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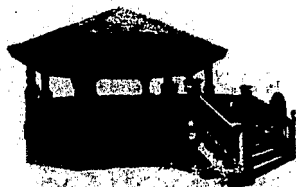
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Last week we looked at all the amazing things that pioneer women did just to keep themselves and their families alive. Though their work was hard, they survived by helping one another, even in small ways. Many offered household hints, often just one neighbor to another in conversation, but occasionally in books or newspapers.

Here are some household hints from 1915.

"A Good Egg Shampoo: To one-half a cake of pure white castile soap, add a pint of hot water. Set on stove and beat until the soap is perfectly dissolved. To this, add an egg which had been thoroughly whipped, stirring it into the mixture to avoid curdling. Add one-third teaspoon of borax and a teaspoon of alcohol to preserve the shampoo. When ready to shampoo the hair, rub well into the scalp and rinse in several clear waters using a bath spray if you have one. The egg shampoo does cleanse the hair very satisfactorily.

French chalk to remove stains. Use French chalk to remove a grease spot. Apply thickly and let stand for several days. If this is not effective, sponge the material first on one side then on the other with spirits of wine. Then press over a piece of thick linen."

Martha Stuart would have been proud!

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



Decked out: First-grader Heather Waldecker of Andersonville Elementary School in Springfield Township works on a craft while sporting a holiday dress and handmade holiday glasses.

Holiday parties

Fun begins with classroom celebrations



Class gift exchange: Ashley Blair (right) shows the book she received from a classmate to Cala Calcut.

Cookies, candy, punch and presents. The fun started the end of last week for students in Clarkston schools as they celebrated the holidays with their classmates and teachers before being dismissed for a two-week Christmas break.

Monday through Wednesday, it was up to Mom and Dad to keep the kids occupied until the Big Day. School resumes Jan. 5.



Tree trim: Amanda Bourdon makes a paper chain.

Youths arrested in rash of thefts

BY CAROLYN WALKER
STAFF WRITER

Three men were arraigned in Oakland County Circuit Court Saturday in connection with a string of larcenies that took place in Springfield and Independence townships late last week.

According to a police report at the Oakland County Sheriff's Department,

■ The three are suspected in as many as 25 robberies from vehicles in the northern portion of Independence and in eastern Springfield.

Taken were car phones, stereo equipment and cassette discs, some of which were recovered at a residence in Waterford Township, according to the police report.

Michael Henson, 20, of Pontiac; Nathan Halk, 18, of Pontiac; and Andrew Miller, 18, of Springfield Township were each charged with breaking and entering vehicles.

They face preliminary examinations in 52/2 District Court at a future date. The number of counts against each man and the date of their preliminary examinations were not available from court representatives at press time.

According to Sgt. Miller, Andrew Miller was being housed in the Oakland County Jail, while Henson and Halk had been released on a \$5,000 personal bond each. Andrew Miller is not related to Sgt. Dale Miller.

Miller received a \$5,000, 10-percent cash surety bond.

There has been an increase in thefts from vehicles this month, according to sheriff Detective Don Key of Independence, who estimated that Independence alone experienced about 45 such thefts in December.

Calling the thefts the work of "car hoppers" who go from vehicle to vehicle, Key said about half that number were locked when they were broken into. Other vehicles were entered because their owners left them unlocked.

Key advised people not to leave items, visible to potential thieves, in parked cars. Whenever possible, he said, park a vehicle in a garage.

"Lately, it seems like the big things are car phones and computer laptops," he said. "Don't leave things like phones, briefcases, presents, loose stereo equipment. A lot of times it's what people see."

Man charged in sexual assault of girl, 7

BY CAROLYN WALKER
STAFF WRITER

A 45-year-old Flint man who formerly resided in Springfield Township has been arraigned in 52/2 District Court on two counts of criminal sexual conduct regarding the 7-year-old daughter of his girlfriend in 1996.

John Edward Echlin was arraigned Dec. 18 before Judge Gerald McNally on one felony count of criminal sexual

conduct, first degree, and one felony count of criminal sexual conduct, second degree.

A first-degree charge, which involves penetration, is punishable by life in prison or any number of years.

A second-degree charge, for inappropriate touching, is a 15-year felony.

The charges against Echlin were made after the child, who is now 8, told a friend and then a counselor that the man had inappropriately touched her.

said Sgt. Dale Miller of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, Springfield substation.

The incidents reportedly occurred in Springfield Township, where the man at one time lived with the child's mother.

Because he is charged with felonies, a mute plea was entered on his behalf in court.

Mute pleas are automatically entered on behalf of suspects because felony

cases cannot be tried at the district court level.

A preliminary hearing to determine if there is enough evidence to bind Echlin over to trial in circuit court is to be held before McNally 9 a.m. Jan. 30.

McNally set a \$2,500, 10-percent bond for Echlin for each charge, and he was released from custody after posting \$500, said Miller on Monday.

POH doctors to staff new urgent care center

BY CAROLYN WALKER
STAFF WRITER

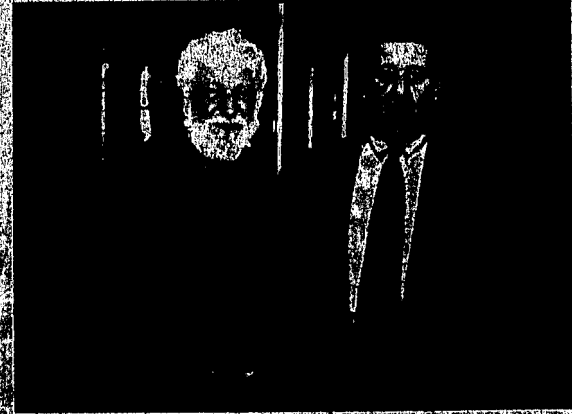
Two local giants of the medical profession joined forces recently in preparation for the spring opening of the new Mid-Oakland Medical Center on Dixie Highway.

Dr. Robert Aranosian, D.O., a highly regarded practitioner who oversees the emergency room at Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital and Dr. James O'Neill, M.D.,

an Independence Township pediatrician and co-founder of the center, announced last week that Aranosian and a number of new physicians who currently work out of POH will be staffing the urgent care center when it opens this April.

Doctors from St. Joseph Mercy Hospital and possibly others are also expected to help man the center's 24

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On call: Drs. James O'Neill (left) and Robert Aranosian, both of Independence Township, pose inside the new urgent care center that's being built at M-15 and Dixie Highway.

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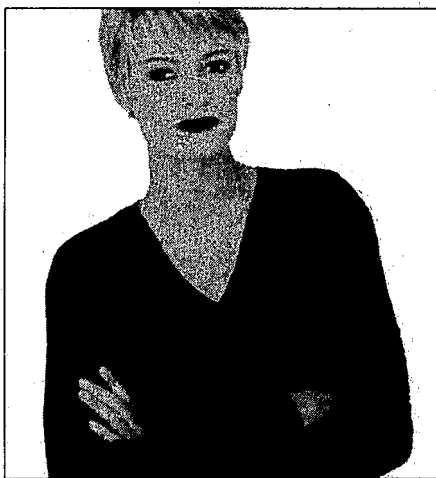
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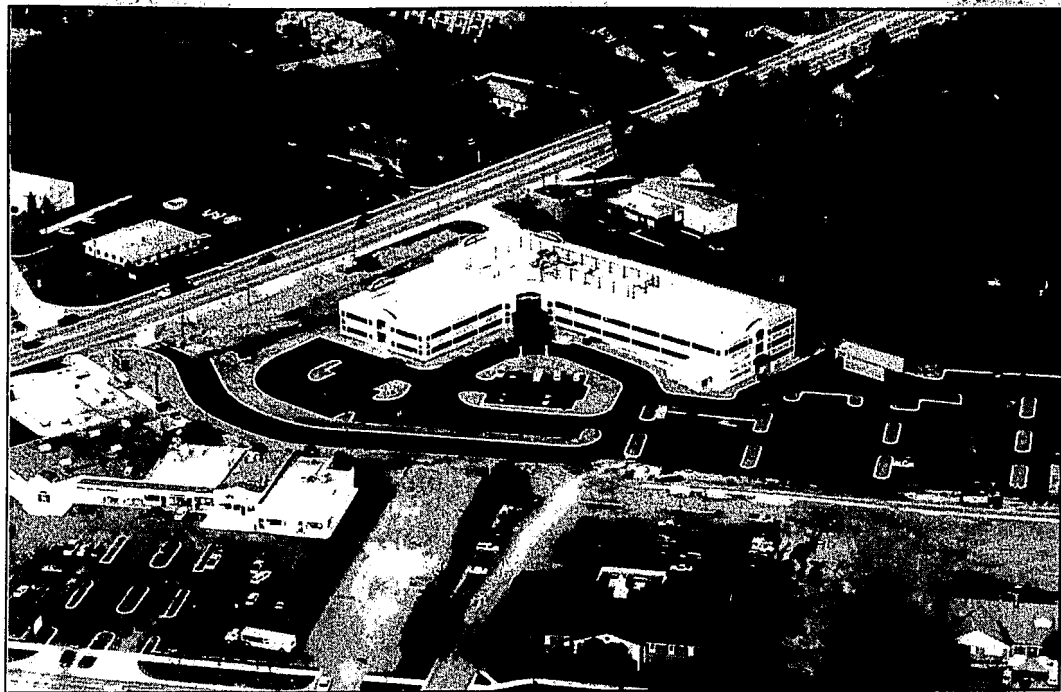
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Aerial view: The new urgent care center at M-15 and Dixie Highway, scheduled for opening in April, will be staffed by doctors from Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital, including Dr. Robert Aranosian, who oversees the emergency room there.

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hours per day, O'Neill said. They will provide care for patients who have urgent medical needs such as lacerations, fractures, foreign bodies, illnesses and the like.

The doctors' services will be augmented by those of trained registered nurses and medical technicians from various fields.

Standing inside the hulk of the building, which has yet to see drywall and medical equipment, the two eagerly shared their hopes for what the facility will bring to Independence and the surrounding area: convenience, peace-of-mind, cost-effective medical care.

"We can see the patients before they become a real emergency and prevent the critical cascade," O'Neill said, emphasizing that for Clarkston-area residents a trip to the care center will save them a 20-minute drive to hospitals in Pontiac or Genesee County. "We're the screen for the hospital. We save the health care system a lot of money. We are attempting to work with all the area hospitals."

The two doctors, both residents of Independence Township, expect that when patients come to the new facility, they will be evaluated and treated and, when necessary, referred to specialists or transferred to area hospitals for admission in the cases of emergencies. In some instances, specialists will be available in separate offices.

While much of the dream for the center can be attributed to O'Neill, who over the years has been instrumental in recruiting specialists to the area, Ar-

nosian said he is happy to be a participant.

"Jim and I have known each other almost 30 years," he said. "We talked about doing this kind of stuff eight or nine years ago. Obviously, living in the area... it seemed like a natural place to put an urgent care center."

"If you come here with an acute problem and you have no physician, we will see that patient and refer him back to a physician in the area."

Aranosian is a 1969 graduate of Kansas City College of Osteopathy. He began his work at POH in 1969 and was a visionary in the field of emergency medicine, O'Neill said, helping to bring new medical techniques to the field of emergency medicine.

O'Neill, who graduated in 1958 from St. Louis University, opened his pediatric practice in Independence in the early 1960s. He said the care center does not intend to compete with local doctors, but rather, to augment their services. State-of-the-art equipment will be offered such as CT scans, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) machines, along with X-ray equipment, a laboratory, chemo therapy and physiotherapy.

Currently, O'Neill and a handful of other doctors are seeing patients after office hours in the Clarkston Ambulatory Care Center, located in O'Neill's pediatric office on M-15.

Developer hopes to erect in-line rink at Maybee Rd. park

BY CAROLYN WALKER
STAFF WRITER

An in-line skating rink — along with new public bathrooms — could be in store for Sashabaw Plains Park off Maybee Road if an agreement is reached between Independence Township officials and a private developer who wants to lease land at the park and build a rink.

A decision about whether to sign a formal agreement will not be reached until after a public hearing has been conducted on the matter at the Jan. 27 board meeting.

The board voted 5-2 to agree in concept that the township could enter into an agreement to lease park property for in-line skating. The vote followed a lengthy and convoluted discussion that involved modifying amendments to the motion and a number of commentary asides. The property is considered public because it is owned by the township for park purposes.

Clerk Joan McCrary and Trustee Neil Wallace voted against the motion to conduct the public hearing and an amendment to agree to the concept, citing concerns about whether the township should use public land for a private enterprise.

Wallace also disagreed with the fact that the board had been conducting discussions with developer Wendy Vogt in closed sessions during the last year.

The board agreed to hear Vogt's idea in closed sessions at her request. Vogt, a Clarkston resident, wanted to protect her idea until discussions had reached a point that she had an inkling about how the idea would be received by the township, said Supervisor Dale Stuart on Dec. 23.

Vogt proposes putting in men's and women's restrooms, a concession stand and pro-shop and 200-foot by 80-foot rink.

Ann Conklin, director of the township's parks and recreation department, favored the development and told the board that restrooms would be a boon to the

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under-utilized park. She said similar private/public agreements providing golf courses, tennis facilities, batting cages and the like had been entered into in other communities.

"I do not view this as taking land away from a park," Conklin said. "It's enhancing the other 14 acres. This is a national trend."

Not everyone, however, was pleased with the idea.

"I am opposed to this process in any aspect," said McCrary, who opposed using public land for private use and who said a development of this nature should have gone through the bidding process.

Trustee Dan Travis was in favor of the proposal, though.

"What we are trying to do is bring something to the community," he said, noting that the rink would bring money to the township that could be used for improvements. "We can't continually ask for public funds," he added.

"It is a major undertaking and should be up for debate," said Treasurer Jim Wenger, while Wallace said later, "I don't believe we should be subsidizing a private business."

"It seems to me if it's good enough to be done, we (the township) ought to do it," Wallace said.

Following the debate about whether the township should have an agreement with a private user, board members argued about whether a public hearing should be held before a concept agreement is reached.

In the end, the board voted 5-2 to agree to the in-line rink in concept and 5-2 to conduct a public hearing in January.

Voting for the motions were Stuart, Travis, Wenger and trustees Jeff McGee and Larry Rosso. Joan McCrary and Neil Wallace were opposed.

The public hearing will be held at the township hall annex, at 7:30 p.m., at 90 N. Main Street, Clarkston.

Man found dead in ditch

BY CAROLYN WALKER
STAFF WRITER

The body of a 40-year-old Springfield Township man was found about 4:40 p.m. Monday in a weeded ditch along Dixie Highway.

"It appears to have been there for some period of time," said Sgt. Dale Miller of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, Springfield substation.

Miller would not release the man's name or any other details about the case, pending a police investigation into the matter.

An autopsy was scheduled at the Oakland County Medical Examiner's office on Tuesday and a man who answered the phone at the examiner's office declined comment, referring calls to the sheriff's department.

According to Miller, the man was discovered lying among cut-tails by a Holly man who happened to be passing by.

Library to extend hours Jan. 5

Extended library hours are finally coming to the Independence Township Library thanks to recent action taken by the township board.

At their Dec. 16 meeting, the board voted unanimously to promote or hire three library employees, helping to facilitate new library hours that will be implemented on Jan. 5.

The new hours will be: 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays; 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Fridays; 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturdays and 1

p.m. - 5 p.m. Sundays during September through May.

Because an addition to the library's staff was necessary to accommodate the new library hours, the board approved promoting Susan Aho to head of circulation at a salary of \$28,000; hiring Faith Nelson as a library tech-circulation at \$11.60 per hour pay; and hiring Dan Ogles as the library tech-materials processing coordinator at \$11.60 per hour.

Springfield board OKs pay raises for 1998

BY CAROLYN WALKER
STAFF WRITER

It took three failed motions, but members of the Springfield Township Board of Trustees finally agreed during a fourth vote on what their salaries should be for 1998.

In a 6-1 vote Dec. 11, the board agreed to grant 3-per-cent pay increases to the supervisor, clerk and treasurer positions while maintaining the current pay schedules of the board's four trustees. Trustee Elaine Field-Smith voted against motions for board raises.

Motions to increase the trustees' pay were defeated, as they have been for the past

several years. Supervisor Collin Walls said last week during a telephone interview that it has been six to eight years since the trustees have had a raise.

"They don't seem to want to be reimbursed for their expenses," he said.

As approved, the supervisor will be paid a salary of \$46,800 (up from \$45,400) and the clerk and treasurer will be paid \$41,820 (up from \$40,600). The trustees will make \$1,000 per year plus \$7 per meeting. The pay raises will become effective in January. The board also approved pay increases for several township employees.

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OCC trustee opposes November elections

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Bigger voter turnout? Or more voter confusion?

If the Michigan Legislature decides to hold all school voting in November, two board members at Oakland Community College wonder about the impact.

"It would be a savings to the taxpayer," said Jeanne Towar, the newest OCC board member and a Royal Oak resident. "There would be an increased turnout. That's good."

"Royal Oak city wants the school board to hold concurrent elections. The school board fought it tooth and nail," said Towar, a former magazine executive and now chief staffer at the town's chamber of commerce.

Those were much the same reasons Sens. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, and Glenn Steil, R-Grand Rapids, gave in sponsoring a two-bill package. Senate action is expected in January.

The bills, which came out of a Senate

OCC board chair Judith Wiser of West Bloomfield agrees with school board members that the election should stay in June.

Committee, seek larger voter turnouts by moving school elections to November. June voter turnouts are as little as 3 percent and, unless there's a controversy, rarely more than 15 or 20 percent.

K-12 school districts elect part of their boards each June. Community colleges use the same June election, but every second year. OCC votes in even-numbered years; Schoolcraft College in western Wayne County votes in odd-numbered years.

OCC board chair Judith Wiser of West Bloomfield agrees with school board members that the election should stay in June.

"Personally, I don't think it (a change) is good for the school system. There's a lot going on in November - federal, state,

county and township elections," Wiser said.

A November election "would bring out a lot of people not aware of K-12 problems. A lot of people at the polls - OK, they'll pick some names but don't know the money issues."

"A lot of readers skip over school news. I don't think you'd have the most informed voters."

Towar and Wiser were interviewed separately after the Senate placed the bills on its calendar. The OCC board hasn't taken a formal position.

The bills would:

■ Require school elections be held in November beginning in 2002. At least one school board member would have to be elected in every November election.

■ Place conduct of school elections in the hands of cities and townships. No longer would school districts conduct them or pay for them. In some areas, voters would go to their city or township precincts for all elections, not a separate school precinct.

Instruction in autism treatment offered

Oakland University will offer Michigan's only teaching endorsement in autism, using distance education to teach students about this common neurological disability.

The state government requires the endorsement for teachers of children with autism. The program is offered at OU and at Traverse City's Northwestern Michigan College University Center.

The program is conducted with two-way video conferencing rooms at each site. Each site features two TV screens. Computer-controlled cameras can show the class, the instructor or a student posing a question on one screen while the instructor shows videos or broadcasts information written on a dry-erase board or laptop computer.

The same group of students goes through the program together to promote networking and teamwork. A group is to

start the program in the winter 1998 term.

Autism is a neurological disorder that interferes with normal brain development in reasoning, social interaction and communication skills. Children and adults with autism typically have deficiencies in verbal and nonverbal communication, social interactions and leisure or play activities, according to the Autism Society of America. The disability makes it hard to communicate with others and relate to the outside world.

The ASA says nearly 400,000 people in the United States have some form of autism.

Eligible applicants to the OU program must have a teaching certificate and at least one special education endorsement. The two-year, 24-credit program includes five courses and student teaching.

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Oral report

"We do not diagnose. We do not prescribe. We gather information for the dentist," said dental hygiene student Mary Barnes.

The mother of four and a para-professional in special education for Rochester public schools outlined the dental hygiene curriculum for OCC trustees. The board schedules a report from a student each month.

"Classroom work, clinical experience, blended with high technology, form a total oral experience," she quipped.

Barnes showed how lab reports, X-rays, visual exams and photographs showed a female patient had a lump in her jaw and was a carrier of Hepatitis B.

Dyes are used to color plaque. With one 11-year-old boy who brushed badly, she said, rather than wagging her finger, she gave him photographs of his own stained teeth to remind him to brush properly.

Dental hygiene is taught at OCC's Highland Lakes Campus at Union Lake. It's called an extended program because it requires 73 credit hours rather than 60. Enrollment is limited to 30 by laboratory space. Graduates are accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Accreditation.

Course requirements include dental office procedures, dental anatomy, dental embryology and histology, clinical techniques, radiography, periodontics, public health dentistry, and four courses in clinical dental hygiene.

Holiday parties will also be

farewell parties for two top Oakland Community College administrators.

J.P. Adams, director of purchasing, will leave Jan. 23 for expanded responsibilities at Grand Blanc school district, Chancellor Richard T. Thompson told the board Dec. 15. "He's the finest we've had," said Thompson, whose own tenure at OCC goes back 30 years.

Adams joined the college in 1990. He has degrees from the University of Michigan and Notre Dame and is a certified purchasing manager.

Ann Wohlfert, director of financial assistance and scholarships, will leave to return to state employment in Lansing after nearly two years at OCC. She will become director of the office of support service programs for the state Department of Education.

Wohlfert will oversee statewide campus-based financial aid programs. She has a master of public administration degree from Western Michigan University.

Trustee Jeanne Towar of Royal Oak bawled out the staff of the Recorder, the Orchard Ridge Campus student newspaper, for carrying an ad for snuff. She said it amounted to a violation of college policy discouraging use of tobacco. The staff promised to re-think its advertising policy.

Union complains

George Mergner, campus services director at the Orchard Ridge Campus, complained to the board about the slow pace of negotiations with Teamsters Local 214.

"We've had no bargaining sessions since Nov. 3. We have one scheduled for Jan. 8," Mergner said.

The Teamsters represent about 120 administrative and managerial employees, including deans, professionals, enrollment and recruiting personnel. The union won a representation election early in 1996 and still has no contract.

"You the board meet with your (bargaining) leaders in closed session. You are also our board of trustees. Why not also meet with us?" Mergner asked.

The idea didn't set well with trustees.

"I have never seen so many unions with so many problems," said board chair Judith Wiser of West Bloomfield, in her 12th

year as a trustee. "I've never had as many union people ask to talk directly to the board."

"You're not asking to bargain directly with us?" asked a shocked trustee Jeanne Towar, herself a former union bargainer. Mergner said no.

New faculty chief

Mary O. Ston, a business instructor, is the new president of OCCFA, the Faculty Association and bargaining agent for instructors. She was introduced to the board by retiring president Chuck Neumann, who served two years.

A business instructor, Ston has an associate degree from OCC (1975), bachelor's in accounting from Walsh College (1977) and a master's in finance from Walsh (1990). She is a certified public accountant and certified management accountant.

OCCFA is an affiliate of the Michigan Education Association. It has 300 instructors, counselors and librarians.

County gov't shuts down

Oakland County government offices will be closed Wednesday and Thursday this week.

Normal business hours, 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m., will be in effect Friday, Dec. 26.

Next week county offices will

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Normal business hours will be in effect Monday, Dec. 29, Tuesday, Dec. 30, and Friday, Jan. 2.

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School schedule Whose needs are being met?

Last week the Clarkston School Board debated in a philosophical discussion who its customers are — the children in kindergarten through 12th grade, taxpayers, the public at large, etc.

Fortunately, the school board decided that it should serve the needs of students first and foremost while agreeing that they have a secondary responsibility to taxpayers and the public at large.

We're not sure, however, that students' needs — or even their parents' needs — are being put first when it comes to the school district calendar, which is negotiated by the administration and the teachers' union.

For example:

■ The school schedule for the high school, middle schools and elementary schools don't always jibe. (Last Friday, for instance, high schoolers had a half day while elementary schoolers had a full day.) This presents a predicament for families when they plan vacations or special time together. When high schoolers have school and elementary students don't, it causes problems for families who depend on older children to watch younger children when school is not in session.

■ Half days appear to us to be frivolous, especially in high school where school is dismissed at about 10:30 a.m. on a half day. So much time and effort is spent getting kids to and from school that, once they're there, they

might as well be there for a full day of learning. Half days also pose child-care problems for parents who work full days. We understand that teachers need time for training and

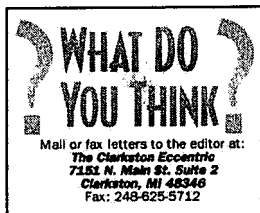
other necessities, but our suggestion would be to schedule whole days rather than half days for those purposes.

■ Half days, in our opinion,

are unnecessary when they precede an extended vacation. Why, for example, did high schoolers need a half day last Friday when they were already getting two full weeks off?

■ The week-long break in mid February, again, seems to us unnecessary. Scheduled for just six weeks after students return from Christmas vacation, it breaks the momentum of learning for many students. Wouldn't it be better to have students attend school uninterrupted from Christmas until Easter and postpone the start of school until after Labor Day?

The school board, in its philosophical debate, arrived at the right conclusion — it should serve the needs of students first and foremost. But we're wondering if the school district calendar reflects that.



Holidays hike need for blood

The need to donate blood doesn't take a holiday, no matter the season. In fact, the usual demand for blood donations is up at this time of year, since everyone's attention is being diverted to festivities for Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa and Ramadan.

During the holiday season of both 1995 and 1996, the community blood supply dropped to dangerously low levels, prompting an emergency appeal being made to the public. The American Red Cross is working hard to prevent that from happening again this year.

"We understand that the holidays are a very busy time. They are also a dangerous time for our community blood supply," said Mary Anne Stella, acting chief executive officer, Southeastern Michigan Blood Services Region. "The reality is that blood cannot be manufactured. Volunteer donors are the only source for blood."

A blood donation is the best gift one can give at this time of year, just ask those with critical needs such as hemophilia victims, anyone having unexpected surgery or someone injured in an auto accident.

Fortunately, it doesn't take long to bring this gift to those in need. American Red Cross workers take brief histories from donors, the blood is drawn (usually in less than an hour) and, as a sweet reward, donors receive cookies and juice. The process is safe and easy.

But there can be no sweeter reward than helping people. Blood and its component parts, such as platelets, compose the truest giving of oneself. To help Oakland County area residents give their best, the American Red Cross has expanded donor center hours.

The Bloomfield Hills donor center, 2388 Franklin Road, will be open the following hours during the holiday: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 24; 1-7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26; 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 27; 10 a.m. to 2

p.m. Sunday, Dec. 28; 1-7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 29 and 30; 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31; 1-7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 2; 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 3; and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 4.

Also open is the Oak Park donor center from 1-7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 24, and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 27, at 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 148 in the Crown Pointe center, and the Novi donor center, 41160 W. 10 Mile, east of Meadowbrook Road, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26 and from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 27.

During the holidays, bloodmobiles will be operating in the following locations:

■ 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 29, at Rose Exterminator, 1395 Wheaton Suite 600 - North office, Troy. Call (248) 680-0111.

■ 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Providence Hospital, 16001 W. Nine Mile (doctors' dining room), Southfield. Call (248) 424-3180.

■ 2-8 p.m. Dec. 30 at the Pontiac Elks Club No. 810, 2100 Scott Lake Road, Waterford. Call (248) 673-9860.

■ Special blood drives are planned for the Ritz Carlton, 300 Town Center Drive, Dearborn, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Discount certificates for the American Ballet Theatre presentation of Giselle, at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway in Detroit, will be given to donors) and for Joe Dumars Fieldhouse, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 2, 45300 Mound Road, Shelby Township (donors will receive T-shirts and coupons for fieldhouse activities).

Donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh 110 pounds or more and be in general good health.

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COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

What was your most memorable Christmas?



This question was asked at the Independence Township Senior Center in Clintonwood Park.

Leta Sheffield



"In the Shriners Hospital in Texas the Dallas Cowboy cheerleaders put on a show for the children who were in pain and crying."

George Stites



"My daughter was born on Christmas (in 1960.) That was real memorable."

John Beagen



"Probably the year after the war was over and my husband came home."

Dorothy Angel

LETTERS

Task force seeks input

We would like to thank Mike Blicher and the staff of Mt. Zion for the recent opportunity to meet at the CCA building, hear about their vision for the community, and tour the facilities which will hopefully be ready for a community grand opening in January. We applaud the effort of the Clarkston Christian Association to offer such a well-equipped, safe, drug- and alcohol-free alternative activity center for the youth of Clarkston.

In approaching the New Year, and soon a new century, individuals and organizations become aware of the need for goal setting and long-term planning.

Government entities and others often craft a "master plan" to guide their activities for years into the future.

The issues of alcohol, tobacco and other drug use, as well as a continued focus on positive youth development, are an essential piece in defining the quality of our community well into the next century.

In this spirit, the Clarkston Community Task Force for Youth invites all interested citizens to a town hall meeting/planning/retreat day scheduled for 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, in the training room of the new fire station on Citation Drive.

This four-hour session will consist of open discussion, brainstorming and goal-setting led by a trained facilitator from outside the community.

We urge community leaders from all sectors to be a part of this strategic planning day and an active participant in the community prevention coalition process.

Please call Cindy Dixon at 394-0252 to register and for more information.

We wish everyone a safe and sober holiday season!

Clarkston Community Task Force for Youth
Clarkston

Local banks truly listen

On behalf of the group of local businessmen who recently announced their intentions to charter a bank in Clarkston, I would like to thank Carolyn Walker for taking the time to write our story. She did a first-rate job of capturing the essence of our comments and intent.

On the other hand the editorial page writer seemed to miss our point altogether.

Every bank can claim to be a community organization whether it is a branch or a very large bank.

The marketing spin they would like us to

believe is that they are playing an essential part in the growth of the community by taking our deposits and safely maintaining them for our later use.

It is indeed laudable that their staff members participate in local events but to what effect?

We would all ask that level of commitment from our staff members whether we were a local organization or not.

The two people mentioned in the editorial do a good job representing their employers.

The real question is, can they commit company resources to meet the needs of this community or change policies and/or operating procedures that aren't in concert with the goals or plans of the community?

The answer to these and similar management or policy questions is no because their companies aren't focused on this market other than as a small outpost.

An example of this inability comes easily to mind: Could the local manager have changed NBD's plans to close the bank's branch in downtown Clarkston?

Did the citizens of this community have a vehicle to communicate with the decision-makers who could reverse the decision to close the bank office?

Would such an outcry as occurred when the announcement was made have had a great effect on a local board of directors whose members live next-door to those complaining?

I think the answers to these questions are obvious.

A local bank managed and directed by local people must have greater sensitivity to the comments of citizens of this community since the success of the bank will depend on their listening to their neighbor's comments and concerns and acting on them.

The real question therefore should be can we by this effort take more control of our financial destinies with a community bank than we can currently with branch bank offices?

We would like to hear from the citizens of this community on this question.

Dave Harrison
Clarkston

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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

True meaning of Christmas is found in Jesus' birth

Every year about this time, I sit and contemplate the true meaning of Christmas.

When I was a child, Christmas was visions of trees ablaze with multicolored lights, with mile-high piles of packages underneath, and a jolly red Santa Claus filling the stockings that hung by the fire.

But as one grows older, the excitement of surprise gifts under the Christmas tree wears a little thin, and you see your bank account drained. Yet, there still is a feeling of good will or well being among people during the Christmas season.

In trying to find out why we have this good will, I try to associate the things that happen at Christmas time, that do not happen at any other time of the year.

When I was a youngster, we used to

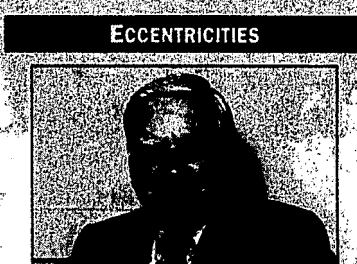
spend our Christmas at my grandmother's in a small town in the hills of Connecticut. There was always plenty of snow, which I felt was an important ingredient of Christmas time.

Yet, at the first Christmas there was no snow in Bethlehem, and there is no snow forecasted this year for Clarkston.

But our wee ones will enjoy Christmas as much as we did when we were their age.

We identify presents with Christmas, and yet presents are the smallest part of it. As a matter of fact, it is kind of disappointing to see your children or grandchildren tearing through Christmas packages, looking for the next one before they have half-opened the present in their hands.

You can see greed and lust for mate-



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HANK HOGAN

rial things, yet presents aren't all bad, and it is a custom started by the three wise men who crossed the desert to present their gifts almost 2,000 years ago.

As I think about Christmas, I realize it is not the trees, nor the presents that each year bring men together so it must be something higher and

greater.

As I come to this point each year, I reach the obvious conclusion that the feeling that prevails through this wondrous season is spiritual, not material, and is in honor of the birth of the King of Kings.

Critics of society who complain that Christmas has become a commercial venture overlook the fact that it is the one season of the year where every Christian home has a corner dedicated to the celebration of the birth of the Savior, whether it be with a small crèche or an evergreen tree topped with the star of Bethlehem.

They also overlook the fact that on Christmas Eve the churches are filled to overflowing as they are at no other time of the year, and people join in song in honor of His birthday.

Each year, as I think of the wonder-

The feeling that prevails through this wondrous season is spiritual, not material, and is in honor of the birth of the King of Kings.

ful things that the Christmas spirit brings about, it is easier to identify what the true meaning of Christmas is, and yet I always feel a tinge of regret deep inside me that it is too bad this same spirit of goodwill doesn't necessarily prevail the rest of the year.

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

Keep the Christmas spirit alive by giving all year long

Wrapping presents, sending packages, crowded malls, credit cards soaring to their limits. Yes, these are signs of the Christmas season. These things usually start in November, sometimes later. Until then people don't worry about giving gifts to others, helping strangers or donating to charities. They forget about the spirit of Christmas. Teens are especially known for this.

Almost all of the kids I know get exactly what they want for Christmas year after year. They give their parents a list of things they want and when it comes time for present opening, they get everything on their list and then some. What fun is that? When I was a child, Christmas had a special meaning. My family and I went to the mall to visit Santa, we

sang Christmas carols and handmade presents for our friends. Now teens are so worried about buying gifts for their friends and family or getting what they want, they forget it's the thought that counts.

Some of my peers claim they know Christmas is all about good thoughts. They say they aren't going to spend much money on people. Yet they complain when the gifts under the tree don't satisfy their expectations. If they get an ugly sweater or a disc man instead of a car stereo, they gripe. This double standard is common among teens. Until they are older, they may not understand the struggles of being independent and paying their own way.

Because teens have been focused on themselves, they may not have had the opportunity to walk in another's



KRISTIN FRENCH

shoes. Life has been pretty easy living under mom and dad's roof with the refrigerator constantly full and laundry always clean. But, not all people are that fortunate.

Meals on Wheels, Coats for Kids and Toys for Tots are some of the charitable programs that run through the holiday season. It's true that peo-

ple are more giving this time of year but we fail to realize these same needy people are hungry and cold all year long. To be charitable all year is easy. It's all about the spirit of giving. Keeping the Christmas spirit in your heart year-round takes a lot of dedication and time but it is well worth it when it's all said and done.

My dad keeps the spirit of the holidays in his heart through all the changing seasons. He has no problem helping others whether they be family, friends or strangers. Throughout the year he helps people move, give things that are needed and says kind words to a friend. When it comes to Christmas, he buys my sister and me a few things but he also makes us something out of wood by hand. He may not write a check to the Salva-

tion Army every month, but he offers help and support 12 months out of the year instead of one.

This season and throughout the year, keep the spirit of giving in your heart. In March wrap a small gift in Christmas paper and give it to your spouse and in August donate your old winter clothes to a local charity. In October help out at a soup kitchen or make a pie for your neighbor. And this January when you put away your holiday decorations, leave out one small item to remind you that Christmas is only a thought away.

Kristin French is a student at Clarkston High School. Her column alternates with a column written by Clarkston Schools Superintendent Al Roberts.

Teaching religious traditions is up to parents now, as it should be

When I was growing up, way back in the pre-television days of the '40s and '50s, the favored entertainment for my parents and their circle of friends was to get together and sing Christmas carols.

Each Christmastime they would gather at a different house, sing for an hour or so, have a drink, sing again and finally break for a buffet supper.

Everybody had favorites. My mother's was the dramatic tale told in "The Coventry Carol." Mine was and still is "Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming," calling up associations of the burning faith of the Middle Ages.

One family in the group was German in origin, so at the end of the evening we always sang a verse of "Silent Night" in German, "Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht" ringing in our ears as we walked through the snow to the car.

Everybody knew the words.

Why? Because they were taught to every kid in elementary school. Back when I was in school, we always had Christmas trees and the Creche, complete with animals and Wise Men.

Nobody thought much about whether kids who were not Christian were made to feel uncomfortable by the practice. Most people back then simply assumed that Christian observances of Christmas were the appropriate expression of the dominant culture of America. And if Jewish kids who celebrated Hanukkah or black kids who followed Kwanzaa felt left out, that was just too bad.

Of course, it was precisely that unthinking assumption of a dominant religious culture that led to the wholesale application of the First Amendment to state-supported schools and to the consequent elimination of religious practices such as Christmas carols from the school curriculum.

Although some may regret the way the First Amendment has now been interpreted to ban entirely all forms of religious practice from the schools, that may be a satisfactory tradeoff in a diverse America that seeks to respect all forms of religious commitment.

I found myself reflecting on this over the weekend because my wife, Kathy, and I have resurrected the old practice of my parents' generation and make our big annual holiday party a Christmas sing. We invite lots of friends, Christian and not, with the clear understanding that we will be singing carols from 5-8:30 p.m. when we stop and have cocktails and nibbles.

I suppose all this is politically incorrect, but I don't much care. It's a lovely celebration of the



PHILIP POWER

season. It's consistent with my family's culture. If some people don't want to sing carols, they can come after 6:30.

It turns out that many people most happily singing at our party this year were Jewish.

How did they learn the carols? Just the same way I did — in elementary school. But that mechanism isn't available to our kids.

Does that mean that Scott and Nathan, our children, will never enjoy carols in the way my parents did and I do? Or that the only way they will learn them is through the Christmasy pop culture of radio and TV?

No. It means that Kathy and I will have to teach them, include them in our caroling parties, talk with them about how much the carols and our tradition mean to us as a family. It means that we will urge our church to include carol-singing as a regular part of Sunday school.

It means that the ways by which the particular culture of our family will be carried on from generation to generation will be up to us to build and develop as a family. We won't be able to rely on the all-too-easy assumption of my parents' day that the schools are going to do it for us.

It's harder. But it's better. Because it requires us to go to the conscious effort of identifying those parts of our family culture that we feel are of such value as to take the time to pass them on to our children.

Including singing "Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht" at the end of caroling parties.

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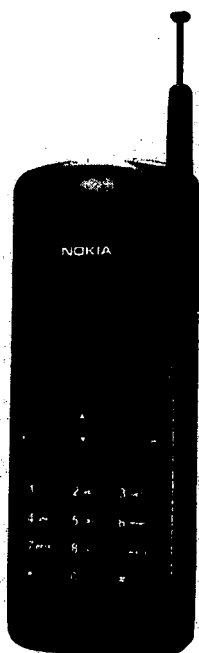
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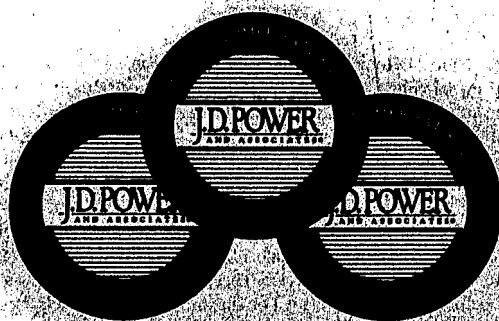
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KAREN HERMES-SMITH

Hints overinflate gift in the mind of the recipient

Thank goodness it's Christmas. I've been wanting to write this column for several weeks, but I couldn't. Secrets, especially when it comes to gifts, are so terribly hard to keep.

By now, though, my son has his ball, and I'm free to tell the story.

It started back in November when Clarkston Eccentric sports editor Brad Kadrich did me a huge favor and had a basketball signed by Detroit Pistons Grant Hill and Joe Dumars for me to give to my son for Christmas.

My son, who's 14, is a sports fanatic. A basketball, baseball and soccer player since kindergarten; sports are his life. His favorite pastime, after playing sports, is reading about sports, watching sports (both the pro and college teams) or playing sports video games. At bedtime, he falls asleep listening to games on the radio. His room is wallpapered with team pennants and posters of sports figures. He sleeps beneath a comforter with a basketball design.

The day the sports editor gave me the signed ball, I was so thrilled I told my husband about it, trusting him, of course, to keep it a secret until Dec. 25.

However, my husband, was SO excited about our gift to our son that,

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Community ed changes with the times

■ Clarkston's Community Education Department thrives by offering residents the classes they want — from Feng Shui to computer training.

BY JAN BAKER
SPECIAL WRITER

If some Clarkstonites still think "community education" means wreath-making classes, they're right.

But according to Marilyn Allyn, director of community education for Clarkston schools, community programming also represents a lot of other offerings that meet the needs of local residents in the '90s. And many of those classes and services don't remotely resemble wreath making.

"What's really taking off for us is our new Clarkston Computer Institute," Allyn said in a recent interview. "It's our answer to businesses that have been calling us for computer training."

Allyn explained that CCI is comprised of three instructors who train business employees in computer applications. Though the instructors will provide that training at the community education center, they also will travel to a business site.

"Last spring, we went down to Hori-ba Industries in Ann Arbor and, under a contract, we trained 70 employees there," Allyn said.

Closer to home, CCI instructors trained the Clarkston School district's media, reading and math specialists, central office administrators and secretaries, the Clarkston School Board and the staff at the Oakland Technical Center — Northwest Campus, she said. The same computer teachers also trained staff members at St. Stephen's School in Waterford as well as some Waterford Township employees.

The program caters to individual business professionals as well.

"A gentleman came in and said, I've got to know this program in one week



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Renaissance High School: Writing teacher Pat Unsworth instructs students in Clarkston's alternative high school, one of the many programs offered by the district's community education department.

because I'm up for this job. Help!" Allyn explained. "We were able to get our trainer in within an hour and a half and she trained him on the application that he needed to know for the position."

Though the director said computer classes are booming at the center, she pointed to the alternative high school program as another successful community education offering.

Renaissance High School — in its

second year with that name — continues to flourish with an enrollment of 85 students.

"The program is going great," Allyn said. "The kids we have here are really dedicated. They're buying into the program and most of them are getting excited about being here. Since September, we've graduated four kids."

Allyn said Renaissance High pupils are proving that alternative roads can lead to success.

"One of our students who graduated in June is now working at ESPN as a programmer — and she's doing great," the director said. Allyn pointed out that other Renaissance grads have gone on to community colleges and many have come back to visit their high school teachers.

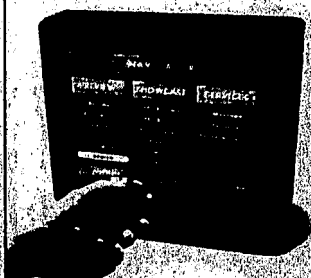
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'A Very Holly Christmas'



Benefit performance: The On Stage School of Dance directed by Richard Harris raised more than \$4,000 for Toys for Tots when it presented a Christmas benefit production of "A Very Holly Christmas" at Holly High School Dec. 12-13. Clarkston dancers included Emily Allen, Amy and Emily Boose, Heather and Holly Chojnowski, Monica Denis, Taryn and Kathryn Emerick, Lauren Giordano, Dana Hakim, Lisa Licata and Meghan Ronk.

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when I wasn't around, he dribbled a little of the secret out. Hardly able to contain himself, he told Kyle, "Just wait until you see what your Mom got you! You're going to really love it. It's so awesome, you won't believe it."

When Kyle told me what his father had said, I was about ready to slam-dunk his dad.

"Why did you have to say anything to Kyle about his present?" I asked him, obviously perturbed. "When you hint around about a gift, or build it up too big, the person is likely to imagine something even better than what you got him."

Realizing he had fouled up, my husband devised a game plan to correct the situation (and score some points again with me). "I'm sorry," he said. "I'll tell you what I'll do. On his birthday, I'll pretend like the University of Michigan basketball tickets you got him are the gift I was so

excited about."

When Kyle's birthday arrived on Dec. 5, I wrapped the tickets up in a box with a bow. He's a good guesser when it comes to what's inside packages, and I wanted him to be stumped.

The tickets were for U-M's game the very next day, and my husband, who normally works Saturdays, had planned without Kyle's knowledge to take the day off to take him to the game. All week long, Kyle was under the assumption he was going to spend Saturday babysitting his little sisters while I went Christmas shopping.

As Kyle began to unwrap the box, my husband started in with his game plan. "You're going to really love your present," he said as Kyle took the paper off. "It's so awesome, you won't believe it."

I stood on the sidelines, hoping my husband's strategy would work and that Kyle would really

think the tickets to the U-M game were the big gift his dad had hyped him up about.

The strategy did work — but a little too well.

As Kyle opened the box up, he looked inside and gasped. "What's wrong?" I asked him.

"Nothing," he said, after a moment, taking a second look at the tickets. "But for just a second there, I thought you had gotten me tickets to the Rose Bowl!"

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

Earrings dress up poet and her ficus tree for the holidays

Ann Morrow's bungalow home sits on a street in Sylvan Village that I remember. I used to dash down that street on my blue Schwinn when I was a child, wearing a hat modeled after those of the confederate soldiers perched just above my flying braids.

Sometimes, I would play hide-and-go-seek on that street. Or frozen tag. Or cow-boys and Indians with the boys.

And somehow, during those years, I managed to ride past Ann's bungalow and yet never see her out on her bicycle.

That, I would remember.

She used to perch her monkey on the handlebars and pedal toward Keego, she told me.

As wonderful and unique and quaint as the people of Sylvan Village were back then — and as much as I loved them all — I feel certain, even as I write this, that a red-haired, middle-aged woman on a bicycle with a monkey for company would have caught my attention. And held my memory.

It is because of fortune that our paths have crossed now.

I mentioned Ann to my mother while on the telephone the other day.

"Carolyn," she said between questions about who-wants-what-for-Christmas, "you do seem to meet the most interesting people. How did you meet her?"

My mother didn't wait for an answer. "Your life seems to go in circles," she said.

I refreshed my mother's memory: "She's the woman I met last year on pediatrics. You remember. Ann is a former teacher — and she thinks in poetry."

Just over a year ago, Ann managed to take my mind off my daughter's brush with



CAROLYN WALKER

death by reading me some of her fresh, rhythmical compositions on the children's ward of a local hospital. Ann, happy despite her circumstances, was dressed in a hospital gown and great dark bruises that marched up her arms, as well as a necklace and giant earrings.

One topic led to another and, before I knew it, Ann had explained to me that she decorates her living room ficus tree with earrings each year for Christmas.

I made a mental note to look her up this season. A ficus decked out for a party! Now, this I had to see.

Prior to my appointment with Ann, it had been quite some time since I had visited the scenes of my childhood play.

The grade school where I graduated sixth grade had gone vacant. The homes of my friends, which loomed so large in my youth, shrunk behind the climbing toys of today's children; while Ralph, the white water tower I named on my lonely walks through the woods to school, kept his guard over a host of new houses that have come to surround him.

The path my feet wore through those woods has long gone.

Driving back into the village — and my memories — I allowed my eyes to take it all in and, as I turned toward Sylvan Lake, I squelched the lump of affection rising in my throat even as I searched out her house.

Ann met me at the door wearing a red glistening Christmas vest and matching cap. She ushered me in and introduced me to her talking holiday pine ("You have to see this," she said) before pointing out the ficus.

Tucked into a living room corner, it was everything I had hoped it would be. Tall as a teenager. Green as a lawn. And beautiful as Ann in her colorful earrings. They covered its artificial leaves in reds and blues and yellows and pearls and dangling diamonds, more wonderful than any holiday ornament could hope to be.

And each carried with it a story. One pair had survived a hurricane. Another had been made from a Hawaiian bracelet. Most had been gifts from friends, she said.

They'd given them to her after a brazen thief had entered her home and stolen 50 pair.

The thief didn't take anything else.

"I've always worn a lot of earrings," Ann explained. "I got over 50 back. My friends kept giving to me. And giving to me."

"Why do you put them on your ficus?" I asked her.

"I just thought it would be different," she said. "A different kind of ornament."

To be continued next week.

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

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Computer training: Teacher Julie Wolverton (left) works with students Denise Casper (center) and Phyllis Truba at the Clarkston Computer Institute.

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Study time: Renaissance High School student Nichole Trevino concentrates on her work in class.

years. "I believe that once we get into Clarkston Middle School and we have the space, that will become a reality," she said. "Some of those behaviors or signs that kids aren't going to be successful in school definitely happen in middle school, if not prior to that."

However, Allyn said she didn't envision an alternative middle school as an automatic stepping stone to alternative high school.

"I think that if we can help kids through some tough times and they're ready to go back into a regular K-12 program, then they should go," she said.

Though an alternative middle school remains a long-range plan, another community education endeavor will benefit the community as early as January 1998.

"We took some real funding hits in our adult education program," Allyn said, "so right now we're offering basically three classes for adults and two classes

for day-school kids who need to get the extra credit for high school graduation. But the response for adult education is still there, so starting in January, we're going to be offering probably 12 to 14 classes. We're back."

Allyn said that though the program was cut because it failed to be self-supporting, "funding is looking a lot better and I think we're going to be able to access those funds. The population is there. People are taking classes. It looks good."

Other community education programs continue on a steady course.

The director said Funshine, an accredited preschool; Kids' Connection, the district's latchkey service; and Infant Care, a day-care program for babies as young as a few weeks, are thriving as self-supporting entities.

When asked if one area of community education had changed significantly over the years in Clarkston, Allyn pointed to

enrichment classes.

"Our (night-time) enrichment program has continued to grow by leaps and bounds," she said. "What's hard for us is not having a site that can accommodate everything we do. So, when the new high school opens (in August of 1998), it will afford us a centralized area for classes and give us the chance to offer more for the community."

And while Allyn admitted that people still enroll in wreath-making classes, community education will also keep current with some new classes in January. Among those are: "Hooked on Opera," professional juggling, duck and goose calling, collecting toy trains, pet care, Chinese cooking, photo-quilting and Feng Shui (pronounced, "fung shway") — an Asian study of how one's surroundings, from colors on the walls to furniture placement, either help or hinder individual opportunity and growth.

"We're finding that a lot of people are looking for their own personal growth," the director said. "People are looking for stress relief — fitness, of course, computers, more personal enrichment topics and cooking classes. And people don't want to commit to 24 weeks of anything. So what we're trying to do is bring our classes down to one, two or three nights."

In any Clarkston community education program, however, Allyn said the key to future success lies in vitality and change.

"It's taking all of our efforts to evolve," the director said. "And change is work. But we need to keep changing if we want to be relevant to the community."

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SUNDAY, JAN. 4

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THURSDAY, JAN. 8

WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP

7 p.m., Independence Township Senior Center in Clintonwood Park on Clarkston Road in Clarkston. Facilitator Christine Spencer, M.A., L.P.C., director of bereavement services at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home in Clarkston, will lead an informal discussion on how a person's loss history can impact his healing through grief. Walk-In, no registration. Free of charge. For men and women of all ages recently widowed. Refreshments served. All area residents welcome. Any questions or if anyone would like to be on the mailing list, call Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home (810) 625-5231.

FRIDAY, JAN. 9

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CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS

8 p.m., Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road in Clarkston. The village players present "Aspirin and Elephants" by Jerry Mayer. A Midwestern couple, their two daughters and respective husbands take a cruise to help the father recover from his recent heart attack, but they are a bit too helpful. Tickets: \$8. Call (248) 625-8811 for additional information.

SATURDAY, JAN. 10

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TASTE

Soup warms and soothes

What is it about soup that we have always loved? Is it the slow process of creating soup that gives it its magic? The warmth with which a pot of simmering soup fills a home? I think it's these things and a whole lot more. Soup is the food we want when we are not feeling well, it is the food we reach for after coming in from the cold, what we make when we want to use up veggies that aren't quite fresh anymore. It is the quintessential "one pot meal."

Chicken soup

In my home, chicken soup has always had a magical medicinal quality. You may have heard the term "Jewish Penicillin." There have actually been scientific (I think) studies on the healing qualities of chicken soup. Although I'm not sure what the results were, it has always worked for us.

Soup is something that even the least proficient cook can have some success with. My wife, Karen, who is not particularly well known for her cooking, does best with food when she puts it all into one pot and adds some liquid. It can be as simple as that, or as complex as clarifying a difficult consommé. Soup can be made from just a couple of simple ingredients for a carrot soup or a long list of things to make a wonderful Minestrone. Soup can be found in all cuisine, in all parts of the world. They can be clear, pureed, chunky, vegetarian, cheesy, with beans, pasta, rice, thick, thin, healthy, or loaded with fat. Wow, and they can all be great.

Soup can be a light appetizer or a hearty one pot meal. You can prepare soups ahead and freeze them, or put them up in jars. You can make really elegant soups finished at the last minute for a truly fine dinner. They can be the most economical of meals or made with a bevy of fancy, expensive ingredients put together to impress your guests. We are serving a particularly

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elegant and seasonal soup now at my restaurant Emily's, it is a silky puree of butternut squash that we serve with a rich yet light porcini mushroom and juniper infused flan with a few drops of cranberry coulis for added zing and color.

Now soup is finding new fame as shops on the East and West coasts open to specialize in just soups. The sitcom "Seinfeld" is widely given credit for this food phenomenon because of a mention of a zany soup shop owner in one of its episodes.

"Newsweek" magazine is calling soup "hotter than coffee." I think we have been waiting for a place to sit with friends, or alone

and enjoy something warm and more fulfilling than coffee. I think it takes us back to our childhood when we were fed warm, soft food by a loving parent. Soup is more than food, it's nurturing and can be either healthy or give the illusion of health. They say bread is the staff of life, I think that bread was invented just to "sop" up soup.

Resolutions

Some early New Year's Resolutions. I will —

Continue to support as many small, independent businesses as possible, for if I don't all too soon all we will have left will be mega-bookstores, super-sized restaurants and drug stores that sell everything except what I'd expect.

Try to instill the spirit of Slow Food to as many people as I can. Aren't we in too much of a hurry anyway?

Search out as many local food sources as I can for my restaurant, and encourage these people to use self-sustaining means of agriculture.

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- 2 1/2 cups diced savory cabbage
- 2 cups diced red onion
- 3/4 cup diced carrot
- 1 1/2 cups diced green beans
- 2 large stalks celery with leaves, diced
- 2 1/2 cups cleaned, shredded spinach
- 1 tablespoon chopped garlic
- 1 1/2 cups shredded basil leaves
- 1 tablespoon chopped parsley
- 2 ounces olive oil
- 1 1/2 cups chopped canned tomatoes
- 1 1/2 quarts chicken stock
- 2 cups diced potatoes
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 3/4 cup cooked Cannellini beans
- 3/4 cup diced, cooked

potatoes

- 1 cup grated Parmesan cheese

Heat the olive oil in a suitable soup pot, and sweat the onions, garlic, carrots, celery and cabbage until softened. Add the tomatoes, chicken stock and diced potatoes, bring to a boil and cook at simmer until potatoes are tender.

Add the tomato paste, basil, green beans, spinach and parsley. Pass the cooked potatoes and cooked Cannellini beans through a medium plate of a food mill into the soup and stir until blended.

Cook until green beans are tender, add the grated cheese, season with salt and fresh cracked pepper. Serve with grilled bread and a drizzling of extra virgin olive oil.

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"These spice blends are like the difference between a Cadillac and a Neon," he said. "Spices can help people change unhealthy habits. It's a lighter way of cooking."

Smith is an artist who uses spices to color his food presentations, and his goal is to help you do the same. Each spice blend reminds him of special people in his life.

Chelsea Spice, a blend of paprika, garlic, onion, chili pepper, fennel, white and black pepper is named after his daughter. "She's the most precious thing in my world," said Smith. "She would come into the kitchen while I was blending spices and wanted to help."

Chelsea Spice is a "colorful spice, decorative as well as flavorful and makes pale dishes more attractive."

The Shana Spice is like little girls — "sugar and spice and everything nice." This dessert spice blend was named in honor of Chelsea's friend, Shana, who is the daughter of Robin, "a guy I've known since high school," said Smith. Chelsea and Shana designed the colorful label with help from Smith.

"Ziggy" is Smith's nickname, and his spice is a blend of 28 different peppers, spices and herbs that's best used in gumbo's jambalayas, sauces and soups.

Soft Herbs — a blend of chives, dill, parsley, tarragon, chervil and cilantro enhances the flavor of many dishes including chicken, fish, sauces, and omelets.

Try Mediterranean Magic — oregano, basil, rosemary, thyme, marjoram, anise and parsley with vegetables, soups, steaks and classic Marinara sauce.

Blackening Spice — Cayenne Pepper, white and black pepper, kosher salt, thyme, rosemary, marjoram, chili powder, paprika and sage, was the blend that started Chef Zachary's Gourmet Blended Spice Line.

One day they ran out of blackening spice at

One23 in Grosse Pointe Farms where he was the executive chef, so Smith went home did some research, and made up his own version. Blackening Spice was a key ingredient in an appetizer he created "Blackened Trio" — shrimp, chicken and beef seasoned with blackening spice, sauteed in butter and served with a salad of melon, rice and fresh mint. It was a best-seller, and before long, customers and friends were asking him to mix up some blackening spice for them to use at home.

In 1995, after hearing over and over that he should bottle his spices to make a few pennies, Smith decided to go into the gourmet spice business.

"I grew up using seasoning spices and things like Lawreys," said Smith. The idea of making a product people could use at home was exciting. My career helped open a lot of doors. I can talk and do what I say I can do. Merchant of Vino gave me a shot, and let me demonstrate my product in their stores."

For the past 20 years Smith has served as executive chef at many outstanding restaurants including Benbow Inn in northern California, Harrah's at Lake Tahoe, and the Hyatt Regency in San Francisco.

His ultimate goal is to help people change the way they eat. "We're behind times," he said. "We need quicker cooking techniques with a healthier focus."

He'd like his gourmet spice blends to become a household name, and make a cooking video to share his knowledge with others. "I would also like to open a restaurant," said Smith. "I'm waiting for the right opportunity."

In the meantime, he's busy knocking on doors, trying to convince merchants to carry his gourmet spices. He just added Kroger to the long list of specialty stores, and grocery stores including Shopping Center Markets and Farmer Jack, that carry his gourmet spices.

"You can't give up," he said. "Like when I was trying to become an international chef. I studied 10 years to become a chef and didn't call myself a chef until they called me a chef."

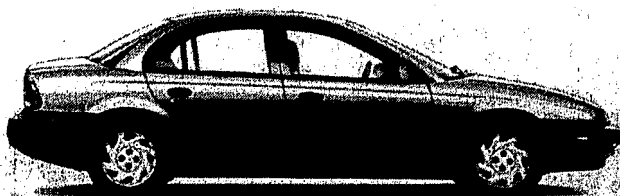
When things weren't going his way, Smith said he realized there was something he needed to learn to open the door. "I've adopted the philosophy that you can always improve," he said.

If you can't find Chef Zachary Smith's spices, which range from \$4.50 to \$4.99 at your market, call (313) 730-4287. Each spice has a colorful label, the flavorful contents are sure to bring out the culinary artist in you.

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VEGETABLE CASSEROLE

- 8 ounces mushrooms, quartered
 - 1 medium Spanish onion, large dice
 - 8 cloves garlic sliced thin
 - 1 healthy tablespoon Mediterranean Magic (spice blend) or Italian seasonings
 - 1 small zucchini large dice
 - 1 small yellow squash large dice
 - 1 medium eggplant large dice
 - 2 ounces tomato paste
 - 2 ripe tomatoes peeled and seeded large dice
 - 2 tablespoons olive oil
 - 8 ounces grated Mozzarella cheese
 - 4 ounces grated Parmesan cheese
 - 4 ounces plain bread crumbs
- Cut all vegetables the same size. Saute onions, mushrooms, garlic in olive oil, add herbs, squash, egg plant. Add tomatoes and tomato paste, toss well.

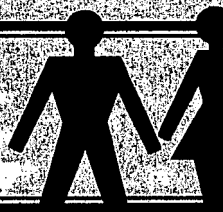
Put in casserole dish, top with blended cheeses and bread crumbs. Bake at 425°F until golden brown. Serve with garlic bread and/or noodles.

LEMON SOLE

- 2 portions of sole or any white fish
 - 1 tablespoon butter or margarine
 - 1 tablespoon white wine or water
 - Juice of half a lemon
 - Soft Herbs (spice blend) or your own blend of favorite herbs such as parsley and dill
- Sprinkle fish with soft herbs. Place in pan. Add water or wine, squeeze lemon juice over fish. Chip butter or margarine over fish. Bake in oven at 425°F until done. Pour juices over fish.

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Wolves get 3 champs at county mat meet



■ Clarkston sent a message that top-ranked Rochester Adams wouldn't be the only area team to contend with by finishing right behind the Highlanders at the county meet.

BY BRAD KADRICH
SPORTS EDITOR

Talk about irony.

Clarkston's Pat DeGain, who missed much of his freshman

wrestling season due to shoulder miseries, took advantage of an injury to reach the 171-pound final, then pounded his way to a first-place medal at the Oakland

County wrestling meet at South Lyon High School.

DeGain was one of three Clarkston champions, a trio of medals that led the Wolves to a second-place finish behind tournament favorite and top-ranked Rochester Adams. The Highlanders won the two-day tournament with 276 points, while the Wolves finished with 252.

Junior A.J. Grant won his second straight county title, capturing the crown at 112 pounds. Ryan L'Amoreaux, who failed to medal at last year's meet, pinned his way through the tournament on his way to the 103-pound title.

They led a string of eight wrestlers to earn medals (which went to the top six finishers in each weight class). The three champions was the most for any one school in the tournament. Team champion Rochester Adams, by contrast, finished with just two champions, but had nine medalists.

DeGain's path to the final at 171 included an injury-default win over Royal Oak Kimball's Brian King, the defending Division I state champion.

DeGain then stopped Kevin Boyd of Adams, 3-2, in the final. The irony of the situation was not lost on the youngster.

"I found it real odd, but I didn't care," said DeGain, who is the nation's top-ranked freshman/sophomore, according to USA Wrestling. "It meant a lot. I'm the first sophomore to win it in the DeGain family, (so) I was rubbing their faces in it big-time."

Grant, who lost just one match last year while finishing third in the state, cruised to the county championship at 112 pounds. The junior pinned Adam Cross of Rochester Adams in 5:31 in the final.

L'Amoreaux won all his match-



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Rocky road: Clarkston's Rocky Bills battles Andy Emmitt of Holly during first-day action at the Oakland County wrestling tournament at Oxford High School.



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Looking on: Clarkston coach Mike DeGain looks on while his wrestlers earn a second-place finish at the Oakland County wrestling meet over the weekend.

es on pins, including a 4:45 stoppage of Ryan Churella of South Lyon in the 103-pound final.

The Wolves also had two other wrestlers reach the finals. Heavyweight Jon Robinson lost to Marc Bullock of Troy, 8-5, while Kevin Turnbull lost to Mark Churella of Novi, 11-2, in

the 140-pound final.

The other Wolves medalists included Ryan McAleer, who finished third at 119 with a 1:35 pin of Nick Lawrence of Milford in the consolation final; Andy Auten, who lost to Eugene Koziof of Walled Lake Central 5-2 in the consolation final at 152

pounds and finished fourth; and Ryan Clement, who finished fourth after losing to Matt Marion of Brandon in the consolation final.

The Wolves wrestle in the Goodrich Invitational Tuesday, then host Roseville and Lincoln Jan. 3. Both meets start at 10.

Rally falls short in cage loss to Chiefs

BY MIKE SCOTT
SPECIAL WRITER

It may have been a test, but it wasn't the final exam.

Those were the words of Clarkston basketball coach Dan Fife to his team following the Wolves' 57-51 loss to Pontiac Central in an Oakland Activities Association crossover game Thursday in a matchup pitting two of the state's most highly-regarded teams.

The difference was shooting. The Wolves (3-1) shot only 31 percent from the field, and leading scorer Dane Fife hit 8-of-30 shots after separating his shoulder for the second time this season late in the first quarter.

Central (3-1), meanwhile, converted 53 percent of its field goals and held a 36-25 rebounding edge.

"We're going to learn from this game," said Dan Fife. "I'm disappointed in the loss, but not in our kids. We didn't shoot the ball well, but we hung in there."

Despite playing their worst game of the year, Clarkston still had a chance to win or tie in the closing seconds.

The Chiefs led 42-27 heading into the fourth quarter, but Dane Fife hit his first four shots of the period and the Wolves pulled within eight with a minute to play. Fife then hit an off-balance 3-pointer with 34 seconds left to cut the Central lead to 53-48.

Following a Clarkston time out, the Wolves stole the inbound pass. They tried to get the ball to Fife, who was double-teamed, so instead center Justin Dionne drilled a triple from the top of the key with 17 seconds left to make it a two-point game.

On the ensuing inbound play, Central's Jamel Gooding was fouled. With 12.1 seconds to play, he nailed both free throws to seal the win.

"I didn't even think about the free throws," said Gooding, a transfer from Auburn Hills Avondale who led his team with 21 points and 12 rebounds. "I credit my teammates with getting me the ball in the second half when I was hot."

Fife also finished with 21 points, 12 of those coming in the fourth quarter. Angelo Taylor added 11 points and nine rebounds. Senior center Willie McDonald had 13 points and six



PHOTO BY MELISSA WAWTERO

Albome: Clarkston's Dane Fife (12) shrugged off an injured shoulder to score 21 points, but it wasn't enough in a hoop loss to Pontiac Central.

rebounds and Chris Riley added nine points and 11 rebounds for the Chiefs.

According to Dane Fife, the key for Central might have been the play of point guard Shariff Bland, who finished with nine points and nine assists. The 5-foot-10 guard continuously used his quickness to penetrate against the Clarkston man defense and was able to find open teammates despite being guarded closely by Clarkston's Dan Neubeck and others.

Coach Fife agreed defense was a key in keeping the game close.

"We did a good job against their big players, especially with the height they have," Fife said about Central's front line, which goes 6-foot-6, 6-foot-6 and 6-foot-8. "I'm waiting to see how

BY BRAD KADRICH
SPORTS EDITOR

When it goes well, volleyball can be an easy game.

The Clarkston Wolves found that out Wednesday, doing the things that were missing in an earlier loss to Royal Oak Kimball and stopping Troy, 15-8, 15-7, in an Oakland Activities Association Division I matchup at Clarkston.

Clarkston was 50-of-52 serving and cut way down on serve reception errors, and the result was an easy win for the Wolves, who evened their OAA I record at 1-1 while raising their overall record to 2-3-1.

"We serve-received very well and we served very well," Clarkston coach Gordie Richardson said. "If you do those two things you can do well against just about anybody."

The match resembled the season-opener against Kimball in that the Wolves got on a roll early in the first game and were able to sustain it.

The difference Wednesday was the same thing happened in the second game, unlike the Kimball match, where the Knights rebounded for a three-game victory.

"It was kind of like the Kimball match in the first game, where when we got on a roll we maintained it," Richardson said. "In both games the score was (close), but once we got rolling, we got some momentum and were able to sustain it."

Senior hitter Georgia Senkyr led the way, coming up with seven kills in 18 attempts on a night when the Wolves managed just 16 kills.

Setter Kelly Hanna got herself more involved in the offense, coming up with three kills in nine tries in addition to another superb setting night.

She finished 38-of-39 setting with 11 assists.

"It's good to get our setter more involved," Richardson said. "Senior Aimee Giroux was 12-of-12 hitting with a pair of kills. Clarkston also improved its attacking game, making just eight

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Gordie Richardson
Clarkston volleyball coach

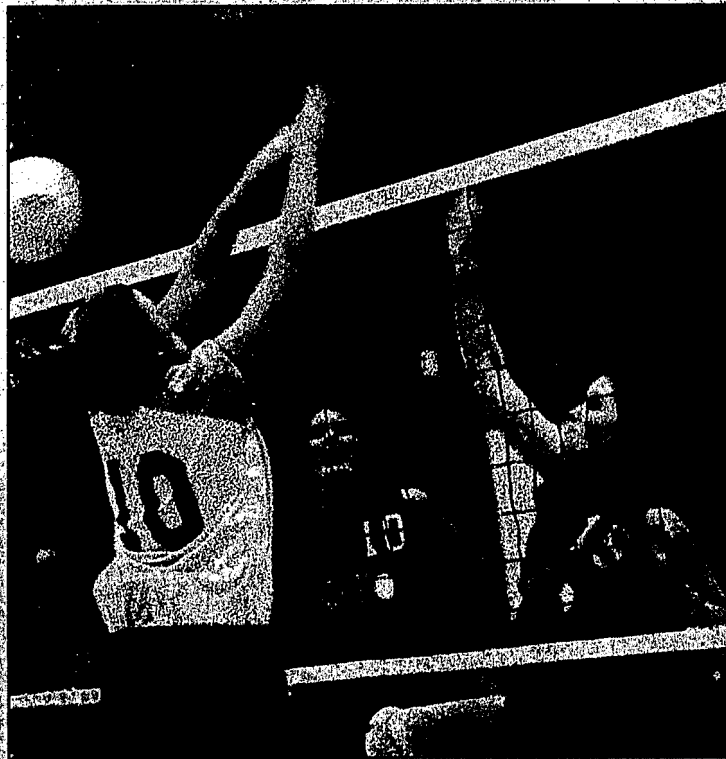


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Net gain: Clarkston's Ingrid Zimmerman (15) and Georgia Senkyr (10) beat Troy's Kalley Butler to the ball in the Wolves' 15-8, 15-7 win over the Colts Wednesday.

errors in 65 attacks. "That really helped a lot," Richardson acknowledged.

Despite the low attack numbers, Richardson had to be pleased with the effort.

"(16 kills) isn't a ton, but as a team we were very efficient," he said. "We had kills at good times, and we made (Troy) play defense. It seemed like when they made a couple of serve reception errors and we kept the pressure on them, they weren't able to sustain anything from that point on."

The best statistics of the night, obvi-

ously, were in the serving numbers: Senkyr and senior Jenny McCue were perfect, 10-for-10 for Senkyr, 12-of-12 for McCue. Both had two service aces, and McCue was 8-for-8 in serve reception.

Kara Bergkoetter was 15-of-16 serving and, in the second game, helped make the difference.

"Kara kept the ball in play and moved it around a little bit," Richardson said. "She made a big difference in that game."

The Wolves scrimmage their alumni Saturday morning, then are off until a tournament at Walled Lake Central Jan. 3.

They resume dual matches Jan. 3 against West Bloomfield.

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Blades' size too much for Wolves' icers

BY MIKE SCOTT
SPECIAL WRITER

Heading into its first two games with highly-regarded Royal Oak, the Clarkston hockey team knew they were in for a major challenge.

Round one went to the Blades, who used their size and power to a distinct advantage, dispatching the Wolves 7-2 Saturday at Lakeland Arena.

Seven different players scored for Royal Oak, which improved to 3-0 in league play. The win leaves Royal Oak the only undefeated team.

Andy Cote and co-captain Ryan Peters scored for Clarkston (5-2-1), which suffered its first league loss.

"We're a skating team, not a hitting team, so we needed to outskate them to win this game," said Clarkston assistant coach Glenn MacDonald. "Instead, we were standing around and watching them."

Clarkston goalie Ryan Hogan made 27 saves for the Wolves, who were outshot 34-15 for the game. Too often, the Blades were able to fire point-blank shots on the Clarkston netminder.

The contest may have been decided in the opening seconds. Senior forward Scott Fuelling fired a quick shot off Hogan, but Jeff Sheppard was left alone to put the rebound in for the Blades, a team comprised of

players from Kimball and Dondero high schools. That goal came only 14 seconds into the game.

The Wolves did not get a shot on goal until more than five minutes into the game. The Blades, used their size to pound the net for the second goal at 6:04 of the first, again off a rebound, by Toby Heap.

Sophomore Damien Lewis made it a three-goal cushion 33 seconds later off a perfect feed from Jeffrey Casey.

"(Royal Oak's) size is enormous and they are an excellent, senior-led hockey team," said MacDonald. "Once we got down early, it was tough because they play good defense."

"On some of their goals, our guys got caught watching the puck rather than the player. You'll know where the puck is if you watch your man."

In addition to playing good, physical hockey, the Blades were also successful at controlling the puck, particularly in the first period. On defense, Royal Oak limited the Wolves' offense to taking long shots from the point in the first 15 minutes.

"We knew Clarkston was a good skating team, and we pretty much shut them down," said

Royal Oak captain Nick Luxon. The Wolves stepped up their offense during a power play at the beginning of the second period, but failed to convert. Royal Oak's Brent Stafford rang one off the post behind Hogan at the

1:52 mark of the second period to virtually put the game away. Clarkston was also forced to play two men down at one point mid-way through the period, yielding a goal with only three skaters on the ice.

Play became chippy in the second and third periods. There were seven penalties called in the second period, four on Clarkston. Both teams also were involved in a third-period scuffle behind the Clarkston goal.

Cote, who was given a game misconduct later in the contest, got the Wolves on the board with 46 seconds left in the second, yelling for the puck as he skated in front of Blades goalie Brandon Casanta. Co-captain D.J. Thomas and Derek Hool had the assists.

Peters scored an unassisted goal early in the third, finding a loose puck in front of the Royal Oak goal. He said the Wolves held their own physically

against Royal Oak, but were unable to execute their game plan.

"They wanted to play us as badly as we wanted them," Peters said. "This was the game to prove ourselves, but that's OK because we get them again later in the year. We didn't go in trying to outthit them, but it kind of became that kind of game."

Peters also said he was impressed by the movement of Royal Oak's forwards, saying they were the key to the game.

"We'll know how to play them next time," Peters said. "Their forwards are the key."

■ **Wolves bruised, but fine** — A number of Clarkston players felt the effects of Royal Oak's size by virtue of heavy hitting during the contest. Anthony Facione was checked along the boards in the Blades' zone early in the third period, and laid on the ice for nearly two minutes with what appeared to be an elbow injury. Fortunately, he was on the ice later in the third period and the Wolves suffered no serious injuries.

■ **Shattered board causes delay** — In what already was a long game due to the number of penalties and stoppages in play, the contest was delayed for nearly 15 minutes in the third period as both referees and the linesman replaced a shattered Plexiglas frame on the spectator side of the arena.

'Santa Brad' hands out this year's holiday cheer

People all over our readership area spent Christmas morning opening gifts from family members, friends and, of course, Santa Claus.

What they didn't realize was they're about to get a whole new shipment of Christmas presents:

Just call me, "Santa Brad":
To — Iris Underwood, Leonard resident and my favorite columnist — Peace. You've always done the best you could do. Let yourself accept that.

Linda, Colleen and Joann, athletic secretaries at Clarkston, Lake Orion and Oxford, respectively — All my thanks for all eternity. During my military career, I learned the secretary was the most important person on the base. The three of you prove that, every day. If there's ever anything I can do...

Dan Fife, Clarkston basketball coach/athletic director — A "Bat Phone" hotline direct to Bob Knight's desk.

Jenny White and Sarah Courtright, Oxford basketball superstars — Side-by-side in Saginaw Valley's starting lineup.

Eve Claar, Lake Orion girls' basketball coach — The same level of improvement the Dragons showed this year.

Ann Lowney, Clarkston girls' basketball coach — 18-2, an Oakland Activities Association Division I championship and a great run in the state tournament. And a lifetime of marital bliss.

Doug Kline, Lake Orion wrestling coach — A raise in pay, so he can pay off the bet.

Kenny Allen, Oxford quarterback — Happiness without hoops. I told you you should have been a wrestler.

Sharon Kline, Lake Orion track coach and Oxford football/track mom: Good things for Nathan.

A d a m Woloszewicz, Oxford soccer/basketball player — A healthy return.

Dan Fife (again) — another son to watch play sports.

Jan Fife, Dan's wife and mother of three — Adoption papers for the new son.

Bud Rowley, Oxford football coach — The same thing I've gotten you three straight years now and something I know you'd cherish: 8-1 and a Flint Metro League title.

Dave Collins, Lake Orion basketball coach — A winning streak long enough to erase the 0-4 start.

Steve Cantrell, photographer — A golf game. Any golf game.

Georgia Senkyr, Clarkston athlete — A scholarship to the college of your choice to play the sport of your choice. You've earned it.

Jennifer Johnson, Lake Orion basketball player — A senior season to remember and a division championship.

Darren Tooley, Lake Orion quarterback — An even better senior season than the one you turned in as a junior.

Larry Mahrle, former Clarkston girls basketball coach — Health. Happiness. Peace.

Dave Summers, Oxford soccer coach — The respect you earned taking the boys to the regional.

Rich Burrell, Lake Orion football coach — A middle school football program. Oh, wait: the school board already gave you that. OK, here: immediate benefits.

The Lovely Diane — The best I can do, always.



Brad Kadrach

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our kids will respond in practice this week. It wasn't until the fourth quarter when we began attacking the basket more."

"While defending Bland in the first quarter, Dane Fife separated his shoulder right in front of the Clarkston bench. He collapsed to the floor in front of his father, who popped the shoulder back into place for the second time in 10 days (as he did Dec. 9 at home against Southfield).

Fife then went to the locker room at the start of the second quarter, and put on a shoulder brace he had picked up earlier in the week. He said the brace hindered his shooting a bit, but admitted it may have been more mental than physical.

"(The separation) did rattle me and my shoulder's pretty sore," Fife said after the game. "But fortunately I have a while to get used to shooting with it in practice before our next game (Dec. 30 against Detroit Central at Cobo Hall)."

Senior guard Mike Maitrott, who kept Clarkston close with eight early points, said his team displayed impatience on offense and needs to run the half-court offense with more precision.

"We took ourselves out of it on offense," he said. "Most of the time it seems we would make one or two passes and someone would shoot. We needed to make (Central) work harder on defense."

The Wolves attempted 22 more shots from the floor, due in large part to a disparity in turnovers. While Central committed 22 turnovers, Clarkston gave the ball away only 10 times.

But the Chiefs' dominance inside was evident by looking at free-throw shooting. Central was 18-of-27 from the charity stripe, and made its last six attempts in crunch time, while Clarkston was just 8-of-13.

■ **Tough competition ahead** — Clarkston already knew it had one of the state's toughest schedules, playing in the OAA Division I, but it is shaping to be a real dogfight for the division title.

Traditional rival Pontiac Northern has started the year in typical fashion, winning its first four games in impressive fashion. They are led by guards Rashad Moore and Nucleus Smith and swingman Mychal Covington.

Division I member Southfield-Lathrup, led by Solomon Edwards and Damon Allison, was a state finalist two years ago when Mike Chappell, now playing at Duke, was a senior. They have started 3-1, including an upset of Pontiac Central.

And Troy (4-0) outscored Southfield, which took Clarkston to overtime in the season-opener, 30-5 in the fourth quarter Dec. 18 and defeated the Blue-jays 83-63. They are led by senior forward Jim Essian and point guard Tim Fralick.

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Oxford's Collier still buzzing with 'buck of a lifetime'

Deer hunting opportunities are dwindling down. Late archery and the special antlerless-only season are the only seasons that remain open for hunters still itching to put some venison in the freezer. Although the opportunities are declining the success reports are still rolling in.

It's already been a month since

Thanksgiving, but the excitement of bagging a buck of a lifetime over the Thanksgiving holiday still lingers for Marty Collier.

While heading out to his blind on a farm in northern Oakland County on Nov. 25, a pair of does raced out from a nearby wooded lot Collier had just walked through. Hot on their tails was a

"huge buck."

The Oxford hunter had just enough time to turn, set his sights and squeeze off a shot. Unfortunately, the buck continued on and ran out of sight. After two solid days of searching for the bruiser Collier had all but given up.

"I wasn't even planning to hunt on Thanksgiving Day but a couple of my friends (Bill Dunn and Brian Duerden) talked me into going out," explained Collier.

The trio ended up in the area in which Collier had shot the buck and decided to look around one last time.

"Bill came up to me and said, 'By the way, it's an 11-pointer.' I thought he was kidding and told him not to mess around like that."

Dunn then led Collier to his biggest buck to date. The 11-point rack had a green score of 150 4/8 and the buck dressed out at a whopping 170 pounds.

"What a way to be blessed, and on Thanksgiving morning," added Collier.

But the story doesn't quite end there. During the early archery season Collier arrowed a 7-point buck. "After I got that one I thought to myself, seven come 11," he added with a grin.

Another area hunter had an equally exciting hunt early in the firearms season.

Chuck Ward moved from Fennelle to Oxford a little over two

years ago. One of the benefits of living in a rural area is that now Ward can walk out his back door and start hunting, which is exactly what he did on Nov. 16, the day before his 45th birthday. An active participant in Cowboy Shoots, Ward was hunting with his .44 magnum six-shot revolver - a Ruger Super Blackhawk.

Ward awoke a little late that morning and didn't leave his house until 7:30 a.m. Since it was so late, and since he didn't think he'd stay out in the woods very long, Ward trudged through some four inches of snow with nothing on his feet but a pair of street shoes. He arrived at his blind and didn't have to wait long for the action to heat up as a 9-point buck soon wandered by.

"He was coming my way with his head down," explained Ward. "He stopped right in my shooting lane and raised his head, but he was looking the other way so I took the shot."

By 8:05 a.m. Ward was back in his house waking his wife to help him drag his first buck in over 20 years of hunting.

Farmington Hills hunter Tom Byrde had a fantastic fall.

On opening weekend of the archery hunting season Byrde arrowed a trophy 8-point buck while hunting from a tree stand on private land near Baldwin. On opening day of gun season Byrde shot a 6-point buck that had four tines on one side and two on the other.

Jamie Battersby broke a 10-year drought this fall and he did it in a big way. The Westland hunter shot his first deer ever when he tagged a button buck on state land in Pinckney during

the early archery hunting season. He followed that up by dropping a spike with his shotgun while hunting near Oscoda during the firearms season.

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

Bill Parker is an Oxford resident.



Giving thanks: Marty Collier poses with the rack of an 11-point buck he shot over the Thanksgiving holiday. The buck had a green score of 150 4/8.

Outdoor Calendar

DATES/DEADLINES

BASS
Bass season ends statewide on Dec. 31.

DEER
The second archery season runs through Jan. 1 statewide. Muzzleloading seasons runs through Dec. 21 in Zones II (northern Lower Peninsula) and III (southern Lower Peninsula). A special late antlerless only firearms season will be held Dec. 20-Jan. 4 on private land only in Zone III.

GOOSE
The special late Canada goose season runs Jan. 2-Feb. 1 in southern Michigan. The boundaries for the late hunt have been changed this year and are now the same as those for the South Zone of the regular waterfowl season. The entire south zone is open during the late hunt with the exception of the five GMU's.

SQUIRREL
Fox and gray squirrel season runs through Jan. 1 statewide.

RABBIT
Rabbit season runs through March 31 statewide.

CLASSES

FLY TYING
The Challenge Chapter of Trout Unlimited and Birmingham Continuing Education will offer a 10-week fly tying class beginning at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19, at Birmingham Seaholm High School. Registration begins Jan. 5. Call (248) 203-3800 for more information.

ARCHERY

JUNIOR OLYMPICS
The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (810) 623-0444 for more information.

JUNIOR ARCHERS
A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. Saturdays at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

OUTDOOR CLUBS

SOLAR
The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation, a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

FISHING CLUBS

CLINTON VALLEY BASS ANGLERS
Clinton Valley Bass Anglers is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome). The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. The next meeting is slated for 10 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 11. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information.

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METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS
Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING
The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Senior Citizen's Center in the Livonia Civic Center. Call Jim Kudej at (313) 591-0843 for more information.

FISHING BUDDYS
Fishing Buddys Fishing Club meets monthly in Rochester Hills. Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

BASS ASSOCIATION
The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Dearborn Civic Center. Call (313) 676-2863 for more information.

SHOOTING RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN
Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Range hours are noon to sunset on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursday's and Fridays and 10 a.m. to sunset on Wednesdays. On Saturdays and Sundays the rifle and pistol range is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and the sporting clays course is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenfield Rd. (three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills). Call (810) 814-9193 for more information.

PONTIAC LAKE
Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (810) 666-1020 for more information.

ORTONVILLE RECREATION
Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours through Dec. 22 are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (810) 693-6767 for more information.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS
Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call

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

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

TOYS FOR TOTS
The Huron-Clinton Metroparks are serving as collection sponsors for the Toys for Tots program. The program is conducted annually by the United States Marine Corps Reserve to serve needy children in local communities by providing new, unwrapped toys during the holidays. Anyone wishing to donate a new, unwrapped toy of a non-violent nature can do so through Dec. 17 at any Metropark office. Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

DEER THROUGH THE SEASONS
Explore the world of the park's largest mammal, the whitetail deer, through slides and a short walk during this program, which begins at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21, at Kensington.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

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

RECYCLE CHRISTMAS TREES
Ten Oakland County Parks will be recycling Christmas trees Dec. 27-Jan. 11. Trees may be dropped off 9 a.m.-4 p.m., seven days a week. Independence Oaks and Orion Oaks will remain open for Christmas tree recycling through Jan. 25.

FULL MOON CROSS COUNTRY SKI
Experience an evening of cross country skiing under the light of the full moon during this program, which begins at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, at Independence Oaks.

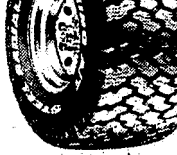
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STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS
Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (810) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2433. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 228-7067.

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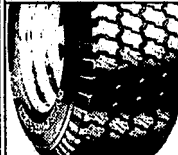

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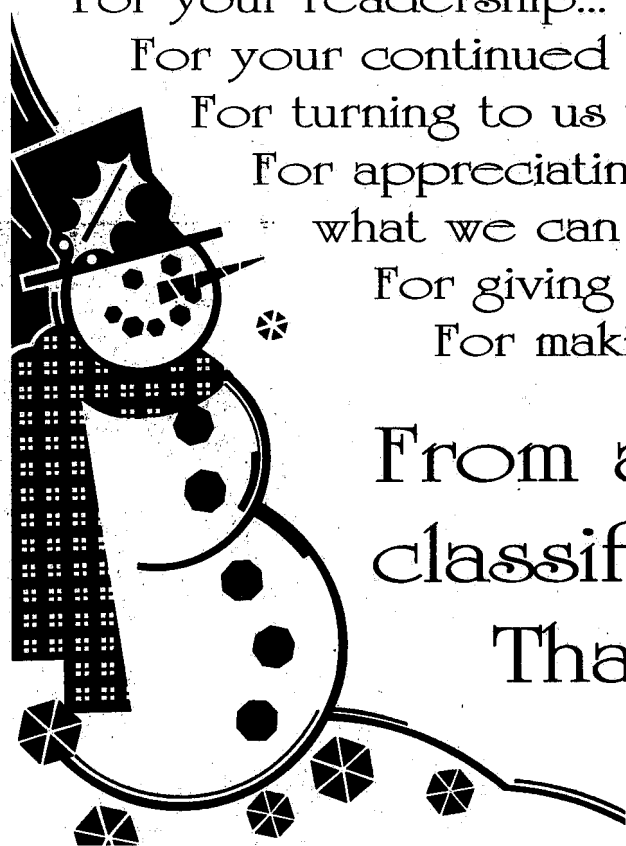
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We gathered together some of the folks who were involved in doing the award-winning work.

However, the picture session got a little out of hand.

Everyone wanted to wave an award in the air.

What did we do? We used some of the creativity that makes us award-winners and pulled a few of last year's awards off the wall and smiled for the camera.

If you've ever won anything, you know what it took to win these: things like dedication, creativity, attention to detail, a love for the work itself, a high regard for the people we serve, pride in our newspapers, and a lot of roll-up-your-sleeves and get-it-done work.

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Our New Homes Directory	
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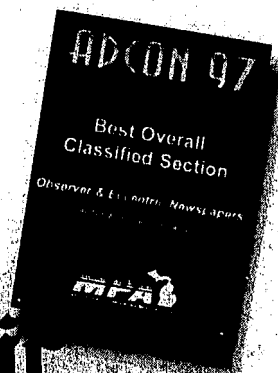


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Thursday, December 25, 1997

FRIDAY



"The Living Nativity," is part of The Radio City Christmas Spectacular at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward, Detroit. Call (248) 433-1515 for tickets, and performance times.

SATURDAY

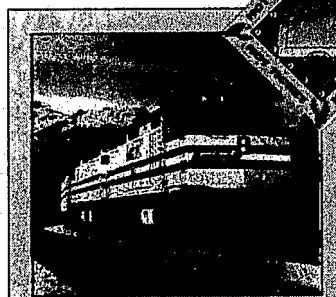


19 Wheels performs at the 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Doors open at 8 p.m. for the 18 and older show. Tickets are \$6. (248) 335-8100.

SUNDAY



Meadow Brook Theatre presents "A Christmas Carol," 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 28, at Oakland University, Rochester. Tickets \$23. (248) 377-3300.



Hot Tix: Toy & Hobby Expo '97, Friday-Sunday, Dec. 26-28, at the Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Dr. Novi features art work by Paul Adams, the world's largest mobile train display, new and used model railroad and toy trains, antique toys, collectible dolls and more, call (248) 348-6600.



PHOTO BY TOM HOFFMEYER

Go cat go: When not touring the United States, the local rockabilly band Twistin' Tarantulas packs them in on Sundays at Fifth Avenue Billiards in Royal Oak. The band is, from left, drummer Alex "The Thrilla From Manila" Trajano, bassist/singer "Pistol" Pete Midtgard, and guitarist "Gorgeous" George Friend.

Twistin' Tarantulas: O&E Band of the Year

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Feeling jovial, a teenage Pete Midtgard popped Humble Pie's "30 Days in the Hole" into his eight-track player. "I had this speaker on the floor in my room that really was a cardboard box with just a round speaker tied into it (sitting) on a hardwood floor," Midtgard recalled. "I cranked it up really loud and when the bass came in, the speaker started skating around on the floor like one of those little football guys. That's when I said, 'Man, I want to be that guy. I want to be the guy who makes the speaker rattle across the floor and shake the glass.' I wanted to be the bass player." Midtgard's bass playing abilities have undoubtedly improved since then as he's now known as "Pistol Pete," the lead singer and upright bass player for the rockabilly band Twistin' Tarantulas. Bass gripped tightly and sweaty hair flapping with the beat, Midtgard and his band attract dancers like flies to fly paper.

An amalgamation of rockabilly, swing, blues, R&B and rock 'n' roll, the Twistin' Tarantulas play constantly and still the clubs are invariably standing room only.

The Twistin' Tarantulas were on the cusp of the rockabilly/swing revival long before others jumped on the now trendy bandwagon. Like rockabilly or hate it, the Twistin' Tarantulas rock.

The Twistin' Tarantulas are The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers' 1997 Band of the Year.

Side project

Midtgard grew up in Pontiac attending Pontiac Central High School. He graduated, what he calls, "Phi Beta Drop Out."

"I was in a hurry to go to a new school - school of hard rocks. I got a PhD from the hard knock school of adolescent rage. I can't push the first button on a computer, but I still remember binary codes."

While he was in school, he played multiple instruments including the tuba and trombone. It was at age 16 or 17 that he plopped in the aforementioned Humble Pie tape.

Who: Twistin' Tarantulas, Mudpuppy and Nobody's Business

What: Performs

When: 9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31

Where: Upstairs at Fifth Avenue Billiards, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak.

Why: It's New Year's Eve

How: Tickets are \$35 which includes a complimentary glass of champagne, or \$60 per couple which includes a complimentary bottle of champagne. Both ticket prices include a light buffet and party favors. Only those 21 and older will be admitted. For more information, call (248) 542-9922

Other shows:

Twistin' Tarantulas perform at 10 p.m. Sundays throughout December and January at Fifth Avenue Billiards in Royal Oak.

They also perform at 10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, at the Kodiak Grill, 45660 Mound Road, Utica. For more information, call (810) 731-1750.

Twistin' Tarantulas play Saturday, Jan. 31, at the Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., in Ann Arbor. Doors open at 9:30 p.m. for the 19 and older show. For more information, call (734) 996-8555.

To sign up for the Twistin' Tarantulas' mailing list, write "Pistol" Pete Midtgard at 2748 Vermont, Detroit, Mich., 48216

"I was into Humble Pie, Kiss, Led Zepelin, Black Sabbath, Deep Purple, all the big arena bands. Back then I had a lot of the cultural habits that were real common in the '70s."

Harkening back to his high school days, Midtgard and the Twistin' Tarantulas cover Misfits songs and Motorhead's "Ace of Spades."

"What else? It's one of the greatest songs ever written as far as I'm concerned. I've done that song in every band I've been in. When I started playing the upright I wasn't about to change."

Midtgard honed his skills in a variety of acts including the Frantic Flattops and Flying Saucers. In December 1993, the Twistin' Tarantulas were created as a side project

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NEW YEAR'S EVE

Plan an informal, fun-filled New Year's Eve at home

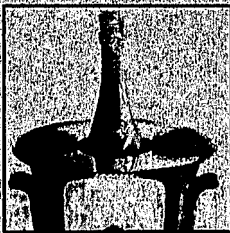
Sip champagne

BY ELEANOR AND RAY HEALD
SPECIAL WRITERS

You did it. You copped out and didn't get reservations for New Year's Eve. Don't fret, you have a week and can either plan to max out at the peak of hedonism or cheap out.

Champagne and hedonism pair nicely. In the category of magnificent, indulgent, unforgettable, extravagant, maxing out for around \$145 a bottle, you can get the world's best, 1989 Champagne Krug or the 1985, to usher in the new year. You have the champagne idea, now for the caviar.

If you've not purchased caviar before, there are the basics. Russian caviars are identified by the species of



Please see **FOOD, C2**

View a video

BY JOHN MONAGHAN
SPECIAL WRITER

Rest assured, there are other ways to ring in a New Year than simply watching Dick Clark drop that silly ball in Times Square. Your local video store is more than happy to meet your needs, whether you're spending the holiday with friends, a lover, or just by yourself.

Throw Your Own Premier - It's easy to have your own premier with major movies that for some reason never made it to area screens. One that's getting decent notices is "Traveler," starring "Titanic's" Bill Paxton and "Boogie Nights" Mark Wahlberg as gypsies who traverse the rural South, bilking people out of their money.



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Play a game

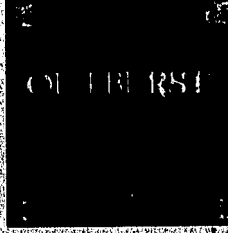
JOHN MONAGHAN
SPECIAL WRITER

For awhile there it seemed like parlor and board games were all just derivations of Monopoly and Charades. That's not true anymore as stores have whole aisles of clever ways to liven up New Year's Eve parties.

Here's just a sample:

Outburst - In a game that promises "common knowledge and uncommon hilarity," you are given a topic like "Canine Commands" and must come up with all 10 desired responses in only 60 seconds. Other categories: "Dances of the Sixties" and "Parts of the Body that Come in Pairs."

Planet Hollywood - Is the official game of the Tinsel



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What's On TV

New Year's Eve College Football Bowls
■ **Sun Bowl**, El Paso, Texas - 2 p.m. CBS (WWJ), Arizona State (8-3) vs. Iowa (7-4)
■ **Liberty Bowl**, Memphis, Tenn. - 3:30 p.m. ESPN, Pittsburgh (6-5) vs. Southern Miss (8-3)
■ **Fiesta Bowl**, Tempe, Ariz. - 7 p.m. CBS (WWJ), Kansas State (10-1) vs. Syracuse (9-3)

Countdown to 1998

■ **Tonight Show**, broadcast live - 11:35 p.m. NBC (WDIV)
■ **Dick Clark's Rockin' Eve** - 11:30 p.m. ABC (WXYZ) after the local news
■ **When New Year's Attacks** - 11 p.m. Fox (WJBK) - live from Reno, 90 minute show counts down to new year, features top musical performances, comedians, fireworks, top 10 Greatest Moments of 1997 and a midnight count to bring in the New Year

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for Midgard — who was playing with the Garfield Blues Band and Johnny "Yarddog" Jones — and "Gorgeous" George Friend, then of the R&B group the Sun Messengers.

"I was doing pick-up blues gigs all around town playing the

upright until the Tarantulas finally got to a point where we knew we were see-worthy. We've been full time almost two years," Midgard said.

Five drummers later, Alex "The Thrilla From Manila" Trajano, formerly of the avant jazz troupe Blue Dog, is on skins.

"Alex is awesome. Alex is the find," Midgard explained.

Midgard realizes that one day he, too, may leave.

"Musicians do come and go. That's the nature of musicians. They do a certain bag long enough then they get tired of it. Me, I have my own thing that I do. There will always be a Twistin' Tarantulas, but I think the only main stay is going to be me. Other guys are going to come and go. That's just something that you learn to accept after awhile."

Maracas player Frederick ("Ready Freddy") Spencer made an unexpected exit from the Twistin' Tarantulas Friday, Nov. 1, 1996. A captain in the armed services, Spencer was shining his shoes and brass buckles and buttons on the cloth wheel on a bench grinder. Police believe that his tie got caught, yanked him down and snapped his neck.

"I wrote a song about what I learned from that experience. It was a strange thing because I had this song in mind earlier. One time I was thinking about spectator sports and thinking about how spectators get so involved in this thing, but

they're not in the arena. I've never been able to understand that personally," Midgard explained.

"I was thinking about people who love to sit back and criticize the people that are in the arena doing the battle. They're not trying anything."

The chorus, he said, encourages people to make the most of their lives.

"There might not be a tomorrow," Midgard sang. "There's not much left of today. So live your life in the arena and love, don't sit in the stands and fade away."

Prior to Spencer's death, Midgard struggled with the song's verses. Afterward, the words flowed.

"It was real simple then. It was the last time he taught me a lesson — that you should live and love and love to live because you never know your fate."

"The Arena" will be on the Twistin' Tarantulas' follow-up to "Attack of the Twistin' Tarantulas," its debut CD released in the fall 1996. Midgard is planning to record soon and release a new CD this summer.

Also included on the CD will be "Lighthouses."

"Lighthouse" is about different people in my past that when I was wandering with no direction, these people were beacons. They were lighthouses when I was wandering too far away from where I should be."

After a pause, Midgard said,

"Oh, I have to sing the chorus for you."

"In my darkest moments when I felt so alone/ At times when I'd wander so far from home/ You lit a candle while I cursed the dark/ You're a lighthouse in a foggy world."

Quickly, he sat up and admitted that he got the lighthouse/foggy world connection from the Frank Capra film "Meet John Doe."

"I'm writing songs with a little bit more serious subject matter. The first CD has a lot of those songs that I wrote when I first started playing rockabilly. My feeling about rockabilly at that time was that it had to be all fluff. You don't want to say anything too deep because it's just fun, happy happy, joy joy music."

"There's a couple songs on it that have odd twists to them like 'Snake in the Grass.' I'm sitting there telling this girl she's got to get away from this guy because he's treating her (badly) and by the way, I'm available. That was the only song I was lyrically proud of on that record."

Mixing it up

A shuffle, a stroll and Latin and bossa nova beats have become standard fare for the Twistin' Tarantulas' shows.

"We try to educate. There's a real big dance scene that's evolving. For the longest time, all these so-called dancers all they could dance to was one groove, which is fast swing. All they

know how to do is spin each other around and dance really fast. If you don't play fast swing, they wouldn't dance."

Finally, Midgard tossed out a threat.

"I started saying to them, 'Look man. If you're really dancers then you should know how to do a shuffle and a stroll and a mambo and a bossanova. If you're really going to get out here and wear the clothes, and wear the two-tone shoes and the pin-striped suits, you folks should learn how to dance to all these different steps, not just 'Sing, Sing, Sing.'"

Never mind the threats, the crowds keep pouring in to clubs like Fifth Avenue Billiards every Sunday night. Midgard knows full well that his band is all about its live performances.

"We're a fun band to watch," Midgard said confidently while crossing his arms. "It's not because we put on some big dog and pony show. We enjoy what we do. That comes across. I love the music that I play. It comes from the bottom of my heart. I try to look nice, keep my hair combed."

"We try to mix it up. It's all in a very similar vein. We play American roots music. We don't do one bag. We have a nice full bag of tricks. We can do swing. We can do blues swing. We can do straight-ahead rock 'n' roll. We can do rockabilly. It all has a common denominator to it. It's always the three of us playing."



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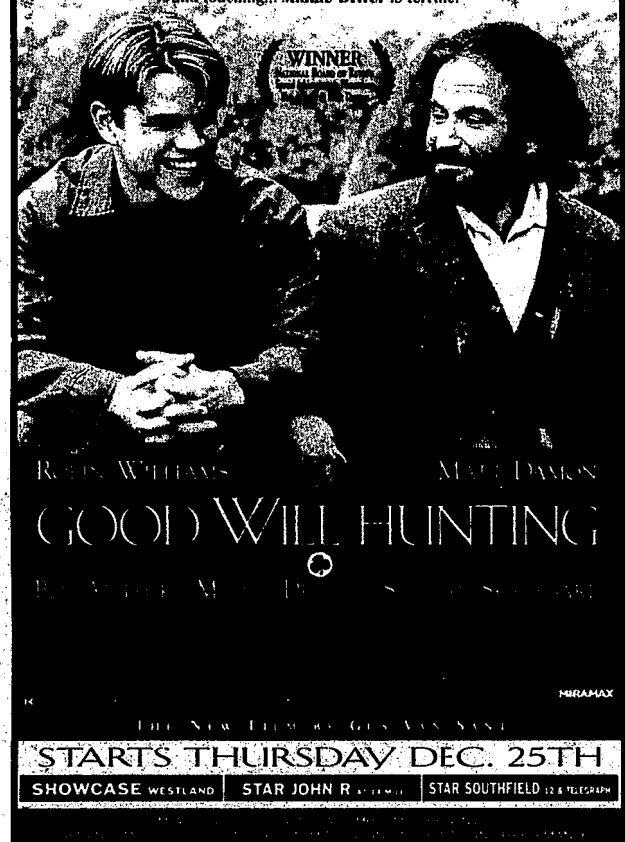
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sturgeon (beluga, ossetra or sevruga) and the sea from which they are taken (generally Caspian or Black). Other caviars are described as granular, pressed, flavored or pasteurized. It is most important to purchase fresh caviar. Beluga is the most expensive.

Fish departments of upscale grocery markets in the area regularly carry caviar during the holidays. Ordering caviar by telephone from a reputable importer and having it shipped overnight is a snap. We've used Caviarteria, Park Avenue, New York (800) 4-CAVIAR or for American caviars, Carolyn Collins Caviar Company, Chicago (800) 226-0342. Collins' caviar is a favorite of Executive Chef Keith Famie of Birmingham's Forté restaurant.

So what if you didn't get that diamond-studded Montblanc in your stocking. Become a style

maven on New Year's Eve! Imitate James Bond. Who could be more sexy than the impeccably stylish, debonair Bond? Go to a New Year's Eve showing of "Tomorrow Never Dies," the latest James Bond film. Watch Pierce Brosnan as Agent 007 drink the 1989 Champagne Bollinger Grande Année \$70. This is the 19th Bond film and the eighth in which Agent 007 drinks his favorite champagne. You'll get thirsty, so have your bottle chilled and imitate the Bond style when you get home! It's also great with caviar.

You just want to stay home? Fine, rent the video of one or all seven other Bond films in which Agent 007 drinks Bollinger Champagne — "Live and Let Die," "Moonraker," "Octopussy," "A View to a Kill," "The Living Daylights," "License to Kill," "Golden Eye" and "Tomorrow Never Dies."

Bollinger Special Cuvée runs about \$30 if the Grande Année seems a tad pricey. No kidding, it's really good with fresh popcorn!

Dining in

Prepare a simple, romantic dinner with wine. Despite its

detractors, Chardonnay remains America's most favorite white wine. 1996 Alderbrook Chardonnay \$13 is most appealing and handsomely pairs with the following recipe created by Alderbrook Winery Executive Chef Jim May. It has only five ingredients and a prep time of 10 minutes. Chevre is tangy and wakes up the palate. You do want to stay awake until midnight, don't you?

TORTELLINI WITH CHEVRE

12 ounces chicken ravioli or tortellini from grocery dairy case

2/3 cup chicken stock
1 tablespoon sundried tomato bits or chopped sundried tomatoes. (Sonoma's Timbercrest Farms is a good brand)

4 ounces chevre, such as Montrachet

1 teaspoon orange zest

Cook pasta in boiling water according to package directions. Meanwhile, bring stock to a boil; add tomato bits and cook for 2 minutes. Remove from heat. Add chevre and orange zest, stir until smooth. Drain pasta, add to chevre sauce and toss until pasta is evenly coated. Serves 4 as an

appetizer or 2 for main course.

As cheap as you can get

Order pizza, but of course, make your own! Use a thin pizza crust, such as Boboli, available in supermarkets. Here are the toppings.

Vegetable Supreme Pizza: lightly sauté sliced tomatoes, mushrooms, onions and peppers. Arrange on top. Sprinkle with basil and shredded mozzarella. Italian Garden: spread thin layer of ricotta cheese on crust. Add thinly sliced tomatoes and zucchini. Sprinkle with grated Parmesan and black pepper.

Fresh Tomato Basil: Brush crust with olive oil. Top with thinly sliced tomatoes. Sprinkle with basil, oregano, Parmesan and mozzarella. Bake all 8-10 minutes at 450°F.

Drink good but cheap red wine with your pizza. The following are \$10 or less. 1995 Napa Ridge Cabernet Sauvignon; 1995 Georges Dubouef Cabernet Sauvignon; 1995 Lindemans Bin 45 Cabernet Sauvignon; 1996 Walnut Crest Merlot; 1996 Sutter Home Merlot; 1995 Lindemans Bin 40 Merlot; or 1995 Fetzer Eagle Peak Merlot.

Have a great New Year's Eve!

My dad showed me the difference between collecting coins and saving money.

When I was a kid, I thought he'd been collecting U.S. Savings Bonds. Until he said that his "collection" was for my college education and his retirement. Then I realized that he wasn't just "collecting" but "saving" to help insure our future. He told me that Savings Bonds are



backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, so they're secure. They earn interest for up to 30 years. And their value is guaranteed to grow at market-based rates. That's insuring the future.

So I guess that's why I started "collecting" U.S. Savings Bonds, too.

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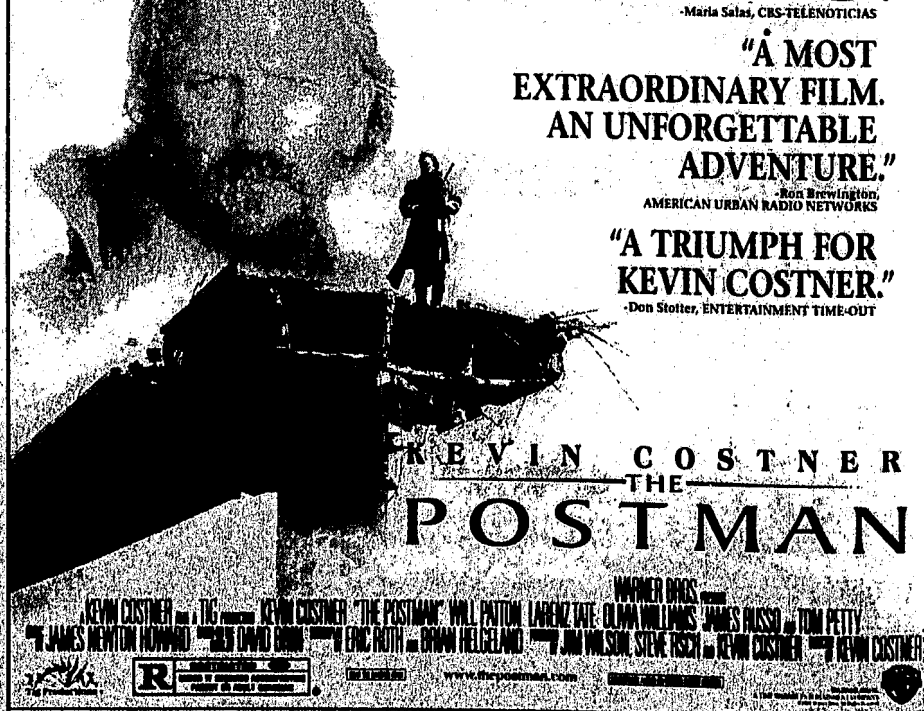
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■ **Offbeat Romance** - Before you rent "Sleepless in Seattle" again, try a charming little romance called "Before Sunrise," from Richard Linklater, the director of "Dazed and Confused" and "Slacker." Here Ethan Hawke and Julie Delpy play young Bohemians who meet on the train in Europe and decide, on the spot, to spend one memorable night together in Vienna.

■ **Better in Black and White** - The holidays are almost over, but there's still time to catch "Shop Around the Corner" (1940) a Jimmy Stewart movie directed by Ernst Lubitsch that gives "It's a Wonderful Life" a run for its money. Here the stammering one plays head clerk at a Budapest gift shop who doesn't realize that the co-worker he constantly argues with (Margaret Sullivan) is the same woman he has been wooing through a personals ad.

■ **Hong Kong Action** - With the Hong Kong influence making itself more and more known through the American success of Jackie Chan, John Woo and hopefully soon Chow Yun Fat (his new movie opens in February), it's time to catch up with the Asian invasion on video. Now that you've seen Woo's "Face/Off," check out his "Hard Boiled," whose high-octane shootout in a big city hospital includes some of the most heart-pounding action ever put on film.

■ **New York, New York** - If you can't be in New York this holiday, you can see it in its glory in "On the Town" (1949), for my money the most exuberant MGM musical ever made. Here sailor boys Gene Kelly, Frank Sinatra and Jules Munshin spend such a memorable 24 hours in Manhattan (it was filmed on location) that you'll be

planning your next trip.

■ **Pre-"Screen" Screens** - Now that you know both "Screens" practically by heart, check out the offbeat movies Wes Craven made before he became a household name, though preferably those without II or III after the titles. "Last House on the Left," "The Hills Have Eyes," and "Deadly Friend" won't disappoint.

■ **Pam Grier Marathon** - After seeing the divine Miss Grier in Quentin Tarantino's "Jackie Brown," you may want to check out "Coffy" or "Foxy Brown," the 1970s blaxploitation epics that catapulted her from studio receptionist to international black superstar.

■ **A Cult Revival** - The test of a true cult movie is that it was ignored, maligned, or misunderstood upon its release. "Crash," "Kissed," and "Lost Highway" certainly fit this bill, three of the darkest, most-argued about, and challenging films of the year. If you haven't caught them yet, do so now if just for the sake of argument.

■ **A Foreign Affair** - It's probably a good idea to steer clear of Ingmar Bergman, especially if you're alone on New Year's Eve. Try instead something life-affirming, colorful and quirky, like "Umbrellas of Cherbourg," a stunning 1964 French musical starring an impossibly young Catherine Deneuve and rereleased last year on video.

■ **Not Just For Kids** - "The Secret of Roan Inish" was John Sayles' enchanting story based on Irish folklore. Relegated to art houses (and countless critics' 10 best lists), the movie didn't get the wide release it deserved, but should delight slightly patient (and fantasy-minded) kids and their parents.)

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town-themed restaurants, players are given categories like "Reasons to press STOP on your VCR," "Famous Blond Actors" or "Movies with One Name." You must come up with as many answers as possible while an electronic timer (with a "Mission Impossible" style suspenseful tune) gives the game tension.

■ **Monopoly Special Editions** - You've probably lost the shoe, and the few \$100 bills that remain are looking pretty dogeared. Still, even if you do buy the "Deluxe Edition," featuring gold game pieces, wooden hotels and houses, and card carousels for each player, it won't prevent your opponents from hitting Boardwalk before you do.

And in a twist on the "Your

City Here" versions of the game produced in bergs nationwide, Monopoly's "Star Wars Classic Trilogy Edition" mixes Chewbacca and Community Chest. Here the pewter tokens now resemble X-wing fighters as you develop cities and spaceports throughout the galaxy.

■ **Channel Surfing** - The favorite pastime of couch potatoes worldwide is now a popular (and socially acceptable) parlor game. Using the remote control on your cable television (not included), you must search for such items as "Tacky Outfits," "Fruit," or "Somethings That Makes You Gag," all explained for you on game cards. In a clever twist, a "Ring" could be a wedding ring, but it could also be a sound.

■ **Tom Clancy's Politika** - For those of you frustrated by the world political situation, here's a strategy game that allows you to control the fate of modern Russia. The premise here is that the Russian President has died, leaving the country in the hands of the Russian mafia. Unlike the books, where you're at the mercy of the Mr. Clancy's literary whims, here you call the shots.

■ **Act One** - Another game where knowledge of Hollywood helps, this time with 1,400 lines or other clues from the most memorable moments in TV and movie history. Draw a card, act out a scene, and then your partners have to guess what it is,

based on your performance and their familiarity with classics such as "I Love Lucy," "Star Wars," "The X-Files," and "The Godfather."

■ **Compatibility** - A game like this can either lead to holiday fun or some serious family disharmony. Here you and your partner choose a subject that both of you have some strong feelings about and then pick from a stack of pictured cards with related images.

The "Marriage" category might prompt a cuddly Teddy bear, but there are also cards of prison cells. Rank these pictures in order of personal importance and watch the sparks fly.

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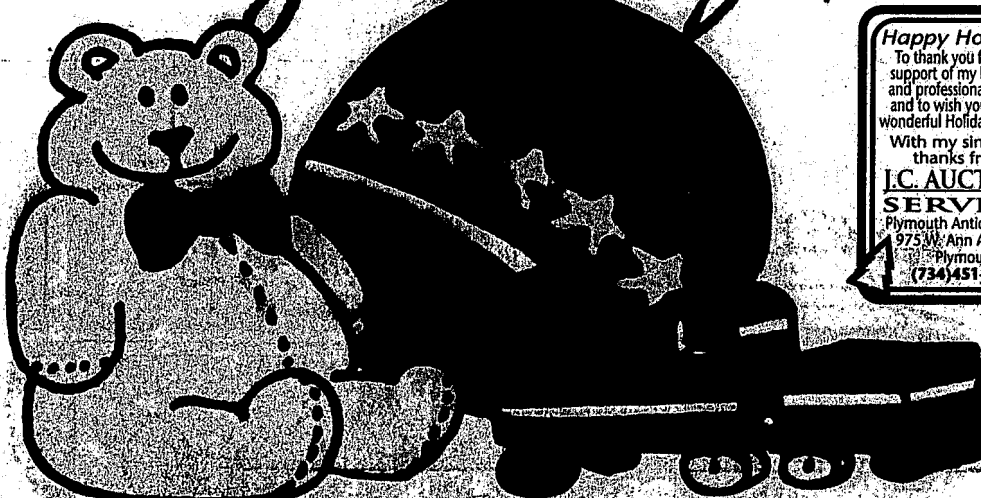
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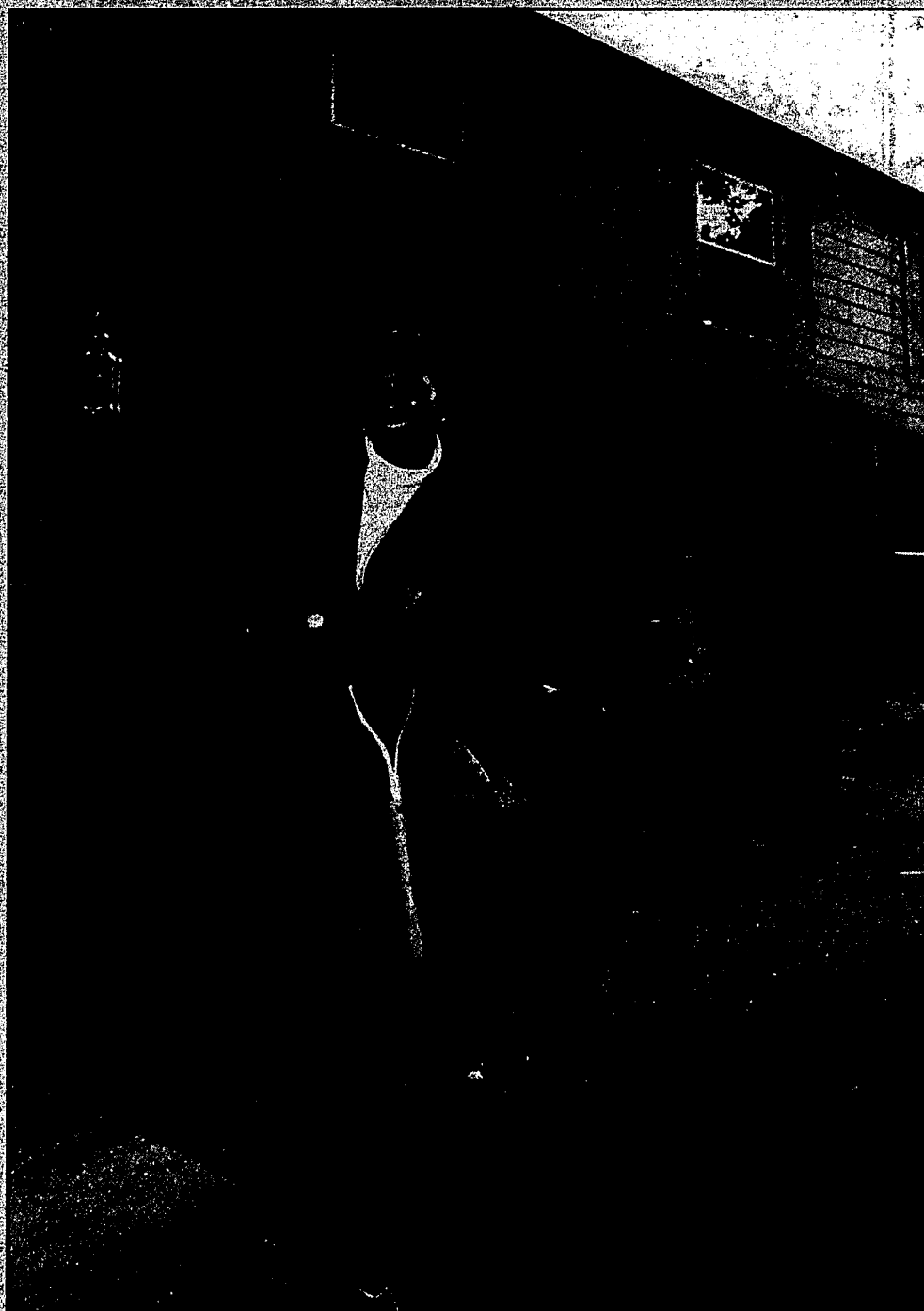
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focus on photography

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We can all look back to when we were young and recall the love affair we had with trains. We can remember the thrill of seeing a sleek train or old steam engine rounding the bend in the tracks.

There's something about trains that brings out the kid in us so let's take advantage of the opportunities to photograph them.

Because railroads are basically about movement, an obvious approach is to photograph trains on the move. But if you simply head for the nearest track and wait for a train to pass, the results may be disappointing.

First of all, you must choose your viewpoint carefully. Frame the train so that it forms part of an interesting composition or makes a strong composition in itself. Shoot the train rounding a curve or climbing a hill or find a high viewpoint so that the train and tracks form strong diagonals in the picture.

Traveling in a foreign country will present photo opportunities not available at home. The trains are often quaint and charming. In remote hilly regions, for instance, even from distant viewpoints, you can capture a winding train going through a mountain pass. Many train stations offer excellent opportunities, too.

As mentioned earlier, try to obtain a sense of movement. The smoke billowing from the stack of an old steam engine or the blur of the engine's large driving wheels will both give a feeling of motion.

With diesel and electric trains, a slower speed will blur the picture and create an impression of speed. Or try panning with a moving train to keep it sharp but blur the background.

A subway is an excellent place to photograph trains. Set your camera on a tripod and wait for a train to emerge from a tunnel. A shutter speed of about 1/2-second will significantly blur the train as well as give motion to the passengers about to board.

Look for closeups, too, when photographing trains. The mechanical details of the engines and cars, couplings and wheels all are candidates for your camera.

Railroad museums or special lines built as tourist attractions are excellent places for photography. Just remember to move in close, simplify, and eliminate distracting backgrounds.

Finally, the constant flow of passengers on the railroad provides an endless source of human interest photographs. A busy station platform is an ideal place to look for candid shots of all types.

Try to capture in your pictures something of what it means to travel by train whether you isolate a single commuter waiting for his train or a blurred sea of faces as people pour off trains during rush hour.



On track:
For this photo for Monte Nagler's camera of a train winding through the Swiss Alps, careful composition and patience in waiting for the train paid off.



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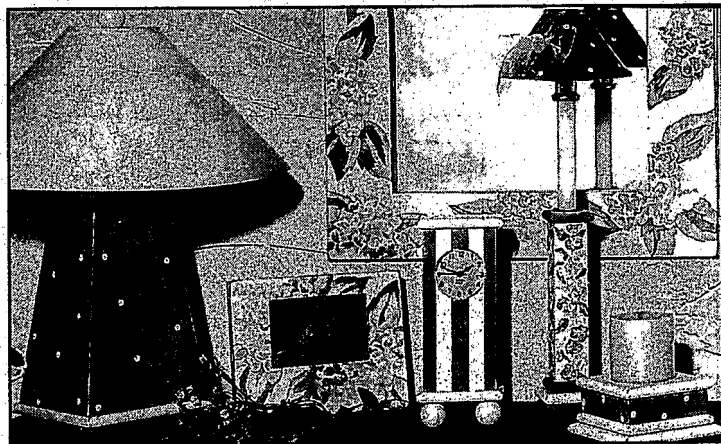
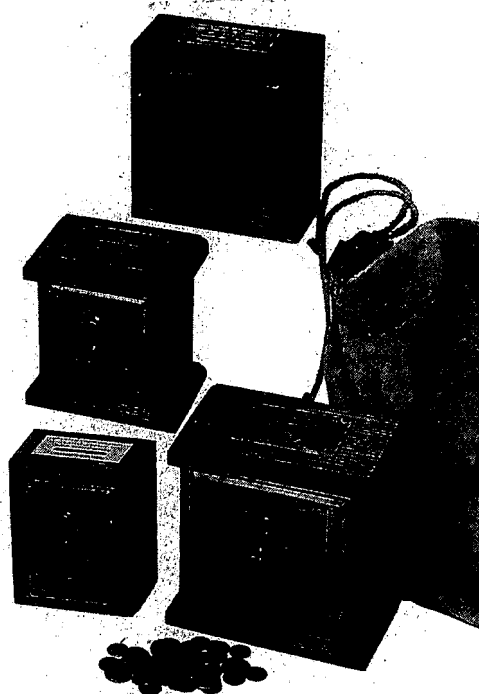
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garden spot

Bayberry candles bring luck, scent



MARTY FIGLEY

Merry Christmas! This is a most important time in our lives as we celebrate this glorious season.

Perhaps you have been burning bayberry candles and will continue to enjoy their fragrance for the rest of the holidays.

An old tradition in New England is to burn a bayberry candle down to the nub on New Year's Eve, then good luck will come your way in the new year. If you burned the candles on Christmas Eve, another good luck custom, you're probably in for an extra-special year!

Bayberries grow on a bush, *Myrica cerifera*, and are also known as wax myrtle or candleberry. The shrub is dense and woody and grows on the sandy shores along the Atlantic coast from Canada to Florida and the Bahaman

Islands. The California bayberry, *Myrica californica*, grows on the coastal dunes of California, Oregon and Washington.

Many tiny gray-green berries grow on the shrubs and are ready for picking in the fall. State wildlife organizations in many areas now list them as protected species.

Generally it takes two pounds of bayberry wax to make one dozen molded candles; if they are dipped it takes more. The wax is found in the thin outer layer of the berry; the rest of it is discarded. The spicy fragrance is emitted from the smoke when the candles are extinguished.

The process of making bayberry candles isn't quick, nor is it easy. The berries are boiled in water and after cooling the wax rises to the top to form a layer that is skimmed off. The skimmed wax is then reheated, the resultant impurities settle to the bottom of the pot, then the liquid is strained through cheesecloth into storage containers.

To achieve the gray-green color we associate with the candles, the second heating must be done in a copper kettle because the chemical action of the copper on the wax is necessary for this transformation.

There you have it. Enjoy your candles and treasure the memory of the early colonists who learned how to craft them.

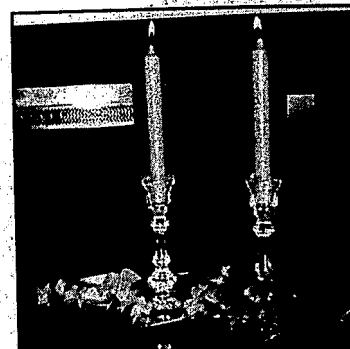
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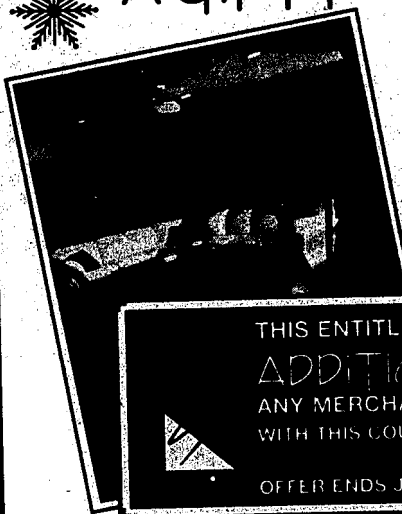
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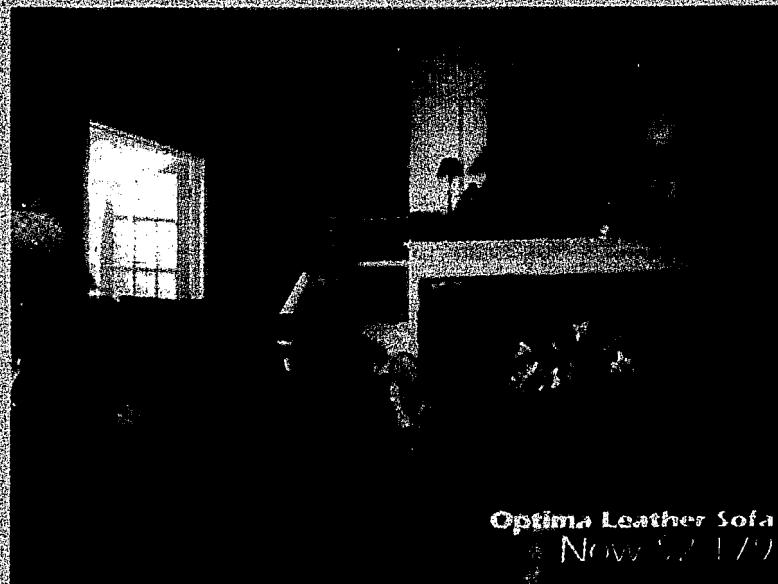
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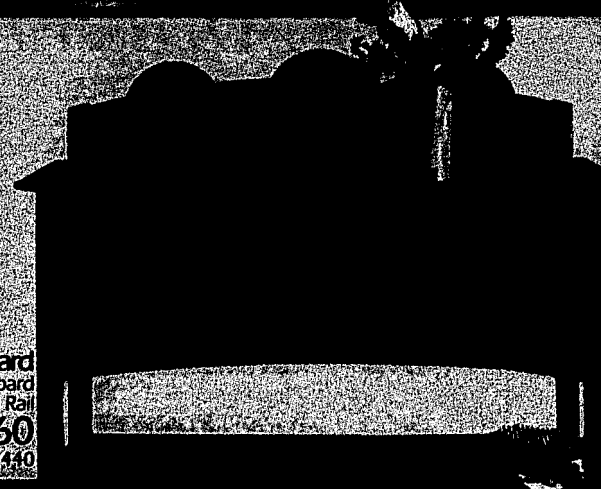
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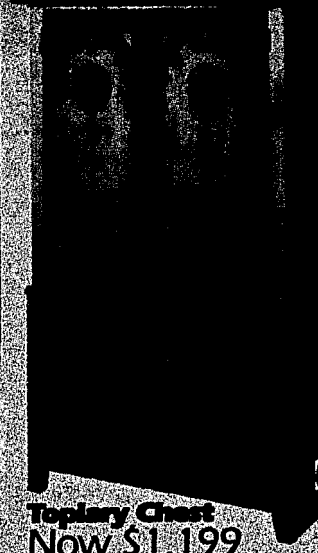
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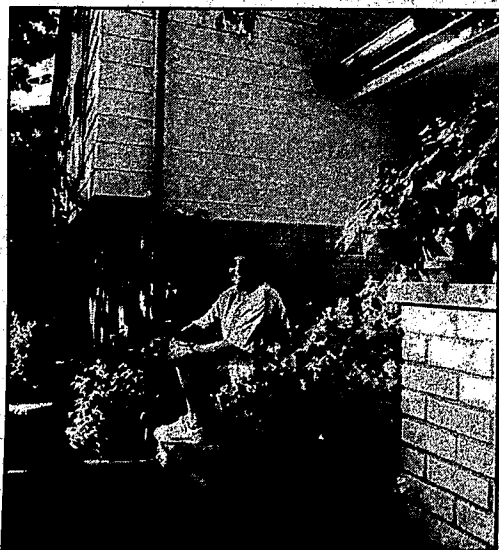
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Subdivision salutes special settings



Summer sights: Jay and Elena Houllhan were given third place for their surroundings in the Fox Hills subdivision's first Beautification Awards. Elena poses in the photo below.



BY MARY KLEMIC
At Home Editor

The Fox Hills subdivision in Bloomfield Hills showed a special kind of neighborliness recently.

This summer, community residents started their own Beautification Award. They nominated their neighbors for the award, judged on the criteria of lawn, home, garden landscaping, variety/content, color, creativity and continuity (flow).

Prizes were given, signs were posted in recipients' yards, and an afterglow party took place.

"The motivation behind the award is twofold," beautification committee president Dave Hathaway said.

"First, we want to acknowledge and honor the families that have spent the time, energy and investment on maintaining and beautifying their homes and our neighborhood. Second, we hope to inspire other families to do the same. Ultimately, the image and value of the community will be enhanced by everyone's contribution."

The Auburn Oaks Nursery donated gift certificates: \$125 for first place, \$75 for second and \$25 for third. Signs by K.C. Graphics of Oakland County.

"We were very pleased with their signs," said Fran Portnoy, who was on the judging committee with Hathaway, Dottie Slater and Vonnie Rivers.

Award recipients who produced little plots of paradise enjoy the beauty of their surroundings, and get pleasure from the planning and work.

First place went to Bob and Mary Morian. Their yard is filled with yucca, hostas and annuals. The selection of the plants was developed over a period of time within the 23 years the family has lived in the subdivision.

Second place went to Marvin and Gwendolyn Whiting, who have lived in Fox Hills since 1990.

"I was pleased," Marvin Whiting said. "I work in my yard pretty hard."

"I put in flowers with no real concern about the types, just for the beauty."

He works for "pure pleasure," he said.

"I love working in my yard. Some people love jogging."

Third place went to Jay and Elena Houllhan.

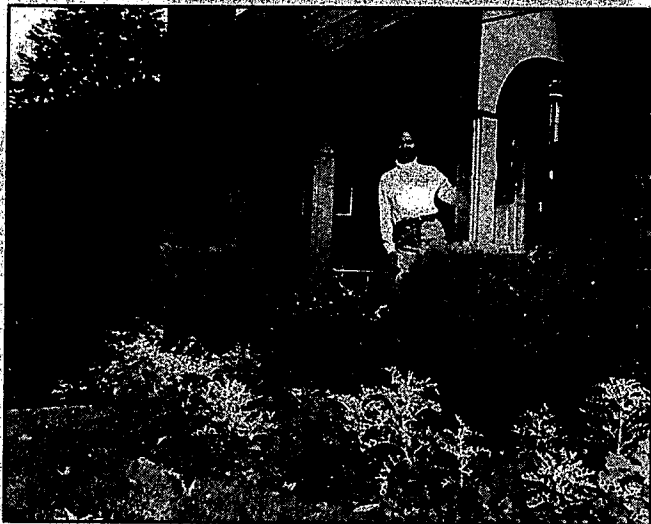
The afterglow, with fruit and cheese, was at the home of Marilyn Smith. Smith, who received honorable mention, recently was given a prize from Bordine for her annuals.

Announced in the subdivision newsletter, the award drew 30 to 35 nominees, Portnoy said.

"The first year we were worried we would not get enough," she said.



Special settings: Marvin and Gwendolyn Whiting received second place. Marvin Whiting said he works in the yard for "pure pleasure." Photos by William Hansen.



Plans are to have the awards every year. In the meantime, savor the summer sights on this page during the winter.

"Spring and summer will come again," Mary Morian said.

On the cover:

Gwendolyn Whiting is shown in her yard, which was awarded second place by judges in her Bloomfield Hills subdivision. Photo by William Hansen.



appliance doctor

Small shops can do repairs better



JOE GAGNON

Last week's column described Sears phone service provided to consumers for advice on service problems. The \$12 charge for this service seems rather inexpensive compared to the actual cost of having a technician come out to your home.

There's no doubt that the 2 million people expected to use this service during 1997 will have saved and gained knowledge about their product. As other companies begin to do the same, the question is, "What will happen to the small independent service company in this country?"

Let's take an appliance repair company called "Charlie's Service" which has been answering telephones for more than 40 years and helping consumers with service problems. To build a rapport with potential customers has always been his goal and it has worked well by always giving them free advice. Should we now begin to charge those many thousands who call him every year? I'm sure he wishes that he could, but he can't.

He knows there are many others who don't charge for telephone advice on how to fix a problem and that if he does, he'll lose the foundation of his customers that he spent years to develop. The answer to his dilemma is to do whatever he's been doing and to do it better than before.

Good honest competition such as Sears' phone service can only be a benefit to the consumer. Charlie has always recognized that the customer is always number one. As an example of how the small service business can do it better, let me rewrite a letter received by Charlie from Francis in Farmington.

"A week and a half ago my daughter called me from Milwaukie, Ore., and told me her Maytag washer was not spinning the water out. I told her I'd call your store for info. (her washer is second hand and she can't afford expensive repairs). I don't know who I talked to at your store, but after briefly explaining the problem to him, he offered to call my daughter in Oregon and give her instructions on what to do.

"Lisa (my daughter) is expecting anytime now so she couldn't do anything with the washer. She wrote down the

directions and her husband fixed the washer. I just want to say thank you to you and your crew, and especially to the man who was kind enough to call my daughter in Oregon. It is unheard of to find such a store where the staff go out of their way to actually help people.

"This kind of thing cost you time and money (to call long distance) and yet you do it. I am very impressed and very appreciative, as is my daughter and her husband. Thank you all so very much. Sincerely, Francie."

Folks, the above letter is just one example of how small businesses can do it better. There is tons of work out there, enough to keep many of the small guys alive if they can incorporate their thinking toward the benefit of the consumers. With the way they're making some of

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THAT COUNTRY FEELING

With all of the high-tech wizardry that surrounds us these days, is it any wonder that many homeowners opt for country-style furnishings? Among the characteristics common to country furniture are its purely functional design, its sturdiness, simplicity, and straightforwardness. Country styles were adapted from the furniture of the aristocracy and the pieces were handcrafted from materials common to the countryside. Hallmarks of this totally self-conscious furniture include its hand-rubbed and hand-carved woods, its hand-loomed fabrics, and pleasantly uncomplicated color schemes. Also central to the look are bright chintz and calico fabrics, braided rugs over bare floors, quilts and comforters, and homespun accessories. All these touches impart a homey feeling.

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Safetyproof family for cold weather



LISA LUCKOW-HEALY

Winter cold is often as agonizing as a winter cold brought on by a virus. When you're not prepared for it, Jack Frost just might come nipping at your nose inflicting his own brand of aches and pains.

Whether you are ice skating, sledding, skiing, strolling through a park or enjoying the cozy warmth of your own home, these winter pastimes can all pose serious winter hazards if your family isn't safety conscious.

Thin ice, below-freezing temperatures, improper winter clothing, icy sidewalks, portable heaters and faulty household heating put your family at risk of serious injuries.

When cold weather strikes, it is important to think safety first by remembering several simple rules of thumb.

Dress in layers. Better to be able to

take a layer off when you are too warm than not to have enough clothing to fend off frostbite.

Wear a hat to help prevent heat loss from your head. Put gloves on your child's hands under the waterproof mittens. It is also a good idea to wear two pairs of socks, even in lined boots.

Snow pants help repel snow that tends to cling to your child's pants after rolling in it, while helping retain warmth. A scarf will keep drafts out, but remember to tuck the loose ends in for your child so he or she doesn't get the ends caught on a tree branch or other object that could pose a choking hazard.

Check your child's skin when he or she comes in from the cold.

"A child's nose, ears, hands and feet are particularly susceptible to frostbite, and uncommon but potentially serious winter-related ailment," said Dr. Gregg DiGuilio, attending emergency physician and assistant professor of pediatrics at Children's Hospital Medical Center in Cincinnati.

If skin is red and swollen, cover it with a warm washcloth or blanket until the skin improves, or call the doctor if

you don't see any improvement. Never put your child in tight-fitting clothing when going outdoors, permit him or her to wear wet clothing outdoors, or rub what you suspect could be frostbitten skin.

Avoid walking and running on slippery areas whenever possible. You don't have to be a child to heed this rule. Anyone can fall on slippery areas and experience unnecessary injury.

Clear sidewalks and walkways to your home when snow falls to avoid icy patches that occur from melting snow. Throw rock salt on icy areas to help clear walkways when a shovel won't do. Wear rubber-soled boots or shoes with good treads for better traction.

Only use winter sporting equipment that is safely constructed. Whether your family is sledding, skating, skiing, snowmobiling or taking in another winter sport, poorly designed sporting equipment does more harm than good.

Sleds should be sturdy. Avoid piling too many people on a sled that isn't designed for your load. Likewise, permitting your child to sled down a hill headfirst or walk in the path of an

oncoming sled is only asking for trouble. Adult supervision is always a good idea.

When skiing, check for slope obstacles and icy conditions before shushing down any hill.

Install carbon monoxide detectors in every bedroom of your home, and smoke detectors on every level of your home. Every year, news stories emerge about the loss of a loved one due to carbon monoxide poisoning, and fires caused by portable heaters and wood-burning stoves.

Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas that, when built up in a room, causes poisoning that can cause neurological disorders, brain damage and potentially death. Poisoning can result from any appliance that burns gas, oil, kerosene, wood or charcoal.

If any member of your household experiences flulike symptoms and your detector goes off, immediately leave your home, and call 911 and your local utility company.

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ed your home, fixed the problem and is certain carbon monoxide levels are safe, then and only then should you re-enter your home.

Mark a date on your calendar every year to change your smoke detector batteries, and regularly check batteries every month. When you leave a room in your house, turn off portable heaters. Never leave these heaters on while your family sleeps.

If you have young children, protective fireplace screens help prevent them from getting too close to fires or even falling in. Make sure matches or lighters are out of reach. A fire in the fireplace is nice to snuggle up to on a cold winter day, but under no circumstances should you leave it burning when you go to bed or leave the house.

Keep your first aid kit stocked year-round. Always review expiration dates on any medication or topical ointment, discarding any that are past due.

In addition to basic first aid kit essentials, several first aid items are particularly helpful during the winter months, including a blanket, asthma supplies (for cold weather attacks), petroleum jelly, and sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher.

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these appliances today, some of these guys may be busier than ever.

The major utility companies in this country are providing home warranty plans for homeowners at unbelievably inexpensive costs for coverage. Do you notice that there is a swing toward helping consumers with appliance problems in these latter years of the '90s.

With the turn of the century, we will have gained enough consumer awareness that hopefully, those unethical in any service industry will not be able to stay in business.

This guy who writes this column will use any trick he can for the benefit of consumers. Even if it means writing for a great newspaper where consumers get advice for free, or doing a radio show where the whole nation gets free information.

Have a happy holiday and remember next year will be even better.

Joe Gagnon, the Appliance Doctor, will answer your questions about maintaining and repairing large appliances. Gagnon is president of Carmack Appliances in Garden City and does a weekly radio program on WJR-AM. He is author of "First Aid from the Appliance Doctor," available at area bookstores.

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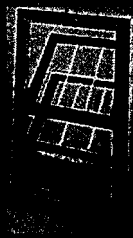
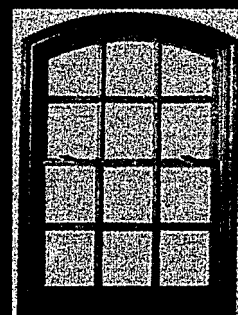
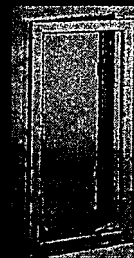
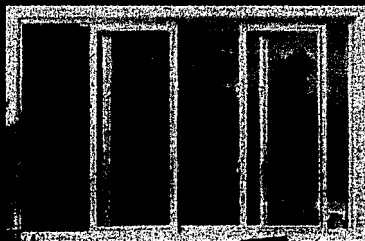
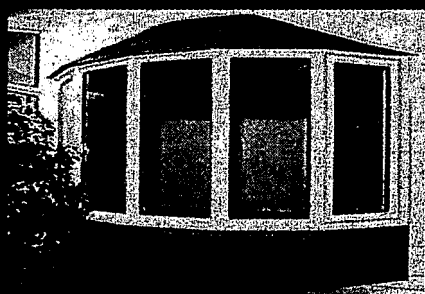
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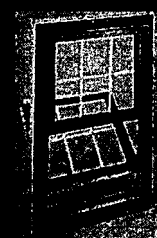
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Holidays are a time for special stories

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

This is the season for heartwarming, inspirational and even offbeat stories. Peace on earth, goodwill to all, a season of human connectedness.

Lee Bittinger, broker/owner of RE/MAX Classic in Canton, remembers how the transaction resulting in no room at the inn, figuratively speaking, blossomed into a wonderful friendship.

"The sellers were moving out of town and had occupancy of the house until January," he said. "The buyers, due to be married three days before Christmas, were forced out of their houses as part of their sales agreements."

"The sellers agreed to let them move in," Bittinger said. "It was actually three different families together in a house of about 1,400 square feet. The sellers had three children, one of the buyers had three kids, the other two. So you had eight kids and four adults there."

"We (Bittinger's wife and business partner, Noel) went over on Christmas to visit. It was pretty crowded, but everyone was happy. They lived together about a week and a half."

"The sellers attended the wedding. That happened about eight years ago, and they've stayed in touch ever since," Bittinger said.

John DiMora, a Realtor with Coldwell Banker Schweitzer in Northville, had what he called a weird experience last Christmas Eve.

"I had a listing \$500,000 about 5,500 square

feet," he said. "I showed an older lady the house and she kept saying, 'They'll love it, they'll love it.'"

"We were able to put the deal together for her and, when all was said and done, I asked her, 'How many people will live in the house?' It was quite large."

"She said, 'Just two of us,' DiMora related. "I was surprised and asked her when she kept saying, 'They'll love it,' who she was referring to? She was talking about her furniture, and it would be a nice Christmas present that she found them a suitable home. She had all kinds of antiques."

Bowen Broock is broker/owner of Max Broock offices in Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Clarkston, Rochester and West Bloomfield.

"I was a rookie on the team back in 1960," he recalled. "Detroit had just gone through something of a business recession. Business was kind of slow."

"I can remember a lady who took what we call floor time for someone on Christmas Eve afternoon. The last shift was 12 to three, which no one wanted. Cynthia Rice was her name. She was very outgoing, very customer-oriented."

"Of course, there hadn't been a single call, but she was faithfully staying there," Broock said. "Then, just before 3 o'clock, just as she was getting ready to lock up the building, she got a floor call."

"She serviced the call. People were in from out of town looking to buy a home. She showed them properties until 6:30. One particular home they found appealing, she wrote an offer and took it to the owner, who was flabbergasted."

"The offer was accepted and final arrangements were agreed to at 8:30 or 9 that evening," Broock said. "This house was in Bloomfield Village and sold for \$85,000 to \$87,000. That's equivalent to nearly half a



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million today.

"It was a good example of someone willing to get out there and serve who was rewarded. Also, you never know when opportunity will come knocking," Broock said.

Nada Ilitch, broker/owner of Century 21 Nada in Farmington Hills, recalls a holiday experience on neighborliness straight from the Little House on the Prairie.

"Around Christmas many years

ago, I sold a house in Commerce," Ilitch said. "The people were moving in, and the well went dry. It was a holiday; they couldn't get anyone out to fix the well."

"Their neighbor gave them a hose from their house so they could have water," Ilitch said. "That hose froze, so they put in another hose."

And that's how they happened to meet.

Dennis Dickstein, broker/owner of Ralph Manuel Associates West in Farmington Hills, recently took three days to find an artist a condominium after the artist had been looking at houses for a year with others.

"His eyes lit up," Dickstein said. "It's turned into an emotional thing. They feel this was a major lucky thing for them, a (Christmas) gift early."

HOMES SOLD IN OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded December 1 - 5 at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office and compiled by Advertising That Works, a Bloomfield Township company that tracks deed and mortgage recordings in southeastern Michigan. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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899 Chase Way Blvd. \$200,000
2360 Richmond Rd. \$87,000
3115 Waukegan St. \$80,000
Clarkston
9815 Andersonville Rd. \$90,000
9937 Andersonville Rd. \$50,000
9075 Beaverton Ct. \$114,000
5991 Cornell St. \$70,000
5141 Eastview St. \$127,000
5713 Fenwick Pl. \$100,000
9695 Forest Ridge Dr. \$70,000
5487 Franklin Ave. \$130,000
9991 Hadley Rd. \$370,000
5382 Heath Ave. \$105,000

5122 Ingham Blvd. \$119,000
4754 Mohawk Blvd. \$60,000
6055 Paula Ave. \$147,000
6604 Plum Ln. \$143,000
5955 Princess Ln. \$135,000
5416 Prince Trl. \$280,000
597 Sunrise Dr. \$193,000
9585 Yale St. \$120,000
Commerce Township
1989 Alsip St. \$177,000
8268 Artis St. \$27,000
5285 Carroll Lake Rd. \$167,000
8575 Edgewood Park Dr. \$293,000
3055 Fisher Ave. \$97,000
4055 Forest Edge Dr. \$208,000
2149 Glen Iris Dr. \$145,000
8045 Locklin Ln. \$275,000
3530 Mare Cir. \$67,000
4899 Rayford St. \$360,000
1435 Spruce Dr. \$247,000
3740 Vanport Ave. \$271,000
5421 Wentworth Dr. \$15,000
Davison
9880 Boulder Ct. \$391,000
320 Broadway St. \$52,000
10064 Creekwood Trl. \$355,000
10590 Eagle Rd. \$129,000
7415 Hall Rd. \$133,000
13312 Neal Rd. \$198,000

Keego Harbor
2124 Cass Lake Rd. \$33,000
2314 Cass Lake Rd. \$72,000
Lake Orion
2452 Browning Dr. \$168,000
60 Conklin Road. \$31,000
1183 Cottonwood St. \$232,000
606 Crediton St. \$97,000
134 Eagle Ridge Rd. \$40,000
454 Fay Ct. \$136,000
112 Glenworth St. \$60,000
3840 Kossuth Rd. \$60,000
3449 Leewood Dr. \$151,000
3044 Talon Cir. \$37,000
2814 Wildwood Ct. \$65,000
Novi
25546 Acadia Dr. \$350,000
20719 Emily Ct. \$310,000
22476 Fuller Dr. \$310,000
23597 Highmesow Dr. \$230,000
40952 Kingsley Ln. \$232,000
25921 Laramie Dr. \$345,000
44995 Lightway Blvd. \$300,000
23647 Stonehenge Blvd. \$90,000
Orion Township
681 Brown Rd. \$185,000
3248 Hickory Dr. \$222,000
1849 Kinmount Dr. \$88,000
4399 Morgan Rd. \$131,000

Oxford
3719 Estate Dr. \$111,000
3151 Lake George Rd. \$168,000
191 Lakeview Dr. \$139,000
63 Pontiac St. \$152,000
201 Riseman Ct. \$50,000
Rochester
470 Baldwin Ave Apt 23 \$65,000
1150 Eagle Nest Dr. \$185,000
212 Glenmoor Dr. \$238,000
1482 Highpoint Ct. \$413,000
2630 Quail Run St. \$184,000
379 South St. \$330,000
321 Wyngate Dr. \$421,000
Rochester Hills
772 Allison Dr. \$178,000
1362 Barneswood Ln. \$188,000
20719 Emily Ct. \$279,000
2182 Belle Vernon Dr. \$189,000
1635 Bretton Dr N. \$158,000
2385 Chateau Dr. \$218,000
3867 Cone Ave. \$143,000
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2942 Eagle Ct. \$482,000
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220 Winding Brk. \$130,000
532 Winwood Ct. \$133,000
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439 Berry Patch Ln. \$255,000
10185 Elizabeth Lake. \$108,000
9024 Mahon St. \$80,000
9044 Millard St. \$133,000
628 Oxhill Dr. \$153,000
Wolverine Lake
2243 Ellington St. \$125,000
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Brian Granader, a Realtor with Century

21 Associates in Royal Oak, has been listed in the Best of the Biggest, a report on sales achievement by REAL Trends, Inc.

Granader, who lists and sells primarily in south Oakland County, had a volume of nearly \$8 million last year. He's received the Centurion Award from Century 21 for sales activity three years in a row.

Marie Sexton of Max Broock Realtors in West Bloomfield has been named among the top Luxury Real Estate Specialists of the Midwest by Unique Homes, the National Magazine of Luxury Real Estate. Sexton earned inclusion for being a top sales producer in this marketplace.

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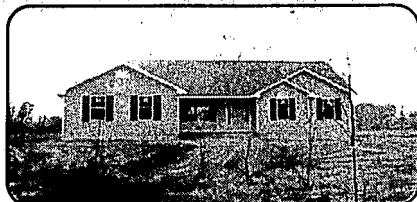


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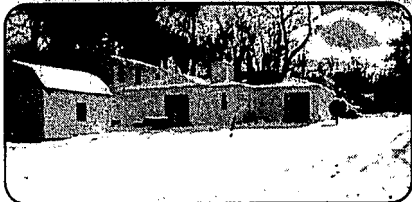
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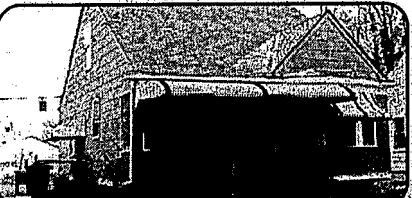
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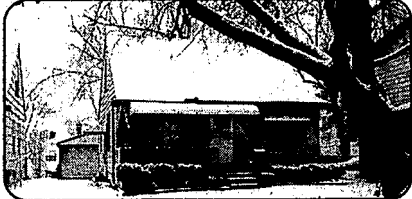
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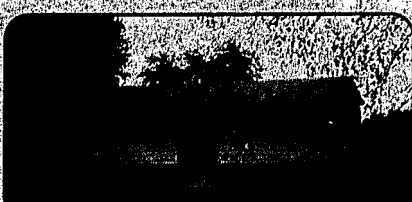
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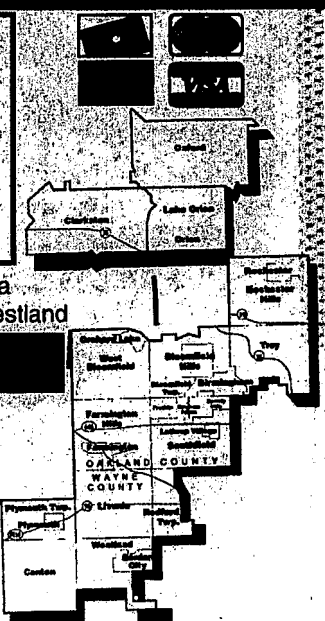
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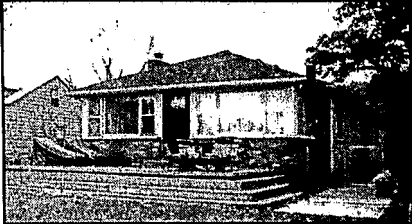
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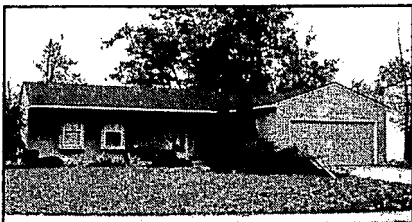
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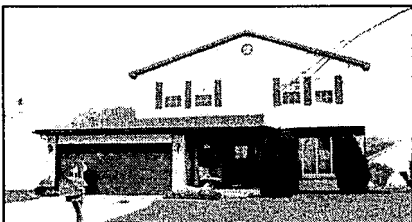
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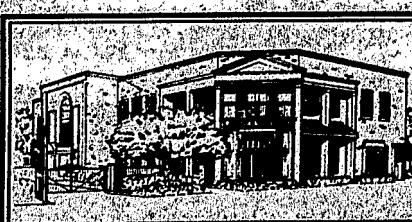
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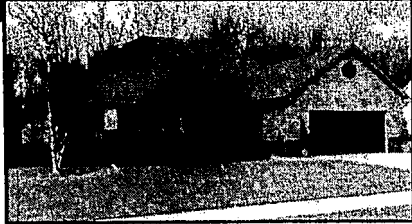
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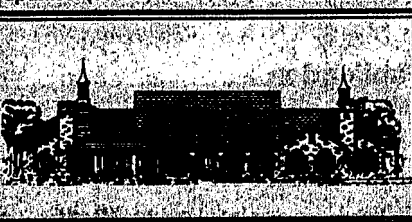
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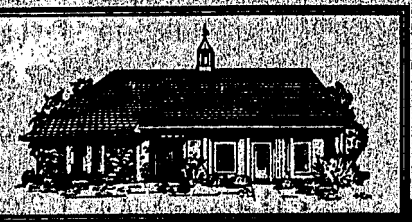
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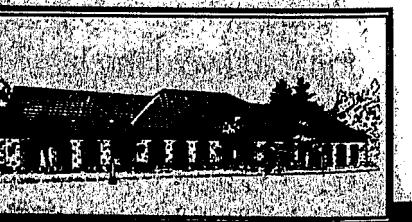
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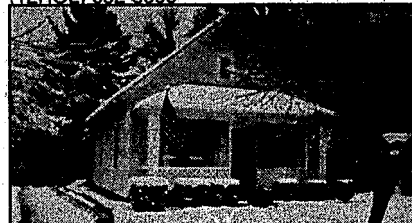
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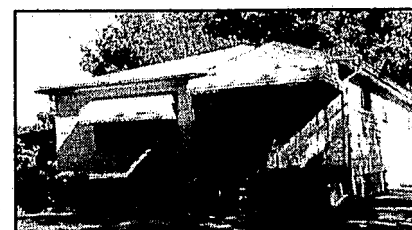
WEST BLOOMFIELD - Nearly new 1 1/2 story home with a first floor master suite. Great room, library, 2 1/2 baths, basement, 3 car attached garage. Professionally landscaped yard. \$349,900 (70WAT) 524-1600



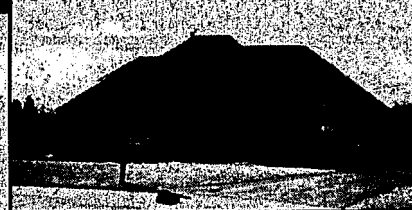
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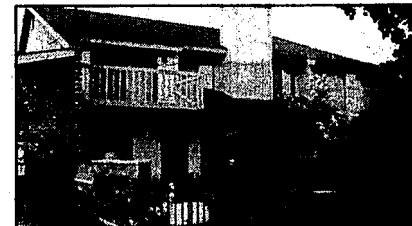
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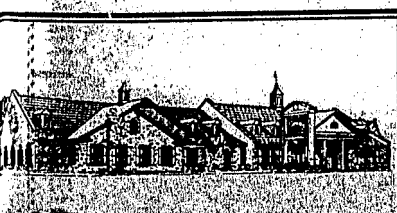
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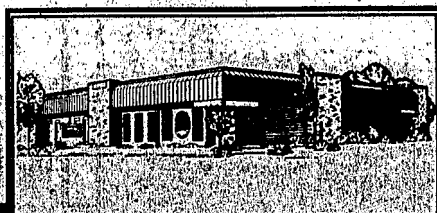
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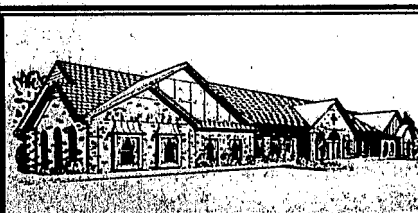
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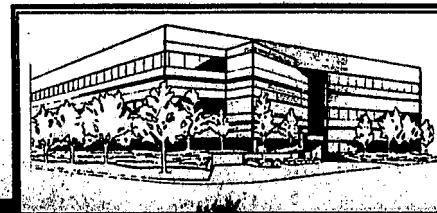
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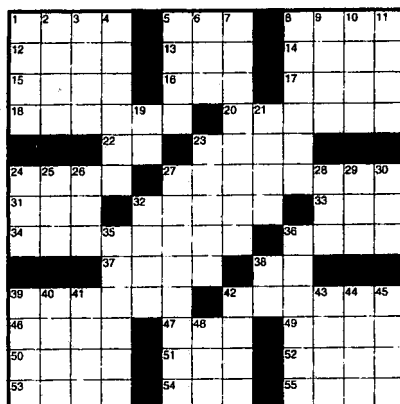
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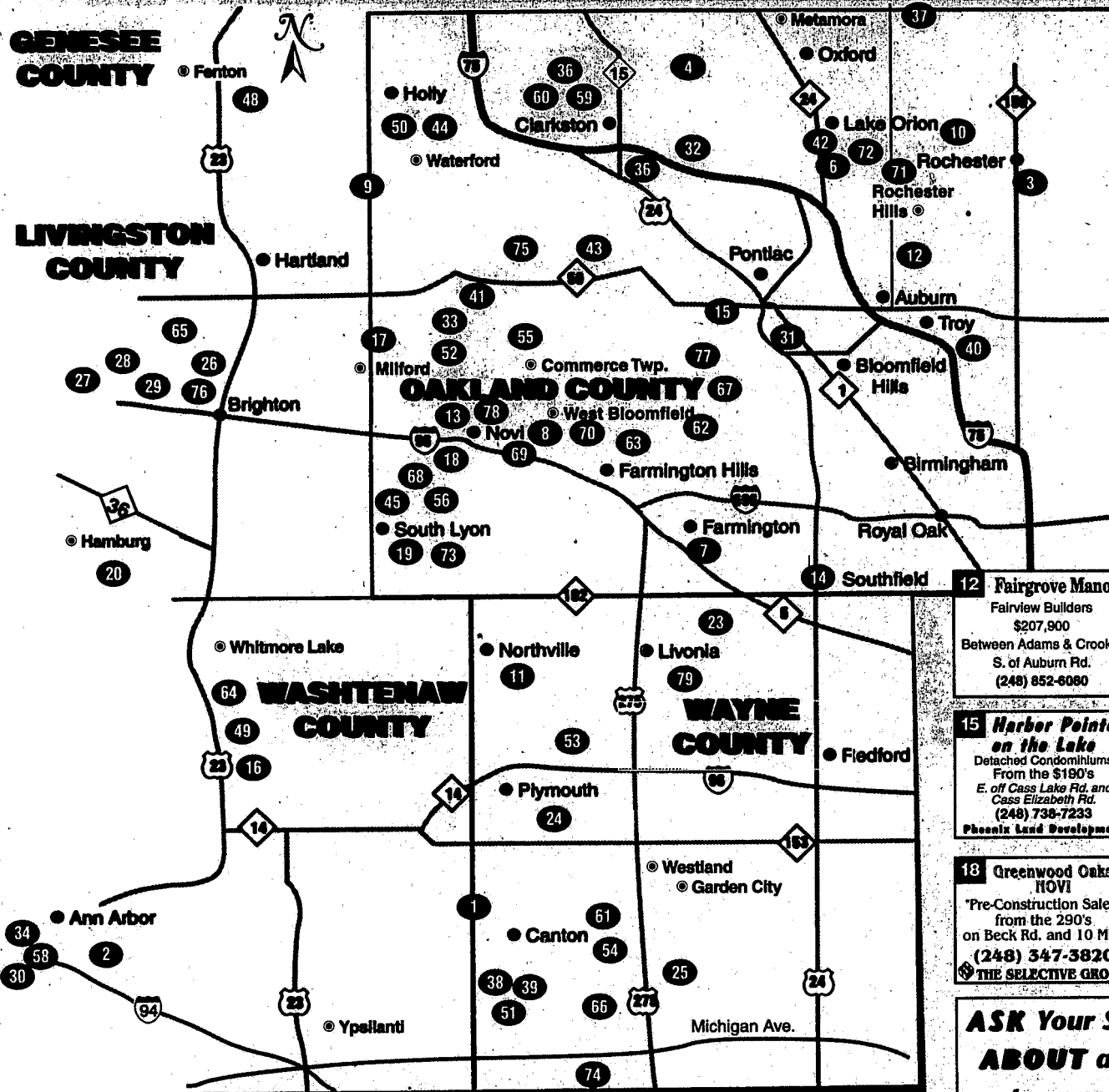
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