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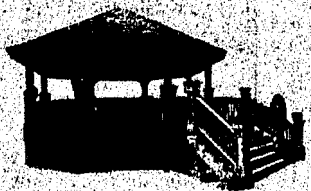
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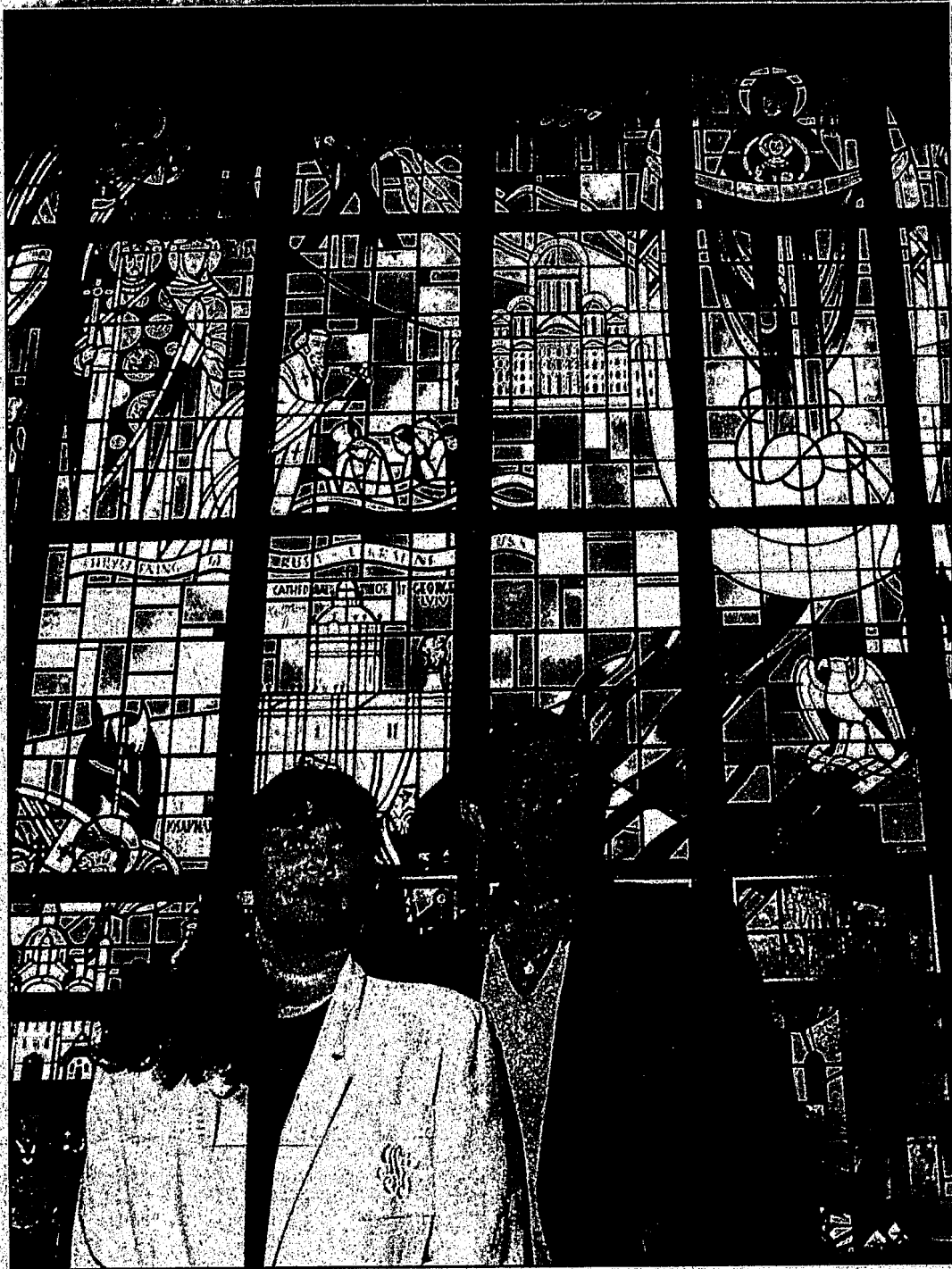
Estelle Zabritzki, age 23, a meat packinghouse worker in the "yards" on the south side of Chicago, was interviewed by a worker from the Federal Writers' Project in May 1939. She was married and had a baby girl who was 6 months old.

"I'll tell you how I got to working in the yards. I wanted to finish high school, but we had a lot of sickness and trouble in my family just then; my father got tuberculosis and they couldn't afford to send me anymore. Oh, I guess if I had begged and coaxed for money to go they would have managed, but I was too proud to do that. I thought I'd get a job downtown in an office or department store and then maybe make enough to go back to school.

"Me and my girlfriend used to look for work downtown every day. We lived right near the yards, but we wouldn't think of working in that smelly place for anything. But we never got anything in office work and a year went by that way so one time we took a walk and just for fun we walked into Armour's where they hire the girls, you know. We were laughing and hoping they wouldn't give us applications. Sometimes they send new girls away because there's so many laid off. We really thought working in the yards was awful, but lots of girls do now, even if they tell you they don't."

"What I want like working in the yards — come back next week for more."

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



Plous panes: George Kozak of Independence Township stands in front of a stained glass window he created for St. Josaphat Church with the help of his daughter, Maria Truckey.

Reverent reflections

Stained glass artists create windows to God

BY CAROLYN WALKER
STAFF WRITER

Up from the thick, strong fingers of George Kozak — and from his heritage as well — come beautiful, colored windows to God.

They are windows that were conceived in Kozak's imagination, created with sensitivity and precision in his basement and, finally, installed in his church where fellow parishioners can appreciate them — and sense a bit of heavenly splendor as they do so.

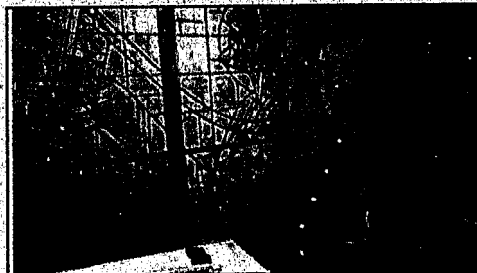
"It is a very gratifying feeling," the Independence

Township artist says of his stained-glass accomplishment, done on behalf of St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church in Warren.

A native of the Ukraine, Kozak fled his homeland twice with his parents and sister during the Russian occupation when his father, Edward, an editor and satirical cartoonist, was targeted for elimination by the Communists. A brother, who also became an artist, was born later.

The family, which settled in Poland and, later, Germany, where they were forced to live in camps for "dis-

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Painstaking work: Maria Truckey (left) cuts glass to fit the template shown behind George Kozak (above).

Clarkston basketball player proves you can go home

Angelo Taylor would have understood.

In his first game back at Pontiac Northern since transferring to Clarkston before the school year began, Taylor would have understood — even expected — a negative reaction from the fans for whom he played three years' when his Clarkston Wolves took on the Huskies Friday.

He wouldn't have liked it much, but he would have understood.

After all, he's a lifelong Pontiac resident who left the city — and its best basketball program — for Clarkston, of



BRAD KADRICH

the only school other than cross-town Pontiac Central that would give Northern fans hives.

all places. The Huskies and Wolves are heated — if not hated — rivals. When Taylor went looking for a better academic environment, he could have picked any number of programs.

But he chose Clarkston, perhaps

Taylor was just doing what he felt he had to do, to get his academics back on track. He was struggling in the classroom at Northern and wasn't happy with other things at the Pontiac school: metal detectors at the doors, teachers who only cared during basketball season.

It was the toughest decision he's made in his young life: leaving the only town he'd ever known, a city he loves, for a brand new environment among kids he didn't know and teachers who didn't know him.

"He made a difficult decision at the

age of 18," said Taylor's new coach, Clarkston's Dan Fife. "He's been nothing but positive with our kids, and our kids have been great with Angelo."

With all that history as a backdrop, Taylor figured the boo-birds would be out in force Friday, letting him have it for deserting them for the enemy.

But a funny thing happened on the way to the hazing. The standing-room-only crowd of some 1,500 packed into Northern's Sy Green Gymnasium greeted Taylor with a burst of applause.

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Nike wants logo on Clarkston uniforms

■ Giant companies want to advertise their products at the new Clarkston High School, but some school officials want to protect kids from such commercialism.



BY JAN BAKER
SPECIAL WRITER

To be in a uniform with a Swoosh logo, or not to be in a uniform with a Swoosh logo.

That's a question for the Clarkston School District.

According to Linda Nester, the district's director of administrative and personnel services, commercial advertising giants are clamoring for contracts to post their monikers and logos at Clarkston's new high school. Marketing mammoths Nike, Adidas, Pepsi and Coca-Cola have already indicated an interest in claiming these high-visibility spots at the new CHS site: cafeteria signage, vending machines, soft

■ 'Not every high school gets approached. We are very marketable right now in Clarkston because of who we are.'

Dan Fife
Clarkston Athletic
Director

drink dispensers, men's boards, athletic field and arena signage, and the school's athletic uniforms.

Nester told Clarkston's school board Monday that since sports-oriented advertisers have already saturated professional and collegiate athletics, they're now targeting a younger audience across the country — high school, middle school and even elementary students.

Dan Fife, the district's athletic director who assisted Nester in presenting the issue, said, however, that Clarkston's new high school had been chosen by the retail kings because of its reputation as a leader in north Oakland County. "Not every high school gets approached," Fife told the board. "We are very marketable right now in Clarkston because of who we are."

Nester pointed out that advertising agreements with these companies could result in substantial financial savings for the district. For instance, she said a contract with a soft drink heavyweight would supply the school with canned soda pop-type vending machines that display the company's name on them. But because of that advertising, the same company would also likely "donate" all of the soft drink-dispensing machines for the CHS cafeteria. Nester said the new school currently needs six of those machines. They cost \$40,000 each.

Fife said a contract with an industry leader like Nike could possibly yield enough dollars to enable the athletic department to add boys' and girls' sports that it presently cannot afford to support.

Nester elaborated on the dollar potential in having a Swoosh logo on CHS team jerseys. "If our district wanted to (enter into a contract), we could receive discounts on different types of supplies and things we already

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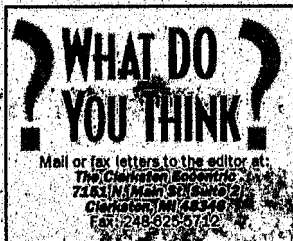
buy (from Nike)," she said. In particular, the district's savings on athletic uniforms, shoes and socks could reach 40 percent, she added.

Nester also explained that under commercial advertising contracts, companies could "donate" other big-ticket items for the school: "large menu boards, like you see at McDonald's," athletic scoreboards and software programs. They could also finance a \$3,000-a-year college scholarship fund for CHS students.

On the flip side of those advantages, Nester said the district also needed to consider the potentially negative impact of a corporate contract to "loyal local vendors who have been working with us a long time."

Nester reminded board members that while no contracts had been given consideration yet, trustees needed to make a decision on the soft drink issue by March 1 — the deadline for obtaining soda pop-dispensing machines for the new high school. She also suggested that the board and administration set these parameters if they decided to participate in any commercial contracts:

- form an administrative team to oversee all contracts that come into the district
 - adhere to Michigan High School Athletic Association rules
 - observe advertising limits like those in the college and professional athletic leagues
 - maintain CHS integrity
 - monitor all advertising space
 - limit what can be said in advertising
 - prohibit "overkill" by one advertiser
 - ensure that savings and contributions benefit all students.
- Most trustees seemed to easily swallow the idea of having Coca-Cola- or Pepsi-designated ven-



ing machines in the new CHS cafeteria. But it was the swoosh on the shirts that caused a few to shift in their seats.

"I have a real problem with using our children for billboards," trustee Janet Thomas remarked. "We also have to be careful that we don't create something that serves a select few." Thomas said that if any money was gained from athletic advertising at the new CHS, it would go into the district's general fund — for the benefit of the greatest number of students.

Treasurer Kurt Shanks elaborated on Thomas' first comment. "This is the real world, but I'm trying to protect our students from the commercialism that's out there," Shanks said. "I'm going to be highly resistant to any commercialism in our schools beyond recognizing donations and contributions and things like that."

Vice-president Mary Ellen McLean expressed a different view. "I don't think we can sit here and be so unrealistic about the things this could provide for our district — in the athletic program, arts and sciences or whatever," McLean said. "In reality, it's (commercialism is) here. It's 1998. It's something we need to look at. I'm not sure that the fact that we have a Nike logo on our uniforms is compromising anyone's morality in the district."

Agreeing with McLean, secre-

tary Sheila Hughes said, "If we can develop the guidelines, I don't have a problem with it... We need to keep being creative in finding. This is an opportunity for our district to get some money. If we can control who we get it from and how it's used and they (advertisers) have to abide by our guidelines, I don't see a problem. We have a challenge before us to be on the cutting edge — because the money is not always going to be flowing like it is now from the state."

Shanks countered. "I don't think we're on the cutting edge of this," he said. "I think we're the last tiny kingdom out there, trying to protect ourselves."

Superintendent Al Roberts reminded the board that it could reject any contract that was brought to them. He recommended more discussion and a closer investigation at the specifics of potential advertising contracts.

Afterward, two audience members asked to address the board.

Diane St. Peter, a Clarkston parent and president of the Clarkston Community Task Force for Youth, told the board to use caution with advertising. "I would really, really be very careful in terms of how far we're going to go with our kids," she said.

Cheryl McGinnis — another Clarkston parent and president of the district PTA council — said she shared St. Peter's concerns. "I fear that no amount of endorsement will produce enough money," McGinnis said. "I have a fear that all we see is this pot of gold and we're chasing after a rainbow that has no end to it."

They're all great products, but do we need to utilize our children and our school district to prosper from them?"

Youth center opens to public Monday for after-school care

By CAROLYN WALKER
STAFF WRITER

After months of work — and most assuredly prayer — the Clarkston Christian Association is ready to open its doors to local middle schoolers for after-school activities.

Beginning Monday, the center will be available, daily, to children in grades six, seven and eight who need a place to go after school 2:30-6 p.m.

For a \$2 entrance fee, children may learn karate and hip-hop dancing and do in-line skating on an indoor rink as well as play pool and other games, according to Pastor Loren Covarrubias of Mt. Zion Temple, the association's founder and driving force.

Church and community volunteers will be on hand to monitor activities.

"I think any place, wherever it might be, that is organized and supervised... is great for the community," said Sashabaw Middle School Principal John Dilegghio. "If we don't give kids an opportunity to have that, then they tend to find other places that we really don't want. It gives kids another venue."

Clarkston Middle School Prin-

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Vince Licata

Clarkston Middle School principal

incipal Vince Licata echoed Dilegghio's comments. "I think it's going to be a wonderful thing for kids to be involved in after school. A wonderful addition to our community."

While Monday will be considered its official opening, association leaders expect to host an invitation-only open house tonight.

For many, the open house will offer a first opportunity to see how the former 40,000-square-foot Food Town grocery store at Sashabaw and Maybee roads has been renovated into a haven for youth — offering human bowling, inflatable sumo wrestling, pinball machines and television in addition to the aforementioned activities.

Also on Monday, middle school teachers will tour the facility, Covarrubias said. The youth center is designed to serve middle-school students who are home

alone after school without constructive activity. In the future, Covarrubias said, family classes and activities for other age groups will be offered.

Volunteers from Mt. Zion Temple have been working to refurbish and paint the former grocery for several months. The association is patterned after a similar association owned by the church in Waterford Township and represents the culmination of a dream for Covarrubias, who was once a teenage employee of the Food Town.

Cindy Dixon, speaking on behalf of the Clarkston Community Task Force For Youth, said, "The task force is happy for another safe and drug-free place to be available for our youth. They're opening their doors to the community in the same ways that a church opens its doors to the community, and the community appreciates that."

Planning commission grants go-ahead to 53-unit subdivision

By CAROLYN WALKER
STAFF WRITER

Developer Mark Hubbard's first housing proposal for Independence Township, Ashford Subdivision, received a 5-0 vote for final site plan approval and a wetlands permit at the planning commission meeting Jan. 8. Commissioners Jill Palulian and Todd Moss were absent.

According to Hubbard, 53 detached condominiums will be constructed on 96 acres with 29 acres saved for open spaces. The subdivision is planned for the southeast corner of Sashabaw and Oakhill roads, across from the Independence/Brandon Township border. Detached condominiums are similar to houses with residents sharing lawns and maintenance costs.

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"It'll be just a typical single family residential community," Hubbard said. Because he has not yet selected a builder, he could not say exactly what the homes will look like. He estimated that they will be at least partially constructed of brick and that they will cost \$300,000 to \$400,000.

Hubbard said he plans to plant 400 evergreen and ash trees to augment the landscape and said he hopes construction can begin in the spring. Hubbard's company has built residences in Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills in the past.

Planning commission Chairman Steve Board said deed



restrictions for the new subdivision will preserve the fish in a pond that is central to the development. The restrictions would prohibit fertilizers that might harm the fish.

School board hosts joint meeting Monday

There will be a joint meeting of Independence Township Board, Springfield Township Board, Clarkston Community

School Board and Clarkston City Council at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19, in the Clarkston Schools Administration Office

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Bulldozed



Lost load: A semi trailing a bulldozer lost its load as it turned the corner from Main Street onto eastbound Clarkston Road early Tuesday evening. Police temporarily re-routed traffic.

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2 local residents appointed to county park board

BY CAROLYN WALKER
STAFF WRITER

Two Independence Township men were recently appointed by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners to the 10-member Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission, which sets policies for Oakland County parks.

Attorney Frank Millard was named to fill the remaining three-year term held by commissioner Lawrence Pernick, who died in November. Millard, a Republican serving District 4, represents portions of Independence as a member of the board of commissioners. He could not be reached for comment on his new post.

J. David VanderVeen, 59, was also appointed to a term on the parks and recreation commission, though the length of his term has not been specified.

VanderVeen is employed as the Oakland County director of central services. He is also an alternate with County Executive L. Brooks Patterson to the SEMCOG Executive Committee and said that he will be representing SEMCOG on the parks commission. Whenever he is replaced on SEMCOG, his replacement will assume his position on the parks and recreation commission but that date is not set.

"I will be representing the county executive's interest and we are supporters of the parks and recreation commission and

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J. David VanderVeen
Independence resident

the activities it undertakes," VanderVeen said during a telephone interview on Monday. "I think, particularly given the rate that Oakland County is developing, we need to acquire and preserve as much open space as possible for future recreational opportunities."

VanderVeen said he has been attending meetings regularly but this is his first appointment to the commission.

According to VanderVeen, the parks commission determines policies for development and use of the county's 6,000-acre, 11-park system. The parks include two water parks, four golf courses, a refrigerated toboggan run and dome-covered driving range. They offer camping, boating, tennis, nature programs and picnicking.

The parks and recreation commission was established in 1966.

Chief asks to hire more seasoned officers

BY CAROLYN WALKER
STAFF WRITER

Clarkston Police Chief Paul Ormiston would like to see "a mix" that includes some more seasoned officers on his nine-man police force and he is part way to his goal.

On Monday night, Ormiston received permission in a 5-0 vote from the Clarkston City Council to offer increased wages to experienced officers. Council members David Savage and Walt Gamble were absent.

Currently, he said, he pays about \$6.63 per hour to new

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recruits fresh out of police academies. He is able to attract them at that pay scale because recruits need to work on a police force within a year of their graduation in order to become state certified.

The \$6.63 sum is not attractive to experienced officers, however, he said, and the council approved paying \$12 per hour to officers who have years worth of experience.

Ormiston said with the higher pay scale he could attract

retirees or officers who have left police work to seek other career opportunities but who want to keep their police certification.

Salaries come from the police budget; he said, noting that pay scales for officers would be based on experience and that younger recruits with limited experience would not be eligible for the higher amount.

"I would like to keep the younger officers because they add a great deal to the department," he said. Working for \$6.63 per hour is a benefit to them because they obtain their police certification while doing

so. "We've got some very dedicated people," he observed.

"This is going to take some time. I don't even know if I can achieve my goal with \$12," he said.

Ormiston said his goal is to hire experienced officers for patrol during the afternoon and midnight shifts, or to fill in for him when he is absent, and to place inexperienced officers on duties such as parking patrol.

The City of Clarkston has had its own police force since July 1992.

Task force hosts town meeting

The Clarkston Community Task Force for Youth invites all interested citizens (both youth and adults) to a Town Hall meeting 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, at Independence Township Fire Station No. 1, 6500 Citation Drive, Clarkston.

A trained facilitator from outside the community will guide general discussion and brainstorming about youth issues. Future planning and the setting of goals for community coalition activities will also take place. Call 394-0252 to RSVP.

Carbon monoxide sends 3 to hospital

BY CAROLYN WALKER
STAFF WRITER

Three adult family members of an Independence Township home were taken to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac about 6 a.m. Wednesday morning after suffering episodes of carbon monoxide poisoning.

They were then transported to Henry Ford Hospital, according to Independence Fire Chief Gar Wilson. The names of the Tappan Drive residents and their conditions were not available at press time.

According to Wilson, firefighters responded to the home after one of the family members, the mother, called 9-1-1 complaining of abdominal cramps and a headache.

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Firefighters were dispatched to the scene where they treated the woman and her two sons and transported them to the hospital.

The firefighters got "quite a reading" for carbon monoxide, Wilson said of the home. Readings of 200 are approaching the dangerous zone for the odorless, potentially fatal gas. The Tappan Drive reading was 390 in some portions of the residence, he said.

According to Wilson, symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning resemble those of the flu and can include headache and nausea and disorientation. The

symptoms can "really goof you up," he said. "You think it's the flu. You don't know it's taking you over. You become disoriented with it."

People who have carbon monoxide leaks in their homes or work places can see the symptoms wax and wane when they leave those places and their bodies clear of the carbon monoxide.

Symptoms and their severity can range for different people depending on their amount of exposure and body sizes.

Wilson urged residents to maintain furnaces and water heaters to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning or to purchase carbon monoxide monitors.

POLICE NEWS

The following incidents were reported to police and fire agencies in Springfield and Independence townships and the city of Clarkston the week of Jan. 5-12.

Springfield Police

Thefts

On Jan. 5, a trailer was reported stolen while parked on Enterprise Drive.

On Jan. 10, tools were reported stolen from a construction trailer on Softwater Woods.

Vandalism

On Jan. 10, 12 mailboxes were reported damaged on Kelly Lake Road.

Independence Police

Thefts

On Jan. 7, jewelry was reported stolen from a residence on Cornell.

On Jan. 10, wheel covers were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Sashabaw Road.

On Jan. 11, speaker boxes, speakers and other radio equipment were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Pondview.

Vandalism

Juvenile Trouble

On Jan. 6, officers responded to a report that a 15-year-old Independence Township youth had fired an air gun at another 15-year-old youth on Everest Drive. According to a police report, the youth told officers he fired into the air. There were no injuries and the matter remains under investigation.

Break-ins

On Jan. 10, a house under construction on Mountain View Trail was reportedly entered illegally.

On Jan. 11, unknown persons reportedly entered a house under construction on Deerwood and used a toilet. A glass window and light were broken.

Independence Fire

During the week of Jan. 5-12, fire personnel responded to 26 calls. Among them were 22 medical runs, one personal injury accident and one carbon monoxide investigation. They included:

On Jan. 6, firefighters assisted a 32-year-old woman who was experiencing a possible seizure at a residence on Mustang Drive. The woman was transported to North Oakland Medical Center for evaluation.

Clarkston Police

On Jan. 9, officers stopped a vehicle that was traveling erratically down Main Street near Miller Road. The 45-year-old Waterford Township driver was found to be intoxicated. His Breathalyzer test showed an alcohol level of 0.15. He was arrested and transported to the Oakland County Jail. Bond was later posted for him, and he is to appear in 52/2 District Court on Jan. 20.

On Jan. 9, officers investigated an accident on Main Street near Waldon Road. A Davisburg man who drove his vehicle into the rear of a Clarkston woman's vehicle was cited for failure to stop.



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Springfield to set goals for '98 Angelo *from page A1*

BY CAROLYN WALKER
STAFF WRITER

It may be the lot of government to be always faced with unfinished business.

But at last Thursday's meeting of the Springfield Township Board of Trustees, board members took the upper hand and began a process that may complete some unresolved long-standing projects in the township — possibly even the paving of Bridge Lake Road.

At the urging of Supervisor Collin Walls, the board "brainstormed" a wish list they would like to see dealt with in 1998. They plan to prioritize those

matters during January. Walls said, noting that he looked over old meeting minutes in a search for work that needs to be done.

"We started with A, B, C, D and we ended up with Z," Walls said, referring to the list that contains 26 items. Board members agreed to take one another's suggestions and create a list that could include everything from creating a new government complex to updating subdivision regulations and design standards to making provisions for private roads and so on.

"Which ever comes out high we'll prioritize for action," Walls said.

"It's a laundry list... that

consists of various items or wishes that have been expressed to one degree or another over the past several years," said Clerk Nancy Strole. "We tried to pick ones that deal with the township board as a totality."

Some of the matters she said the board would consider include updating township street maps, investigating a safety path policy and — a priority for Strole that she felt other board members would probably agree with — paving Bridge Lake Road.

The board agreed they would present their considerations at a workshop meeting with township Planner Dick Carlisle on Jan. 29.

that slowly — and surprisingly — grew into a thunderous ovation that quickly drowned out the few chants of "traitor" that floated meaninglessly through the noise.

"I was surprised" the senior forward admitted. "I thought they'd boo and make little gestures."

That doesn't mean Taylor wasn't affected by the emotions of the evening. Taylor didn't play well statistically — he scored just two points — but his game Friday night couldn't be measured in numbers. His only basket came on a layup that gave Clarkston an early 13-8 lead. He did pull down eight rebounds, but he was also whistled for four fouls, at least two of which were questionable calls. It was clear this was no ordinary game from the moment Taylor stepped on the floor.

"I wanted to treat it like any other game," Taylor said afterward, the emotions finally beginning to settle. "But when you've lived in a city all your life, it's tough."

Clarkston senior Dane Fife knows about handling pressure-filled situations, and he expected the game to be difficult for his new teammate. He was right.

"There's no question Angelo got caught up in the moment," said Fife, the leading candidate for Mr. Basketball who drew a technical foul for protecting a teammate. "But Angelo's a great player."

A great player playing under enormously difficult circumstances and handling them as best he can. It wasn't his best game statistically, but in the end it was a game Taylor got through emotionally.

"My hat's off to Angelo," Dan Fife said. "It's a tough, tough situation for a kid to be in. Northern's people were very good to him."

Nobody was any happier than Taylor when Brad Phalen's four-foot shot banked in at the buzzer, giving the Wolves the 48-47 victory. But one couldn't blame Taylor for being torn by



PHOTO BY BILL HANSEN

Home again: Clarkston's Angelo Taylor (31) battles Willie Jones of Pontiac Northern for the ball during Clarkston's 48-47 win Friday. It was Taylor's first game at Northern since transferring from Pontiac to Clarkston.

his feelings, since he helped stab a dagger into the hearts of the program he used to lead.

And when it was over, the young man allowed himself a moment to live in the recent past before reveling in the present. Sitting in front of a locker after the game, Taylor, a teenager trying to deal with grown-up feelings, thought about the reaction he'd gotten.

"I was preparing for a lot of negativity," Taylor admitted, allowing a small smile to creep across his face. "But they showed their love. They've still got love for me, and I definitely have love for them."

Maybe Thomas Wolfe was wrong.

For one night, anyway, the people of Pontiac showed Angelo Taylor you can go home.

Artist *from page A1*

placed persons" for four years during World War II, eventually made its way to Detroit in 1949 with the help of sponsors.

Despite the turmoil that beset his youth, Kozak, 64, has gone on to become an accomplished painter, photographer, sculptor and stained-glass artist who specializes in religious themes. He was trained at the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit and worked as an industrial sculptor for General Motors, from which he is now retired. Kozak also

draws on his history as a mosaic artist when he creates windows. "The subject matter of religion is very rich," he said, noting that before he can begin his work, he must do extensive research, reading through historical and religious volumes in search of costumes, hairstyles and authentic artifacts to depict.

"That was actually the longest part. It took me a very long time to read enough to begin to understand," he said, with hints of his Ukrainian accent still audible.

The two glass windows

designed for St. Josaphat, one of which has been installed, the other of which is still in progress, independently feature the history of the Christian church from a Catholic perspective and the history of the Ukrainian Church.

Done in fine detail and vivid colored glass that contains Kozak's hand-painted faces, the windows include symbols of God the Father, the Holy Spirit and Christ, pictures of the apostles as well as popes and other prominent Catholics, early Christian martyrs and saints, representations of the seven sacraments, old world cathedrals and the like.

Among the many figures in the windows are Joan of Arc, St. Peter, Mother Teresa, St. Stephen, the Statue of Liberty and immigrating birds seen fleeing the flames of the Holocaust to the United States.

The windows, which are each approximately 16 feet by 22 feet in size, were done in cooperation with his daughter, Maria Truck

ey, who is also a stained-glass artist and helps put the panels together.

The process used to create the stained-glass windows takes 10 months, Kozak said.

He begins by sketching a design on paper and translating portions of it to a wall-sized drawing. From that, a pattern is created and laid out on hand-blown glass, which comes in an array of 160 colors and is cut following various, puzzle-like shapes. Faces painted to resemble their living counterparts are completed and the glass is baked in a kiln before the pieces are leaded together and a layer of cement is applied to the seams.

Kozak estimates that the windows have a value of \$60,000 each.

"Everybody's conception of church is stained-glass windows," he said. "You come in and you see the color. Maybe it helps other people to feel a little more inspired. A lot of people get closer to God by the environment."

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Downtown renaissance on agenda

Two upcoming meeting changes have been announced by the City of Clarkston.

On Jan. 27, at the behest of Councilman David Savage, representatives from the Hyett/Palma downtown renaissance firm will be in town to present ideas for refurbishing and rejuvenating the Clarkston business district. The location of that meeting is

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expected to be changed from the Depot Street hall in anticipation of a large crowd, said city Manager Art Pappas. An alternate site has not yet been selected.

The Jan. 27 meeting will be in addition to the regularly scheduled Jan. 26 meeting.

City officials also agreed to change a regularly scheduled March 9 meeting to March 10 because Board of Review gatherings will be held in the Depot offices on March 9. The Board of Review is set in place so that residents can appeal their tax assessments.

Further information about these meetings can be obtained by calling Pappas at 615-1559.



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Funds sought for alternative jail sentence

BY PAT MURPHY
STAFF REPORTER

Sometime over the weekend, about a dozen people — facing time in the Oakland County jail — finished a job they started last fall: painting the interior of the 50th District Court in Pontiac.

"They've still got some touching up to do," said George J. Miller, manager of community corrections. "But they repainted the courtrooms, the hallways, the whole works."

Painting the courthouse is part of WAM (Weekend Alternative for Misdemeanants), a program designed to keep nonviolent offenders out of jail.

Besides being scarce, jail space is expensive — running nearly \$80 per day. WAM inmates pay \$10 per day to stay out of jail and do community work.

Since August when WAM was initiated, nonviolent offenders have cleaned parks in Southfield and Addison Township, washed and waxed vehicles belonging to the Road Commission for Oakland County and painted the Pontiac District Court as well as the storage area for the city of Lake Angelus.

"They do things that otherwise wouldn't get done because the staff and money isn't available," said Miller. "So far, everybody seems satisfied with the program."

Miller expects a cordial reception Friday when he — along with county commissioner Frank H. Millard, R-Clarkston, and management and budget director Robert J. Daddow — go to Lansing seeking more state money.

Miller, Millard and Daddow — also members of the Oakland County Jail

■ **I look at WAM as a modern day chain gang. It's a chain gang without the chains.**

Judge Dennis C. Drury
—52nd District Court

Task Force — are scheduled to talk with state community corrections officials about getting \$32,000 more for WAM.

"We're also looking for other funds that might be available to help us find alternatives to putting people in jail," said Millard, chair of the jail task force.

The population at the Oakland County jail has been at or near capacity for some time, and the jail task force hopes to eliminate — or at least delay — the

need to build new facilities.

WAM and other programs that enable nonviolent offenders to pay their debt to society without occupying jail space is a crucial focus of the task force, said Millard.

"I look at WAM as a modern day chain gang," said Judge Dennis C. Drury of the 52nd District Court in Troy. "It's a chain gang without the chains."

Drury, who is also on the jail task force, said he supports WAM and other community corrections alternatives. "I'm probably the biggest user of WAM," he said, "I probably put more inmates on WAM than any other judge around."

Drury admits to putting his share of inmates in jail. "The public expects it," he said, "and in many cases, jail time is

appropriate.

"I believe drunk driving is a violent crime," Drury said, "so I'm not hesitant to send people who drive drunk to jail. But there are still a lot of cases in which a program like WAM works for everybody involved."

Cases involving drivers with suspended licenses are a case in point. "If somebody's license has been suspended because he or she is a bad driver," said Drury, "jail time might be appropriate."

"But if his or her license has been suspended because they didn't pay parking tickets, maybe a program like WAM is the best alternative," said Drury. "Maybe everybody wins if they clean parks instead of spending time in jail."

City involvement with schools recommended

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Michigan historically has separated schools from city governments. In fact, most school districts have different boundaries from cities. School elections are separate from city and gubernatorial elections. The theory is to take education out of "politics."

That system is coming under challenge. Some Michigan officials have talked of having, say, Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer take over the Detroit public schools, the way big-city mayors do in other states.

"Other mayors have reached out with the club. That's not my style," said Lansing Mayor David Hollister, who won praise from the State Board of Education for his leadership in community efforts to help the ailing Lansing public schools.

"It's not a turf war," agreed Lansing Supt. Dick Halik. "He (Hollister) has a platform that I, as a superintendent, don't have. He can bring in General Motors, the UAW and chamber of commerce leaders."

At stake, Hollister told the state board Jan. 7, are 16,000 jobs and \$600 million in investment that General Motors would like to place in Lansing. He quoted GM officials as saying:

"We (Lansing) have the best workforce and the best labor-management relations: Oh, by the way, half of our workers will retire in the next 10 years. We need productive, hard-working, efficient workers with good math skills, good computer skills and many who can speak Spanish because we have a sister plant in Mexico."

Hollister, 55, spent six years in county government and 20 in the state House of Representatives where he was a hero among social workers but less so with industry.

Community tools

Elected mayor in 1995, Hollister set up a blue-ribbon committee headed by Michigan State University's Peter McPherson to explore how a community could help schools — in five years — achieve a zero dropout rate, make every child computer literate, give everyone the work ethic and have every child drug-free.

Some of their tools:

■ **Tutoring** — They signed up 1,000 volunteers who would mentor one child, one hour a week, for one year, in reading. Hollister himself is a volunteer. Their target: 1,400 kids in grades 3-5 who are reading below the 30th percentile.

"Those mentors have to be mobile," said Halik, the superintendent. "Some kids change schools five or six times a year." Turnover in some schools is 100 percent a year.

■ **Truancy** — Police have recruited retirees to track down kids who aren't showing up for class. "Lots of kids disappear when Mom is on drug treatment," said Hollister. "We haven't solved it."

■ **Parents who fail to get their kids to school or who let them violate curfews are brought before the law and have a choice of punishments: pay a fine, do community service or spend a day in school with their kids**

■ **Curfew** — "The (city) police department does sweeps of kids who aren't where they're supposed to be," said Rosalie Ray-Taylor, deputy superintendent of schools. "The (county) prosecutor's office has taken on the attendance issue."

Parents who fail to get their kids to school or who let them violate curfews are brought before the law and have a choice of punishments: pay a fine, do community service or spend a day in school with their kids. "Most would rather pay the fine," said Hollister. "Going to school with their kid is the least favorite option."

■ **Partnering** — The UAW came up with seven laid-off auto workers who work in schools as teachers' aides. "They're the most honored people in the school. The laid-off guys are getting paid anyway," Hollister said.

■ **Donations** — "GM showed up with a \$10,000 check for computers," said Halik. "We tried that through the schools and got not one cent."

Halik said he had several critical letters telling him to "take back managing the schools." His response: "They're entirely wrong. The superintendent needs to get all the resources he can."

National model

Hollister, Halik and Ray-Taylor spoke at the invitation of State Board president Kathleen Straus, D-Detroit. "The State Board will be exploring examples of partnerships where schools are working hand-in-hand with the community," she said, praising the Lansing model.

"This could be a model nationally," said board member Herb Moyer, D-Temperance. "It's non-adversarial."

"Pontiac has a lot of the same problems," said board vice president Dorothy Beardmore, R-Rochester, citing mobility between schools. Pontiac's answer was to transport kids to their original school to provide stability. Did Lansing try that?

Yes, said Halik, but it still resulted in high rates of tardiness and absenteeism.

What will happen, they were asked, if GM doesn't produce two new car models in Lansing?

"The skills GM is asking are the same others are asking," replied Ray-Taylor, pointing to Sparrow Hospital.

Added Hollister: "We stand to lose 16,000 jobs if we don't get it right."

SBT hearing

Southfield will be the site of a public hearing on Michigan's single business tax when the House Tax Policy Committee meets 9 a.m. to noon on Monday, Jan. 16.

Rep. Nancy Quarles, D-Southfield and vice chair of the panel, has set it up in the Southfield City Council auditorium, 26000 Evergreen. The local chamber of commerce is working with the panel.

Tom Middleton, R-Ortonville, who also represents the city of Clarkston, Independence Township and Springfield Township, is a member of the committee.

Experts from government and business have been invited to testify, Quarles said.

SBT produces about \$2 billion in revenue per year. It replaced the corporate income tax and a long list of other taxes when it was passed nearly 30 years ago.

CAPITAL CAPSULES

Laws signed

Gov. John Engler has signed into law:

■ **Senate Bill 664**, expanding the investment options of local units of government. The sponsor, Sen. Bill Bullard, R-Milford, said it will "allow local units to diversify their investment options, thus creating an opportunity to receive a greater return on investments." Each local unit must adopt an investment policy, including guidelines for safety.

■ **Seven bills** refining the high school proficiency tests. The tests will be given in the last month of 11th grade and the time reduced to eight hours. Private students and home-taught students may take the tests.

■ **An amendment** to the Michigan Telecommunications Act that will increase the discount to low-income customers of 20 percent of their basic local exchange

rate of \$8.25, whichever is greater. It also increases the discount for senior low-income customers to 25 percent of the basic rate or \$8.25, whichever is greater. Sponsor is Sen. Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion, who also represents the city of Clarkston, Addison Township, Independence Township and Springfield Township. The law has immediate effect.

The governor announced \$2.6 million in HIV prevent services grants to 40 agencies, including:

■ **\$15,000** for the AIDS Partnership Michigan of Ferndale, for counseling and testing.

■ **\$55,000** to the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services, Dearborn, for testing and outreach.

■ **\$60,000** to the Pontiac Urban League for counseling, testing and group education of African Americans.

Hospital offers rehabilitation support service

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An invitation Wanted: Groups to share column

We often hear community groups complain that they have a difficult time publicizing what they're all about. It's easy for them to send short press releases or community calendar items to local newspapers for a brief mention of their latest activity, but it's almost impossible for them to get thorough, ongoing coverage of in-depth issues they're addressing.

The community groups, whose only apparent option is to pitch story ideas to busy reporters and editors, are dependent upon the newspapers' judgment of what's newsworthy and when.

We propose a solution: The Clarkston Eccentric is extending an invitation for four community groups to share a monthly column in its Clarkston Life section.

We're offering the column on a first-come, first-served basis to four non-profit Clarkston-based organizations that can commit to submitting a column once a month.

We'll have logos made up for each of the participating groups and run the column in a regular spot in our paper so readers can easily find and identify which community group is writing for the week. Occasionally, we'll also be able to use pictures with the column. At the

bottom of each column, we'll publish the name and phone number of a contact person for readers interested in joining the organization featured. If appropriate, we'll also publish the address of where people can mail contributions for major fund-raisers.

The community groups can share the responsibility of writing the column with their members so it doesn't become burdensome for one individual. Or, they can assign the task to their best writer. However, we will need one contact person from each group whose responsibility it will be to ensure we receive the column by the assigned monthly deadline, no matter which one of its members does the writing.

We think our readers will appreciate learning about the history, philosophy, goals, membership etc. of each of the participating community organizations.

And, we think the community organizations will appreciate the opportunity to share with the Eccentric's 8,000 readers what they're all about.

Community groups interested in participating should call editor Karen Hermes Smith at 625-1900.

It's been a memorable 24 years

Yesterday, once more. Today marks my last day with the Eccentric, the end of a wonderful journey that began nearly a quarter of a century ago.

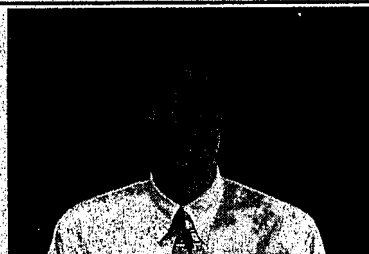
An Oakland County resident since 1968, I joined the Eccentric in 1973 after graduating from the University of Michigan and free-lancing for the paper in Southfield. I've seen super highways replace country lanes, expensive homes move aside woodlands, malls sprout from cornfields, chain stores outmuscle mom-and-pop operations and a once-obscure attorney, L. Brooks Patterson, rise to fame on the issue of cross-district busing. Oakland is now the third wealthiest county in the U.S. It's home to 1.1-million people, 40,000 businesses, 220 Fortune 500 companies, 360 foreign-owned corporations and an Export Assistance Center.

When I arrived at the Eccentric in March of 1973, my beat included high school and recreational sports in Birmingham, Troy, Beverly Hills, Franklin, West Bloomfield, Bloomfield Hills and Bloomfield Township. It was then I discovered how zealous parents and students can be over prep athletics. During the school year, many families built their lives around game nights. My stint as a sports reporter yielded two key memories: Birmingham Brother Rice winning the state boys basketball title and the Birmingham Federal all-star team making it to the Little League World Series.

In mid-1974, I moved into news reporting for the Rochester Eccentric. By late 1975, I had become editor, a position I held for 10 years. Major stories flourished — Rochester annexing the Parke-Davis area of Avon Township, Avon becoming the city of Rochester Hills, the Main Street Bridge collapsing and threatening downtown commerce, and Oakland University becoming the high-tech epicenter along the Squirrel Road corridor, to name a few. I remember a house fire wiping out an entire family, a murder built around homosexual advances, the organs of a youngster who died in a crawl space helping save the lives of others, the landmark hirings of John Schultz as Rochester school superintendent and Ken Johnson as Rochester city manager, the upset election of Joan Buser as Oakland Township supervisor and the shocking death of Earl Borden, Rochester Hills' first mayor.

By 1985, I had moved to the editorship of the Farmington Observer, part of the Observer Newspapers — the other half of the Observer & Eccentric network. Again, headlines broke significant news — Farmington creating a Downtown Development Authority to revital-

OAKLAND WATCH



BOB SKLAR

ize the central business district, the Roman Terrace restaurant burning to the ground, the retirements of legends Lew Schulman as Farmington school superintendent and Bill Costick as Farmington Hills city manager, the hiring of Detroit police commander Bill Dwyer as Farmington Hills police chief to replace now Oakland County Sheriff John Nichols, the 150th anniversary of the Botsford Inn, Oriental health spas serving as alleged fronts for prostitution, pro-life marches in front of women's care clinics and Botsford General Hospital's tower expansion.

Between 1990 and 1994, I found great reward in overseeing special sections plus several regional pages, including the arts sections.

In the summer of 1994, I became managing editor of the Eccentrics. Since then, we've created new editions in Clarkston, Lake Orion and Oxford, new pages focusing on spirituality, recreation and health, new opportunities for spotlighting art, entertainment, restaurant and business news as well as various other refinements. I've helped oversee the merger of the Rochester Eccentric with my old competitor, the Rochester Clarion. I'm especially proud of the West Bloomfield-Lakes Eccentric earning Newspaper of the Year and the Birmingham-Bloomfield Eccentric winning General Excellence honors from the Michigan Press Association on my watch. Ditto for the Clarkston Eccentric and the Troy Eccentric capturing Suburban Newspapers of America General Excellence honors.

I'm moving on to the editorship of the Detroit Jewish News, based in Southfield. But I'll always be an avid reader of the Eccentric, which has been a great friend.

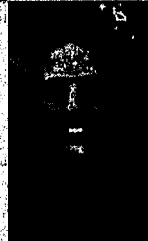
Bob Sklar is outgoing managing editor of the Eccentric Newspapers.

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

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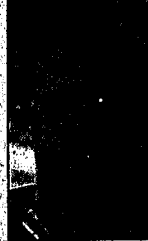
"Yes, I just don't think it's right."
Melissa Kiteon
Springfield Township



"Yes, I don't agree with it. I think it's unnatural."
Nancy Viviano
Independence Township



"Oh, absolutely. I just don't think it's morally right."
Darlene Wasinski
Springfield Township



"I think it needs to be researched more, but I don't think we're ready for it yet."
Mark Vinstra
Brandon Township

LETTERS

Group is making a difference

The Clarkston Task Force for Youth is making a huge difference not only in the immediate community in addressing the issues of our youth today, but also throughout the county.

The Clarkston Task Force For Youth co-sponsored the first time ever "Oakland County Youth Conference" on Nov. 1. Ten out of 28 school districts participated in this event, making it a great success. The conference was held at the Waterford School District Administration Board Building in their wonderful Kiva room. The youth participants were 9th, 10th and 11th graders.

The purpose of the conference was "Youth Partnership Working Together for Prevention." At the break-out sessions, the students addressed the following issues: violence, conflict resolution, alcohol, tobacco and other drugs (ATOD), peer pressure, positive peer influence and where to go to learn more about these issues.

The other sponsors were: Birmingham Community Coalition, Healthy Communities Coalition, Michigan Communities in Action for Drug Free Youth (MCADY), Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), Oakland County Health Department/HENS/CSHP, Tri-Community Coalition and the Waterford Coalition.

Also, students from America's PRIDE, Palmer Drug Abuse Program, Peer Education Prevention Program, Peer Listening, Team Spirit, Student Action Board, Students Against Drinking and Driving, and Youth to Youth and their counselors are to be commended for their dedication and contribution.

The participating youth, coalitions, task force, school counselors and community leaders are to be applauded for bringing the first time ever "Oakland County Youth Conference" to reality.

A special thank you to Judge Phyllis McMillen, Congressman Galloway and all of their helpers for an outstanding pancake breakfast.

Although it took each one to make this event a great success, an extra extended thank you should go to the students and Steve Ogg of the Learner's Institute in Waterford for being the "icing on the cake."

It takes a community to raise a child.

Charlene Hernandez
Clarkston Task Force for Youth

Balance coverage

When I read the column on Coleman Young by Phil Power (Dec. 11), I almost gagged. Power pointed out that at first, he was "astonished" at the voluminous amount of media attention paid to the death of former

Mayor Coleman Young, but after he reasoned it out with himself, he realized that Young really did deserve to be prematurely canonized by local media because he was a "special kind of black politician."

Sure, Young was a great guy. Sure, the black population of Detroit adored him.

Sure, it's a terrible shame he had to die after such a long battle with disease.

But with this insane media hype continuously blaring on the TV and radio, I began to think that this whole death and funeral were blown way out of proportion.

For example, when Mother Teresa of Calcutta (a woman some considered to be a living saint) died, I didn't find out till a day afterwards in a newspaper article overshadowed by pictures of the crowds mourning the death of Princess Diana.

There has to be some sort of reason in these news-channel neck-on-neck races to blow up one death to the heights of Jesus walking on Earth.

After about a week of hearing of Young's passing away, I began to mumble, "He's still dead, huh?"

I just hope that some sort of balance is achieved in media coverage of deaths and we recognize death for what it is — the closing of a life — and not a resurrection.

Stephanie Early
Birmingham

Lay off presidents

I deeply resent the use of President Washington and President Lincoln's pictures in connection with the cheap sales of merchandise in February.

It's evident people from another country use any method to capitalize on their good names with no sensitivity or regard for our country's most highly revered heroes.

Come on, guys, lay off!

M. L. Gregory
Bloomfield Hills

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POINTS OF VIEW

Letter to parents keeps report card in perspective

What would you do if you received a letter like this?
Dear Mom and Dad,

It has now been three months since I left for college. I have been remiss in writing, and I am very sorry for my thoughtlessness in not having written before.

I will bring you up to date now, but before you read on, please sit down. You are not to read any further unless you are sitting down. Okay?

Well then ... I am getting along pretty well now. The skull fracture I got when I jumped out of the window of my dormitory when it caught fire shortly after my arrival is pretty well healed now. I only spent two weeks in the hospital, and I can see almost normally and only get those sick

headaches once a day.

Fortunately, an attendant at the gas station near the dorm witnessed the fire in the dormitory and my jump, and he was the one who called the fire department and the ambulance.

He also visited me at the hospital, and since I had nowhere to live because of the burned-out dormitory, he was kind enough to invite me to share his apartment with him. It is really a basement room, but it is kind of cute.

He is a very fine boy, and we have fallen deeply in love and are planning to get married. We still haven't set the exact date yet, but it will be before my pregnancy begins to show.

I know how much you are looking

ECCENTRICITIES



HANK HOGAN

■ He is a very fine boy, and we have fallen deeply in love and are planning to get married. We still haven't set the exact date yet, but it will be before my pregnancy begins to show.

forward to being grandparents and I know you will welcome the baby and give it the same love and devotion and tender care you gave me when I was a child.

I also know you will welcome my friend into our family with open arms. He is kind and although not well-educated, he is ambitious.

Although he is of a different race and religion than ours, I know your oft-expressed tolerance will come into play.

Not only does he pump gas, but he also has a business on the side where he sells packets of drugs to the students and he can make a lot of money if he doesn't waste the profits using some of his inventory himself.

The police have been very unfair to

him and keep coming to the apartment, but they have left me alone.

Now that I have brought you up to date I want to tell you that there was no dormitory fire, I did not have a skull fracture, I was not in the hospital, I am not pregnant and I am not engaged.

However, I am getting a D in history and an E in science, and I wanted you to see these marks in the proper perspective.

Your loving daughter,
Susie

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

Join me in resolving to be more appreciative, patient

The recent holiday break gave me a little time to renew myself, to think and to come to grips with the coming of a new year. As 1998 approached, I found myself dwelling on the yearly ritual of listing resolutions. Like most people, I asked, "What if I fail?"

Then I remembered a poster a basketball coach once shared with me. It said, "You will always miss 100 percent of the shots you don't take." Inspired by this premise, I listed my 1998 resolutions. I hope you will read them, hold me accountable and perhaps join me in my quest.

1. Recognize students, faculty and staff as they do extraordinary things in ordinary ways.

Community members can partici-

pate by writing a note or sending a card to a deserving individual. The schools would gladly deliver the "good news." You would be surprised by the positive impact such acts of kindness make.

2. Communicate more and build even better relationships with community decision makers, our school family and with the general public.

Since communication is a two-way street, I invite our citizens to take the time to learn about the schools and about the programs we offer and to become familiar with our policies and practices. I also invite members of the community to share their perspectives with us.

3. Be more patient.

Like many people, I would like



AL ROBERTS

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needed changes to occur immediately and must remind myself that schools are in the "people business." It is important for me to let our experts move forward at an appropriate pace, not my pace. As we begin several school building projects, the community will also be called upon to display patience.

4. To be a positive, visible model for the youngsters of this community.

Don't think this is important? In many cases today's role models (sports, political, etc.) leave much to be desired. In Clarkston, we are blessed by the presence of many people who can and do serve as excellent examples for our youth. So, join me in making this commitment. Come to a school play, a concert or a sporting

event. Show your support and model our Clarkston values.

5. Take some time every day to speak with our children.

Our students are the children of the community. They learn a great deal about adults by how they are treated. They need to know that they count! If you don't have a child or grandchild in our schools, reach out to a neighbor, but don't miss an opportunity to help share the future.

Well it has been said, and unlike the annual resolution to lose weight, the scale is in your court — you will be the judge.

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

Airplane experience a nightmare



PHILIP POWER

Many airplane passengers — especially business travelers — are feeling pretty grumpy these days.

Bargain fares that are unavailable or irrelevant. Cramped seats. Scant information. Cattle car treatment.

I know how they feel. On Sunday, Jan. 4, coming back with my family from a holiday abroad, I and 166 other passengers were detained against our will for more than six hours in an aircraft parked on the tarmac at Cincinnati International Airport.

Water ran out. Food, too. For a while, toilets were full and inoperable. Parents of sick children were frightened. A severely injured passenger ran low on pain medicine.

Nobody involved could do the humane, common sense thing: Get the passengers off to a secure place where they could go to the bathroom and call anxious families.

Not Allegro Air, the carrier. Not Northwest Airlines, the ground service provider. Not the U.S. Customs Service nor the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service nor the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the responsible federal agencies. Not the Cincinnati International Airport Police.

Here's what happened. I bought round-trip tickets — Detroit, Caicos islands and back — through Travel Charter of Troy. Travel Charter contracted with Allegro Air (owned by a Mexican company) for the airplane and crew.

On Jan. 4, Allegro flight 492 left the islands at 5 p.m., bound for Detroit. At 7:45 p.m., the crew announced the Detroit airport was closed "due to weather" and that the flight was being diverted to Cincinnati.

We arrived in Cincinnati at 8:15 p.m., parked in an isolated part of the tarmac and later heard over the PA system: (1) The weather is still bad in Detroit; (2) we cannot not leave the aircraft until "customs" clears us; (3) customs and immigration authorities are unavailable; (4) the delay might be up to five hours.

By 11 p.m., passengers were, well, restive. I borrowed a cell phone from another passenger and called Gene Clabes, publisher of this company's newspapers in northern Kentucky, where Cincinnati International Airport is located. "Can't you do something? People are getting mighty uncomfortable."

Three Airport Police cars arrived along with

a Northwest ground service vehicle. I asked police if they couldn't let passengers deplane under their custody into a secure area where they could get a drink, go to the toilet and make a phone call. "We can't do anything. It's the feds who have the jurisdiction. And until they say so, you cannot leave the plane."

Five hours later, we're still detained against our will while the authorities dither.

By 1:30 a.m., a passenger passed a note up to me: "Everyone walk forward to exit this plane — calmly, but just do it!" Things were getting tense.

At last, we get to a gate. More dithering, plus extensive finger-pointing. Somebody from the Agriculture Department threatens the pilot with a fine if anybody gets off. A woman bolts out the door sobbing, "I'm not going back on that plane."

Finally at 2 a.m. the pilot announces the weather has cleared and he intends to proceed to Detroit. Ten passengers leave. The rest of us take off at 2:34 p.m. No apology from Allegro.

To detain against their will 167 American citizens for six hours on an aircraft with no food and water, inadequate toilets, sick kids and increasingly hysterical passengers is shameful and unnecessary.

Who's responsible? Jack Miles, Allegro's vice president for U.S. operations, blamed the feds: "People were told they couldn't get off the plane. Whose responsibility is that?" John Shay, port director for the U.S. Customs Service, blamed Allegro. "They went to Cincinnati knowing full well there was nobody around to clear the passengers or service the plane."

When I suggested a conference call to sort out the contradictory stories, Miles refused.

How to prevent a repetition? Put passengers first, jurisdiction and regulations second.

The U.S. government and the airline industry should negotiate an emergency procedure to get passengers off a plane and into a secure area. Designate a central authority to make decisions, reachable by a 1-800 number. Empower local police to take charge of international passengers. Share costs.

It's better than what happened Jan. 4. Phil Power is chairman of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this newspaper. He welcomes your comments, either by voice mail at (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1880, or by e-mail at ppower@oeonline.com.

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Court battle backs local zoning rules

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Opponents of state boat launches won a major legal battle when the state Court of Appeals said the Department of Natural Resources must follow township zoning rules.

"A welcome breath of fresh air... Local government still exists," said Jeff Lyon, attorney for Burt Township in northern lower Michigan's Cheboygan County.

Burt Township's victory — which DNR could challenge before the Supreme Court — shows Oakland County local units they may have a new tool for battling public boat launches on lakes.

Currently boat launch opponents are supporting House Bill 4363, sponsored by Rep. Penny

Crissman, R-Rochester, who also represents Orion, Oxford and Addison townships, to require public hearings before DNR can develop a launch. Crissman's bill would tilt the hearings in favor of homeowners' groups which could pack the hearing. DNR, Michigan United Conservation Clubs and the boating industry oppose her bill.

Burt Lake, at 16,700 acres, is one of Michigan's largest inland bodies of water. DNR has one first-class ramp (able to handle the largest recreational boats) at Burt Lake State Park at the south end.

In 1989 DNR obtained options on two lots on the northwest shore, almost 10 miles away. Burt Township's zoning administrator requested that DNR apply for township approval because

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the area was zoned R-1 residential. DNR replied that, as a state agency, it didn't need approval.

The township obtained an injunction blocking DNR's project from Cheboygan Circuit Judge Robert Livo. DNR appealed. Appellate judges Mark Cavanagh of Royal Oak and Maureen Pulte Reilly of Grosse Pointe Park upheld the injunction.

The issue was whether every state department can place a facility where it wants. The Court of Appeals said some can

— and some can't, and DNR can't. It reviewed the law, one statute and case at a time.

Prisons — The state could build a prison in Detroit because "the Legislature had intended to grant the Department of Corrections immunity from local zoning ordinances when establishing state penal institutions."

Gas and oil wells — The Township Zoning Act says townships may not regulate or control oil and gas wells.

State universities — They have "exclusive jurisdiction" in

the construction of their buildings.

Schools — not exempt from local zoning ordinances.

State Police — "not immune from the provisions of local zoning ordinances."

But the Legislature, in the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, didn't clearly exempt DNR from local zoning. "In the absence of any evidence that the Legislature intended to give the DNR exclusive jurisdiction over its subject matter, we cannot find it immune from local zoning ordinances," said the appellate opinion.

DNR argued the state constitution says, "The conservation and development of the natural resources of the state are hereby declared to be of paramount public concern..."

But the appeals court said that, while the Legislature assigned DNR the task of providing outdoor recreational facilities, it assigned similar responsibilities to local units, such as townships. "Accordingly, we cannot conclude that the constitution compels a finding that the DNR is exempt from local zoning ordinances."

The court said townships may not totally prohibit a land use. "Accordingly, defendant (DNR) will have recourse if a township attempts to engage in exclusionary zoning."

Judge Helen N. White of Detroit issued a strong dissent, raising the probability that DNR will appeal to the Supreme Court.

Schools agree on transfer policy

Representatives of Oakland Community College and Saginaw Valley State University have completed an agreement that enables OCC students to apply up to 70 hours of their community college credits toward a bachelor of arts degree in elementary education at SVSU.

"Oakland Community College has had a long and excellent relationship with Saginaw Valley State University," said OCC Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Carol Brown in a press release.

Universities usually limit community college transfer students to 62 credit hours, the total required for graduation in most associate degree programs.

Under the agreement, however, Saginaw Valley will allow OCC 62 community college credits upon transfer, and up to eight additional OCC credits upon acceptance into SVSU's college of education. Students must complete 140 semester hours to earn their degree in elementary education.

About 80 students have transferred from OCC to SVSU in the past five years. With the signing of this agreement and rising demand projected for elementary education graduates the number of transfers is expected to increase.

Established in 1964, OCC is the largest of Michigan's 28 community colleges.

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907 Silk Ribbon Embroidery T 6:30-9:30 pm Ehman 1 wk 1/27 \$15*
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924 Easter Bunny Doll T 12:30-3:30 pm Ehman 1 wk 3/17 \$12*
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928 Spring Wall Hanging T 12:30-3:30 pm Ehman 1 wk 3/10 \$12*
930 Frame Your Art T 7:00-9:30 pm Ehman 1 wk 2/3 \$12*
931 Frame Your Art T 7:00-9:30 pm Ehman 1 wk 2/3 \$12*
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961 Ukrainian Easter Egg T 7:00-9:30 pm Ehman 1 wk 3/24 \$20*
940 Ceramics W 7:00-9:30 pm Ehman 8 wks 1/28 \$45*
915 Creative Clay - Adults Th 7:00-9:00 pm Ehman 8 wks 2/5 \$60*
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945 Drawing, Basic Th 7:00-9:00 pm Ehman 8 wks 1/22 \$40*

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853 Access T 7:30-9:30 pm Ehman 6 wks 1/20 \$65
854 Power Point T 7:30-9:30 pm Ehman 6 wks 3/10 \$65
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856 Windows 95 Intro W 6:45-9:15 pm Ehman 5 wks 1/21 \$65
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460 Writing Your Legacy

460 Writing Your Legacy M 6:30-9:00 pm Ehman 1 wk 3/2 \$15
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ROCHELLE SMITH

Oh, baby! Having kids changes one's view of parenthood

Lately there seems to be a baby boom among superstars. Many famous figures are expanding, literally. Some of the most unlikely candidates for motherhood have suddenly transformed from "anything but maternal" into doting parents. For instance, who would have imagined Madonna as a mother? Now, only months after her child's birth, I read that she is already screening schools to determine which one will be good enough for her child.

I'm no Madonna, but I also made a transformation upon becoming a mother. Now my world revolves around my kids and I tend to be slightly over protective. I want to spend most of my time with them and, when they are away, I spend all of my time wishing they were home. This strong urge to be with children was not a lifelong desire. Prior to becoming a mother, I had no maternal instincts.

When I was 11, before I had given any thought to baby-sitting, my cousin asked if I would be interested in watching her daughter for the summer. The only part of the request that I heard was the part where I was getting \$25 per week. Wow! Big bucks! In 1968 money went a lot further than it does now, and I had great plans. Apparently, I did a fairly good

Please see MOTHERHOOD, A10

Principal gives school home-like look

■ Pine Knob's newest principal is striving to create continuity, tradition and a nurturing environment at the Clarkston school, which has had five principals since 1990.

BY JAN BAKER
SPECIAL WRITER

She's put marching bears in the school office, tigers in the halls, bumble bees and sunflowers on the furniture and sledding penguins at the front door.

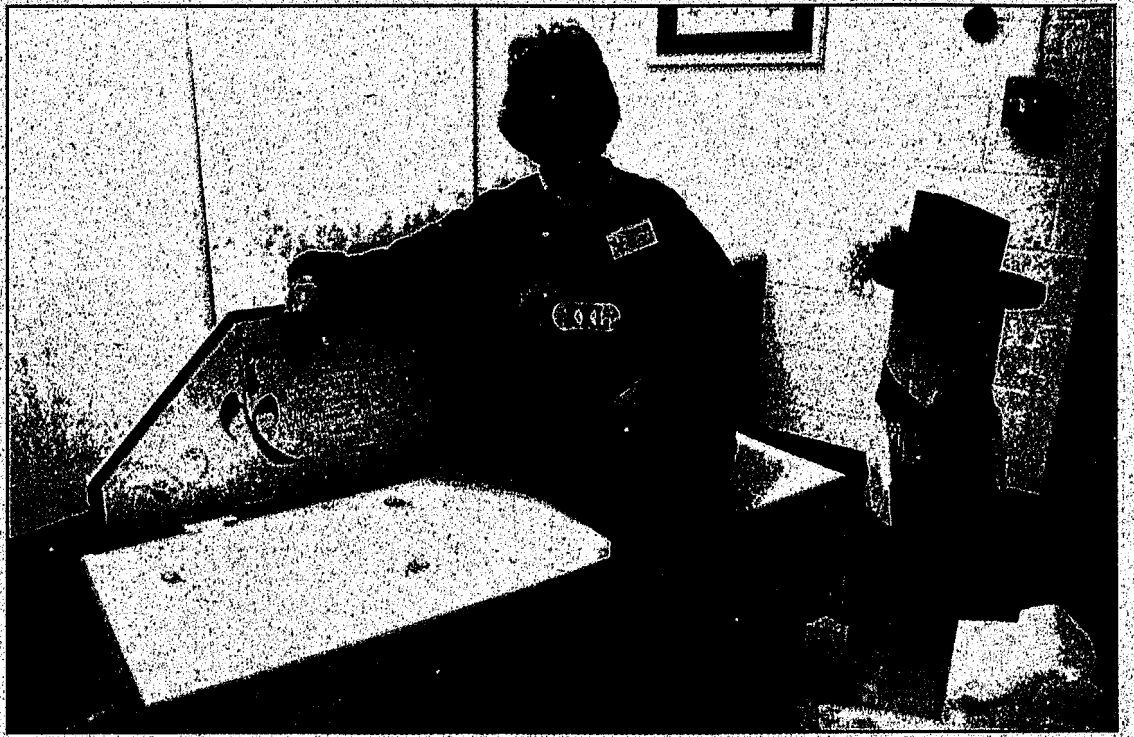
She's even prompted her staff to honk like geese.

But though it sounds like Principal K. C. Leh has converted Clarkston's Pine Knob Elementary into a menagerie during her first semester there, don't expect to see kids hanging by one arm from the hall clocks. Don't try to catch a glimpse of teachers burying their heads in the linoleum. And forget about watching custodians stretch out for an afternoon nap.

This zoo doesn't allow it.

According to Leh, the first female principal at Pine Knob and one who previously served as an elementary principal in the Linden School District, the school's warm and whimsical ambiance springs from her desire to create a more nurturing environment for students. But along with those homey touches, she means business.

On a one-to-10 scale of disciplinary styles — "one" being as soft as swan feathers and "10" being as tough as toenails — she ranked herself as an eight. "I truly believe that you have to set high expectations for kids, and you have to set them in academics and in behavior," she said. "You have to teach kids how to behave well because not all of our home families do that. I try to look at each kid individually, but there are some things that I'm not going to budge on. The fighting. The hitting. The yelling. The screaming. We don't need that."



STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

'Home' school: K.C. Leh, the new principal at Pine Knob Elementary, has decorated the Clarkston school with whimsical designs and decorations to give the building a home-like feeling.

Leh said clear parameters make students feel secure. And adults in the school seem to be supportive of those limits.

"I think it's going great," she said. "I think the staff and parents are real receptive to some positive changes so they're willing to take some risks and willing to say, 'Yeah, let's try that. That sounds good for kids.'"

The fifth principal at Pine Knob since 1990, Leh explained that estab-

lishing a sense of tradition within the building is also part of the new look and feel of the school. "Kids look forward to (routines and traditions). Teachers expect it," she said. "People need some things that they can count on."

To create that foundation, Leh started the year with a team-building exercise in which she and the staff emulated geese from the film, "Fly Away Home." That included lessons about

leading others, following others, flying in formation — and honking like you really mean it.

The principal also cleaned house. She commissioned an artist friend to paint and redecorate the school's rustic benches in the main hallway. (Today, the bright white boxes feature grand sunflowers and perky black and yellow bumble bees that form these words: "Please Bee Seated!")

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Do termites turn to chocolate when they're desperate?

Interview With A Mother

Boy: Is being a contortionist a bad thing?

Mother: Frankly, I don't know a whole lot about being a contortionist but from where I stand (or sit or lie or squat, as the case may be), it's not like being a bank robber or anything. The ugly truth is that my contorting has been limited to kneeling beneath the steering column and attempting to vacuum under the front seat of the Pontiac while eight months pregnant on a 90-degree day as I babysat the neighbor children.

Boy: Do you know how mountains were created?

Mother: I have my theories and I've read my science. But your father would say I created them that time he mentioned those mole hills.

Boy: What is a bowling ball made of?

Mother: I can't even find a good recipe for cheese cake and you're asking

me what a bowling ball is made of? Give me a break!

Boy: Have you ever walked on crutches?

Mother: Give me another break! Not only can I not walk on crutches, I can't walk on stilts or on high heels either, for that matter.

Boy: How do you feel when you're desperate?

Mother: When I feel desperate, I feel a big old craving for chocolate.

Boy: Have you ever had a song that was stuck in your head?

Mother: Yes. That song was "What's Love Got To Do With It?" by Tina Turner. Feeling desperate at the time, I hummed my way through three packs of Hershey's kisses.

Boy: Why is it you always agree with dad?

Mother: He would tell you that I don't. But thanks for the vote of confidence.



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Boy: Wouldn't it be cool if we were ghosts?

Mother: I agree with you that there would be certain advantages in being able to walk through walls. Just think, though, if we could do that, other people could do that. Then where would we be if not utterly visible?

Boy: Have you ever heard of ter-

mites?

Mother: Yes. After ghosts, they have the next highest advantage in wall access.

Boy: How fast do they eat?

Mother: Faster than me. And that's saying something.

Boy: Can you believe your eardrum is only one-half mile from your ear?

Mother: Don't tell your father. He already thinks I have a big head.

Boy: Mom, did you know that they practically only hire left-handed people for baseball?

Mother: I wish I'd known that when I signed up for college.

Boy: Did you know water is actually heavier than you?

Mother: You're being too kind.

Boy: How long does it take for blisters to go away?

Mother: Longer than it takes a termite to get through a wall.

Boy: Do you believe in the Loch Ness

Monster?

Mother: Yes, I do. In fact, I have an affinity for old Nessy. I kind of like the fact that she's been able to play that cat-and-mouse game with mankind for all these years and not get caught.

Boy: What is rigor mortis?

Mother: Did you know Uma Thurman is really a blonde?

Mother: Yes, But I respect her anyway.

Boy: How do birds know when it's going to rain?

Mother: She means everybody was able to agree on something. Do you suppose if we were all ghosts, we would reach the unanimous conclusion that Nessy is really a blonde too?

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

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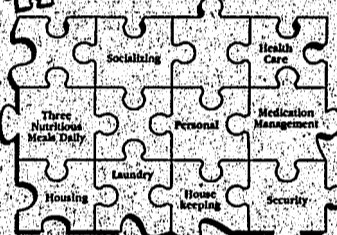
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She also hung vertical blinds here, a Mary Engelbreit print there and a seasonal flag at the front door. She posted colorfully framed pictures of marching bears and a circus in the school office. And she ordered traffic signs for the parking lot to make the school more user-friendly.

Aside from those and other cosmetic changes, Leh said she has also overseen activities that boost the school. From a display of the staff's baby pictures to a schoolwide guessing game called, "Where in the World was Mrs. Leh Born?" (Bombay, India), to "Mystery Santas" who sang the "Twelve Days of Christmas" over the public address system, the

principal said there has been time for kids to laugh like hyenas.

But above all, academics come first.

"I'm a firm believer that the kids are here to learn," Leh said. "That's our No. 1 thing — learning — not baby-sitting."

The principal also said she supports educators when they face student behaviors that routinely go beyond what's acceptable. She explained that her help enables teachers to set and meet higher behavioral and academic standards in the trenches. "I think basic discipline and management begin in the classroom, but teachers have to know that

there is an administrator who's going to support what they do," she said. "When it reaches a point that what they've tried to do isn't working, I'm here to help them. And I'm here to be right in the thick of it with them. Sometimes it just takes a kid sitting in here doing his work for an hour with me to get the point across: 'You're not going to be a constant disruption in your class.'"

Leh said she thinks students and adults at Pine Knob have been hungry for continuity, tradition and the welcome flag with sledding penguins that currently hangs outside the school's front door. "There is a fantastic group

of people here looking for direction," she said. "They were not looking for someone to come in here and sit."

She said she looks forward to returning to Pine Knob next year.

As for her at-home responsibilities, Leh said her family life hasn't gone to the prairie dogs. "I have a great husband who also works in education," Leh said of her spouse, Jim, who runs the after-school taxi for their two children. "And I have to say, 'Thank God for crock pots!'"

Spoken like a true zoo keeper.

Honk, honk.

Motherhood from page A9

job of baby-sitting because, once I got started, I couldn't stop. Our phone was ringing off the wall. People had gotten my name from other people, and so on. My baby-sitting calendar looked like the dance card of the most popular girl in town. Of course, I had no time for dancing because I was always watching some runny-nosed, little rug rat. (See what I mean, no maternal instinct.)

By the time I turned 16, I had saved enough baby-sitting money to buy my own car. I decided to find a real job and never watch kids again. A couple days after my 16th birthday I got my first part-time job in the office at Kresge's in the Pontiac Mall (for you young folks, the Pontiac Mall is now called the Summit Place Mall, and Kresge's

no longer exists. Time marches on.) I was a little nervous on my first day, but I was glad to be doing anything other than baby-sitting. Within the first hour on my new job, I had accomplished something that has now become a fad for teenagers — body piercing. This was not an intentional act of disfigurement. In my eagerness to show that I could catch on quickly, I jumped into the job of using the power stapler with great enthusiasm. Unfortunately, due to a slight miscalculation on my part, I managed to place my thumb, instead of the stack of papers, where the staple shoots out. As I stood there looking at my thumb, with an industrial sized staple going in, one side and coming out through my thumbnail on the other side, I thought "This is still

better than baby-sitting."

Luckily, my husband shared my enthusiasm for children and, on our second date, made it clear that he never wanted to have children. Fine with me. During the four years we dated and the first three years of marriage, it was agreed; we were never having children. I'm not sure how it happened, but slowly I started finding myself looking longingly at other people's babies; asking to hold them; making goggle faces at them in stores. Before I knew it, I had it bad. The "I want one too" syndrome. It took a while (quite a while), but I convinced my husband that "just one baby won't change our lives that much." That quote and the "I'm too vain to not lose the baby fat" have been quotes I can't live down (I probably could if my

husband would stop bringing them up, but that's not likely to happen).

Mothers are not the only ones who spring forth with parental instincts when they become parents. My husband has become "Super Dad." He adores our kids and never wants to do anything without them. When I suggested that we take a trip to celebrate our 20th wedding anniversary in four years, he assumed I meant with our boys.

Prior to having our first son I was a nervous wreck. I knew nothing about babies. I hadn't even baby-sat for over 12 years. I had dreams that we brought the baby home from the hospital in a brown paper grocery bag and would look in the bag once each day to make sure he was OK. I started reading everything I could get my hands on about raising children. Now that I have two kids and they are old enough that I can tell which of the things I read really worked, I feel that I can pass on the useful information with confidence to any young parents.

Tip No. 1: Spacing. I read a book by a psychologist who had nine kids. He said the most important thing about having a happy family is spacing. To quote the good doctor, "If you have your children any closer together than three years, you deserve what you get." Of course, he knew. Most of his nine children were less than three years apart.

Tip No. 2: Possessive. I think the best tip I read was to give the older child a feeling of possessing the new baby. Since the day my youngest son was born, he has been "your brother" to my older son, "Isn't your brother cute?" "Look what your brother did." Referring to the baby as "your brother" instead of using his name makes the older child feel a sense of possession. As the child is listening to the parent talk, he hears "your" and instantly starts thinking of things that are his. Is Mom talking about "my toys," "my candy," "my book"? Oh, she's talking about "my brother." I can't say for sure that this little trick has made a difference, but I know that my two boys (who just happen to be three years apart in age) are best friends. They rarely argue and usually play well together. (Well, they did. Now that I've written this in the paper for the world to see, they will probably start fighting like animals.)

Tip No. 3: This is the most important one. Love them and enjoy them because they grow up too soon. Don't sweat the small stuff. Being a parent is the most rewarding job in the world. Try to enjoy it.

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

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The free program, titled "Suicide: Our Children are Crying," will be held 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, in the Independence Township Library. Parents of secondary students are encouraged to attend. Youths are welcome. Included in the presentation

will be tips on what to look for in preventing suicides.

Presenter will be grief specialist Kathy Garwood of Donelson, Johns & Evans Funeral Home. Garwood, who lives in Independence Township, facilitates a suicide survivors support group.

Register with the Clarkston Area Youth Assistance Office at 625-9007 due to limited seating.

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9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Independence Oaks County Park on Sashabaw Road, 2 1/2 miles north of I-75, near Clarkston. Have your Christmas tree recycled at no cost. Program is sponsored by Oakland County Parks, Bordin's Better Blooms and the Detroit Hoo Hoo Club, a lumber industry organization. Call (248) 858-0906.

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THURSDAY-SATURDAY, JANUARY 15-17

CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS
7:30 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday. "Aspirin & 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. Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road in Clarkston. Tickets: \$7 Thursday, \$8 Friday and Saturday. Performances also Jan. 22-24. Call (248) 625-8811.

CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FRIDAY, JAN. 16

RECREATION FOR SPECIAL PEOPLE

7-9 p.m., Hart Community Center at the Mill Pond in Davisburg. Bingo, Refreshments. No charge. While NWOCs, a volunteer organization, provides recreational activities, caregivers have responsibility for direct supervision of participants. Call 634-9570.

SATURDAY, JAN. 17

TUNING YOUR TOT WORKSHOP

10 a.m. - noon, Independence Oaks Nature Center. Workshop for parents and teachers who want new ideas for nature crafts, songs, snacks and activities. \$10 per adult. Registration required. Call (248) 625-6473, (888) OCPARKS or TDD (248) 858-1684.

NATURE'S HOCKEY TEAM

1 p.m., Indian Springs Metropark. The Red Wings took their cue from these crafty, resourceful animals who spend winter in or around frozen lakes, streams and ponds. We'll discuss these cool critters, then hike around the pond to root them on. Registration required. Call (248) 625-7280 or (800) 477-3192.

SUNDAY, JAN. 18

OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC SKI SCHOOLS

10 a.m. to noon and 1:30-3:30 p.m., Independence Oaks County Park. Cross-country ski clinics (weather permitting). Registration required one week in advance. Fee: \$7 per person, \$13 per person with ski rental. Call (248) 625-0877. Clinic also held Feb. 7 and 15.

SUNDAY, JAN. 18

SUNDAY SNOWSHOES

10-11:30 a.m. and 2-3:30 p.m., Independence Oaks on Sashabaw Road, 2 1/2 miles north of I-75, near Clarkston. Program is snow-dependent with a limited number of snowshoes available. Not recommended for preschoolers. Fee: \$2 per person. Registration required. Call (248) 625-6473, (248) 858-2684 or (888) OCPARKS.

BENEFIT CHICKEN DINNER

1-5 p.m., American Legion Post No. 377, 4819 Edgewood, Clarkston. Dinner to benefit Leila Morley Whitman & family, who lost everything in a fire. Chicken, potatoes, cole slaw, roll and dessert. Donation: \$7; children

10 and under, \$3.50. Call Bea Richmond at (248) 335-4805 or Bea Hockey at (810) 678-2965. To make a donation, make checks payable to Chief Pontiac Unit No. 377 and mail to 1122 Roberts Drive, Metamora 48455.

ANIMAL TRACK T-SHIRTS

2 p.m., Indian Springs Metropark. Grab a white or light-colored T-shirt, sweat shirt or pillowcase and make tracks for the nature center. We'll also learn how to identify some of those mysterious animal footprints in the snow. Fee: \$1 per person. Registration required. Call (248) 625-7280 or (800) 477-3192.

THURSDAY, JAN. 15

CLARKSTON COMMUNITY WOMEN'S CLUB

7:30 p.m., Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston. Linda Purdy will speak on Lyme Disease. Program follows. Call Gail at 623-9462 for further information.

TUESDAY, JAN. 20

ROTH IRA'S

1 & 5 p.m., The Clarkston office of Edward Jones, 20 W. Washington, is hosting a live broadcast on Roth IRA's. Information covered will be "What is the Roth IRA? Which IRA should I contribute to in 1998? Should I

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THURSDAY, &

SATURDAY, JAN. 21-24

TUNING YOUR TOT INTO WINTER
10 - 11:45 a.m. or 1 - 2:45 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, 1 - 2:45 Saturday. Independence Oaks Nature Center. A hike, stories, songs, craft and snack encourage first-hand discovery. Younger sibling are discouraged from attending. Fee: \$3 per tot. Registration required. Call (248) 625-6473 or TDD (248) 858-1684.

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TASTE

Let's spill the beans about coffee

KELLI LEWTON
SPECIAL WRITER

Swiss mocha, raspberry, vanilla fantasia, double nut fudge, almond bliss, Hawaiian rhapsody, hazelnut, chocolate, chocolate caramel just to name a few. What could all these flavors have in common? Ice cream? Let me give you more lingo... single, double, cap, cap with a hat, diablo, mothers helper, joe, java... all AKA coffee.

Those little brown beans seem to be going through a metamorphosis. You could be sipping your latte in a rustic Vail-like ski lodge surroundings with stone, wood and a fireplace without ever leaving town at Caribou Coffee. Perhaps you enjoy sipping your joe while surfing the net at the Cyber Cafe or a good book and good company can be enjoyed 24 hours at the Lone Star. For a great decaf cappuccino on a comfy couch and a little jazz to add to the experience, try the Coffee Beanery.

Yep, I'm talking about the coffee shops of downtown Birmingham. Just when you thought, how many bean shops can one small town support?

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Obesity is a big problem in America

BY PEGGY MARTINELLI-EVERTS
SPECIAL WRITER

"To lengthen thy life, lessen thy meals" - Benjamin Franklin

Obesity is an epidemic of alarming proportions and contributes to a number of serious health risks. One out of three Americans is considered overweight and the numbers keep growing. Sad but true, our children are growing up fat, too. The most dangerous aspect is that they will grow up fat and have a shorter life span, not to mention the psychological problems for overweight kids.

The new year brings new opportunities and goals. But really, how much new diet advice can you stand. Weight loss is the subject of literally hundreds of books, and stories about losing weight appear regularly on television, and in newspapers and magazines.

Overweight refers to an excess of total body weight including fat, bone and muscle. A football player or weight lifter would probably be considered overweight though not necessarily obese. Obesity refers specifically to an excess of body fat. Americans eat less calories today than we did at the turn of the century, but due to labor saving devices, we are fatter because we're less active.

At least 25 percent of us have a sedentary job, do no heavy house or yard work, do not pursue any sport or fitness program and avoid physical activity during the day. We take elevators whenever possible and drive to the corner store. Weight gain seems

inevitable.

Are you overweight? The pounds can add up over the years and before we know it, we're risking our health with unneeded weight. An easy way to tell if you're in the "safe" zone is to test your Body Mass Index.

Multiply your weight in pounds by 705. Divide this number by your height in inches and divide this again by your height in inches. The number you will get will be somewhere in the 20s unless you're extremely over or underweight. The higher your BMI, the higher the risk. The lowest death rates are for people with BMIs of 27 or lower.

Some say a BMI of 25 or lower for those under 35 and 27 for those over 35. However, this implies that it is OK to gain weight as we age, which is not necessarily healthy.

The idea that obesity is linked to illness was confirmed in 1959 when Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. of Chicago published the "Metropolitan Life Standards" on its baseline weight table. The company concluded that the fatter the person, the more likely that person will die prematurely.

Today, the generally accepted standard for appropriate weight is the 1983 Metropolitan Life Table, which allows for more weight gain than the standards of 1959. However, research shows that the lowest mortality rates are found in the 1959 table with the lower body weights.

Body fat distribution concentrated in your abdominal region, the so called "apple shape" is associated with higher risks of heart disease and diabetes and

is worse for you than "pear" shaped fat concentration. No matter what your fat pattern distribution, excess body weight is unhealthy.

Analyzing the situation

Looking at various methods of weight loss and weight control can be as confusing and intimidating as setting up a financial plan. But, because obesity is a major epidemic and contributes to alarming health risks, it is worthwhile to take an "academic" approach to weight management.

Consider the following:
■ There are many weight-loss programs. From do-it-yourself books and work site programs, to commercially franchised programs to licensed professionals. No matter which program you choose, you should have a good understanding of the program components and what to expect from any maintenance phase.

Evaluate the program with regard to its approaches to diet, exercise, behavior modification and use of drugs or surgery as treatment. Decide whether the time is right for you to devote your attention and effort to succeed.

■ Drug therapy, if used, must be continued long term to work. However, many drugs have side effects that some people are not willing to endure. Drugs should only be used with people who are medically at risk for other health problems.

■ Focus your efforts on weight management, and not just weight loss. If weight management is the goal, then good health will be achieved.

■ Some of the best predictors of success at weight loss or weight maintenance include:

- High initial body weight
- Regular and consistent loss early in the program
- Having positive social support
- Having a positive, problem solving attitude toward life's stresses
- Engaging in regular physical activity
- Regular eating patterns with control of calories
- Ongoing self-monitoring (of intake, weight, etc.) and other behavior modification

techniques.

Confidence that you can achieve a goal

Time for a lifestyle checkup

Benjamin Franklin was right when he said - "To lengthen thy life, lessen thy meals." It is a simple truth but something that is much easier said than done. As the new year gets underway, many of us make resolutions.

We will eat healthier, lose weight, spend less money, devote more time to family and friends, take time to relax, etc. I suggest that instead of making resolutions that are difficult if not impossible to keep, we should strive to make lifestyle changes that will benefit us this year, and throughout our lives.

If we are overweight, it is time to change our eating habits. Sometimes that means making lifestyle changes that affect not only our food intake but the way we spend our time and money as well.

Joe Sarafa, president of the Associated Food Dealers of Michigan, has some simple suggestions that may inspire you. And, as you might expect, they all begin at the supermarket.

■ Eat healthier and lose weight - Sarafa says it's time to eat more meals at home. He's right, it is easier to eat correctly when you prepare the food yourself. After all, when was the last time you saw a grapefruit on the menu at a fast food drive-in window? If you or anyone in your family falls into the danger zone on the BMI test, then weight loss should be a priority. Eating at home, or at least preparing your meals at home and packing them (for school or work) can help. When we make our own sandwiches, salads and main courses we take charge of what we eat.

■ Devote more time to family - Adding structure to our chaotic lives is a priority of many people. Planning and making meals together with other family members can help. Sarafa suggests getting everyone involved. Include children in menu selection; ask them to find interesting recipes in magazines and cookbooks; let everyone into the kitchen during meal preparation time. Teaching children about good nutrition with hands-on kitchen experience will set them up for a life-

Please see SIZE, A13

Heather Williamson Messenger June 16, 1955 - Jan 3, 1998

Heather Williamson Messenger died suddenly in Chaplin, Ct. She is survived by her son Dane, parents Barb and Dan Williamson of Northville; brothers Dan, Jr. of Wheaton, Il; and (Flash) Gordon of Clearwater, FL; and sister Hannah of Northville.

Heather was born in Detroit, educated at Southfield-Lathrup High, received her bachelors degree from Northern Mich Univ and master's degree from Univ of Oregon. At the time of her death she was the Executive Editor of Laser Focus World, a PennWell Publishing Co. magazine.

The family will receive friends Saturday, Jan 17 between 1:00 and 4:00 at Bushwood Golf and Restaurant, 39430 Dun Rovin, Northville. The facility is off Haggerty Road between 5 Mile and 6 Mile roads.

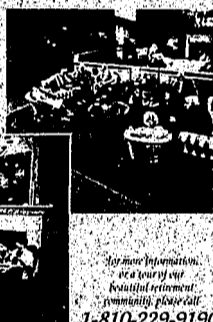
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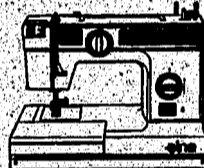
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'Cuddle' foods comfort, warm on cold nights

MURIEL WAGNER
SPECIAL WRITER

When the thermometer sinks below freezing, my food fancies turn to all the "cuddle" foods — soup, stews and chilies. These are foods that warm the long, cold nights and seem to add sunshine to cloudy winter days. My patients always ask how to prepare these one-dish meals the "Eating Younger" way.

I picked this recipe to share with you because of its flavor, nutrition values and freezer friendliness. It's an adaptation of a Julia Child recipe. Need I say more about the taste?

I reduced the fat and saturated fat by substituting a well-trimmed cut of top round of beef for the chuck cut in the original. I'm sure you know that those fatty streaks in the meat muscle, known as "marbling," determine tenderness. The more streaks, the moister and more tender the cut, but also the higher the fat. To overcome the lack of fat, this lean cut of meat is cooked for a long time in wine and broth which will act as both tenderizer and flavor enhancer. (I cut up my own meat for stew because I like to serve recognizable meat pieces. When I use the ready-cut stew beef, it seems to disintegrate into unrecognizable shreds.)

Stew has other health advantages. The delicious gravy in this recipe makes the recommended 3-ounce portion seem much larger, especially if it's served with a pilaf — like the accompanying Barley

Pilaf. Did you know that barley has more soluble fiber than almost any other grain? There's a quick-cooking variety that makes it easier to prepare than rice or potatoes. The barley is cooked in broth so that you don't need fat for flavor and the sliced water chestnuts add the crunch of nuts without the fat.

In the original recipe you discarded the vegetables after they were cooked. I found that pureeing them and adding them back to the cooking liquid added additional flavor, not to mention nutrition values.

The Red Zinfandel wine imparts a distinct flavor to the recipe. This is a fruity red wine, not too expensive. It's worth a trip to a specialty store if it's not available at your regular market. If wine isn't part of your diet, substitute more of the beef broth with a dash of apple juice.

This recipe is one of my favorite company dishes. While it takes a long time to cook initially, I can arrange to cook it at my leisure and freeze it. It's a snap to defrost and prepare the seasonings for the gravy. It makes a perfect company main dish because you can keep it on simmer almost forever. What a super dish for a Super Bowl party.

BEEF ZINFANDEL

4 pounds boneless round steak, 1-1/2-inch thick
Cooking oil
3 cups low-sodium beef broth

2 cups sliced onions
2/3 cup sliced carrots
16 ounce can whole plum tomatoes
3 cups Red Zinfandel wine
1 teaspoon thyme
Cornstarch (1 tablespoon of cornstarch per cup of cooking juice)
2 large heads of garlic
1/2 cup white wine of your choice
1/2 cup low-sodium beef broth

Trim beef of remaining fat. Cut beef into 1-1/2-inch by 2-inch cubes. Dry thoroughly. Coat a skillet with an oiled paper towel. Brown meat on all sides, adding beef broth to prevent sticking. Remove meat to a 4-quart casserole dish. Add onions and carrots to skillet and brown lightly. Add to meat. Cover beef with tomatoes, red wine, bouillon and thyme. Bring to a slow simmer on top of stove or in oven at 325 degrees F, for 1-2 hours until fork tender, basting the meat. Pour contents, except for meat, into a colander set over a sauce pan. Press juices out of vegetables. Puree the remains in a blender or processor. Add puree to juices. Add to rest of the cooking liquid and cook until slightly thickened. Pour over the beef. Stew may be frozen at this point.

To flavor the gravy: Separate and peel garlic cloves. Simmer in a covered sauce pan with 1/2 cup of beef broth and white wine until tender (20-30 min-

utes). Add to beef. Before serving, reheat and stir, but do not boil. Serves 12.

Nutrition facts: 3 ounce portions.
Calories 252; Fat, 6.7 g; Saturated Fat, 2.2 g; Cholesterol, 72 mg; Sodium, 151 mg.

Food exchanges — 3 lean meat; 1 vegetable.

I use a nonfat pilaf to accompany the main dishes. It adds the goodness of whole grain and important water-soluble fiber that helps lower cholesterol when other dietary fat is lowered as well.

BARLEY PILAF

2 cans sliced water chestnuts
1 cup quick cooking barley
3 cups low sodium beef broth
2/3 cup chopped flat parsley

Using broth instead of water, prepare barley according to package directions. Add remaining ingredients.

Muriel Wagner is a registered dietitian and nutrition therapist with an office in Southfield. She publishes "Eating Younger," a quarterly newsletter filled with recipes and nutrition tips. To subscribe, send a check or money order for \$13.50 to Eating Younger, P.O. Box 69021, Pleasant Ridge, MI 48069.

She quit smoking and lost 175 pounds **Size** from page A12

Editor's Note:

With her sunny personality, and can-do attitude, Sandra Dalka-Przby is the type of person who lights up a room when she walks in. We met three years ago when she called to talk about her weight-loss plan and the possibility of doing some free-lance writing for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Concerned about her health as she approached her 50th birthday, Przby wrote to "Family Circle" magazine, and asked for help. Besides being overweight, she was a smoker. Sandra quit the cigarettes right away, but losing weight was harder. She stuck with it, and reached her weight-loss goal this year. In fact, she exceeded it and lost more than 175 pounds instead of the 150 she set out to do. Sandra's a joy to work with and an inspiration. — Keely Wygonik

BY SANDRA DALKA-PRZBY
SPECIAL WRITER

Forget making the usual New Year's resolutions to lose weight. It's time to get ready for the new millennium and there's no better time than now to get started.

I used a "Slow but Sure" philosophy to lose more than 175 pounds. It took me 3-1/2 years, and with the same diligence, and a lot of effort, you too can succeed in being healthier and more fit when the calendars turn over to 2000.

"Slow but Sure" is not only my creed, it's the title of a book on my weight-loss due to be released by Doubleday in January, 1999. You don't have to wait until then to learn some of my secrets for success. I'll share them with you now.

When I tipped the scales at 325 pounds in January, 1994, it was because of my high-fat diet and lack of exercise. This unhealthy lifestyle changed when "Family Circle" magazine agreed to follow my weight-loss progress and arranged for nutritional help from Muriel G. Wagner, a registered dietitian and nutrition therapist

who practices in Southfield. She's also a regular contributor to "Taste."

Muriel put me on a 1,800 calorie a day high carbohydrate food plan. In addition to 8-10 ounces of protein, 10 starches, and two dairy and fat servings, the plan called for three fruits and four daily servings of vegetables. Immediately, I began to lose weight.

With an offer of the use of the facilities and a trainer at Beverly Hills Racquet and Health Club, I began a regular, four-times-a-week exercise program. This program has been expanded to seven days a week with aerobic workouts (walking, biking, water aerobics and step classes) intermixed with free weights and toning exercises.

As important as exercise has been to my success, it's what I put in my mouth that made all the difference.

Nutritious foods are the only way to achieve healthy weight loss. Smaller portions of the "right" foods in the answer. This

means eating small and medium-sized fruits, not the gigantic apples, etc. that draw our attention in the produce section of the grocery store.

It means choosing half a cup of pasta or three-quarters of a cup of cereal (both equal one starch). It means using one tablespoon of regular, or two tablespoons of reduced calorie-fat dressings on salads.

The only way to assure that you are eating correct portion sizes is to measure and weigh everything. That's what I did and that's the reason I lost weight.

Another reason I was successful is because I didn't expect overnight results. I started my weight-loss journey knowing that it would be a long haul. I was willing to take whatever time was needed — there was no rush — to get the job done. In the process, I learned how important variety is to success.

Eating the same foods everyday can be boring. Not only that, but boring often leads to failure.

time of healthy eating habits.

■ Spend less money — If you eat less, you will probably spend less money. However, I suggest you take this a step further. Look at the activities you spend money on. If you typically dine out, see a movie or do other sedentary activities, perhaps a change is in order.

Try a light meal at home and then take a walk through a museum. Sledding or ice skating are activities that provide hours of recreation.

■ Foster friendships — What do you and your friends do when you get together? If your activities center around eating and drinking it could be time for a lifestyle change.

One Bloomfield Hills couple surprised us all by joining a square dance group. No only are they getting out for some good exercise, they have also made new, inter-

esting friends, and they're having a great time.

A lack of energy is associated with obesity and may affect adherence to a weight loss program.

For this reason it is vitally important to look for enjoyable ways to exercise. If you have led a sedentary life, taking up jogging or high impact aerobics is probably setting yourself up for failure.

However, walking in the shopping mall before the stores open may be just right.

So while old Ben's words certainly ring true, for many of us a change in lifestyle may be the real solution.

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Stone Soup tale has a delicious ending

BY PEGGY MARTINELLI-EVERTS
SPECIAL WRITER

Here's an idea that will appeal to children: Make Stone Soup. I'm not kidding. Perhaps you remember the folk tale. I've included an abbreviated version with a recipe.

Reading the fable and making stone soup can be an enjoyable activity for the whole family.

The Story of Stone Soup

Once upon a time a couple of weary, hungry travelers came to a village at the end of the day. With no money, the two tried to find someone kind enough to give them a meal and a place to sleep.

What they encountered instead was a village of stingy people who hid their food and closed their doors to the strangers. Believing that the villagers had hearts of stone, the two travelers came up with an idea — they would make stone soup.

They rang the village bell, which brought all the townspeople into the square. Once gathered, the travelers

announced that since the townspeople apparently had no food, they would make soup out of stones with a secret recipe.

The travelers instructed the townspeople to heat some water in a pot. Then a few cleaned stones were added.

"Mmmm," said one of the travelers as he dipped a spoon into the steaming pot and tasted it.

"Stone soup is very good plain, but it would taste even better if we could make the fancy kind."

The people wanted to know how, so the travelers explained that salt, pepper and herbs were needed. The mayor's wife went to fetch some. Next came carrots, onions, milk, potatoes and meat.

Each time the travelers suggested another ingredient, someone from the town would run home and get it. Soon the soup was ready and everyone in the town, including the two travelers, sat down to fine meal.

RECIPE FOR STONE SOUP

Retold by Marilyn Saplenza
Heat some water in a pot.
Add some stones you've scrubbed a lot.
Sprinkle pepper, salt and herbs.
Let it boil undisturbed.
Drop in carrots, onions too.
Let the soup heat through and through.
Stir in milk to make it sweet.
Add potatoes for a treat.
Toss in meat cubes. Let it stew.
Let it bubble. Let it brew.
Taste the soup and when it's done,
Share Stone Soup with everyone.

I like this recipe because it can be changed to suit your family's tastes. If you don't like snap peas and carrots, use celery and green beans instead, or any other vegetable combination. Stone Soup provides everyone an opportunity to contribute to the meal preparation.

STONE SOUP

(An HDS Services low-fat version)
1 or 2 stones cleaned thoroughly (about 4-inch in diameter each, which is large enough so no one will try to eat them by mistake).
It's a good idea to boil them in water before adding them to the soup.
2 quarts water
2 cups peeled, diced potatoes
2 large peeled potatoes, left whole
1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breast, cubed
4 carrots, chopped
1 medium onion, diced
2 teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon pepper
1 teaspoon thyme
1 teaspoon basil
1 cup non-fat dried milk
2 tablespoons cornstarch
1 tablespoon chicken bouillon powder
1/2 cup cold water

1 pound package of frozen vegetables (we used sugar snap stir-fry vegetables for this recipe, but you can substitute any vegetables you like)

Heat 2 quarts of water in a stock pot. Add the stones, potatoes (both diced and whole), chicken breast, carrots, onion, salt, pepper and spices.

Bring to a boil and reduce to a simmer. When the whole potatoes are cooked thoroughly, remove them from the soup and mash. Then add them back to the soup.

In a bowl mix dried milk, cornstarch and chicken bouillon powder. Add cold water and stir to dissolve. Add the milk mixture to the simmering stock. The mashed potatoes and the milk mixture both work to thicken the soup nicely and give it some additional flavor. Serves 10.

Nutrition information per serving:
Calories 166, Protein: 13 grams, Fat: 1 gram, Sodium: 508mg, Carbohydrates: 24.5 grams

Low fat pizza — New ways with an old favorite

Faced with the hypothetical fate of "life on a desert island" with just one type of food, many Americans would pick pizza.

Adorned with its traditional toppings of cheese, sausage and pepperoni, pizza is not widely recognized as a wholesome food, but it does hold potential.

Specialty pizza restaurants, not to mention homemade pizza chefs, have developed a wide variety of pizzas that are both delicious and nutritious.

Whether you make the dough yourself or choose refrigerated or frozen dough, packaged mixes or pre-baked crusts, it's what you put on top that makes the pizza.

Making sauces and toppings with a limited amount of oil is a good start.

Keep high-fat cheese to a minimum, sprinkling the crust lightly with part-skim mozzarella for low-fat soy cheese.

Use plenty of low-fat toppings including fresh vegetables, lean poultry or shellfish and beans.

You can make a Mexican pizza with black, kidney or pinto beans.

Brown the pizza crust and spread with a spicy tomato sauce or even a chunky salsa.

Top with beans, grated, reduced-fat Cheddar cheese and chopped cilantro before baking.

Create a Tuscan chicken pizza using bite-sized pieces of chicken breast, finely chopped green

onions, roasted red peppers and small amounts of grated Parmesan and part-skim mozzarella cheese.

You'll never think of salad the same way once you've had a Caesar pizza.

Lightly brown a pizza crust and sprinkle it lightly with grated Romano cheese.

Bake until the crust is hot and well-browned. Remove from the oven, and spread with a tossed mixture of lettuce pieces, diced tomato, light Caesar dressing.

Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese and serve at once.

Don't be afraid to experiment with new pizza varieties.

Use roasted red, green and yellow pepper strips, along with red onion slices, to create a boldly flavored, eye-catching pizza.

Go wild with a mushroom pizza that includes shitake, portobello and oyster varieties.

Chunks of eggplant and onions cooked with garlic and ginger bring Asian flavor to a pizza crust topped with a low-fat black bean sauce and sprinkled with cilantro.

GREEK PIZZA

1 pound turkey cutlets, cut into thin strips
2 cups thinly sliced onion
1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
1 teaspoon lemon pepper
1 teaspoon minced garlic
1 teaspoon dried oregano
2 teaspoons olive oil
1 package frozen bread dough (or 12-inch thin crust Italian bread shell)
1 cup chopped tomatoes
6 Kalamata olives, pitted and sliced
6 ounces feta cheese, crumbled

In a large bowl, combine turkey strips, onion, parsley, lemon pepper, garlic and oregano.

In a large non-stick skillet, over medium-high heat, saute mixture in oil 5 to 7 minutes or until turkey is lightly browned and no longer pink in the center.

Place pizza shell on a large baking sheet. Top with turkey mixture, tomatoes, olives and cheese.

Bake at 450 degrees F. for 10 to 12 minutes, until the crust is heated through and the cheese is slightly melted.

Nutrition information: Each of the 6 servings

contains 328 calories and 11 grams of fat.

Information for this article was provided by the American Institute for Cancer Research.

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The material in "Good Food/Good Health" is reviewed by Melanie Polk, MMSC., R.D., L.D., F.A.D.A., Director of nutrition Education, American Institute for Cancer Research.

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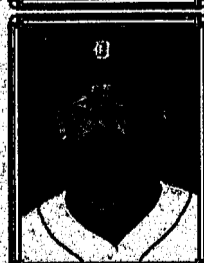
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Coffee

from page A12

The largest U.S. coffee chain is moving into town ... Starbucks! Not only is there the traditional shops in the neighborhood, you can also pick up cappuccino at the Mobil station or drive through the newly opened "Joe to Go," of unique design, neighboring Birmingham on the west side of Woodward to get your favorite brewed drink of choice. Wow, so many choices! We're coffee crazy!

On an average, a regular house coffee (i.e. brew of the day without any modifications) will start around \$1.35. A cup of specialty coffee of cappuccino will start around \$2.25 and depending on what you add to it, such as flavored syrup, etc. can go as high as \$4. The Specialty Coffee Association reports there are more than 7,200 coffee outlets in the United States. The morning drink of yesteryear has become an American ritual of unique concoctions, experiences and romance. We have become informed consumers that are looking for great quality, freshness and taste. In some ways it parallels the microbreweries presence of the past decade. We seem to have a hankering for the rich European tastes of the past vs. the stamped out, mass-produced products of today.

History

As rich as coffee is in taste, it is also rich in history. Historians have traced its discovery to the

10th century and even believe cultivation may have begun as early as AD 575. One of the earliest recorded legends report that a young Abyssian goat shepherd witnessed his goats eating these green colored berries which seemed to cause the goats to "dance" or frolic about. Actual coffee cultivation was rare until the 15th or 16th century when extensive planting of the tree occurred in the Yemen region of Arabia. Coffee consumption increased in the 17th century with Dutch colonies and the French transplanting to the island of Martinique in the West Indies, which was the genesis of the great coffee plantation of Latin America.

The soil in which coffee is grown must be rich, moist and absorbent enough to accept water readily but sufficiently loose to allow rapid drainage of excess water. The best soil is composed of leaf mold, other organic matter and disintegrated volcanic rock. Although coffee trees are damaged easily by frost, they are cultivated in cooler regions where temperatures range from 13 degrees to 26 degrees Celsius. Coffee plantations are usually maintained at sea level to the tropical frost level at about 1,800 meters (about 6,000 feet).

The coffee tree produces its first full crop when it's about five years old. Thereafter it produces consistently for 15 or 20 years.

There are two methods used for harvesting beans. One method is selective picking and the other is shaking of the tree and stripping the beans. Beans picked by the first method are generally processed with water, dried or heated, then roasted in rotating cylinders. The second method only dries the beans and removes the outer covering. In either case the final product is called green coffee.

Coffee bean flavor profiles

General flavor profiles of the most common coffee varieties:

■ **Costa Rican:** Prized for the elegant richness of its flavor and its delicate acidity, this is a popular breakfast coffee.

■ **Colombian:** A fine coffee with roundness, body and a good balance of flavor and acidity. Can be enjoyed with medium or dark roasted.

■ **Guatemalan:** The beans from this country have a characteristic rich spice and a smoky character. Medium roasting is recommended to bring out the full body and pleasant, flavorful acidity.

■ **Kona:** This rare Hawaiian coffee is rich, earthy and full-flavored with a pleasant acidity, best when medium roasted.

■ **Kenyan:** A classic, aromatic coffee with a clean, sharp, bright taste and good acidity.

Coffee information source: "The Encyclopedia of Herbs, Spices

and Flavorings" by Elisabeth Lambert Ortiz.

Coffee Clutch

■ Several varieties of green coffees are usually blended to produce the wide needs of today's consumers.

■ Caffeine is removed from coffee by treating beans with chlorinated hydro carbon solvents.

■ Coffee beans were first consumed by chewing, long before the brewing process was discovered.

■ Roasting and refinement of beans started in the 1300s in Persia.

■ In Europe, it was originally regarded as a holy drink to assist the monks with longer hours of prayer.

■ In 1650, the first coffeehouse opened in Europe and by 1843 there were thousands of coffeehouses throughout Europe and the American colonies.

■ Whole bean coffees usually gross a profit margin from 30 to 50 percent.

■ Optimally, coffee should reach the consumer 21 days after it's roasted.

■ In the 1700s and 1800s, it could be considered grounds for divorce if a husband didn't supply a sufficient amount of coffee.

■ The inferior beans are the ones that are often treated with flavored oils.

■ Coffee was revered as a medicine for many ailments

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Charter Township of Springfield

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

January 8, 1998

SYNOPSIS

CALL TO ORDER:

7:30 P.M. by Supervisor Walls.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Approved minutes of December 11, 1997 Regular Meeting as submitted
- Accepted Treasurer's Report for December
- Accepted December reports: Building Dept., Litigation, Fire Dept. and Ordinance Officer
- Authorized payment of bills
- Authorized Treasurer to collect 1998 summer taxes
- Reappointed Collin Walls to one year ZBA term
- Received report on 1998 Gypsy Moth Spray Program
- Approved 1998 Dues for Clinton River Watershed Council
- Approved waiver of interest and penalties for 1997 winter taxes for qualifying individuals

PUBLIC HEARING:

Received oral and written comments on Special Land Use Application, CAM Development.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Accepted Work Force proposal to develop employee job descriptions at cost not to exceed \$1,800.
- Fountain FUD: Canceled January 22, 1998 Special Meeting and conditionally rescheduled Second Reading for February 12, 1998.

NEW BUSINESS:

- CAM Development: Referred Site Plan and Special Land Use Request back to Planning Commission.
- Amendments to Zoning Ordinance 26:
 - Civil Infractions, Section 23: Authorized Clerk to Publish for Second Reading
 - Environmental Performance Standards: referred back to Planning Commission with request for report.
- Adopted CDBG Special Assessment Policy.
- Adopted Fire Dept. policies: Safety and Health; Use of Medical Gloves; Air Borne pathogens; Self Contained Breathing Apparatus; Breathing Apparatus Maintenance; Fire Chief Authority.
- Authorized expenditure up to \$4,000.00 to repair house at Fire Station #3 site.
- Set Special Township Board workshop meeting for January 29, 1998, 7:30 p.m.
- Discussed goals and policies for 1998.
- Amended Township Policy Manual.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Received oral comment from Mary Oosterhof regarding Dixie Highway Construction.

ADJOURNMENT: Adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

NANCY STROLE, Clerk

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- 1/2 ounce Cointreau
- 6 ounces coffee
- Slice of orange
- Cinnamon
- Whipped cream

Rim glass with orange rind. Dip into coarse sugar and cinnamon mix. Hold glass on an angle and ignite brandy to crystallize sugar on rim. Add other liqueurs and coffee - top with

MADDIE HEATER

- 1/2 ounce Baileys
- 1/2 ounce Frangelico
- Splash of Cointreau
- 1/2 ounce Tia Maria
- 8 ounces coffee

Combine liqueurs with coffee, serve.

CHOCOLATE CARAMEL COFFEE

- 6 ounces coffee
- 3 tablespoon chocolate syrup

whipped cream. There are many variations to this drink.

- 1 tablespoon caramel sauce
- Dollop whipped cream

Combine coffee, chocolate syrup and caramel sauce. Top with dollop of whipped cream.

PEPPERMINT PATTY

- 4 ounces hot chocolate
- 4 ounces coffee
- 2 teaspoons peppermint flavoring
- Dollop of whipped cream
- Ground peppermint candy

Combine hot chocolate, coffee, peppermint flavoring. Top with dollop of whipped cream and sprinkle with ground peppermint candy.

QUICK QUESADILLAS

To spice up your winter and energize your body, turn to main-course grain dishes like Caramelized Onion Quesadillas.

CARAMELIZED ONION QUESADILLAS

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 medium red onion, thinly sliced
- 4 green onions, sliced
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne powder
- 1/4 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- Four large (10-inch) tortillas
- 2 cups reduced-fat shredded cheese (combination of Cheddar, jalapeno, Monterey jack or

other spicy cheese)

Optional: Salsa, guacamole and sour cream

Heat oil in skillet over medium heat and saute onions and garlic until softened, stirring occasionally, about 10 minutes. Stir in cumin, cayenne and oregano. Remove from heat and stir in lime juice.

Place two tortillas on a baking sheet. Spread the onion mixture equally on the two. Sprinkle with equal amounts of cheese. Top with remaining tortillas and bake at 400 degrees F for about 8 minutes until the edges are golden. Let stand 5 minutes and cut each into sixths with a pizza cutter. Garnish with salsa, guacamole and a teaspoon of sour cream if desired. Makes 4 servings.

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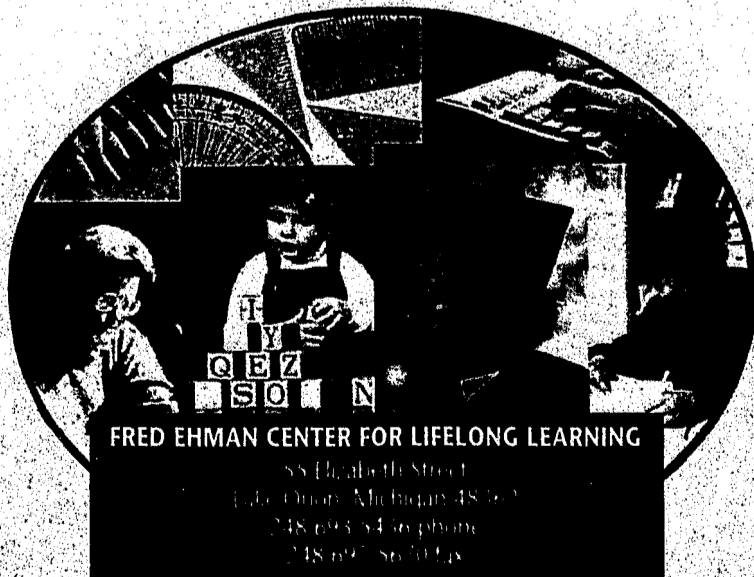
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Students help design the car of the future

By DIANE BALDWIN
SPECIAL WRITER

Purple tires with water drops and spray treads, neoprene wet suit fabric seating and absolutely no roof. This doesn't sound like a car, but it is. It's called the Tekqua and it's on display at the 1998 North American International Auto Show through Jan. 19 at Cobo Center.

This vehicle was designed by students at Detroit's Center for Creative Studies as part of an interdisciplinary class. Students gained first-hand design experience on what is probably the most ambitious design project ever undertaken at the school.

Carl Olsen, chairman of Transportation Design at CCS, was instrumental in getting sponsors involved in the project. "The American automotive industry is not nearly imaginative enough," he said, "and projects like this show (them) what minor changes in color and trim can do to aging vehicles."

Students were introduced to the scope of the project when classes began in September. A similar project was offered last year. Each component of the vehicle's design was integrated into classroom assignments and the small group of students worked closely to fine tune their ideas before presenting them to the automotive sponsors who would turn their two-dimensional designs into actual car parts.

Four Oakland County residents, all fourth-year students at CCS, played roles in this design project: LaShir Alexander of Southfield, Mollie Rattner of Franklin, Herbert Sparks of Troy and Robert Walker of Farmington Hills.

Projects like the Tekqua, according to Mark Trostle, vice president and general manager of Aeromotive Services Corp., Division of ASC and leader of ASC's Tekqua design consultant



STAFF PHOTO BY JEFF KESSEL

They are the future: Robert Walker (left) Mollie Rattner and Herb Sparks helped design a vehicle that mirrors their future careers in the automotive fields. The trio are students at the Center for Creative Studies.

and fabrication team, help ASC to stay on the leading edge of design.

"We recognize that our business is very much influenced by design," he said. "In the specialty vehicle market there is a lot of emotion attached to the buying decision. The Tekqua project not only helps us support and develop future designers, but it also keeps us on the leading edge of what young people of today are thinking about products of the future."

Rattner was certainly thinking of the future as she worked on the project. "I like trend watching. I think the woman of the future is going to have to be prepared for any experience and this material can do anything," she said of the neoprene seating. She helped to develop the water theme used on this year's vehicle, a renovated Dodge Dakota, extended cab pickup truck.

Working on this project con-

vinced Rattner that she can best make her mark in the automotive market. She had intended to work in a non-automotive industry but changed her mind after working on the Tekqua.

Walker helped design the rear deck head rests which house two speakers each. The best part about a project like this is that it "drives new thoughts and thinking," said Walker. "And then you come back down and (are) more realistic but you take some of the new concept with you so that the new product is different from the old one." Walker aspires to work for an automotive company and/or supplier in the Detroit area.

Alexander, a transportation major at CCS, worked on the Tekqua's color and trim design. She focused on the interior and exterior, helping to translate the idea of a waterproof vehicle into the water-splashed graphics pattern of the paint of the body that

appears as if it splashed onto the brightly colored teal, purple, yellow, magenta, blue and jade colored seats of the interior of the vehicle.

"There were no limits with this project," said Alexander, "it was like a dream...and it sets in my mind that I want to work in this field (designing interiors) when I graduate."

Students worked closely with automotive sponsors to meet production deadlines. Sparks, an industrial/transportation design major enjoyed seeing what goes on behind the scenes when he got the chance to visit a manufacturer. "We did what professionals in the field are doing," he said.

The intent of this exercise was to combine advance technology, the best in color and trim and product design and a 21st century perspective of a youthful lifestyle — extreme aquatic sports.

"I call this a California car because it doesn't have a roof, so you can't drive it in Michigan," said Walker with a laugh, "but, I'd buy it." Rattner added that she thinks "neoprene is hip, it's in all the surfing magazines."

This project wasn't purely academic, according to CCS Assistant Professor Mollie Fletcher. "Students can create ideas that the industry doesn't," she said, "and maybe someday they'll help push the automotive industry out of the grey velour mentality." According to Olsen, auto show feedback has been positive so far — "the younger the person, the more excited they appeared about the car," he said.

As for the generous donations of time, money and effort from the various automotive suppliers, involvement with this kind of project helps them by introducing their products to the young designers who have the potential for choosing similar products when they are working

in the field, said Olsen. He also reported that due to the success of the Tekqua project, plans are already being made for next year's project.

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Phalen's hoop lifts Wolves past Huskies

In a physical and emotion-packed game before a hostile crowd, Brad Phalen calmly put back a missed shot in the waning moments to give the Wolves a huge win at Pontiac Northern that left Clarkston in the OAA I driver's seat.

BY BRAD KADRICH
SPORTS EDITOR

Clarkston's Dane Fife may have scored the most points in the Wolves' clash with heated rival Pontiac Northern Friday at a sold-out Sy Green Gymnasium.

But it was Brad Phalen who scored the most important ones.

Phalen, subbing for a suddenly-ill Mike Maitrott, banked in a four-footer on a play that wasn't designed for him, just beating the buzzer and giving Clarkston an improbable 48-47 win over the Huskies in a key Oakland Activities Association Division I prep boys' basketball game.

Phalen's basket was just his second of the game, and erased a one-point lead the Huskies had taken on free throws from Willie Jones with 11 seconds remaining.

Fife wanted to work the ball to Angelo Taylor inside on the game's final play, but that was blocked, and the ball ended up in the hands of Justin Dionne.

The senior forward drove the hole hoping to draw a foul, but his shot was blocked instead by Jones. The ball bounced into the hands of Phalen, whose putback stunned the capacity crowd and sent the Wolves spilling onto center court.

"I didn't even hear the buzzer," said

Phalen, making the first start of his career in place of Maitrott, out with a viral infection. "Everyone just said it was good."

Indeed it was.

It ended a close game in which the biggest lead for either team was eight, 36-28 by Northern with about four minutes left in the third quarter. Clarkston's biggest lead was three points, 24-21.

The Wolves led 44-43 after a 3-pointer by Dan Neubeck with 3:13 remaining, but the Huskies quickly regained the lead, 45-44, on a 12-foot jumper from Mychal Covington.

Fife scored on a baseline drive with 51 seconds remaining to put Clarkston up 46-45. But Jones began to drive, stopped and was fouled by Dionne with 11.6 seconds remaining.

He canned both free throws to put the Huskies up 47-46 and set the stage for Phalen's heroics.

"There was a decision to make with Mike sick as to who to start," Clarkston coach Dan

Fife said. "(Phalen) has never had a lack of confidence in his shot. If he sees a shot, he takes it, even if he's oh-for-10 before that."

Northern led 29-24 at halftime, and stretched that edge to 36-28 on a 3-pointer from Rashed Moore.

But Dionne, who played a solid game with 10 points, nailed a 3-pointer with

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4:10 left in the period to spark a 9-0 run by the Wolves.

Dane Fife hit a pair of free throws and capped the spurt with a lane-driving layup with five seconds left. Phalen tucked his only other basket, a fast-break layup on a pass from Fife with 55 seconds left, between Fife's scoring, and the Wolves led 37-36 at the end of three.

The first half was an emotional physical one in the return of Taylor, who played three years at Northern before transferring to Clarkston before this season.

Even the usually contained Fife got into the act, getting into a tiff with Northern's Covington halfway through the first period that drew the Clarkston senior a technical foul.

"They were getting kind of rough with some of our guys," said Fife, who scored a game-high 25 points. "I just wanted to tell them to leave my teammates alone, so I retaliated. Unfortunately, the ref saw the retaliation."

Dionne hit a pair of 3-pointers and scored 10 points, while Neubeck scored five, Phalen four and Mark Whiteman two. Rashed Moore led the Huskies with 15 points, Nucleus Smith added 11 and Jones scored 10.

The game was a particularly emotional one for Taylor, who was greeted with a loud ovation when he took the floor for warmups and when his name was announced with the starting lineups. Taylor scored two points while missing much of the game with foul trouble.

"I wanted to treat it like any other game," said Taylor. "But when you've been living in a place all your life, it's tough."

The Wolves travel to Southfield-Lathrup for an OAA I clash Friday, then travel to Rochester Adams Tuesday. Both games start at 7:30 p.m.



PHOTO BY BILL HANSEN

To the hoop: Clarkston's Dane Fife drives to the basket past Michael Smothers of Pontiac Northern during the Wolves' 48-47 win Friday night.

Matmen get 7 places at CC invite

BY BRAD KADRICH
SPORTS EDITOR

Mike DeGain was under no illusion his Wolves were going to go into Saturday's 34th annual Detroit Catholic Central Invitational wrestling tournament with much of a chance to win.

After all, the Wolves were leaving three big guns on the sidelines in one of the state's most competitive tournaments.

He was right, but that doesn't mean his Wolves didn't impress. Clarkston got one individual champion, one bronze medalist and finished seventh in the 16-team field with 79 team points.

Temperance-Bedford won the team title easily, scoring 183 points to outdistance Holt, which finished second at 157.5. Romeo was third at 155.5. Only two other Oakland County schools were there: Birmingham Brother Rice finished 10th with 87 points and Oxford was 14th with 42.5.

"I'm happy," DeGain said. "We brought 10 guys and placed seven. That's pretty good with three horses on

the sideline."

Junior A.J. Grant, who hasn't even had a close match this year much less lost one, continued to roll, cruising to the individual title at 112 pounds, bouncing Jim Borowski of Romeo 13-3 in the finals.

It was Grant's fourth win of the day after getting the second seed to Katsuhiko Sueda of Livonia Stevenson. The seeding was an oddity in itself, since Grant beat Sueda four times last year, including an easy win in this same tournament.

Grant earned a technical fall over Brooks Cozart of Howell, 19-4, in the first round, then pinned his way into the final. He stuck Vinnie Zoccoli of Garden City in 3:21 of the second round, then took all the time he could in pinning Jim Brighton of Bedford in the semifinal. The pin came with five seconds left in the match.

His match against Borowski started slowly, with the Bulldog hanging close — for awhile. Grant led just 2-0 after one period, then built it to 6-2 after four minutes. Grant finally wore



Battling back: Clarkston's Matt Edwards locks John Abshire of Catholic Central in the cradle during his come-from-behind, 12-11 win in the first round of Saturday's tournament.

down Borowski. "You've just got to get used to the kid," Grant said of his slow start. "He beat me twice as a freshman, so he might have had a little bit of a mental thing over me. I beat him last week 14-1, but that doesn't mean you beat him 14-1 again."

"I tried to keep my head. I only wanted to throw moves that were there. I didn't want to force anything, because he could have put me on my back and I wouldn't have gotten up."

The other medal came from heavyweight Jon

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Over and out: Clarkston's A.J. Grant turns Jim Borowski of Romeo to his back during their 112-pound title match Saturday at the Catholic Central tournament. Grant won the match 13-3.

Netters can't dodge Adams

BY MIKE SCOTT
SPECIAL WRITER

After a big victory over West Bloomfield three days earlier, the Clarkston volleyball team took a step back in their bid to stay in the division race with a 15-8, 15-11 loss to Rochester Adams at home Jan. 8.

Senior outside hitter Georgia Senkyr led the attack for the Wolves (5-6-1, 2-2) with seven kills, four solo blocks and an ace, but the Wolves committed too many hitting errors and struggled most of the night. And unlike their performance against the Lakers, Clarkston was unable to get the ball to senior Aimee Giroux, who only had three hitting opportunities the entire night.

"We had a lot of hitting errors and didn't play with much

intensity all night," said Clarkston coach Gordie Richardson. "We served the ball well (39-of-41) but that was our biggest and only strength."

Not that Adams is any slouch. After a 15-5, 15-11 victory over Lake Orion Monday, the Highlanders stand at 10-2-2 overall and in a first-place tie with Birmingham Seaholm in the Oakland Activities Association Division I race. Both squads are considered to be two of the best in Oakland County.

The Wolves fell behind early in both sets, and could never recover for the game. In the first set, it was the hitting of sophomore Nadia Bedricky and senior Jackie Flumerfelt that helped Adams take control of the net. While Clarkston was inconsistent in their ball

movement, Adams' junior setter Jen Wing controlled the offensive flow for the Highlanders, particularly in the second set.

"We weren't able to challenge their runs and they were able to do what they needed to win," Richardson said. "Our girls could never get into a flow. Unfortunately, we couldn't do anything to disrupt their offense."

The Clarkston bench struggled as well throughout the game. Still, Ingrid Zimmerman came off the bench to record three kills in the second set.

"Good teams have a group of (athletes) you know you can put on the court and they'll contribute," Richardson said. "We're just having a few problems finding the glue which will hold us together."

Jenny McCue had four

kills, seven digs and was a perfect 10-for-10 serving with one ace for the Wolves. Giroux finished with one of her best defensive performances, successfully handling 9-of-10 serve receptions and adding nine digs.

There have been a number of pleasant surprises for Clarkston through 12 matches, notably the play of Kelly Hanna, a senior who is playing setter for the first time in her career and has started all season. Richardson also called McCue one of his most consistent players, and praised the work ethic of Giroux, whom he termed a "great competitor."

"There are some good athletes on this team, and when (Senkyr) is on her game, she's one of the best around,"

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STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

Net gain: Clarkston's Nicole Nelles returns a shot during the Wolves' Jan. 8 loss to Rochester Adams.

Iceers pick up 3 wins in 4 days

BY MIKE SCOTT
SPECIAL WRITER

Within a period of four days, the Clarkston hockey team proved they can adjust to different types of games situations, whether it be an offensive shoot-out or a defensive struggle.

The Wolves won three games last week to improve to 8-2-1 overall and 7-1 in league play. The highlights of the week included an 8-5 victory over Troy on Saturday even though Clarkston fell behind 4-0 in the first period. In that game, the Wolves showed an ability to come from behind and score goals under pressure.

"I don't know what kind of blow torch we need, but somehow we have to light a fire under our players before the first period starts," said Clarkston head coach Rick Rowden. "The guys figured they were going to automatically win the game, but luckily they came out with a mission in the second period."

Andy Cote had a hat trick in the game for the Wolves and five other players scored one goal each. After a tally late in the first period made it a 4-1 game, the Wolves scored four consecu-

tive goals to take a 5-4 lead before Troy added a shorthanded goal late in the second period to tie.

Clarkston dominated the third period and coasted to the victory. Rowden said many of his players probably felt Troy would not offer much of a challenge since the Wolves bombed a Troy team in a fall league held at Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook.

"This was a completely different team, and we told the guys that before the game started but it took them awhile to realize it," he said. "In the first period we had good success controlling the puck in their zone, but our forwards forgot their defensive responsibilities."

Thursday, Jan. 8 — the Wolves easily defeated Bloomfield Hills Andover 7-2. Clarkston led 3-0 after two periods before the two squads combined for six goals in the final period. Cote scored twice and Jake Gaines also scored in the Andover game.

Rowden was pleased with the performance in that Clarkston dominated play, but said his team became too individually-minded in the second period.

"But that's the nature of the

beast," Rowden said. "You have to keep the guys motivated at all times, because goals can be scored quickly."

Steve Badger picked up the win in goal.

Sunday — The Wolves hosted a match up with international implications Sunday night when they defeated Massey of Windsor, Ont., 3-1. Adam Leach and Ryan Peters each had a goal and an assist for the Wolves, who turned in a good defensive performance in front of goalie Ryan Hogan.

Ben Gray scored the insurance goal for Clarkston in the third period. Josh Babe finished with two assists and Anthony Facione assisted on Gray's tally.

Playing Massey, a traditionally strong program in Ontario, was part of Bowden's plan to upgrade Clarkston's competition this year and he said it is now unusual to play teams from Canada when the schedule permits.

"Here's a situation where we knew (Massey) was a good team and they guys were able to concentrate a lot better," he said. "We played well on both ends of the rinks."



PHOTO BY BOB KNORR

Return engagement: Clarkston freshman Lisa Ferguson returns a shot while teammates Tracy Honey (left) and Katie Jerge stand ready to help during the Clarkston JV volleyball tournament Saturday.

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Richardson said.

Clarkston is having to endure a rather quirky schedule. Following the match against Adams, the Wolves don't play again until Saturday at the Grand Blanc invitational, a span of over a week between live matches. After traveling to Lake Orion on Monday, Clarkston is off again until Jan. 26, when they host Seaholm.

"The break is good and bad for us," noted Richardson. "We really need the work in practice, but without competition teams tend to lose a little bit of their sharpness. We're working on simulated games, but it's not the same

as a match against another team."

The break is beneficial for the Wolves on the academic side because Clarkston High School is in the midst of finals this week, but Saturday it's back to the real thing.

The Wolves will be challenged this weekend in Grand Blanc, particularly considering the draw they received in their pool. Clarkston will be taking on Port Huron Northern, Kalamazoo Central and Flint Powers in their first three matches. All three schools are perennial volleyball powers, with Central having captured a state champi-

onship two years ago.

"It's a big challenge, but hopefully it'll prepare our girls for the rest of our league season," Richardson said.

The match at Lake Orion Monday is particularly big because the Wolves can ill-afford another loss and still remain in the championship hunt in OAA I. With an early-season loss to Royal Oak Kimball, Clarkston would likely need at least one victory against Seaholm to remain in contention, plus the Wolves will have to win nearly every other match.

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Robinson, who earned the third-place medal from his fifth seed position, Robinson looked great in reaching the semi-final, pinning Josh Newton of Davison in 2:36 in the first round, then beating fourth-seed Josh Shuh of Howell in the second round.

Robinson ran into first seed and eventual champion Casey Rogowski of Catholic Central in the semifinal, and Rogowski pinned him in 3:30. But Robinson rebounded by pinning Art Snowberger of Bedford in 2:59 of the consolation final.

Ryan McAleer finished fifth at

119 pounds, beating Manuel Garcia of Holt 5-2 in the fifth-sixth match. McAleer beat Brian Cisneros of Romeo 11-7 to get to that match.

Four other Wolves won at least twice. Chris Gomez (130 pounds) beat Dave Beste of Anchor Bay in the first round, then beat Eric Steckling of Brother Rice to reach the fifth-sixth match, where he fell to Ryan Atwood of Garden City. Rocky Bills (135) beat Seth Burns of Fruitport, lost to top seed Dan Seder of Livonia Stevenson, then beat Pat Wagner of Anchor Bay before

settling for sixth.

Kevin Turnbull advanced to the second round by void, then lost to Jeff Brach of Stevenson, who reached the final at 145 pounds. Turnbull then beat Eddie Traynor of Garden City and finished sixth.

Andy Auten (152) got a void, lost in the second round, then beat Brian Birney of Brother Rice and finished sixth.

Clarkston is back on the mats Saturday at the Adrian team tournament. Wrestling is scheduled to start around 9:30 a.m.

Dragon cagers fall to West Bloomfield

The game was there for either team to win, and on Tuesday night at Lake Orion the Lakers of West Bloomfield made enough plays to steal a win from the Dragons, 59-51, in an Oakland Activities Association Division II

contest.

The Lakers' Brandon Grant took the game over, scoring 15 of his game-high 19 points in the second half.

The Dragons put on a last ditch effort scoring the first five

points of the final quarter to pull within two, but that was as close as they would get the rest of the game and the Lakers held on hitting clutch free throws in the end to preserve the victory.

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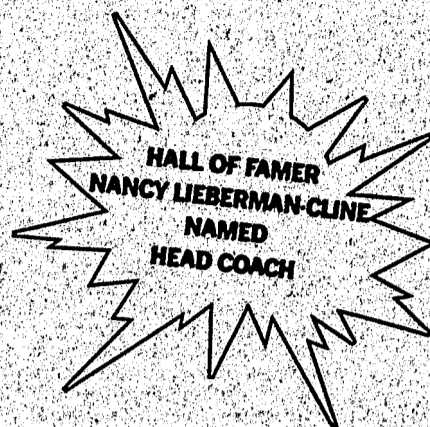
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Skiing accidents highlight need to pay attention to safety tips

BY BRAD HARDING
SPECIAL WRITER

The recent ski-related deaths of Michael Kennedy and Sonny Bono underscore the importance of practicing safe skiing habits. Kennedy and Bono were high-profile celebrities but much less prominent skiers are injured or killed because of their own carelessness or that of others.

As a 23-year member of the National Ski Patrol at Pine Knob in Clarkston, it's my job to see that skiers at Pine Knob adhere to basic safety concepts. The Pine Knob Ski Patrol has members that are professionally trained in emergency rescue. They specialize in ski injury with extrication from a chairlift or while on the hill. I and my colleagues are on hand to assist those who are injured in accidents, some of which could have been easily avoided.

Skiing requires agility, quick

thinking and being able to ski in control at all times. One false move or bout of unsteadiness under certain circumstances can land you in an emergency room. I've seen my share of accidents at Pine Knob, giving me a healthy respect for the sport.

Perhaps the greatest danger on the slopes is the skier who is under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Alcohol-related incidents not only make you vulnerable to lawsuits from others, but alcohol use in cold weather outdoors increases the likelihood of hypothermia and frostbite. Alcohol or drugs should never be used by the responsible skier.

We see a variety of injuries coming into our patient room — knee injuries being the most common. But we also see a variety of broken bones in all extremities. Teeth and facial injuries are also common. In almost every case, however,

these injuries could have been avoided if the victim had used better judgment.

The deaths of Michael Kennedy and Sonny Bono are not without some important lessons being learned. A little common sense could have saved both men's lives.

In Kennedy's case, filming a football-type exercise while skiing down a Rocky Mountain advanced slope violates every safety rule in the book. In Bono's case, common sense should have prevented him from skiing alone just before the closing of a ski area of that magnitude. Every responsible skier should practice the following safety rules on the slopes:

- Ski in control.
- Be courteous of your fellow skier.
- Move off a ramp quickly so others may exit easily.
- When cutting across the hill

or fall line (an imaginary line straight down the hill) frequently look uphill and yield for oncoming skiers. They have the right-of-way.

Here are some tips that will help you avoid getting injured while skiing:

- Never ski when fatigued after a long day of skiing.
- If you're cold, go in and warm up with hot liquids. Fluid hydration is important when skiing.
- Never ski out of bounds or beyond the limits marked by the Ski Patrol.
- Sit still in the chairlift. Swinging skis while riding a chair can cause a lift to bounce and possibly derail, not only endangering you, but making the ride uncomfortable for others.
- Loose clothing on a rope tow could potentially be dangerous.
- If you are the first to approach

an injured skier, a primary assessment can be conducted by simply speaking to the injured person. Is he or she conscious or breathing? Send another skier to the nearest patroller or lift operator, who will then contact area management or someone who can call for advanced medical assistance. Stay with the injured person as his or her condition may deteriorate rapidly, depending on the type of injury and the weather conditions.

Talk to the person calmly and reassure them that help is on the way. Treat for shock by keeping the injured person warm; this can greatly reduce the severity of complications that can occur later. Take off your coat and cover the injured skier with it. Never move the person if you suspect neck or back injury. You should place your skis crosswise above the person with the tails dug into the snow to signal

others to ski around you. If you are a frequent skier but don't know cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), take a course in it. You could save the life of someone very important to you.

Communication is a vital part of ski patrolling. We all have to use it with precision — especially on the hill. I created The Pine Knob Ski Patrol Home Web Page as an additional form of communication for our Patrol. If you would like to learn more about The National Ski Patrol, visit <http://host.pc.centuryinter.net/pksp>.

Skiing is a wonderful sport and can provide many years of enjoyment if common sense, common courtesy and awareness starts with you at the top of the hill and skis with you to the bottom.

(Brad Harding is a 23-year member of the National Ski Patrol at Pine Knob.)

OUTDOOR CALENDAR

OUTDOOR CLUBS

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

OUTDOOR SHOWS

OUTDOORAMA
Outdoorama '98 Sport and Travel show will take place Feb. 20-March 1 at the Novi Expo Center.

SPORTFISHING EXPO
The 10th annual Greater Detroit Sportfishing and travel Expo will be held March 5-8 at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

FISHING CLUBS

CLINTON VALLEY BASS ANGLERS
Clinton Valley Bass Anglers is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. The next meeting is slated for 10 a.m. Sun-

day, Jan. 11. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information.

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

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

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

FISHING BUDDYS
Fishing Buddys Fishing Club meets monthly in Rochester Hills. Call (248) 658-0556 for more information.

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

DATES

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

HABBIT
Rabbit season runs through March 31 statewide.

TURKEY
Feb. 1 is the deadline to apply for a spring turkey permit.

CLASSES

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

SHOOTING RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN

Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Range hours are 10 a.m. to dusk on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Rd. (three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills). Call (810) 814-9193 for more information.

PONTIAC LAKE

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

ORTONVILLE RECREATION

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

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS

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

RECYCLE CHRISTMAS TREES

Independence Oaks in Clarkston and Orion Oaks in Lake Orion will remain open for Christmas tree recycling through Jan. 25.

SUNDAY SNOWSHOES

Explore winter wonders on snowshoes during this program, which begins at 10 a.m. and again at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, at Independence Oaks.

TUNING YOUR TOT INTO WINTER

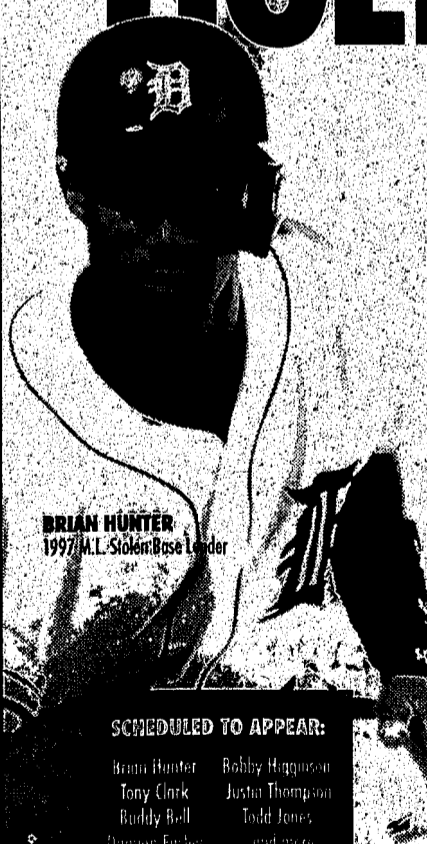
A nature program for children ages 3-6 including a hike, stories, snacks, crafts and more will be offered at 10 a.m., 11:45 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2:45 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 21 and 22 at Independence Oaks. The program will be offered again at 1 p.m. and at 2:45 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 24.

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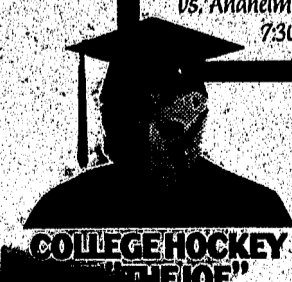
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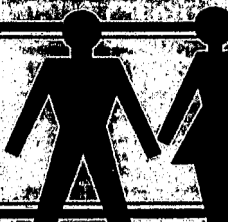
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Ridgedale Players presents "Wait Until Dark," 8 p.m. at the playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake, Troy. Tickets \$11, (248) 988-7049.

SATURDAY



Clarkston Toy Show features more than 70 tables of vintage toys, dolls, trains, advertising, cap guns, Star Wars figures, mechanical banks and American tin pieces, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Knights of Columbus Hall, 5660 Maybee Road, Clarkston. Admission \$3, free for children ages 12 and younger, (248) 394-0925.

SUNDAY



Boys Choir of Harlem performs 7 p.m. at Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. Tickets \$12-\$26, (734) 764-2538.



Hot Tix: B.B. King - King of the Blues - plays the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit with Bobby Bland, 8 p.m. Tickets \$27.50 and \$35, (313) 983-6611.

Behind the magic of flying

Everyone has a dream, whether it's on stage or off stage, said Paul Ruben, who pulls the strings to send Peter Pan airborne. "For me, this is living a dream."

He's not alone. Each performance, Ruben stands atop a 10-foot ladder wearing a tress while a wire is tied around his waist. On the other end of the wire is Cathy Rigby, waiting to make the ultimate stage entrance.

At the right time, Ruben jumps from the ladder and Rigby ascends about 12 feet. Typically, audiences react with a gasp.

The effect is the theatrical answer to pinb.

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You can fly: Cathy Rigby (Peter Pan, left to right) with Michael LaVolpe (John), Paul Tiesler (Michael) and Elisa Sagardia (Wendy) star in "Peter Pan."

Peter Pan

flies into town

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
STAFF WRITER

It wasn't easy explaining to my two young sons that I actually talked to Wendy Darling, most popularly known as Peter Pan's real-world fiancée who travels with him to Neverland. Apparently, even a 2 1/2 and 6-year-old get limitations on logic.

Their incredulous response: "You?" After all, they figure, I'm from the wacky, all-too-serious adult world. (Ha, in age only.)

The coincidental discussion with Wendy, I explained, came about because she, the other Darlings, Hook, Smee, Tinker Bell and the boy in green tights who never grows up will soon land in town.

Beginning this Wednesday through Sunday, Jan. 25 the ageless characters will appear at the Detroit Opera House in the headed-for-Broadway production, "Peter Pan."

If you think it's tough keeping St. Nick's secret, try telling a 2 1/2 year old preparing to fly from his perch on the couch that the baby powder he's sprinkled on his back isn't magic flying dust.

But then, magic works in strange ways.

That fearless toddler invariably takes a leap. He lands feet first. But his imagination soars. He figures he is flying. Who's going to argue?

Ah, you see, Peter Pan cannot only fly, he's for real. It's just

adults who keep him earth-bound. Peter Pan is as real as memories of long afternoons of endless play in a world only bound by the limits of imagination.

In a coherent moment, adults might call Neverland by another name: paradise.

A play about play

Wendy, played by the diminutive Elisa Sagardia, has the boundless energy and innocence to transform James M. Barrie's 1902 classic into a modern-day parable about the "game" of life. Barrie's novel, *The Little White Bird*, included six chapters about Peter Pan. In 1904, the stories were condensed into

a play which first opened in London, and then had productions throughout the first half of the century.

The musical version to be seen by local audiences first appeared on Broadway in 1954, and starred Mary Martin in the title role. Eventually, it's expected the current production, starring Cathy Rigby, will land on Broadway, probably in December.

In the late 1970s, "Peter Pan" was reprised with Sandy Duncan. And in 1991, Rigby brought her unmatched athleticism to the role in a national tour. She's received wide critical acclaim and a Tony nomination as best actress for her role.

While the popular focus is on Peter Pan's instructive whimsy, it's Wendy who provides the grounding for the story's timeless appeal.

The fantasy is enhanced by four elaborate sets: the nursery, Neverland, the underground and the pirate ship. And, of course, pixie dust spread everywhere.

With one foot in the real world and the other in the Neverland fantasy scape, Wendy is arguably the central character.

"If the audience doesn't believe Wendy believes in Peter Pan, then they won't either," said Sagardia, who first appeared in Detroit four years ago in "Evita."

"I never thought of Detroit as a theater town until we stayed there (for a month)," she said from Palm Springs where the company was finishing up its west coast run before heading to the Midwest.

"Detroit is incredibly receptive, a city that opens its arms," said Sagardia, who has an unconventional training for the stage.

After receiving a bachelor's degree in psychology at UCLA, Sagardia was deciding whether to attend graduate school when she heard about an audition for the young mistress in "Evita." Her last onstage appearance was in high school.

"I was over 18, but I could look like a teenager," she said. That seems appropriate. Wendy

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FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

Join the cast of Sesame Street on an imaginary journey



Musical extravaganza Join Sam the Postman and the cast of Sesame Street Live, as they invite audiences to put on join them on some amazing imaginary journeys in "1-2-3... Imagine!"

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

Who says you can't go back to Sesame Street after you're all grown up?

"Most of the parents taking their kids to see Sesame Street Live grew up on Sesame Street," said program director Kim Gladman. "Sesame Street is 26 years old. It's our 18th season live."

This year's presentation -- Sesame Street Live "1-2-3... Imagine," invites audiences to join Big Bird, Bert and Ernie, and the rest of the gang as they explore their imaginations in a 90-minute musical extravaganza.

"This show is unlike any other," said Gladman. "There's a live human being -- Sam the Postman -- who delivers postcards, which takes the characters on imaginary

journeys. Having a live person on stage gives the show a bit more reality. Sam interacts with the characters."

Burt receives a postcard from his Cousin Bubbles, an underwater photographer, and then imagines he's under the sea.

Oscar vacations on the trashy beaches of Club Mud, Elmo skips to rain forest rhythms and Ernie captains a ship on the high seas.

"It's a wonderful show," said Gladman. "These are the children's heroes, their idols, and they learn from them. They encourage children to tap into their imaginations. You can go anywhere, or be anything you want to be, but first you have to have an imaginary mind set."

Parents will recognize some of their favorite songs from Sesame

Street, and children will know the words to some of the newer songs. There are also some songs written especially for this show.

Some grandparents might never have been to Sesame Street, but chances are pretty good they've been to the Fox.

"There's a lot of nostalgia," said Gladman, and Bill Lee of Birmingham, senior director of marketing for Olympia Entertainment. "Parents and grandparents taking kids to the Fox will say 'I remember when I took your mom or grandma to a movie here.'"

For many children, Sesame Street Live is their first exposure to a live performance, and being in the theater.

Except for performances in New

Sesame Street Live's "1-2-3... Imagine!"

■ When: Twenty-four performances, Wednesday, Jan. 21 through Sunday, Feb. 1.

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

■ Tickets: \$15, \$12 & \$9. (limited number of \$22.50 VIP seats also available). (248) 433-1515. Call (313) 983-6611 for more information, or (313) 596-3211, the 24-hour information on accessible seating and special needs. Groups of 20 or more call (313) 985-3099 for details on discounts, and ticket availability.

Highlight:

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appliance doctor

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JOE GAGNON

This is a continuation of the Consumers Protection Act:

8) Advertising goods or services with intent not to supply reasonably expectable public demand, unless the advertisement discloses a limitation of quantity in immediate conjunction with the advertised goods or services.

Example: A store advertises a sale on freezers without disclosing that it has only three in stock.

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Example: A store advertises merchandise at 20-percent off the "regular" price but has never sold the merchandise at

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Example: A television repair person falsely claims several television tubes are defective and need to be replaced.

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Example: A home repairman claims a

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13) Causing a probability of confusion or of misunderstanding with respect to the authority of a salesperson, representative, or agent to negotiate the final terms of a transaction.

Example: A car salesperson makes an offer to sell a car at a certain price but does not have the final authority to negotiate the price.

14) Causing probability of confusion or of misunderstanding as to the legal rights, obligations or remedies of a party to a transaction.

Example: A salesperson implies a contract can be easily canceled when there are severe restrictions limiting cancellation.

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There are a total of 29 prohibited practices and examples written in the Michigan Consumers Protection Act. This column completes the first 15 and the remainder will appear in next weeks and the following. Please save these and keep them available for yourself and family and friends.

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



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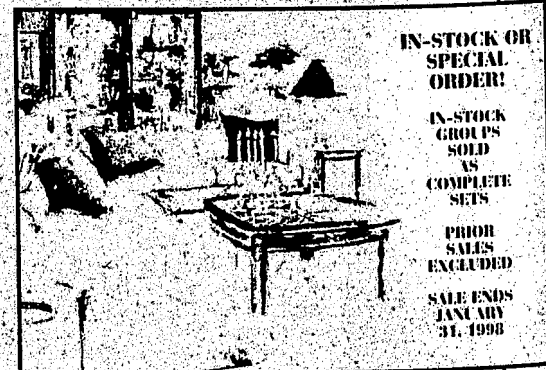
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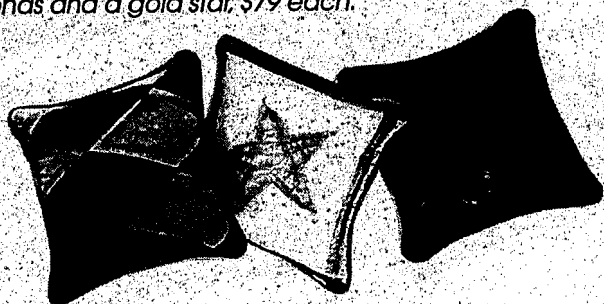
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marketplace

Accentuate the plush

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Plane talk

Square deal: The adage "form follows function" is immediately apparent upon viewing the new audio/video bench from Workbench, a stylish and useful solution to dilemmas of organization. With clever features and a creative use of space, this media-savvy bench is a sleek combination of square and rectangular planes, evoking the spirit and honest construction techniques of Frank Lloyd Wright. Designed especially for TVs and VCRs, this handsome bench features a swivel TV platform, which allows for maximum flexibility and convenience, with a VCR shelf directly below. A partial opening in the rear of the bench organizes wires connecting the TV with the VCR while the extra tabletop space is perfect for holding a stereo or displaying collectibles. Its clean, pure lines and handsome proportions make this well-

designed bench equally at home in a great room, den or home office. The bench is constructed of teak, cherry or beech veneer.



AT HOME, Mary Klemic, editor (248) 901-2569
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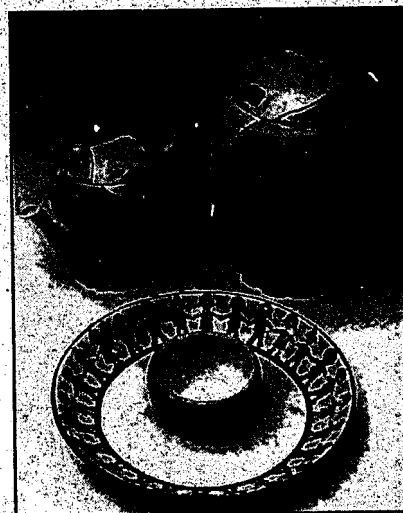
Pear-ed up: Gather up home merchandise with a fruit - specifically, pear - design, available at Jacobson's. Serve up ple on a handpainted wooden serving tray with pear motif by The Foreside Company. Cost is \$50. A pear toplay with faux berries adds charm to a kitchen nook. Created by Mark Roberts, the toplay

retails for \$10. Keep away the water rings with a set of six handpainted pear motif coasters with a charming wooden box by The Foreside Company for \$17.

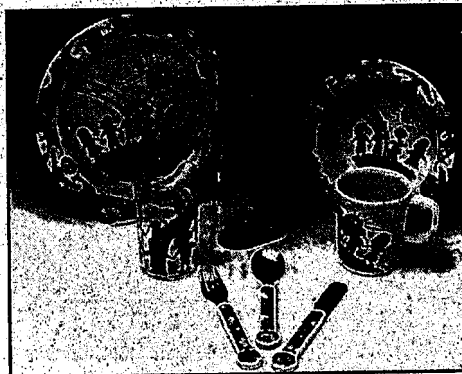


Child's place

Kid stuff: Wells Freight and Cargo in Birmingham features merchandise from the Save The Children Foundation. A portion of the proceeds from the items benefits the foundation. These dishes, made of unbreakable and dishwasher-safe melamine, are ideal for the child who wants to eat off "big kid" dishes without breaking his or her parents' dinnerware or bank. Shown here are a dinner plate, \$3.97; a seven-inch bowl, \$2.97; a tumbler, \$1.97; a mug, \$4.97; an easy-to-grip flatware set, \$6.97; and a spill-proof can-



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garden spot

Tend to keeping garden resolutions



MARTY FIGLEY

Now that we've had a chance to slow down and catch our breath after the December holidays, it's time to make some New Year's resolutions about our gardens.

This month was sacred to the god Janus, who had a face on each side of his head. Evidently he didn't trust a soul. I wonder if he could then keep an eye on gardeners in particular because it seems we always have such well-intended plans that just don't happen.

Anyway, here are a few resolutions that I will try.

First: I will keep an accurate record of what, when and where I planted. There's no excuse not to take a minute and write things down, but I will have to go one step further and improve my

handwriting so that I can read what I've written!

Second: I will make a garden plan and stick to it, even if it's only one area that I've designed. A good design saves time and money in the long run and is esthetically more satisfying.

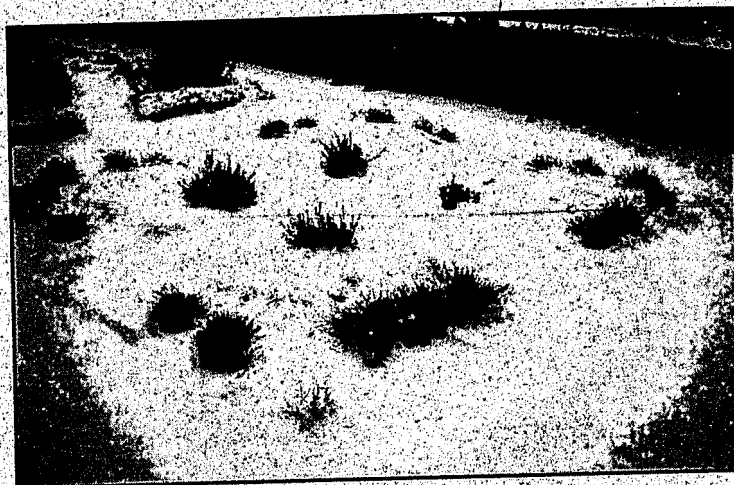
Third: I will mulch to keep weeds down.

Fourth: I will weed on a regular basis. I'll try to keep ahead of them and get 'em before they go to seed and proliferate so profusely.

Fifth: I won't buy any plant unless it is on my list, or I have a place for it in the garden. It's really not a good practice to just stick things in willy-nilly, using the excuse that I need to learn about and grow a certain plant when it doesn't follow my design.

Sixth: I will turn the compost more regularly.

Seventh: I will use more compost from that supply in the corner of the yard and in my new composter bin. We all know compost is nature's way of



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Snow show: Snow cover gives us a chance to study the "bones" of the garden. Here is the herb garden at Cranbrook.

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Eighth: I will divide plants when they need it at the proper time of the year. Some plants need to be divided in the spring, others in the fall. Sharing plants is a good way to get rid of excess and to prompt me into action.

Ninth: I will prune when necessary and appropriate. The proper tools make short work of a necessary job; sharp ones work best.

Tenth: I will resolve that when gardening is a chore and no longer pleasing, away it will go (the garden, that is). We must learn to enjoy and appreciate the beauty of flowers, vegetables, herbs, shrubs and trees and not let must-do's get in the way of the fun of gardening.

There you have it. Of course we all know that New Year's resolutions aren't often kept, but if I do just some that I have written here, I will have accomplished at least part of the goal.

Anticipation of getting things done in a timely way in the garden while it is still wintry and cold shows that we can always have hope, although the expectations may be a little farfetched.

It's always such a pleasure to see the earliest blooms peek their noses up through the snow, even when the temperatures are still low. It seems each

week after that something new is budding or blooming, reminding us that the life of the plants has been only resting and getting strength to once again fill our eyes with beauty and our hearts with joy.

So, old Janus is probably the gardener's god. He checks with one face to see what went on in the garden last year while at the same time planning what to do the current year. Quite an accomplished fellow, wouldn't you say?

Do you have a resolution to share? Call my voice mail given at the end of this column. I'm in the office every Thursday to monitor my calls, so I'll get back to you.

Oh, and here's a New Year's resolution just for you: Plan to travel with me Sept. 8-15, 1998, and revel in the Spectacular Gardens of the Pacific Northwest. Space is limited so call my voice mail, or Chuck Randolph Travel at (248) 645-5050 (outside the metropolitan Detroit area, call (800) 336-1490).

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.

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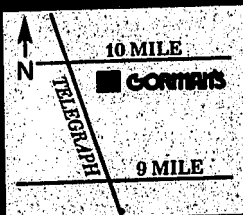
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BY MARY KLEMIC
At Home Editor

Of course building your house is a big project, involving many people from a variety of fields.

It's the kind of a project that could make you wish for extra copies of yourself or for extra hours in a day. Well, you really can't do anything about the length of a day, but you can get some "extra" help — spelled RPM.

Pamela Livingston Hardy and Marilyn Price started RPM — that's Residential Project Management — last

August to help keep a dream house from becoming a nightmare.

Their service, based in Birmingham, assists in new construction or renovation projects by helping coordinate communication between the homeowner, architect, builder and specialized trades.

"Our customer is the homeowner... We work through the whole process," Hardy said.

"We'll be their guardian



HELEN FURCEAN / STAFF ARTIST

angel per se."

With Hardy and Price's organizational skills, RPM can help with 26 separate steps in the process to minimize stress.

"Effectiveness is a key word here," Price said.

RPM works on any kind of home project, from renovating one room to new construction of an entire house.

"Anything that starts with 'I'm building,' they call us," Hardy said.

Its cost depends on the venture, and is usually about 3 to 5 percent of the new construction. The price is set at the outset.

"We'll look at the job and assess," Hardy said.

The women analyze builder proposal packages and bids, maintain and update timetables, and help with electrical, plumbing, cabinet and closet layouts.

They serve as liaison with the financial source, and control change orders cost and timing. They indicate sources for materials and services, competitively price selections, identify alternate solutions and coordinate customizing details with the finish trades. They conduct periodic on-site walk throughs and follow ups.

"We don't want to be seen as a threat," Price said.

"It's a win-win situation for all parties involved," architect Dominick Tringali

said. "With RPM acting as project liaison, we can concentrate on doing the job we were hired to do."

Hardy ran a private psychotherapy practice, taught sociology and communication at Oakland Community College, conducted seminars at high schools, and served as an outreach worker for Common Ground and a casework-

er for The Sanctuary.

She earned an associate degree in mental health from OCC, a bachelor's degree in social work from the University of Detroit-Mercy, and a master's degree in social work from Wayne State University.

Price is a corporate controller and project manager who has managed revenues in excess of \$2.5 billion. She earned her BBA and MBA degrees in accounting and

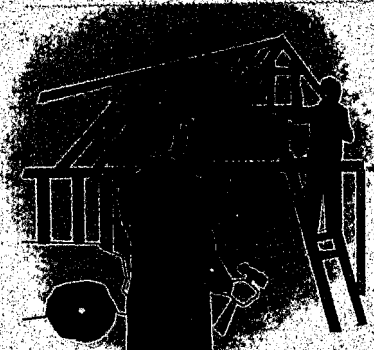


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Helping hands: Marilyn Price (left) and Pamela Livingston Hardy started RPM — Residential Project Management — to assist homeowners during building and renovation projects. The service helps coordinate communication between the homeowner, architect, builder and specialized trades.

finance from the University of Michigan, and became a certified public accountant last year.

Price has worked as an audit manager at the former Ernst & Whinney, manager of external financial reporting for the Bendix Corporation, director of sales and director of internal audit for the Dayton-Hudson Corporation, vice president/controller for ALC Communications Services and vice president/controller for Frontier Communications Services.



Both women are taking builder's license classes.

Their idea for RPM came about from their experiences in renovating or constructing their own houses, and from hearing about the concerns other people had about such projects.

"We decided, 'Gosh darn, we need this,'" Hardy said.

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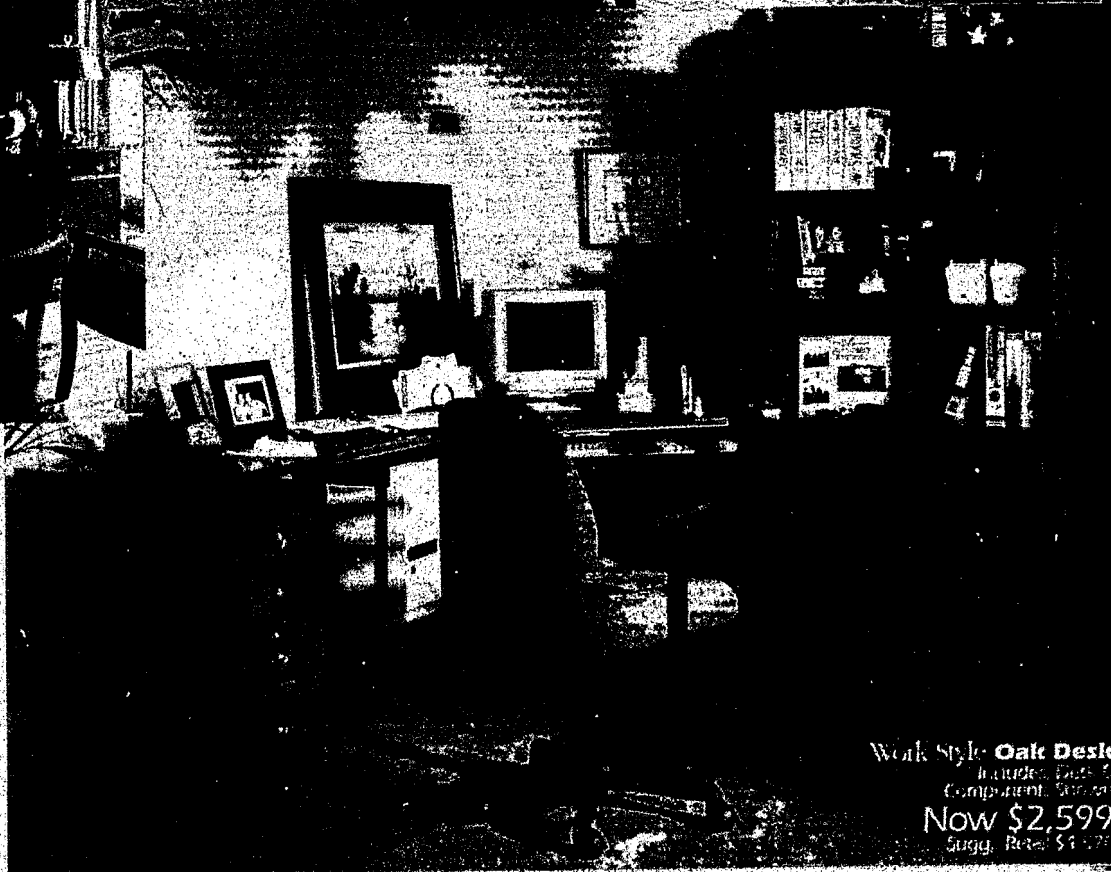


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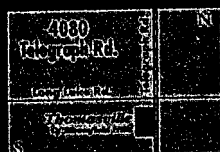
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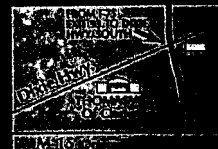
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inviting ideas

Celebrate Bobby Burns Scottish style



RUTH MOSSOK JOHNSTON

Jan. 25 may not mean much to some of you — but if you're Scottish, you will know that it is the birth of Robert Burns, the famous Scottish poet.

While my husband does not dress in a kilt and play the bagpipes, I often hear about the John-son Plaid and Robert Burns.

Scots all over the world really do celebrate the birth of Robert Burns with a celebration called Burns Night — a celebratory event topped off with Haggis (a traditional dish made of organs of sheep, ground with suet, oatmeal and seasonings, then boiled together in a bag made of sheep intestines) whisky, and all things Scottish.

If it were up to my husband, we would also be viewing the movie "Braveheart" with Mel Gibson and his own narration about the Wallace and Bruce clans. Perhaps David would go as far as to throw in "Rob Roy" (the movie) to top off the evening — and if he looked as good as Liam Neeson did in that film, I would insist that he wear a kilt!

It is traditional to toast the Haggis with a bit of whisky, recite some lines of Burns, and pour a dram of whisky over each serving of this prized dish. After living in the United Kingdom and participating in much of the local color and food, I personally pass on the Haggis — but replace it with a meat loaf.

To start off the evening my Burns Night menu begins with Cock-a-Leekie Soup (Chicken and Leeks), on to the Meatloaf with Neeps and Tatties (with boiled and mashed potatoes and turnips) and ends with a Cranachan (traditionally made of raspberries,

honey and icing sugar mixed with a small amount of boiling water and drambuie (or whisky) topped with lightly toasted oats and whipped cream, again mixed with icing sugar and then piped on top. Sometimes this sweet dish translates to: toasted oats, whipped double cream and Drambuie).

As long as this remains an adult party, and there are designated drivers in the group, whisky could be the drink of choice — go all out and have a real whisky tasting using straight Scotch malt whiskies — you do dilute this whisky with water, slightly. While I am not a whisky aficionado, I'm told the water you use to dilute the strength of your dram should be still and not too high in minerals. True aficionados will use the water used in the production of the individual whisky they are tasting if it is available; if not, plan to use plain bottled water. (At professional tastings, distilled water is used).

A guide to holding a Tasting Event is listed in the book Malt Whisky by Charles Maclean, published abroad by Mitchell Beazley — information and an Internet connection for Scotch whisky can be found at: <http://www.scotch-whisky.com>

If whisky is not the drink of choice, serve tea and make a proper pudding to accompany the pot.

Invitations for this event would be great in plaid(s) — or use the thistle as a form. If you really enjoy Burns as a poet, have your guests memorize or recite a line or two as entry into the party. Scottish or not, this is a great idea for those dull winter evenings, when the holidays are just a memory.

The following recipes were given to me by one of my flatmates when I lived in the U.K. — her roots were Scottish and these were her family recipes — feel free

to experiment or incorporate your own ideas and ingredients.

COCK-A-LEEKIE SOUP

Serves 8-10

Ingredients:

Olive oil

4 good-sized leeks (white part only), sliced and washed

1 pound chicken (meat only), cut into strips

10 cups chicken stock (homemade or prepared)

1 cup long grain rice, washed

1 bay leaf

Salt and Freshly ground pepper to taste

Directions:

In a large kettle, or stock pot, heat the olive oil. Add the leeks and saute until tender.

Add the chicken strips and saute until the chicken appears cooked and tender.

Add the chicken stock and bay leaf — bring the soup to a boil. Skim the soup — discard foam.

Remove the bay leaf — skim off any fat. Add the washed rice and simmer for approximately 30 minutes or until the rice is tender. Season with salt and pepper, and serve hot.

You can also make your own traditional chicken soup — add some boiled chicken meat and sauteed leeks, and there you go!

BLACK ISLE BEEF 'EN CROUTE'

Serves 6

Ingredients:

2 pounds fillet of beef (tenderloin)

Whisky bottle-cap full of whisky

4 tablespoons butter or margarine, for browning

1/2 cup mushrooms, finely chopped
1 tablespoon fresh parsley
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
12 ounces puff pastry (found in the freezer section of your grocery or homemade)

Beaten egg, to glaze

Directions:

Trim the beef fillet free of any fat, brush with the whisky and let it stand for an hour.

In an ovenproof skillet on top of the stove, melt the butter, then brown the meat quickly in the butter. Transfer the skillet to a hot oven (425 degrees F) and then roast it until half cooked — approximately 15 minutes.

Remove the fillet from the oven and allow to cool enough to handle.

Fry the seasoned mushrooms in the pan in which the beef was browned, adding a little butter if necessary.

Roll out the puff pastry on a floured surface to a thin rectangle. Set the beef on this, seasoning it lightly with salt and pepper and top with the mushrooms and parsley.

Trim the pastry, brush the edges with beaten egg and wrap it round the beef securely, tucking in the ends.

Brush the puff pastry with egg glaze, decorate with pastry trimmings (if desired — these can be cut out with tiny cutters using the scraps of dough and placed on top for decoration) then brush the pastry with the egg glaze. Finish baking the beef 'en croute' in a hot oven for 30 minutes or so, until nicely browned.

Ruth Mossok Johnston is an author and food columnist who lives in Franklin. To leave her a voice mail message, dial (313) 953-2047, mailbox 1902.

at home calendar

■ The ninth annual St. James Antiques Show, featuring 27 dealers and a cafe, will take place 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, at St. James Episcopal Church, 355 W. Maple in Birmingham. Admission is \$5. A preview party is scheduled Thursday, Jan. 15; tickets are \$40. Call (248) 644-0820.

■ Bob Ray, owner of the Cowboy Trader Gallery, will present his third annual all-American Indian art show and sale 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, in the gallery on the upper level of the Merrillwood Collection at Merrill and

Old Woodward in Birmingham. Call (248) 647-8833. Featuring only rare, pre-1942 American Indian textiles, pottery, basketry, beadwork, jewelry and kachina (good spirit) dolls, this show is the only one of its kind in Michigan. Dealers will give free appraisals for authenticity, age, origin and value on Indian pieces at any time during the event. Ray will feature Apache dolls, 1920s Hopi kachinas, pots, baskets and Navajo textiles. Robert Doyle of Albuquerque will return to show his extensive collection of Navajo rugs, plus old pawn jewelry, the jewelry Indians made for themselves and pawned at the trading post when they

needed money. Tom Hampton of Tekonsha, Mich., who combs the Southwest for museum-quality artifacts, will bring pre-1900 Plains Indian beadwork and baskets.

■ The Plymouth Train and Toy Shows will take place during the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 17-18, at the Plymouth Cultural Center and Ice Arena, 525 Farmer. Admission is \$4, \$1 for ages 4-12. The train show is Saturday, with dealers selling new, used, antique and collectible model railroad and toy train supplies, and featuring an operating train display.

The toy show is Sunday, with dealers and collectors selling pieces including old toys, discontinued items no longer available in stores, today's die-cast collectibles, Barbies and Beanie's.

■ English Gardens conducts free seminars 7 p.m. Wednesdays at the West Bloomfield store, 6370 Orchard Lake Road, north of Maple. Call (248) 851-7506. The next topic, Jan. 21, is "Your House Plants Can Thrive This Winter" by Donna Matte.

■ The Do-It-Yourself Center, 3746 Cottontail in Shelby Township, will have an open house 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15. Call (810) 739-6319.



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R-e-a-c-h out with telephoto



MONTE NAGLER

By definition, a telephoto lens is one whose focal length is greater than that of a normal lens. The longer the focal length of the lens, the greater the degree of magnification.

The magnification is mathematically related to focal

length. For example, a 100mm lens produces an image exactly twice that of a normal 50mm lens. A 400mm lens gives you an image size eight times your normal lens!

As the lens lengthens, some interesting things happen. The lens' angle of view becomes narrower and depth-of-field becomes shallower.

A narrow angle of view enables you to isolate a detail in a distant building or eliminate a cluttered foreground. A shallow depth-of-field is great for blurring distracting backgrounds so that attention is directed toward your subject.

By far the most useful telephoto lenses are those with medium focal lengths - between 85mm and 200mm. Because they minimize facial distortion and allow a comfortable distance between photographer and subject, medium tele-

photos are ideally suited for portraits. In addition, they are great for many other situations in which you have to keep a moderate distance from your subject such as candid street shots or animals at the zoo.

Telephoto lenses of 300mm or longer are usually for specialized demands and would be too powerful for average usage. However, if you have a keen interest in wildlife photography or prefer huge suns in your sunset shots, then these and longer lenses may be for you.

Remember, because the magnification of telephoto lenses accentuates the effect of camera movement, faster shutter speeds are needed.

To obtain a sharp picture, the rule of thumb is to use a shutter speed closest to the reciprocal of the lens' focal length. For a 135mm lens, hand hold at no slower than 1/125 second; with a 200mm lens, you should be at 1/250 second. If slower shutter speeds are required because of low light or aperture requirements, better get out your tripod.

So "reach out" to new and exciting photographic horizons - with telephoto lenses!

Monte Nagler is a fine art photographer based in Farmington Hills. You can leave him a message by dialing (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then his mailbox, 1873.



Mews-ing subject: Quick thinking and a telephoto lens on her camera enabled Marilyn Capelli to capture this truly impact-filled shot. She took it on a recent trip to Spain.

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celebrating family

Out with old, in with new in new year



LISA LUCKOW-HEALY

Just when you thought your family had enough "stuff," the holidays attacked your house and your family accumulated even more "stuff."

Oddly enough, with just more than two weeks into the new year you may now have more piles of stuff in your home than you did before the holiday season when your family gave gently used clothing, furniture and toys to charity.

What is a household to do? There are several solutions.

First, you may choose to stash the stuff. If you and your family have a difficult time parting with anything, you will most likely try to prolong the agony of looking at clutter by finding more ways to compact the stuff in your closets to make room for the new stuff.

The downside is you may not be able to find something when you need it, and

you will eventually run out of closet storage space. The upside is one day you will tire of the mayhem in your closets, giving you the strength to throw the stuff out and say goodbye to everything you don't use anyway.

Another solution to having too much stuff is selective sorting.

If you need to dispose of some of those white elephant gifts your relatives sent you — such as the ceramic Western hat chip and dip bowl your family would rather use as an ice hockey puck on the driveway — but you know those relatives will expect to see the items when they come visit, store this stuff in a well-constructed box on a shelf in your basement or storage space.

Label the box "Visitor Stuff" so you know where to find it when those relatives or friends come calling. By storing undesirable stuff this way, you eliminate the clutter in your much-needed closet spaces.

Selective sorting is quite effective on children's toys and games. Spend an afternoon on the weekend when your family is together to box up old toys and

games that are being abused more than used.

If the object is of sentimental or emotional value, you may want to put the boxed items safely away to hand down to your children when they are old enough to leave your nest and appreciate these items.

If you prefer to get rid of the stuff, make a point to explain to your children that the things they have tossed aside or outgrown will be better served in the hands of truly needy children who don't share the same good fortune your family does.

The third solution to having too much stuff in your household is total elimination. Make a point to set aside time with each member of your family and go through the "bedroom collection."

Has your spouse been holding out on four pairs of worn, but unworn, shoes, three outdated suits and a half dozen pairs of socks with holes?

Is your daughter the perpetual piler, too lazy to clean one pile so she begins another, only to discover that when she

does go back and find a sweater she thought she lost, she has outgrown it?

Is your son a sneaker collector? Do you need to fumigate his closet before wrestling with him to throw out the old, crusty tread?

In your family's efforts to clean up your household, organize as you go. Investing in large storage bins will help protect your possessions while keeping like items together where they are easy to find.

Label each bin. Even if you buy the clear plastic bins, labeling the visible end of a bin will help you identify what is stored inside so you don't have to open the bin and rifle through the contents to find what you cannot see in the middle.

Keep seasonal items together. Store beach or summer sporting equipment in bins in the garage, if possible, to avoid taking up valuable indoor storage space.

In your process of elimination, resolve to make 1998 a year of doing away with the old, unused or unwanted possessions to make room for the new things your family does treasure.

To leave Lisa Luckow-Healy a message about how you celebrate family, contact her from a touch-tone phone at (313) 953-2047, then her mailbox number, 1903, or e-mail your ideas to LLHealy@aol.com.

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Shelter is mandatory for pets that must remain outdoors for any length of time. Adequate shelter means a well-built, insulated doghouse, slightly off the ground for warmth. The door should face away from prevailing winds and have a flap to stop drafts. Clean, dry straw should be used for bedding.

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Learn to go natural at seminar set by hardy plant society

BY MARTY FIGLEY
Special Writer

Three outstanding speakers will share their knowledge at the Natural Landscaping Seminar, sponsored by the Hardy Plant Society, Great Lakes Chapter, Saturday, Feb. 7.

The seminar will be at the Management Educational Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road in Troy. Check-in is 8 a.m. and the program starts promptly 9 a.m.

Registration is \$35 per person and includes lunch (indicate lunch choice: grilled chicken salad or vegetarian pizza). Registration deadline is Monday, Jan. 26. Send a check made out to Hardy Plant Society to: HPS, 2856 Timberwyk, Troy 48098. For more information, call Gwen at (248) 360-1712, Mary Anne at (248) 625-8301 or Maryann at (248) 652-4004.

All gardeners, landscape designers and nursery professionals are invited to register for this noteworthy program.

Landscaping in America is becoming more in tune with natural surroundings and this seminar is the place to learn new and innovative ways to achieve a relaxed and softer look in the garden.

The program includes "Natural Landscaping: An Ecologically Sound Idea," presented by Orin Gelderloos, a professor in the Department of Natural Sciences at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

A biologist, he has a natural interest in environmental studies. An excellent researcher and teacher, he has taught and studies in Europe and this country. His lectures leave the listener with something to contemplate.

Gelderloos will share his ideas of what natural landscaping can do for you and your community, and he will explain why more people are using the natural approach to landscaping.

Next, "Borrowing from Nature: Designing the Natural Garden" will be

presented by Robert Grese, an associate professor in the School of Natural Resources and Environment at the UM-Ann Arbor.

A landscape architect with particular interest in the work of Jens Jensen, Grese also advocates native landscaping as environmental conservation. His garden in Ann Arbor has helped lay the groundwork for local acceptance of natural gardens, and he is actively involved in native landscape restoration and preservation.

Grese will discuss the native landscape he has created in his own front yard and will teach how to develop planting plans using layers of ecologically compatible species to create a comfortable personal space that requires low maintenance.

Finally, "Natural Landscaping: You Can Do It" is the title of Janet Macunovich's presentation.

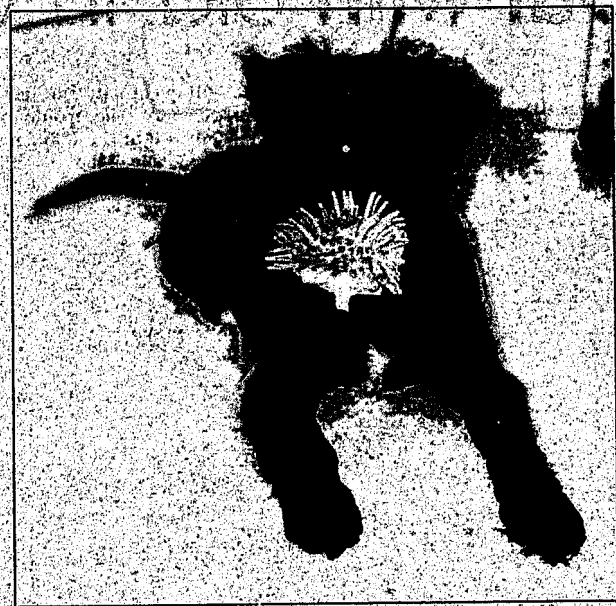
She is a garden designer, author and lecturer who designs natural landscapes for all types of residential sites. She has the expertise to readily translate broad ideas into specific examples that gardeners can easily apply to their own yards.

Macunovich will guide you through the mysteries and past the misconceptions of creating your own natural landscape. She will show how a naturalistic flow can be achieved in large or small spaces by the proper selection of plants for a distinctive, natural look for all four seasons.

The Hardy Plant Society meets the first Monday of each month. Information will be available at the seminar.

The goal of the society "is to cultivate, foster and promote interest and participation in activities related to hardy plants." The Great Lakes Chapter is affiliated with the Hardy Plant Society in Great Britain, and with the Mid-Atlantic, Pacific Northwest and New England chapters.

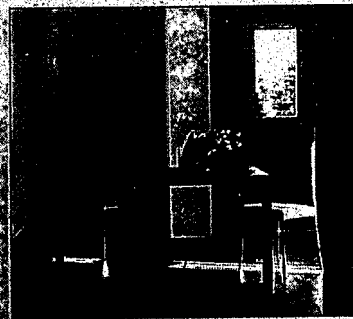
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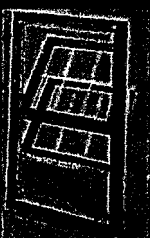
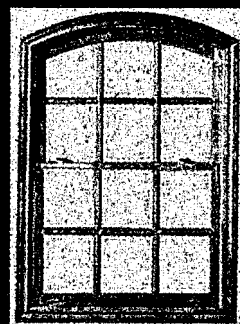
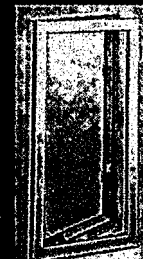
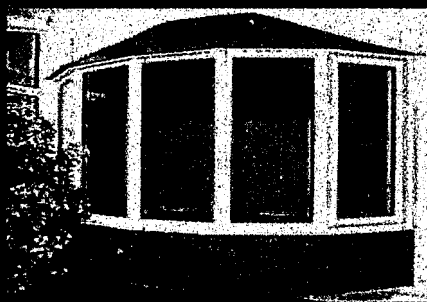


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Thursday, January 1998

Home builders expect another good year

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

A booming residential construction industry affects real estate across the board.

Listen to what some professionals said last week during a forecast luncheon/meeting annually sponsored by the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan.

"When I build a house and sell it, a real estate man has to sell the house of people coming out down the line," said James Bonadeo, a Plymouth builder and BIA president emeritus. "A new house usually involves a four-house deal."

"Now, (low) interest rates are probably key," said John Bolland Jr., a Troy builder. "It helps not only our construction but the used market. My business is lost without the success of the used market, the buyer selling his home."

"They (new buyers) have a house to sell and whoever buys their house has a house to sell. It's back to the domino theory," said Colette Scholten, director of sales and marketing for the S.R. Jacobson Co. in Bingham Farms.

The good times continue to roll for residential builders.

The BIA, which anticipated pulling permits for 17,000 houses and condominiums last year, now expects to surpass that by several hundred when final figures are compiled. The forecast for 1998 - 17,000.

"All areas throughout southeastern Michigan experienced strong buyer demand," said Mark Guidobono, BIA president and a Northville builder. "The largest number of permits were issued in Canton, Chesterfield and Macomb townships."

"In my opinion, the 1998 housing market will continue to be strong, reflecting the economy and consumer confidence levels," Guidobono said.

David Seiders, chief economist for the National Association of Home Builders, provided the analysis.

"The unemployment rate keeps moving down and down and is at its lowest level in 25 years," he said. "Interest rates are going down. The inflation rate should remain quite benign and under control. It's at a lower level now than last year. These are all positive elements."

Consumer confidence determined in great part by job security and mortgage rates are major financials that affect new and move-up home buys, Seiders said.

"Interest rates are down, employment is at an all-time high. Everything seems to be going in the right direction," said Paul Levine, a Farmington Hills builder.

The labor pool continues to be the biggest problem facing builders today.

"I don't know how many times since I've been in the area I've heard builders say, 'I can't get skilled workers,'" Seiders said.

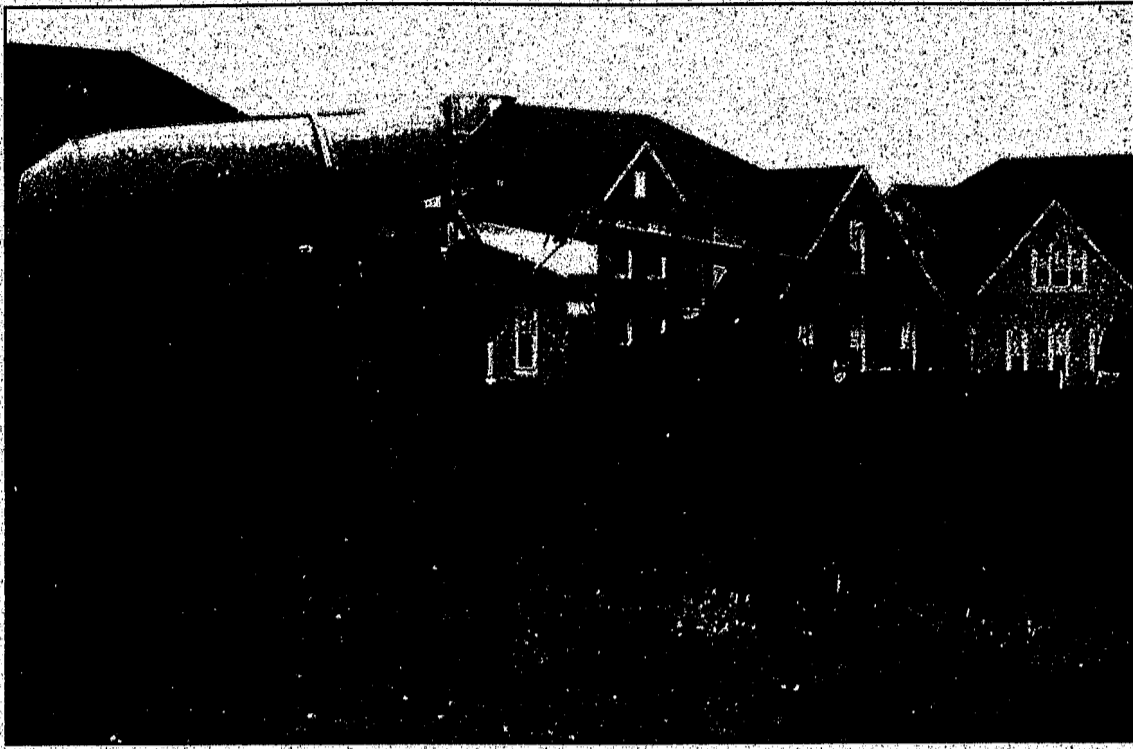
"If you ask most builders now, while they might not want to admit it, they're behind schedule," Bolland said. "It's just not enough labor. It's going to require much more patience from buyers."

"Labor, by far, is the biggest challenge," added Bernard Glibberman, a Novi builder.

"The challenge is training help and getting good, quality help," said Michael Tobin, president of the Michigan Association of Home Builders and a Farmington Hills builder. "Everyone is going to want the same man."

Seiders said that any price increases triggered by labor costs probably can be absorbed by buyers through lower mortgage rates.

"Building materials - we're looking at small increases at most," Seiders added. According to BIA, permits were issued



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Domino effect: New home construction affects existing real estate sales.

for 660 new houses and condos in Canton January through October of last year compared to 645 through the first 10 months of 1996.

In Livonia, it was 176 permits through October of '97, compared to 210 the previous year; in Westland, 174 compared to 221 and Plymouth Township, 165 compared to 132.

West Bloomfield led the way in Oak-

land County, with 401 single-family permits issued through October last year compared to 556 during the similar period in '96.

Builders pulled 322 single-family residential permits in Orion Township compared to 470 in '96. In Rochester Hills, it was 260 compared to 283; Troy, 261 compared to 233; Independence Township, 243 compared to 187; Rochester,

254 compared to 54.

Also, Farmington Hills, 157 compared to 243; Oakland Township, 156 compared to 231; Oxford Township, 144 compared to 130; and Springfield Township, 130 compared to 122.

Builders pulled permits for 1,131 houses/condos in Macomb Township January through October of last year, 598 in Chesterfield Township.

Inspect home before you buy

The process of buying a home seems like risky business to many people. However, there are several steps nervous homebuyers can take to significantly reduce their risks.

Buyers should begin by using reputable, professional real estate agents who not only use property disclosure forms but also explain to all parties the significance of information within that document.

The property disclosure form's function is to ensure that sellers are straightforward regarding the condition of the property.

However, the disclosure form is restricted to disclosing only what the seller knows about the property. Here's where a home war-

ranty, and home inspection become substantial risk reducers.

A home warranty will cover the cost to repair, replace or reinstall any item noted in good working order at the time of the home's closing. Most home warranties can be bought at escrow and cost as little as \$300 for a year's coverage.

The third and most proactive step homebuyers can take to reduce their risk is to have a general home inspection. Often, defects that are missed during walk-throughs are things that would have been obvious to the trained eye of a professional home inspector.

To find a good inspection com-

pany:

- Check the firm's reputation. Call the Better Business Bureau, (248) 644-9100. Ask the inspection service for references and call them.

- Verify that the inspection service belongs to a professional association - either the American Society of Home Inspectors or National Association of Home Inspectors.

- Ask about their written report. It should cover all mechanical/structural systems and be presented in an easy-to-read manner.

- Make sure that the company has insurance. Just in case something is missed during an inspection, you want to know that the inspection service is insured to correct the problem after sale.

The seller's disclosure statement, home warranty insurance paid by the seller and a home inspection paid by the buyer, taken together, should provide plenty of peace of mind for the buyer.

AmeriSpec, a national service with local franchises, offers a free booklet, "Home Inspection Guide for Buyers and Sellers." Call (313) 453-4141.

Pre-qualified vs. pre-approved

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Pre-qualification takes about one-half hour and involves the account executive interviewing and qualifying you for a loan subject to later verification of income, savings and credit obligations. However, a certificate is provided to you, the potential buyer, indicating that the pre-qualification process was completed and the loan amount has been determined.

The pre-qualification certificate is presented to the seller with the purchase offer and indicates to the seller that you are qualified for the loan to buy the house. This is not an approval but an indication of your qualification, subject to gathering more detailed and factual information.

A pre-qualification could turn into a rejection if the information you provide does not support information given during the interview, such as poor credit or over-indebtedness.

Some lenders call this process pre-approval. It is not, and referring to it as such will give the wrong impression to you, the seller and the Realtor. A pre-approval is an actual decision to grant the loan, not an indication of what might happen after all information is verified. A pre-qualification is only an indication of your approvability.

The pre-approval process is more formal: An application is taken, and all the appropriate information (i.e., credit report, W-2s, bank statements, etc.) is gathered for approval before the house is purchased. Then, based on the information received and verified, an approval or denial is issued.

The pre-approval is generally subject to the house being purchased and the satisfactory completion of an appraisal. The pre-approval can then be treated like a cash purchase. This pre-approval puts you in a better negotiating position. Sellers like this service because it eliminates concerns of a loan denial and

reduces the processing time once the house is purchased. Generally, there is a nominal fee for the application process with the pre-approval to cover the cost of the credit report.

If you are anticipating a home purchase, you should take advantage of one of these time-saving services. More and more Realtors and sellers are requiring buyers to be pre-approved and request proof of pre-approval along with the purchase offer.

Look for a mortgage company that provides both services and will work with you to satisfy the requirements of both sellers and Realtors. Call me at the number below for a referral to a good local resource.

David Mully is president of Mortgage Search, a company that offers consulting services to homeowners. He also writes articles for mortgage industry publications and is a member of the National Association of Real Estate Editors. To contact him, call 1-800-521-0026 ext. 227 or mail him at P.O. Box 485, Novi, MI 48376. You can access Mully's Mortgage Search column and current mortgage rates on-line at <http://www.observer-eccentric.com/realstate>

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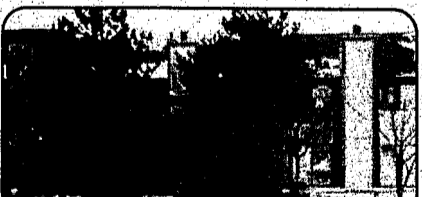
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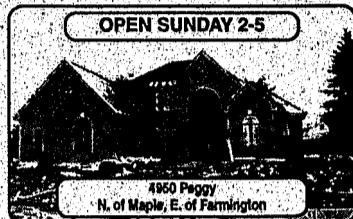
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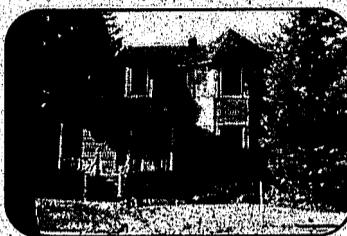
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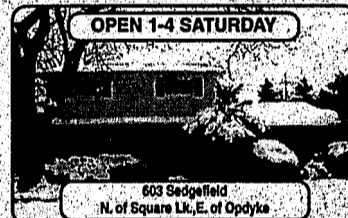
- Beautiful contemporary in ideal cul-de-sac location
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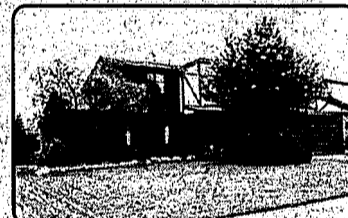
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- Partially finished basement and side entry garage
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**ROSE TWP. - OVER TWO ACRES**

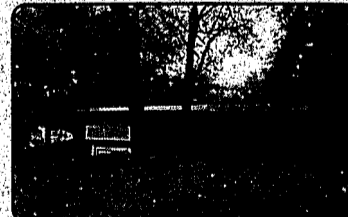
- Stone & cedar trimmed Contemporary home, treed & water setting - Spacious 1st floor master with bath
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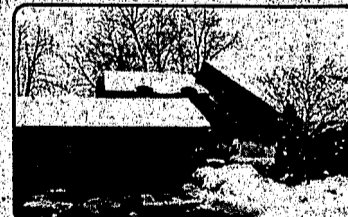
- Wonderfully located with professional landscaping & exterior lighting, sprinklers plus multi-level decking
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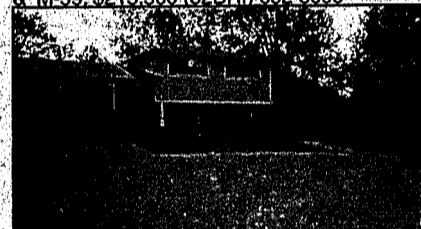
ENJOY NATURE from this 3 bedroom home set on 2 wooded acres. Open floor plan, master suite has sitting room with fireplace, 2 additional bedrooms w/built in desks & shelves. Sun room, new Karastan carpeting. Many extras & updates. Home Warranty. Rochester schools. \$269,900 (99JEN) 652-8000



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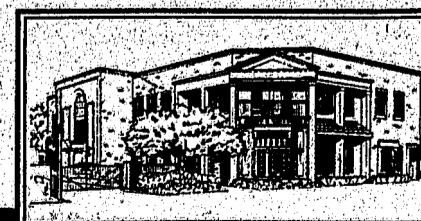
NICE HOME-GREAT LOCATION. 3 bedroom Colonial built in 1981 in great location. Nice sub with easy access to shopping & highways, basement partially finished all kitchen appliances, newer kitchen floor and sump pump, newer windows, carpet & C/A. Call Today! \$159,900 (49DRE) 652-8000



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ATTRACTIVE - 3 bedroom Troy Ranch with an open floor plan. Newer windows. Family room with fireplace. Central air. Country size kitchen with appliances. 2 car attached garage. Deck in fenced in yard. \$152,500 (58WOL) 524-1600



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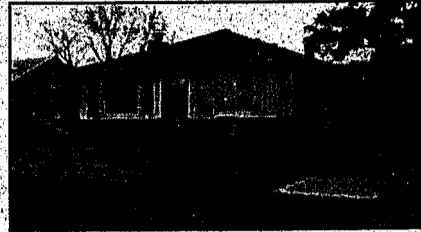
LAKEFRONT RANCH ON BEAUTIFUL - Williams Lake, updated kitchen with all appliances, sun room, family room, living room, den / office, plus 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, 2 car attached garage, sprinklers & home warranty. \$297,900 (70HAT) 363-1200



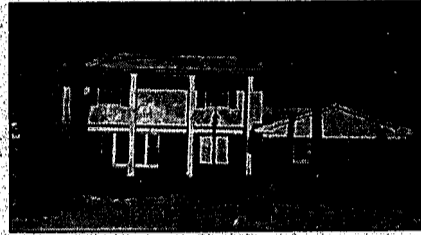
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LUXURY RANCH CONDO - 3 bedroom, 3 bath, sq. ft. contemporary with walk out. Stunning! 3200 sq. ft. boat dock on Middle Straits Lake, tennis courts, club house, picnic, swim. \$289,900 (50HEM) 363-1200



LONG LAKE LAKEFRONT - Sharp 3 bedroom ranch, large living room with newer carpet, Jenn-Aire stove, Merrillat cabinets, gas fireplace, sprinkler, 2+ car garage, sea wall, sandy beach, newer shingles. \$249,900 (88GIT) 363-1200



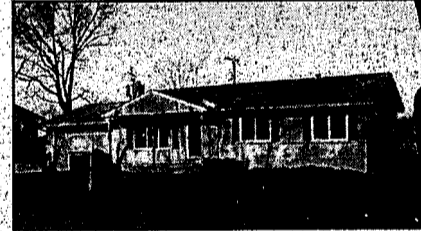
BRICK PAVERS LEAD TO STUNNING - 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial nestled on cul-de-sac in West Bloomfield. Over 2,000 sq. ft. completely updated. Full basement and attached garage, beach privileges, and boat dock. Home warranty. \$197,000 (35SUN) 363-1200



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WOLVERINE VILLAGE - 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, 1300 sq. ft. ranch with full basement and 2+ car garage. A sunny open floor plan with new windows, central air, furnace. Brick fireplace with oak mantle. A great community! \$139,900 (50CON) 363-1200



FARMINGTON HILLS-DREAM RANCH 4300 sq. ft. of luxury, backs to wooded park, remodeled, stunning neutral decor, 2 custom kitchens, fabulous LL W/O, 2 wet bars, custom decks & landscaping, attached side entry garage, 2 fireplaces, intercom, alarm, cathedral ceilings. \$419,900 (30CO) 626-8800



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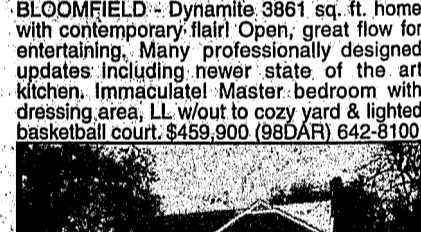
HILLS OF OAKLAND - Oak paneled library, Gourmet island kitchen, 2 story family room, master suite w/fireplace, whirlpool tub, separate shower & enormous dressing area, inground pool, 3 car garage with stairs to basement. \$990,000 (14CAF) 652-8000



WEST BLOOMFIELD - Gorgeous custom built two story with open floor plan. Custom cabinets thru-out. Master suite with jacuzzi, 2nd level with 3 large bedrooms each with private bath. Too many extras! \$649,900 (53WI) 626-8800



BLOOMFIELD - Dynamite 3861 sq. ft. home with contemporary flair! Open, great flow for entertaining. Many professionally designed updates including newer state of the art kitchen. Immaculate! Master bedroom with dressing area, LL w/out to cozy yard & lighted basketball court. \$459,900 (98DAR) 642-8100



BEVERLY HILLS - Nice 3 bedroom brick ranch with sun room overlooking a well-kept yard, 2 car garage. Lovely neighborhood with side walks and excellent schools. Central air. Home Warranty. \$164,900 (70BEV) 642-8100



ROCHESTER HILLS - Great Room Ranch! Located on a quiet interior street this beautiful home is in outstanding condition! Recent updates include windows, doorwalls, professionally finished basement, newly painted inside and out, neutral decor. Home Warranty included. \$185,000 (62FLA) 642-8100



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TROY - 4 bedroom Colonial with 2 1/2 baths, first floor laundry, Anderson windows and doorwall. Central air. Updated Kitchen and a finished basement. \$193,000 (86ALT) 524-1600

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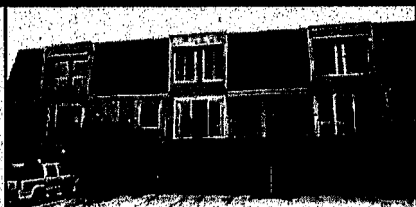
SOUTHFIELD - This ranch display pride of ownership with updated kitchen, living room with fireplace, large knotty pine rec room with a barbecue pit. This home has a newer separate dining, family rooms, security system & in-ground pool. \$150,000 (24GL) 248-626-8800



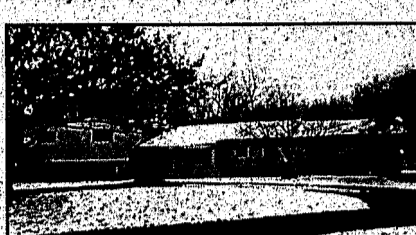
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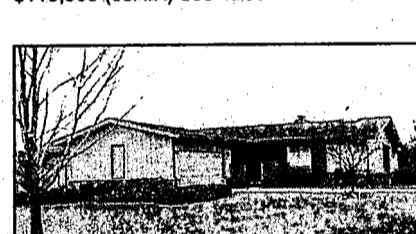
WEST BLOOMFIELD-NEWER & SPACIOUS! 4 bedroom Colonial with 2 1/2 baths, 1st floor laundry, 2 car garage, full basement, custom deck with Gazebo, 2 bay windows, new carpet thru-out. \$264,900 (53WA) 248-626-8800



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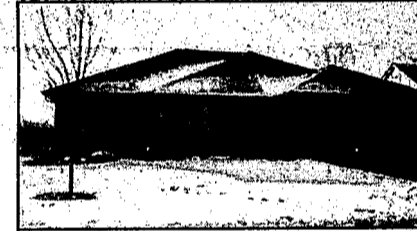
WEST BLOOMFIELD-CUSTOM BUILT - contemporary ranch with finished lower level, backs to wooded area, huge great room, gourmet kitchen with marble island top, built-in fridge, skylight, walk-in pantry, library with fireplace, family room, exercise room in lower level. \$419,900 (40WI) 248-626-8800



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TROY - 4/5 bedroom Tri-level with central air. Screened in porch 16x8. Fenced yard. Roof shingles 5 years. Basement. Two car attached garage. \$174,900 (27HIL) 524-1600



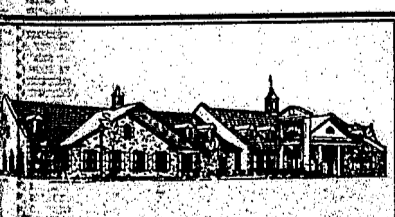
UPDATED TROY COLONIAL with Oak kitchen cabinets and vinyl windows. Central air. Hardwood floors. Fenced yard. Home Warranty! \$178,900 (11HIL) 524-1600



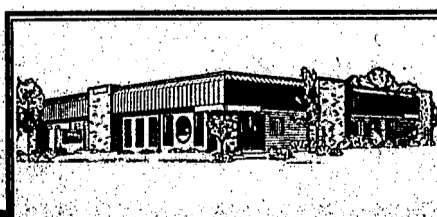
SHARP 3 bedroom well maintained Troy Ranch with an open floor plan. Private deck in rear yard. First floor laundry. Neutral colors throughout. Fresh paint. Newer carpeting. Huge open basement ready for finishing. Troy Schools. \$183,900 (82RED) 524-1600



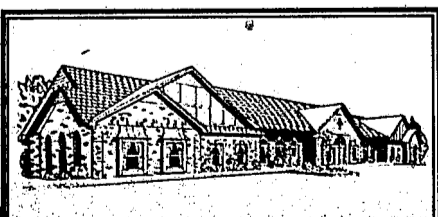
SPACIOUS 4 bedroom Troy Colonial with many updates. Freshly painted throughout. Downstairs re-carpeted. Family room with gas fireplace. Troy Schools. \$163,900 (36WIN) 524-1600



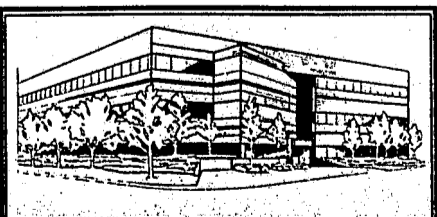
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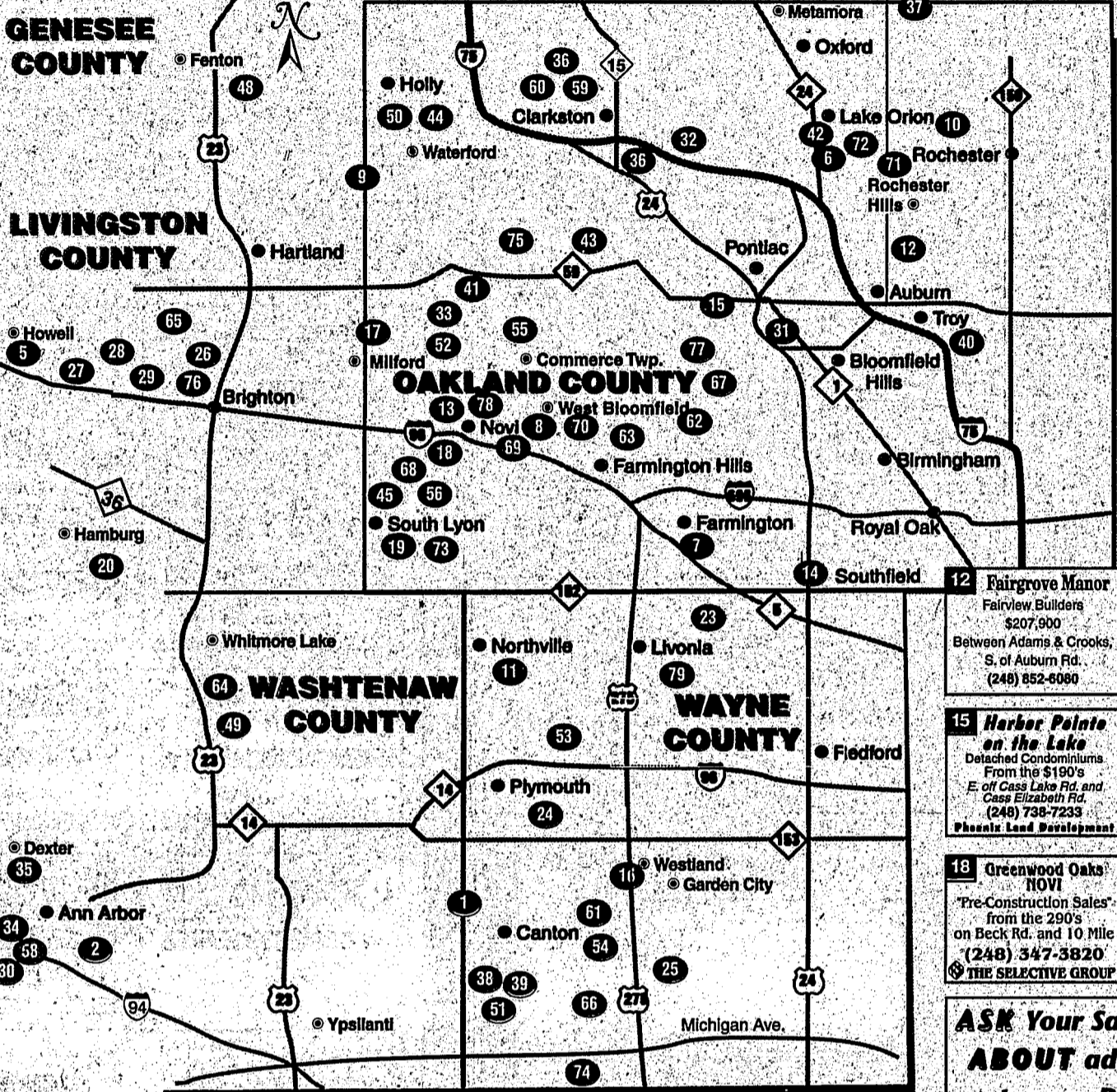
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THIS WEEK

Civil rights: Clarkston students joined in Monday in honoring Martin Luther King Jr./A3

New direction: The new owner of Beeker Street is taking the Independence Township interior design store in a new direction./A9

SPORTS

Cardiac kids: For the third time this season, a Clarkston basketball game went down to the final seconds, and another hero emerged to help pull out a dramatic win./B1

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VINTAGE



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Last week we started reading about Estelle Zabritzki, a 23-year-old meat packing house worker in Chicago in 1939. What was it like working in "the yards," as they were called? (Warning: Don't read this while eating!)

"Miss McCann is the lady in charge of hiring girls. I guess she liked my looks or something. She put me to work in Dry Casings. You might think it's dry in there but it isn't; they just call it that to distinguish it from Wet Casings, which is where they do the first cleaning out of pig guts. The workers call it the 'Gut Shanty,' and the smell of that place could knock you off your feet."

Dry Casings isn't that bad, but they don't take visitors through unless it's some real important person who makes a point of it and wants to see. Lots of those ritzy ladies can't take it; they tighten up their faces at the entrance and think they're ready for anything, but before they're halfway through the place, they're green as grass and vomiting like they never did before. The pickle water on the floors gets them all slopped up, just ruins their shoes and silk hose. And are they glad to get out! They bump into each other and fall all over themselves they're so anxious to get away and get cleaned up. We feel sorry for them; they look so uncomfortable."

I sure hope they got paid well for a job like that. Come back next week to find out.

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



Rhythmic gymnast: Renee Flores, 11, of Independence Township, who spends 20 hours a week practicing rhythmic gymnastics, is trying for a spot on the U.S. team.

She's got rhythm

Gymnast to compete for spot on U.S. team

BY CAROLYN WALKER
STAFF WRITER

Beautiful people of the world watch out. Renee Flores hasn't hit her stride yet — though with her emerging beauty, her ballerina-like poise and her athletic prowess, the 11-year-old rhythmic gymnast is sure to take the world by storm some day soon.

Meanwhile, she's content to seek her place in the nation. Come spring, Renee, of Independence Township, expects to learn whether she will qualify for her first spot as a competitor on the United States national team.

Renee, a Bailey Lake Elementary fifth grader, has been participating in the sport as a member of the Oakland Rhythmics Gymnastics team for four years. The Oakland Rhythmics is a parent-run organization that trains and competes out of the Good Shepherd Lutheran School gym in Birmingham.

"I tried it and I liked it," Renee says of her interest in the sport.

She first learned about rhythmic gymnastics while observing her sister participate in traditional gymnastics.

Perhaps less familiar to the public than traditional gymnastics, rhyth-

mic gymnastics, currently an all-female sport in the United States, is performed on a gym floor with the gymnast tumbling while manipulating ropes, clubs, balls, hoops or ribbons.

As they execute their jumps, swings, turns and figure eights to music, gymnasts are rated on a scale of 1-20 with judges looking for everything from facial expressions to how many times the performer drops her props. Routines are choreographed by the coaches.

Renee, who says she has never scored a 20, likes to challenge her personal best at each meet. Performing individually before an audience and judges can be stressful, she admits.

"You get nervous" when the props are dropped, she says. "You pick it up and keep on going."

Renee says she is looking to score a 16 at her next meet, to be held in Los Angeles. "It's hard, but you get through it," she observes of the 20 or so hours she spends each week practicing after school. "It's for the team."

Her practices include an hour of stretching exercises and warmups as well as ballet.

"The complicated thing about this



Showy smile: Renee is evaluated on "a zillion things," including facial expressions.

is they have to master each element," says her mother, Barbara. "There's a zillion things they get graded on. They all have to be just

Please see **GYMNAST**, A4



Flexible form: Renee Flores is known for her flexibility in doing rhythmic gymnastics, which uses props like ropes, balls, hoops and ribbons.

Planners cool to water park plan

■ Springfield Township planning commissioners say a \$10 million water park is inappropriate for Indian Springs Metropark, but park officials hope to change their mind.



BY CAROLYN WALKER
STAFF WRITER

The concept for a proposed \$10 million family aquatic center at Indian Springs Metropark was largely criticized at a meeting of the Springfield Township Planning Commission on Monday night.

Nevertheless, its developers, the Huron/Clinton Metropolitan Authority, plan to move forward in a cooperative effort with the township and will meet with a subcommittee of the commission to iron out differences.

One by one, the seven commissioners told representatives of the HCMA why they feel a 41-acre Planned Unit Development (PUD) rezoning of park property — for the development of the proposed center — is not appropriate. Overwhelmingly, the commissioners agreed that a water park and parking lot for 540 vehicles would result in a too-intensive use for the site, which is currently zoned resource conservation.

Their comments came after HCMA Director Frank Sudek and Chief Planner Dan Duncan presented a PUD concept that would include a wave pool, lazy river ride, a 30-foot water slide, bath house and children's pool. Indian Springs Metro Park is a 2,500-acre, HCMA-run park that spans portions of Springfield and White Lake townships. It includes the sensitive 245-acre Timberland Sanctuary within its borders.

The water park is proposed for about 20 of 41 acres under consideration for PUD rezoning in the Springfield por-

Please see **WATER PARK**, A2

Downtown specialists present plan

BY CAROLYN WALKER
STAFF WRITER

HyettPalma Inc., a national firm specializing in rejuvenating old towns and business districts, may have advice for helping Clarkston improve its downtown district.

Representatives of the firm will make a presentation to the community Jan. 27.

Members of the public are invited to attend the special 7 p.m. discussion led by Doyle Hyett. The meeting will be held in Independence Township Fire Station No. 1 off Citation Drive near M-15.

Approximately two years ago, Clarkston City Councilman David Savage introduced the council to HyettPalma, which he thinks may have some valuable suggestions for Clarkston.

Doyle Hyett will present an explanation of the "complete services they'll be able to provide and discuss them in depth," Savage said Wednesday. Hyett will also respond to government and resident questions.

Please see **HYETTPALMA**, A4

New managing editor appointed at Eccentric Newspapers

BY BECKY BURNS
STAFF WRITER

It's not often that Philip Sherman finds himself speechless.

But when he learned last Friday he'd been named the new managing editor of The Eccentric Newspapers, he didn't quite know what to say.

"I was grateful and surprised at the same time," Sherman, 43, said a few days later — once the shock had worn off. "I always had promised myself that if I ever got this job, I would do my best for the newsroom and our readers. And now I have that opportunity."



Philip Sherman

worked in numerous reporting and editing capacities in his years with the company, said he'll miss The Eccentric.

For the past year, Sherman served as deputy managing editor under Bob Sklar, who left The Observer & Eccentric last week to become the executive editor of the Detroit Jewish News, based in Southfield.

Sklar, who worked in numerous reporting and editing capacities in his years with the company, said he'll miss The Eccentric.

"I worked with the staff and alongside readers for nearly 25 years and it's not something I cast aside lightly." But, he added, Sherman's motivation and understanding of the business make him a good successor.

"Putting out a community paper is a very special type of job," Sklar said, "one that requires a greater connectivity with readers than a larger metro paper."

Steve Pope, Observer & Eccentric vice president and general manager, said one of Sklar's greatest assets to the company was his knowledge of Oakland County and its inner work-

ings.

"I'm very sorry to see Bob go," he said. Change leads to opportunity, though, and Pope said he's looking forward to seeing how the newspapers will grow with Sherman at the helm. "His specialty is making products feel very localized and creating a sense and warmth for the fabric of the community," Pope said.

Sherman first came to The Eccentric in 1977 as a copy editor. He left in 1980 to become the news editor, and then managing editor of the Cadillac

Please see **SHERMAN**, A4