weekend. Great opportunity for students. For further information contact Gayle (248) 625-0690

### RETAIL COMMISSION SALES

Part time with flexible hours. Up to \$10/hour. Some experience required. Please call 248-706-1900

### SALES COORDINATOR

For fulltime dealership. Send resume to: P.O. Box 434, Dearborn, MI 48120-9998

### SALES

Leading edge staffing firm seeking dynamic individual for our Troy Madison Heights sales territory. Must have basic computer skills, and be a customer service oriented. Base plus commission and benefits. Team players only. Send resume to: Snelling Personnel Service, P.O. Box 214159, Auburn Hills, MI 48326

### SALES - Male/female, full or part-time

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### SALES POSITION, CARE

A fast growing electronics manufacturer is looking for an ambitious self-starter with excellent verbal and written communication skills to sell a well established product line into existing markets and open new markets. Experience with OEM Accounts helpful. Some travel required. Please send resume to: CAC Inc., P.O. Box 430, Hamburg, MI 48139

### SALES/SECRETARY

Part time, 11am to 5pm. Excellent for homemakers. Typing skills necessary. Call Art (248) 269-9575

### SEVEN UP DETROIT

has immediate openings for full and part-time sales representatives in the following areas:

LIVONIA, CANTON, PLYMOUTH, FARMINGTON HILLS, SOUTH LYON AND NORTHVILLE

We offer a competitive compensation package, great benefits and flexible schedules.

Sales or related experience preferred but training is available for the right candidates.

If you're self-motivated, goal-oriented and ready to accept challenges, send your resume and references to: 12201 BEECH DALY, REDFORD, MI 48239

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**START A NEW CAREER**

Three openings in Remerica's top selling Plymouth office in 1998. Company paid training and pre-licensing through our own real estate school. Call today and ask for Gary Jones:

**313-453-0012**

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### TELEMARKETER

\$7/HR. High income. Livonia area. (313) 281-5004

### TELEMARKETING

EXPERIENCED telemarketer to market medical services to medical offices and hospitals. Send resume to: 33041 Teleway, Dearborn, MI 48124. Call 1-800-729-0220, ext. 123

### TELEMARKETING MANAGER

needed for non profit organization. Looking for person interested in helping others. Must have excellent organizational & training skills. Full time position available. Competitive salary & benefits. Apply in person. Volunteers of America 616 E. Walton Blvd., in Pontiac.

### TELEMARKETING

No experience necessary, will train. \$9/hour plus commission. Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm and also 5pm to 9pm. Call 1-800-729-0220, ext. 123

### 520 Help Wanted-Part-Time

**BASKETBALL** Instructors, referees, gym supervisor & 4 hockey instructors. Will train. Weekdays, 5pm to 9pm. Plymouth YMCA. (313) 453-2904

### CITY OF WAYNE PART-TIME POSITIONS

The City of Wayne is accepting applications for the following part time positions:

**Lifeguard** \$7.10/hr. \$7.55/hr. \$8.55/hr. \$9.55/hr. Receptionist Clerk II (313) 565-0185

The City of Wayne is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Applications are available at the Personnel Department, 3355 S. Wayne Road, Wayne, MI 48184.

### CLIENT SERVICE COORDINATOR

Permanent part-time for fast paced company. Computer & telephone skills. Elaine, 248-548-3663

### CORPORATE OFFICE

in Farmington Hills has position available (2pm-6pm, Mon-Fri.) for mail room coordinator. Responsibilities include: outgoing mail, faxing, copying, etc. Will also handle front desk phone coverage from 5pm to 6pm. Please call or send resume to: HDS Services, 33469 14 Mile, Farmington Hills, MI 48331. 248-661-9000, Attn. Molly EOE

### DATA ENTRY PERSON

Part-time. Apply in person: Kafford Collision, 39588 Grand River, Novi, 248-478-7815

### DATA ENTRY

16-24 hours per week. Service contract. Need energetic people for part-time employment, afternoon & weekend. Great opportunity for students. For further information contact Gayle (248) 625-0690

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### 524 Help Wanted-Domestic

FULL TIME, live-in nanny needed. Must be capable of light housekeeping & cooking. Must have transportation, occasional travel required. Room, board, child care, health insurance. References required. Call Lisa at: (313) 522-8122

### HOUSEKEEPER - non-smoker

2 days per week. 10-12 hours per week from 10:00am-Midnight. Call (248) 463-2423

### MAN WITH disability, 36, seeks help

of personal car, 2 or 3 nights per week from 10:00pm-Midnight. Call (248) 463-2423

### WARREN/INKSTER AREA: Live-in

care for 84 yr. old mother. Own bedroom. Light housekeeping/cooking. Will negotiate pay. References. Call (313) 277-0469

### 526 Help Wanted-Couples

**CLEANING OFFICES** Plymouth area. Part time. Great for couples, experience preferred. \$7.50 to start. (248) 254-0660

### MANAGER COUPLE

For 60-unit, well-maintained Lansing child care center. Must be willing to relocate. (248) 474-9500

### HOI HOI HOI

Have Santa visit your home or business. Call: (313) 254-0995

### LIVE MUSIC & available D.J. for all

occasions. Last minute or specialty! MERIDIAN ENTERTAINMENT (313) 565-0185

### 530 Entertainment

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### 534 Jobs Wanted-Female/Male

**AFFORDABLE HOUSECLEANING** (313) 513-0181

### CLEANING DONE

With Personality. Much. References. Ask for Sharon, (313) 387-7494

### CUSTOMIZED HOUSECLEANING

2 college students. Affordable. Friendly & honest. References available. (313) 794-4143

### RN - 42 yrs old, & semi retired

looking for live-in situation w/private/semi private quarters, to assist & provide care for elderly person or couple. Able to manage all aspects of care. Resume avail. 313-505-3452 or 900-341-3473

### 536 Childcare Services-Licensed

**IN-HOME CARE** at Fair Prices. 2 mom to 4 yrs. CPR certified. Meals. Fun & Love provided. Please Call Munchkin Land, (313) 288-5102

### LICENSED AFTER SCHOOL & Evening

Child-care. Overnights/weekends. Homebased. Supervision, dinner, snacks, baths. Call: 248-349-8255

### LICENSED HOME DAY-CARE

has immediate openings for children on Christmas break. Also day care openings for all ages before/after school. (248) 349-8255

### 537 Childcare/Babysitting Services

LIVONIA MOTHER will care for your child, and age. Must be experienced. References. 16 yrs experience. 248-478-7447, 248-428-1515

### MOTHER OF happy 2yr old, looking

to care for children part time or full time. Love, meals, organized activities. 248-669-0665

### 538 Childcare Needed

**A FULL TIME Nanny** needed in my Novi home. Weekdays. \$300/week. (248) 347-4952

### CARE GIVER wanted for our 2 children

in our Livonia home. Excellent salary. Full time. (313) 513-2437

### CHILD CARE NEEDED in my Birmingham

home. 30 hrs per wk. Reliable transportation. References. Non-smoker. (248) 245-4212

### Childcare Provider

Needed for daycare located in Novi office. Part-time/25 hours per week. Monday-Friday. Perfect situation for a student or Mommying your child with your interested candidate should call Renee Boyle at: (248) 449-3900

### ENERGETIC, NURTURING, reliable

person to care for adorable toddler in Farmington Hills home. All day Tues., half day Fri. Requires references, car & non-smoker. (248) 798-4952

### 538 Childcare Needed

**LOVING, DEPENDABLE** and mature women needed to watch my 2 children, 1 full day a week, in my Plymouth home. Excellent pay. References required. Call 248-373-7740 After 5pm

### NATURAL WOMAN to babysit in Lake

Orion for 3 school age children, after school 5-8pm. Good pay. Call: 248-373-7740 After 5pm

### NANNY needed in our home. Professional

African American couple needs qualified, experienced, nurturing individual to help with 3 yr. old & newborn. Call for details: 248-559-2754

### QUALITY IN-HOME day care provider

wanted. Infant, western Wayne County. Full time, consider live-in. 248-380-1218

### SITTER wanted: Loving, responsible

person to care for my 8 & 10yr old children in my home. Weekdays 9-5:30am. References required. Call: 248-528-9304 after 6pm.

### 540 Elderly Care & Assistance

**AFFORDABLE HOME CARE** 24 HOUR LIVE-IN Personal Care, cooking, housekeeping and errands. Experienced, caring, dependable and bonded. (248) 360-9237.

### CAREGIVER FOR ELDERLY WOMAN

live-in only works up to 7 days a week. Good wages and benefits. Call 9-5. Mon-Sat (313) 482-6912

### JC HOME CARE Therapy & Services

provides Caregivers, Companions, CNAs, Private Duty Nurses to assist your loved ones. Hourly or live-in. Call Ms. Thuston: 248-483-4114

### Let United Home Care Services Help You

Remain Independent in Your Own Home

Services provided by UHCS are ideal for people needing assistance with personal care, meal preparation, light housekeeping, and companionship.

Other services include:

- Care of the Chronically ill
- Alzheimer's & Respite Care

For more information, call: United Home Care Services (313) 422-9250

Established in 1982

### REDFORD - Looking for loving care

giver, M-F, 11:30AM-5PM, must have own transportation. \$2/hour. Starting in Jan. (313) 532-3149

### 560 Education/Instruction

**EMS EDUCATION** Start your Emergency Medical Services career with classes at Huron Valley Ambulance Center for EMS Education. EMS classes begin in February. For information call HVA at: 313-971-4211 Ext. 131

### Free Cash Grants!

College. Scholarships. Business. Medical bills. Never Repeat! Toll Free: 1-800-218-9000 Ext. G-3673

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Entire library of motivational & sales items & books. Call for list. 313 691-9558

### 574 Business Opportunity (See Class 399)

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Schwitzer Referral Service Company is a real estate referral company for individuals who are not actively working in the real estate business. Our members enjoy earning top \$\$\$ for their referrals. Call Chris Walker at 1-800-486-MOVE for details on how to join and start making \$\$\$ today!

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### VOICE MAIL Service Bureau

needed. Home based possible. Good \$\$\$ potential. Affordable. Financing available. (248) 305-5500

### LOVING & responsible person to

care for our 2 & 6 year old girls in our Waterford home. 3 days/week. 8:30am-6pm. Non-smoker. 248-674-7442

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## 822 Trucks For Sale

**F150-1997, XLT, 2X4, Super Cab**, 40,000 miles, 1985/86 automatic, 2000 miles, \$19,500/beat, 248-693-3130

**GMC 1997, Sierra SLT, extended cab, loaded, interior cargo cap**, \$19,300. (313) 484-1941

**GMC 1995 - Sierra, 4X4, extended cab, 2-71, 60,000, heavy mil**, \$19,000/Beat! (313) 455-1491

**GMC 1994 Sonoma, SLT, 5-speed**, loaded, 30,000 miles, 1985/86 automatic, good condition 313-425-2828

**GMC S15 1989 Pickin', Good condition, Asking \$1000, Call after 5**, 313-451-0101

**GMC S15, 1987, V-6 extended cab 4x4, good condition, loaded - 35,000 miles, \$4,500** (313) 459-0930

**RANGER 1996, STX, 4X4, bi 35,000 miles, excellent condition, power 12.9500** 248-513-5334

**1995 GMC Supercab XLT** 45,000 mi, \$13,500, 313-561-6141

**Ranger 1987 XLT, 4 cylinder, automatic, locking metal tonneau** looks good, runs great, 104,000 miles \$2350, (424) 528-2256

**Ranger 1992 - XLT extended cab**

**RANGER** 1976 KLT Super cab, 4 door, 1000 cc. New 2000 cc. new tires, \$7500. 249-5511-8703.

**SOMONA** 1982, cyclinders, 5 spr air, 105,000 miles, clean tire, extras, \$3,300. (248) 868-5339.

**SOMONA** 1986, extended cab, \$12,500 best. Call (313) 532-3227.

**SUBURBAN** 1996 LS - 5.7 loaded, trailer pkg, posi, 200 miles. \$24,900. (313) 479-9999.

**SUBURBAN** 1996 LS - 2 WD, ex. lent condition, 41,000 miles, \$22,700. Call, before 5pm, \$13,422- after 6pm & weekends: 248-344-3444.

**824 Mini-Vans**

**AEROSTAR** 1991 Eddie Bauer, tiars chairs, 113,000 miles, no good condition, \$3700. (313) 585-7100.

**AEROSTAR** 1987 - Runs good. Needs pe \$1,100. (313) 697-7777.

**AEROSTAR** 1994, Sport, great dition, new brakes & exhaust, \$3,800 miles, \$4540. (313) 453-3434.

**AEROSTAR** 1993. Sport, loca

49,000 miles, \$7800 or best offer.  
487-477-2347

**AEROSTAR 1994 XL - 104,000 miles, loaded. New brakes/shocks, new tires, excellent condition. Great shape \$6500. (313) 513-5159**

**AEROSTAR 1995, conversion package. New tires, new shocks, new paint, good deal. \$13,500. (313) 277-7331**

**AEROSTAR 1995 LT. loaded, front end, air/hot, all power, all wheel disc. New tires, \$11,500 miles. \$14,200. (248) 947-7111**

**ASTRO 1980 LT 4 wheel disc, extended, 4 passenger, 100,000 miles, excellent condition. \$5,500. (810) 220-0467**

**ASTRO 1985 - 8 passenger, in condition, good tires, no rust, low. \$1,750. After 6pm: (313) 459-8400**

**ASTRO 1987, van, automatic, ct. \$1450. (313) 455-7676**

**CARAVAN, 1993, SE air, awning, TV, stereo, high miles, excellent condition, \$5500. (313) 274-7711**

**CARAVAN 1995, SE Sport, 7 seater, V6, power, clean, 1 ov. \$8K, \$10,000. (313) 420-2685**

**CHEV ASTRO 1994 EXT. light, light steel & silver. Sharp! Must see. (248) 622-2222**

**DODGE CARAVAN 1994, 2nd row, mechanic owned, tv, vcr, radio, 100,000 miles. \$5900. (313) 455-7676**

**DODGE CARAVAN 1993**, V-6, 100,000 miles, all power, cruise, Excellent condition. \$50,000. (248) 660-2191

**GMC 1992 Safari SLI**, extended wheelbase, AWD, 8 passenger, new dutch dub air conditioning, 15000 miles. (313) 484-3333/484-3335

**CARD CARAVAN 1992** LE, 100,000 miles, options, excellent condition. \$33,000. (248) 851-1100

**CARD CARAVAN 1996** LE, 100,000 miles, stereo, side slider, 15000 miles. \$15,750. (248) 738-3838

**CARD CARAVAN 1993 SE**, 100,000 miles, package, anti-lock brakes, air, air stereo, new tires & brakes, 5500 miles, excellent condition. \$14,900. Call after 9pm: (248) 641-4141

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**CARD VOYAGER, 1993**, 100,000 miles, excellent condition, w/warranties, 1,000 miles. \$6,255. Wixom: (248) 669-2191

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**LUMINA APV 1993**, 8000, new, 100,000 miles, excellent condition, w/warranties, 1,000 miles. \$6,255. Wixom: (248) 669-2191

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New tires/battery. Must sacrifice  
\$3,200. (313) 534-4555

LUMINA 1986 7 passenger - low  
rear air, power side door, 11  
miles. \$17,900. 313-459-9595

MERCURY VILLAGER 1995 - Cl  
passenger, 25,400 miles + warm  
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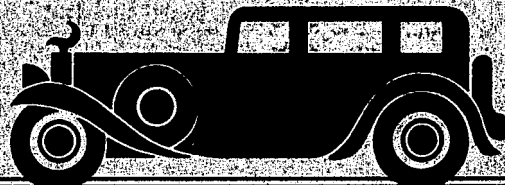
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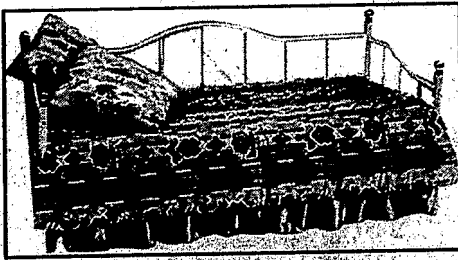


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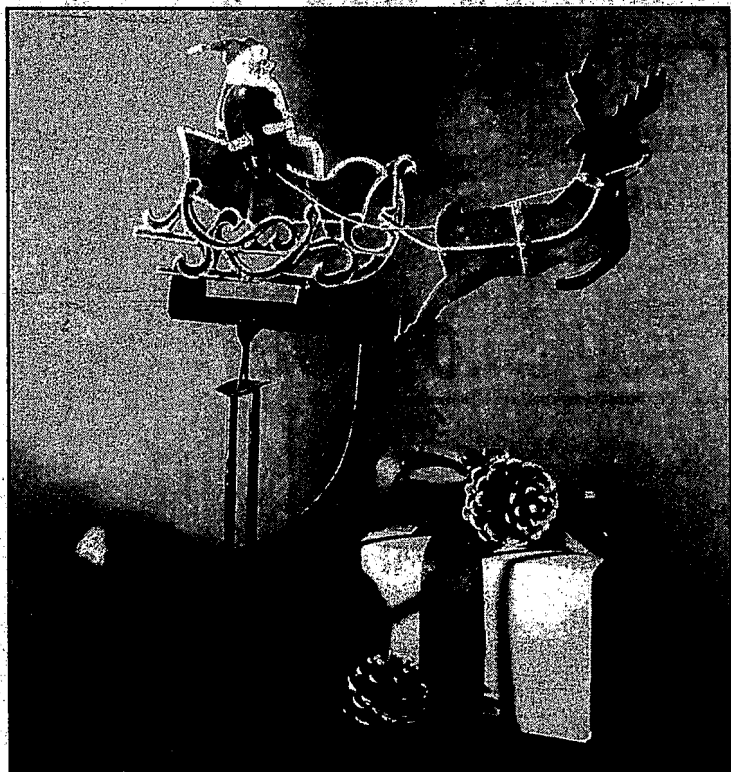
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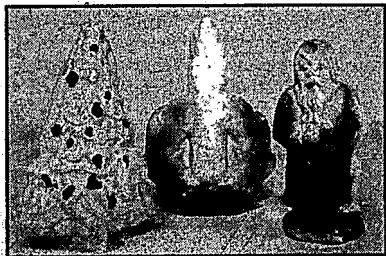


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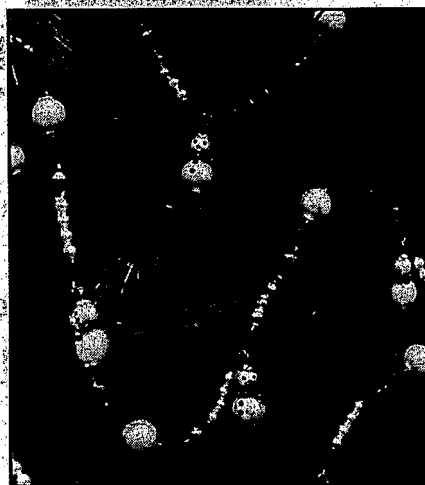
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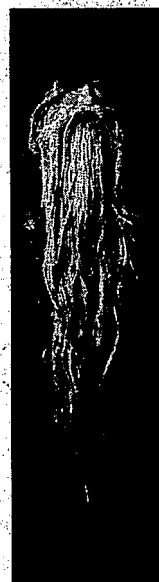
**Sprucing up:** Deck the halls with style with products from English Gardens at 6370 Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 851-7506. Handblown glass garlands are introduced for those who appreciate handblown glass ornaments. The Snowman Garland strand shown here features the traditional colors of Christmas and adorable snow-

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garden spot

# O Christmas tree! Bountiful your tales



MARTY FIGLEY

Green, green is the color of Christmas, with the rich green of the Christmas tree holding center stage in our decorations.

There are several things that happened historically concerning the Christmas tree, as well as stories and myths. Perhaps some will be new to you.

In prehistoric times, Celtic priests trimmed oaks with apples and burning candles to offer thanks to the gods who gave them fruit and sunlight, during the winter solstice.

The winter solstice occurs when the sun is at the lowest point in the sky, when the shortest day and the longest night occur. The word "solstice" means to stand still.

The early church festival was a celebration of "the light of the gospel" rather than to commemorate the birth of Christ. That didn't occur until A.D. 440.

Romans celebrated the Saturnalia in mid-December by decorating evergreen trees and branches with candles; sometimes they would crown the trees with a representation of their sun god.

At various times of the year, in northern Europe holidays were celebrated that included decorating these trees. For instance, the first maypoles were evergreens that had been decorated.

Many legends abound about the tree. Here's one: When Christianity arrived in Europe, in the eighth century, St. Boniface came upon a group of Germans about to sacrifice a child beneath an oak that was sacred to Thor. St. Boniface stopped the sacrifice and felled the oak, revealing a small fir tree, which he announced was a symbol of Christ and the spirit of love that He embodies.

Another legend reveals that when Joseph of Arimathea brought Christianity to Great Britain, he became tired as he climbed a hill, and to steady himself while resting, pushed the end of his hawthorn walking stick into the ground. The stick burst into bloom and leaf, which encouraged him to go on.

This tree, the Glastonbury thorn, is said to have been transplanted later to nearby Glastonbury Abbey, where its offspring are said to be growing today.

The evergreen has been the symbol of the Christmas season since the Middle Ages; the lighted tree since the days of Martin Luther (1485-1546).

The custom of the tree was first brought to America during the war for independence. To celebrate the season, Hessian troops, homesick in an alien wilderness, used wild American forest pines to remind them of their homes and families in Germany.

**Tree tips**  
When choosing a tree, bend a needle to see if it is resilient, which indicates freshness. Bump the base hard on the ground to see if needles fall. Spruce trees naturally don't retain their needles well so be aware of this. Feel the bottom of the stump; on fresh trees it feels sappy moist.

After you bring the cut tree home, be sure to keep it well watered; check it every day. If you wish, spray the tree before bringing it into the house with an anti-transpirant to help it retain moisture. They are often very thirsty!

A pint to a quart of water should be added to the stand each day to keep the water level above the bottom of the trunk. Set the tree away from fireplaces, heaters and the TV.

If you choose a live tree, never let the root ball dry out. Set the tree in a container large enough to hold the ball securely. Cover the container with plastic to help stop evaporation. Don't keep a live tree in the house longer than a week.



Marty Figley

**Ivy league:** This ivy has been trained to form a tree shape. Bright red berries and a bow enhance it for the holidays.

week.

If you live in an area devoid of evergreens, a yard decoration can be made by forming a tall "teepee" with strong poles, wrapping them with roping and lights. Another way to do this is to sink a heavy pole in the ground and run wire from the top to the ground all around, to form a "tree."

House plants can also substitute for a tree and topiary forms are most suitable. Many people transform Norfolk Island pines into beautiful decorations.

I have been training an ivy up an

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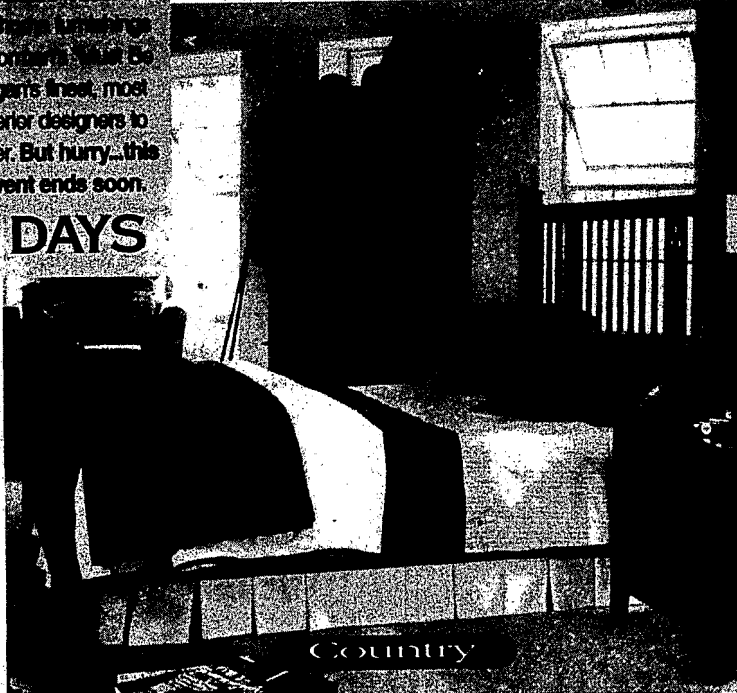
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# New refrigerators losing their cool



JOE GAGNON

A few years ago a friend of mine moved here from Boston and asked me if I could get a good used refrigerator that he could install in his laundry room to be used as a spare refrigerator. I had a 1945 model which we used at the

store to keep pop in and decided to sell him this product at the 1945 price.

Last week we were chatting and he said, "Why do I have to keep the pop in the old refrigerator so that it can be as cold as possible, and why can't I get the same kind of cold in my five-year-old refrigerator?" His question brought to mind my disrespect for what I call the advanced technology of this world. I wish somebody would tell me why a refrigerator of yesteryear can bring food temperatures down to 34 degrees and today's version can't do the same.

We all know that food preservation is important in our lives and that today's refrigerator just doesn't cut the mustard. Sometimes I think silly things like, the large and small grocery chains across the country are paying the manufacturers of refrigerators under the counter. They don't want temperatures to be below 40 degrees in a refrigerator. I do know for a fact that the average American suffers seven times a year and that rate is increasing. It is not just restaurants that should be inspected, I think some of this is happening right there in the \$1,500 refrigerator.

**Figley**  
from page D4

obelisk to form a tree. With the addition of bright red berries and a bow, it will be another decoration for the house, or a welcome gift to someone who is unable to have a real tree in their surroundings.

### GOOD GARDEN TIPS

- Water house plants before applying half-strength fertilizer if they're still actively growing, then wait until late February or March to resume. Water fertilizer in well. Read the labels.

- After you bring your Christmas tree home, cut the trunk on the diagonal before setting it in a bucket of water; then recut the butt again, squaring off the

Folks, I'm the Appliance Doctor and the coldest I can get my own three-year-old refrigerator is 38 degrees in some sections and 42 degrees in another. I've tried every possible setting on the thermostats and that's the best it will do.

A lady called on my radio show this past weekend to ask why it took too long to dry a load of clothes in her dryer. After a few questions, I asked what kind of ventline was on the back of the dryer. She replied, "plastic ventline" at which point I choked and realized she must be first time listener. I explained the dangers of using plastic ventline and asked her to please have her husband remove it and install the solid metal kind. I hope that anyone reading this column today who is not aware of the dangers of using improper venting will contact me in person.

I was in the check-out line of a grocery store the other day and a man in the same line asked me about his refrigerator. Half way through my answer he interrupted to apologize for asking me in the first place. He felt bad that he was bothering me in a public place and I told him not to be so silly. I don't mind at all. I think it's wonderful that people can come up to me and ask a question. More rewarding is the fact that the answers I'm giving are saving people money.

You, the reader, the consumer, the radio listener are making too big a fuss over this average Joe, but I thank you and appreciate your thoughts. If you want to do something for me, write a letter to this newspaper and thank them for allowing me to write. That way, I know it's all worthwhile. Thank you and stay tuned.

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- Keep your bird feeder filled.
- Take an inventory of your leftover supplies. Store remaining products to keep them from freezing. Contact your local authorities about proper disposal.
- Carefully prune evergreens for holiday decorations - needle and broadleaf evergreens, berries, vines and ground covers work well. Spray with an antidesiccant to retard moisture loss.
- Visit Greenfield Village now to Jan. 4 to enjoy the holiday trees and decorations, holiday cooking, baking and decorating by costumed presenters.

focus on photography

# Photo hints include reminders



MONTE NAGLER

In my last column, I discussed hints to help improve your photography and things to keep you out of a jam. Today, I'm going to give you some more tips.

Change your battery once a year even though it appears to be functioning properly. Doing so will make sure you never get stuck in a remote area unable to buy a new battery.

Remember, many cameras require a battery not only to work the meter but to operate the camera itself. Select an easy day to remember such as Jan. 1 or your birthday.

When is it safe to hand-hold your camera? Shoot at the shutter speed that comes closest to the focal length of your lens, not slower.

For example, with a 135mm telephoto lens, shoot at 1/125 second or faster. With a normal 50mm lens, a shutter speed of 1/60 will do. When you're not able to because your meter is calling for a slower shutter speed, use a tripod.

Don't always use "fast" films. The colors won't be as vivid, the films will be grainier and they'll cost you more

when you buy them. The same is true for black and white films. I suggest using the slowest speed film that conditions and lighting will allow. Films with a speed of ASA 100 will suffice for most picture taking opportunities.

Remember to always use the guidelines of good composition to add impact to your shots. Move in close, simplify, watch your backgrounds and learn to use depth-of-field effectively.

Look at photographs! Go to museums, galleries and exhibits. Invest in photography books. Not just "how to" books, but photography picture books. Study closely and carefully the works of other photographers. Doing this will improve your own pictures as well as enhance your personal enjoyment of photography.

Finally, always remember that it is you making the photograph, not the camera. The true lens of the camera is in the mind and heart of the photographer. Sharpen your visual awareness and perception of the world. Get in the frame of mind that you are making photographs, not taking snapshots.

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.

## Perfect portrait:

Once again, everything worked perfectly for Monte Nagler and his camera equipment in this impact-filled photo of a little Mexican girl taken near the border town of Matamoros.



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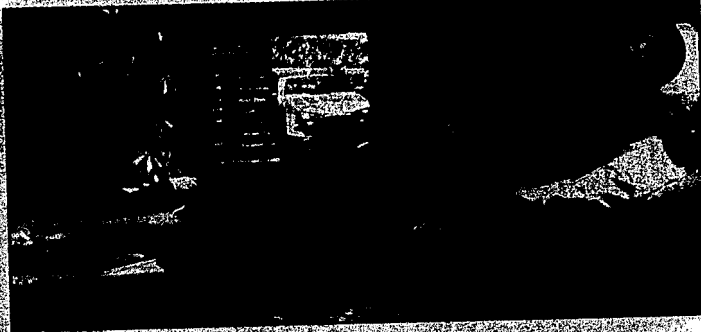
BY BARRY JENSEN  
STAFF WRITER

The holidays are a fun time of the year if you like electronics in your home. Electronic devices are the gifts that keep giving all year, whether the gift is a present from a relative or something you and your spouse have been saving for.

This year's crop of electronic devices and gadgets are delightful, and many of the "old standbys" have been updated.

If yours is one of the 60 million homes without a computer, you can still wander the World Wide Web on your TV and use Email. The capability has been around for a couple years. The best-known machine is WebTV. Two types are now available: the original machine or an updated machine that does more and costs more. Other manufacturers have brought out the packages for connecting to the Web. Prices range from \$200 on up. Just don't forget, you'll be paying \$20 a month for a connection to the World Wide Web through your home telephone.

A relatively new product is the digital video disk (DVD). Digital video disks are the same size as traditional compact disks, but newer technology allows a digital video disk to play (usually movies) for more than two hours. DVD players will also handle traditional CDs. Movie DVDs are available.



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- B. Bose Wave Radio
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- D. RCA DSS System

# ne walls with electronics, fa-la-la-la-la

from stores other than the ones that sell the DVD players. A typical price for a DVD player is \$650. A typical price for a DVD is \$20.

Digital cameras are the hot product this year, said one salesman. The price for a digital camera at OfficeMax was \$260 on up. You can show photographs taken by your digital camera on the camera itself, a television or a computer. Some cameras save the pictures you take to a diskette, which you can put into your home computer. The biggest attraction of a digital camera is the ability to go directly onto the World Wide Web. If you have the right software, you can manipulate digital pictures using your personal computer.

More folks than ever are offering satellite TV with pizza-sized antennas. These units, which connect directly into your existing TV, are being heavily promoted. That means you probably can buy one for below list. A JVC unit is available from Sears for \$200. More money buys you more features. You will also have to pay a monthly fee to someone for programming. For an additional \$50, you can buy a kit so you can install the satellite TV system. Or you can have one installed professionally.

Sound reproduction is driven by the heavily promoted Wave Radio. The Wave comes in two (count 'em, two) colors. But that's OK; you won't be

buying one for its looks, although its looks are fine. This radio is famous because of its sound. It's a product of Bose Corp. In addition to its fine sound, the Wave is a full-feature digital clock radio. A Wave costs \$350 at the Bose store in Troy.

Small is the theme of many electronic products again this year. A number of companies are selling small radios and/or CD players that have outstanding sound. The speaker units look like they could never produce decent sound, but they produce superior sound. You can find these at any audio dealer, and in a wide range of prices.

Background noise generators (most look like radios, some are) have been around for quite a while. They are still going strong. They make sleeping a whole lot easier in noisy homes by creating a sound that imitates a heart beat, waves crashing on the shore or just plain white noise. Although some are clock radios with a plus, others are simply sound generators. They range in price from \$49 for basic noisemakers on up.

Motorola is just one of the manufacturers touting its high-tech walkie-talkies. The walkie-talkies are supposed to have a range up to two miles. Shoot, I'd like a couple so we could keep track of each other in the local grocery store. At \$140 per unit, that's a difficult use to justify. But there are no monthly bills from the cellular tele-

phone company.

Classical music lovers were distressed when WQRS-FM abandoned its classical music format. But there is still a classical music station around: FM 89.8 in Windsor. Unfortunately, some folks have trouble receiving the station. How about an antenna for them? Directional FM antennas are sometimes hard to find, but Radio Shack sells a dipole antenna for the princely sum of \$3. If your signal is weak, this may be a good stocking stuffer.

The idea of a wind-up radio fascinates me. The Freeplay AM/FM radio was designed for use by people who do not have access to electricity, but the wind-up radios are being sold in this country. "People really like the idea that they don't have to buy batteries," said Mark Simmons of The Nature Company in Troy. The Freeplay will run up to an hour on one winding, depending upon how loudly it is played. The \$79 radio could be used for camping, boating, gardening and power outages.

If you like hand-held gadgets, the marketplace is full of them. One of the nicer ones produces 200 crossword puzzles. It will even give you hints. The 200 puzzles come from a plug-in cartridge. The electronic crossword puzzler sells for \$150. An additional cartridge costs \$20.

Not every couple plays bridge these

days. To help make up for that lack, one manufacturer is selling a hand-held, battery-powered bridge player for \$100. Hand-held chess boards that will play as your opponent are available, too. There's one for \$50 at Radio Shack.

Or how about hand-held pinball? Pinball has been around for a long time, and hand-held units are not new. But as computers get more powerful, what once demanded a big box suitable for an arcade can now be held in your hand.

The outdoorsman in the family might be able to use "the world's first portable GPS receiver for under \$100." Magellan's pocket-sized GPS Pioneer has easy-to-read graphic displays showing where you are and how to get to your destination. Smaller than a cellular telephone, the GPS Pioneer fits in a pocket or purse and runs on two AA batteries (which last 10 hours). Retail price is \$99.99 at Kmart.

As usual, computers are more powerful than they were last year. The variations are so many - and the quality so high - that choices are almost unlimited. If you want a real racehorse, a 300-megahertz machine is available from Gateway. Monitors, modems, CD drives, virtual gloves and glasses ... they're all available, for a price.

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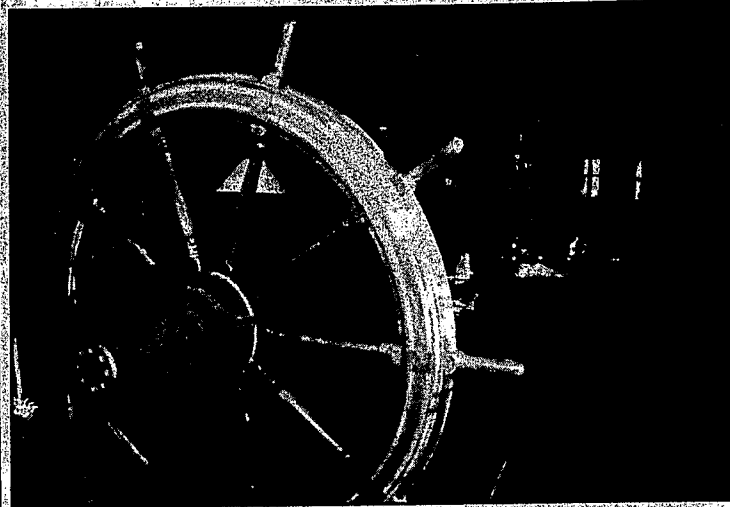
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**Ahoy:** The family room in the house of Charles Stenius and Janet Mathews is filled with a collection of nautical antiques. The residence is on the "Snowprints VIII" tour Sunday.

## Houses opening their doors for 'Snowprints' tour this Sunday

By MARY KLEMIC  
At Home Editor

Make tracks to "Snowprints VIII," a winter house tour presented by the Seaholm PTSA Sunday, Dec. 7.

The welcome mats are out, and holiday decorations are up at six Birmingham area residences on the tour. Proceeds will benefit the Seaholm High School community.

Bring your friends and slippers. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission per person is \$12 in advance, \$15 on the day of the event.

Before Sunday, tickets are available at Mills Pharmacy, 1740 W. Maple; Birmingham Drug Store, 33877 Woodward; Thom Leffler Clothiers, 227 S. Old Woodward; and Seaholm's main office at Lincoln and Cranbrook roads.

Sunday, tickets may be bought 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Mills Pharmacy and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Birmingham Drug Store.

One of the featured houses is the elegant yet comfortable residence of Charles Stenius and Janet Mathews. It was built in 1918-20.

Oak floors and paneling, and high ceilings in many rooms, add to the stately air. But the house is filled with a coziness as well. Each room has its own charm, a harmony of antiques and custom furnishings.

The delightful family room is laid out like a ship's pilot house. Here Stenius has arranged his collection of nautical antiques, which include paintings, carvings, models, equipment and paraphernalia. A steering wheel is a giant centerpiece.

Here also is a wooden table built by Mathews, with a top shaped like an Indian chief's profile. She fashioned it after a sign she saw. An area rug covers part of the parquet floor.

The dining room features sleek custom furniture by Robert Karazim of Structural Accents.

In this room, the tops of doorways and window ledges are at irregular levels around the wall. A design of wine goblet shapes was painted on the wall to fill the spaces. The pattern copied a Charles MacIntosh stained glass window design from Scotland.

Next to the dining room is the spacious living room, with tiny lights balanced like small trapeze artists along slender horizontal wires. A large brick fireplace is at the end of the room across from the dining area.

Four-poster beds covered with white netting canopies are in upstairs rooms. One of the rooms has walls in a "canyon coral" shade.

In an upstairs bathroom, the ceiling drops to create ledges around the perimeter, giving a sense of more space.

## Clarification

The correct name of one of the businesses providing floral arrangements and decorations for the Holiday House and Boutique sponsored by the Volunteer Council of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall Inc. is Hearts and Roses Florists Inc.

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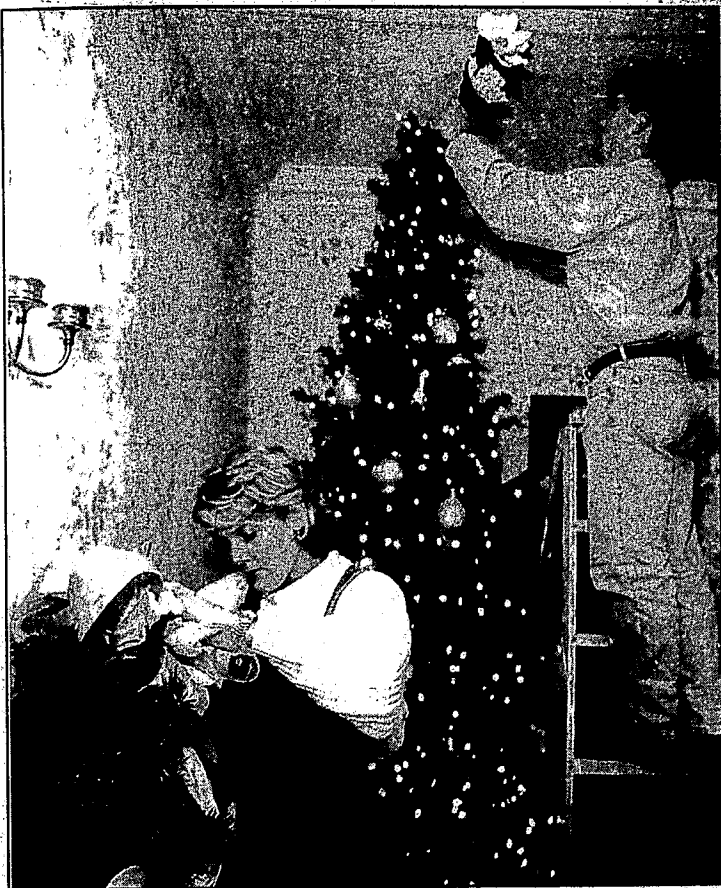
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**Holiday splendor:** Cynthia Wilson and Randall Adams of Panache Designs Ltd. of Atlanta were among four designers decorating 13 rooms at Meadow Brook Hall recently for its holiday walk, "Set for the Holidays at Meadow Brook Hall." Continuing 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily through Sunday, Dec. 7, at Oakland University in Rochester, "Set for the Holidays" features rooms adorned for the holidays, Dodge and Wilson family treasures in table settings, and Santa at Knole Cottage. Elegant candlelight dinners will take place Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 4-6. Call (248) 370-3140 for admission, gala dinner costs and reservations and other information.

## Enjoy music at Holiday House

Live music will be performed 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Sunday at the Holiday House and Boutique in West Bloomfield. Call the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall Volunteer Council, office at (313) 962-1000, Ext. 285. The schedule is:

**Friday** - Mark Wickens, piano, 10-11 a.m.; Susan Antisdal, piano, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Southfield Lathrup High School Advanced and Freshman Madrigals, Robert Martin, director, 1-2 p.m.; Jane and Pete Synnestvedt, 2-3 p.m.; Troy High School Jazz Combo, 3-4 p.m.

**Saturday** - Vicky Wang, piano, 10-11

a.m.; Hills String Quartet, 11 a.m. to noon; The Matta Boys 2, noon to 1 p.m.; Kors Harmen & Friends, 1-2 p.m.; Suzuki Royal Oak Chamber Strings, 2-3 p.m.; Lahser High School Chamber Orchestra, Valerie Palmieri, director, 3-4 p.m.

**Sunday** - Walden String Quartet, 10-11 a.m.; Ben and Barney Culver, violin/cello, 11 a.m. to noon; Oakland University Flute Ensemble, noon to 1 p.m.; Carol Petty, soprano, 1-2 p.m.; Cross of Christ Women's Ensemble, Wilma Jed, director, 2-3 p.m.; Cross of Christ Gloria Deo Singers, 3-4 p.m.

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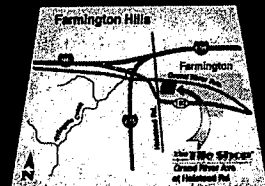
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• A Department 56 Snowbabies retirement event is scheduled Friday, Dec. 5, at Always Christmas, in Olde World Canterbury Village in Lake Orion. A Department 56 Snowbabies event is scheduled Friday-Sunday, Dec. 5-7, at Always Christmas. Call (248) 391-5700. Canterbury Village is three miles off I-75, Exit 83, North, Joslyn Road.

• The Peyote Bird collection will be featured in a jewelry show 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at Mesa Arts, 32800 Franklin Road in Franklin. Look for the perfect holiday gift among the extraordinary designs, classic and contemporary. Call (248) 851-9949.

• The Troy Garden Club will participate in the "Hanging of the Greens" noon Friday, Dec. 5, at the Troy Historical Museum, on Wattles west of Livorno. An open house, at which tea will be served, will take place noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, at the Casewell House at the museum. Call Barb Apel at (248) 879-1393 for information.

• The ninth annual Christmas Walk

presented by the Friends for the Development of Greenmead will take place 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, in Livonia. Call the Livonia Department of Community Resources at (313) 466-2540 or (313) 464-2741.

• The Franklin Village Holly Day home tour will take 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. Other Holly Day events will run 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. For information, call Sandy Lang at (248) 855-4613, Nancy Kern at (248) 626-2820 or Anna Marie Roediger at (248) 851-9179.

• The 1997 Holiday House and Boutique, sponsored by the Volunteer Council of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall Inc., will be open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Dec. 5-7, with musical performances. The house is at 6232 Rue Du Lac, off Pontiac Trail, 2-1/2 miles west of Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield. Tickets are \$8 per person and available only at the door. Call the DSOH Volunteer Council at (313) 962-1000, Ext. 285.

• The Frank Boos Gallery, 420 Enterprise Court in Bloomfield Hills, will have an auction of property belonging

to Mr. and Mrs. Ransom Olds and private collectors from Ann Arbor and Grosse Pointe 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11. Call (248) 332-1500. A preview will take place noon to 8 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Dec. 8-9, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10.

• "Gifts of Art," the 13th annual holiday sales show at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association, continues through Saturday, Dec. 13, at the BBAA, 1516 S. Cranbrook Road in Birmingham. Admission is free. Hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Call (248) 644-0866.

• "Mens Night Out" in Franklin Village will take place Thursday, Dec. 11. Apple Tree Room, Curiosity Shoppe, Escapades, Gift People, Mesa Arts, Village Barn and Yanke Designs will be open to 9 p.m. with refreshments.

• Sally Hackman of Farmington will talk about "Crinkle" Christmas figurines 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at Brickscape Christmas Store in Northville. Call (248) 348-2500. The store is on Brickscape Drive, which runs north off Eight Mile, just east of Novi Road.

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• The eighth annual Palmer Wood Holiday Home tour is 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7. Call (313) 892-7384.

• "Holiday Homes of Historic Ypsilanti" is set noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7. Call Remington by Design at (313) 485-2164.

• "A Celebration of Light" will take place Sunday, Dec. 7, at Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor. The free event has activities for the entire family. Call (313) 998-7061.

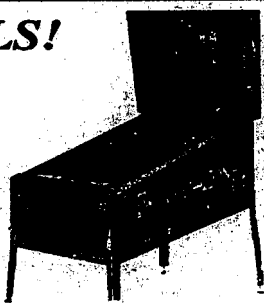
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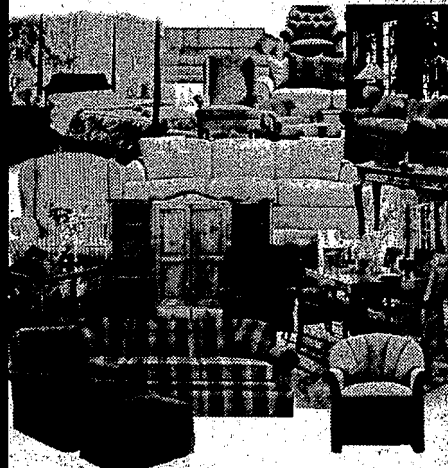
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RUTH MOSSOK JOHNSTON

Of course between the holidays is the time to entertain – your house is clean from Thanksgiving, the centerpieces are still intact, and for some, the Christmas tree and holiday decorations are now up and ready for action.

Want to do some reciprocation parties? Time to have your old Tante (auntie) for tea before she complains that she wasn't invited for Christmas or Hanukkah, or to invite your boss or co-workers for some holiday cheer. Have a dessert party, a wassail bowl party, cocktails and apps (appetizers), or do a themed tea.

Develop this get-together with a limited menu, and simple preparation. You could even tie in this idea with exchanging Christmas gifts.

Desserts are great at this time of year. Many options are out there if you are in a shopping for food mode, or tons of great recipes are available.

Check out local bookstores in the cookbook areas, the Internet food sites, and The Little Professor in Dearborn for the greatest of magazine choices!

Popular author and chef names in the dessert arena are many. First, foremost and readily available, the dessert guru Maida Heatter, author of (her newest) "Maida Heatter's Cakes" (Cader Books/Andrews McMeel, 1997). I personally have more than half a shelf of just her dessert books!

The well-known book "Baking with Julia," written by Dorie Greenspan, based on the PBS-TV series hosted by Julia Child (William Morrow and Com-

pany Inc., 1996), is a book that certainly savors the joys of baking with America's best bakers!

And, new this year, "The Chocolate Bible" by Christian Teubner (Penguin Studio, a member of Penguin Putnam Inc., 1997).

Being a "Sweet Freak" I like to plan easy evenings of dessert get-togethers (coffee, tea and homemade hot cocoa – menu done) or an evening of warming drinks and unusual appetizers.

If tea is your passion, you can do tea at teatime, or break the rules and make it an evening with friends or family. Here are some pointers:

- Keep finger sandwiches small enough to handle without utensils.
- Have a nice variety of sandwiches. Keep those vegetarians in mind – don't do all pate type of fillings.
- Along with finger sandwiches that should be savory, do some sweets!
- Have a variety of teas from which to choose.

• Make some homemade cocoa. There are wonderful flavors available at upscale groceries and the Dayton Hudson Company.

• Offer other warming drinks – mulled cider, mulled wine, coffee or flavored coffee. If serving coffee, add a chocolate spoon for a real treat (available at Vic's World Class Market and many confectionery shops; or make your own by pouring melted chocolate into the bowl part of a heavy duty plastic spoon – don't cover the handle).

## MULLED WINE AND MULLED CIDER SACHETS/TEA BALLS

Yield: 12 sachets

Ingredients:

- 12 cinnamon sticks, broken in small bits
- 12 whole nutmeg
- 60 whole cloves

- 24 small bay leaves
- 36 slices of crystallized ginger
- 60 whole cardamom pods

Directions:

Using a large tea ball, muslin bags or sheets of cheesecloth, divide the ingredients evenly among the 12 sachet holders; fill.

To make mulled wine or cider, add one sachet to 2-quarts of cider or wine, cover the pot, and let simmer for 30 minutes. Ladle the mulled wine or cider into mugs and serve. Warn your guests: This gets hot!

The Michigan Cherry wines are delicious as a mulled wine, and there are many from which to choose. Chateau Grand Traverse produces a Spiced Cherry Wine that already contains some spices; or try just a plain cherry wine for your mulled brew.

Spice sachets make nice little gifts for your guests, or make and take as a hostess gift to take to a home where you have been invited, or store for later use. You can make these up to two months in advance, and store in an airtight container.

How about some unusual Quesadillas as an appetizer?

These are incredible. I recently made these for an in-store demo at Vic's World Class Market in Novi – what a hit! I was feeling tired of quesadillas a la normal – tomato, Jack cheese and jalapenos.

Keep in mind that quesadillas don't always have to have a Mexican flavor although they are a traditionally a Mexican dish. Experiment with flavors. Try some fruit and vegetables together – you might just be surprised!

These Papaya, Camembert and Caramelized Onion Quesadillas have a great mix of sweet and savory. Cut them into wedges and serve! Great as apps; perfect for a holiday treat, or just as a snack for your family while sitting around and watching TV.

## PAPAYA, CAMEMBERT AND CARAMELIZED ONION QUESADILLAS

Yield: 6 servings

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### ACCORDING TO DESIGN

If design professionals can help their clients avoid one mistake, they will often have earned their fees on that bit of advice alone. According to the American Society of Interior Designers, here are the most common mistakes that people make without the help of a designer: failing to take the overall picture into account, both financially and visually; tending to sink a disproportionate amount of money into one room; failing to acquire necessary permits and insurance policies; hiring unqualified contractors; and settling for insufficient lighting. Good designers will often modify the existing conditions in a project by working with what is given, saving their clients a good deal of money in the process.

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# Planning helps wrap up shopping



LISA LUCKOW-HEALY

Unless you planned ahead and began holiday shopping by early October, chances are the young child on your gift list may not find a "Sleep & Snore Ernie" inside any beautifully adorned package this season.

Although this popular toy may be hard to come by, there is still an infinite array of fabulous gift items just waiting to be had. Reserve one evening on your family calendar to gather around the dinner table or a cozy fireplace to formulate your holiday shopping list.

Give each family member of gift shopping age a piece of paper and a pencil. Ask everyone who participates to draw a line from the top center of the paper to the bottom center point, forming two columns.

List the names of the people each person will buy gifts for in the lefthand col-

umn. In the righthand column, ask everyone to jot down the gift ideas for a given person directly across from the name.

Once the lists are complete, ask each person to read his or her ideas out loud, giving other family members the opportunity to offer constructive criticism.

Is a new sweater a bit extravagant to give to a teacher? If so, take the time to explain why to your son or daughter, offering suggestions for other gift items.

Once everyone in your family is in agreement with the gift lists, have one person compile all the lists into one master list if one person will supervise the majority of the shopping excursions, or return the original lists to their owners if everyone is responsible enough to complete his or her own shopping.

When your lists fall short of completion due to a lack of ideas, refer to mail-order catalogs or store advertisements for ideas, or go back to basics by making something original with your family's own creativity. Use the following gift suggestions to assist you in your planning.

**Children of all ages** - Wooden blocks

are a popular staple for the toddler who loves to build and stack.

Dolls are a sure-fire hit with young girls, particularly when you take the time to find out what specific doll holds their interest.

Young boys are often thrilled at the sight of popular action figures such as those associated with cartoon heroes or "Star Wars." Even the Hot Wheels and Matchbox cars have maintained their seemingly ageless popularity.

Virtual pets and virtual babies, computer games and trendy clothing are good bets with preteens and teenagers.

**Just for Mom** - If you are shopping for that extra special gift that shows your mother just how much you love and appreciate her, perhaps unconditionally telling her you love her will fill her needs. Beyond this special message, it is always a good idea to consult her list.

Mothers have days filled with surprises. When they ask for something, you know they really need or want it. However, if you have the mother who refuses to make a list, think about what makes her feel good.

Perhaps feeling good means a gift certificate for a day at the spa, a new breadmaker or kitchen gadget, a weekend getaway to a ski resort, fuzzy slippers, a favorite fragrance, a new outfit or a stunning piece of jewelry.

**What about Dad?** - Dads are often difficult to shop for because they attest to having everything and needing nothing.

But you know better. This could be the holiday you help him throw out all the favorites with holes in them because he is too lazy to buy new ones.

Try shopping for those new, cozy, warm flannel pajamas, a new set of running shoes (so he can tell you he is going to get into shape after the New Year, as he has said for the last five years), a television that actually works, a cellular phone (this is the '90s), a pair of warm

gloves (without holes), theater tickets and a dinner certificate for his favorite restaurant, or a new snow blower to replace his shovel.

**Grandma & Grandpa** - The holidays are a time for giving. Grandparents often spend a great deal of time giving to family without expecting anything in return. When they do receive gifts from family and friends, those gifts are often appreciated the most as those that come straight from the heart.

Framed photographs of the children and grandchildren are prized possessions. When grandparents don't drive a coupon book good for a given number of chauffeured trips to local stores, followed by lunch or dinner out with family, adds cheer throughout the year.

Holiday treasures are often found in the drawings and paintings young children make for grandparents. Parents can take these artistic creations one step further by having them matted and framed for grandparents.

**School exchange** - Before the frustration of buying gifts for teachers, daycare assistants or other school acquaintances sets in, think about what items are actually useful to these individuals.

Often, homemade cookies and holiday treats are greatly appreciated because the child may have taken part in the act of creating the gift.

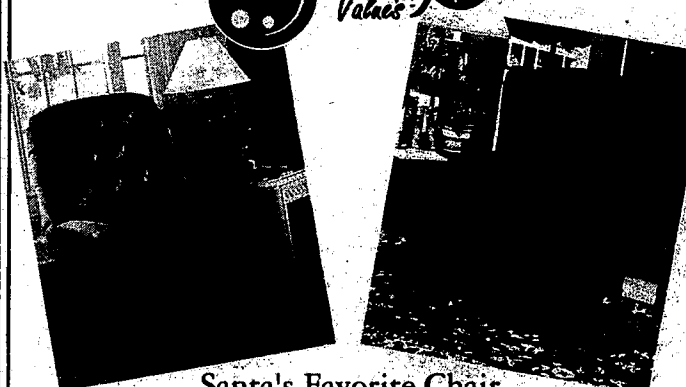
Fruit baskets and gift baskets are additional ways of saying *thank you* without going to great expense, especially if you make the basket yourself. And when using a decorative basket for your preparation, the recipient can reuse it in his or her own gift giving. Gift certificates to a local bakery, coffee house or fruit market are nice intentions.

If you can coordinate students and parents away from the classroom, create a hands of learning sweat shirt for the teacher. Ask each student to make a handprint on the sweat shirt using paint.

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**Ingredients:**

Olive oil  
3/4 large onion, sliced thin  
3-4 teaspoons fresh jalapeño chili, seeded and minced  
1 tablespoon sugar  
12 (6-inch-diameter) flour tortillas  
12 ounces Camembert cheese, diced  
3/4 cup fresh cilantro, stems removed, and chopped  
1 papaya, peeled, seeded, thinly sliced  
Optional:  
Sour cream or Laban (heavy strained, yogurt)  
Salsa - homemade, or prepared (optional)

**Directions:**

Heat oil in medium skillet over medium-high heat. Add onion and sugar - sauté onion until just tender, about 4 minutes; then add sugar and sauté a few minutes longer. When onion is caramelized, add minced jalapeño, and let cool slightly.

Arrange tortillas on a flat surface. On half of each, add diced cheese, cilantro, papaya slices and slightly cooled onion mixture, dividing equally. Fold over each tortilla.

In a large skillet over medium high heat, add enough oil to pan-sauté the quesadillas. Heat oil to hot, add the halved quesadillas and sauté until golden or to desired doneness.

Transfer quesadillas to plates; cut into wedges. Serve with sour cream or laban. Have salsa available if desired. Make a fruit salsa or try a traditional tomato salsa on the side.

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bought fabric paint, then print his or her name below the print using a fabric pen.

It is always a good idea to hold on to your holiday gift lists in a convenient file you label "Holiday Gift Lists."

Place your lists in the file so your family can refer to them the following year when you formulate new gift giving

ideas. This helps prevent you from giving the same gift to someone two years in a row.

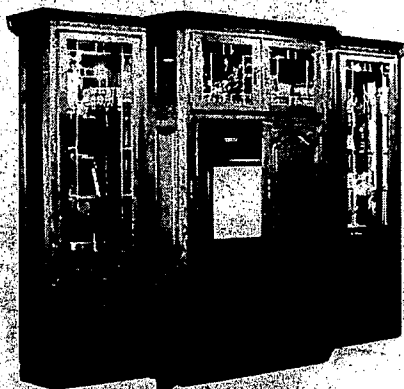
The gift your family gave a person the previous year may also be an indication of that person's interests, providing valuable insight into what type of gift you may wish to buy for the coming holiday.

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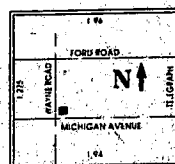
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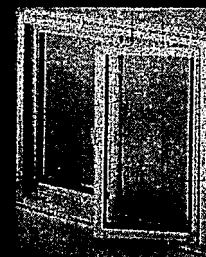
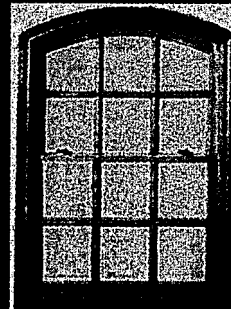
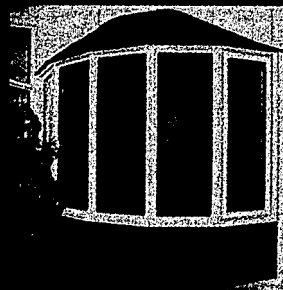
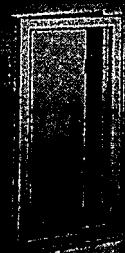
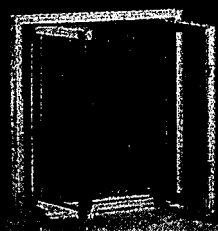
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It's a sheet of paper 8-1/2 inches wide by 14 inches long.  
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It's saturated with words that don't pop up in your daily conversations. Words such as "appurtenances," meaning things that have been attached, made part of, "personalty," meaning personal property, and other relatively rare rhetorical references such as "proration," "encumbrance," "earnest money" and "seepage."

Actually, it says "leakage and seepage," quite specifically. This is a quite specific document, obviously labored over by authors who were determined to thwart interpretation and argument.

This is the document that communicates between home sellers and home buyers. This is the purchase agreement. This is the piece of paper where needs and dreams meet, where tomorrows are planned, where lives change—sometimes happily and easily, sometimes not.

The purchase agreement is a contract initiated by prospective home buyers, on which they tell the sellers, "We'll buy your house for this certain amount of money, and you've got a certain amount of time to think it over." The contract then goes to the sellers, who start thinking.

Now what? Do the buyers think they offered enough to get the house, but not too much? Do the sellers like the price they see on the agreement, even if it isn't their asking price? Or is this about more than money? The negotiations that accompany the purchase agreement might be spoken in dollars, but what are the negotiators really talking about?

"You have to remember," said Carol Frick, "It's not just a business transaction—for any of the people involved." Frick, sales agent with Ralph Manuel Associates, Birmingham, said she always looks at feelings as well as figures.

"It's an emotion decision for all parties. The sellers have to deal with the emotion of letting go of something very

personal. The buyers have to begin seeing this new structure as their home, not just some place where they're going to live."

Buyers and sellers, Frick said, can't help but bring their hopes and fears into the situation. Dozens of different hopes and fears for dozens of different buyers and sellers.

For example, she said, perhaps the buyers are relocating from another state and "They're sad about leaving the place where they've been." Their longing for the home they're being required to give up can affect their attitude about the purchase offer. Anger about having to move, for example, might make them offer low, almost as if they unknowingly want the deal to fail, forcing them to

stay where they were.

For the seller, she said, negotiations can be affected by sadness, say, the sadness of having to give up a set of curtains in a child's bedroom. The sad seller might react against an otherwise-reasonable offer but could be won over if the truth were known and the buyers offered to let them take the curtains.

When something seems to be wrong, Frick said, the agent must listen carefully to everything that's being said—and to everything that's not being said. "You have to find the piece of the puzzle to help them feel good about what they're doing."

Is the problem about the baby's curtains. Maybe it's about the death of a loved one. Or about divorce. Finances.

Health. Maybe it's about having to move away from caring neighbors and starting over in a place where everyone's a stranger. Maybe it's about any of the thousands of events that affect our lives.

Sellers, Frick said, can become resistant when they hear prospective buyers criticize the home. "They want the buyers to like the house. They don't want to hear about changes the buyers envision. Resentment about criticism," Frick said, is a factor that can make the seller less receptive to a truly reasonable offer.

"And buyers want to feel they're getting a fair deal."

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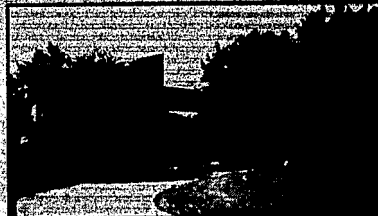
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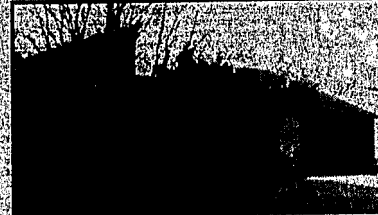
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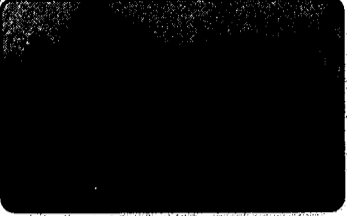
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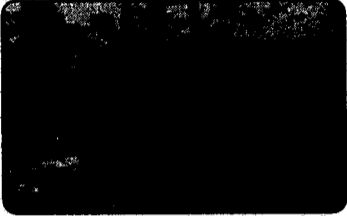
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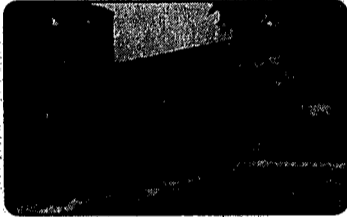
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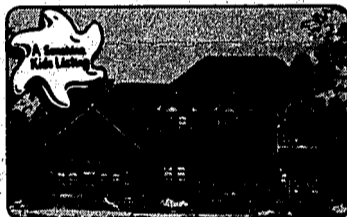
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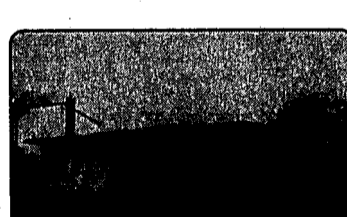


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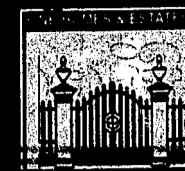
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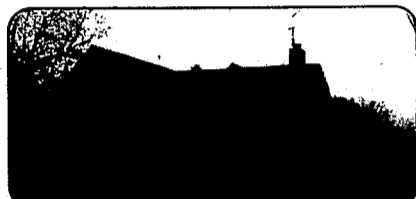
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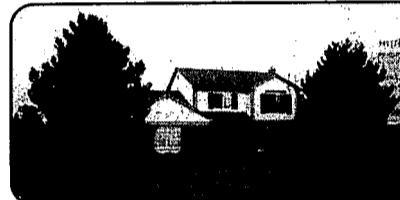
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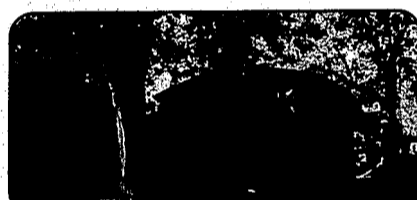
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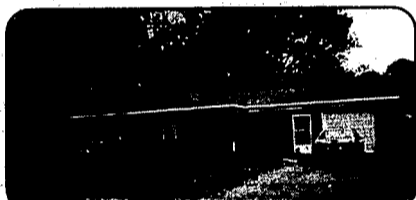
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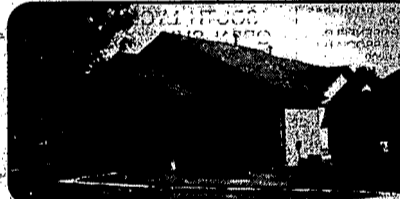
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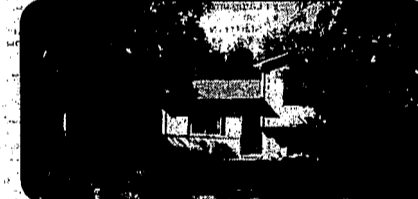
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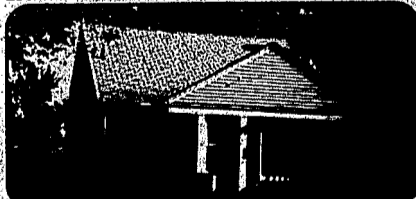
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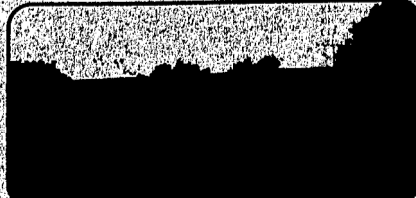
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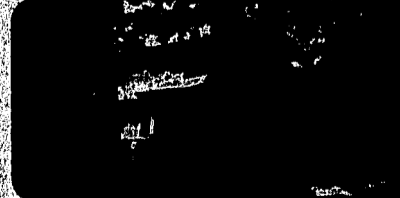
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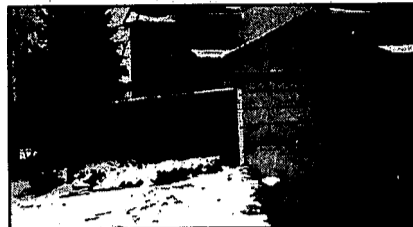
**WEST BLOOMFIELD.** Nearly new 1½ story with a first floor master suite. Great room. Library. 3 car attached garage. 2½ baths and a basement. Professionally landscaped yard! \$349,900 (70WAT) 524-1600



**W. BLOOMFIELD. SPACE TO BREATHE!** Almost 2 acres, 4 bedrooms, 3½ bath. Tri-level. Birmingham schools. New roof, central air, refinished hard wood floors. Painted throughout. Spacious kitchen, family room with walk-out. 2 fireplaces. (65KN) \$289,900 248-626-8800



**IMPRESSIVE CONTEMPORARY.** 2 years old, 2 story, 3 bedrooms, 2½ baths, finished basement, air, fireplace, master suite, deck, great large lot, all sports privileges. \$189,900 (17VAM) 363-1200



**WEST BLOOMFIELD.** Sharp contemporary townhouse offers 3 full baths, finished basement, pool, tennis courts. West Bloomfield schools. Great location near shopping. \$205,000 (89FOX) 642-8100



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**CONTEMPORARY - WEST BLOOMFIELD.** Gorgeous 3 bedroom, 2½ baths. Full finished basement. Vaulted ceilings. Lake privileges, swim & boat park. West Bloomfield schools. \$189,900 (95FIE) 363-1200



**BIRMINGHAM.** Super bungalow within walking distance to Downtown Birmingham. Features include 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, great screened porch and very nice yard! \$189,900 (76BAT) 642-8100



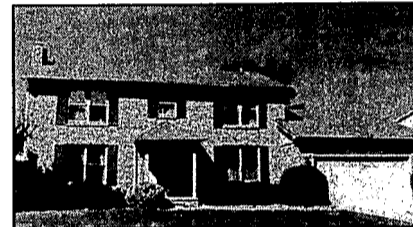
**TROY - 4 bedroom, 2½ bath Colonial** in Troy school district. Very clean and many updates including paint and carpeting. Move in condition. Great location. (28MI) \$240,000 248-626-8800



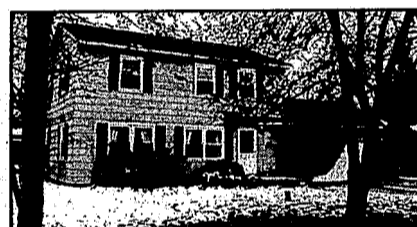
**WATERFORD BRICK CAPE COD.** 3 bedrooms, finished basement with fireplace. Lots of storage, hardwood floors, cove ceilings, over 1 acre of land, 2 car detached garage. \$123,900 (99LIN) 363-1200



**WEST BLOOMFIELD.** 4 bedroom, 2½ bath Contemporary. Bloomfield Hills schools, great room, library, formal dining room, white formica kitchen, terrific master bedroom suite w/gorgeous master bath, his & her walk-in closet, finished basement, newer windows, newer roof. (80STR) \$387,900 642-8100



**LOVELY COLONIAL** in Chichester sub. Freshly painted. Loaded with amenities including 2 fireplaces and hot tub. 4 bedrooms. Rochester schools. Home Warranty. \$224,900 (45ROY) 652-8000



**4 BEDROOM COLONIAL.** Village of Commercal 1,576 sq. ft. of colonial charm, updated Oak kitchen and open floor plan. 2 car attached garage, large lot. \$129,900 (42AND) 363-1200



**W. BLOOMFIELD.** Pretty three bedroom Ranch, 1½ baths with hardwood floors, skylight, cathedral ceiling, fireplace, huge garage, full basement. Middle Straits lake privileges. Big wrap around deck. (34FI) \$148,900 248-626-8800



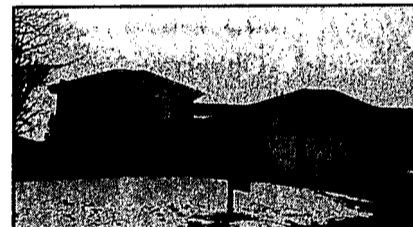
**GREAT INTERIOR** Street in Heatherwood sub. 3 parks & trails, walk to downtown Rochester. Pillared Colonial with natural fireplace in family room. Neutral decor. Newer Armstrong flooring in kitchen, central air, large master suite with walk-in closet & bath, deck & sprinklers. \$187,900 (56PAR) 652-8000



**TROY.** 3 bedroom brick Ranch with 1,200 square feet. Finished basement. Newer roof, furnace, windows, oak kitchen. Home Warranty! \$150,000 (57TRA) 524-1600



**TROY.** 3 bedroom brick Ranch in Troy offers many updates throughout. Finished basement. 2 full baths. Central air. 2 car garage. \$139,000 (73RED) 524-1600



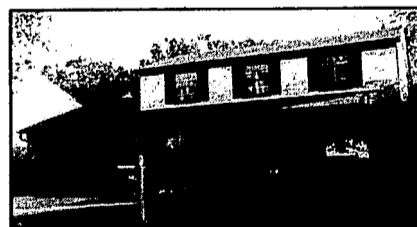
**BEAUTIFUL CUSTOM QUAD** featuring newer light Oak cabinets, new counter tops & sink, formal dining room, new carpet, new windows in '93, new garage door & new kitchen floor. Large family room with natural fireplace. Sprinkler system, air conditioning. Quiet street. (48NA) \$150,000 248-626-8800



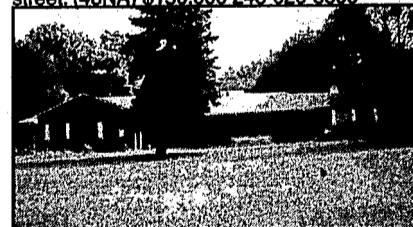
**ENJOY NATURE** from this 3 bedroom home set on 2 wooded acres. Open floor plan, master suite has sitting room with fireplace, 2 additional bedrooms with built in desks & shelves. Sun room, new Karastan carpeting. Many extras & updates. Home Warr. Rochester schools. \$269,900 (99JEN) 652-8000



**BEAUTIFUL 3 bedroom Troy Ranch** on huge lot. Family room, living room. Fireplace. New ceramic floors. Finished basement. 2 car attached garage and more. \$149,900 (45HOP) 524-1600



**TROY.** 4 bedroom Colonial with 2½ baths. Family room with fireplace and doorwall to cedar deck. First floor laundry. Large kitchen. Finished basement. Move in condition. Home Warranty! \$219,900 (34WIL) 524-1600



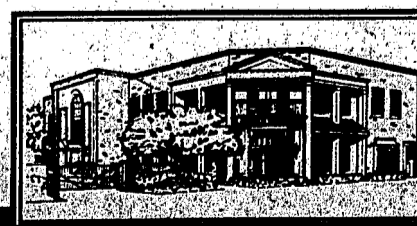
**BEVERLY HILLS.** Spacious Ranch with Florida room. Recent updates, carpet in family room. Foyer, living room, formal dining room. Freshly painted exterior. Over 2,600 square feet does not include Florida room. (30ST) \$219,000 248-626-8800



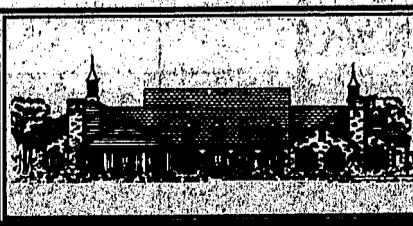
**4 BEDROOM COLONIAL.** Located in desirable Great Oaks! Central air, patio basement, 2 car garage. Priced at \$200,000. (11HEM) 652-8000



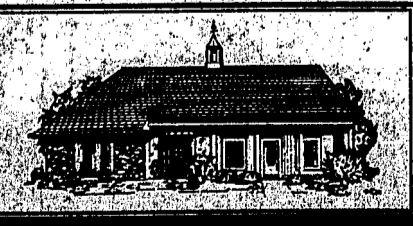
**TROY.** 3 bedroom Colonial with a finished basement. Roof '94. Newer windows '95. Yard backs to shrubs and trees. Troy schools. \$167,900 (61NIA) 524-1600



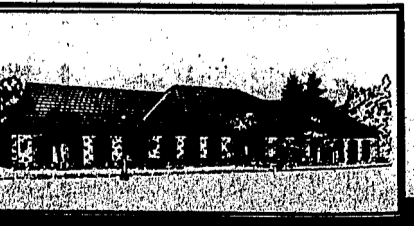
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**PROFESSIONALLY UPDATED.** Pack your bags and move right in to this beauty. 3, possible 4 bedrooms, den/office, new hardwood floors/Berber throughout. Basement & 2 car garage, large lot, generous storage. \$141,900 (95OAK) 363-1200



**BRAND NEW FEEL AND SMELL** to this 2 year old raised ranch contemporary home. White kitchen, vaulted ceilings, sky lights, finished walk-out. Waterford area. \$156,900 (35TAN) 363-1200



**PARK-LIKE SETTING.** .83 acre, 3 bedroom, 2 bath; 2+ car garage. A rare find! Bright, open floor plan of quality, easy access to I-96 & shopping, appliances and move-in condition. \$159,500 (66PEA) 363-1200



**UPDATED 4 BEDROOM HOME.** Everything is done, hardwood floors, Berber carpet, updated throughout, plus windows, shingles, paint and landscaping! WOW! 2,300 square feet. \$175,900 (42STE) 363-1200



**W. BLOOMFIELD.** Enjoy pleasant lake view from your gazebo! Surrounded by a beautiful deck, this sharp Colonial will exceed your expectation. Open & neutral with ceramic tiles in kitchen, BF Rm, foyer, bathrooms & FP. Lots of updates. \$264,900 (53WA) 248-626-8800



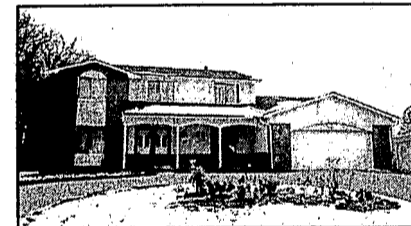
**TROY.** Move right in to this delightful open & airy custom built 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial. Cul-de-sac location. High ceilings. Troy schools. \$235,000 (23SA) 626-8800



**WALK TO TOWN.** Charming Cape Cod in Poppleton Park area. Master suite, formal living room with fireplace, large dining room, updated kitchen. Reglazed windows, hardwood floors, central air & security system. \$314,000 (10MA) 626-8800



**CANTON-NEUTRAL, BRIGHT & AIRY,** lovely 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial in cul-de-sac location of newer sub. Master suite with walk-in closet, great room with fireplace, central air, sprinkler, professional landscaping. 1st floor den. \$164,888 (43LO) 248-626-8800



**W. BLOOMFIELD-BEAUTIFUL COLONIAL,** move-in condition. Great landscaping & location! Many updates include: security system, carpet, roof, furnace, kitchen cabinets and much more! Don't pass this up! \$279,900 (72IN) 248-626-8800



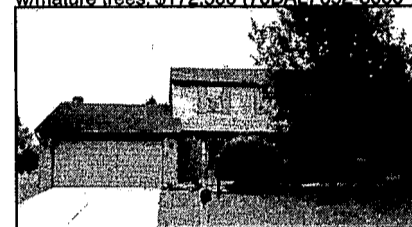
**FINE QUALITY AND WORKMANSHIP THROUGHOUT!** Immaculate condition and all the extras. 2 story foyer, circular staircase, his & her lighted closets in master bedroom, walk-out lower level with wet bar & fireplace, 2nd kitchen & more! \$350,000 (30SU) 626-8800



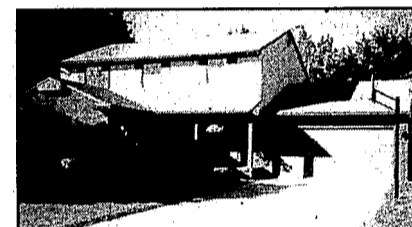
**A HOME** for the discriminating buyer! Professionally decorated, 3 bed custom Tudor on 2 1/2 very private wooded acres in Oakland Twp. Features conservatory & garden rooms, deck, spa, finished LL with walk-out, 3 1/2 baths. Backs to bird sanctuary & small pond. Home Warranty. \$329,900 (75GUN) 652-8000



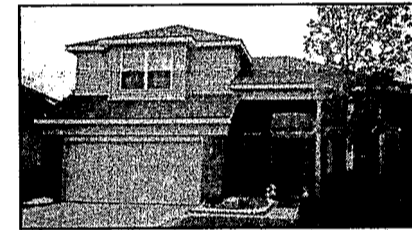
**HEATHERWOOD COLONIAL!** Lovely front room with crown molding & decorative molding on bay window. Oak foyer, family room, newer carpeting in master bedroom w/private access to the bath. All appliances stay. Huge deck w/attractive canopy & private backyard w/mature trees. \$172,500 (70DAL) 652-8000



**LOVELY COLONIAL** in popular family sub. 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, neutral, clean, air, sprinklers. \$185,900 (77DRE) 652-8000



**ROCHESTER HILLS, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 bath** 2,500 square foot Colonial. Open floor plan. Some updating. Large private lot with beautiful landscaping and large deck. \$209,900 (14DEN) 652-8000



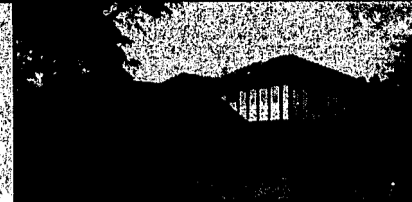
**OAKLAND TWP. - ROCHESTER.** Nice 3 yr. old, 1 1/2 story with 1st floor master bedroom. 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath. Full walk-out lower level. Bright & cheery with many unique windows. Backs to nature area of trees, flowers, wetlands for beautiful view. Easy access to I-75 & M-59. \$215,500 (32BRI) 652-8000



**BEVERLY HILLS - Fabulous sprawling,** spacious Ranch in West Beverly. Features include 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, vaulted family room with fireplace, full basement and 2 car attached garage. Very special home on super lot! \$319,900 (83SYL) 642-8100



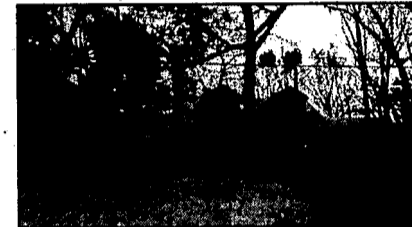
**BLOOMFIELD HILLS - 4 bedroom, 2 full and 2 half bath Quad** with over 2,700 square feet of living space. Renovated kitchen in white formica, living room and family room with fireplaces, library, formal dining room, finished basement and beautiful in-ground pool setting. \$299,900 (34VIN) 642-8100



**BLOOMFIELD HILLS - Bloomfield.** Wabeek great custom 4 bedroom Tudor with 2 story entrance & dining room. Hardwood floors, 2 full baths, 2 half baths, center island kitchen, wet bar in library, family room, living room & large MBR with walk-in closets. 3 car side enter garage. \$324,900 (64MAR) 642-8100



**ROYAL OAK - Cozy Cape Cod** on popular boulevard in north Royal Oak. 4 bedrooms, den, sun room, many updates, large lot. Home Warranty. \$279,000 (11MOU) 642-8100



**WEST BLOOMFIELD - 3,300 square foot** Cape Cod on 1/2 acre lot in Bloomfield Hills School District. 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 bath with living room, family room, Florida room and finished basement and 1st floor master bedroom suite. \$349,900 (39SHO) 642-8100



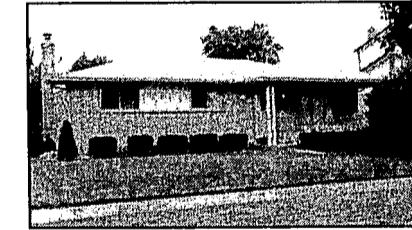
**WEST BLOOMFIELD - Twin Beach Ranch!** Lake privileges on Middle Straits with gorgeous beach. Updated Ranch with newer kitchen, roof, bath, furnace, air conditioning, carpet, open floor plan, deck, basement and 2 car attached garage. Nice and clean! \$144,900 (39SAN) 642-8100



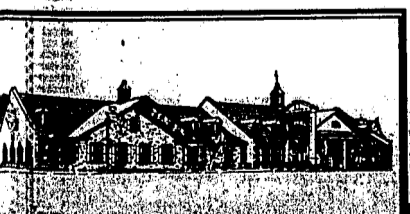
**SPACIOUS Troy home** with 4/5 bedrooms. 2,309 square feet. Roof shingles 5 years, central air 5 years. Screened porch 16x8. Fenced yard. \$174,900 (27HIL) 524-1600



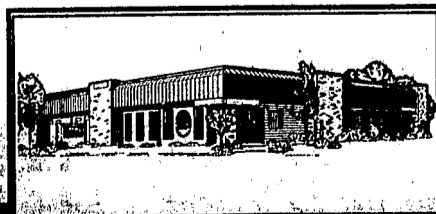
**MANY UPDATES 3 bedroom brick Ranch** in Troy offers a half acre lot. Immediate occupancy. Florida room and finished basement with wet bar. Alarm system. Hardwood floors and 2 fireplaces. \$159,500 (09WAT) 524-1600



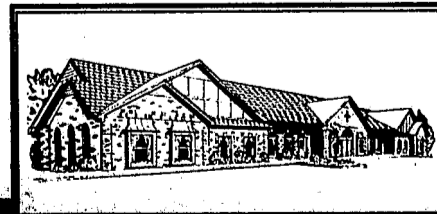
**TROY. 3 bedroom brick Ranch** with maintenance free exterior. Eat in kitchen opens to family room with fireplace. Full basement. Troy schools. \$139,900 (57RAI) 524-1600



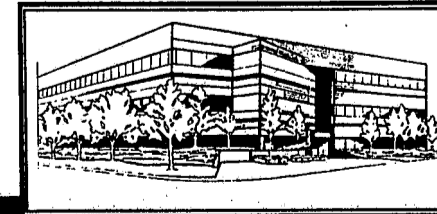
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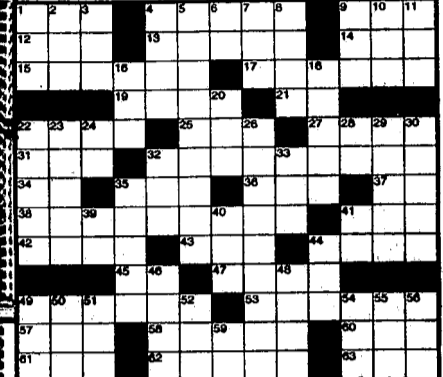
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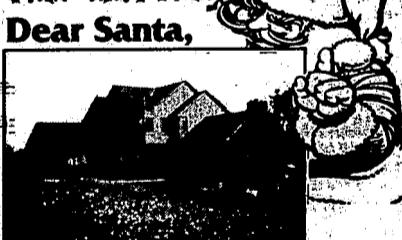
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**EXCEPTIONAL HOME**  
This 1,900 sq. ft. ranch has it all! Built in 1993, features include neutral decor throughout, 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, den, spacious kitchen with island and large nook, impressive great room with fireplace, formal dining room, 1st floor laundry, full basement, 2 car garage, large deck & professionally landscaped, central air & more. Quick occupancy. \$234,900. Call for private showing.

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## 308 Canton

**NEW**  
4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial with formal areas, den and family room. Located in the distinguished golf course community, this home features a stunning 2-story foyer and elegant master suite with all the amenities you could expect. Still time to choose your floor covering colors if you act fast. Quick occupancy. \$258,900.

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Transferred owner says SELL IT! We lowered the price on this immaculate 3 bedroom, great room colonial that's loaded! Features include wood windows, cathedral ceiling and natural fireplace in the great room. Beautiful island countered kitchen with oak cabinets, huge dining with bay window and more! Immediate occupancy! Now \$168,500. Call:

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Almost 1,400 sq. ft., 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, 2 car attached garage, living room, dining room, family room, 1st floor laundry, full finished basement, 2.5 car side entry garage & extended drive. Call for private showing.

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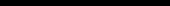
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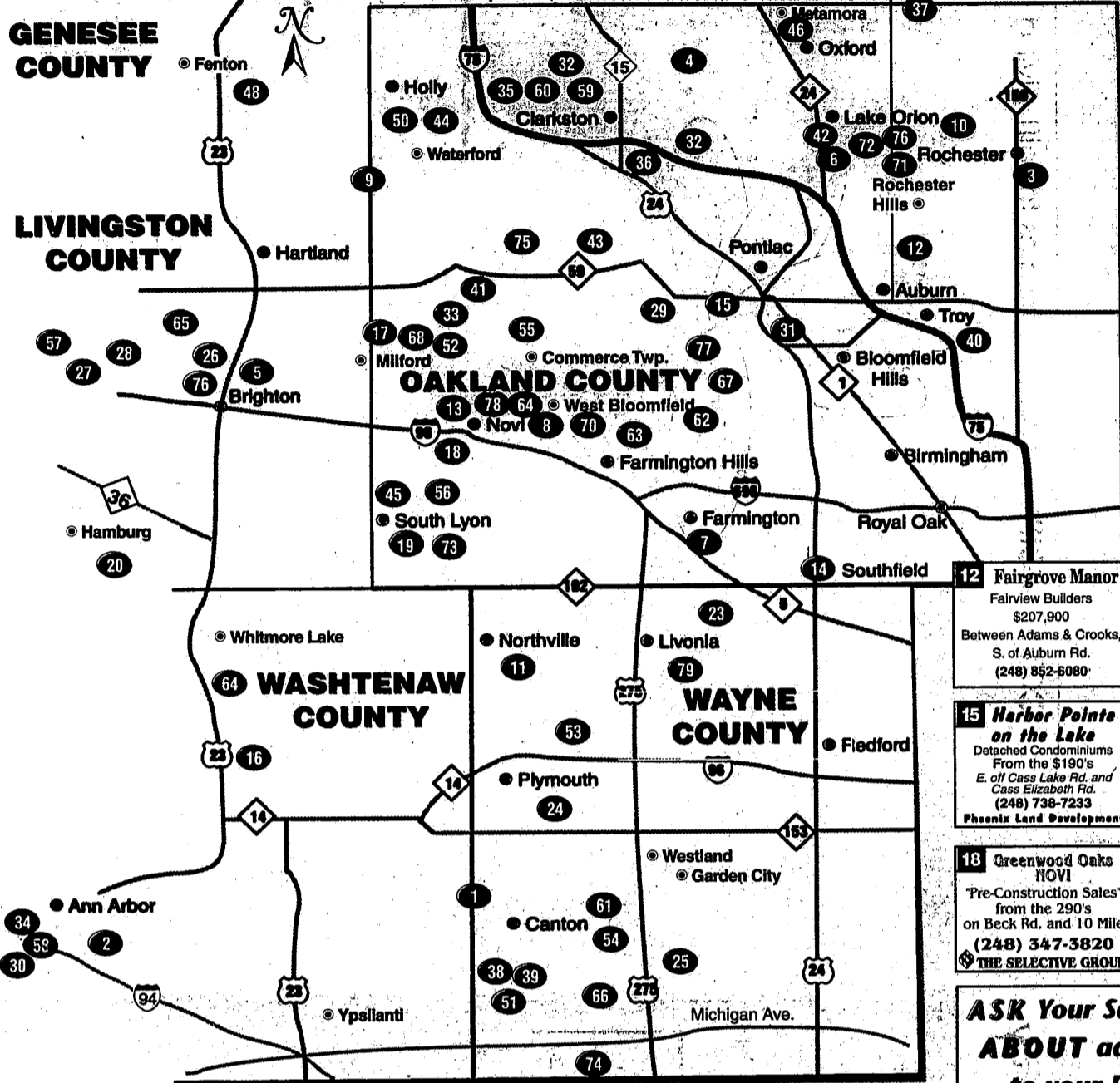
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