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If Santa left a computer under your Christmas tree this year (or if you already have one), history is literally at your fingertips. There are hundreds of sites on the Internet (World Wide Web) for adults and kids who want to learn about local, state, national or world history. On Dec. 30, I visited a site called Today in History, posted by the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. This site, updated each day, presents historical events occurring on a given day.

For example, on Dec. 30, 1853, James Gadsden, the U.S. Minister to Mexico, and General Antonio López de Santa Anna, the president of Mexico, signed the Gadsden Purchase. The treaty settled the dispute over the exact location of the Mexican border west of El Paso, Texas, giving the U.S. claim to approximately 29,000 square miles of land in what is now New Mexico and Arizona. The price: \$10 million.

The site also offers links to related sites and allows you to search the archives for past dates. (It might be fun to look up a friend's birthday and print it out for him or her.) The address for Today in History is <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/today/day.html>. Other history related web sites to check out include American memory (<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/ammem/home.html>), also a Library of Congress site, and Black History (<http://www.kn.pachbell.com/wired/BH/AM/Am.html>).

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

## Firefighters eye imaging devices



■ Firefighters in Independence and Springfield townships intend to save lives with new equipment that will enable them to "see" through thick black smoke. Currently, firefighters must crawl through burning houses and feel for victims.

By CAROLYN WALKER  
STAFF WRITER

New lifesaving technology may be in store for fire victims in Independence and Springfield townships as the two communities investigate ways to purchase equipment firefighters can use to "see" through smoke.

In Springfield, volunteers have begun a fund-raising campaign to pur-

chase either a hand-held thermal imager or a Cairns Iris infrared imaging machine that mounts on a helmet. According to Stacey Walls, who is heading the fund-raiser, the volunteers have raised \$2,500 and they expect a \$3,000 donation from Bordine Nursery in January. The imagers can run from \$20,000 to \$25,000, Walls said, depending on the type.

In Independence, the board agreed

Dec. 16 to waive the bid process and to allow the spending of up to \$50,700 for the purchase of two Cairns Irises by the fire department. The Irises would be kept on the township's two captains' vehicles.

Their unanimous decision came after a presentation by Capt. Steve Ronk, who could scarcely contain his enthusiasm for the new machinery.

"This is probably the most fascinating thing that I've seen since I've been doing (fire fighting)," Ronk told the board, as he displayed a television video showing firefighters in action with the equipment.

Thick black smoke that obliterates

the vision during building fires is the greatest enemy of firefighters when they are searching for victims, Ronk said. He noted that, traditionally, firefighters have had to crawl on their hands and knees and grope for victims during fires.

The Cairns Iris, invented for use by the military, is mounted on a firefighter's helmet and allows him to "see" black and white images, including human and non-human forms, even through the densest smoke by differentiating temperatures. It can also be used to seek out missing persons after

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STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

Production assistant: Geoff Johns (right), a Clarkston High School graduate who works as a production assistant in Hollywood, enjoys meeting famous stars like Mel Gibson and Julia Roberts, pictured in the poster at his left.

## Home from Hollywood

### Movie making a dream come true for Clarkston grad

By CAROLYN WALKER  
STAFF WRITER

Geoff Johns wants Clarkston area residents to know that actor Mel Gibson is a great guy. And that movie director Richard Donner of "Superman" and "Lethal Weapon" fame is one, too.

"He hasn't given me a good yelling at in six months," Johns said of Donner, his boss, while back in his native Independence Township for a friend's wedding recently. And then he laughed. "So, I'll probably get one soon."

"Honestly, he's just the nicest guy in the world."

At 24, Johns is more modest when it comes to discussing himself — even though the thrills of Hollywood loom before him and his considerable talents

like a great, spectacular sunrise full of promise.

"A lot of luck and a little work," he said (wondering aloud "or was it the opposite?") led him to a position as Donner's assistant just after he moved to California in 1996.

A graduate of Clarkston High School and Michigan State University, Johns made up his mind that he wanted to work as a script writer and movie maker in Hollywood after he finished college. And he specifically wanted to work for Warner Brothers and be affiliated with Donner, his favorite movie director.

Mustering his courage, he sought an internship with Donner's company and worked for free for two months before

landing a job as a production assistant after the position was vacated by another employee.

"Anything you could name, I did it," he said. "They needed a new assistant and they interviewed me and they hired me on."

Shortly thereafter, in September 1996, Johns found himself in New York, at work on the Mel Gibson/Julia Roberts movie "Conspiracy Theory." Johns, himself, along with his parents, Fred and Barbara of Independence, have walk-on roles in the movie.

As Donner's assistant, Johns said he is responsible for maintaining the 67-year-old director's comfort when they are on location shooting. It's a job that can require anywhere from 55 to 90

hours of work per week — work that can last into the wee hours of morning — depending on their workload and movie schedules.

"I'm with him wherever he goes. On the film set. Story meetings. My job is to make sure he's as comfortable as he can be so he can concentrate on directing the actors," Johns said. His work involves everything from making sure Donner has his medicine with him, to reading and screening scripts, to attending staff meetings for discussions about movies, where he is allowed to give his input on story lines.

"It's a tough job because you juggle hundreds of different things," he said, without so much as a trace of regret or

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## Clarkston couples reunite with grown-up exchange students

By CAROLYN WALKER  
STAFF WRITER

Christmas had an international flair for two Independence Township couples this year as they welcomed former exchange students and their family members for the holidays.

Pierre-Olivier Jaques of France, who stayed with Bob and Carol Arend for a year in 1971, and Aurora Cerron of Peru, who lived with Leigh and Lois Bonner for six months during 1969-70, met each other for the first time as the two families gathered in the Arends' home on Christmas Eve. The Arends and Bonners are next-door neighbors.

In the quarter of a century since they were exchange students, the former students have parented their own children and moved on to careers that involve vast international travel.

In hindsight, they credit their time as exchange students for preparing

them to meet their futures and their careers — even as they admit that they didn't give the ramifications of those American high school years much thought when they were teenagers.

"When you're 15, you don't anticipate," said Jaques, remembering. "When you're 15, every day is a different day."

"I didn't think much about it," echoed Cerron, sheepishly. She now thinks of the experience as being one of the most important in her life.

"It widened my perspective," she said, noting that she now works for Plan International, an agency that assists impoverished children on a world-wide scale. Plan International has sent her to Kenya, among other countries.

"In a way, I am a link," she said. "I

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STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

Together for the holidays: The Clarkston couples and their foreign exchange families are (left to right) Lois Bonner, Aurora Cerron, Leigh Bonner, Diana Cerron, Tito Cerron, Brigitte Jaques, Bob Arend, Pierre-Olivier Jaques, Anne-Sophie Jaques and Carol Arend. The little boy is Guillaume Jaques.

# Doctor: Arsenic map right prescription for well controversy

By JAN BAKER  
SPECIAL WRITER

Clarkston physician Nedra Downing never wanted to create a political splash over the arsenic levels in local ground water but, oh well.

A specialist in environmental and nutritional medicine, Downing became publicly involved in the Oakland County well water contamination issue in November when a Detroit newspaper ran a front-page story about her treatment of patients with arsenic poisoning.

Downing's office phone lit up immediately thereafter.

However, though she said she was able to help some new patients, the local osteopath recently expressed relief that her connection to "a hot political issue" was over.

Oakland County's Board of Commissioners and County Executive L. Brooks Patterson agreed Dec. 10 on a well inspection policy that includes a map showing areas where high levels of arsenic have been found in residential wells. The map will be posted on the county's Internet website and supplied to public libraries.

For Downing, who described herself as "apolitical," the water solution appeared crystal clear from the beginning.

"I'm amazed at how much press this whole thing has gotten," she said. "I think there's been arsenic in the water — in

some people's wells, not in others — and it's been like that probably forever or for a long time. It's only reasonable that people should know and that they should test for it because it might be there ... People need to find out about it before they get sick. They need to have the maps. It's stupid that they (public officials) didn't do that a long time ago."

According to the doctor, a little bit of arsenic probably won't hurt anyone.

But when arsenic builds up in the body over time — through, say, drinking water — it can become a toxic substance for some people, even at levels that are considered safe. Accumulated in the body's tissues, the poison can slowly produce symptoms like fatigue, muscle aches, nausea, abdominal cramps and headaches. "If someone gives you a high dose of arsenic, you're going to end up in the emergency room with vomiting and cramps, and you may die," Downing said. "That's a lot different than the kind of stuff that we're seeing."

Why did a Detroit daily contact Downing to speak about the issue?

"I guess in the beginning, some of my (arsenic) patients talked to Ruth Johnson (R-Holly), the Oakland County commissioner, after they got sick," the doctor explained. "She asked them who was treating them and I guess my name kept coming up. So she



Apolitical physician: Dr. Nedra Downing of Clarkston became involved in the arsenic issue after affected patients sought treatment from her.

called me because some of her constituents were concerned."

Downing said the natural arsenic belt that runs through Michigan is not the result of pollution. But it still demands attention and awareness. And it points to a long-ignored, yet increasingly significant risk factor for humans. "I like the idea that this is bringing to light the

role the environment can play in illness," she said. "Arsenic happens to be a natural environmental toxin. But believe me — mercury, lead, pesticides, many other things can play a role in illnesses that can develop. And if a person has a total load of a lot of things, they're going to be pretty sick."

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think this opportunity to be an exchange student helped me a lot. I think it opens you lots of doors."

Jaques, a computer engineer who lived and worked in the United States for 12 years before returning to France two years ago to live, is also widely traveled. Being an exchange student set the stage for those travels, he said.

"It changed the course of my life, basically," he said. "Learning English and the American culture has helped me with my career."

Cerron, who now lives in Lima, Peru, was born in a small town in the Andes called Huanayo. Jaques is a native of Paris.

While Cerron was familiar with small-city life, Jaques said he expected 1970s Clarkston to be a big town due to the long address numbers of his host family's then-Thendara Park house. Long addresses represent long streets and big cities in his native Paris.

He found himself surprised by what greeted him in small-town Clarkston, he said.

"When you're 15, you want to go to New York or San Francisco," he said.

For the travelers' host families, neither of whom had biological children, the reunions brought back a flood of fond memories — even though they have all reunited on prior occasions that included trips to their exchange students' native homes.

The parents recalled that they each took their students to other states and, in the case of Jaques, to Canada, to help them better understand the American experience when they were here the first time.

"Aurora didn't understand English and wouldn't admit it," recalled Leigh Bonner with a smile. "If I really wanted her to know something, I would tell her in Spanish even if I had to look it up."

"It was the next best thing to having children," he said of the experience.

His sentiments were shared by Bob Arend. "Pierre is our adopted son," he said.

## OBITUARY

### Elizabeth Hope Hoff

Elizabeth Hope Hoff of Clarkston died Dec. 28, 1997, at age 74.

Mrs. Hoff earned her RN from Augustana Hospital School of Nursing in Chicago, one of the third generation of her family to graduate from Augustana. She received B.S. degrees in nursing and education from the University of Minnesota.

She will be remembered for her empathy and love; her heart had room for everyone.

She is survived by her daughters, Diane Elizabeth of Clarkston and Kathleen Ann Gilbertson of Bloomington, Minn., and two grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home in Clarkston. At Mrs. Hoff's request, there will be no visiting hours or service. The family will gather at Park Cemetery in Marquette at a later date. Memorials may be made to Hospice Home, 25911 Middlebelt Road, Farmington Hills 48336.

## ON THE AGENDA

### Independence Township

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### Zoning Board of Appeals

7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 7  
Tentative Agenda

#### Case No. 98-0001

Michael Marcum II, Petitioner, Applicant requests variance to construct 960 sq. ft. second story addition to non-conforming structure on non-conforming lot of record E. Washington, Lot 67, R-1A, Clarkston Park Subdivision, 08-20-477-007.

#### Case No. 98-0002

Hoyt Frericks, Petitioner, Applicant requests front yard setback variance of 21' to construct addition, Allen Road, R-1R, 08-18-200-025.

#### Case No. 98-0003

Richard Chorzayczewski, Petitioner, Applicant requests variance to construct 950 sq. ft. attached garage, Parview Drive, Lot 1, R-1A, Waterford Hill Golf Estates No. 1, 08-32-126-001.

The above requests may be examined at the Independence Township Building Department during regular hours Monday

through Friday until the date of the public hearing. For further information, call 625-8111.

### Independence Township

90 N. Main St.  
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### Planning Commission

Public Hearing

#### Tentative Agenda

File No. 97-1-060

Russell and Margaret Cobane, Petitioners, Request special land use approval in accordance with Section 10.05 Article X, Consideration for home occupation in R-1C (Suburban Farm Residential) Zone.

#### Parcel Identification Number: 08-12-277-008

#### Common Description:

Thornhill Drive, Lot 105, Heather Lake Meadows No. 2.

Any further information regarding the above public hearing may be obtained at the Township Planning Office during regular office hours 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday or by phone at 625-8111.

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exhaustion. "It shows me what I want to do more than ever."

Johns said his opinion is respected by Donner in part because it encompasses youth and the Midwestern mind set.

"To anybody who wants to get into movies, it's possible!" Johns said, offering encouragement and noting that Midwesterners have a big advantage in California because of their good work ethic. "People take more pride in their work here. People tend to trust you more when they think you're from the Midwest."

Johns, who said he enjoyed directing his pals in make-believe super-heroes play when they were young and who was a fan of black-and-white television dramas like "The Twilight Zone," dreams of the day he will be a successful director/producer in his own right. Already, he has written numerous screen plays, short movies, television shows and comic book plots.

He has optioned one of his scripts, called "Snowman," with an independent producer.

The script features a group of prisoners who are being escorted by police through the Rockies when they encounter an avalanche — and a carnivorous snowman.

"It's like the 'Dirty Dozen' meets 'Predator,'" he said. "That's how they talk in Hollywood. It's really a lot of fun to create characters that people care about. (But) I still have a lot to learn."

An option on a script means that it could, or could not, be developed into a film. Ninety-five percent of all scripts never get made, he said. "Everybody has a screen play out there. Even the waiter."

Johns credits Donner, who has read some of his scripts, with being a mix of mentor, friend and boss.

"He's given me a lot of good advice," Johns said. "He's the nicest guy in the world, too." Now a resident of Burbank, Johns said life

in California is everything he hoped it would be. While he has a friendly relationship with Gibson, who jokingly coaxed him into an interview on Entertainment Tonight, Johns said he is actually more star struck in the presence of television favorite Tony Danza.

Another plus is that he gets the inside scoop on upcoming motion pictures.

Movies he anticipates working on soon include "Lethal Weapon IV," and "The X-Files," which Johns predicts will be a "big" picture.

Even as he contemplates the opportunities and the fame that surround him, Johns said he looks forward most to the time when he can direct his own friends and family members in movies of his creation.

"My best friends are still my friends from Michigan," he said. "My dream would be just to make movies with my friends. That's my favorite thing about the job. I can share it with everybody."

## Info on Clarkston grads sought for alumni directory

Clarkston High School is working with Bernard C. Harris Publishing Co. Inc. to create its first alumni directory.

The goal is to place all of the current residential and professional information on each of the school's graduates in one place, so they can rekindle old friendships, make

new ones, plan social gatherings, or take a walk down memory lane.

The company is looking for the current names, addresses and phone numbers from all class years. If you have a reunion list, class newsletter or other resource containing this information that has been released

since your graduation, contact Harris Publishing by calling 1-800-733-8859 or fax your information to 1-800-238-8332.

You may also send information to Clarkston Alumni Directory Project, c/o Bernard C. Harris Publishing Co., 313 E. Anderson Lane, Suite 300, Austin, TX 78752.

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## POLICE NEWS

The following incidents were reported to police and fire agencies in Springfield and Independence townships and the city of Clarkston Dec. 22-29.

## Springfield Police

## Thefts

On Dec. 22, money was reported stolen from a church on **Dixie Highway**.

On Dec. 22, a cell phone and cassette discs were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on **Sugar Pine**.

On Dec. 24, a wallet was reported stolen from a residence on **Dixie Highway**.

On Dec. 27, police responded to a report that an unknown person had attempted to steal a vehicle parked on **Ormond Road**.

On Dec. 27, a drill was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on **Waukegan**.

## Vandalism

On Dec. 24, a window was reported smashed on a vehicle parked on **King Road**.

On Dec. 27, tires were reported slashed on a vehicle parked on **Big Lake Road**.

## Vehicle Illegally Entered

On Dec. 27, officers responded to a report that a vehicle parked on **Hunters Ridge** had been illegally entered.

## Independence Police

## Thefts

On Dec. 24, a ring and watch were reported stolen from a residence on **Heron Parkway**.

On Dec. 27, a cassette player and watch were reported stolen from a locker at the Power House Gym on **Sashabaw Road**.

On Dec. 28, a day planner was reported stolen from a shopping cart at a grocery store on **Dixie Highway**.

## Vandalism

On Dec. 22, unknown persons reportedly spray-painted portions of the Mt. Zion Temple building on **Maybee Road**.

On Dec. 23, unknown persons reportedly broke into a McDonald's restaurant on **Dixie Highway**.

On Dec. 23, construction equipment was reported damaged at the site of the new Clarkston High School on **Flemings Lake Road**.

On Dec. 24, windows were reported damaged on a vehicle parked on **Tremblant**.

On Dec. 27, a mirror was reported damaged on a vehicle parked on **Ortonville Road**.

On Dec. 28, a window was reported damaged on a vehicle parked on **Mann Road**.

## Independence Fire

During the week of Dec. 22-29, firefighters responded to 38 calls. Among them were the following incidents:

On Dec. 23, firefighters assisted a 28-year-old man who had suffered a possible seizure at a business on **Ortonville Road**.

On Dec. 23, firefighters assisted a woman who was having a possible miscarriage at the Clarkston Ambulatory Care Center on **M-15**.

On Dec. 23, firefighters assisted a 38-year-old man who was experiencing chest, shoulder and abdominal discomfort at the Clarkston Ambulatory Care Center on **M-15**.

On Dec. 25, firefighters assisted a person who was having a possible seizure at a residence on **Lancaster Hill Court**.

On Dec. 28, firefighters assisted at the scene of a vehicle fire on **Waldon Road**.

## Clarkston Police

On Dec. 23, officers responded to a non-injury accident on **North Main Street**. A Goodrich woman was cited for failure to stop after her vehicle rear-ended that of a Grand Blanc man.

On Dec. 24, officers responded to a minor-injury accident on **Main Street** near **Waldon Road**. A Shelby Township woman was cited for failure to stop after her vehicle rear-ended that of an Ortonville man. The woman was transported to a local hospital for evaluation.

## Body found in ditch identified

The Oakland County Sheriff's Department has released the identity of a Springfield Township man who was found dead in the cattails along Dixie Highway on Dec. 22.

Ronald Lee Lloyd, 40, was discovered lying in a ditch in

Springfield Township by a passerby at about 4:40 p.m. The death is being investigated by the Oakland County Medical Examiner's office and police would not comment on the cause of death pending a toxicology report.

## Free community calendars for 1998 hot off the presses

The Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce and Independence Township have published a community calendar for 1998 that's available free to the public.

Featuring historic photos of the Clarkston area, the calendar lists important community events for January through December. Clarkston-area businesses offset the cost of the publishing by buying ads in the calendar.

Each Clarkston-area family

is entitled to one free calendar. After that, they may purchase them at \$2 each.

Calendars are available at the following Clarkston locations: the chamber office at 5850 Lorac, Suite C (the new court house building); the Independence Township Parks and Recreation office at 90 N. Main St.; and the Clarkston Eccentric office at 7151 N. Main St. Suite 2.

For more information, call the chamber office at 625-8055.

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dark, Ronk said.

"It's the most significant innovation in fire technology I've ever seen," said Trustee Larry Rosso, whose sentiments were echoed by other board members.

"I think this equipment is remarkable," said Trustee Dan Travis. "We want to do the best we can."

Independence firefighters do not want a thermal imaging machine because of the machine's dependence on the hands, Ronk said. But in Springfield, that may be considered an advantage.

When one firefighter fatigues during a fire, he or she need only pass a thermal imager off to another firefighter, said Supervisor Collin Walls, who explained why Springfield is considering the purchase of a hand-held imager.

■ **'It's the most significant innovation in fire technology I've ever seen.'**

Larry Rosso

Independence Township trustee

According to Sharon Mielke, assistant administrator for Bordine Nursery, the flower and plant store located on Dixie Highway agreed to donate \$3,000 after being contacted for a donation by Springfield Township.

"We're hoping with our donation other people will jump in as well," she said, noting that the township has solicited several businesses for donations to help defray the costs of the equipment.

## Witness' credibility challenged in drug case

BY PAT MURPHY  
STAFF REPORTER

How creditable is the chief witness in the case against Joseph Puertas of Clarkston, whose Orion Township bowling alley was the focal point of what prosecutors claim was one of the biggest drug busts in Oakland County history?

During the preliminary examination of Puertas, 70, and codefendant James Talley, 35, in Rochester Hills District Court Monday, prosecutors tried to portray them as shrewd dealers, capable of amassing the \$1.7 million in cash seized in the Dec. 17 raid of the MegaBowl and other sites investigators say were central to the drug operation.

But the main prosecution witness — Joseph P. Sweeney, 43 — is a man of dubious credibility with a powerful motive to be less than truthful, according to defense attorneys who were contacted by phone after the hearing.

William Mitchell III represents Talley, a MegaBowl

■ **Those witnesses are important, according to prosecutor David Gorcyca, because their testimony is expected to corroborate Sweeney, who said he bought cocaine from Puertas or Talley at the bowling alley on six occasions between Aug. 19 and Nov. 18.**

employee, and Richard Lustig represents Puertas.

The hearing — which took more than five hours before Judge James P. Sheehy — was continued until Jan. 16, when at least two police officers are expected to testify.

Those witnesses are important, according to prosecutor David Gorcyca, because their testimony is expected to corroborate Sweeney, who said he bought cocaine from Puertas or Talley at the bowling alley on six occasions between Aug. 19 and Nov. 18.

He usually paid \$300 for each one-fourth ounce of cocaine, Sweeney testified, after which he went directly to investigators to turn the narcotics over to them.

Sweeney also testified that he had been addicted to narcotics for almost 15 years, with a habit that cost as much as \$100 a day. During much of that time he was also a police informant, Sweeney said, despite having been convicted of a felony.

Sweeney said his role as a police informant had new meaning after the Oakland County Narcotics Enforcement Team (NET) raided his brother's Oakland County home on Aug. 7. Sweeney, who was present at the time, said his brother was charged, but he was not.

He became a NET informant, Sweeney testified, "to keep his brother from going to prison" and for the money — about \$3,000, according to police

records.

He was searched prior to going into the bowling alley to make the buys, Sweeney testified. Furthermore he made the buys under closely controlled circumstances.

The defense attorneys, however, challenged his story.

Under cross examination, for example, Sweeney said he was not wired for some of the purchases — a common practice that enables investigators to more closely monitor the situation.

Lustig noted that, according to Sweeney's testimony, he had little or no difficulty buying cocaine when he was alone, but could not purchase drugs when accompanied by an undercover officer who could verify the transaction.

"And why is it," Lustig continued, "that police found no cocaine at the bowling alley when they raided it?"

Puertas and Talley, who both have prior drug convictions, face a mandatory life in prison with no chance of parole, if convicted of the drug charges.

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## '98 resolutions Legislators must keep to issues

**L**ots of activity. Little resolved. That's the snapshot history of Michigan in 1997. The problems we wrestled with in the past 12 months will be with us again in 1998. The lone exception may be the state High School Proficiency Test. The Legislature, to its bipartisan credit, stuck with the principle that we need to measure what kids really learn in school, not just how many credit hours they accumulated in class.

Lawmakers resisted the local control zealots who wanted no state standards whatsoever. Instead of junking statewide tests in math, communication skills and science, lawmakers fine-tuned the existing system, cutting the length, picking a more rational time in the senior year, changing the marking system and requiring that in-state teachers grade the essay portions. Good job.

On other matters, however, Michigan made unsteady progress.

**Special education.** The state Supreme Court settled the 17-year-old lawsuit of mostly suburban school districts that had been shorted on state aid for special education. The Legislature dutifully found ways to pay off more than \$1 billion to both plaintiffs and other possible claimants.

In 1998, lawmakers should face the rest of the problem: the cancerous growth in special education. One student in every eight is in special ed, and the numbers are growing even as the total school population declines. Costs are growing faster than the ability of taxpayers to keep up.

The result is that special ed is robbing regular students in a growing number of districts. There's a great suspicion that many parents are insisting on special ed, not because their kids need it, but because the parents want the kids to have extra attention. Not fair.

**Tuition.** Public colleges and universities are getting the message about putting a lid on tuition increases. But Lansing so far has failed to come up with a funding formula for universities. Oakland University, in particular, has been stifled in its recognized need to be treated like a research institution.

Two-thirds of the House will turn over in 1999 as term limits kick in. The newcomers will lack the historical perspective needed to fund higher education, and the appropriations process could degenerate into turf wars. The job of devising a formula can best be done by the current crop of experienced lawmakers. Do it.

**Charter school scandals.** A few years ago, Gov. John Engler and some lawmakers, parroting "market" economics, were in a big rush to have universities charter as many public school academies as possible.

Those who were suspicious of the chartering movement turned out to be right. There are patterns of nepotism in administration, funny deals over rents and renovations, a cavalier attitude toward open meetings, shortcomings in the area of hiring certified teachers, and many dismal test scores.

The Legislature and State Board of Education need to think not of taking over existing public school districts but of shutting down a fair proportion of the weaker charter academies. The "mom-and-pop" operations aren't worth the \$5,400 per child annual state investment. Wise up.

**Vouchers.** At the moment, the forces that would turn public school funding back to the 18th Century are dormant. They're not openly pushing their reactionary proposal to pay state tax money to private and parochial schools.

Instead, they are talking about tax credit gimmicks that would be in effect "tax expenditures" for nonpublic schools. The 1998 group of money-seekers is much slicker than the 1970 group that lost the parochial fight. Be wary.

**Environment,** including urban sprawl. Land-use planners' dire predictions are coming true. We see it in northern Oakland County, where sprawling housing depends on ground water with naturally occurring arsenic

rather than city supplies. We see it as commuters waste hours and fuel getting off-free ways onto two-lane roads. We see it as farmland that used to produce fresh fruits and vegetables is paved over, and we import less fresh food from greater distances.

The Michigan Supreme Court in 1998 is due to decide a major wetlands case arising in Oakland County. A decision for the development company could spell doom for our wetlands laws. Every piece of land is upstream or downstream from every other piece of land. No landowner should have a "right" to destroy the downstream ecosystem by messing up wetlands. If the state loses, lawmakers must revive the conservation ethic that made Michigan a pioneer in saving Mother Nature. Get ready.

**Roads.** We didn't solve the embarrassing bad roads problem when we began paying 4 cents more per gallon last August. The Engler administration still wants to take over 9,000 more miles of county and local roads. Unfortunately, the administration has hardly tried to justify its scheme. Oakland County and local officials remain extremely suspicious, as they have a duty to be.

The Michigan Department of Transportation must answer all sorts of questions about traffic control, drains, previous investments in equipment, curb cuts and maintenance levels before it "rationalizes" road control. Speak up.

**Death.** Few people are impressed with the work and conscience of Dr. Jack Kevorkian, who has assisted many dozens of suicides. Part of the state wants a tough law to outlaw anything resembling assisted suicide; juries, however, won't convict; prosecutors are tired of losing; as the 1996 Oakland County primary showed.

Another part of the state wants a more rational, systematic approach to allowing physician-assisted death as a means of pain control. That group is seeking to put a proposal on the 1998 ballot.

Whatever one's personal view, we all can support the approach known as "pain management" — medical education, avenues for doctors to administer relief to the terminally ill without running afoul of liability laws. The watchword should be "compassionate care."

**650 Life.** The state Senate has produced a bill modifying Michigan's harshest-in-the-nation law mandating life (or, if you will, death) in prison even for first-time drug dealers. Unfortunately, the Senate reform bill follows a bad pattern of giving more and more discretion to police and prosecutors and not enough to judges. The House has a duty: Fix it.

**Elections.** We have too many in general. We have too many one-community special elections on money issues. We have too low voter turnouts. The Legislature needs to confine voting to four uniform dates per year. Meanwhile, citizens need to remember their prime right and duty: to vote.

**Oakland judges.** Gov. Engler has made four excellent promotions in the judiciary affecting Oakland County. He elevated Circuit Judge Hilda Gage to the Court of Appeals. He promoted Joan Young from probate to circuit court to fill Gage's vacancy. He promoted Wendy Potts from probate to circuit court to fill another vacancy. And he tapped Linda S. Hallmark, a family law magistrate, for the probate bench.

**Four hard workers.** Four fair-minded individuals. Four thinking lawyers of prominence. They will need to seek voter approval in November to retain their posts. Please run.

**Term limits.** Many state representatives will be forced to retire this year because of term limits. As some county commissioners likely will move up on the ballot, other political hopefuls will run for county vacancies.

Voters must do their homework, voting on qualifications and issues and not for "names" and bumper sticker slogans. Read up.

It should be a busy year for the Legislature; let's hope the issues don't get lost in party politics.

### COMMUNITY VOICE

#### QUESTION:

What is your New Year's resolution?



"To be a little more organized and to give up giving things up."  
David Wesolowski  
Independence Township



"Keeping up with things."  
Susan Snyder  
Independence Township



"Quit smoking."  
Keith Keesling  
Springfield Township



"To eat less junk food."  
Keria Baras  
Springfield Township

### LETTERS

#### Fight anti-Christian bias

**T**he recent shooting rampage by an atheist against Christian children in Paducah (Kentucky) High School is simply the continuation of hate crimes against Christians that is becoming more prevalent in our country.

Certainly it is not politically correct to view Christians as a group deserving legal protection. "You can't legislate morality" is the chant of liberal groups as they push their liberal morals onto us all. What they really mean is that Christian citizens do not have the same rights to engage in the political process as liberals do because the morals that Christians hold are not politically correct.

Unfortunately, the mainstream media, including the news and entertainment (Hollywood) media, perpetuate this anti-Christian bigotry by their powerful, persuasive monopoly of all information that reaches the general public. With anti-Christian sentiment viewed as the "in" way to be, and Christian sentiment touted as the enemy of what is "in," it is no wonder that violent acts like this one, and the burning of churches in the South, are increasingly common.

In 1996 alone, 160,000 Christians were killed, imprisoned and enslaved all around the world. A major offender in this area is China, which imprisons Christians who meet in their homes. And yet China still holds its "most favored nation status." In fact, when China's dictator visited the United States, our own government prevented U.S. citizens from being able to protest China's human rights abuses within the sight of him. He even opened the U.S. stock exchange. How ridiculous.

Oppressed Chinese Christians have fled to the United States with evidence of police warrants and death orders on their lives, and yet the U.S. State Department continues to deny them political asylum in our country, refusing to acknowledge the oppression of Chinese Christians as relevant. Our country sends these people back to China, quite often to their deaths.

When South Africa had a policy of oppressing blacks with the system of apartheid, the United States boycotted them, bringing down the racist regime, and bringing in a new time in which the black rights activist Nelson Mandela was even able to become South Africa's president.

Aren't the lives of Christians important enough to take a national stand against countries like China? Granting them most-favored nation status instead sends a deadly message about the value of the lives and the rights of Christians around the world and in our own country.

The atmosphere of anti-Christian bigotry is threatening the civil rights and, most importantly, the lives of Christians in our own country.

The horrifying murders of those young Christian girls in Kentucky and the church burnings in the South are destined to be repeated if ignorance is allowed to continue. How many lives will it take before the mainstream media and groups like the American Civil Liberties Union will cease to perpetuate anti-Christian hatred? How long before our government will acknowledge that this bigotry exists and will move to protect the lives of its Christian citizens?

Isn't it time that we as a country acknowledge that the freedom of religion is a right that should be protected, not continually whittled away by those who mold popular sentiment?

Gena Giannuzzi  
Westland

#### Black conservatives ignored

**P**resident Bill Clinton recently called for more dialogue on race relations. His solicitation proved to be dishonest when the first meeting included one solitary voice fighting affirmative action: Clinton's constant badgering and interruption of the token conservative's answers to his questions about affirmative action were shameful.

Very noticeable in recent months is the lack of dialogue about race relations between black liberals and black conservatives. Several black liberals have called conservative blacks poster boys for bigoted whites. Some have said any discussion with Larry Elders or U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas is fruitless, that they will not talk with them any further.

Larry Elders' sin is encouraging blacks to get the best education they can, prepare for jobs, keep their social noses clean and follow the path of good citizenship. A local columnist recently suggested that Clarence Thomas has spent more than 30 years fighting for the civil rights of all.

How is meaningful dialogue to take place between blacks and whites when liberal blacks insist blacks who champion education, the market system and limited government are "Toms." The black liberal insists on the socialist, big government, anti-market predisposition to be creditable.

Neil Goodbred  
Livonia

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## POINTS OF VIEW

## Committees, parking authority can solve city's problems

**A** New Years column is always hard to write. Do you review last year, which is looking backward, forecast what you believe will happen in the new year, or set out goals for other people? There is no point in publishing your own New Year's resolutions because they'll be forgotten by the second week in January.

As I sit in my office in downtown Clarkston, looking out the window at Main Street, the biggest frustration is the lack of leadership in solving the downtown problems.

We've talked about the businesses moving out, and we've talked about the parking problems, and we've talked about the traffic conditions, but nothing has happened.

The City of the Village of Clarkston can't solve a good part of the problems because it just doesn't have the resources to solve them or the problems occur outside its boundaries and it

inherits the results.

It can't solve the parking problem because it doesn't have the money to provide adequate parking lots for all-day downtown parking. Yet this has become necessary because service businesses have replaced retail businesses here, and service business employees stay in one place all day.

The simplest solution would be to set up a real parking authority and issue bonds to acquire land and pay off the bonds with revenue from parking meters.

Then there's traffic.

The vast majority of cars traveling down Main Street have no desire to drive through downtown. They are forced to take this route because they either are trying to get to I-75 or are trying to go to a destination north of the expressway.

There are not easy answers because the city has no control beyond its

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HANK HOGAN

boundaries.

But an I-75 sign with an arrow pointing east at the corner of Walton and Main Street would move some of the traffic toward the Sashabaw entrance to the expressway.

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White Lake Road at Dixie Highway would cut down the traffic at the corner of Main Street, and Washington and force the expressway traffic to use the Dixie Highway entrance.

Allowing commercial traffic to drive down residential streets and then forcing it into downtown traffic at Washington and Main certainly shows lack of planning on the part of the county.

These are decisions by the County Road Commission, not the city. The answer is a task force made up of city, Independence Township and Road Commission people to look for solutions because it is getting worse everyday.

The final frustration is the need for specialty businesses.

Clarkston, to retain its image as a cozy, inviting little village, needs small specialty shops. The city's reputation is one of an enforcer, not a friendly partner who helps merchants. For years the cry from the city commission was "Keep

Clarkston residential."

It is now paying the price of not encouraging the type of businesses that would add to the town's image.

The solution would be another committee, this time to go out and seek merchants that provide services needed in the community.

Birmingham did this years ago when they felt their downtown's health would be threatened when Somerset Mall opened. History will show it worked.

These are my observations of the health of the city. The problems are solvable.

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

## An uncle's name can be a tough thing to live up to

**Y**ou may have noticed that I have an uncommon first name. I disliked it when I was a boy. My peers had names like Dave, Tom, Eric, Dennis, Bob, Rick, etc. Common names that no one makes fun of.

When I grew up in the 1970s there was a TV commercial for Alka-Seltzer in which a fat man sat on the edge of his bed and said, "I can't believe I ate the whole thing." The fellow who dreamed that one-up probably made a fortune because the commercial and that line became famous. Well, he should share his money with everyone named Ralph because the last words in the commercial were, "Go back to bed, Ralph." So for a number of years the other kids thought it was great fun to tease me by saying, "I can't believe I ate the whole thing."

At West Junior High School in the early 1970s a couple of wisecracks thought it was fun to pretend I had a girlfriend named Ralphina.

There was a guy on my ship in the Navy who thought my name was a hoot. Every time we got under way and the ship started pitching and rolling he told me he saw some guys looking for me in the commodes. "Raaaaaalph!" they said. I was named for my mother's oldest

brother, Ralph C. Weting, the son of Hazel and Howard Weting of Hazel Park.

Born in 1922, Uncle Ralph was drafted by the Army in 1942. He became a top turret runner on a Martin B-26 Marauder bomber with the 585th Squadron of the 394th Bomb Group.

The 394th began flying missions over German-occupied France in March 1944. Uncle Ralph's pilot, Lt. Donald E. Ihle, named his plane the Sassy Lassie. "As long as I'm flying with him, you never need worry about me," Uncle Ralph wrote about Ihle in a letter dated April 24, 1944.

Through 47 combat missions, the Sassy Lassie crew was "scared as hell" a number of times, according to Bombardier Leonard Collen, but never in dire straits.

Wartime censorship forbid Uncle Ralph from describing his combat experiences in letters home, but he had this to say in a May 4 letter: "It's an experience I wouldn't want to have missed for the world... it's making a helluva lot better man out of me."

In a July 10, 1944 letter he was less insouciant: "It's surprising what (God) does for you when the going gets rough. I feel closer to him since coming over



RALPH R. ECHINAW

here than I ever did before in my life. In fact, I think he has taken us by the hand and brought us home a couple of times. That's the only way I can still explain my being here."

Uncle Ralph's wife Rita wrote to him almost every day he was overseas. "She seems to be worrying about this war, etc., changing me," he wrote June 5. "It's changing me all right. It's giving me a deeper appreciation of Rita and everything she stands for. A home, love and a few little comforts that were always taken too much for granted."

It's difficult to piece together what happened on the Sassy Lassie's 48th mission Aug. 7, 1944 against a railroad bridge at Nogent-sur-Seine.

My Uncle Lawrence Weting remembers a few things that Don Ihle told him after the war. Ihle died in 1989. His widow Rosemary found his diary last weekend, but the years have obscured many of the entries. What he wrote about the final mission is nearly impossible to read. The only crewman left alive, Bombardier Collen, is 80 years old now, and his memories are fuzzy.

At any rate, the plane was hit by anti-aircraft fire before it started the bomb run. "All hell broke loose around us," Ihle wrote. Collen remembers that "all the controls were lost. We knew we were in trouble, bad trouble."

Ihle gave the order to bail out. Radioman Walter C. Schaefer got out. Tailgunner Eugene B. Klinzing got out. Ihle got out. And Collen got out.

Collen's most vivid memory of the incident was standing at the forward end of the bomb bay urging co-pilot Buford Bowen at the aft end of the bomb bay to jump. "That memory will never leave me," he said. "He just would not move. He was catatonic. He was frozen there."

Collen jumped, leaving Bowen behind. Ihle told Uncle Lawrence after the war that Uncle Ralph stayed behind to try to make Bowen jump. "It's possible

Ralph could have come down out of his turret and also tried to get Bowen out," Collen said. "I wouldn't doubt that one bit. He was so concerned with the welfare of everybody else. He always was the type to see that everybody was comfortable and had what he needed."

Uncle Ralph ultimately jumped, but either the plane was too low or his chute didn't open. He hit the ground feet first, and his legs were driven up into his torso. Bowen went down with the plane.

Schaefer, Klinzing, Ihle and Collen landed safely and were hidden by French families until liberated by the British Army.

In an eerie coincidence, I became a World War II aviation buff in the fifth grade. Since then I've become an amateur World War II historian. My house is full of World War II books. There's a plastic model of the Sassy Lassie hanging in my den.

Occasionally someone still teases me about my name. I just tell them about Uncle Ralph, and they shut up real fast.

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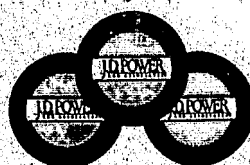
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# Police chiefs welcome a county grand jury plan

By PAT MURPHY  
STAFF REPORTER

The passage of time won't heal all wounds.

Just ask Southfield Police Chief Joseph Thomas who enthusiastically supports a proposal for a new grand jury to probe unsolved murders.

"In a couple of our old murder cases, we have a good idea about who did it," said Thomas. "But people aren't talking to us. We believe they have information, but they're not sharing it with us."

"We shouldn't need a grand jury," Thomas said. "To my thinking, people have a moral obligation to cooperate with police. But if those people chose not to cooperate, a grand jury can move things along."

Southfield is one of more than 50 police departments asked by the Oakland County prosecutor's office to compile information on unsolved murders for possible presentation to a grand jury.

Depending on the response from those departments, Prosecutor David Gorceyca is planning to approach judges on the Oakland County Circuit Court — possibly in January — and ask their approval for a grand jury.

The last grand jury in Oakland County was convened in 1996 by then prosecutor Richard Thompson. Between 1989 and 1996, Thompson petitioned judges for five separate grand juries, including some that were extended beyond the normal six months because of unfinished business.

Prior to that, Oakland County hadn't convened a grand jury for nearly two decades.

Thompson's grand juries were generally considered highly successful, leading to more than 100 arrests in unsolved murders and drug cases. The grand jury was credited with an arrest and subsequent conviction, for example, in the 1967 murder of Marcia Short.

It was also credited in some high-profile drug arrests, including convictions of members of the Kalasho organization — once considered the largest cocaine distributors in Michigan history.

Circuit Judge Edward Sosnick, chief judge of the Oakland County Circuit Court, is among those who considered those grand juries to have been successful. "For the most part," the judge said, "the results

from those grand juries was excellent." Sosnick said he was unaware of Gorceyca's plans to seek approval for a grand jury. "But we'd be receptive," said the judge. "If he's got some cases, we'll listen."

If the judges approved another grand jury, Gorceyca would also need funding from the Oakland County Board of Commissioners — usually in the neighborhood of \$50,000.

"We've been supportive of previous grand juries," said commissioner John P. McCulloch, chair of the county board.

"I don't doubt that we'd be supportive this time, providing Mr. Gorceyca can demonstrate the need."

Getting approval for a grand jury is not a foregone conclusion, however.

Critics contend they can lead to abuses and mistakes. One of Thompson's grand juries, for example, indicted a county man after he was falsely identified as a drug dealer. He was jailed for about a week before the mistake was rectified and the man released.

Furthermore, some critics note that recent changes in state law give author-

ities investigative tools that had been previously restricted to grand juries — namely the power to compel testimony.

Perhaps the biggest advantage of a grand jury is the power to compel witnesses to cooperate by granting immunity. Once that happens, the witness must testify — and truthfully — or face charges.

Some critics contend new laws grant investigators some of that power, thereby eliminating the need for a grand jury.

While that may be the case, South-

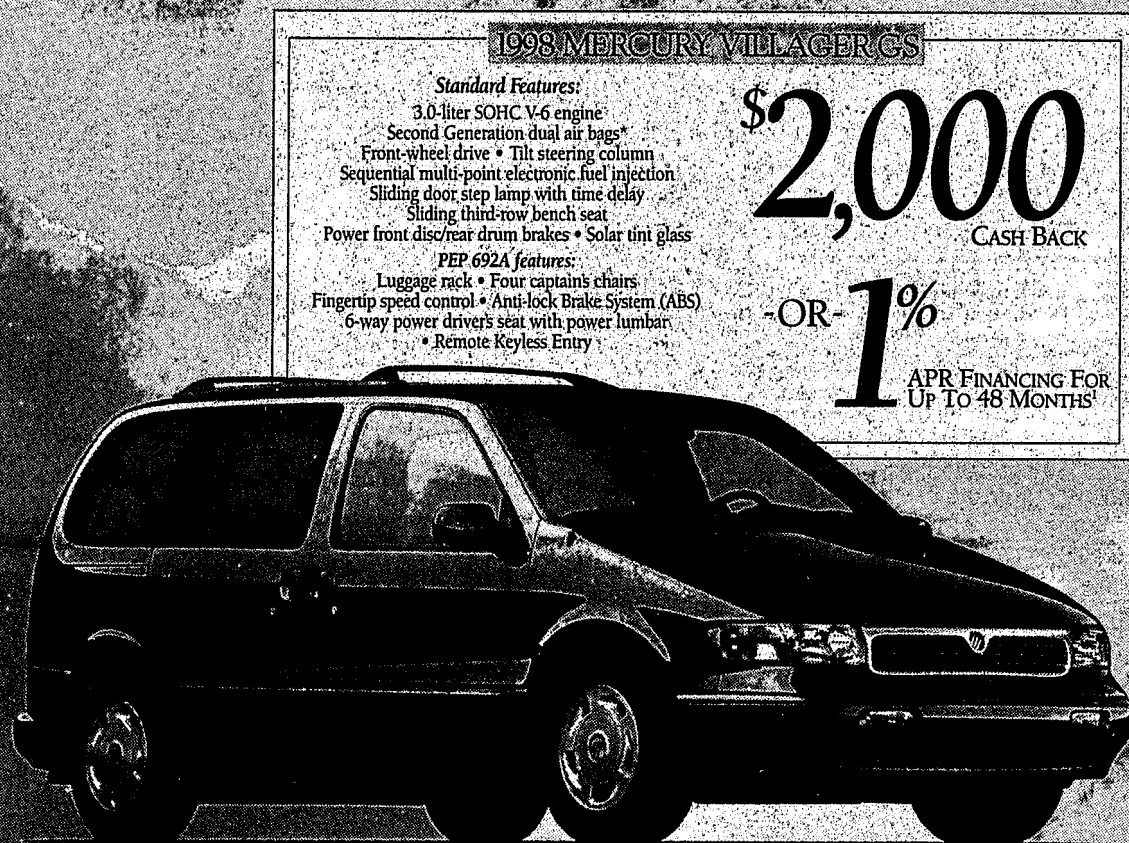
field's chief Thomas and several other area police chiefs remain firmly supportive of Gorceyca's plans for a grand jury.

Southfield has two cases that literally "cry out" for grand jury treatment, said Thompson. One is a stabbing death earlier this year and the other is a 1993 murder.

Clarkston police don't have any specific cases for a grand jury, according to chief Paul D. Ormiston. "But we would support a request because we know how helpful it can be."

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## School bus price-fixing lawsuit settled

Four-fifths of all Michigan school districts will share in a \$1.3 million settlement in a bus sale lawsuit, attorney general Frank Kelley said.

Kelley filed a civil claim under the antitrust law in U.S. District Court for Western Michigan against six bus distributors. Three pleaded guilty and three "no contest" in a price-rigging scheme. He said they conspired to violate antitrust laws by allocating themselves specific school districts.

Among defendants were Wolverine Transportation, Inc., and owner Donald Pienmann of Bloomfield Hills. Other defendants: Hoekstra Truck Equipment Sales of Grand Rapids; Great Lakes Coach Sales Inc. of Portage; McFadden Corp. (now known as Squires School & Commercial Equipment Sales) of Lansing; C.R. Equipment Sales of Lansing; and Ride Equipment Inc. of Holland.

Among the 442 school districts that will share in the award are:

Clarkston \$5,065; Holly \$8,245; Lake Orion \$13,190; Oakland (Intermediate) Schools \$14,617; Oxford \$5,372.

### Trust fund grants

Twenty-seven cities, townships, counties and the state Department of Natural Resources are recommended for \$16.8 million from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, Gov. John Engler announced.

The projects must be approved by the state Legislature.

Acquisition funds are recommended for:

■ Addison Township, Oakland County, \$1.26 million for Watershed Park (Fore Lakes Township Park).

Development funds, which may require local matches, include:

■ Oxford Township, Oakland County, \$93,930 for Township Park No. 3.

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ROCHELLE SMITH

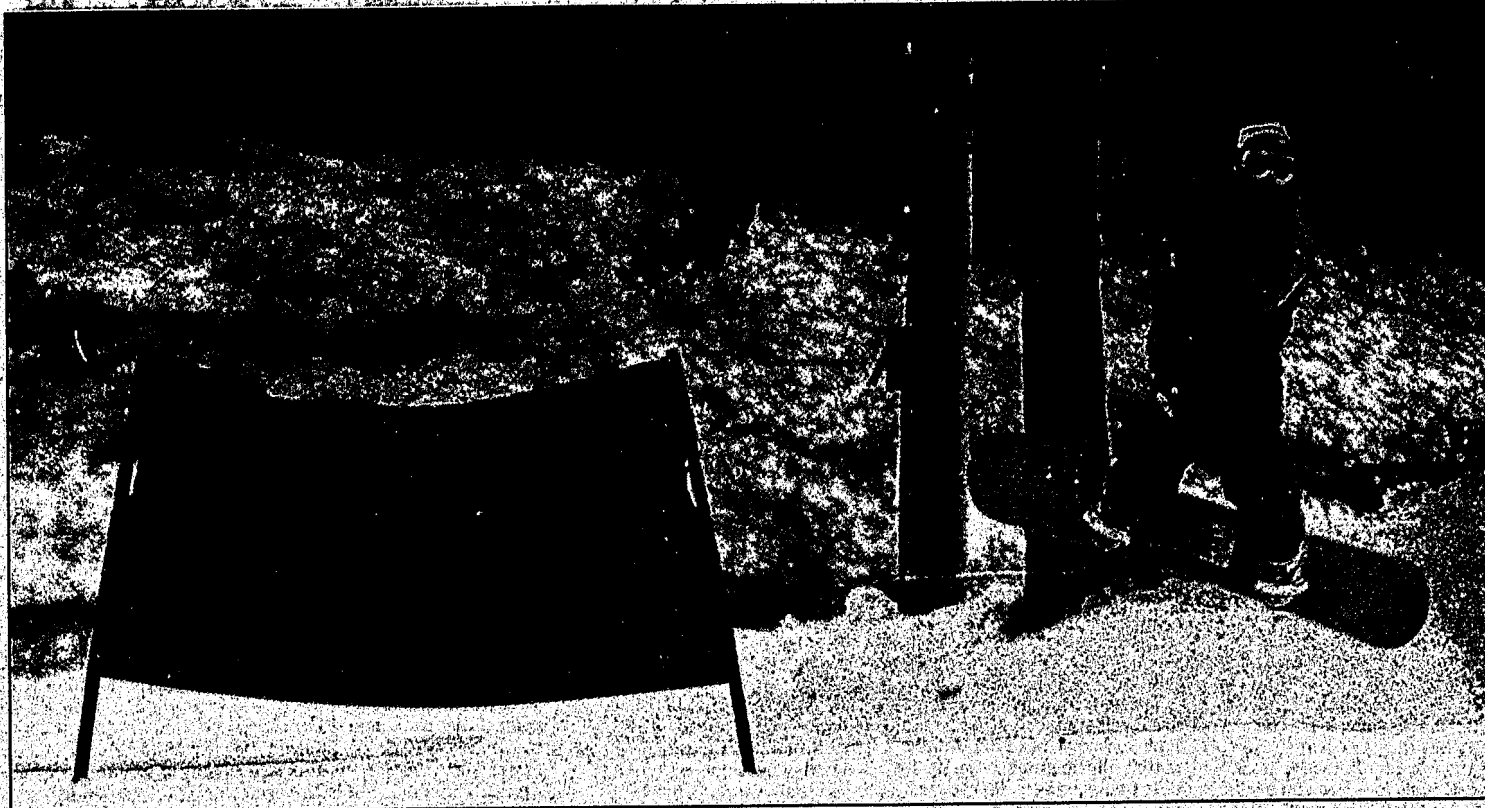
## One ringy dingy: Dialing in old days never hung me up

**O**n New Year's Day I often reflect on the years gone by — "The Good Old Days." As I get older, I find myself fondly remembering little things I liked about simpler times.

One of the little things that I am reminded of this year is the good old days when you only had to dial seven numbers to make a phone call. I know I'm dating myself here, but I miss the days when I could pick up my phone and quickly call someone across town without getting dialer's cramp.

While cleaning out a drawer at work recently, I found a bulletin from Michigan Bell (now known as Ameritech) which must have been circulated in 1989. It discussed the upcoming change they were planning due to the shortage of telephone

Please see **DIALING**, A8



Go slow: A "slow" sign posted at Pine Knob Ski Resort in Independence Township warns skiers and snowboarders to slow down before a sudden drop off on the ski slope, but a snowboarder uses the drop off to give him momentum for a jump and twist.

Staff photos by  
Steve Cantrell

## Snow fun

### Skiers take to slopes

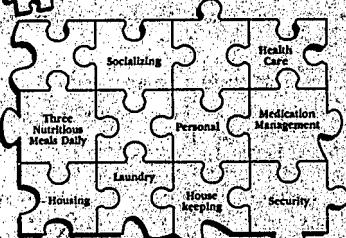
**W**inter sports enthusiasts are in their element now at Pine Knob Ski Resort in Independence Township. Cooler temperatures and light precipitation have coated the slopes

with white stuff. At left, Felix Arnold cries after a spill on his skis as his father, Christian Arnold, stands him up. At right, Ryan King is ready for a day of play in the great outdoors.



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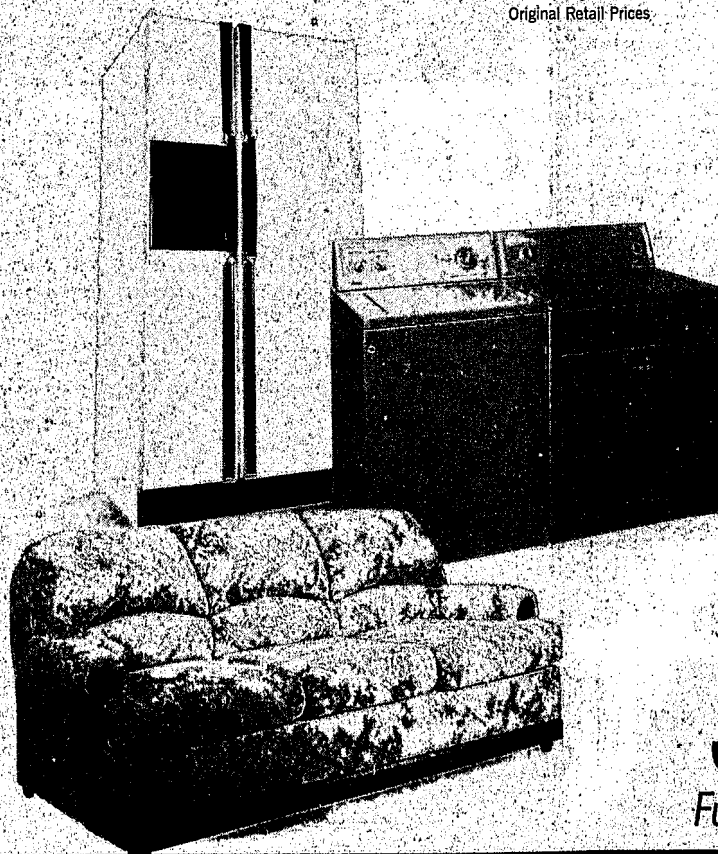
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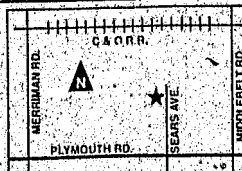
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## Dialing from page A7

exchange numbers within the 313 area code. As you may recall, we were then part of the 313 area code. As I read this bulletin, I was struck with the unbelievable amount of change we have endured in the relatively short period of time since 1989. In less than a decade, the way we make phone calls has changed so much that I had forgotten how simple placing a call once was.

The bulletin advised that, starting July 1990, it would become mandatory to dial the area code when placing long distance phone calls within the 313 area code. I had forgotten that prior to 1990 we could call any place in the 313 area code (now the 313, 810, 734 and 248 areas) by dialing one and then the seven-digit telephone number. That idea seems like such a luxury to me now. With all the modern technology and cost-saving advances that the many phone companies have made, often I have dialed 30 numbers before, if ever, reaching a human.

Personally, I think the dialing situation has gotten out of control. A person needs a guide book to remember what numbers to dial. The phone companies have created all of these new ways for us to save money when placing a call. There's 1-800-CALL-ATT, or 10-321, or 10-457, or 10-368 — all of which are to save us money when dialed. Of course, you can see what they are doing — making us work for our savings. It's a test. If you can remember all the numbers and actually dial all of them without making a mistake, you have earned your savings.

Recently I was trying to quickly make a call from a pay phone to a company that I knew was closing in a few minutes. Since I had no change, I used my calling card. With my wallet containing my calling card in one hand, the paper containing the company's phone number in the other hand and the telephone receiver balancing on my shoulder, I started using the phone when I heard a

little voice inform me that I was using an unfamiliar phone company. Having been trained well by my calling card carrier, I promptly hung up, started over and dialed 1-800-CALL-ATT to be connected to the AT&T service. I punched in the seven-digit phone number I wished to call, my nine-digit calling card number, followed by my four-digit pin number and then heard a recorded message telling me that, even though it seemed I was calling only a few miles, I needed to dial the area code. No problem. I hung up and started over. First the 11 digit AT&T number, then the one and the area code, then the seven-digit telephone number, then nine digits for the calling card, followed by the four-digit pin number. Oops. I hit the wrong key. No problem, the phone gave me a second chance to get the number right. Unfortunately, at that point I dropped my wallet and, while picking it up off the dirt, lost my connection. Looking at my watch frantically, I started over again. Eleven numbers, four numbers, seven numbers, nine numbers, four numbers... finally, it's ringing. Then came the recording, "I'm sorry our offices are closed for the day. Please call back during our normal business hours."

These informative recordings are lovely, but, even though I had worked so hard and finally gotten all the numbers right, I didn't get savings. Instead, I got charged for a call to a recording. Is this justice?

What happened to the good old days when a phone would simply continue to ring if no one was home and when a phone continuing to ring meant no one was home. Now if the phone continues to ring, I wonder if the person is on the other line and is ignoring the call-waiting beep. Or, perhaps, they have caller I.D. and just don't want to talk to you. If the phone continues to ring, I assume their answering machine is malfunctioning or

there has been a power failure and their voice mail went on the blink. Perhaps they have just gotten so tired of solicitation phone calls that they are refusing to answer the telephone.

Over the past decade the whole "phone call" scenario has become so complicated, I wonder what is next. What other simple pleasure will be turned into a multiple choice of confusing possibilities? Before you know it, a simple task like writing a check may also become a complicated procedure.

You do remember checks don't you? They are those little paper things that some of us old-fashioned folks still use instead of money cards, on-line transfers, automatic debits and credit cards. If you need more information about checks, don't bother calling your bank. By the time you dial their 1-800 number, listen to their voice mail recording and enter your 10-digit account number, they will be closed for the day.

I can't leave you on a sad note to start the new year, so here's a little poem I've written.

Have no fear.  
This is a new year.  
Though some good old days have gone,  
We must enjoy this day we're on.

'Cause while simple things are complicated,

We all are being educated.  
As to what our lives will be  
By the year 2003.  
By then our phone dialing mystery.

Will be ancient history.  
For technology keeps advancing.

And soon we will be glancing  
At those we wish to call  
Through a video screen on our wall.

So take advantage of this good day  
Before technology has its way.  
And answer your phone in the nude.

Before that becomes extremely rude.  
I would like to be the first to say,

**HAVE A HAPPY, HEALTHY  
NEW YEAR'S DAY!**

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

## Poet, 87, is well versed in finding life's humor, beauty

Second of a two-part series.

It is the fact that Ann Morrow is different that appeals to me. I have found as I've grown older that I have an affinity for folks who look at the world with a unique vision. I love people who see beauty and fun and potential and humor where it is least to be expected.

Walking me through the tiny rooms that make up her home, pointing out a painted chef in the kitchen and a Christmas moose in her bathroom, Ann said, "I try to have whimsy in every room."

Ann's presence alone should provide that.

Ann has lived in her Sylvan Village home for 50 years. With her husband, who is now deceased, she raised two children — a daughter and a son — and took on the lives of several pets and more than a few students.

A retired teacher and published writer, who has traveled widely, Ann formerly taught communication arts at Pontiac Central High School, Pontiac Northern High School, Lincoln Junior High, Oakland University and other schools.

For 34 years, she has mailed out holiday greetings that detail the lives of her family and herself. Last year, after our meeting on a pediatric wing, I got added to the list of recipients.

Her missive arrived in the mail the very week I thought of calling her for this column.

Ann was dressed in her holiday finery and a broad smile when I arrived at her home. Coaxing me past the talking Christmas pine and the ear-ringed figs, she explained to me on this Monday morning that on the previous Sunday afternoon she had laid down for a nap and awoke with a start, thinking morning had arrived.

"Carolyn's coming!" she told herself. And she bolted from



CAROLYN WALKER

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her nap and swallowed her medicine and took the cover off her bird's cage and commenced a hymn on her little organ — preparing herself and the bird for the day to come, like she does each morning.

Then she got dressed and turned on the television, only to realize that the usual morning news anchors wore the faces of their evening counterparts.

She called her daughter. "What day is this?" she asked and learned it was still Sunday.

She covered her bird back up. On Monday morning Ann did it all again — excepting the pills because of the accidental third dose she had taken the evening before.

After treating me to a tour of her home, Ann showed me to her immaculate dining room, pointed me toward a stuffed chair opposite the bird, watched while I sat and then began a litany of love that would culminate in a poem.

She told me about Henry, the mouse she fed regularly after it

snuck into her house one cold winter night. And about her pet monkey, which was jealous of her husband. And about her beloved children and grandchildren. And about the now-grown students who still seem to find her despite their years away from school.

"The past is always before you," she said, and she pulled forth a poem she had written to commemorate Sylvan's golden anniversary. Entitled *A Glimpse Of The Past*, the poem resurrected for me images of childhood days that I had tucked away but not forgotten.

Images of Sylvan Lake, alive with swimmers eager for their lessons; and of the crop-dusting plane that flew over the village to rid the trees of bugs; and of the village windows that honored World War II soldiers by displaying silver stars; and of the milkman that came regularly to deposit milk; and the Good Humor man who followed him on summer evenings.

"I remember unpaved roads with pebbles that hurt the feet," she read, in her lilting voice. "We seemed more united then, sharing what we did."

Stanching tears of affection, I didn't think to ask Ann how long she has been thinking in poetry. But in the end, it didn't matter.

She left me with a parting comment that will forever seal the happy years I spent living in Sylvan. And that will forever remind me of the basic goodness in people.

"People are marvelous, Carolyn," she said, drawing on her 87 years of experience. "Everybody has some talent. Maybe it's just friendliness. It gives them sparkle and life."

Carolyn Walker is a staff writer for the Clarkston Eccentric. Now a resident of the City of the Village of Clarkston, Walker lived in Sylvan Lake until she was age 5.

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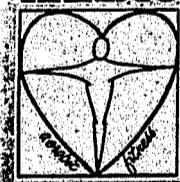
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### ENGAGEMENT



#### Vidosh-Addis

Geraldine Egan of East Lansing and Donn Vidosh of Clarkston announce the engagement of their daughter, Maralisa Vidosh to James Addis II, son of Violet and James Addis of Commerce Township.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Lake Orion High School and Michigan State University. She is employed in wireless sales management at A T & T.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Harrison High School and Michigan State University. He is a district manager with Resource Dealer Group.

An April wedding is planned in Royal Oak.

### ACHIEVERS

The following students from Clarkston were degree candidates for summer 1997 at the University of Michigan campus in Ann Arbor: Michael A. Dahl, School of Business Administration, master of business administration; Gordon Charles Garwood, Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies, MS in engineering; and Dharendra Verma, School of Business Administration, master of business administration.

Emily J. Flores, a Clarkston High School senior and daughter of Genaro S. and Deborah J. Flores of Clarkston, has been awarded an Honors Scholarship to Kalamazoo College. Selection criteria for the award included academic accomplishments as well as extra-curricular achievements.

## Beanie Baby bonanza



**High bidder:** Ellen Young of Clarkston holds up a Princess Diana commemorative Beanie Baby that she donated \$500 for during a recent charity auction broadcast on radio station WKQI (95.5 FM). The auction, which included the raffling of a dozen Princess Di bears, raised nearly \$6,000 for Trenton Parks and Recreation. The bears were donated by the West Grange Sav Mor Drug Store in Trenton.

## NOTABLES

**Lili Donaldson** of Clarkston has been appointed marketing director at Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn. Donaldson is responsible for all marketing, public relations and special events at Fairlane Town Center, a 200-store shopping center whose retailers include five major department stores.

Before coming to Fairlane Town Center, Donaldson was president of The Launs Co. in Southfield, a public relations division of R. E. Launs advertising, marketing and public relations. Prior to that, she worked in Toledo as editor of the Owens-Corning daily newsletter and editor/publisher of the company's bimonthly worldwide newsletter. Donaldson, who attended Dearborn's Fordson High School, holds a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Michigan and a master's in advertising from Michigan State University.

Fairlane Town Center, located just west of the Southfield Freeway and north of Michigan Avenue in Dearborn, features more than 200 specialty shops and services as well as Saks Fifth Avenue, Hudson's, Lord & Taylor, J.C. Penny and Sears.

**James Windell** and **Joyce Scafe** of Clarkston received the Best Michigan District Newsletter award for "The Scoop," the Civitan Club of Pontiac's monthly newsletter, during the Michigan District of Civitan year-end conference in Traverse City.

Civitan Club of Pontiac officers for 1997-98 include Treasurer **Tom Hunter** of Clarkston. The Board of Directors includes **Joyce Scafe**, **Fran Dickie** of Clarkston and **Chuck Zamak**, a Clarkston business owner.

The Civitan Club of Pontiac celebrated its 56th anniversary recently with a dinner at Cooper's family restaurant in Drayton

Plains. A favorite charity during the year for the club is Clarkston SCAMP.

**Linda F. Chew**, an employee of the McDonald's restaurant on Sashabaw Road in Clarkston, has been awarded a Bachelor of Hamburgerology degree from McDonald's Hamburger University (H.U.) for graduating from the University's Advanced Operations Course. All McDonald's restaurant managers, franchisees, mid-management and company executives throughout the world are required to complete this course.

Lawrence Technological University in Southfield honored 427 employees for their dedication by presenting them with service pins and honoraria during a special luncheon.

Clarkston residents **Phillip Jones** with 10 years service time and **James Hibler** with five years service time were honored.

Lawrence Tech, founded in

1932, offers nearly 40 graduate and undergraduate majors, including full evening programs, leading to degrees in architecture, arts and sciences, engineering and management.

**Triad Associates P.C.** in Clarkston recently received a three-year accreditation award by the Rehabilitation Accreditation Commission. This represents the highest level of accreditation achievable. Triad Associates was recognized for accreditation in mental health services, outpatient treatment programs.

This accreditation marks the first three-year accreditation awarded to Triad Associates by CARF, the nation's accreditation authority in the fields of medical rehabilitation, behavioral health, and employment and community support services. The accreditation results from findings during CARF's recent on-site survey.

Triad Associates is a for-profit organization that has offered services throughout the Oakland County area since 1995.

## CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Clarkston Eccentric publishes calendar items free of charge. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Type or print. Event, date and time, location, telephone number and any additional information and mail to the Clarkston Eccentric, 7151 Ortonville Road, Suite 2, Clarkston, Mich., 48346 or fax to 248-625-5712. Deadline for calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper.

## CLASS REUNION

**CLARKSTON HIGH SCHOOL** 1988 10-Year Class Reunion, Aug. 29, 1998, at Mitch's II. Call Kelly (Saunders) Kanigowski for more information and to update address for mailings. (810) 939-9925.

## THROUGH JAN. 11

**CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING** 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Independence Oaks County Park on Sashabaw Road, 2 1/2 miles north of I-75, near Clarkston and Springfield Oaks Activity Center, 12451 Andersonville Road, in Davisburg. Free. Program is sponsored by Oakland County Parks, Board of the Better Blooms and the Detroit Hoop Club, a lumber industry organization. Independence Oaks will accept trees through Jan. 26. For more information, call (248) 858-0906.

## SUNDAY, JAN. 4

**POT LUCK LUNCHEON** 1 p.m., Independence Township Senior Center. Bring a favorite dish to pass. Socialization and sharing great food are the primary activities of the day. Table games or cards can be played following lunch. To register, call the center at 625-8231 by Friday, Jan. 2.

**WILDLIFE WINTER WARDROBE** 2 p.m., Indian Springs Metropark. Learn how animals survive the Michigan winter. Registration required. Call (248) 625-7280 or 1-800-477-3192.

## STARTING TUESDAY, JAN. 6

**VATICAN II-HISTORY & DOCUMENTS** 6 - 9 p.m., Jan. 6, 13 & 20, Feb. 3, 10 & 17 and March 3, 10, 17 &

24, St. Daniel's Cushing Center, 7010 Valley Park in Clarkston. For anyone interested in knowing more about the meaning and impact of the Second Vatican Council. Fee: \$30 for all 10 sessions plus \$14 if book is desired or \$5 per session if attending only one or a few. For additional information, call (248) 625-1750.

## THURSDAY, JAN. 8

**WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP** 7 p.m., Independence Township Senior Center in Clintonwood Park on Clarkston Road in Clarkston. Facilitator Christine Spencer, 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. No registration required. 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

**SPAGHETTI DINNER** 5-7 p.m. Independence Township Senior Center. All-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner including tossed salad and garlic toast. All proceeds go directly to the senior center. No registration required. Center is at 5980 Clarkston Road in Clintonwood Park. Cost: \$4 adults, \$2 child. Dessert is 75 cents extra.

## RECREATION FOR SPECIAL PEOPLE

7-9 p.m., Hart Community Center at the Mill Pond in Davisburg. Dance to the music of deejay Matt Wolfe. Refreshments. No charge. While NWOCS, a volunteer organization, provides recreational activities, caregivers have responsibility for direct supervision of participants. For more information, call 634-9570.

## FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JAN. 9-10,

**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

**FULL MOON CROSS-COUNTRY SKI** 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Independence Oaks County Park. Travel by the light of the moon. Participants must bring their own equipment and have previous cross-country skiing experience. Fee: \$1 per person. Registration required. Call (248) 625-6473, (248) 858-2684 or 1-888-OOPARKS for more information.

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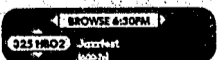
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■ For seniors, deductions for interest, dividends and capital gains will be hiked from \$3,500 to \$7,500 for those filing a single return; for joint returns, from \$7,000 to \$15,000.

## Election dates

Democrats enjoy a House majority of 58-51 with one vacancy now that David Jaye, R-Macomb County, has been elevated to the Senate.

Candidates for Jaye's vacant seat had until Dec. 29 to file and until Jan. 2 at 4 p.m. to withdraw.

Engler has scheduled a primary for Feb. 3 and the special election for Feb. 24.

## DNR meetings

The Department of Natural Resources' Off-Road Vehicle advisory board is scheduled to meet at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7, in Quality Inn Hotel, 3121 E. Grand River, Lansing.

The Natural Resources Committee meetings will be Jan. 14 and 15 in the Lansing Center, 333 E. Michigan, Lansing. A committee of the whole will meet at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, the 14th, followed by public comments at 4:30 p.m. Public appearances may be scheduled with Teresa Gloden, assistant to the NRC, at (517) 373-2352.

NRC's main business meeting will begin at 9 a.m. Thursday, the 15th, in the Lansing Center.

## Appointments

Engler has appointed:

■ Samuel Valenti III of Bloomfield Hills to a new term on the Investment Advisory Committee, which meets quarterly to review investment of state retirement funds. Valenti is president of Masco Capital Corp. He will represent the general public for a term expiring Dec. 15, 2000.

■ Kenneth Grabowski of Livonia to the Michigan Justice Training Commission, which oversees funds used by local units and colleges for in-service training of police officers.

## Laws enacted

Two smoking bills are about to become law.

Minors caught smoking in public or on school grounds may see their cases moved more quickly through the courts under a bill sponsored by Sen. Bob Geake, R-Northville. SB 537-539 give local district courts concurrent jurisdiction with the family division of county circuit courts in cases involving minors in possession of tobacco.

Engler signed a bill authorizing the Department of Treasury to require a state tax stamp on individual packages of cigarettes. Sponsored by Rep. Kirk Profit, D-Ypsilanti, it's aimed at cutting smuggling into the state, which cost the school aid fund \$25 million in 1997.

State lottery winners can collect large prizes in a lump sum instead of waiting 20 years for gradual payouts under a bill awaiting the governor's signature. Geake's SB 596 will allow winners to assign their annual payments to a third party (such as a bank) after obtaining a judicial order.

## Senate passes

Crime victims may see restitution faster under a Senate-passed bill sponsored by John Cherry, Jr., D-Okla. who also represents

Oxford and Oxford Township. SB 780 would allow a judge to make a defendant's sentence depend on whether he paid restitution to his victims.

Criminals would be prohibited from suing their victims for personal injuries under a Senate-passed bill sponsored by Geake.

Police, prosecutors and "good Samaritans" would be protected under SB 718, which passed the Senate unanimously. The bill was supported by the National Rifle Association.

The bills go to the House,

where they are likely to be assigned to the Judiciary Committee.

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## Resolution OK'd

The House passed two resolutions by Rep. Patricia Godchaux, R-Birmingham, calling on the U.S. Congress to reassess military spending because of the end of the Cold War.

She said 1997 military spend-

ing consumed \$265 billion, or 53 percent of all discretionary federal spending. Former adversaries, in contrast, spent a combined total of \$15 billion.

Godchaux said \$1 billion spent on the military provides for 25,000 jobs whereas the same amount could support 47,000 health care workers or 41,000 educators.

## New Senate bills

■ SB 836 — raises the personal exemption in the income tax to adjust for inflation over the past 30 years. Sponsor Loren

Bennett, R-Canton, said it would place the exemption at \$5,700 for the 1998 tax year versus the actual \$2,800. It was assigned to the Senate Finance Committee.

■ SB 838 — shortens the hearing process available to a prisoner before being transferred to another state. The bill says an inmate is not entitled to a hearing prior to relocation at another facility. Sponsor Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, said it will speed up state efforts to ease the prison bed shortage.

The Engler administration

estimates it will need 2,500 more prison beds by the end of 1998 and 6,400 by the end of 2001. It was assigned to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

## New House bills

■ In preparation: a bill to double penalties against a driver for drinking and driving if a minor is in the vehicle. Sponsor Andrew Raczowski, R-Farmington Hills, said current penalties are fines up to \$500 and 90 days in jail, plus license suspension for two years for a first offense.

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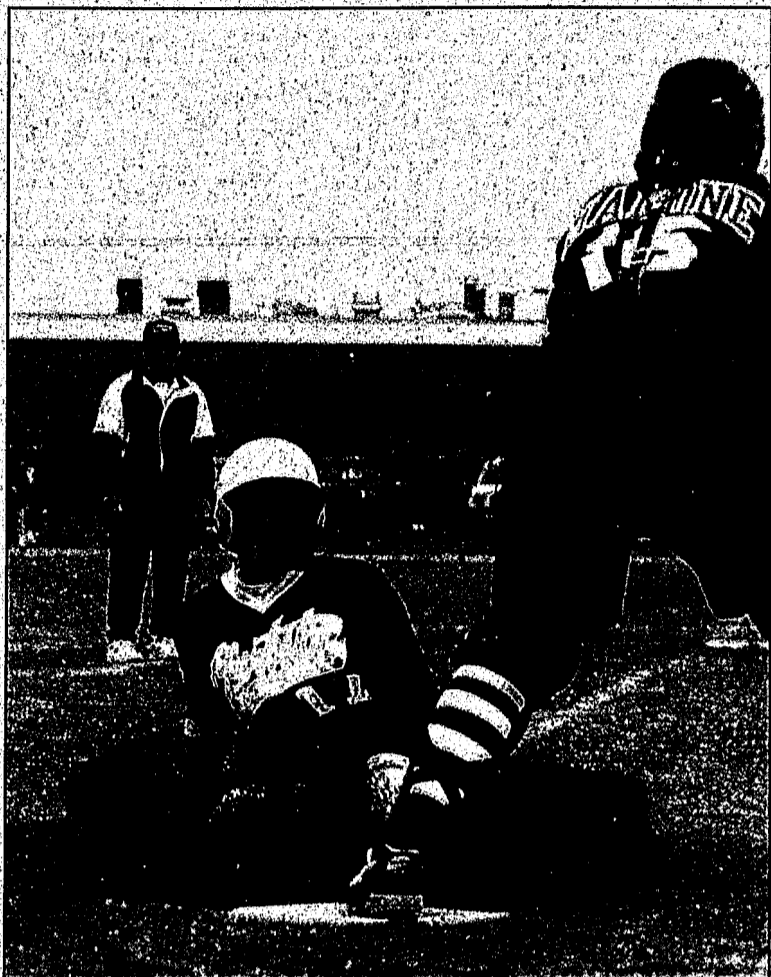
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**Wolves wonders:** Freshman softball player Candace Morgan (sliding at left) was just one of the players who helped the softball team; (above) Dane Fife was everywhere, including on the Internet, as he battled the distraction of choosing a college to lead the football team to a 6-3 record.

## What a year!

### 1997 featured a little bit of everything for Wolves

BY BRAD KADRACH  
SPORTS EDITOR

**C**larkston sports fans will remember 1997 as a year when the Wolves rejoiced in great triumphs, both personal and team, and were forced to deal with adversity.

The area saw championships and disappointments, college signings and new beginnings. It was a very good year, and here's a quick recap, week-to-week:

#### January

■ **2** — Clarkston trailed 21-2 after one quarter, but rallied to beat Detroit Cody, 58-51, behind 32 points and 11 rebounds from Dane Fife.

AJ Grant and Gordie Golec reached the finals, helping lead the Wolves to a fifth-place finish at the Goodrich wrestling tournament.

■ **9** — Clarkston got 25 first-half points from Dane Fife and handed Chippewa Valley a 63-46 loss at The Jungle.

The wrestling team won the South Lyon tournament handily, getting individual titles from AJ Grant, Ryan Mick and Jason Tiefenbach.

Clarkston committed just six service errors all night, and were a perfect 28-for-28 in the third game, while posting an exciting 12-15, 15-9, 15-5 volleyball win over West Bloomfield.

■ **16** — Dane Fife scored 37 points, establishing a career high for the third time in four games, as Clarkston picked up a key Oakland Activities Association win over Pontiac Northern.

Ryan Mick and AJ Grant were individual champions as the Wolves finished fifth at the Detroit Catholic Central tournament.

Clarkston scored 17 goals in picking up a pair of wins in their first season of prep hockey. The Wolves beat Howell 9-2 and WOLL 8-1.

The volleyball team won the first game, but couldn't complete comebacks in either of the last two and fell to Rochester Adams, 11-15, 15-12, 15-6.

■ **23** — Clarkston managed a win in the second game, but couldn't sustain any momentum in losing to Lake Orion, 15-4, 9-15, 15-10.

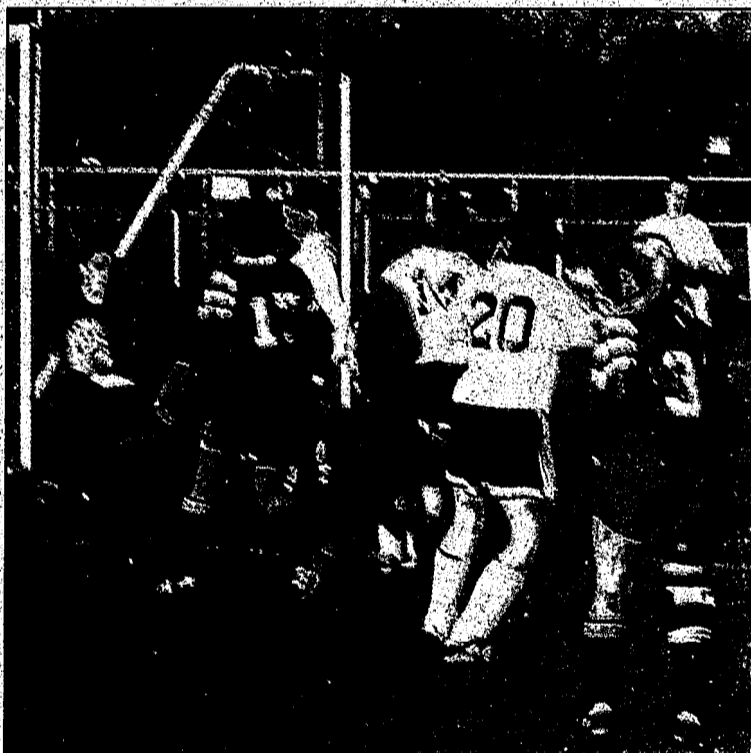
Clarkston averaged 49 points a match in winning the Adrian wrestling tournament. AJ Grant, Scott Labrie, Gordie Golec and Ryan Mick all made it through the tournament without a loss.

Anthony Facione scored twice in an 8-6 hockey loss to Orchard Lake St. Mary's. The Wolves also beat Lansing Catholic Central 9-2.

Dane Fife got the better of Greg Grayson in a matchup of two of the state's top players, and Clarkston beat Southfield Lathrup 44-42.

■ **30** — Clarkston started its comeback for two goals and fell to Rochester Adams, 31-24, in the biggest wrestling meet of the season.

Andy Golec and Anthony Facione combined for two goals and Clarkston's hockey squad beat Chippewa 4-0. The Wolves also earned a 4-4 tie with Dearborn



**Surprise, surprise:** Freshman goalkeeper Allison Barth helped keep the Wolves in most games, and she helped lead them to the district final against Rochester Adams.

#### Unified.

Birmingham Seaholm had an answer for everything and beat the volleyball team, 15-2, 5-15, 15-6. With the score 7-6 Seaholm in the third game, the Maples rattled off the match's final eight points to seal the win.

#### February

■ **6** — Anthony Facione posted a hat trick and the Wolves stunned fourth-ranked Port Huron Northern, 5-3. The win was Clarkston's 10th in 13 games.

Dane Fife was held to a season-low 11 points, but he dished out 13 assists and the Wolves got 18 points from Chad Bailey to post a 61-50 win at Ferndale.

The wrestling team lost only one match by pinfall, built a lead through the early weights and posted a 38-26 OAA I win over Troy. The Wolves followed that by pinning five opposing wrestlers in an easy 45-29 win over Redford Detroit Catholic Central.

The volleyball team ran into a red-hot Troy squad and lost, 15-4, 15-5, in an OAA volleyball match.

Clarkston's female athletes gathered in the gym to listen to three guest speakers, including assistant principal Ann Dorian, as the school celebrated National Girls and Women in Sports Day.

■ **13** — Clarkston got a little wrestling revenge, finishing three points ahead of Rochester Adams at the

league meet and earning a share of the league championship. Gordie Golec pinned Adams' Marty Giddings in the 215-pound final to secure the win.

The volleyball team stayed competitive, but still couldn't pull out a win, falling 15-10; 15-11 to Rochester Adams.

Jason Callahan and Kristen Atkinson both won individual races and the boys' and girls' ski teams claimed league championships.

Pontiac Northern got a little revenge on Clarkston, handing the Wolves, their first basketball loss of the season, 58-57.

■ **20** — Jennifer Trepte and Jason Callahan were superb, and the boys' and girls' teams easily won regional ski championships.

Clarkston played well early, then lost to Lake Orion 15-9, 15-7, the Wolves' second volleyball loss of the season to the Dragons.

Dane Fife scored 30 points and Marc Mazur added 13 as Clarkston rebounded by stopping Lathrup. Clarkston also took its second loss of the season, 55-47 to Flint Northern.

Playing without 10 players, the hockey team fell, 10-1, to Dearborn Unified.

The wrestling team won the team district title and advanced seven wrestlers to the individual regional meet.

■ **27** — The Clarkston girls' ski team finished third, with Kristen Atkinson

earning two medals, and the boys were fourth at the state ski meet.

Five Wolves qualified for the state individual wrestling meet, and the Wolves won the regional mat title as well.

Troy handed the basketball Wolves their second straight loss, 55-54, before the Wolves rebounded to beat Rochester 69-53.

The volleyball team beat Birmingham Seaholm in the first game, then got hammered in a 15-7, 12-15, 1-15 loss to the Maples.

#### March

■ **6** — After losing several close matches, Clarkston finally won one, beating Lakeland 15-2, 16-14 to win its second straight district volleyball title.

The basketball team got five steals and great defense from Danny Neubeck to beat Ferndale 57-45 and earn a share of the OAA I title.

Clarkston fell in the team wrestling quarterfinals, 26-24, to Temperance Bedford.

Local kids also did well. Travis Schenck qualified for the national snowboarding tournament for the second straight year. And Clarkston residents Jennifer Carlson and Megan Renda teamed to win the NBA 2-ball state title at The Palace.

■ **13** — AJ Grant finished third, and suffered his only loss of the season, and Scott Labrie was sixth at the individual state wrestling meet.

The volleyball team hit a wall, losing to Lapeer East, 15-3, 15-4, in the opening round of volleyball regionals.

Clarkston suffered a poor shooting night and loss to Pontiac Northern, 59-47, in the basketball regional.

■ **20** — Clarkston athletes abounded as The Eccentric named its first All-North Oakland team for winter sports. Megan Burman and Stephanie Vogler were first-team selections for volleyball; AJ Grant, Ryan Mick, Jason Tiefenbach, Andy Auten, Scott Labrie, Tim Rebb and Gordie Golec all made it in wrestling; and Dane Fife, Chad Bailey and Brad Conley were first-team choices in hoops.

Jennifer Carlson and Megan Renda advanced to the conference final in the NBA 2-ball competition.

■ **27** — Ann Serra (now Lowney after an in-season wedding) replaced Larry Mahre as the head coach for girls basketball.

Marc Venegoni was third in the long jump, the boys' 3200 relay team (Kevin Breen, Scott Watson, Jayson Scheiderer and John Burklow) finished third, the girls' 3200 relay team (Katie Bills, Kristin Maine, Lisa Jennings and Jennifer Rooding) was third and Maine was third in the two mile as the track team opened well at the Oakland County indoor meet.

#### April

■ **3** — The girls' soccer team opened the season on a sour note, falling to

#### Best of times

Clarkston Eccentric sports editor Brad Kadrach reviews the year in sports:

**Best Sports Story** — (tie) Dane Fife's choice of college and the performance of the girls' basketball team. Any time a youngster gets a chance to live out a dream, it's a great story. Besides, they were talking about the guy on the Internet. And the girls came within 16 minutes of a district championship one year after going 2-10 in the league.

**Best Athlete, Male** — (tie) Fife and A.J. Grant. Even in the face of all the hype over his college decision, Fife stood tall. Grant dominated the wrestling mats, remaining unbeaten until the state semifinal and finishing 50-1.

**Best Athlete, Female** — Georgia Senkyr. She did everything new coach Ann Lowney asked of her. Don't look at her statistics. Talk to her coach and her teammates, and they'll tell you Senkyr was the one piece the Wolves could least stand to lose.

**Best Coaching Job** — (tie) Lowney and Brian Fitzgerald. Lowney stepped into the job and instantly made believers of her team, and took them to heights thought impossible 12 months before. Fitzgerald was faced with adversity, and still found a way to coax his team into the district final.

Rochester 3-0.

■ **10** — Clarkston's offense erupted and the Wolves beat Berkley 6-0 in soccer.

The baseball team opened in frigid fashion, falling to eventual state champion Rochester 12-1, in their baseball opener.

■ **17** — The tennis team opened with easy wins over Kimball, 8-0, and Berkley, 7-1, but loss 5-3 to Troy.

Georgia Senkyr scored the only goal in a 1-0 soccer win over Oxford.

The softball team swept Rochester and Lapeer West before suffering their first loss to West Bloomfield.

The boys' track team got easy wins over Lake Orion and Ferndale, while the girls had to hold off Lake Orion.

The baseball team lost 8-4 to Lake Orion.

■ **24** — Clarkston beat Davison 4-2 and tied 5-5 in a baseball doubleheader stopped by darkness.

Georgia Senkyr and Meg Schroeder scored in a 2-0 soccer win over Waterford Kettering.

Clarkston dropped a softball game to Lake Orion, 2-1, wasting a brilliant performance from Rachel Fuller.

The girls beat West Bloomfield in a dual track meet, and were 11th at the Lakers' invitational. The boys routed Oak Park and pounded West Bloomfield.

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# Year in Review *from page B1*

## May

■ **1** — The boys' track team got a pair of wins from record-setting hurdler Chris Evans and finished fourth at the Saginaw Valley Invitational.

Clarkston's Marc Mazur signed a letter of intent to play basketball at Wayne State.

■ **8** — The boys' track team won every event, and the girls won all but two, as both teams routed Berkley.

The soccer team lost again, 4-0, to Lake Orion.

Josh Clark pitched a three-hit game as Clarkston beat Mott 10-0 in baseball.

■ **15** — Clarkston took advantage of two key errors and beat Troy Athens, 4-3, in an OAA basketball game.

Rochester Adams beat the Wolves 7-3 in a softball tilt.

The boys' track team bounced Mott to finish the regular season 6-0. The girls pounded Mott 82-46. The boys were fourth, the girls fifth at the Oxford Invite.

■ **22** — Facing a possible match with Rochester Adams, Clarkston pounded Kettering 8-1 in district soccer opener.

The baseball team rallied twice from two runs down to beat Lake Orion 5-4.

The track teams both won league championships, while the Wolves qualified runners for state in five events — Chris Evans, Kammy Powell, Megan Plante, Kristin Maine and the 3200 relay team.

■ **29** — The Wolves played well, but fell to Adams 3-0 in the soccer district final.

The girls were sixth, the boys eighth at the Oakland County track meet.

## June

■ **5** — Senior Chris Evans broke a 12-year-old school record and finished second in the 110 hurdles at the state meet.

The softball team beat Kettering in the district semi-final, then fell to Milford Lakeland, 5-3, in the district final.

Kettering's Ryan Frazier held Clarkston to three hits in beating the Wolves 3-1 in a district baseball semi-final.

## July

■ **4** — John Gebus finished 10th in his class in the annual Port Huron-to-Mackinac sailboat race, one year after winning the title in his boat class.

■ **11** — The North Oakland Stars clinched the MABF title with 3-2 and 15-5 beatings of Grosse Pt.

■ **18** — The Clarkston Riverdaws scored 45 runs in four games, but wound up with a 2-2 split in the district tournament that ended their season at 31-16.

## August

■ **28** — Clarkston beat Davison, 61-31, in the girls' basketball season opener for new coach Ann Serra.

The boys' soccer team opened with a 1-1 tie with Utica Ford and a 2-1 win over Rochester.

The golf team finished just a point behind Troy in the season-opening OAA golf meet.

## September

■ **4** — Dave Sage won the Flint Carman-Ainsworth Cavalier Classic, and the boys won the team title, while the girls got medals from their top seven runners and finished in a first-place tie.

The golf team got a relatively easy win over Troy Athens.

Lori Wild scored 14 points and Clarkston beat Lapeer West in girls' basketball.

■ **11** — Royal Oak Kimball ignore all the hype and pounded Clarkston, 21-7, in the prep football opener.

Clarkston's defense played well as the basketball team stopped Lahser 36-32. Clarkston also beat Lathrup 58-52.

The soccer team played Lake Orion to a 3-3 rain-soaked tie and beat Clawson, 3-2.

The golfers beat Rochester Adams, 167-170.

Dave Sage and Matt Haver both earned medals, and the boys finished eighth at the West Bloomfield cross country invite. Megan Plante was the girls' only top-20 finisher.

■ **18** — Clarkston took out its football frustrations on Berkley, pounding the Bears 35-6.

The boys' basketball team got a big lift from the transfer of 6-foot-4 Angelo Taylor from Pontiac Northern, the team that beat Clarkston in last year's regional.

The soccer team beat Brandon 2-1, and earned a 2-2 tie with Oxford.

Deana Kanipe scored 18 as the girls' basketball team beat Mott 54-32.

The boys won it all and the girls finished fourth at the Chesaning Invitational cross country meet. The girls then beat Rochester, while the Falcons stopped the Wolves' boys.

Lauren Bogart won at No. 1 singles, and the Wolves beat Lake Orion 5-3 in girls' tennis.

■ **25** — Rochester came to Clarkston and handed the Wolves their first girls' basketball loss, 39-36. The Wolves rebounded to beat Kettering, 56-46.

Dane Fife threw for two scores and ran for another as Clarkston beat Mott, 28-6.

Clarkston was up 4-2 when its tennis match with Kimball was interrupted by darkness. Earlier, the Wolves lost to Athens, 5-3.

Golf coach Jim Chamberlain announced his retirement.

The soccer team managed a 2-2 tie with Royal Oak Dondero, the Wolves' fourth tie of the season.

Dave Sage was sixth overall, leading the Wolves to an 11th-place finish at the Michigan State University cross country invitational.

## October

■ **2** — Clarkston twice erased 10-point deficits and stopped Rochester Adams, 34-30, in a prep football game.

The Wolves finally got a breather, beating Berkley 59-37 in girls' basketball. Clarkston also beat Troy, 44-39.

The boys won, but the girls suffered their first cross country loss to Rochester Adams.

Clarkston lost its first soccer game of the season, 3-1, to Grand Blanc.

Bob Schultz finished second overall, and the Wolves were sixth at the Oakland County golf meet.

The Wolves finished third at the league tennis meet, which was stopped by darkness.

■ **9** — Clarkston avoided another stumble, getting two touchdowns passes from Dane Fife and stopping Kettering 32-10 in the Homecoming game.

Clarkston got a goal in 12 seconds, but lost 4-2 to Lake Orion.

Megan Plante and Jennifer Rooding were the only medalists for the girls, and Dave Sage and Matt Haver medaled for the boys at the county meet.

Derek Hool shot a career-best 37 and the Wolves beat Lake Orion, 159-174, in an OAA golf match.

■ **16** — Clarkston exploded for 23 points in the second quarter and pounded Athens, 58-24.

Clarkston got five medals and earned a second-place finish at the Oxford cross country invitational.

Clarkston's golf team won an OAA I title, and finished fourth at the regional, but qualified Bryan Haggard for the state golf meet.

Three days before her wedding, Clarkston girls' basketball coach Ann Serra watched her Wolves stop Rochester Adams, 53-49.

■ **23** — Birmingham Seaholm ruined former coach Ann Serra's homecoming, stopping Clarkston 51-48 in a girls' basketball game.

Clarkston struggled offensively in the second half, and Rochester made the Wolves pay, beating them 20-19.

Russ Parrott scored his first varsity goal and helped the Wolves beat Walled Lake Western 2-0 in district play.

Bryan Haggard shot 80 at the state golf meet.

The boys finished first, the girls were third at the OAA league cross country meet. Dave Sage was second overall.

■ **30** — Three boys — David Sage, Matt Haver and Kevin Breen — join girls' runner Megan Plante in qualifying for the state cross country meet.

The soccer squad won its district with a 3-1 win over West Bloomfield, then fell to Troy

Athens in the regional opener.

The Wolves beat Rochester and Kettering to climb back into the OAA girls' basketball race.

Clarkston refused to settle for a tie, but the Wolves' two-point attempt fell short as Troy stopped Clarkston, 21-20, in football.

## November

■ **6** — Dane Fife ended months, maybe years, of speculation by announcing he would attend Indiana University to play basketball for Bob Knight.

Brad Phalen rushed for 239 yards and the Wolves eased the pain of not making the playoffs by pounding Lake Orion 35-14 in the season football finale.

Dave Sage finished 20th and was named an All-State runner after his finish at the state cross country meet.

The freshman pounded Lake Orion to complete an undefeated football season.

■ **13** — Clarkston put itself in position for a league title with a 47-45 girls' basketball win over Troy Athens.

Bryan Haggard and Bob Schultz earn first-team honors on the Eccentric All-North Oakland golf squad.

■ **20** — Clarkston pounded Rochester Adams 50-35 to earn a share of their first Oakland Activities Association Division I title.

Tiffany Honey decides to attend Northwood to play softball and, maybe, basketball.

■ **27** — The Wolves pounded Lapeer West in a district semi-final, but couldn't stop Lapeer East in the final, falling 51-44.

Anthony Facione opened the scoring 20 seconds into the game and Clarkston opened its hockey season with a 5-2 win over Kettering.

Georgia Senkyr and Deana Kanipe made the first team in basketball, while Shawn Verlin, Mike Gabriel and Rean Turner were all first-team choices for the All-North Oakland basketball and soccer teams, respectively.

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# Style, audience different, but local hunter still makes music

Back in the late 1960's and early '70's, when rock-and-roll was booming, Lyman Burgess was busy making music as the bass player in the Nebraska-based rock band Smoke Ring. Today, nearly 30 years later, Burgess is still making music. The rhythm is a little different today, and the audience — although equally captivated — is certainly of a different breed than the audiences he entertained years ago.

A dedicated waterfowl hunter and local goose guide, Burgess, of West Bloomfield, composes most of his music today from the confines of a duck marsh or a goose blind. His instrument of choice is no longer a guitar. He now favors a variety of plastic and wooden goose calls. And instead of playing chords he prefers to lay down a cadence of clucks, double-clucks and come-back calls.

Burgess still finds time to play his bass, mostly just for personal enjoyment, but in the fall and early winter his free time is spent pursuing ducks and geese.

A goose guide for Plymouth-based Honker Hunts Inc., Burgess will be as busy as a migrating merganser for the next month as a special late goose season opens in southern Michigan, Jan. 4-Feb. 2.

## A special season

"There are a lot of local geese that stay here all year," explained Burgess. "In some areas there are just too many geese and (this hunt) is a way to help control them."

This is the 17th year the Michigan Department of Natural Resources has offered the special late season. This year, the boundary and bag limit have been changed.

The entire South Zone for the regular waterfowl season will be open for the late goose season with the exception of the Allegan County, Tuscola-Huron, Saginaw County and Muskegon Wastewater goose management units. The bag limit has been increased from two birds per day to five per day. Be sure to check the Michigan DNR waterfowl guide for the exact boundaries and details on the late hunt.

Once winter sets in the local birds are most often encountered by hunters who key on the agricultural areas — specifically cut corn fields. Geese will roost on open water and fly over to nearby corn fields early in the mornings to feed. The key to successful winter goose hunting is to find open water, then set up in a nearby corn field.

"Corn is a very high protein grain and they know it's good for



Music maker: Lyman Burgess responds to the call of a passing flock of geese.

them," explained Burgess. "They'll also eat beans, but once you get snow on the ground the bean fields will shut off. Sometimes they'll go to golf courses or winter wheat fields, but corn is pretty much number one on their list right now."

## Setting the stage

On a recent regular-season goose hunt with Burgess in Washtenaw County we set up in a cut corn field and enjoyed a fantastic hunt.

Our blind was constructed of two rectangular wooden sides. The tops of each side were angled toward each other to form an elongated tee-pee structure.

Fencing was hinged to the top so it could be easily opened to allow us a place to stand and shoot from. The outside was covered with corn stalks so the blind blended in with the surrounding field.

With the wind direction in mind, we set decoys all around the blind. The main decoys formed a "V" which angled out in front of us from each end of the blind.

"They'll always land into the wind, and with the decoys set up like this they'll have a nice open spot to land (in the middle of the decoys)," explained Burgess.

When all the decoys were set we retreated to the confines of the blind to await the arrival of the first flock of the day. This is when the camaraderie of waterfowl hunting really plays out. Unlike deer or squirrel hunting,

when its imperative to be absolutely quiet, waterfowlers have the luxury of carrying on conversation until the birds arrive. We sat quietly in the blind, chatted softly, told jokes and drank coffee while awaiting the start of the action.

A faint honk in the distance cut short our conversation as Burgess responded with a series of eloquent calls. The birds were amiable and responded beautifully. Unfortunately our shooting didn't compliment Burgess' calling. We took home enough for a meal but certainly didn't upset the balance of nature.

## Call of the wild

When the seasons end Burgess stays in tune by conducting goose calling classes. Each class meets once a week for four consecutive weeks. This spring, classes begin in late April and will be offered through West Bloomfield Schools Community Education (248-539-2290) and Clarkston Schools Community Education (248-674-3141).

"Anyone can learn to call and it's fun," said Burgess. "Many times if a person has a musical background they seem to have an easier time learning to call. Not always, but a lot of times. On the other hand I know some excellent callers who are tone deaf."

For more information on the late goose season contact Honker Hunts Inc. at (734-207-1986).

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.

## Soccer supremacy



We are the champions: The '83 LOBOS girls soccer team won two league indoor championships in December. The LOBOS won the league championship at Oakland Yard by beating the Bloomfield Force, 4-2. The team followed that with a championship at the Square Lake Soccer Arena by beating the Clarkston Shadows, 6-1, the following weekend. The LOBOS also finished second in the Season Finale Outdoor Tournament in North Canton, Ohio, losing in the finals 2-1. The team consists of Heather Purcell, Beth Martin, Sarah Jablanowski, Katie Pirmann, Elizabeth Balten, Lynda Daisley, Katie Maloney, Sarah Normile, Sarah Poisson, Sandy Bongiorno, Andrea Moncrief, Thea Stolz, Leah Omilion, Chelsea Gottshall and Lauren Kemsuzian. Not pictured is Jessica Force. The team is coached by Wayne Pirmann with help from John Purcell and Mike Maloney.

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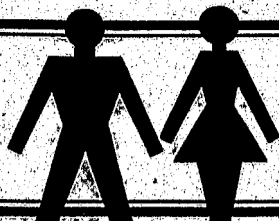
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OLD-FASHIONED. Divorced mother of one, 30, very shy, blonde/brown, blue eyes, 5'7", 110 lbs, enjoys dancing, older males, all winter activities. Seeking caring, true romantic, sensitive, old-fashioned guy. #7853

LADY LOOKING FOR LOVE. Fun, honest, SWF, 32, loves animals, looking for marriage-minded SWM, 35, Plymouth area. #7854

PARTNER WANTED. SWF, 47, 5'9", blonde/hazel, home owner, no dependents, believes in God, enjoys rock cars, movies, travel, and more. Seeking SWM, animal lover with passion for life, for romantic, monogamous LTR, possible marriage. #7824

PETITE. DJF, 40th, NS, single, fun, enjoys movies, music, dancing, dining out. Seeking romantic, caring, honest SWM, 40-45, for friendship, possible LTR. #7802

ARE YOU THE ONE? Attractive, SWF, 28, Auburn/blond, hopelessly romantic, seeks attractive SWM, 25-32, who enjoys the outdoors, movies, museums, sports, quiet times, for LTR, for Mr. Right. #7807

SPECIAL WOMAN. Affectionate, DJF, 44, full-figured, red-head, loves dancing, cuddling, quiet times at home. Seeking SWM, NS, 40-50, who wants a one-on-one relationship, CAW, dancing a plus. No games, please. #7835

LOOKING FOR A MIRACLE. DBF, 5'4", 120 lbs, black/brown, humorous, enjoys, loves, 5'10", 21, outgoing, enjoys, traveling, sports, music, dining out, up north, log cabins, dogs, sun, tall, fit, employed, and very responsible, but not married to this job, and a good sense of humor. #7812

LET'S LIVE. Attractive, SWF, 5'10", 21, outgoing, enjoys, traveling, sports, music, dining out, up north, log cabins, dogs, sun, tall, fit, employed, and very responsible, but not married to this job, and a good sense of humor. #7812

PRETTY, SLENDER, SENSUAL. Sophisticated, smart, secure, "sweet" heart. Seeks best friend/lover for life, good-looking, in shape, refined, cultured, romantic, 30s-40s, "let's live" and adventures, fun, travel and all a finer things. #8317

NOT DESPERATE. DJF, 45, 5'6", 130 lbs, NS, seeks a man in male. Many interests, I'm caring, giving, spontaneous, hopelessly romantic, down-to-earth, employed, would like to meet special friend, for romance. #7831

SEEKING TOOL-TIME AL. SWF, 33, 5'5", NS, enjoys the outdoors, concerts, biking, fishing, seeks SWM, 30-40, who loves to travel, has a dream home in the mountains. #7832

COULD CONNECT. I'm a full-time professional, mature, athletic, plus-looking guy with hair. Pretty, fit, dark-haired, 40s, 5'4", 110 lbs, with varied interests, great legs and good heart, would like to talk with you. #7833

MUST HAVE A NICE SMILE. Outspoken, fun-loving, 27, 5'5", full-figured, NS, enjoys, movies, sports, boating. Seeking tall, well-groomed SWM, 25-35, NS, for friendship, possible relationship. No kids please. #8222

WHO KNOWS? Versatile, independent, family-oriented, DJF, 41, hoping to meet someone 30-45, who's similar. #7823

BEST OF BOTH WORLDS. Attractive, affectionate, athletic, adventurous, warm, romantic, DJF, 35, 5'5", blonde/brown, medium build, educated, seeks gentleman, 35-45, 5'6"-5'8", who's honest, NS, who likes the arts, outdoors, travel, for possible LTR. #8224

FROM THE HEART. Affectionate, warm, sensitive, SWF, 24, enjoys movies, plays, music, dining out, sports, quiet times. Seeking loving SWM, 44-55, with sense of humor, with similar interests, for LTR. #7778

SEEKING ROMANCE. I'm a beautiful, slender, tall, and a fun-loving 51, plus intelligent, refined, humorous, and a great sense of humor. Seeking a 50-55, intelligent, tall, classy, confident, and selectively marriage-minded. #7758

GEMINI GIRL. DJF, 43, 5'6", slender, medium-length blonde hair. Looking for tall, outdoorsy type of guy who's happy, caring, communicative, financially secure, who likes sports, for friendship and possible romance. #7781

VALUE YOUR FULL. SWF, 37, enjoys Northern Exposure, travel, current events, entertaining, active, good cook. Seeking male, 40-50, with big ego. Self-respecting and high-minded only. #7812

101 WAYS. SWF, Mom, 61, Beautiful Woman, seeks NS man, 40-50, who is into a little bit of everything. #7813

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Petite SWF, NS, outgoing, senior, needs a sweet, sincere SWM, 55-71, to join me for golf, bowling, cards. Must enjoy people and have family values. #7801

LET'S MEET FOR COFFEE. Young 62-year-old WF, Farmington Hills area, seeks a sweet, sincere SWM, 55-71, to join me for golf, bowling, cards. Must enjoy people and have family values. #7801

UNCHAINED MELODY. Slim, attractive DJF, 50, NS, seeks SWPM, 45-55, 5'6", HW, proportionate, for CAW dancing, rollerblading, and companionship. West Side area. #8121

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

HAPPINESS IS A. Cute, petite, blonde/blue SWF, 27, down-to-earth, with a good sense of humor, seeking friendship, possible LTR, with the right man. #7895

CASINO ROYALE. DJF, 39, full-figured, shy, hard worker, smoker, enjoys bingo, Vegas, travel, and quiet times. Seeking employed male, 30s-40s, who is honest and caring. Nationally unimportant. #7909

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

SOMEONE SPECIAL. Versatile, open and very honest DJF, 41, with kids, seeks attractive, confident, secure SWM, 30-50, NS, to enjoy life with. #8003

SPARKLING, SPUNKY, STYLISH. Sensual, gorgeous, fit, 40, 5'7", 130 lbs, MA, degreed, into biking, reading, antiquing, giggling, seeks SWM, NS, degreed, fit, outgoing guy. #7988

LOOKING FOR LOVE NOT GAMES. Attractive DJF, young 54, brown/blue, NS, financially/emotionally secure, enjoys movies, dining, sports, travel, and romance. Seeking attractive, honest, caring, compassionate SWM, 45-55, financially secure, for friendship, leading to LTR. #8083

THE MAGIC AGAIN. Are you DJF, young 54, varied interests, Seeking older, mature, social, drinker only, who'll treat a lady like a lady, for special relationship. Loves warm South Carolina beaches, and fishing for fun. #8025

BE DISAPPOINTED IF... You're looking for an attractive, sensitive, very attractive, multi-degreed, 49, with a twinkle in her eye and rollerblades on her feet. Seeking intelligent, fit, 40-50, physical fitness important. #7821

SPECIAL LADY. Attractive, DJF, 5'9", 130 lbs, black hair, sexy eyes, seeks tall WM, 45+, to share, fun, romance, and adventure. In rewording LTR. Serious only reply. #8033

SOULMATE. WHERE ARE YOU? SWF, mid-40s, dark hair/eyes, seeks outgoing, fun



FRIDAY

Comedian Bernie Mac performs 7:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$35 and \$27.50, (248) 433-1515.

SATURDAY

Fisher Theatre presents "Les Miserables," 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the Fisher Theatre in the Fisher Building, Detroit. Tickets \$15-\$58, (248) 645-6666.

SUNDAY

Last chance to see Dein Perry's Tap Dogs at Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. Curtain 7 p.m., tickets \$32.50 and \$22.50, (248) 645-6666.



Hot Tix: Detroit blues, R&B and soul singer Thornetta Davis and her Sharecroppers of Soul are on this year's lineup for the Anti-Freeze Blues Festival at the Magic Bag in Ferndale Friday, Jan. 2-Saturday, call (248) 544-3030.

## Mud puppy sings the blues with Buddy Guy

**Who:** Mudpuppy  
**What:** Performs in support of its sophomore effort "White Bread and Hot Sauce"  
**When:** 10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24  
**Where:** Fifth Avenue Billiards, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak  
**How:** The show is free and open to those 21 and older. For more information, call (248) 542-9922.  
Mudpuppy also performs at 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, as part of a book signing party for "MusicHound R&B: The Essential Album Guide" at Borders Books and Music, 43075 Crescent Boulevard, Novi. The show is free. (248) 347-0810.  
Besides "White Bread and Hot Sauce" and "Mudpuppy," the band also appears on the Detroit blues compilation "Uncut Detroit: Live Blues in the Night" with its cover of "Use Me." Proceeds from the CD sales benefit Henry Ford Community College's student-operated radio station WHFR (89.3 FM).  
For more information about Mudpuppy, call Venture Records at (313) 438-2700.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO  
STAFF WRITER

Paul Randolph has been waiting for his next gig most of his 30-plus years. He's been perfecting his voice and honing his skills at the bass and various other instruments since as long as he can remember. He and his band Mudpuppy have "paid their dues" and become one of the most visible and well-known groups in the Detroit area.

And it will all come to fruition Saturday, Jan. 10, when Mudpuppy does what most blues musicians would kill to do—open for Buddy Guy at his Chicago club Legends.

"I'm as ready for that as I will ever be. I've been preparing for these moments all my life," Randolph, a 1981 Southfield High School graduate, said with a big grin.

"You work hard at what you do and you try to stay on top of everything. It's not like I'm unprepared. ... It's a great opportunity to play in a city that really appreciates the blues."

Mudpuppy fans looking for a little adventure, can call Legends, 754 S. Wabash Ave., Chicago, at (312) 427-0333 for more information about the show.

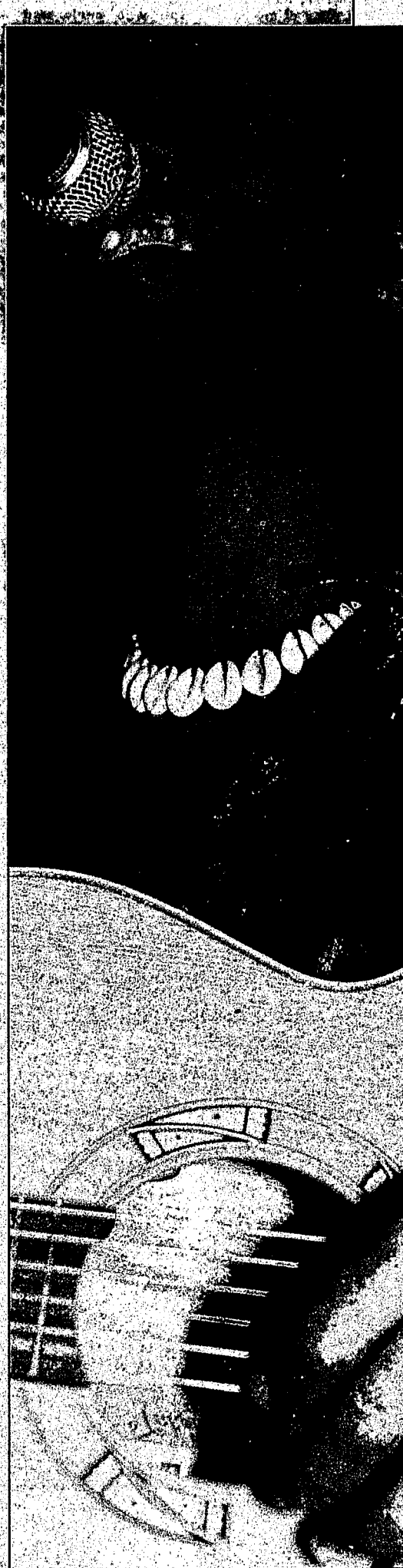
Mudpuppy earned the chance to open for Guy after winning the

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PHOTO BY JERRY MENDOZA

Homecoming concert: (Above) Mudpuppy opens for Buddy Guy at his nightclub Legends in Chicago this weekend. The band returns to town to play Fifth Avenue Billiards in Royal Oak at 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 24. (Right) Mudpuppy singer Paul Randolph, a former Southfield resident, said his music was influenced by a stay in Brazil.



## Musician's gotta thing for swing

"It don't mean a thing, if it ain't got that swing."

— Duke Ellington

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

Jon-Erik Kellso, 33, had pretty much the same idea when he was growing up in Allen Park.

The cornet/trumpet player admits his interest in swing was "strange" for a kid.

"I started playing when I was 10 years old in school and was primarily interested in the older style jazz," Kellso said by telephone from his home in New York City. "My parents had this collection of records from the swing era—Benny Goodman, Count Basie, Harry James."

But Kellso wasn't alone in his interest. Schoolmate Mike Karoub, a cellist and bass player, was also interested in the music of the 1930s and '40s.

"We were pretty ambitious kids," Kellso said. "He's a year older than me. He put together a big band, and here we were junior high kids playing the swing classics."

Kellso and Karoub will be together again, joined by pianist James Dapogny 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 3, at the Birmingham Borders, 34300 Woodward Ave., to promote Kellso's new CD of small combo swing "Chapter 2: The Plot Thickens" on the Arbors Jazz label. On Sunday the trio will be joined by bass player Paul Keller at 4 p.m. at Ann Arbor's Schoolkids Records, 523 East Liberty.

Kellso and Karoub performed in the International Youth Symphony and as they grew up they began playing in small combos, swing bands and dixieland groups around Detroit. Karoub still lives in metro Detroit.

Kellso played with some of the best jazz players in Detroit and moved from Hamtramck to New York in 1989 when he got an offer to play with Vince Giordano's Nighthawks.

"I had fallen in love with New York and thought in the back of my mind to give it a shot. This way I didn't have to go there as a starving artist," he said. "I've been very happy. It's an exciting place, a lot going on with great musicians and history."

Kellso has been a popular sideman with many groups and has played with some of the biggest names in the business (veteran jazz bassist Milt Hinton played on his Kellso's CD as a leader). He also finds himself in the middle of a swing revival, especially among young musicians and listeners.

"I personally like a lot of styles of music, I'm not close-minded about it," he said. "The things I love about this music are what I love about others kinds of music. It has a great beat, it was originally designed to be

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## FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

# Rodeo rides into town with 'World's Toughest Bulls & Broncs'

### The New Dodge World's Toughest Bulls & Broncs Championship Rodeo

When: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 3, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 4.  
Where: Joe Louis Arena, 800 Civic Center Drive, Detroit.  
Tickets: \$18, \$15, \$12 and \$10 available at the Joe Louis Arena and Fox Theatre box offices, and all Ticketmaster outlets, call (248) 645-6666. For more information, call (313) 983-8606, for 24-hour information on accessible seating and special needs call (313) 396-7902.

#### Highlights:

• Ty Herndon presents a concert after the conclusion of the rodeo Saturday night. Free with the purchase of a Saturday night rodeo ticket.  
• Children ages 12 and under get 1/2 price tickets and free pony rides on Sunday.

#### Looking Ahead:

When: Jan. 10 from World Championship Rodeo  
When: Jan. 11 Friday and Saturday, Feb. 20-21; 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22.  
Where: Palace of Auburn Hills  
Tickets: \$28, \$24 and \$20 reserved. All seats open to the public. \$10. Children 12 and under and children 12 and under will receive \$2 off \$14 and \$2 off \$20 tickets on Sunday, Feb. 22. Kids under 10 years of age admitted free. Call (248) 645-6666. Group of 10 or more call (248) 377-0400.

BY KEELY WYGONIK  
STAFF WRITER

"Mamas don't let your babies grow up to be cowboys, let 'em be doctors 'n' lawyers 'n' such," goes the famous song by Willie Nelson, but if given the chance, a lot of us would jump at the chance.

"Not everyone can put their foot in the stirrup and ride off into the sunset, but you can ride off in your pickup truck," said Steve Gander, president and executive producer of the "The New Dodge World's Toughest Bulls & Broncs Championship Rodeo" riding into Joe Louis Arena Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 3-4.

"We use a lot of pageantry in our rodeo," said Gander whose company is celebrating its 20th year. "Our sound effects are unique. We use '2001 Space

Odyssey' and a lot of rock while the action is going on."

The athletes will be joined by the world's smallest cowboy, Whiplash (a five-pound Capuchin monkey) who saddles up on his "horse," a Border Collie, and rounds up wild Barbado sheep.

"The key is to get the dog to accept the monkey," said Gander. "Whiplash is almost human. Sometimes he gets mad and throws dirt at the audience, or he waves at them."

Ty Herndon will present a free concert immediately after the rodeo Saturday, Jan. 3, and perform his hits including "I Have To Surrender."

Fans will see four pro teams (consisting of nine athletes per team) competing in bareback riding, saddle bronc riding, bull

riding and barrel racing. There is no calf roping or steer wrestling.

Each performance has a winning team and individual event winners. The top two scoring contestants in each event will return for a winner-take-all "let 'er rip" championship round. Cowboys and cowgirls will compete for \$25,000-\$30,000 in prize money.

All the action is captured on a huge screen so fans can see instant replays of the action.

"Rodeo is the original extreme sport," said Gander. "When it's played back in slow motion you can see the power of the athletes and animals. You can see their muscles rip and when they turn direction in mid-air. We aim a

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Cowboy fun: Barrel Racing is just one of the events you'll see at the New Dodge World's Toughest Bulls & Broncs Championship Rodeo.

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"best band" prize at the Novi U.S.A./Windsor, Canada International Blues Festival in July.

Randolph said the gig is going to be cool because we're trying to branch out. We're going to start doing some traveling.

The out-of-town shows are in support of its sophomore effort "White Bread and Hot Sauce" (Venture Records) which was released in November.

## Foreign upbringing

Born in Philadelphia, Randolph moved with his family to Brazil while he was in junior high school.

"It was a major influence on my playing. It seemed like in Brazil everybody played an

instrument. All my friends, everybody I knew who was a native, all played music," Randolph explained.

"That was great for me because my earliest memories were of music. Both of my parents are musically inclined."

His father plays the classical guitar while his mother is a singer and an artist.

"All that had an influence on me. When I went to another country, it was like 'boom.'"

Three years later his family moved back to the Detroit area settling in Southfield. His first year at Southfield High School Randolph decided he would concentrate on the bass.

The release of "White Bread

and Hot Sauce" some 20 years later marked a turning point in his musical career, he said.

"This album was really important. I went back to the guitar to start writing again," said Randolph who performed with Urban Voodoo Juice and Josh White Jr. before forming Mudpuppy.

He began working on "White Bread and Hot Sauce" one week after Mudpuppy was finished recording its self-titled debut. When it came time to record, Randolph culled the songs from "tapes upon tapes upon tapes" of material that he had written.

He describes the album as "far more radio friendly" than the debut by Mudpuppy which also includes Mark Pasman on guitars and mandolins, Lorenzo "Spoons" Brown on vocals and percussion, Darryl Pierce on vocals and drums, and Mark Thibodeau on vocals, piano, organ and keyboards.

"And that's not in a negative way."

Framed by the stripped down "Mudpuppy Part I" and "Mudpuppy Part II," "White Bread and Hot Sauce" includes dashes of blues, soul, jazz, Cajun and

pop music.

On the album Randolph grows his way through covers of "Simply Beautiful," "Goin' Back to New Orleans," and "Bloodshot Eyes" while showcasing his and his band's ability to write hook-laden songs.

The stand-out track, "Beads," written by Randolph, features the author's smooth vocals wrapped around the twinkling of an xylophone and an acoustic guitar. It tells the story of a visit to a voodoo house.

"I went down to the voodoo house ... stood there for awhile and she wasn't there. So I went next door to her sister's house ... she said stand there by the corner baby and wait for a spell and shout out, 'Hey there mister, throw some beads over here,'" Randolph sings.

Also among the covers on "White Bread and Hot Sauce" is the Rolling Stones' "Brown Sugar."

"I knew I wanted to have a strong cover song. I wanted to do this old Rufus and Chaka Khan song, but I thought that's a little too R&B. One day it hit me, maybe I'd do a Stones song. I

was meeting that night with George Bednar (the band's promotions and publicity person) and he suggested 'Brown Sugar.' I told him, 'I was gonna ask you about that. It's one of my favorite songs.'"

Later that weekend, two people requested the song.

"It was divine intervention. I wasn't gonna question it."

Some of the lyrics on "Brown Sugar," however, have been rewritten to make them a little more "politically correct."

"I didn't know the original lyrics until Mark (Pasman) was nice enough to give them to me. Most of the parts I changed, I couldn't understand what he was saying anyway," Randolph said with a laugh.

As for the album's title and song "White Bread and Hot Sauce," it's an ode to the eating habits of drummer/vocalist Pierce.

"We were the warm-up and back-up band to a lot of the blues acts who came to the Holly Hotel. Every time we played, Darryl would go into the kitchen and get white bread and hot sauce. At the gig we started

chanting 'white bread and hot sauce' so we decided to create a song around it," Randolph said.

The band took it a step further and is selling special Louisiana-style Mudpuppy hot sauce at its shows.

"It was just George being George," Randolph said of Bednar's idea. "I owe so much to George. He stuck with us and poured a lot of time and enthusiasm into the band."

Other new merchandise includes T-shirts and Mudpuppy dog tags.

Mudpuppy has already begun work on its third CD, but its biggest goal for 1998 is its "distribution and getting out there and touring and playing and working all those avenues."

"There are people who really want us to come and play in Philadelphia, New York and Chicago. We're hoping to go to Europe next."

The Montreaux Festival in Montreal and the New Orleans Jazz and Blues Festival may be on this summer's agenda.

"We're trying to get really cool things like that."

Opening for Buddy Guy is a pretty good start.

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dance music. It has great melodies. And a lot of the songs are timeless songs by great composers like Gershwin, as meaningful today as then."

Kelloso said the opportunities for creative improvisation and interplay among musicians are as viable today as ever.

"With my group, I try to keep it fresh while still being faithful and respectful to the tradition."

Kelloso's two CDs as a group leader on Arbors Jazz are superb examples of just how fresh swing can be when played by young musicians with new concepts. The CDs combine classic jazz

standards and original Kelloso pieces. The most represented composer is swing master Duke Ellington.

"I'm a big Ellington fan as a composer, piano player and band leader," Kelloso said. "And he had this great tradition of having wonderful trumpet players — Cootie Williams, Rex Stewart and Bubba Miley. I like to pay homage to them and interject my own perspective."

Kelloso's playing is crisp and authoritative, but he can also handle a blues growl and even, sometimes, approach the whisper of a Miles Davis. But his first

trumpet hero was discovered in his father's stack of old records.

"The first one I was interested in was Harry James, my father had a lot of Harry James' records," he said.

Kelloso said he also started listening to Bunny Berrigan, Louis Armstrong and the great Ellington players. He said he also likes many of the bebop and post bop players like Clifford Brown and Freddy Hubbard.

But when he plays, the emphasis is on swing and the ranks of swing players has been increasing.

"I feel in my experience there

have always been young players who are interested in playing this music, swing, traditional, whatever you want to call it. There is a trend in the last couple years that there is a lot more, especially Jump Swing and dance clubs," he said.

The small groups playing here will be a stripped down version of the band on the CD, which includes saxes, clarinets, percussion and an eerie theremin. The group will be performing such standards as "Three Little Words," "Creole Love Call" and an unsentimental "When I Grow Too Old To Dream."

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camera down the bucking shoot as they're getting ready to ride."

Gander said the rodeo experience is a little different for everyone. "Someone from the city thinks of wide open spaces. A lot of people like the animals."

You might think the animals get upset by all that bucking, but rodeos are not bullfights. "Nobody cares more about these animals than we do," said Gander. "We're not going to abuse them. We work with them, and live with them."

The rodeo travels with 50 bucking horses, 30 bulls, and 30 barrel horses. There are 48 contestants, 3/4 of the men, the rest women.

While things might get a little

rough and tumble in the ring, you'll hear no language from cowboys and cowgirls even if they disagree with the judges.

"You've got to like a cowboy," said Gander. "It's always 'yes mam' and 'no mam.' We live by the Code of the West — we do an honest day's work, and our rules do not permit us to disagree with the judges, or throw a fit in the arena."

Last year more than 46 million people bought tickets to the rodeo making it the third biggest sport in terms of tickets sold. It's the only professional sport that grew from an industry — cattle ranching. Calf roping and saddle bronc riding grew out of everyday activities on the range, and

other events developed as pastimes.

Gander grew up on a farm in northeast Iowa, and was 15 when he went to his first rodeo. "On my way home I said that's what I wanted to be, a rodeo cowboy. There's an easier way to make a living, but I enjoy the people, they're good, down-to-earth people, and I like animals," he said.

When he's not on the road with the rodeo, Gander raises bucking horses. "I'm trying help save the bloodline," he said. "They spent over 100 years breeding the buck out them."

As for the rodeo itself, Gander

said "it's a good family type deal. One of the great moments for me was when a lady came up to me in Cleveland a couple of years ago. She told me how much she enjoyed the rodeo, and said it was the first time her kids ever sat still through an entire show. That's pretty good when you can satisfy kids."

## COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, Jan. 2

**"WAG THE DOG"**  
Exclusively at the Star Southfield, Political satire about a presidential adviser and a Hollywood producer who radically diverts the attention from the president after he is caught in a sex scandal. Stars Robert DeNiro, Dustin Hoffman.

Scheduled to open Friday, Jan. 9

**"THE BOXER"**  
Drama set in Belfast where a professional boxer returns to the ring after completing a 13-year jail sentence. Stars Daniel Day-Lewis, Emily Watson.

**"WELCOME TO SARAJEVO"**  
Enter into the world of the International press corps — a group of war correspondents, some jaded, some still innocent, covering the news in one of the most dangerous places on Earth. Stars Woody Harrelson, Marisa Tomei.

**"DESPERATE MEASURES"**  
Suspense thriller about a San Francisco police officer's frantic search for a compatible bone marrow donor for his gravely ill son. The catch is the only such donor turns out to be a convicted murderer who sees this as an opportunity. When he escapes, the hospital becomes a battleground, and the cop must pursue and protect the fugitive who is his son's only hope for survival. Stars Michael Keaton, Andy Garcia.

**"FIRESTORM"**  
A smoke jumper goes in to fight a forest fire and inadvertently exposes a gang of escaped convicts posing as firefighters using the fire to cover their flight. With few tools and no backup he must outwit a killer and save an innocent hostage. Stars Howie Long.

Scheduled to open Friday, Jan. 16

**"FALLEN"**  
A pair of Chicago detectives apprehend a serial killer. However, after the killer is convicted and executed, a new series of killings takes place in the late killer's peculiar style with clues that seem to implicate one of the detectives. In an effort to solve the mystery, the detective teams up with the mystic, the detective's former partner, who is now a detective. Stars Denzel Washington, John Goodman, Doris Roberts.

Scheduled to open Friday, Jan. 30

**"LITTLE BOAT"**  
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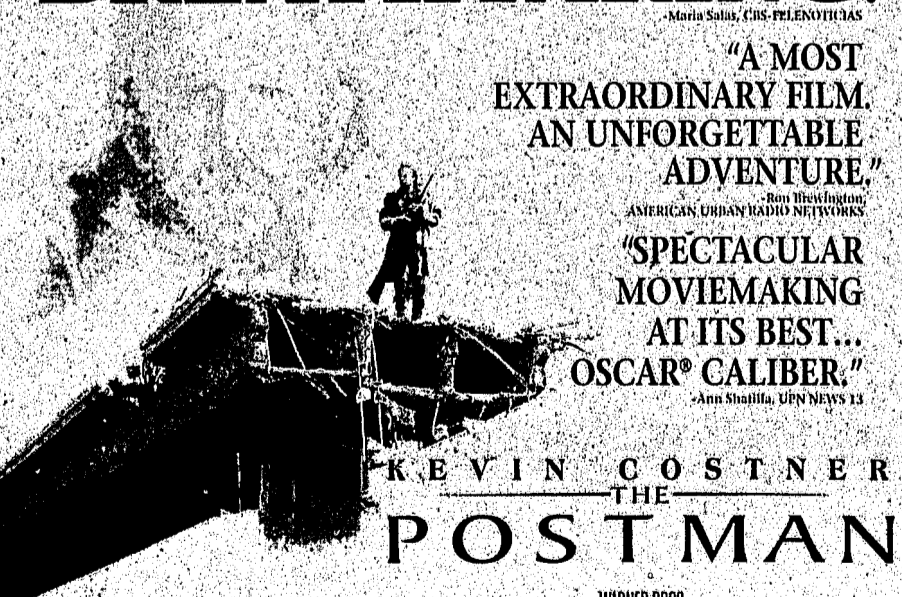
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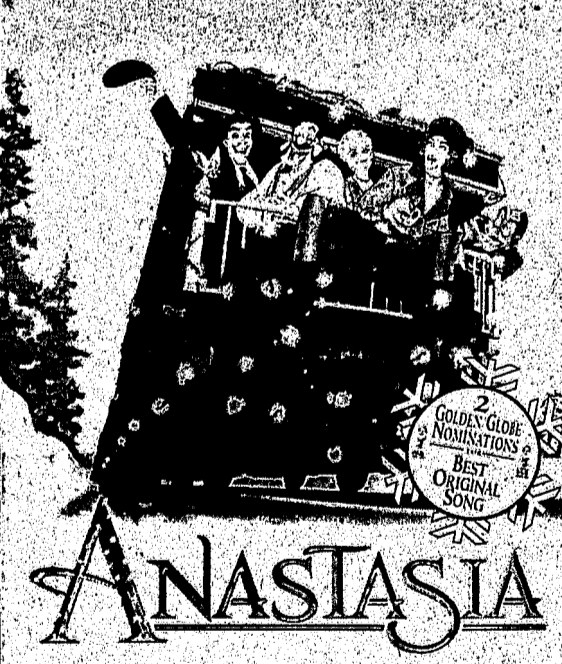


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## MOVIES

## Epic 'Titanic' leads list of this year's best movies

BY JOHN MONAGHAN  
SPECIAL WRITER

The best movies of 1997 came in all shapes and sizes, from the gargantuan \$200 million "Titanic" to the intricate, low-budget beekeeper saga "Ulee's Gold."

Though it was easy work finding 10 films to single out, the list is short (in fact nonexistent) when it comes to quality movies from overseas.

This year's list, in no particular order (except for the first):

■ **"Titanic"** — Who would have thought that the year's best film would be a disaster movie? Director James Cameron held his epic back from its original summer release to get all the details right in the 1912 disaster, which is vividly recreated here, with a delightful (if unabashedly sappy) love story to make the tragedy personal. Don't be surprised when it cops the Oscar.

■ **"Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery"** — Mike Myers' dead-on James Bond spoof was so funny it was the only movie this year I went back to see twice. Actually it was more like two-and-a-quarter, when you count the time I snuck out of some turkey I was supposed to be reviewing just to see Austin use "cross mojonation" to take down the deadly Fem-Bots in the theater next door.

■ **"When We Were Kings"** — I know it won the documentary Oscar last year, but Detroit did-



Escaping: Kate Winslett (Rose) and Jack Dawson (Leonardo DiCaprio) in the flooded first class reception section of the Titanic are swept up in water as the ship sinks in "Titanic."

n't get it until February. The eye-opening account of the Muhammad Ali-George Foreman 1974 "Rumble in the Jungle" proved a revelation for those (like myself) who have only known Ali since his "The Greatest" days. He was by far the most captivating personality on screen last year.

■ **"The Sweet Hereafter"** — Canadian Atom Egoyan has built a career out of intense (often pretentious) family melodrama. This time he gets it right when a town tries to come to

grips with a school bus accident that claims virtually all of its children. Ian Holm plays the attorney who arrives with the promise that justice will be served.

■ **"Face/Off"** — After the disappointing "Broken Arrow," Hong Kong expatriate John Woo hit his stride. I don't know what was more fun: the mind-blowing action scenes (one after another) or the way John Travolta and Nicolas Cage played off of each other's personas.

■ **"Boogie Nights"** — I can't tell

you how many arguments I've gotten into over this one. First off, the movie isn't necessarily about the porno industry as much as about lost souls searching for something that resembles a family. Sure it drags a bit in the second half, but this first major work by 26-year-old Paul Thomas Anderson contains some of the most alive and audacious moviemaking since "Pulp Fiction."

■ **"Everyone Says I Love You"** and **"Deconstructing Harry"** — Any year with two Woody's isn't all bad. The first took the movies' favorite neurotic New Yorker to Europe, where he wooed Julia Roberts (and even sang, along with equally off-key co-stars Alan Alda, Goldie Hawn and Tim Roth). The second showed Allen's nastier side in the story of a self-obsessed short story writer who irritates friends and lovers by putting their intimate details into his fiction. Both showed Allen at the top of his form.

■ **"Lost Highway"** — David Lynch, after lying fallow since "Twin Peaks," came back with a vengeance in this intentionally perplexing thriller. The two interwoven stories rarely make sense, but his "noir" camera work, settings, and grotesque performances (especially a devilish Robert Blake) were unsettling in the same ways that made "Blue Velvet" the best movie of the '80s.

■ **"Ulee's Gold"** — Comeback-of-the-year stories abounded after Peter Fonda's depiction of a Florida beekeeper reluctantly caught up in his son's dirty business. Victor Nunez let the story unfold gradually, giving Fonda his chance to deliver the one performance that might rank with his famous father.

■ **"Kissed"** — The year's most tasteful movie about necrophilia came from Canada. Here a young mortuary science student gets intimate with the corpses, but (maybe because it was directed by a woman), the movie is rarely gratuitous. This is the other one I got in a lot of arguments about, but also the one

movie of the year (next to "Austin Powers") that deserves a cult following.

Movies I also liked: "L.A. Confidential," "My Best Friend's Wedding," "The Edge," "She's So Lovely," "Irma Vep," "The Daytrippers," "The Full Monty," "George of the Jungle," "Career Girls," "Seven Years in Tibet," "Copland," "In the Company of Men," "Camera: Guardian of the Universe."

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## Detroit art scene completes good year

## BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

back to the business of enduring a long, cold, gray-Michigan winter. Oddly, it's kind of a relief, isn't it?

Just as everybody's schedule gets knocked off kilter by the holidays, so has *Backstage Pass* been preempted by special programming for the last few weeks on Detroit Public Television. With no shows to preview, we've seized the opportunity to check in with our expert contributors to get year-end reviews of the theater, classical music and film

scenes in Detroit, as well as previews for 1998. We hadn't yet checked in with our Art Department, so rather than beefing up my life indemnity policy, I called *Backstage Pass* host and Curator of Education at Cranbrook Art Museum David Rau.

David looked back on a year filled with strong events, but I forced him to choose just a few favorites. "One of the highlights of the year was Cranbrook's 'Being In Time' video exhibition." Great choice. For one of our first-ever art segments, I visited Cranbrook to get a personal tour of the show from David. What a revelation of the power of projected, moving images to work not just as cinema, but in a sense as more traditional visual art in presentation and composition. Interacting with the movement and sound in those pieces truly created haunting moments that I've still not forgotten.

David said that 'Being In Time' was coming out of sorts for the Cranbrook Art Museum. "Not

only did it announce Cranbrook's attitude of wanting to be a forum of contemporary art, but the enthusiasm of the public told us that's what they want. With that in mind, we've actually scheduled another video installation by Bill Viola for '98." I can't wait.

The year at the Detroit Institute of Arts impressed everyone in the art community, and David was no exception. "The DIA has announced its renaissance of sorts with a blockbuster 'Splendors of Ancient Egypt,' which surpassed everyone's expectations."

Of course, the biggest chunk of any art scene takes place outside the rarefied air of a museum. Artists tough it out on the battlefield of commerce in the trenches of the galleries. David reports that local artists and galleries has a fine year. "The gallery scene — from Ferndale and Royal Oak to Birmingham and Pontiac — has been thriving with great

work by Gina Ferrari to Beth Kattleman to Magdalena Abakanovich to John Parker Glick, to name only a few great and innovative artists showing in Detroit."

Finally, David has a seasonally appropriate suggestion as we embark on 1998. "Resolution: See more Art! And if the spirit moves you, buy. If everyone bought a work of art this year, the art market would do very well."

Anyway, now that we've gotten reviews and previews from our contributors, it's time to get to the business of launching our second calendar year of *Backstage Pass* on Detroit Public Television. For the new year, we're moving to a new time slot, Thursday at midnight with a rebroadcast on Friday at 7:30 p.m. We have a nice chunk of shows before our next break, so you can get in the habit tuning us in.

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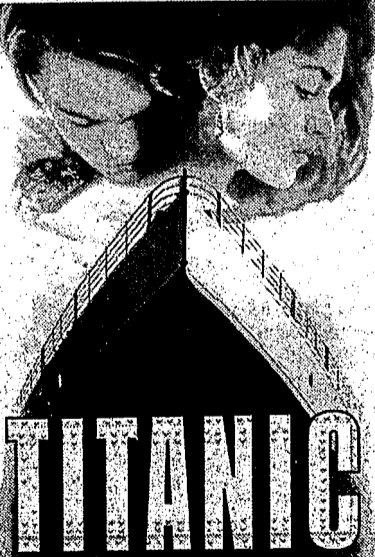
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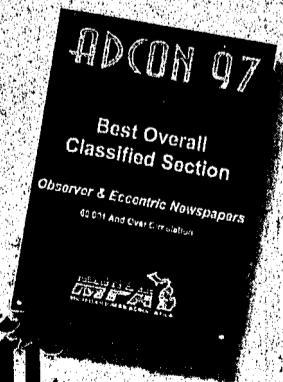
However, the picture session got a little out of hand.

Everyone wanted to wave an award in the air.

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focus on photography

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A wide-angle lens will alter depth-of-field and perspective and give you a picture quite unlike what a normal or telephoto will produce. It's a lens that "sees" more, taking in a wider expanse than other lenses.

There are several advantages to the wide-angle lens. First is the increase in depth-of-field, the range of sharpness realized in the final print.

A moderate wide-angle lens such as 28mm at an aperture of f/8 will produce a depth-of-field from five feet to infinity. In contrast, a normal 50mm lens, properly focused, will give you a depth-of-field of 20 feet to infinity. This means that with the wide-angle lens more of what you see in the viewfinder will be sharp and in focus.

Going even wider, a 17mm lens (super wide-angle) at f/16 will produce an astounding depth-of-field of one foot to infinity. This means that if lighting conditions enable you to shoot at f/16, you never have to focus the camera as

long as you are at least one foot from the subject!

Second, you can get by with much slower shutter speeds with a wide-angle lens, a nice advantage when light is limited.

The "rule" is that a lens can be hand-held at the shutter speed closest to its focal length. Therefore a 28mm lens can be safely hand-held at 1/30 second and a 17mm lens at 1/15 second. With slow speed films, low level light and a desire to maximize depth-of-field, this can be quite an advantage.

Many photographers ask about distortion, the bending of light rays characteristic of wide-angle lenses. Buildings will begin to "lean" and some subjects may begin to look unreal.

But the inherent distortion of wide-angle lenses can be turned into one of your biggest advantages. Selective distortion can be a plus. Strength, drama and impact can be added to your photographs through proper use of distortion.

Creatively used, distortion can emphasize certain parts of a picture and give a photograph an artistic quality no other lens can produce. Sweeping foregrounds and bold subject framing are easily attainable. And you can deliberately exploit the wide-angle lens' tendency to exaggerate the size of close objects at the expense of distant ones.

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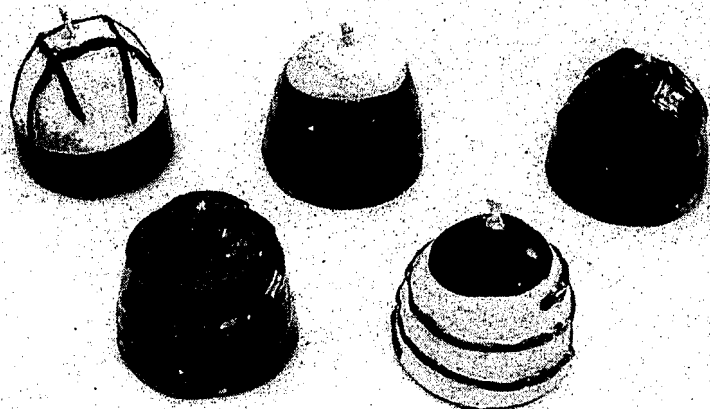
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### On the wild side

**Jungle fever:** Bring a little spice to your table with Penzo Zimbabwe exotic animal ceramicware, available at Jacobson's. Each piece is produced, handpainted and signed by men and women of Zimbabwe who have risen above the challenge of physical handicaps to create one-of-a-kind works of art. The colorful collection includes a zebra motif dinner plate for \$65, flamingo-inspired cup and saucer for \$38, and animals of the jungle motif teapot for \$124. A portion of the proceeds from the Penzo collection will benefit local wildlife conservation efforts, such as the Chipangali Wildlife Orphanage and the Black Rhino Conservation Fund.



## garden spot

# New year is full of new wonders



MARTY FIGLEY

Peace, love and happiness in this New 1998 to you all! Today we will concentrate on what's new in gardening for this year.

You might think there's a patriot in your garden if you grow the colorful

All-America Selections vegetable winner, Swiss Chard "Bright Lights."

Petioles or stems can be yellow, gold, orange, pink, crimson, lavender or purple and many shades in between. These colors, which appear early, can be a guide if you wish to transplant for color harmony. A long harvest period is possible and the stems retain their color when microwaved for one to two minutes.

Lemon-Basil "Sweet Dani" is an herb with light green leaves and a distinct lemon flavor. Several harvests are possi-

ble. Remember POF - ABB: Pinch Off Flowers - Avoid Bitter Basil.

Two flowers are also 1998 AAS winners. Petunia "Prism Sunshine" will be remembered for its pure yellow, grandiflora blooms that won't fade or change color when grown in the sun; its preferred location. Impatiens "Victorian Rose" grows best in semi-shade with semi-double or double flowers that don't need to be deadheaded or pinched. It will do splendidly in a container or hanging basket.

If summer-flowering bulbs are in your plans, order The Daffodil Mart's 1998 catalog, which offers 46 new varieties of Cannas, Tulips, Lilies and more. Call (800) 255-2852 or write 30 Irene St., Torrington, Conn. 06790.

### Roses

All-America Rose Selections Inc. announces its '98 winners.

"Fame!" is a deep pink grandiflora, with lightly scented, 4-1/2-inch flowers.

Two are hybrid teas: "Opening Night," a gorgeous red with long-lived

blooms, and "Sunset Celebration," which colors according to its location - apricot burnished with cream or amber-orange blushed with pink, or sometimes warm peach.

Finally, an ever-blooming shrub rose, "First Light," a compact, rounded rose with light pink flowers with purple stamens. All will be show stoppers in the garden.

The Perennial Plant Association has chosen *Echium purpureum* "Magnus" as its Plant of the Year. This American native Purple Coneflower is outstanding in the garden, easy to grow and perfect as a specimen plant. Find a sunny spot for this beauty.

Another perennial, Monarda "Pette Delight," a first in a series from Bailey Nurseries Inc., will be available this coming season. This sun lover blooms with lavender-rose flowers with dark green, mildew-resistant foliage. Its small stature of 12 to 15 inches will be quite versatile in any garden.

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Marty Figley is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. You can leave her a message by dialing (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then her mailbox number, 1859. Her fax number is (248) 644-1314.

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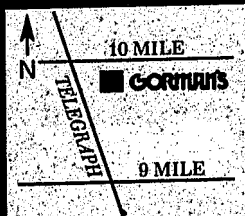
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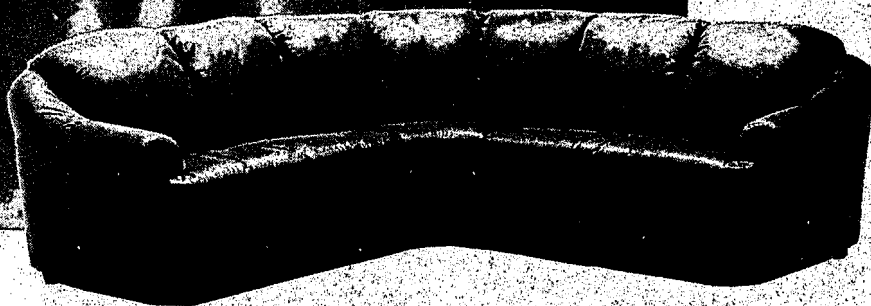
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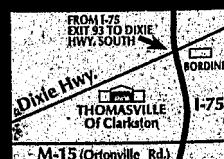
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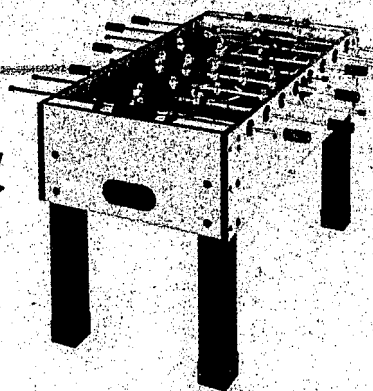
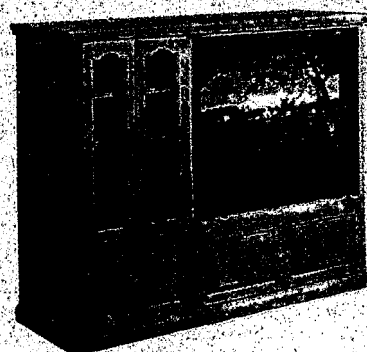
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# Cover bathroom with special style

BY MARY KLEMIC  
At Home Editor

The bathroom can be as stylish as any other room in a residence.

Function doesn't have to displace fashion. Aggravations can be resolved in attractive alternatives.

The Hanson family of White Lake lives in a house built about 40 years ago.

"It used to be a constant source of irritation," Bill Hanson said of the house's small bathroom that had been in the original drab green from when the residence was built. "It was an eyesore and had all these problems. Now I don't have to think about it at all."

The solution was Re-Bath, a process that places an acrylic bathtub liner and/or wall surround over the old surfaces and mildew with a vacuum seal. It is done in one day, costs about one-third the amount of remodeling, reglazing or refinishing, and lasts permanently.

The Hansons had a tub liner put in about 1990, and a liner over the peeling ceiling about a year later. They went to Bathtub Liners of Michigan, 1080 E. Maple in Troy.

Bathtub Liners of Michigan custom manufactures the liners and surround systems, which carry a lifetime guarantee. They take 1-1/2 to two hours to install, which doesn't disturb walls,

flooring or plumbing.

"Four hours after we're done it can be used," said Tim Morrell, sales director.

The Koppens of Commerce Township had the company do two bathrooms. They had a tub and wall surround placed about seven years ago in one, and lining on the ceiling and walls of the other.

"I love it," Dawn Koppen said. "It holds up."

"They came in, did the (work) and were out in one day."

Bathtub Liners of Michigan, the top dealer in the United States, installs the linings in any style residence. It has placed more than 15,000 bathrooms and bathtubs in its 10 years in Michigan, in sites that include a 120-year-old house.

"Typically we ... find ourselves in homes that are 20-25 years old or older where the home owners realize that their bathroom is the only room in the house not updated, primarily as a result of limited options and expense," Morrell said.

The linings and surrounds come in more than 800 different styles, including smooth finish, simulated tile and simulated marble. The present decor of a bathroom can be matched.

Surfaces won't crack, peel, chip, dent, rust or mildew, and don't have to be grouted. They are washed with liquid, non-abrasive cleaners.

"It's easy to take care of," Morrell said.

Another way to spruce up the bathroom is by using designer tiles.

John Dalpiaz, store manager at the Val-Tile Floor Store, 42146 Ford in Canton, said that large decorative tiles, six to eight inches and resembling stone, are replacing the older style, smaller tiles.

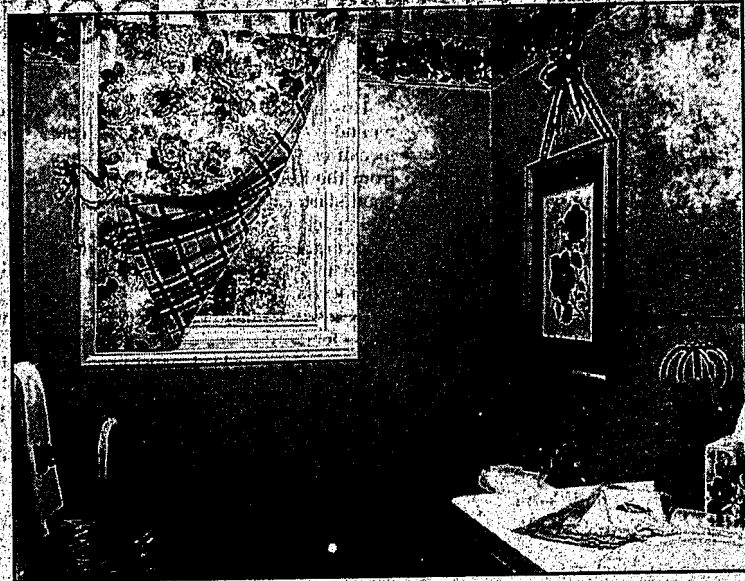
"Everybody goes to neutral colors on the walls," he said.

"They're the original 'No-wax, Forever' surface."

Marbelite, resembling cultured marble, is a popular selection at KSI

## On the cover:

Satin rope tassels placed over hanging towels and onto curtains add romance and drama to the bathroom, Target home decor consultant Debra Fritz suggests.



**New looks:** The Re-Bath process covers up old surfaces; an almond shower base liner and Ivory marble wall surround are shown in the photo below left. Bedroom sheets (above photo) make creative curtains for the bathroom.

Kitchen and Bath Showrooms, said Todd Sloan, showroom manager.

It can be easy to give a bathroom a new look as far as decor goes. Debra Fritz, home decor consultant for Target stores, suggests using mirrors, baskets and shelves to make a small bathroom look larger or free up space.

■ For example, put one large mirror, or a grouping of mirrors, on a wall. Store such items as towels, toiletries and trinkets in baskets and on shelves.

Another tip from Fritz is to create a vignette with towels.

■ Tie a towel upside down and attach it over the rod with a wire. Put rolled towels inside the upside-down towel, stuff a couple of washcloths in the top and add a silk flower over the wire.

■ Layer towels with multicolors. Place three different sizes of towels on top of each other.

What about the toilet tank space?

■ Fill bottles of any shape, color and size with colored water, small seashells or bath beads and put them on the space, Fritz said. Other good space fillers are baskets filled with potpourri, soaps or small finger towels.

Other ideas from Fritz:

Try stencils and cartoon- or movie-themed coordinates in a child's bathroom, and use gold-framed art with black towels for a dramatic look in the master bath. Make curtains from bedroom sheets. Place satin rope tassels over hanging towels and onto curtains. Plants and candles also help with designs.



**Colorful:** A child's bathroom can be decorated in a lively way, Target home decor consultant Debra Fritz says.

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# Good defense best to fight colds



LISA LUCKOW-HEALY

Since welcoming the new year, you and your family may be experiencing weary cries of holiday burnout from too many commitments and too little restraint.

You may have already found out the hard way that your overactive social calendar has taken its toll on your family's health and well-being.

If it hasn't, you are lucky. Take stock in your family's good health now by putting up a good cold defense. It is generally the best offense. Now is the time to remind your family how to keep the cold and flu bug at bay.

Germs are generally spread to your children through close contact in school when youngsters share school supplies and work areas, or come in close contact playing or using drinking fountains and other school community property.

This time of year is a good time to remind your family of preventative cold measures. If your family is run down from the holidays, you aren't off to a good start. Likewise, if you have once again packed your family schedule with an overabundance of extracurricular activities, your family may want to rethink your game plan.

Research has shown that too much stress tends to lower the immune system. Lighten your load. Most likely, no one will suffer from boredom. Make sure everyone in your household gets a good night's sleep. Talk to your family doctor about the benefits of multi-vitamins, including vitamins A and C, betacarotene and zinc, if your family isn't presently taking vitamin supplements.

Teach your family to keep things clean. Your children may tell you they already straightened their rooms, but that meaning isn't the same as keeping yourself clean from colds. Explain that it is important to wash hands before eating. In doing so, you help eliminate cold germs that would otherwise be trans-

ferred to your food and into your mouth.

Keep hands away from your eyes, nose and mouth where cold germs are easily transferred. Wash hands after you have sneezed, coughed or blown your nose. Wipe off shared objects before using them, including a telephone receiver, computer keyboard and mouse.

Help younger children understand that although it is nice to offer to share their food and drinks with friends, it should be avoided to help ward off cold germs. Explain that they can politely say no to sharing in this case without hurting feelings.

Proper hygiene is one way to help prevent the transfer of cold viruses. Another is a proper diet through good nutrition. Stress the importance of drinking plenty of fluids. Keeping the body hydrated helps keep blood volume up so cells function properly. Vitamin C is a good cold defense — one that is easily found in fruit, orange juice and other juice drinks you can serve at home or pack into school lunches.

During the cold weather months, it is also important to remind your family to dress for the outdoors.

As a child, you may remember laughing off your mother's pleas to bundle up to keep the chill out. Today, you understand Mother's advice — if you are carrying germs from a virus, getting chilled is like an open invitation to welcome in those germs.

Make sure your family dresses warmly. Hats, scarves and gloves are important additions to warm coats and sweaters. However, overdressing can cause someone to catch a chill from sweating just as easily as being underdressed for the outdoors. Remember, a good cold and flu season defense is the best offense.

Lisa Luckow-Healy is a marketing and public relations consultant who regularly contributes to several parenting publications. To share your thoughts with other readers about how you celebrate family, you can reach her from a touch-tone phone at (313) 953-2047, then her mailbox number, 1903.

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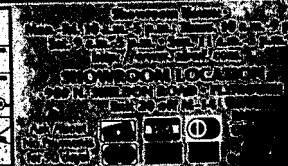
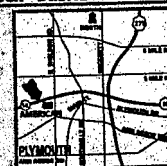
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# Appliance noise escalates in winter



JOE GAGNON

One of the most common asked questions by consumers today is in regards to the different sounds associated with a new appliance.

Maybe you've moved into a new house and you have all new appliances and a ton of questions.

Hopefully, this column will help you understand the related noises and why they occur. Please keep in mind that the winter season means closing up the house to keep the heat in and at the same time we are going to hear the volume go up on the appliance noises.

Refrigerator hums and hisses usually come from fan motors which circulate air throughout the product. Sometimes when closing a door and trapping too much air inside the product. Some of it

has to let go and it will find its own way out. A gurgling noise comes from the refrigerator boiling within the sealed system of tubing which runs throughout the product. Clicking and snapping sounds may come from the defrost timer which activates the defrost heater. The defrost system usually works at long intervals such as 6, 8 or 12 hour periods where it comes on for a period of 30 minutes.

During defrost, you may hear water slowly running into the defrost pan and the sound could remind you of nature's call. The violent sound of a defective bearing in a fan motor will bring your senses to full awareness and should not be associated with normal running.

Icemakers and water dispensers will give you noises like buzzing, thumping and trickling and even the clatter of ice falling into the bin. A rattle sound can occur from a drain pan under the refrigerator being placed improperly. High efficiency compressors use less energy

but run a lot more than you may be accustomed to. Keeping the condenser cleaned under the refrigerator is most important not only for noise levels, but for long life and reduced energy costs.

To create a picture of sounds with words is rather difficult, but I will try.

The washer could emit noises such as spraying, hissing, buzzing, clicks, gurgles, thumps, pauses, beeping. The dryer could emulate the washer and add a few new ones like ringing and ticking.

Trash compactors could be cracking, popping and banging and the you might hear them whirring and whining. Air conditioners might hiss or smack like the sound of a kiss.

A snapping, whooshing, clicking sound could come from your range or a high and low hum during self cleaning. A creaking sound may be quite normal when cooking.

Those of you who have read this far into this column might be saying that

this Appliance Doctor sure knows a lot of words to describe noises. Let me be honest, I don't. All of the words here took from a manufacturer's brochure which is sent to consumers who have noise complaint on their major appliance.

Is it any wonder that one of the biggest complaints filed by consumers about a product can be the noise level? Goodness gracious, we could write sheet music to the sounds of appliances and have a masterpiece. I wish you a good new year and a quiet one.

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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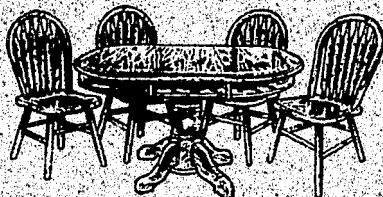


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## Local designers on PBS show

The new "decor," the PBS series that highlights the work of interior designers designing beautiful, tasteful and comfortable homes, will air its first episode featuring the "Michigan Connection" 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 3.

Dina Merrill, the host of the show, came to Michigan Design Center in Troy to film several segments including the work of local interior designers.

Saturday, the focus will be on a project of Birmingham designer Susie Leader, as she and Merrill guide viewers through a focused look at a Macomb County waterfront residence.

Leader remarks on how the great design ideas came about - first to accommodate the needs and lifestyle of the client, and also to "problem solve" any difficult ideas in a room or home.

Another segment features Kristen Catto Armstrong as she discusses the

value of, and the differences in, French and English antiques. Armstrong's home and her showroom at MDC are the backgrounds for the segment.

As more and more people search for design expertise, the "decor" episodes will offer answers to a number of design questions, allow viewers to tour America's most beautiful celebrity homes, and highlight a "room transformation" by showing how designers translate their techniques into highly functional interiors with fresh and innovative creations.

Local viewers who are seeking design expertise will want to call the "Designer On Call" program at MDC.

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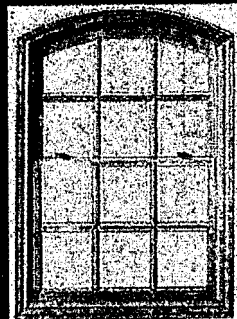
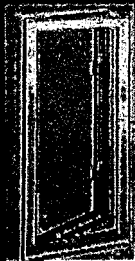
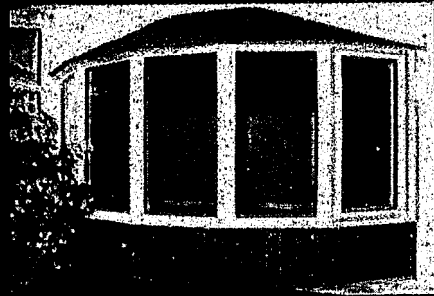
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## Title insurance stands on guard

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If the purchase of Manhattan is one of the most famous real estate transactions, it might also be one of the luckiest.

So far, no one has proven that the Native Americans didn't have the right to sell or that the Dutch settlers didn't have the right to buy. The \$24 deal has held up nicely since 1626.

Things would work differently today. Not only would the price probably be a bit higher, but Peter Minuit of the Dutch West India Company likely would want title insurance, a guarantee that the seller is, indeed, the current owner and that no one has any claims against the property.

So the seller, the Man-a-hat-a Indians, might call someone like Gregory Laporte, CEO of Detroit Title Insurance Agency, Southfield, and ask that he see to it that things turn out OK for them and Minuit.

OK is Laporte's business.

"We are the 'black box' of activities and documents 'between the end of the purchase agreement and the closing table. We perform the steps necessary for the seller and buyer to come together," Laporte said.

The first step in selling a house is to make certain that all the parties who have an interest in the property are paid and satisfied as of closing. You do a title search to produce an abstract, or history, of the property's ownership.

Such searches used to mean treks to county offices and paging through giant record books. Today, as Laporte's title company does it, about 60 processors armed with computers linked to county files can get all needed information quickly.

A search can reveal, for example, that a home seller owes money to the Internal Revenue Service and the sale won't provide enough to pay off the back taxes plus the mortgage balance plus all the costs of selling. Not good.

Both buyer and seller need to be protected from bookkeeping errors, lost records and other possible transaction hazards. Supposing the title company inadvertently miscalculates the seller's mortgage payoff balance too low, due to some misinformation is received, or suppose a legally filed claim has gotten crunched into the back of a file cabinet

and is forgotten until found years later.

A search also can assure everyone that a seller's lost relative won't show up at the closing and say, "That house was left to me! I get the dough!"

The title company must be confident about the accuracy of the information it gathers. But in case someone slips through the investigation and knocks on the door in days to come, the seller buys and gives to the buyer an insurance policy equal to sale price of the property, to pay any claims, protecting the buyer from loss of house or money.

The buyer, too, purchases a title policy, this one for the amount of the mortgage, to protect the lender.

Title insurance isn't so much about something going wrong as it is about the certainty of everything being right, said Thomas Lievois, state manager for Commonwealth Land Title Insurance, Troy.

Everything is right about 90 percent of the time, he said. When it isn't right, the money to fix it comes from the company where the title insurance originated, called the underwriter.

Usually, most of the money that changes hands at a closing does so in the form of cashier's checks. Laporte knows of a closing where the buyer showed up with a suitcase filled with \$100,000 in cash. "You take the money from them," Laporte said, "count it and go to the bank immediately."

Laporte's company issues insurance policies underwritten by First American Title Insurance Corp., Troy, which he described as the largest in the country, with his company "their largest agent in this area."

Laporte knows of closings where one or another party to the transaction was a phony, as revealed by the required request for identification, which sent the impostors scurrying from the room.

Protection against phonies and unknown claims is reason enough to not try a do-it-yourself transaction, even though you can. But as Lievois said, you still have to find out who's who and what's what if you want to be able to sleep nights.

But the work of researching records and finding claims is likely too great a challenge to someone without sufficient access to the files.

And, as Phil Seaver of Seaver Title,



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Details, details: Gregory Laporte, CEO at Detroit Title Insurance Agency in Southfield, knows the transaction doesn't go through until the paperwork has been completed.

Bloomfield Hills, said, not all records are up to date the moment you look at them, with the posting of information possibly days or weeks behind. A title company, however, has the ability to make quick, last-minute rechecks.

The seller's real estate agent generally selects which title company to use. According to Seaver, the title business is a competitive one, with preference going to the quickest and most thorough searchers, most accurate preparers of documents and best conductors of closings.

Charges, which are subject to state approval, vary. A \$100,000 title insurance policy might cost about \$550, a \$200,000 policy about \$900, Lievois said.

Fees for the paperwork and management of the closing, Lievois said, might be about \$300, and other companies might charge about the same or up to \$100 more or less. But, according to Seaver, charges "are close enough that rate shopping isn't beneficial."

Of course, a shrewd buyer such as Minuit might be inclined to ask around.

## HOMES SOLD IN OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real estate closings recorded December 8 - 12 at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office and compiled by Advertising That Works, a Bloomfield Township company that tracks deed and mortgage recordings in southeastern Michigan. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

**Auburn Hills**  
4921 Arcadia Dr. \$380,000  
780 Bloomfield Village \$49,000  
2691 E. Walton Blvd. \$98,000  
2421 Hempstead Rd. \$90,000  
2429 Jowick Rd. \$98,000  
3077 Margaret St. \$50,000  
2682 Williamsburg Cir. \$95,000

**Clarkston**  
5905 Andersonville Rd. \$50,000  
5150 Big Lake Rd. \$139,000  
5400 Clarkston Rd. \$209,000  
5640 Cleridge Rd. \$110,000  
5480 Eastlawn \$128,000  
4975 Conlams Dr. \$248,000  
5550 Mary Sue \$83,000

**Commerce Township**  
2455 Bevin Ct. \$205,000  
5304 Bridge Trl E \$65,000  
5985 Campbell Creek Dr. \$65,000  
9325 Commerce Rd. \$108,000  
4900 Fairgrove Ln. \$240,000  
2280 Glen Iris Dr. \$172,000  
3251 Greenlawn Ave. \$108,000  
2508 Messena St. \$85,000  
9076 Pittsfield St. \$43,000  
1901 Quail Run \$384,000  
4180 Rolling Pines Dr. \$215,000  
3303 W Ridge Ct. \$215,000

**Davison**  
11519 Big Lake Rd. \$53,000  
12106 Big Lake Rd. \$50,000  
10048 Boulder Pass \$419,000  
206 Broadway \$50,000  
11139 Clark Rd. \$50,000  
13805 Rattles Lake Rd. \$177,000  
12730 Ridge Hollow Ct. \$40,000  
6688 Rolling Meadow Dr. \$49,000  
6320 Ware Rd. \$52,000

**Lake Orion**  
4815 Parview \$141,000  
9886 Pine Knob Rd. \$190,000  
6585 Summit Ridge Ct. \$274,000  
8976 Tartan Dr. \$149,000  
6154 Woodcreek Trl. \$163,000

**Oakland Township**  
3392 Proctor Dr. \$225,000

**Orion Township**  
4521 Cherry Hill Dr. \$395,000  
3610 Coleport St. \$115,000  
3704 Grafton St. \$109,000  
4224 Joslyn Rd. \$141,000  
3845 Long Meadow Ln. \$280,000  
4446 Roly Rd. \$163,000

**Oxford**  
52 Broadway St. \$55,000  
3020 Covey Hill \$128,000  
2096 N Baldwin Rd. \$135,000  
144 S Washington St. \$120,000  
741 Vivian Ln. \$39,000

**Rochester Hills**  
622 Abbey Ct. \$194,000  
180 Cloverport Ave. \$191,000  
775 Dakota \$275,000  
804 Dickson Ln. \$174,000  
1241 E Horseshoe Ct. \$218,000  
2597 Eagle Dr. \$415,000  
2597 Emmons Ave. \$78,000  
1296 Greenleaf Dr. \$248,000  
866 Hadley Rd. \$157,000  
2759 Harrison Ave. \$119,000  
1072 Hathaway Rising \$210,000  
1995 Heritage Hill Ct. \$329,000  
1087 Lakeview Dr. \$318,000  
1953 Marcella Ct. \$315,000  
520 Middlebury Ln. \$202,000  
2355 Norton Rd. \$200,000  
1958 Rainbow Dr. \$369,000  
1764 Ridgecrest \$205,000  
597 Ten Point Dr. \$203,000  
3193 W Auburn Rd. \$29,000  
1963 Willowood Dr. \$45,000

**Sylvan Lake**  
1523 Lakeview Ave. \$275,000  
2110 Pontiac Dr. \$150,000

**Troy**  
2122 Berkshire Dr. \$149,000  
1578 Brentwood Dr. \$108,000  
2018 Brimston Dr. \$153,000  
4996 Butler Dr. \$145,000  
2310 Camilla Dr. \$130,000  
1125 Chapin St. \$65,000  
4058 Colonial Blvd. \$183,000  
6301 Donaldson Dr. \$137,000  
2727 Downey Dr. \$139,000  
349 Evaline Dr. \$223,000  
6841 Fredmoor Dr. \$179,000  
5175 Hartford Dr. \$210,000  
2788 Manorwood Dr. \$318,000  
2814 Manorwood Dr. \$292,000  
139 Millstone Dr. \$405,000  
188 Millstone Dr. \$322,000  
897 Millerton Dr. \$156,000  
1704 Milverton Dr. \$153,000  
59 Miracle Dr. \$245,000  
1141 Nicklaus Dr. \$195,000  
5822 Northfield Pkwy. \$108,000  
2377 Oak Ridge Dr. \$520,000  
5519 Patterson Dr. \$209,000  
3912 Roselign Ln. \$351,000

**Walled Lake**  
1548 Dover Hill S. \$120,000  
260 Gamma Rd. \$127,000  
235 N Pontiac Trl # 237 \$50,000  
389 Neptune Dr. \$80,000  
136 S Pontiac Trl. \$93,000

**White Lake**  
1470 Bathgate St. \$122,000  
9345 Buckingham St. \$116,000  
8409 Carpathian Dr. \$50,000  
9417 Cedar Island Rd. \$252,000  
266 Farnsworth St. \$105,000  
381 Rosario Ln. \$209,000  
8955 Sandy Ridge Dr. \$105,000  
8475 Trenton Dr. \$50,000  
148 Willards Way. \$147,000

**Westland**  
505 Penny Lake Rd. \$129,000  
626 Wolverine Dr. \$275,000

## Decorating winners

Winners have been announced in the fifth annual outdoor home decorating contest sponsored by the Orion Area Chamber of Commerce and Century 21 Cyrowski.

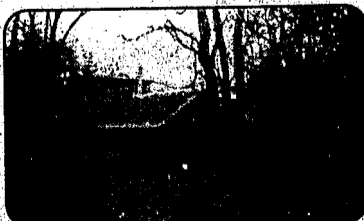
Amy and Larry Dunn were first, Dawn Krysek second and Brooke McCall and Chris and Gary Sisk tied for third.

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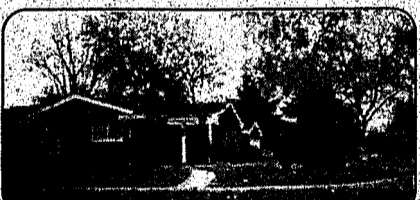
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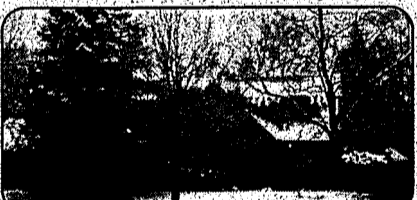
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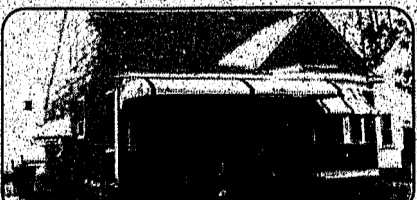
**GOODTERMS - GOOD PRICE -** Large living room & large dining area, fenced treed lot near lakes, recreation & shopping. Many newer updates, call now for details. \$89,900 (COB90COO) 248-626-8000



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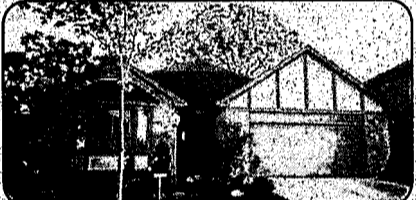
**NICE IN TOWN RANCH** Toned touches include deck. Aluminum-sided facade, tranquil, shady street, near schools. Easy commute. Stained woodwork, newly painted interior, 3 bedrooms, gas heat, new furnace, patio, new roof, custom landscape, city water. \$132,900 (OE7Ren) 248-299-6200



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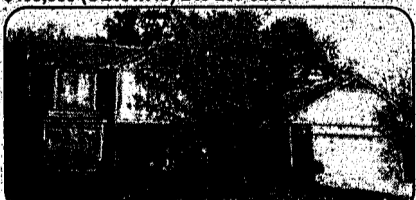
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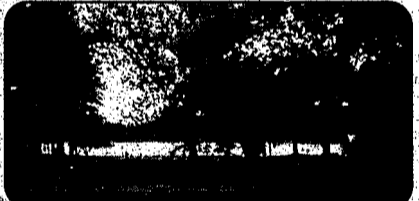
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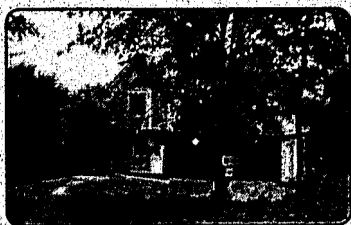
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**WATERFORD - NATURE LOVERS PARADISE**  
 • Unique Contemporary home on private galed 10 acres with trails & the Clinton River winding through  
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 \$479,000 Ask For: Ann Greene 646-3534



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 • Extensive use of ceramic & hardwood flooring  
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 • Family room adjoins kitchen & breakfast nook  
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**WEST BLOOMFIELD - STUNNING NEW BUILD**  
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 • Island kitchen, 2 walk-in closets in master bedroom  
 • Private bath off 4th bedroom plus connecting bath  
 • Formal dining, private library, oversized 3 car garage  
 \$425,000 626-9100 766543



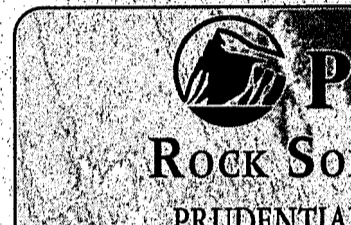
**BLOOMFIELD - UNIQUE WABEEK CONDO**  
 • Exquisite ranch condo with 2 bedrooms & 2 baths on main floor, 2 bedrooms & bath in walk-out lower level  
 • Professional decor in neutrals, open floor plan  
 • Desirable end unit on private cul-de-sac site with great view of golf course and lake  
 \$349,000 Ask For: Marsha Gordon 646-6097



**WEST BLOOMFIELD - DRAMATIC CEILING LINES**  
 • Enjoy the view from your 3 season sun room  
 • Fresh decor in neutral buff & white, circular staircase  
 • Hardwood floors, fireplace highlights family room  
 • Still time for you move in for the holidays  
 \$279,900 626-9100 766380



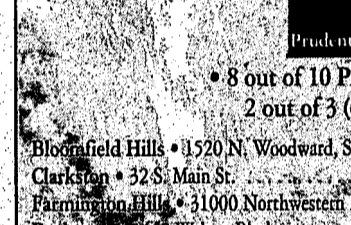
**WHITE LAKE TWP - BEAUTIFUL CONTEMPORARY**  
 • Offering four bedrooms with full basement walk-out to large pond for fishing or skating - TWO ACRES!  
 • Quality woodwork through-out, master suite with 3 walk-ins, jacuzzi and more!  
 \$268,500 683-8900 763385



**WATERFORD - EXCEPTIONAL CONTEMPORARY**  
 • Built in 1990 with large deck & private rear yard  
 • Full finished basement with storage & jacuzzi  
 • Vaulted & cathedral ceilings, recessed lights  
 • Minutes from I-75, professionally landscaped  
 \$254,900 683-8900 762631



**BLOOMFIELD HILLS - FIREPLACE IN FAMILY ROOM**  
 • The time is now to enjoy the fireplace on cold nights!  
 • Master bedroom offers double closet & master bath  
 • Newer furnace and central air, appliances stay  
 • Lots of storage, doorwall to patio  
 \$164,900 Ask For: Maud Granzow 646-3091



**SOUTHFIELD - SOUGHT AFTER BEACON SQUARE**  
 • Well located charming 4 bedroom Colonial  
 • Custom shutter style window treatments, gas fireplace & doorwall to patio in family room  
 • Recessed lighting, updated kitchen, home warranty!  
 \$159,900 646-6000 763107



**ROCHESTER HILLS - GORGEOUS POND VIEW!**  
 • Beautifully decorated with a lot of hardwood floors  
 • Formal dining, gas fireplace highlights great room  
 • Spacious kitchen, finished walk-out lower level  
 • Charming court entrance, home warranty!  
 \$219,900 Ask For: Anna Percy 656-4400



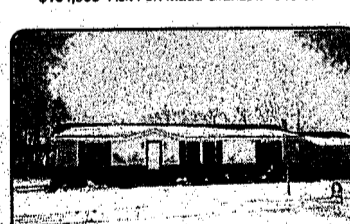
**SOUTHFIELD - DELIGHTFUL "EDGEWOOD" MODEL**  
 • Prime location in The Villas of Pebblecreek  
 • Great room offers cathedral ceiling plus 9 foot ceilings through-out, 2 closets in master bedroom  
 • 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, prices start at...  
 \$189,900 651-8850 765854



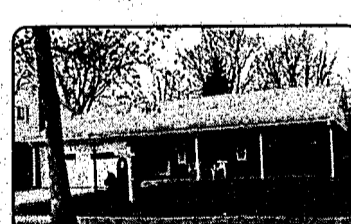
**WHITE LAKE - SETTLE IN BY SPRING**  
 • Exceptional 2,000 sq. ft. home on 1+ acre corner lot  
 • Park-like setting with 3 bedrooms and 2 1/2 baths  
 • Formal dining, fireplace in family room, island kitchen  
 • Vaulted foyer with plant shell, 2 1/2 car finished garage  
 \$204,900 Ask For: Kim Harrison-Echlin 625-5704/763-1256



**WEST BLOOMFIELD - OVER 1,400 SQUARE FEET**  
 • Spacious ranch with additional 550 square feet in finished lower level with wet bar and bedroom  
 • Marvelous Locklin Pines tree-standing condo  
 • Deck & 2 car garage in wooded setting  
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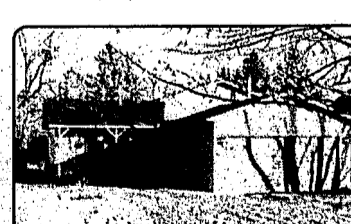
**CLARKSTON - TOTALLY REBUILT IN 1992**  
 • Loaded with charm in area of newer homes  
 • Country kitchen with Oak cabinets & wrap-around sandwich bar, cozy brick fireplace in great room  
 • Skylights, vaulted master bath, sitting area  
 \$152,900 Ask For: Kimberly Harrison-Echlin 625-5704



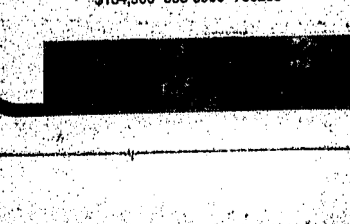
**ROYAL OAK CONDO WITH MANY EXTRAS**  
 • Quality glass entry door & deck off both bedrooms  
 • Mirror above gas log fireplace in living room  
 • Security system, neutral decor, attached garage  
 • Great location within complex!  
 \$149,900 Ask For: Colleen Hood 646-4024



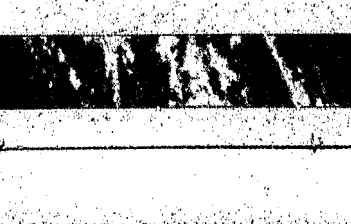
**AUBURN HILLS - PICTURESQUE NATURE SETTING**  
 • Private rear yard backing to protected wetlands  
 • Almost new 3 bedroom ranch with 2 full baths  
 • Cathedral ceilings, Oak cabinetry & 1st floor laundry  
 • Breakfast room, double closets in master bedroom  
 \$144,900 689-8900



**LIVONIA - GREAT LOCATION! GREAT VALUE!**  
 • Spacious open floor plan with updated baths  
 • Hardwood floors in bedrooms, over 1,300 square feet  
 • Family room, patio, two car attached garage  
 • Great landscaping with a lot of perennials  
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**WATERFORD - FUN LAKES AREA LOCATION**  
 • Walk, jog or bike to Dodge park  
 • Nice living room, family room with fireplace  
 • Deck 7 porch off kitchen, new roof in '96, fenced  
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**WEST BLOOMFIELD - FULL OF CHARM**  
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 • Enjoy the lifestyle without the big price tag!  
 • Neat & clean with newer kitchen & carpeting  
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 • Two car garage, basement, Great Investment!  
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**WARREN - REFRESHINGLY ROOMY**  
 • Great ranch with 2 bedrooms & 2 extra rooms in the lower level that could easily be used as bedrooms!  
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 • 1,200 square feet plus extra large fenced yard  
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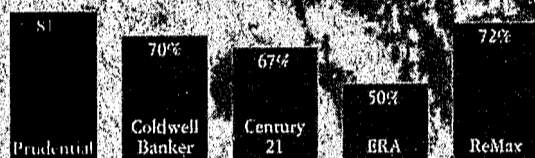
- Peek at what's new in all sports Autumn Shores!
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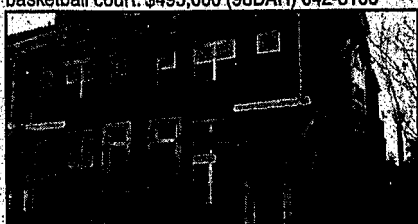
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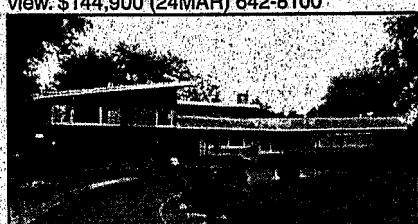
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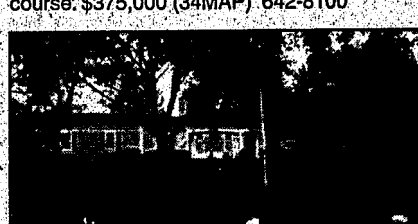
**BLOOMFIELD** - Dynamite 3861 sq. ft. home w/contemporary flair! Open, great flow for entertaining. Many professionally designed updates: newer state of the art kitchen, some ceramic floors. Master bedroom w/dressing area. Lower level walkout to cozy yard and lighted basketball court. \$495,000 (98DAR) 642-8100



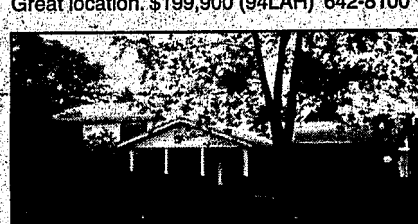
**ROYAL OAK** - Move quick! Priced below market! Sharp, contemporary 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath; end unit w/all top of the line appliances. Living room offers vaulted ceilings and natural fireplace. Doorwall off master bedroom to terrace. Attached garage. Pool and courtyard view. \$144,900 (24MAR) 642-8100



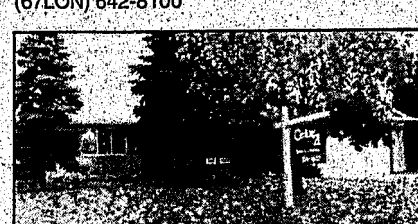
**BLOOMFIELD HILLS** - Golfer's delight! Oakland Hills 8th green, 9th fairway is your backyard. 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, family room, living room, greenhouse, 3 car garage. All on beautifully manicured lot overlooking the golf course. \$375,000 (34MAP) 642-8100



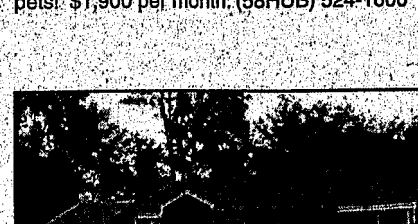
**BLOOMFIELD HILLS** - 3 bedroom Ranch with over 1900 sq. ft. of living space plus a full, finished basement. Updated gas forced air, C/A, roof, living room with fireplace, Florida room, sun room and fenced yard. Great location. \$199,900 (94LAH) 642-8100



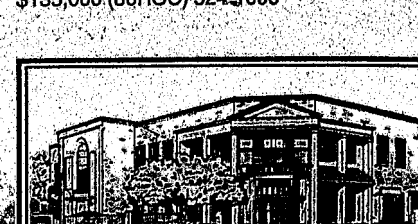
**BLOOMFIELD HILLS** - 2500 sq. ft. Quad in the Dells. Bloomfield schools. 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home on exceptionally large lot with 3 car garage. Living room, family room, library, updated kitchen and baths. \$269,900 (67LON) 642-8100



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**TROY** - 4 bedroom Colonial with 2 1/2 baths. Cathedral ceilings in family room. Master bath with garden tub and separate shower. Troy schools. \$269,900 (56RUB) 524-1600



**CLAWSON** - 3 bedroom Bungalow with 1300 sq. ft. Two full baths. Large dining room. New vinyl windows '95. Central air. Finished basement and a fireplace in the living room. Call today! \$134,900 (03LER) 524-1600



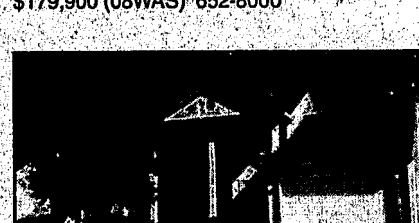
**TROY** - 3 bedroom Townhouse with 2 1/2 baths. Open airy floor plan with neutral decor. Vaulted ceiling with skylights and marble fireplace and foyer. Private deck. Call today! \$179,900 (60FAL) 524-1600



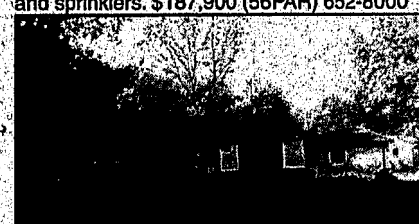
**TROY** - 3 bedroom Bungalow on quiet country sized lot. New windows, carpet, blinds and furnace within last year. 3 season enclosed breezeway. Open living room and dining room area. Troy schools. \$134,900 (03HAR) 524-1600



**COUNTRY LIVING**. Convenient location. 4 bedrooms 1 1/2 baths. Remodeled kitchen, hardwood floors, A/C, newer appliances, furnace. Private treed lot with covered patio. \$179,900 (08WAS) 652-8000



**GREAT INTERIOR STREET** in Heatherwood Sub. 3 parks and trails, walk to downtown Rochester. Pillared colonial w/natural fireplace in family room. Neutral decor. Newer Armstrong flooring in kitchen, C/A, large master suite w/walk-in closet and bath, deck and sprinklers. \$187,900 (56PAR) 652-8000



**APPROX. 1800 SQ. FT. RANCH** - Lots of home! Finished basement, located on dead-end street w/master suite plus living room and family room, side entry garage, Avondale schools, attached garage, formal dining room and more! \$159,900 (50CHE) 652-8000



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**1ST FLOOR MASTER SUITE**, site condo, rear yard w/patio, deck, built-in gas BBQ w/private view of ponds wetland area. Open vaulted ceilings on 1st floor. Hardwood floors, master suite has vaulted ceiling, bath w/2 person Jacuzzi + shower. Finished basement has private office/den+ rec. area. \$242,900 (37AMB) 652-8000



**FARMINGTON HILLS** - 3 bedroom ranch w/great location in popular Kendallwood Sub. Family room w/fireplace, hardwood floors, newer furnace and C/A, newer roof. \$154,900 (32OL) 248-626-8800



**BEVERLY HILLS** - SPACIOUS RANCH w/Florida room. Recent updates, carpet in family room. Foyer, living room, formal dining room. Freshly painted exterior. Over 2600 sq. ft. does not include Florida room. \$219,000 (30ST) 248-626-8800



**W. BLOOMFIELD** - VERY CONTEMPORARY and open floor plan. Living and family room w/newer flooring, beautiful finished basement. Large deck. Backs to woods. 1st floor laundry. Sprinkler system. \$209,900 (69IN) 248-626-8800



**WATERFORD** - OUTSTANDING LAYOUT in this brick Ranch. Features 3 large bedrooms, master w/full bath, family room w/fireplace, living room, dining area and full basement. Remodeled neutral decor. Mature landscaping allows privacy. Attached garage. Very clean and well maintained. \$152,400 (11ME) 248-626-8800



**INDULGE YOUR TASTE OF QUALITY** in this 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial located in the heart of Farmington Hills. Large family room, master suite, 1st floor laundry, 2 car garage. Updated throughout! \$229,900 (28ST) 248-626-8800



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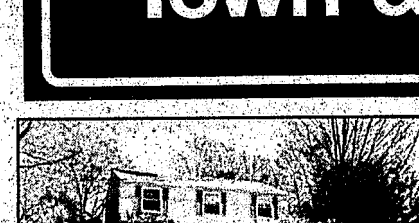
**GREAT CONTEMPORARY** - Bloomfield Hills Schools. 4 large bedroom, open floor plan, 2 story marble foyer. All new carpet and newly painted throughout! Gorgeous walk-out lower level w/kitchen, rec room and full bath. \$434,900 (42SE) 626-8800



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



**BLOOMFIELD HILLS** - Spacious 4 to possible 5 bedroom Colonial with 3 full baths. 2 fireplaces. Many updates. Parquet floor in family room. First floor laundry. Master suite with bath and walk-in closet. \$2,400 per month (15LOS) 524-1600



**BLOOMFIELD HILLS** - Spacious 4 to possible 5 bedroom Colonial with 3 full baths. 2 fireplaces. Many updates. Parquet floor in family room. First floor laundry. Master suite with bath and walk-in closet. \$2,400 per month (15LOS) 524-1600



**TROY** - Outstanding 3 bedroom Troy Ranch with many updates and upgrades. Andersen windows, great floor plan featuring large family room and kitchen. First floor laundry. Full basement and more! \$204,900 (29SHA) 524-1600



**TROY** - 3 bedroom Colonial with vinyl windows. Oak kitchen cabinets. Central air, hardwood floors. Fenced yard. One Year Home Warranty! \$181,900 (11HILL) 524-1600



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**CLARKSTON LAKEFRONT** non-sports, spring fed, Round Lake home with new wing, 1st floor master, cathedral ceiling, 2 full baths. Newer roof and siding, some windows, still needs additional work. Fantastic view! \$149,900 (95MAT) 652-8000



**ENJOY THIS THREE BEDROOM RANCH** in Troy. Freshly painted and newer neutral carpet throughout. Family room with gas fireplace and hardwood floors. All appliances stay. Central air. \$169,900 (65CHA) 652-8000



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**FARMINGTON HILLS** - 2 story Tudor on cul-de-sac. Large private yard, exquisitely landscaped including brick patios and boulders. 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 1st floor office/library, huge Great Room w/vaulted ceiling and skylights. 3+ car garage. Many extras! \$339,900 (77STO) 642-8100



**BEVERLY HILLS** - Fabulous sprawling, spacious Ranch in West Beverly Hills. Features include 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, vaulted family room w/fireplace, full basement and 2 car attached garage. Very special home on super lot. \$319,900 (83SYL) 642-8100



**BLOOMFIELD HILLS** - Bloomfield Wabeek custom 4 bedroom Tudor with 2 story entrance and dining room, hardwood floors, 2 full, 2 half baths, center island kitchen, wet bar in library, family room and living room. Large master bedroom w/walk-in closet. \$324,900 (64MAR) 642-8100



**LATHRUP VILLAGE** - Wonderful Ranch on double lot. Many updates throughout. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, finished basement, hardwood floors, cove ceilings, 2 fireplaces and 2 car attached garage. Lovely decor. \$157,500 (81ELD) 642-8100



**FARMINGTON HILLS** - Extra special 3 bedroom, 2 bath Ranch with family room, deck, 1st floor laundry. Excellent neighborhood location and immediate occupancy. \$174,500 (17ARD) 642-8100



**ROYAL OAK** - Brand new Colonial! Custom built, maintenance free home w/hardwood floors, great Royal Oak location! 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, garage, large kitchen and more! HURRY! \$179,900 (19HAR) 642-8100



**ENJOY HARMONY** with nature in this 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath Colonial located in Heatherwood sub. Backing to wooded privacy and Arlington Park. Home features C/A, gas fireplace in family room. Neutral, finished basement, deck. You'll love this one! \$179,900 (81BOL) 652-8000



**BLOOMFIELD HILLS** - Fabulous Tudor built by Bordenor. 7700 sq. ft., acre, 5 bedroom, 5 bath, 2 lavatories, 3 P's, finished walkout w/spa and home theater. 4 car garage. Spectacular master bedroom suite, white kitchen w/granite and marble. Huge deck and patio. \$1,199,900 (15HID) 642-8100



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**W. BLOOMFIELD** - ALMOST NEW Colonial, built in '95, immaculate 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, family room, fireplace, large master suite, convenient location. W. Bloomfield schools. \$249,000 (65TA) 248-626-8800



**FARMINGTON HILLS** - 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath, fantastic Colonial. Great room w/vaulted ceiling, library, finished lower level, secluded yard w/ground pool. Wood floors, french doors, lots of windows and beautifully maintained. \$414,900 (29HA) 626-8800



**BRICK PAVERS LEAD TO STUNNING** - 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial nestled on cul-de-sac in W. Bloomfield. Over 2000 sq. ft. completely updated. Full basement and attached garage, beach privileges and boat dock. Home warranty. \$197,000 (35SUN) 363-1200



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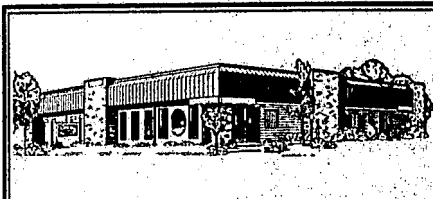
**BETTER THAN NEW** - Gorgeous 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo, built-in 1996 with upgrades galore. Don't miss this one with a view of the lake. \$120,000 (00BAY) 363-1200



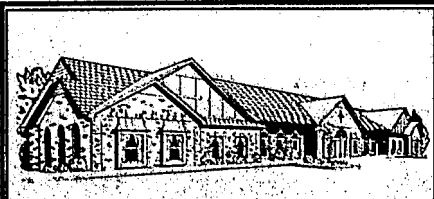
**LONG LAKE LAKEFRONT** - Sharp 3 bedroom ranch, large living room w/new carpet, Jennaire stove, Merrill cabinets, gas fireplace, sprinkler, 2+ car garage, seawall, sandy beach, newer shingles. \$249,900 (88GIT) 363-1200



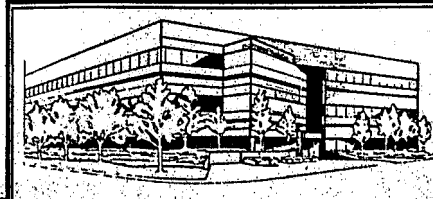
**LAKEFRONT RANCH ON BEAUTIFUL WILLIAMS LAKE.** Updated kitchen w/all appliances, sun room, family room, living room, den/office, plus 3 bedroom and 2 baths, 2 car attached garage, sprinklers and home warranty. \$297,900 (70HAT) 363-1200



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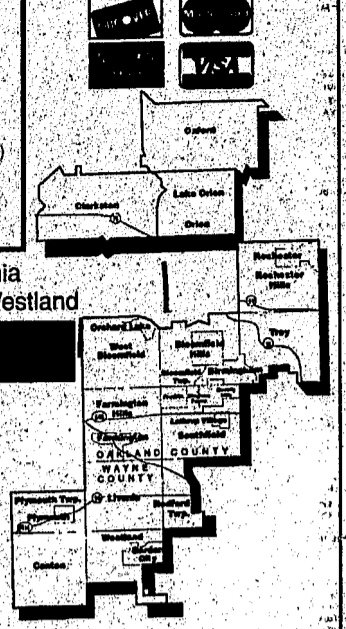
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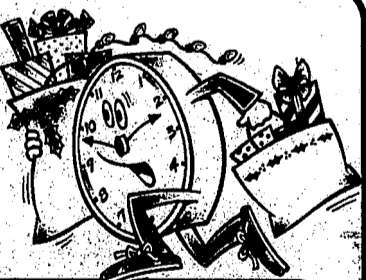
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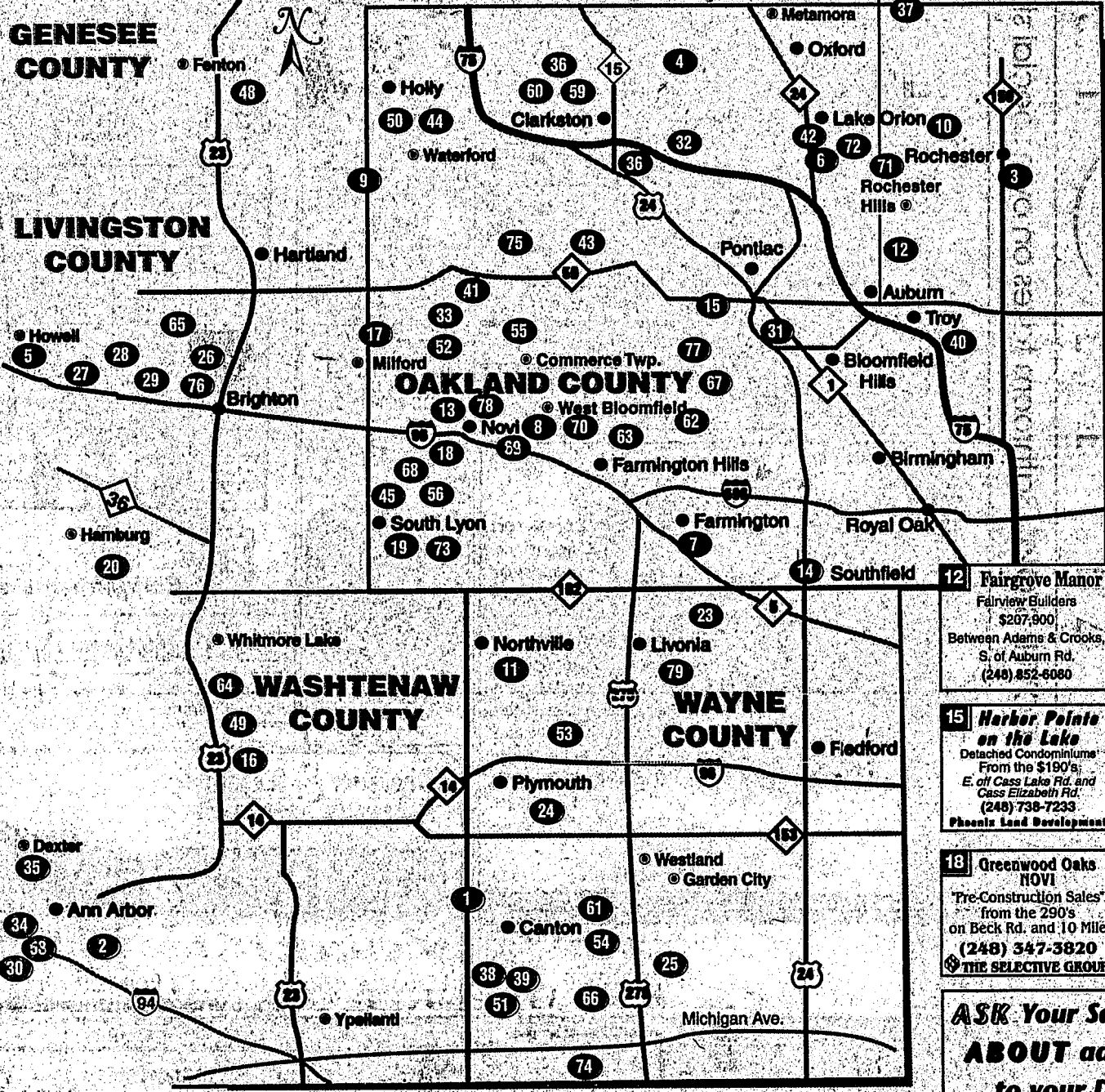
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