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e have been reading an interview with Estelle Zabritzki, 23, a meat packe worker from Chicago in 1939, Estelle and her husband were considered "well-to-do" blue collar workers at that time, even though the pay was not great. But to do the job they did. they deserved much more than they received. Read on to see

why:
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Casings, It's better where I am
"I cosings are clean and because the casings are clean and almost dry by the time they come to the machine and I sew them on one end. Mine is a semi-skilled job and I get good pay ... on an average of \$23 a week. In my department, there aren't so many layoffs like in the other

"The first week I was there you should have seen my hands, all puffed and swollen, I wasn't on sewing then; I was on a stretching machine. That's to see if the casing isn't damaged after the cleaning process it goes through. You know that pickle water causes salt ulcers and they're very hard to cure, nearly impossible if you have to keep working in the wet. The acids and salt just rot away a person's skin and bone if he gets the smallest

skin and bone in the gets the smallest scratch or cut at work. ""Most of the girls in casings have to weaf wooden shoes and rubber aprons. The company doesn't furnish thems They pay \$3 for the shoes and apout \$1.60 for the aprons."

Applied And the aprons."

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Kam Huttenlocker, vice-president of
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## Sports center in line for towns



■ An indoor sports center featuring an Olympicsized ice skating rink, children's rink and in-line skating deck is proposed for I-75 and Sashabaw Road. The developer, who requested anonymity for now, will formally present his plan in February.

Developers of a large indoor sports arena that will feature ice skating and in-line skating near Sashabaw Road and I-75 plan to unveil their official proposal in early February.

But despite the fact that they have only talked informally with Indepen-dence Township officials and have yet

to receive site plan approval, information about the forthcoming complex caused Independence Township resident Wendy Vogt to pull her somewhat controversial in-line skating proposal from township consideration.

Vogt had proposed building a 200foot by 80-foot outdoor inline skating rink, pro shop and two restrooms in and Maybee roads, not far from from

where the unidentified developer is proposing to build his sports center. Vogt had proposed leasing about one-acre of public park land for the private facility, an arrangement some town-ship officials thought inappropriate. Vogt, who for months met with town-

ship officials in closed session to detail her plans for building, withdrew her plans last week because she had received word about the sports complex that is intended for Bow Pointe Drive near Sashabaw Road and I-75, said her

attorney Gene Farber on Thursday. "There is a private developer of a ery large facility, including in-line skating and other things, that's just

one mile from Sashabaw Plains Park Frankly, it's a growing area, but there's not that many people that could handle two facilities within a mile," Farber

The sports center would not be locat:

ed on public park land. On Friday, the arena developer, who wished to remain anonymous for the time being, confirmed that he intends to submit formal plans for a sports facility to Independence Township

planners in February. If it is approved, it will contain an Olympic-sized ice skating rink and

Please see SPORTS CENTER, A8

## Council may ask volunteers to build city hall

BY CAROLYN WALKER

Clarkston city hall is bursting at the seams. The combined workloads of the city offices, police department and department of public works, which all occupy the hall, have taxed the capac ty of rooms to the point that council members are now investigating ways to expand the 2,520-square-foot office

building off Depot Street.
That building was constructed durg ing the early 1970s, said Clerk Art

To avoid raising taxes to pay for additions, the council voted Monday id. have the finance committee review options that could include construction done by a reduced-cost, community work force or organizations such as Habitat for Humanity.

Councilman Doug Roeser said the finance committee, which has been reviewing improvements since December, conceived several designs and determined that the cost of doubling the building's size is \$390,000 to

"Without something concrete, we've got nowhere to start," Roeser said emphasizing that plans were initiated to give the council a basis for action "Nobody wants to raise taxes, I don't think. But should we? Do we have to

Should we scale back?

"This is just a preliminary plan to get

Please see CITY HALL, A

## School design would be new for Clarkston

BY JAN BAKER SPECIAL WRITER

The design of Clarkston's new elementary school is taking shape — and that shape may include an all-day kindergarten class.

Clarkston's school board met Monday, night with T.J. O'Connor, project man-ager from Roy G. French Associates Inc., to review the architectural firm's initial drawings of the new school-Teachers and parents who serve on a district committee that has been working with the RGF architects also sat at that table.

Superintendent Al Roberts indicated during the meeting that the site of the new elementary school would probably be decided at the next regular board meeting, Feb. 9. Though trustees voiced various con-

cerns about the rendering — one that's "a new concept," according to O'Connor. — it appeared that the dollars needed. to build such a school loomed largest in their minds. In O'Connor's sketch, the facility featured a centrally located media center with rectangular grade. level classroom "pods" jutting out from that library hub like spokes on a wheel It also touted a semi-circular entrance and lots of natural light throughout. Roberts said he, too, wanted to get

Please see SCHOOL, A2

Cutting the rug: Worker Jodi Phillips dances with Robert Aaron at the Hart Community Center in Springfield Township. The center hosts recreational activities nearly every Friday night for mentally and physically challenged adults.

## Dancin' the hight away

## Weekly events a special time for special people

BY CAROLYN WALKER STAFF WRITER

"We're going out dancing. Chase our blues away." — Rod Stewart, "Go Out Dancing"

ven last Friday's cold, snowy weather couldn't put a damper on the enthusiasm of partiers who came to dance the evening hours away at the Hart Community Center off Davisburg Road in Springfield Township.

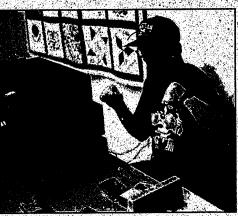
We keep the people dancing," said Matt Wolfe, a bespectacled reveler who doubles as a disc jockey, as he floated his way across the dance floor toward his microphone. I like it, it's a lot of fun. We do a lot of

things."
Wolfe is just one of the scores of mentally and physi-

Please see DANCE, A2



All smiles: Julie Guzzardo watches as other dancers take to the floor.



**Deejay:** Matt Wolfe "keeps the people dancing" by playing their favorite music.



Greetings: Worker Jodi Phillips (right) says hello to Paul Kurts.

## SCIOO from page Al

ing answers on construction ists associated with the plan it he also held a concern about is lack of one classroom in the yout. "Our kindergarten protein is somewhat with discome what with the case of the number of rooms it'we have (in the district)," he off we have on the custocy, he aid. A And Pior one would like olsee at least some magnet or the type of program for all-day indergarten. This building, thout at least one additional oom, gives us no real flexibility tomake our kindergarten program what we want it to be.

While no one on the board objected to Roberts' kindergarten request, trustee Janet Thomas

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seemed the most uncomfortable with the school's design. "Isn't this going to be a very costly school to build?" Thomas asked O'Connor. "We have all these fior walls. We have all these "houses" (grade-level pods) to heat and maintain. "I guess I'm really concerned because I know what happened last time we built (an elementary), We ended up taking money out of other projects to finish it ... I guess my question is, Can you bring that building in for the cost we say we're going to bring it in at?"

The trustee also said she thought the design's stylish semi-circular entrance way was impractical. "The circle there, while it looks cute, is cutting off usable space in each of the (bordering) rooms," Thomas said. She suggested that the school's floor plan might allow for an additional kindergarten room if the semi-circle at the school entrance were straightened.

No one seemed to offer any additional opinions on the curved entrance.

However, Betty Kozma, a teacher at Clarkston elementary who serves on the district's Phase I construction committee, defended the pod extensions. Kozma told Thomas that the committee had visited other new schools in the process of provid-ing input on the building's plan. She said the design of the grade-level pods, with their three exterior walls, resulted from the committee's desire for class-rooms with an abundance of natural light. Kozma called the centrally located media centers and the light factor "passionate

O'Connor told Thomas that he believed the classroom pod extensions would be easy to evenly heat and would not make heating bills skyrocket.

Treasurer Kurt Shanks told O'Connor that trustees felt just a bit uneasy about something that looks different. "I think what we're hearing is a little nervous-

ness over a new design," he said. Vice-president Mary Ellen McLean pointed to a plus. "I like the potential for team teaching in this plan," she said.

cally challenged adults who come from group homes, foster care homes and private homes to take advantage of recreational activities provided by Northwest Oakland Community Services

each week.

The fun atmosphere and opportunity offered by the organization represent a significant change from the days of institutionalized care that some of the older participants once experienced.

Those who can, dance on their feet. And those who can't, go the distance in their wheelchairs or keep time from appreciative and uninhibited positions along the wall. Invariably, as they struggle to find words that express their delight, they name their favorite singers while watching them. selves and their friends from a

## Homebound

The Independence Township Senior Center is expanding its Meals-on-Wheels program by

The Meals-on-Wheels program

Dance from page A1 Seger, Elvis, Johnny Cash, Red Foley, large-screened television; Bob

(One 72-year-old woman who dances in a wheelchair, and who admits to an affection for country music and its stars, confesses she is without a boyfriend this particular night, "I'm too old to cut the mustard," she says slyly with a beautiful and innocent smile.)

According to Janet Stack-Miller, special services director for Holly Schools and chair of the NWOCS, the service organization is administered by a board of 11 volunteers that "focuses on providing services in the community in response to unmet

Other free activities offered to north Oakland County disabled adults include bingo, bowling at

Holly Lanes, a summer picnic and mock Olympics, Participants come from as far away as Ponti-ac, Holly and Independence Township.

Typically, 60 to 100 individuals participate, Stack-Miller, said, and they range in age from 18 to 70-something. Volunteers help keep the events running. smoothly.

The NWOCS has been sponsoring social opportunities for the disabled for approximately eight years, Stack-Miller said. They also provide a dinner and game program for the elderly, held at the Hart Center every Monday.

The NWOCS funds these... activities through a golf tournament held at Heather Highlands Golf Course each May.

## City hall from page A1

the ball rolling," he said.

The finance committee recommended that handicap-accessible mended that handicap-accessible bathrooms, that would be avail-able to Depot Park users, be included in any improvements, as well as increased storage space for voting machines and the addition of two DPW vehicle

Member Anne Clifton said she thought the council should investigate all options for updating the building to avoid raising taxes, and she made a motion to

"I would like to explore every thing outside raising taxes," she said. "I think that's our duty Let's see how far we can go without touching the taxes.

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"In my mind, it's still a finance matter. It's hardly a building matter," he said.

Other than to vote the matter back to the finance committee, the council took no official action on the topic.

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## Clarkston parents: Start school after Labor Day

Results from a phone survey taken by 400 families in the Clarkston School District last

November indicate that:

Parents prefer school to begin after Labor Day by a slim

Half of Clarkston's parents do not support a year-round school — eyen if their child doesn't attend one.

Parents give the nod to the elimination or shortening of the one-week winter break in February as a means of adding instructional days to the calen-

Parents prefer adding instructional minutes to the end of the day if the school day needs

to be lengthened.
According to Duane Lewis, the part-time contractor who spearheaded the project for the dis-trict, school officials decided to obtain the random parental feed-back so they could use it as a tool in negotiating next year's school calendar with the teachers' union. Lewis said talks have already begun on that subject and he expects the 1998-99 calendar to be agreed upon by mid-

The survey, conducted by Oakland University student volunteers through the Oakland Intermediate School District, asked participants to answer 13 questions about the Clarkston school calendar. Lewis explained that although Clarkston students currently attend school 185 days a year and the state mandates only 180, minutes of instruction are expected to increase steadily for the next 10 years.

If instructional minutes were added to the school day to satisfy that increase, 62 percent of the parents surveyed said they would choose to have that time added to the end of the school About 26 percent preferred that additional minutes be split between the beginning and end of the day. Only 7 percent opted

Phone Sur	vey
In November of 1997, the Clar Schools conducted a phone surv Here are 3 sample questions	ev of 400 families.
Currently students go to school for 16 if they must attend school longer, wh would you prefer:	i5 days in Clarkston. iIch of the following
a. School to begin before Labor Day b. School to begin after Labor Day C. I have no preference	
If a holiday break needed to be elimi would you prefer be eliminated:	
a, Christmas	1.3% 72.4% 7.8%
d. I have no preference	d15,5% 0.3%

to add minutes to the beginning of the day. And 5 percent of the participants indicated no prefer-

In terms of when school starts. 53 percent of parents opted for after Labor Day. Thirty percent preferred an earlier start and 17 percent had no preference.

Of all the holiday vacations. parents seemed to deem the ebruary winter break as the least sacred. In one survey question, 65 percent of the respondents said they supported eliminating or shortening that break In another inquiry, 72 percent of parents said they would elimi-nate winter break to add school minutes or days to the calendar before they would forgo Christmas or Easter vacations:

Lewis said that while the sur-

vey results in no way guarantee a certain outcome in negotia tions with the union, they will bring another perspective to the "The issue of calendar is always a difficult one, not so much from the standpoint that we disagree on issues," Lewis

"It's that they're trying to represent their (teacher) member-ship — which is what they're supposed to do — and they can't get clear answers from their membership as to what they really want. And we usually get some feedback from parents— after negotiations. So, this year, we decided that we'd get some feedback as we go to the bargaining table, as we talk about the

## Sports center from page A1

children's rink as well as an inline skating deck, he said. He declined to divulge other details, pending his formal submission. He said he feels bad that Vogt has withdrawn her plans.

He did not perceive his plans as being in direct competition with hers, he said.

"We didn't come up with this to force Wendy Vogt out of business. I don't want you to perceive this as a big guy muscling Vogt,

A public hearing on her idea had been scheduled for the township board meeting Tuesday night but it was not held after Vogt's change of heart. Some controversy had swirled around Vogt's idea because it would



have involved putting a private enterprise on the park's public land. Township officials had not formally adopted her plan

## **NBD** branch back on block

The downtown Clarkston branch of National Bank of Detroit is for sale again since a purchase deal fell through last week, said NBD spokeswoman Susan Cherry.

A fall agreement between a buyer she would not name and the bank was not successful, and the bank will now be marketed through Grubb and Ellis, a commercial real estate brokerage firm with offices in Southfield, Cherry said.

The asking price for the historic building on Main Street will be \$450,000. The building has housed a bank since th

### **POLICE NEWS**

reported to police and fire agen- on Mann Road. cies in Springfield and Independence townships and the city of Clarkston Jan. 19-26.

### **Springfield Police**

On Jan. 23, three snowmobiles and a trailer were reported stolen from a residence on Far-

ley. On Jan. 25, radio equipment was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Edgar Court.

### Vandalism

On Jan. 24, a window was reported broken out of a vehicle while it was parked on Dixie Highway.

On Jan. 25, a vehicle was reported damaged while parked on Big Lake Road.

## **Independence Police**

Vandalism

On Jan. 19, a vehicle reportedly had its paint keyed while it was parked on Deerwood

On Jan. 22, a vehicle reportedly had its paint keyed while it was parked on Dixie Highway. On Jan. 24, trees and shrubs

The following incidents were were reported cut at a residence

### Thefts

On Jan. 20, a diamond ring was reported stolen from a residence on White Lake Road.

On Jan, 22, skis were reported stolen from Pine Knob Ski Resort on Pine Knob Road.

On Jan. 24, four, \$20 bills were reported stolen from a residence on Joy Road.

### Home Invasion

On Jan. 20, a home Ridgeview was reportedly illegally entered while a resident was home. The invader fled the home after the woman called out and dialed 9-1-1.

### Independence Fire

During the week of Jan. 19-26, firefighters responded to 36 calls. Among them were 22 medical runs, three vehicle fires and three personal injury accidents. They also included the following:

On Jan. 22, firefighters assist ed a patient who was having seizures at a residence on Northview.

On Jan. 22, firefighters assisted a patient who was having insulin shock at a residence on Eastlawn.

On Jan. 24, firefighters assist-

ed a person who was experiencing weakness and a possible seizure at a residence on **Devon's Ridge**.

### **Clarkston Police**

On Jan. 20, officers attended an accident on Main Street near Washington Street. No citations were issued and there

were no injuries.
On Jan. 24, officers responded to a report of loud music at a residence on Surrey Lane.

On Jan. 24, officers assisted at the scene of a neighbor dispute on Surrey Lane.

On Jan. 25, officers stopped a vehicle on Main Street near Robertson Court for a speed violation. The driver, a Goodrich woman, was found to be intoxicated. She registered a 0.21 on the Breathalyzer test. She was lodged in the Oakland County Jail and bond was posted for her. She is scheduled to appear in 52/2 District Court Tuesday.

On Jan. 26, officers stopped a ehicle on Main Street near Clarkston Road for a speed violation. The driver, a Davison man, was found to be intoxicated. He registered a 0.15 on the Breathalyzer test. He was arrested and transported to the Oakland County Jail, where bond was posted on his behalf. He is scheduled to appear in 52/2 District Court Tuesday.

## How's the weather?



Weather report: Channel 7 meteorologist Chris Bradley talks about the weather Thursday with fourth-graders at Clarkston's Pine Knob Elementary School.



Science lesson: Pine Knob fourthgraders listen intently as Bradley defines various weather terms, identifies the kinds of weather that can occur in Michigan and then involves them in putting on a mock television weather report.



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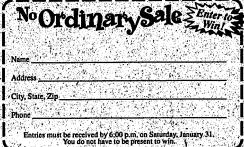
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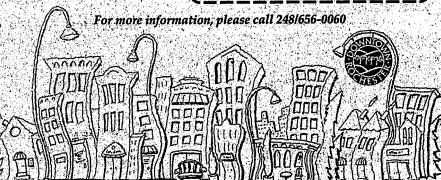
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## Clinton under siege

## Let's wait to make a judgment

Decide policies before taking offers

he fallout from the story of a White House intern and the country's president is surfac-ing in several forms in Oakland County. Overall, the message seems to be that truth is paramount, and that the president should be

prompt about it. We would agree. U. S. Rep. Joe Knollenberg, R-Bloomfield Hills, for one, said he suspects most county residents, Democrats and Republicans, simply want to get to the bottom of the allegations as quickly as possible. Knollenberg noted, as did many others, that his concern is beyond the tawdry — it's about the presidency.

A wait-and-see approach also is a wise move After watching politics on the local level, we all know there's always more to a story. No one wants to be out front with the wrong informa-

The way information travels today, particularly its speed, was of interest to state Rep. John Freeman, D-Madison Heights. "Information gets out so much faster than it did in 1963," he said, referring to the Kennedy presidency. "If you could go back to 1963 and you had the same level of media scrutiny and instant communications, the concerns would be similar.'

Freeman also noted that we have countywide elections in less than one year and that this issue, and the way it is reported, could affect the

outcome. We agree again, The American public also gets more and more opportunities to see how many media outlets work, which creates a story of its own. The problem is that not all media companies work that way. Our company doesn't, and most reputable sources of information don't. But you'd never

eople are upset that the Rose Bowl, the revered granddaddy of all college bowls,

revered granddaddy of all college bowls,
will have a sponsor next year.
I found it tacky to see scoreboards emblazoned with commercial logos when I followed the
University of Michigan football team to a game
last fall at Spartan Stadium.
But two weeks ago, I discovered that commercialism may be moving to still another level of
the sparts world. It seems commercial advertise.

the sports world. It seems commercial advertis-

ing giants are clamoring for contracts that would

put their logos and monikers on the scene at the new Clarkston High School.

to directly provide vending and soft drink machines and school athletic uniforms, bypass-ing the local yendors Clarkston has used in the

past. In return for exclusive contracts, bonuses for cafeteria, athletic field and arena signage are being offered.

Entering into a direct contract with any one or more of these international marketers would undoubtedly result in substantial financial savings for the district. Administrators tick off the

probability of "donated" big ticket items; larger discounts on athletic uniforms and shoes than

they receive from local vendors; and even college scholarships for Clarkston students. Plus the

savings might allow the district to add boys' and

savings might allow the district to add boys and girls' sports programs it can't afford now.

Although no decisions have been made, school board members appeared to have no problem with awarding exclusivity on vending machines. But they clearly were not of one mind on allowing Nike to put its Swoosh on its athletes' uniforms.

forms.
"I don't think we can sit here and be so unre-

alistic about the things this could provide for our district . . . ," said board vice president Mary Ellen McLean, as reported in this paper's Jan.

15 edition. "I'm not sure that the fact that we have a Nike logo on our uniforms is compromis-

"I don't think we're on the cutting edge of this," board treasurer Kurt Shanks disagreed. "I

think we're the last tiny kingdom out there try-ing to protect ourselves . . . I'm going to be highly resistant to any commercialism in our schools,

Board secretary Sheila Hughes spoke of being on the cutting edge — because the money is not always going to be flowing like it is now from the

ing anyone's morality in the district."

Nike, Adidas, Pepsi and Coca-Cola are vying

know that if you judged us by the images you see on the news in the evening. That, though, is an ssue for another time.

At issue is the state of the presidency, local elected officials from both political parties agree and so do we. But obstruction of justice — the issue at the heart of the matter — is a serious charge and both sides are staying tight-lipped, opting to withhold judgment until the facts are

"These are serious allegations and the citizens as well as the president deserve a full, fair and prompt investigation," said U.S. Rep. Sander Levin, D-Royal Oak, in a statement. A wise idea, given the monumental importance of the nation's presidential office.

Although waiting for the facts may be a tiresome process and the temptation to throw up one's hands in confusion may be great, the desire for closure – to catalog the full stack of data – is the reason we withhold judgment.

While some Oakland County residents; understandably, may find themselves feeling cynical, as noted by Oakland County Democratic Chair Gary Kohut, allowing pessimism to set in before the facts have been presented isn't a practical

step. Again we agree: Why submit to apathy and pessimism without getting a full account first?

While Levin, like other political leaders, stressed the importance of a speedy resolution of this matter, he also invoked a familiar phrase: the whole truth and nothing but the truth."

And waiting for the facts seems to be the equivalent of upholding this maxim and insist ing on its fulfillment.

Secretary of State branch offices this spring, goes high-tech to provide better customer service and greater personal privacy.

license. It now takes four to six weeks.

to be counterfeited. Michigan is the first violet ink, detectable only under black light.

only the drivers license number, expiration date and holder's date of birth.

that should help reduce the sale of alcoholic beverages to minors.

we all claim don't look like us will be vastly improved too. The new technology allows branch office staff to check the quality of the photograph before the licensing process is

area on the back where motorists can desig-

license by mail will receive a new license rather than a renewal sticker. And, for customers who need a license immediately, select branch offices will issue a while-you-wait license beginning in the fall.

The new license will carry a picture of the Mackinac Bridge across the top to showcase the great state of Michigan.

There are more than 6.7 million licensed Michigan drivers. It will take nearly eight years to completely remove the current drivers license from circulation and replace it with the new one.

For more information on the new license, visit the Secretary of State web site at: www.sos.state.mi.u

State Representative — 46th District

## Firefighters acted fast

n behalf of my father and myself, I would like to gratefully thank all the neighbors. on Sagamore Drive and the Independence Fire Department for their quick response last Fri-

Unquestionably, their speed and expertise.

## **COMMUNITY VOICE**



'I'd have to know a little more about the ssue, but my ini tial answer is no."

> Ravi Anand Senio



because I don't think schools should be involved with name brands like

"I think I'm

against it

**Chad Nini** Freshman



"Yes. If they're going to discount the uniforms, they should be able to advertise and get something for their money.

Jaclyn Bogumil Junior

prevented what could have been a complete

conflagration and loss of my father's home.

Their efforts on our behalf are appreciated

Names on scene at the incident were Chief

Gar Wilson; Capt. Steve Ronk; Fire Marshall

Williams, Mike White, Bob Pursley, Jack Bai-

ley, Larry Wormnest, Tom McDonald, along

with two on-call fire fighters, Brian Meloche

through the hard work and dedication of these men. Our thanks go out to all of you for your

and Erik Paul. The damage was minimized

Peanut-free rooms?

peanut allergy problem.

Our heartfelt thanks for the best article we've read yet on the life-threatening

It was staggering to read that 200 families

locally are struggling with this dilemma. How

do they cope? How do they keep their sanity?

How worrisome it has to be that there are

We sympathize with the Waterburys who

have two children with the peanut allergy.

But sympathy isn't enough when theaters,

church isn't safe since small children bring

safeguard a child with this peanut allergy

from the public. We're not doing anything to

some environments, entertainment and other-

help them. Why not? Why can't we provide

wise, that are safe for them? We're making

more and more public places install smoke-

free areas. Why can't we also have schools

maintain a peanut-free room or area for a

child who has the peanut allergy? It's the least

Peter and Irma Facione

Clarkston

Being vigilant in their own home doesn't

schools, stores, arenas, malls and even a

bagged treats to munch on.

we can do.

"increased cases of peanut allergies" due to

the use of peanuts as stretchers now in more

of our foods. Sending a child with this problem

to school has to be a quandary for the parents.

Greg Olrich; engineers Dave Stover, Phil



they should. If we can get a discount, it can only help us.

Ahdi Dasuqi

**Robert Namowicz** 

**Independence Township** 

### **LETTERS**

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## Driver's licenses go high-tech

or the first time in more than 30 years, Michigan drivers will have a new license.

The new drivers license, available in all 178

When the new credit card-looking licenses become available, they will be mailed about a week after motorists apply for, or renew, their

Improved technology in the production of the licenses makes them virtually impossible licensing agency to use primary-colored ultra-

A magnetic stripe and bar code on the back of the license is limited by state law to include

The license also will make it easier to identify motorists under the age of 21, a measure

The photographs on drivers licenses that

completed. Another advantage of the new license is an nate organ and tissue donations.

Motorists renewing the computer-generated

**Thomas Middleton** 

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### JUDITH DONER BERNE

beyond recognizing donations and contributions and things like that

I have a real problem with using our children for billboards," echoed trustee Janet Thomas. I have that problem, too, although I'm told

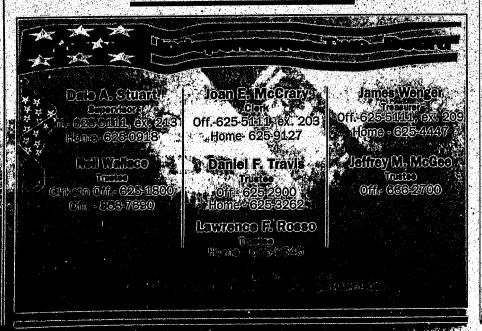
that, by law, school uniforms logos can't be any larger than 1/2 by 1 1/2 inch, which is hardly overwhelming. Linda Nester , the district's director of admin-

istrative and personnel services, proposed that the board adopt some parameters before deciding to participate in any commercial contracts. But at least one of her suggestions — observing advertising limits like those in the college and

professional athletic leagues — doesn't seem professional athletic leagues at leagues — doesn't seem professional athletic leagues at leagues — doesn't leagues at leagues — doesn't seem professional athletic leagues — doesn't leagues — d Proposal A evened out the economic playing: fields, are hard at work attempting to come up with new revenue streams. And previous barriers may get repositioned.

ich h must decide in the heat of battle what strategy will best serve their students. It certainly would be a good idea for other school districts to revisit their policies before they are thrust into the

Judith Doner Berne, a West Bloomfield resident, is former managing editor of the Eccentric Newspapers: You can comment on this column by calling (313)953-2047, Ext. 1997 or by writing to or faxing, (810)644-1314,



## **POINTS OF VIEW**

## Take a 2nd look at your first impression

irst impressions — are they valid, reliable? Rarely. I've read somewhere that 35 percent of the people don't like a person the first time they meet him or her.

If this were true, it would be tough to be a salesman on a first call.

Remember that song from "South Pacific" about seeing a stranger across the crowded room and falling in love with the image?

Usually you size up a person based on how they resemble someone else you know or how they appear in a situation you have experienced before.

Some people do make great first impressions, but after you get to know them, they are entirely different people. This can be good or bad.

But when someone says, "So and so

makes a great first impression," they rarely are giving that person a compliment.

If you are going on a job interview, you can create an impression.

John T. Molloy in his book "Dress for Success" tells you how different clothes and different colored clothes can create an image.

If you are going to see your banker, you should wear a gray suit with a maroon tie because that conveys the image that you are trustworthy.

If you want to convey an authority image, wear a blue suit,

If you want to sell something to the automobile industry, make sure you are driving one of their cars, even if you have to rent it.

IBM used to be known for all their

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people wearing white shirts and gray flannel suits. It was the image they wanted to create for their company.

The other side of the coin is "Casual Friday." Some companies are letting their employees dress down one day a week to be more comfortable.

John Molloy would have a fit, but some men's wear stores have opened. new departments so you can be chic casual.

I've always wondered what a company does when their best prospective client shows up at the office on Friday and what impression the clients gets of the company.

When I was a teenager I always wore blue jeans because they were not only the official uniform of my set, they were very practical clothing. But I have to admit my prejudice. When I see adults wearing them today, I feel they are trying too hard to be casual, especially if they are wearing a fur coat and high heels.

First impressions are not reliable because they are based on percep-

M Some people do make great first impressions, but after you get to know them. they are entirely different people. This can be good or bad.

tions, not on fact.

Yet we continue to make judgments based on them because we usually have no alternative.

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

## Performance improvements: Actions speak volumes

alph Waldo Emerson once commented that our actions speak so loudly, people can't hear what we say. This profound thought from one of our literary giants caused me to think about actions your district is taking to improve the performance of faculty, staff and students. The passage of construction bonds to provide our youngsters with the space and technology needed for better performance certainly makes our list. However, the accomplishments of any school district are also dependent upon the ability of its teachers, administrators, staff members, parents and other citizens to aim high, to be creative and energetic, and to use innovation! In Clarkston we have challenged the staff and the community to do just that, and the positive results can be seen in pilot programs, cdrriculum revisions, and newly initiated practices and procedures. Here are some examples:

#### Pilot programs

■ We are using AlphaSmart devices at three test sites. These word processing aids encourage student writing at a fraction of the cost of a computer. They are portable and can easily be taken home by students.

■ A study of sound field systems at Kindergarten/First Grade has been initiated. Research demonstrates that youngsters, particularly of primary age, can experience the types of illness that temporarily impact their ability to hear properly. The sound field system modulates the tone and quality of speech that can be heard by students in the classroom. Our pilot is based on the premise that enhancing the ability of youngsters to hear/listen will result in increased performance.

■ Multi-age classroom programs and extended team teaching opportunities for faculty members and students is now occurring at the elemen-



tary, middle and high school levels.

■ The entire bus fleet has been replaced in order to provide students with a newer, safer and more comfortable ride to school. Incidentally, the new lease costs less!

#### Curriculum revisions

■ Computer science and technology courses for 6th, 7th and 8th graders were modified to enhance student

Advanced placement classes in physics, chemistry and government were added to the high school curricu-

■ Strings classes were added to an already fine music program.

■ The U.S. history course of study

was revised/improved. ■ Japanese language classes were

■ The board fully adopted the

Clarkston High School Earth Visions program.

### Processes, procedures

■ A process that will prepare the board and community for our next round of strategic thinking has been developed.

■ A new staff selection procedure was put into place. We have set higher expectations by redefining our evaluation procedures and attention has been placed upon higher standards

and performance.

■ A quality assurance review process has been started for all probationary teachers, and a wide variety of staff development opportunities will assist faculty and staff members to "raise the bar."

You might be interested in knowing that the North Central Association has accredited each of our schools. and the high school has received recognition by the Michigan Blue Ribbon Schools Committee. While our entire community has reason to be proud of what our schools are, we are not satisfied. It is what the Clarkston Community Schools will become that matters. The crystal ball is not clear, but my guess is that this community will not allow us to be anything other than exemplary!

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

## Reporter gains fame for writing for his readers, not politicians

n my experience, most newspaper folks feel slightly uncomfortable when they are the ones

being written about.

Perhaps it's because they prefer to be judged on the basis of their work. Or because they believe they shouldn't be center stage in the news stories. they cover. For whatever reason, it just isn't much

But there's a good reason to violate this practice in the case of Tim Richard, who for many years has been the head of this newspaper's statewide news service, reporting on Lansing and on state stories that have local significance to our readers. You see, Tim has just been elected to the Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame, a very big honor, especially for a reporter still in the prime of his career. Because Tim would never do it himself, I'm writing this column to mark his achievements and to say how fortunate I've been to have worked with him for more than 30 years.

I first met Tim Richard back in the early '60s when I was administrative assistant for U.S. Rep. Paul H. Todd Jr. Tim was the political reporter for the Kalamazoo Gazette and, because one of the jobs of a good AA is the care and feeding of politi-cal reporters, I spent a lot of time with Tim. He asked tough questions, time after time. He

quoted me and the congressman accurately, time after time. He saw through the spinning, time after time, but he was never unfair, never played "gotcha" in the news columns. He was one terrific

After I started my own company in 1966, I asked Tim if he'd come back home to southeastern Michigan and help me create a new kind of community journalism, focused on what the news really meant for real people, living in their own hometowns. I was so pleased when he agreed to come, and over years we've worked together, I've never felt

any different.
When I told Tim I was going to write this column about him, he got a little grumpy. But he lightened up when I asked him to tell me about his favorite moments in journalism. Here they are, in his own

"The 1966 expose on how the Western Michigan University board held secret meetings (from which I was specifically excluded) and made policy decisions. The story was spiked (killed) by the editor of the Kalamazoo Gazette, who devoutly believed that the 'community leaders' serving on the board were incapable of doing bad.

This led directly to advocacy of the 1976 Open Meetings Act and my activity in the Society of Pro-lessional Journalists and Michigan FOI Commit-tee Inc. to defend the 'sunshine' laws, teaching people how to use them through seminars and dewaletters. Our biggest thrill is when civic trou-lemakers and journalists use the sunshine laws to learn about government and have their own

Tim, an avid fisherman, dog owner and general outdoorsman, adds another highlight: "In the 1980s, I edited columns of freelancers Penny Wright-Steele and Tim Nowicki, Both won Michi-Ran Audubon Society awards as journalist of the



PHILIP POWER

"We turned Steele's casual observations of crowded ladies' rooms into a series that resulted in Michigan's 'potty parity' law sponsored by Rep. Jan Dolan, R-Farmington Hills. It will require adequate ladies' restrooms in the new Tigers' and

In the early '90s, Tim began to notice the busy doings of the Religious Right at the local level. He wrote me a compelling memo on the subject that led to "stories and columns exposing the Religious Right's 'stealth' political tactics and hidden agenda toward public education. For a long time, I wrote about this alone, but educators and other journalists are now catching on. I got more heat on this

than on anything I've ever done."

Tim also covered national politics, but from a local angle. In 1988, he caught "Gov. Jim Blanchard's remark that Jesse Jackson's Democratic national convention speech was left-wing baloney; warmed-over McGovernism, but not as good.' This brought me the most fame, but in terms of its impact on people it was not as good as my open

meetings, age of majority, environmental editing and Religious Right work."

Did you catch the key phrase, "impact on people"? That's the core of Tim's work ethic and why at the end of the day he's in the Journalism Hall of Fame. He is not some kind of abstract journalist diddling with the notes on his reporter pad. The guiding objective of his reporting is the eventual impact of people in their daily lives.

mpact or people in their daily lives.

Tim is probably as good a reporter as exists today in Michigan; he's accurate, thorough and knowledgeable and he's got a memory like an elephant. Like all good reporters, he insists on being detached from the news events he's covering, but he is passionate about the concrete results his work produces.

I've gained immeasurably as a journalist and a manager by working alongside Tim. But the people of Michigan have gained far more from his career than I. Congratulations, Tim, on being a hall of famer. You've sure earned it.

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 email at ppower@oeonline.com.

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### STATE CAPITAL CAPSULES

#### 3 parties qualify

Michigan voters will have their choice between three political parties in the Aug. 4 primary and four on the Nov. 3 ballot, the Secretary of State's office has announced.

Ross Perot's Reform Party, joins the Republican and Democratic parties in being able to pick candidates in the statewide primary. That's because Perot's party received more than 5 percent of the 1996 vote.

The Libertarian Party will be back on the Nov. 5 ballot but must pick its candidates in party conventions, at a time and place to be announced. Libertarians, dominated in recent years by gun owners groups, topped 1 percent of the 1996-vote and did not need to file petitions for a ballot

Any other party hoping to be on the Nov. 5 ballot must file a "new political party" petition with the Secretary of State by 4 p.m. July 16. Petitions need at least 30,891 signatures.

In addition, other candidates

without a political party may get on the ballot by filing qualifying petitions by 4 p.m. July 16. They may use this process to run for three state administrative board positions — governor, secretary of state and attorney general; U.S. representative; state senator and state representative; four education boards — State Board of Education, University Michigan regent, Michigan State University trustee and Wayne State University trustee and Wayne State University trustee and Wayne State University governor (two positions on each board); and two nonpartisan Supreme Court justice posts.

These unaffiliated candidates for statewide office must file at least 6,733 and not more than 30,891 petition signatures. Petitions must include at least 100 signatures from each of at least eight congressional districts.

For other information on any election issue, call the Secretary of State Bureau of Elections at (517) 373-2540.

#### Funds for Oakland

Oakland County International Airport in Waterford Township will receive a \$1 million grant to acquire land for approach protection.

It was among \$12.5 million in grants to 15 airport projects statewide announced by the Michigan Aeronautics Commission.

#### 'Soft money' hit

State Rep. Frank Fitzgerald is targeting, soft money ads in the 1998 campaign process. "Soft money" is used to sup-

"Soft money" is used to support issues and isn't subject to limits and reporting laws. "Issue" ads are often used in vicious attacks on candidates. Fitzgerald, R.Grand Ledge, is

Fitzgerald, R-Grand Ledge, is preparing a bill to require a disclaimer listing the group paying for the commercial. The issue is before a bipartisan, bicameral group examining state campaign spending.

### Smietanka runs

Fitzgerald, an announced candidate for the GOP nomination for attorney general, is assured of a well-financed rival.

John Smietanka, the 1994

nominee, is running again and has appointed pizza magnate Tom Monaghan as his finance

Smietanka is a former Berrien County prosecutor and for U.S. attorney for western Michigan.

Jaye heads panel

Newly-elected state Sen. David Jaye, R-Macomb County, will chair a new standing committee on Hunting, Fishing and Agri-

culture.

Billing himself as "Lansing's top hunting, fishing and gun rights advocate," Jaye said he would introduce a 25-bill pack-

age to promote hunting, fishing and gun rights.

It would include allowing all law-abiding Michigan residents to carry a concealed pistol and a ban on Indian gill nets as a condition of their operating casinos ("no fish, no chips").



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## Water contamination map planned

#### BY PAT MURPHY STAFF REPORTER

The group charged with mapping ground water contamination in Oakland County is reportedly off to a good start.

But a map to outline well water contamination—from natural and human sources—is stillmonths away, according to members of the Ground Water Quality Map Study Group that met for the first time Monday.

Contamination is a particular concern in the western and northern communities in Oakland County — including Addison, Oakland, Orion and Oxford townships — because more homes in those areas rely on well water, according to county commissioner Sue Ann Douglas, R-Rochester.

"People with wells might not realize the problems," said Douglas, "and they might not realize they have the responsibility of checking the water

Douglas is one of three commissioners on the study group that was formed last month. Others are Frank Millard, R-Clarkston, and Charles Palmer, R-Clawson

The group's chair —Thomas J. Gordon, director of county human services — said the goal is to produce a map showing specific areas in which contamination is above acceptable levels established by state and federal health officials.

The contamination may be cause by arsenic naturally occurring in the ground water or from nitrates or chlorides that can be traced to landfills or other man-made causes.

or other man-made causes.

"We drafted some broad parameters," Gordon said, "But there's still a lot of work to be done."

\*\*Commissioner Lawrence A. Obrecht, R-Lake Orion, said a major decision reached by the group is to identify areas of contamination by neighborhood or section rather than individual home sites.

The map won't show contamination at a specific address, Obrecht said. But it will show contamination in a subdivision:

""That's important," Obrecht said, "because it won't cause a property's value to fall, but it will alert homeowners in that subdivision so they can take appropriate measures."

Most of the contamination can be counteracted once identified, according to health officials.

"The maps are to serve as a guide to private well

"The maps are to serve as a guide to private well owners," said Douglas. "Once they know an area might have problems, they can take action such as installing a filter or treating the water."

Mapping the contamination will entail testing as well as data already compiled by state and local agencies, said Gordon.

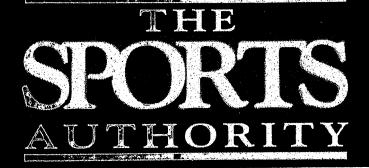
The group's next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Feb. 13.

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## Don't let chance of rejection blindside you

ertain dates tend to stick in my mind. Feb. 3 is one of them. On Feb. 3, 1978, my husband and I date — "semi" because he was the only participant who was blind. I planned for the date with my eyes

wide open. Let me explain: My husband and I had attended Waterford Kettering at the same time He graduated in 1973 and I in 1975. During his senior year we both took Mrs. Lobb's English class together. When I use the word "together," it is a stretch of the imagination. He did not know I existed, but I was hopelessly "in love" (in a 15-year-old school girl crush way). He was so sweet, so cute and very nice. Even though he was quite popular and dating a pompon-girl at the time, he would still talk to us less attractive sophomores and, when I worked up the nerve to ask him for his senior picture, he was too kind to refuse. I was hooked. Unfortunately, the hook was one sided and, upon graduation, he left the school and I didn't see him again (except for

Please see BLIND DATE, A10



It's mine! Tom Shelton (right), playing Jack Swan, tries to get the old gold mine map from Maria Timmerman, playing gold miner Sourdough Birthright.

## 'Dark deeds'

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Marry mel: Howard Webster (center) breaks up a proposal.

## Mothers grieve loss of teens to suicide

Thursday, January 29, 1998

The white corsages they wore pinned to their clothing matched the tissues they clutched in their hands to dab their eyes — and the one ivory "life" candle that flickered in front of them.

Ten women sat facing about 125 silent Clarkstonites at the Independence Township Library Thursday night to deal with their own private darkness and speak openly about the unspeakable — teen and young-adult suicide. During the two-hour program, "Suicide: Our Children are Crying nearly every woman on the nanmomentarily sobbed as she explained to a tearful and shaken audience how she had become an involuntary exp on the subject.

Before the testimonies of loss b however, Clarkston resident Kathy Garwood — after caré coordinator for Donelson, Johns and Evan Funeral Home in Waterford Township — introduced the "brave women" and commented on the almost epidemic propor tions of youth suicide.

Garwood told onlookers that teenage suicide has tripled in the past 25 years; As a result of that leap, she said adolescents and teens currently represent

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Glasses in the laundry basket Glasses in the waste Glasses, glasses everywhere (Except upon my face.)

I remember, distinctly, the first time I put my new contact lenses in my eyes. I vas in the ophthalmologist's office and his assistant was standing next to me — overseeing my tentative, finger-pok-ing attempts — and I was facing one of those little, portable mirrors, squinting at my reflection as it squinted back at

me. Visually limited without my glasses, which I had of course removed so as to make my eyes accessible to my contacts I groped about for lens one, found it and slipped it in, repeated the process with lens two and Violal saw my face clearly, unencumbered by spectacles, for probably the first time in 20 to 25 years

There in the mirror, much to my astonishment, were the deep green eyes of my childhood surrounded by tiny spider web wrinkles that I didn't realize I had grown.

Despite these symptoms of encroaching age, I smiled to myself (which made the tiny spider web wrinkles bunch up) and I fairly floated out of the eye doctor's office, confident that by choosing to ith contacts, I had recaptured just a

little bit of my lost youth.

A great hallelujah went up all around,
I remained confident for a good three
days, or until such time as it became painfully apparent to me that I would need my glasses if I wanted to see well enough to put those contacts in effectively each morning.

They're just too small for me to find



### CAROLYN WALKER

and maneuver under the naked eye. (It's one thing to place them on an eye lid. It's another to put them where they

Thus began a new and awkward ritual late in my mid-life crisis. I now spend my early morning hours — after I've felt my way, fresh out of bed, through the cooking of breakfast and the feeding of

hunting high and low for my bifocals so I can see well enough to manipulate my contacts and put them

in my eyes.
So I can see well enough to come to work and put another pair of glasses on over my contacts (non-bifocals) so I can see well enough to write my stories,

which you hopefully can see well enough to read. Is it an oxymoron that I have to wear contact lenses and glasses to see my computer screen, which is well-lit and BIG and sits not even a foot away from

I'm just asking. But it strikes me that this does not bode well for my old age.

All of this takes me back to a conversation we had as a family one night at dinner. There we were at the kitchen table, happily alternating between chewing and talking, when my oldest daughter (then a junior high school stu-

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dent) announced to one and all that a normal human's arms, ideally, should reach down to said normal human's knees when said normal human stands perfectly erect.

She got up to demonstrate and I got

up to compare. You guessed it!

My arms came up a good six inches

I have recently decided (it's amazing how some things stay with you) that therein lies my problem.

I don't really need contacts and bifo-cals at all. What I need are arm and finger extenders.

Has anybody invented those yet?

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

### **OBITUARIES**

### Robert G. Kozlowski

Robert G. Kozlowski of Clark-ston died Jan. 24, 1998, at age

Mr. Kozlowski is survived by his wife, Janet; daughter, Karen (Mike) Marcetti of Lake Orion; sons, Robert J. of Auburn Hills and Mike of Clarkston and one grandson.

Füneral arrangements and vigil for the deceased were entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home in Clarkston Funeral services were held at St. Daniel Catholic Church in Clarkston with Rev. James R. Desmond

R. Desmond James Prairieville, La., formerly of Clarkston, died Jan. 19, 1998, at

Mr. Desmond was a member of Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church and was a retired production control manager for GM Truck & Coach for 10 years, retiring in 1972. He also proudly served in the U.S. Army during

World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn; daughter, Susan (Ger-ald) Marshall of Louisiana; sis-ters, Joan (Jack) Wiltz and Kathryn (Darius) Huran; and brothers, Edward and Richard. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Lewis E. Wint &

Son Funeral Home in Clarkston. Funeral services were held at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church in Waterford with the Rev. Larry Delonnay officiating, Rite of Committal was in Ottawa Park Cemetery, Rosary service held at the funeral home

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, P. O. Box 721129, Berkley MI 48072 or Cleveland Clinic Hospi-tal, 9500 Eucled, Cleveland OH 44106 Msgr. Robert S. Humitz officiating.

#### Gerald C. Nowak

Gerald C. Nowak of Clarkston

died Jan. 23, 1998, at age 58, Mr. Nowak is survived by his sisters, Elaine (Donald) Moody and Nancy (Carl) Cook of Clark-ston, He is also survived by sev-

eral nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home in Clarkston. Funeral services were held at St. Daniel Catholic Church in Clark-ston with Rev. Msgr. Robert S. Humitz officiating: Rite of Com-mittal was at All Saints Cemetery.

#### Ethel Reed

Ethel Reed of Clarkston, formerly of Birmingham for 20 years, died Jan. 22, 1998, at age 99.

Mrs. Reed is survived by her sons, Fred Reed Jr. of Port Huron and William (Donna) Reed of Walled Lake; and daughrego of Wanted Lake, and datagraters, Lois (Gene) Collins of Florida, Shirley Wiethoff of Mt. Clemens and Ethel (Donald) Lajavic of Walled Lake. She is also survived by 29 grandchil-dren, 65 great grandchildren and 20 great- great grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Lynch & Sons Funeral Home in Walled Lake. Interment was in White Chapel Cemetery in Troy.

that one time he drove his jacked-up Mustang to the school to pick up his most recent popu-

lar girl friend) A few years after I graduated, a friend of mine started working at Pontiac Motors and, while I was attempting to break up with a long-time boyfriend, mentioned to me that she was working with Daye Smith. Did I want her to fix us up on a date? "NO WAY!"

was my reply. He wouldn't want to go out with me. I'd be rejected and feel like dirt. I'd be a neryous wreck and make a fool out of myself. "No, absolutely not!" ... "Well, maybe."

My friend arranged the date. Even though he didn't remember me at all from school, he agreed to the "blind" date. Since he was going to be gone on a ski trip for a couple weeks, the date was arranged far in advance. I had weeks to stress out about the situation. Some friends from work took me out to buy just the right outfit. I practiced walking, talking, laughing. I went on a crash diet and lost the six pounds I needed to lose to be at the low end of my ideal weight. Several times over the weeks I decided I couldn't go through with it. A few days before the date, I called my girlfriend and told her to ncel it. I knew he wouldn't like me. She refused. "He's showing up at your house on Feb. 3 and you better be ready."

The day of the date, I was a nervous wreck. I didn't eat anything, trying to make sure I looked my absolute best for the big night. Although I knew it wouldn't last and he would drop me like a hot potato, I wanted to, at least, know I had tried my

After hours of primping, when it was time for him to arrive, I knew I looked as good as physically possible, considering what I was working with. I told my mother to answer the door so  ${f I}$ could make my grand entrance. Then I swiftly scooted him out the door before my mother could say something embarrassing. (We mothers are famous for

He had a yellow sports car, which I later found out was a company car. It was a very snowy night and before we had even left my driveway, I told him an unflattering joke I had heard on the radio that day about 4wheel drive vehicles. I then found out his personal vehicle was a 4X4 pick-up truck. Good

We had a lovely date at the Rayen Gallery in Berkley. Although I had never heard of the Rayen Gallery before, I assumed it was a restaurant. Since I hadn't eaten anything that day, I was ready for dinner Much to my surprise, it was a comedy club that did not serve

food. It was great fun, but not a very good opportunity to talk. After the Rayen Gallery he asked if I would like to get a bite . to eat at Elias Brothers. definitely." I couldn't think of anything I would like better. Unfortunately, the waitress at Elias Brothers had different plans. We were seated and given coffee; then the waitress disappeared. We had plenty of time to talk and laugh, but we

never got served. After a nearly perfect date, I felt lightheaded (partially from lack of food and largely because we really seemed to click). As he dropped me off, he asked if I would be interested in going snowmobiling a few days later. "Yes, definitely." And the rest is history. For the past 20 years we have been snowmobiling, talking and laughing together.

If you need a moral to this story (just so I didn't drag you down memory lane with me for nothing), here it is: Go for it. Don't let your fear of rejection keep you from doing something that could change your life for the better: Take a chance at happiness. Trust me, it's worth

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

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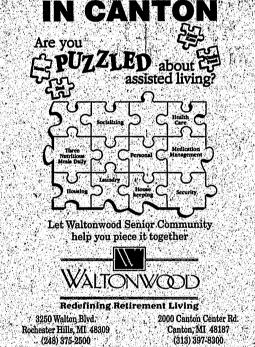
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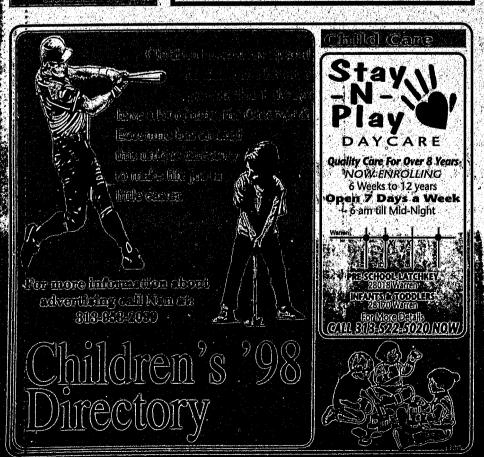
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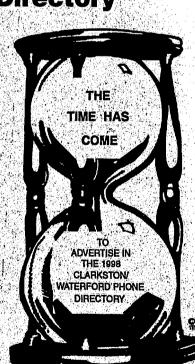
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## Suicide from page A9

ed the second-leading suicide group — behind retired men over 65. The grief counselor expressed shock and sadness at the latest findings — that 500,000 adolescents attempt suicide each year and that one American young person commits suicide every 90 minutes. "The scary statistic is that we have too many children," Garwood said. "It's obscene, the numbers of children who are

Accounts from the suicide survivors' panel — women from Clarkston, Linden, Milford, Rochester Hills, Sterling Heights and Walled Lake — seemed to confirm the pervasiveness of the problem. Their stories also seemed to detail the devastation that results when kids quietly choose permanent methods to escape what most mental health care professionals describe as temporary and solvable prob-

Worst nightmare

Linden mother Lisa Fox provided perhaps the most gutwrenching personal account. Fox displayed a framed portrait of her handsome teenage son Brandon, smiling in his high school marching band uniform. Then the female survivor shakily read a prepared statement detailing how that 15-year-old burned his body almost beyond recognition during a suicide in the family's garage last June. Brandon triggered the fire when he filled the garage with carbon monoxide fumes to kill himself. In her horror-filled account of that garage discovery - the smell of her son's burning flesh throughout the house, the arrival of the police, the sight of her son's knee through a small opening of a body bag and the gawking neighbors who tried to get a closer look — Fox also provided Brandon's last words. She read aloud a copy of the suicide note that he left for a friend in his school locker:

. By the time you receive this, I'm either incapacitated in some hospital, or I am dead. Either way, I probably will never see you again. At 2:45 (p.m.), I attempted to flood my garage with carbon monoxide. If I was given sufficient time, I am dead

.. This plan was worked out in my mind since 6-1-97 and I have known I was going to execute this plan all week, despite my lies about not doing it ... You've been a friend to me unlike any-one else. I'm sure none of my other friends cared about me as much as you did. I'm sorry. I'm sorry for so much. I'm sorry I did

this ... You were truly the best Lorenz told the audience. in your heart to forgive me for everything I did. I need you to do some things for me. Obviously I couldn't say proper good-byes to anyone. They would try to stop me from doing this ... Please tell the rest of my friends that I'm sorry and not to be ashamed of me ... Please forgive me. Love to you and all, Brandon ..

Fox told the audience that since her son's suicide, her life had become "an absolute hell." She explained that though the family garage has been restored, memories of that day — and of Brandon — have made it too painful for the family to remain in the house. They are moving.

The Linden mother also described the loss as one of sheer human potential. She explained that Brandon was deemed a "gifted" student during his elementary school years and had continued to excel in advanced academic programs, as well as in karate and band. She pointed out that he was "poetry in motion," extremely creative and sensitive, too. "He carried a lot of pain — more pain than he could bear ...," she told the audience,

wiping away tears, Milford mother Deb Lorenz's 14-year-old son, Randy, apparently felt a similar hopelessness. Lorenz told those in the darkened room that Randy came home from school last May, went downstairs to the basement, put a shotgun barrel in his mouth and pulled the trigger. During his suicide, Randy's mother said that she and her husband were running errands - a Friday routine that everyone in the family knew well.

Like his life, Randy's suicide note was short: "Life sucks and then you die:"

Lorenz also described her son as "a very sensitive young man' who especially cared about how others were treated. She explained that Randy never used foul language and never caused any problems. "He was doing well in school and everything was fine at home," she said. "We didn't see anything ... But apparently he was having some trou-

After Randy's suicide, Lorenz said she discovered that her son's friends knew of those troubles. The loss of an after-school job and the loss of a significant friendship were among them, she said. Those same friends admitted that they had heard Randy say more than once that he just wanted to die. "But his friends didn't tell anybody,

Looking for answers

Lorenz said she was still angry about that silence. "Until this day, I have feelings where I don't think I'd have any remorse to take his friends, slam them against the wall, run them over, rip their arms out, tear their legs or their eyeballs out. Why did

they not tell us?"
She said she also punishes herself for ignoring what she now thinks may have been a possible clue into Randy's mental "I feel like I could have probably saved him, but I missed it. I missed it," she said, "One day, I was sitting there and he said, 'Mom, I'm never going to have kids.' It kind of took my breath away and ... I said, 'Oh, Rand, kids can kind of be a real pain in the butt sometimes, but they really give you so much love and so much joy.' And he said, 'Aw, kids are burdens.'"

"I just sloughed it off. I just sloughed it off," Lorenz said. "I didn't think he was talking about himself being a burden."

Days before Randy took his life, he bought a birthday present for his mother. Lorenz opened it on the day her son was buried — her 40th birthday. "It came in a pretty gold box and I opened it up," she said. "It was a dragonfly prism that you hang on the window. I have it on my front window (now). Every time the sun comes through it, I think of this little boy — pause — who took the time to make sure that his mom had something.

Overcome by emotion, Lorenz said she couldn't continue to speak.

Sniffles were heard throughout the audience.

When Sterling Heights mother Glenna Buehler spoke, she directed the account of her personal tragedy to the young people in the Clarkston audience. Buehler said her 19-year-old son, Justin Gschwender, was another good kid who "kept things to himself" and when he found nei-ther answers nor hope there, he shot himself. "Just say something," Buehler implored teens as she, too, wept. "Someone will help you. There is a chance for

Anna VanDermeer, of Clarkston, agreed. VanDermeer's brother, P.J., shot himself in 1996 — the year after he graduated as a wrestling standout

from Clarkston High School. His grief-stricken sister tied P.J.'s sense of hopelessness to his break-up with a girlfriend. "It was like he went into a cave — and no one could get in," she said. VanDermeer told other teens in the same heartbreak situation to hold on and seek help. 'It's (suicide is) not worth it," she advised with a trembling voice. You'll find somebody else.

When the panel finished, a middle-aged man in the audience raised his hand. The man admitted to those in the room that he had attempted to kill himself in his early 20s. Amid surprised stares, he explained that he ultimately worked through his crisis and was glad he did. The gentleman told onlookers, nevertheless, how desperate he felt at the time: "I just wanted one person in my understand me," he said.

Garwood asked the youth in the audience to speak up about friends who are mentioning suicide. Recognize their words as a cry for help. "I know ... you don't want to betray their friendship because you're their friend," she said. "But you don't want to go to their funeral."

Editor's note: Read next week's Clarkston Eccentric for Part II of this story, which includes common misconceptions about adolescent suicide and signs that a youngster is contemplating sui-

(Kathy Garwood is looking for a quilter to assemble a suicideremembrance quilt. Garwood and her group will be taking the quilt to Washington, D.C. in mid-April when they attend the annual SPAN (Suicide Prevention Advocacy Network) rally. To volunteer, call Garwood at Donelson, Johns and Evan Funeral Home, 673-1213.)

### **CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

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

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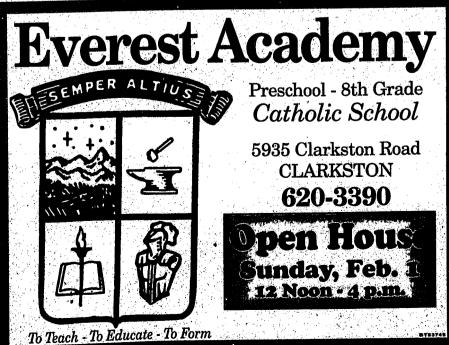
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## Reporter named to hall of fame

Tim Richard believes one of his more significant newspaper stories was one that was never

In 1966, Richard, who was a reporter with the Kalamazoo Gazette, was excluded from secret meetings of the board of Western Michigan University

One day I asked for minutes of past meetings and the board secretary accidentally gave me the minutes of the secret meetings, during what they had made policy decisions," Richard said.

"I wrote the story and the editor spiked it.

Richard said he never received a full explanation about why the story was killed, but believed the ditor could not fathom the WMU board doing anything wrong.

"I got a fire in my belly about

the issue of open government."
That issue started Richard on a long newspaper career which now finds him as news service regional editor for Hometown Communications Network, Inc., the parent company of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. In his current role, Richard covers state, regional and com-munity college issues.

He advocated and worked toward the eventual passage in 1976 of the Open Meetings Act and the Freedom of Information Act. :

For his longtime commitment to the public's right-to-know, Richard, 62, was elected to the Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame on Jan. 17.

U.S. Rep. Dale Kildee, D-Flint, says President Bill Clin-

ton is innocent until proven

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Clinton is accused of having

an extramarital affair with a

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gan Journalism Hall of Fame Committee, said the committee was impressed by Richard's courageous leadership on behalf

of a free press." " "(Richard's) commitment to the FOIA and Open Meetings Act— and (his) tireless work behind the scenes to protect these mea-sures — will stand as a model for Michigan journalists for years to Richard will be inducted April 18 at the Kellogg Center at Michigan State University.

The nomination letters reflect some of the professional respect that exudes from his peers and bosses.

Phil Power, owner of Hometown Communications Network, Inc., wrote in his nomination letter that Richard is the "single most com-petent" political and governmen-tal reporter in Michigan

Tim's journalistic output is truly prodigious," Power said. "He regularly writers core stories on significant events with localization possibilities scat-tered throughout."

Power also cited Richard for singlehandedly reporting policy issues associated with the State Board of Education and with its attempt fundamentally to change the nature of Michigan public schools.

"He is particularly the greatest example I know of a disciplined, serious and perceptive reporter relating statewide events to the needs of individual readers in their hometown communities.

Bill Ballenger, editor of Inside Michigan Politics, once called

24-year-old intern Monica Lewinsky, surfaced last week.

Also alleged is that Clinton

instructed the intern to lie to

attorneys seeking a statement

for the Paula Jones sexual

Clinton defenders have

argued that the president's private life has no bearing on his

public life, but Kildee disagrees.

Tim Richard

Richard "perhaps the Capitol's most · serious, scholarly reporter.

Another Richard nominator, Lee Ann Johnson, cited Richard's efforts in co-founding the Michi-gan Freedom of Information Committee, and efforts in championing prisoners' rights in the press

Marsha Stopa, president of the Metro Detroit Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists, wrote: "The Michigan Freedom of Information (Act) is alive and well today because of Tim Richard's determination to never let legislation get swept under the rug or hidden in obscure language. Most of what we in the media know about FOI and sunshine laws has in some way come to us through Tim Richard."

An early start

Richard grew up on Detroit's west side and attended Redford High School. He attributes excellent high school journalism teachers with getting him start-ed as a reporter.

After he graduated in 1953, Richard attended the University of Michigan where he received a bachelor's degree in economics in 1957 and a master's degree in business administration in 1959.

He spent seven years at the St. Joseph Herald-Press and Kalamazoo Gazette, Richard joined the Observer & Eccentric in 1967, working as Oakland edi-tor and editorial page editor.

Big stories

Richard's career has taken many interesting turns and twists, judging from some of his

In 1961, Richard won a first prize in the Michigan Associated Press contest for a feature series on St. Joseph (public) Junior High School and how it matched the standards set in James Bryant Conant's post-Sputnik book "The Junior High Today," The unpublished WMU expose

in 1966 led directly to his advocacy of the Open Meetings Act, and activity in the Society of Professional Journalists and Michigan FOI Committee Inc. to defend the "sunshine" laws and teach people how to use them through

seminars and newsletters. In 1971, Richard wrote about the "age of majority" in the old Observer and sold the idea to Gov. William Milliken, which resulted in the state laws lower-

ing legal ages from 21 to 18. "I had done a study of the maturity of people, and found people were maturing three, four and five years earlier than a cen-tury ago," Richard said, "Our laws were based on 21, and that age of maturity, because that's when a man was strong enough to wear and bear armor."

But Richard will be remem-bered for his work on FOI and Open Meetings acts, work he did for the public good and the public's right to know. He enjoys help-ing out citizens with FOI requests and giving seminars on the same.

"You have a right to know what the government wants to do to you before it does it to you. You have a right to know the amendments before the final product comes out, who's really on your side or who's voting yes at the last minute.

"You have a right to your own input of government. You have a right to know who else has input to the government."

Richard has won his share of awards for his work, receiving Suburban Press Foundation's national prizes for feature story and editorial. Richard received six awards from the Michigan Associated Press Editorial Association.

Last year he won first prize for a column from the Michigan



harassment case

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD SECOND READING

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is innocent of charges

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Springfield will hold a SECOND READING at its regular meeting on Thursday, February 12, 19998, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Township Hall, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, Michigan to consider the following proposed amendment to Zoning Ordinance No. 26. ORDINANCE NO. 26

ZONING ORDINANCE

THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD ORDAINS: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 26, ZONING ORDINANCE, OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD BY AMENDING AND ADDING SECTION 23.00 TO PROVIDE THAT A VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE SHALL BE A MUNICIPAL CIVIL INFRACTION.

SECTION ONE - AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE

Section 23.00 of Springfield Township's Ordinance No. 26, Zoning Ordinance, is amended and added to read as follows: Section 23.02 - PRESUMPTION OF CIVIL INFRACTION

A violation of the Springfield Township's Zoning Ordinance shall be deemed to be a municipal civil infraction. Section 23.08 - VIOLATION AND PENALTIES

A. The following civil fines shall apply in the event of a determination of responsibility for a municipal civil infraction, unless a different fine is specified in connection with a particular ordinance provision:

The First Offense. The civil fine for a first offense violation shall be in an amount of Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00), plus costs and other sanctions, for each offense.

ii. <u>First Repeat of Offense.</u> The civil fine for any offense which is a first repeat offense shall be in an amount of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00), plus costs and other sanctions, for each offense

Second for any subsequent) Repeat of Offense. The civil fine for any offense which is a second or subsequent repeat offense shall be in an amount of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00), plus costs and other

B. In addition to ordering the defendant determined to be responsible for a municipal civil infraction to pay a civil fine, costs, damages and expenses, the Judge or Magistrate shall be authorized to issue any judgment, writ or order necessary to enforce, or enjoin violation of, this ordinance. C. Continuing Offense. Each act of violation and each day upon which any

such violation shall occur, shall constitute a separate offense

D. Remedies Not Exclusive. In addition to any remedies provided for in this ordinance; any equitable or other remedies available may be sought.

E. Judge or Magistrate. The Judge or Magistrate shall also be authorized

e costs, damages and expenses as provided by law

Default on Payment of Fines and Costs. A default in the payment of a civil fine, costs, damages or expenses ordered under Subsection A or B or an installment of the fine, costs, damages or expenses as allowed by the court, may be collected by the Township of Springfield by a means authorized for the enforcement of a judgment under Chapters 40 or 60 of the Revised Judicature

enforcement of a judgment under Chapters at or 60 of the Revised sudicature. Act, MCL 600.101, et. seq., MSA 27A. 101, et. seq., as amended.

Gr. Failure to Comply With Judgment or Order, If a defendant fails to comply with an order or judgment issued pursuant to this section within the time prescribed by the court, the court may proceed under Section 1. H. Failure to Appear in Court. A defendant who fails to answer a citation

or notice to appear in court for a violation of this ordinance is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500,00), plus costs and/or imprisonment not to exceed ninety (80) days.

I. Civil Contempt.

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(1) If a defendant defaults in the payment of a civil fine, costs, damages, expenses, or installment as ordered by the district court, upon motion of the Township of Springfield or upon its own motion, the court may require the defendant to show cause why the defendant should not be held in civil contempt and may issue a summons, order to show cause, or bench warranted arrest for the defendant's appearance.

warrant of arrest for the defendant's appearance.

(2) If a corporation or an association is ordered to pay a civil fine, coets, damages or expenses, the individuals authorized to make disbursements shall paylithe fine, coets, damages, or expenses, and their failure to do so shall be civil contempt unless they make the showing required in this subsection.

(3) SUnless the defendant/shows that the default is not attributable to an intentional refusel to obey the order of the court or to a failure on his or her part to make a good faith effort to obtain the funds required for payment, the court shall find that the default constitutes a civil contempt and may order the defendant committed until all or as pecific dipart of the amount due is paid.

(4) If it appears that the default in the payment of a civil fine, costs, damages or expenses does not constitute civil contempt, the court may enter an order allowing the defendant additional time for payment, reducing the amount of payment or of each installment or revoking the line, costs, or

damages or expenses.

(5). The term of imprisonment on civil contempt for nonpayment of a civil fine, costs, damages or expenses shall be specified in the order of commitment and shall not exceed one day for each Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) due. A person committed for nonpayment of a civil fine, costs, damages or expenses shall be given credit toward payment for each day of imprisonment and each day of detention in default of recognizance before judgment at the rate of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) per day.

(6) A defendant committed to imprisonment for civil contempt for

(6) A defendant committed to imprisonment for civil contempt for nonpayment of a civil fine, costs, damages or expenses shall not be discharged from custody until one of the following occurs:

(a) Defendant is credited with an amount due pursuant to (b). The amount due is collected through execution of process or

(c) The amount due is satisfied pursuant to a combination of Subsections 1(6)(g) and (b).

(7) The civil contempt shall be purged upon discharge of the defendant pursuant to Subsection I(6).

Lien Against Land, Building or Structure.

Lien Against Land, Building or Structure.

If a defendant does not pay a civil fine, costs or installment ordered under Subsection A or B within 30 days after the date upon which the payment is due for a violation of this ordinance involving the use or occupation of land, a building or other structure, the Township of Springfield may obtain a lien against the land; building, or structure involved in the violation by recording a copy of the court order requiring payment of the line and costs with the Register of Deeds for Oakland County. The court order shall not be recorded unless a legal description of the property is incorporated in or attached to the court order.

(1) . The lien is effective immediately upon recording of the court order with the Register of Deeds.

(2) The court order recorded v. th the Register of Deeds shall constitute the pendency of the lien. In addition, a written notice of lien shall be sent by Springfield Township by first class mail to the owner of record of the land, building, or structure at the owner's last known

The lien may be enforced and discharged by Springfield Township (3) The nen may be entored and discharged by Springfield Township in the manner described by its Charter, by the General Property Tax Act, Act, No. 206 of the Public Acts of 1893, being Sections 211.1, 211.157 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, or by an ordinance duly passed by their Township. However, property is not subject to sale under Section 60 of Act No. 206 of the Public Acts of 1893, being Section 211.60 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, for nonpayment of a civil fine or costs or an installment property under Subsections A or B unless the property is also subject to sale under Act No. 206 of Public Acts of 1893 for delinquent property taxes. for delinquent property taxes.

(4) A lien created under this section has priority over any other lien unless one or more of the following apply:

(a) The other lien is a lien for taxes or special assessments.

(b) The other lien is created before the effective data of the amended ordinance that added this section.

(c) Federal law provides the other lien has priority. (d) The other lien is recorded before the lien under this section

(5) The Township may institute an action in a court on competent jurisdiction for collection of the fines and costs imposed by a court order for a violation of this ordinance, However, an attempt by the Township to collect the fines or costs does not invalidate or waive the lien upon

(6) A lien provided for by this subsection shall not continue for a period longer than 5 years after a copy of the court order imposing a fine or cost is recorded unless within that time an action to enforce the

SECTION TWO - EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect seven (7) days after publication, this Ordinance shall be published in the manner provided by law.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that additional information concerning the proposed ordinance amendment may be examined at the office of the Springfield Township Clerk, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, Michigan, during regular business hours Monday through Friday. Anyone needing a special accommodation should contact the Clerk's Office at least two (2) business

NANCY STROLE, Clerk Charter Township of Springfield

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# Cagers have easy time beating Troy

BY BRAD KADRICH

When it was over, everyone was surprised at the ease of Clarkston's 18-point Oakland Activities Association Division I prep basketball win over Troy. Most surprised of all might have been

Most surprised of all might have been the Colts themselves, who watched the Wolves bolt to a 13-point halftime lead before dispatching the visiting Colts, 59-41. It was a far cry from the way the Colts

played the Wolves here last year, when Troy pulled off a 55-54 win,

"We played them tough here last year," Troy's Jim Essian said, "I thought it'd be a close game. We were ready to play, but it just wasn't our night."

just wasn't our night."

The game was over almost before it got started. The closest Troy ever got was a 2-2 tie in the opening seconds. The Colts watched Clarkston outscore them 11-3 the rest of the first quarter, and never caught up. Clarkston got a 3-pointer and a 12-foot jumper from Dane Fife, a pair of inside

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BRAD KADRICH

## Anthem`renditions hit the right notes

In more than six years of covering high school sports in the North Oakland County area, I've obviously heard the National Anthem done before games in its various forms.

Mostly it's played on tape, but frequently students perform the anthem live, mostly on a voluntary, scheduled-in-advance basis. But this week I had the good fortune to hear the anthem done twice by students, and each time under decidedly different circumstances — once at an Oxford volleyball game, the second time at

Clarkston's basketball game Friday. And, to tell you the truth, both were

entertaining.

At Oxford, the anthem was sung by Abby Hale, whose sister Emily was involved in the volleyball match. A nervous Abby stepped to the mike and proceeded to perform the most beautiful rendition of the National Anthem I have ever heard. Her voice never wavered, she nailed every note (at least to my untrained ear) and raised goose-bumps on the arms of everyone in the gym. It was perfect.

everyone in the gym. It was perfect.
The second anthem I heard was at Clarkston's gym, where the Wolves were preparing to play host to Troy. Officials started the tape on which the national anthem was to be played,

but never could get it to work.

So Mike Moran, unofficial leader of The Jungle, grabbed the mike and led his cronies (crooners?) in an equally stirring performance of the anthem. It wasn't as artistically or vocally beautiful as Abby Hale's performance; but it did what it was supposed to do, and drew a standing ovation from much of the capacity crowd.

### Super notes

You'll recall in this space last week (in the Clarkston paper, anyway) there was a Super Bowl prediction from yours truly: Denver 28, Green Bay 24. What was the actual final score, again? Oh; yes: 31-24. Close enough for me. Move over, Kosmo.

■ Like most of America, even those wacky Green Bay fans, I thought it was nice to see John Elway finally win a Super Bowl, after three disastrous tries. As a football fan the last 15 years, I've enjoyed watching Elway's last-minute heroics, If there wasn't a guy named Marino in Miami, Elway probably would have been the quarterback I would have wanted my son to be.

I thought Terrell Davis' fumble on the first play of the second half sounded the Death Knell for the Biologs, but he then went on to turn in a terrific performance. But no matter how great he was in the Super Bowl, the people who called sports fadio talk shows in the days following the Super Bowl to say they'd trade Barry, Sanders' for Davis straight up are nuts, likey're entitled to their childon poblicusty, but they're nuts.



PHOTO BY BOB KNOSKA

Winning ways: Clarkston's Ryan Srogi gets ready for his race against Lake Orion at Pine Knob Tuesday. Srogi won the boys' race, helping the Wolves sweep a pair from the Dragons.

## Skiers sweep top spots in easy win over Orion



Clarkston
boasts one of the
state's top ski
teams, and Lake
Orion would like
to. On Tuesday,
Skier
Lake Orion
Tom Vurgina
Grant Smillin
Jesse Tar
Craig Marchi
Bob Smith

the Wolves gave the Dragons a little lesson in how to get there.

BY BRAD KADRICH SPORTS EDITOR

It was either a gorgeous day for skiing, or a dreary day on the slopes, depending on your perspective.

depending on your perspective.

For Bruce Rosengren, the Clarkston
High School ski coach, it was a great
day.

Rosengren's Wolves, contenders for a state title this season, rode a sweep of the top four spots in both the boys' and girls' races to a pair of relatively easy wins over Lake Orion Tuesday at Pine Knob.

Megan Whipp finished first in the girls' race for the Wolves, who beat the Dragons 10-27, with a time of 34.02 seconds. Senior Ryan Srogi did likewise for the boys, who topped Lake Orion 10-29. Srogi's time was 32.06.

Gretchen Pitser (34.36) was second, Laura Pope (34.81) third and Sara McKechnie (35.59) fourth for the Wolves. Senior Lindsay King had Orion's best finish, a 36.65 that was good for fifth place. Natalie Atkinson (36.66) was sixth, Stephanie Gekiere (36.81) seventh and Tiffany McKee (37.33) was ninth.

In the boys' race, Clarkston's Dave Whipp finished behind Srogi in 32.10.

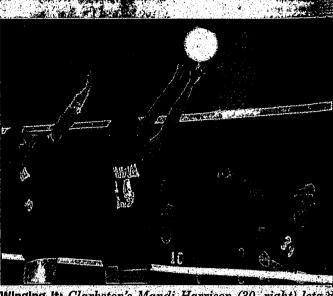
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Brad Villiere was third in 32.56 and Rob Allen finished fourth in 32.81.

Lake Orion's best finish came from Tom Vurginac, who was fifth in 33.57. Freshman Jesse Tarr, in his first varsty race, was seventh in 33.89, Grant Smith was eighth in 34.18 and Bob Smith finished ninth in 34.43.

"Clarkston has been in a class by itself for the past seven or eight years in Southeastern Michigan skiing," Lake Orion coach Norm McKee said.

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Winging It: Clarkston's Mandi Harrison (30, right) lets to shot fly through the block attempt of Seaholm's Vanessa Callaghan during the Wolves' win Monday night. Team: mate Georgia Senkyr (10) stands ready to help.

## Oh, Mandi!

## Netters unleash newest weapon in 2-game win over Maples

BY MIKE SCOTT SPECIAL WRITER

The Birmingham Seaholm volleyball squad which showed up at Clarkston High School Monday is not the team the Wolves anticipated they would see before the season,

Beset by injuries to key players, the Maples made too many unforced errors down the stretch and were unable to hold a big lead in the second game while falling to Clarkston 15-8, 15-13 in an Oakland Activities Association Division I matchup.

Credit the Wolves (8-10-1, 3-3) for taking advantage. Clarkston scored eight consecutive points on the strength of kills from senior Geor-

gia Senkyr and junior Mandi Harri son as they fought back to take a

one-point advantage.

The Waples regained a 13-12 lead, but Aimee Giroux combined with Amber Mitchell on a block kill to put the Wolves back up 14-13 Harrison then spiked one off a Seg-

holm player for the winning point.

Harrison, who just recently has been getting extended playing time and never left the court Monday, finished with eight kills. Senkyradded six kills and three soloblocks. Senior co-captain Jenny McCue was 8-for-8 serving.

blocks. Senior co-captain Jenny McCue was 8-for-8 serving. Seaholm (13-9, 2-3) was led-by Blair Miller, who had five kills despite playing on a badly sprained

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taff Photo by Jeff Kiesse

Pain and gain: Clarkston's Andy Auten puts the hurt on Ben. Phillips of Lake Orion in the Wolves' 41-29 win over the Dragons last week.

# Grapplers topple ranked Romeo

BY BRAD KADRICH SPORTS EDITOR

Clarkston's wrestling meet with Romeo Thursday had a little bit of something for everyone: rematches between wrestlers who met at the Detroit Catholic Central tournament a couple of weeks ago; the Wolves fighting off a depleted lineup, and a meet involving two of the state's top 10 teams.

When the dust had settled, the Wolves had walked away with a 34-29 victory in one half of what was supposed to be a double dual that included Mt Clemens. That meet

didn't take place due to time restrictions.

But the one meet that did take place was a good one. The Wolves, ranked fourth in the latest coaches, poll, won the final three matches to overcome a 29-18 lead built by the minth-ranked Bulldogs over the meet's first 11 matches.

"Romeo is a darn good team, so that's a good win for us." Clarkaton coach Mike DeGain said of the Rulldogs, who were third at both the Macomb County tournament and the Detroit Catholic Central Invitor

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## Wrestline

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There wasn't really any one key notice. If any of our guys had been differently.

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Montreulain with one second left in the intitle opinion clash. After Romeo picked up the win at 145, Andy Auton and Josh Bafferty pit together back to back wins to be at Dong Nonton, who was third at Defroit CC, 4-3 at 152 pounds, and Lafferty decisioned Brian Dimmer 5-2 at 160.

Romeo 700 the win at 171 to

Romeo got the win at 171 to give the Bulldogs their 29-18 lead but Clarkston got an inuity default victory by Matt Edwards at 189, Pat DeGain bear Nathan Stabley 13-1 and heavyweight Jon Robinson won by void for the final margin of victory.

The Wolves, who haven't had their regular lineup for quite some time, were without Ryan L'Amoreaux, Bubba Clement, Ryan McAleer and Rocky Bills.

Ryan McAleer and Rocky Bills.

Jan. 21 — Clarkston 41,
Lake Orion 29: The Wolves
nazded pins in the final two
weights to pull off the win over
tile Dragons, who gave Clarkston its toughest test in the last

few years of this rivalry.

"We had some guys out of the lineup, but at the same time they matched up pretty well with us," Decam said.

Clarkston won the first three matches — as pin from TJ Dahlerup, a technical fall from Adj Grant and a major decision by Ryan McAlees The Dragons won the next four matches, including aspin and two major decisions, to take a 17-15 lead after Mark Hoffman beat Sailor 9-6 at 140 pounds.

Kevin Turnbull stopped the bleeding with a 13-1 decision over Jamie Trimin, and Andy Auten pinned Ben Phillips in 5:52. Lake Orion sandwiched wins around Josh Lafferty's 12-2 decision over Eddie Spearing to tie it at 29.

Pat DeGain then pinned Luke Patton in 2:45 at 215 and Robinson stuck Chuck Ventimiglia in 3:37 of their heavyweight match.

"That was harder than we've had against Lake Orion in a long time," DeGain said. "We had a strong rivalry with them for a long time, but the last few years we've been beating them by 20 points."

Clarkston 63, Troy Athens 21 — The Red Hawks won two matches by pinfall, and the Wolves gobbled up the other 12 wins, including four voids. Clarkston's winners included Dahlerup, Brian Chism (pin), the unbeaten Grant, Dave Wallenko, Kevin Turnbull, Lafferty, DeGain and Robinson.

## Wins lift Wolves to top of standings

BY MIKE SCOTT

Ah, the policies of high school sports.

The Clarkston hockey team entered the season with a goal of winning the North Division of the Suburban High School Hockey League, a task made more difficult because their top two competitors, Royal Oak and Birmingham would not play each other during the course of the

Why? Because of a conflict between the coaching staffs to the two teams. Nevertheless the Wolves sit alone atop the North Division standings, following two victories over the weekend, including a thrilling 4-3 victory over Birmingham on Saturday, their second victory of the season against the combined squad from Seaholm and Gröves high

Tom Newman scored the game-winning goal on a power play early in the third period.

"That (conflict) really left us in a tough position," said Clarkston head coach Rick Rowden, whose team improved to 13-3-1 on the year and 11-1 in the division standings. "We knew we had to lay our own groundwork if we were going to win the title."

Once again it was defensive breakdowns by Clarkston which made the game against Birmingham (9-7, 8-2) close. Rowden said two of the three Birmingham goals came on odd-man rushes, including one coming from the shorthanded variety.

The Wolves dominated the second period, outshooting their opponents 15-5, but played fundamentally sound in the final period after Newman scored two minutes in. "There are too many times where we miss our checks, and that can lead to problems," Rowden said. "Sometimes our guys get too aggressive and they start double-teaming an opposing player which is going to

leave someone open.
"But we played good defense when we had to,"

when we had to."
Clarkston followed up their emotional win with an 8-2 drubbing of Waterford Mott on Sunday at Lakeland Ice Arena. Adam Leech played like a man possessed, with two goals and three assists.

The Wolves played at Royal Oak Wednesday night in a game that would go a long way to determining the division chamnionship.

The Blades tied Troy, leaving Clarkston one point ahead in the standings. Rowden said he and his team spent much of Tuesday's practice watching tapes of the first game against Royal Oak, a 7-3 Blades win at Lake-

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land. The game plan will be no different this time around, but Rowden hopes the execution

"Our key is that once the puck is over their blue line, we feel we can outplay them. They're a big team so we have to have the right coverage and eliminate a man when it is required."

Last Wednesday, Jan. 21, the Wolves lost for only the third time this season, 4-1 to Churchill

Clarkston jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the game, but gave up a fluke goal late in the first period as the Wolves kicked one into their own net. From that point on, Clarkston was flat in all aspect of their game.

"We played as if the puck was a hot potato," Rowden said. "It was not a good effort." In practice, Clarkston has been concentrating on improving their defensive zone coverage in an effort to eliminate some of the mistakes they have made over the past few weeks. Rowden is not surprised with the number of wins his squad has posted this season, but would like to allow fewer goals and good scoring chances."

This weekend the Wolves host Bloomfield Hills Andover Saturday at 11:30 a.m. at Lakeland

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and entertain one of the state's top teams, Port Huron Northern, in a non-league contest next Wednesday at 3:30 p.m.

## Volleyball

ankle. Vanessa Callaghan was 10-of-13 hitting with three kills. Clarkston head coach Gordie

Clarkston head coach Gordie Richardson conceded he may have discovered his permanent lineup after witnessing the play of Harrison. He only made two substitutions during the course of the match and was comfortable with the way his squad performed.

"I may have found the right chemistry for now, I don't know," he said. "We weren't sharp in warm-ups tonight, but the (seven) kids I played tonight seemed to have a good mix."

The Wolves played strong

The Wolves played strong defense the entire match on Monday, and the play of backline specialist Jennifer Claus keyed Clarkston's 9-1 lead in the first set as she made three difficult digs off Seaholm serves or attacks. After Harrison was unable to handle spikes from Miller and Bryn Rosenfeld, she completed successive kills to lead the Wolves to the first-game victory.

Megan Gallagher, Callaghen and Miller were on fire to start the second game for the Maples, who scored seven out of eight points at one stretch. Seaholm was able to find holes in the middle of the Clarkston defense as they took an 11-4 lead before Clarkston came back.

Harrison said it was the best hitting the ball so hard, we could individual performance of her barely keep it in the gym. If she varsity career and added that continues to play like this, we

she has been working particularly hard in practice:

"Our main goal was to keep our focus," she said. "I guess I did what I had to do for us to win. We wanted to make sure we were going to win this in two

Richardson, who told his team Monday's match was the start of a crucial two-week atretch, said Harrison has come a long way from the beginning of the season.

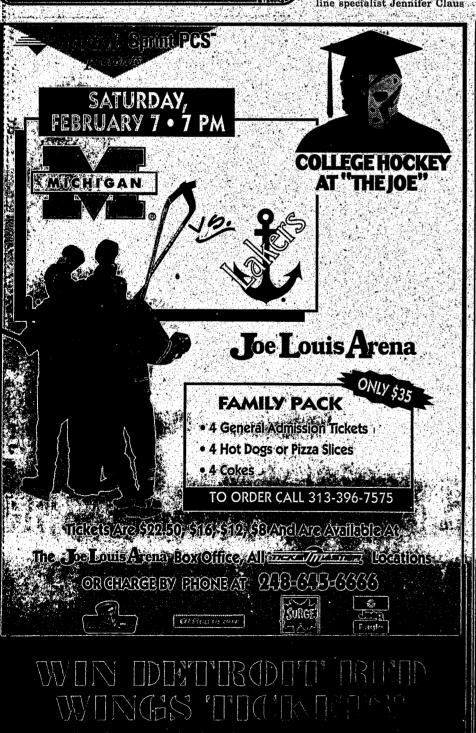
"Mandi has always had good strength and she is a good athlete," Richardson said. "At the beginning of the year, she was hitting the ball so hard, we could barely keep it in the gym. If she continues to play like this, we

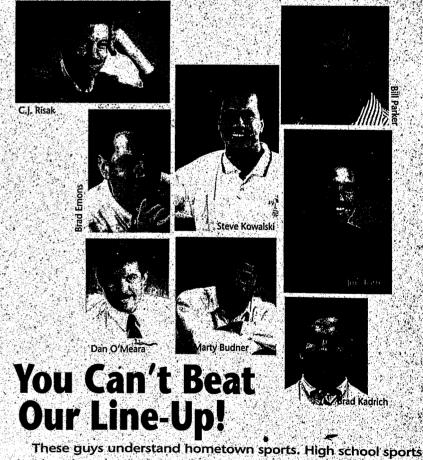
then have another attacker on the left side."

Richardson and the Wolves have been trying to find another consistent offensive option all year to compliment Senkyr in the middle, Giroux, Brittani Brewer and Brandy Garlitz have all played well in spurts, but the emergence of Harrison gives Clarkston another option.

The Wolves will look for revenge at home tonight against Kimball, a match Richardson concedes the Wolves should have won earlier this year in Royal Oak. They also host the Clarkston Invitational Saturday.







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### Soccer registration

The Orion-Oxford Soccer League holds registration Feb. 8 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Once Around Sports, 2651 Lapeer Road in Lake Orion. Mail-in registrations will be accepted through Feb. 28. The season runs from April 18 to June 13.

For more information, call Nancy Denton, 693-3178.

### **Hoop skills** contest

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The top three finishers in each category advance to the finals March 26 at North

Sashabaw Elementary. For more information call Carol Howell, 620-6175.

## Oxford vaulter 3rd

Nate Hoard, a graduate of Oxford High School, cleared 14-feet for the first time in his vaulting career Saturday, earning a third-place finish at the Saginaw Valley State University indoor track invitation-

Using a new carbon pole. Hoard set his new career high one week after finishing second with a 13-foot vault the week

Hoard is a 1995 graduate of Oxford High School, He is the son of Tom and Chris Hoard of

## Wolves among scholar-athlete hopefulse

It has become an annual occurrence — a new record set by the number of students applying for the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Scholar Athlete Award: This year, nine Clarkston athletes helped swell the MHSAA total to 2,785, surpassing last year's total of 2,636.

The program, which has been recognizing student-athletes since the 1989-90 school year, honors 24 individuals, one in each sport in which the MHSAA sponsors a post-season tourna-

The Clarkston student-ath-

letes nominated for the scholar-ship include Curt Brewer, boys track; Bryan Haggard, boys golf; Mike Little, football; Jenny McCue, volleyball; Amber Mitchell, girls tennis; Gretchen Pitser, girls track and skiing; Megan Plante, girls cross country; Kristine Tippen, girls bas-ketball; and Shawn Verlinden, boys soccer.

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scholarship in each sport. To be eligible for the award, students must have a cumula-

tive grade-point average of 3.50 (on a 4.0 scale), and have previously won a varsity letter in the sport in which they are applying.
Students were also asked to show involvement in other. school and community activities, submit two letters of recommen- \* 2 dation and a 500-word essay on. the importance of sportsmanship : in educational athletics.
The applications will be judged

by a 59-member committee of 🕄 school coaches, counselors, facul-i ty members, administrators and board members from MHSAA member schools.

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"Although the score may not indicate it, our kids skied very well. We're trying to mold our program after Clarkston's, but it takes time before we can develop our talent depth to their level.".

The Dragons and Clarkston face each other at least three more times, and it could be as many as five times if both qualify for the Southeast Michigan Championships and the state championships.

"Our goal is to close that gap a

little more with each meeting," McKee said. "The kids were disappointed with the results (Tuesday), but they are confident they will continue to close the gap as the season progress-

Jan 21 — Clarkston tops Lahser twice: The Wolves took the top five spots in the boys' race, led by Whipp, and the girls won on the strength of a 2-3 fin-

Whipp finished in 40.03, lead-

ing the boys to a 10-30 win over the Knights. Villiere was second . 14 in 40.97, Russ Parrott finished: third in 41.61, Srogi was fourth in 42.16 and Jeff Sitko was fifth

The girls got a second-place? finish from Kristen Atkinson, who finished in 43.21, and a third from Megan Whipp (45.12) in their narrow 18-19 win over

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hoops from Angelo Taylor and offensive putback from Justin Dionne in the run.

Here's how the night went for Troy: they pulled within eight points on a 3-pointer from Tim Fralick, but that was at 18-10 with 6:15 left in the second

"I'm totally shocked," Clarkston coach Dan Fife said. "I thought it would be a close game. We kept our patience and made some good plays."

Clarkston outscored Troy 11-6 the rest of the second period to pull ahead 29-16 in a low-scoring first half, and the Wolves used a 10-4 spurt to start the third quarter to pull ahead by 19. Brad Phalen had a layup and a 3-pointer, while Fife added a hoop.

The Colts never got closer than 15 after that. Mike Maitrott hit a 3-pointer with four seconds left in the third, a play on which the Wolves made about a half-dozen passes and showed tremendous patience, to give Clarkston its biggest lead of the game, 50-28.

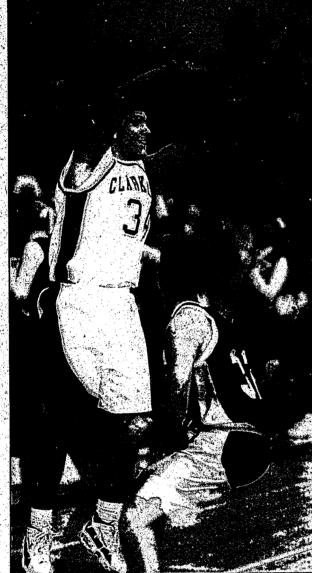
Fife led the Wolves with 23 points and seven assists, while Taylor had a quiet 18 points and had 10 rebounds to go with his three blocked shots.

The Clarkston defense was also stiff, allowing the Colts to put together back-to-back bas-kets only twice: Fralick hit a layup and a jumper with six minutes left in the game to make it 50-32, and Drew DiGiacinto had a layup, followed by a 3-pointer from Sam Gokale in the final 30 seconds.

"I didn't think we worked hard enough to get good shots," said Essian, who was held to four points with Clarkston's Dane Fife defending him most of the night. "We didn't play good enough defense to win this

Fralick finished with 16 points, while Duriel Ellison scored just six. Chuck Goss and Bryan O'Keefe, whose 3-pointer down the stretch broke Clarkston's back last year, were both held to four points.

"I thought we came out and played good defense," said Clark-ston's Mike Maitrott, who helped guard both Fralick and O'Keefe. "We knew they were an aggressive team, and we knew they had a couple of good shooters, so we had to key on that.



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Inside look: Clarkston's Justin Dionne finds a teammate in the lane during the Wolves' easy win over Troy Friday night.

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out six assists as the Wolves won

for the 10th time in 11 tries. Taylor finished with 15 points and 11 boards, while Maitrott chipped in 11 points. Neubeck finished with four and Tim Loveless added three for the Wolves.

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# Entertainment

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### SATURDAY



The Polo Fields Golf and Country Club in Ann Arbor pre-sents Soupy Sales with special guest comedian Bill Barr, 7 p.m. (dinner) 8:30 p.m. (show), \$60 per person, (313) 998-1555 or (248) 645-



Robert (Dean Gaboury) watches as Sarah (Laurie Freedman) helps her husband Harry (Kevin Edwards) up after showing off her karate moves in "Company," 2 p.m. at Stagecrafters' Baldwin Theatre in downtown Royal Oak. Tickets \$12-\$14, call (248) 541-6430.



# ANN ARBOR FOLK FESTIVAL ielp float the Ark



WATSON



PORTER

Grammy-nominated folk singer avidly supports him.

Clark will join Paula Cole, Doc Watson and David Grisman, Chris Smither, The Nields, Great Big Sea, Dee Carstensen, Karen Pernick and Willy Porter 6-11 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, at Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor for the 21st Ann Arbor Folk Festival, the annual fund-raiser for

The event will be emceed by Cheryl Wheeler, a hit songwriter whose songs have been covered by Bette Midler, Melanie, and Suzy

"I've always wanted to do it."
Clark said via telephone from his
Nashville home. "Every time I play
there I tell them, You have to have

festival, Clark said, is the opportunity to play with Doc Watson.

"Plus, it's an audience that's coming to see that kind of music. They know what they're there to see. It's like preaching to the converted. You're home free." The festival offers a variety of

music including the Canadian Celtic band Great Big Sea, harpist Dee Carstensen, folk legend Watson as well as multi-Grammy Award nomi-

nee pop singer Paula Cole.
David Siglin, director of The Ark, said the definition of "folk" is so vague that every year he's able to touch on a variety of genres.

I don't even know what the definition of folk is anymore. Is Shawn Colvin folk or pop? Is Mary Chapin Carpenter folk or country? I don't know those answers anymore. Paula Cole's music fits what The Ark does," he explained.

"Jewel is called folk/pop, but she club that I know of What we're try-ing to do with the headliner is find someone whose music is compatible even if it's different. Obviously she'll draw a younger audience and that's

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO STAFF WRITER

Guy Clark finally has the opportuni-ty to help the Ann Arbor club that

The Ark in Ann Arbor, Tickets are

me for the lineup.

Among the benefits of playing a

keep going, the non-profits that don't go under. The folk festival is absolutely vital to The Ark." Pop/folk singer Willy Porter, who's playing to support his latest release "Dog Eared Dream," said he's thrilled to help out The Ark.

"It raises about \$50,000 for The

Ark, which off-sets the about \$40,000 to \$50,000 loss that we

make at The Ark every year. It is vital. It's not like icing on the cake," Siglin explained.

We are a non-profit organization.

The goal is to break even but we want to do better than break even.

The non-profits that break even

ing to Siglin.

"It's a nice opportunity There's some great artists on the bill. I've just seen the people who played it in the past and it seems to be somewhat of a time-honored thing," said Porter who opened for Toad the Wet Sprocket and the Cranberries at Pine Knob Music Theatre in the

summer of 1996. Like Clark, Porter is looking for-

ward to seeing Doc Watson perform.
"That's something that I've never gotten to do. Hopefully there will be some other people there who want to sit around late night and jam. I like that more than performing."
After the Ann Arbor Folk Festival,

never played The Ark or any folk. Porter will return to The Ark for a headlining show in February, while Clark will perform there in the summer.

"The room is designed for acoustic musicians so it's a really great environment when you walk through the



#### Money raised from the concert Ann Arbor Folk Festival represents a significant portion of The Ark's \$750,000 budget, accord-

**Who:** Paula Cole, Doc Watson and David Grisman, Guy Clark, Chris Smither, Cheryl Wheeler, The Nields, The Great

Big Sea, Dee Carstensen, Karen Pernick and Willy Porter What: Perform as part of the 21st annu-al Ann Arbor Folk Festival

When: 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31

Where: Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor,

Why: To support The Ark, a folk-music club in Ann Arbor

How: \$25,tickets are available at the Michigan Union Ticket Office, Herb Davis Guitar Studio, Schoolkids Records, and all Ticketmaster outlets. For more information, call (734) 763-TKTS or (248) 645-6666. Tax-deductible patron sponsor tickets are available at The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, or by calling (734) 761-1800.

### Other upcoming shows:

■ The Great Big Sea performs at 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 3, in the Capitol The-atre's Pentastar Playhouse, 121 University Ave, West, Windsor, Ontario, Canada. Tickets are \$20 Canadian, For more information, call (519) 253-8065, e-mail capitol@mnsi.net or visit. http://www.mnsl.net/~capitol

door," Porter said of The Ark. "You're not going to stump them with your sound requirements. They've really sort of embraced contemporary acoustic music in a way that no other club has done.

Clark added that he feels comfortable playing The Ark.

"The venue supports the acoustic folky songwriter stuff. It's always nice to play where you feel comfortable. I like smaller rooms. It's just easier to communicate and a little more relaxed.

## MUSIC

## Shop for a band to join at the festival

## By KEELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER

Playing clarinet was something Ginny McDonald of Livonia used to do before she started having kids.

I played in grade school, high school, and college," said McDonald who joined the Farmington Community Band after hearing them y at Twelve Oaks Mall during the Festival Bands 10 years ago. Hijicked up a brochure the band gave out at

the festival and gave them a call. incetthen, Monday nights are Ginny's, and ic enjoys the time "playing a challenging slection of music," with other people who love usec, as much as she does.

muric, as much as she does.

If you missplaying in the band and are
chopping tround for a group to join, plan to
pend comotime at Twelve Oaks Mall Saturdry during the 18th annual Festival of Bands.
Six different community bands, including the
Darming on Community Band, will be percoming throughout the Iday.

"We performed in a festival in Flint, and talked about starting our own festival explained Barber. With the support of manage ment at Twelve Oaks Mall, the festival was launched.

"More bands called to see how they could participate," he said. "It's a win, win situation. The mall draws more shoppers, and it provides the general public with an opportunity to hear live music in an informal setting,"

The musicians enjoy playing, and hearing the other bands play too. During the day there are two combined concerts.
"You get to know each other," said Barber.

"It's fun to make music with one another South Oakland Concert Band, one of the oldest in the area, is among the participants.

"We started in 1965 in Royal Oak," said director George Gillespie. "Our band wants to do the festival every year. It's a good audience, and they know a lot of people in other bands. Over the years you develop friendships, and playing together as a mass band is exciting."

The music these concert bands play is as diverse as their membership. Farmington Community Band has 80 to 100 on their roster, and 50 to 60 members end up playing con-certs. In addition to people like McDonald who studied music in school, and enjoy playing, the membership includes music teachers, and professional musicians.

South Oakland Band members include a policeman, lawyer, engineer, and refirees. They play a variety of music, everything

from light classical, pops, marches, and Broadway show tunes.

We're here for folks to enjoy and have a good time making music," said Barber.

Farmington Community Band rehearees

7:30-9:30 p.m. Mondays at Harrison High School, You can call McDonald, who also serves as business manager, for more information, (784) 261-2202.

New members are always welcome. The

Please see BAND, C2

### **Festival of Bands**

When: Begins 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 31. Last band plays at 7:30

Where: Twelve Oaks Mall, I-96 and Novi Road.

Admission: Free, call (248) 261-2202 or (248) 489-3412 for information, or check the Farmington Community Band web site http://www.mystery.com/fcb

### Schedule:

■ 11 a.m. - Schoolcraft College Community Wind Ensemble,

directed by Dr. James Wissen.

Noon – Plymouth Community Band directed by Carl Battishill ■ 1 p.m. - Combined band concert featuring the Schoolcraft College Wind Ensemble, Plymouth Community and Novi Concert

2 p.m. - Novi Concert Band directed by Jack Kopnick.

# 4:30 p.m. - South Oakland Concert Band directed by George Gillespie.

■ 5:30 p.m. - Birmingham Concert, Band directed by Grant Hoemke. ■ 6:30 p.m. - Combined concert featuring the South Oakland Con-

cert, Birmingham Concert and Farmington Community Bands.

7:30 p.m. - Fermington Community Band directed by Paul Bar-

## leddy Richards makes his own way as singer, songwriter



Having pur-posely missed INXS's 1994 INXS's 1994 shows at the Pontiac Silverdome, Teddy Richards had no desire to travel to Grand Valley State University torsee the Australian band's

performance the

following day. But a good friend persuaded him to go, and it has proved to be a turning point in the South-

field pop singer's career. Hanging out backstage with INXS, Richards slipped a copy of his six song EP to Andrew Farriss. the band's songwriter/key-

"Ighought it would end up in the garbage. This is a guy who has written 20 to 30 No. 1 hits, like he has time to listen to my tape," Richards said.

Not only did Farriss listen to the tape, he called Richards and suggested that they collaborate while

on a few songs. ..."I couldn't believe he was making himself available, somebody of that stature. He thought he might be instrumental in helping me get this to the right peo-

Farriss and Richards inked a deal through Farriss' publishing company to write two songs. By early 1995, Richards was on a plane to England, where Farriss resides. The two wrote the rock song "Naked" and the funk tune "Hangin,' " "both of which fell together quickly and easily." The two-song publishing deal evolved into 11 songs.

"By watching him and working with him, I am able to reconstruct a song and make it more cohesive and not clutter the music. It lets it breathe,' Richards said.

Richards also wrote songs with Oliver Lieber, who has penned songs for Paula Abdul and who is the son of Leiber and Stoller's Jerry Leiber, and also wrote with Gary Clark of the Interscope Records band Transistor.

Among the songs written with Clark is the ballad "Brand New Day," which Richards calls "the song that's getting my phone calls returned." If everything goes as planned, "Brand New Day" may show up in an episode of the television show "La Femma Nikita."

On his demo tape, which is not available for purchase, Richards shows his affinity for ballads dabbling in Motown-flavored funk and ethereal pop.

He performed the material when he opened for INXS in California where he was reintro-duced to Nina Blackwood, a VJ for MTV during the 1980s. The two met at the opening of the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, Ohio.

"She offered some assistance She could see that at that point I was running this thing on my own. All the people I was work-

ing with were in England. Richards explained that hiring

Blackwood as his manager makes for a perfect partnership. "Nina's very much along the

same thinking. She has a deep understanding of what I'm try-ing to accomplish, ... She understands the dimension of what this project has taken on.

Blackwood said, "I'm proud as can be to represent him. I really think he's got a lot of talent but then also people can have a lot of talent but be crummy people to work with. I tell him this all the time, he's absolutely a breath of fresh air to work with."

Since his demo tape was finished, Richards played a show-case in England with his U.K. band that includes Depeche Mode's drummer. While rehears-ing for the show, Richards was visited by Elvis Costello, who was practicing for a BBC special with the Bronsky Quartet.

On this side of the ocean, Richards will hit the Magic Bag's stage Friday, Jan. 30, to perform for the public and record company executives. His U.S. band includes longtime bassist Joe Hayden, keyboardist Randy Sly of the swing band Atomic Fireballs and formerly of BOP (harvey), guitarist John Antone, background vocalist Susan Calloway, and drummer Jerome

Day of the Howling Diablos.

A musician all of his life, Richards was hired to play guitar for his mother, Franklin, in the fall of 1984.



Showcasing material: Teddy Richards will perform for the public and record company executives on Friday, Jan. 30, at the Magic Bag in Ferndale.

Since then, he has backed her up at the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame opening, on "The Late Show With David Letterman," and on numerous tours. He and his mother will make a return appearance on Letterman's show in late February.

"I love working with my mom. It's a real honor. It's a wonderful thing to be able to do. But I have my own song to sing.

Although he is Franklin's son, it hasn't been an easy road for the Oak Park High School grad-

"Being Aretha Franklin's son does not make me privy to any-thing. ... I don't think there's a musician in the world who has an easy road. The average serious musician works really hard. It's not an easy thing to be a fulltime musician. Most musicians are weekend warriors and have a full-time job somewhere else," said Richards who earned a degree in telecommunications from Michigan State University.

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band is open to all adults, just show up for rehearsal. High

South Oakland Band rehearses 7:30-9:30 p.m. Mondays at

Adams Junior High in Royal

Oak, call (248) 548-5838. Like

the Farmington Band, this band

is also open to all adults. High

led by Grant Hoemke, rehearses

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"Hard work cleanses the soul I don't mind it. Hard work makes you appreciate what you

Blackwood, who is planning on going to the Magic Bag show, said she's impressed that he doesn't throw his mother's name

"If anybody should have an ego, (Richards should). He's Aretha Franklin's son. He's fiercely independent of that. He does not use that at all. He could if he wanted to.".

Besides músical appearances Richards makes his big-screen debut in the movie "Blues Brothers 2000" which opens Friday, Feb. 6, and stars Dan Aykroyd and John Goodman. A sequel to the 1980 musical comedy has Elwood Blues setting out, accompanied by an 11-year-old orphan, to reassemble his old band to help raise funds for a children's hospital.

Richards plays a car salesman at Franklin's dealership in the

PG-13-rated movie

"I'm in the scene with my mom, Matt 'Guitar' Murphy, Dan Aykroyd, John Goodman and a little kid. I'm in the dealership that's owned by my mom" and Matt Murphy. It's similar to what happened in the first film, instead of them owning a chicken joint through hard work they own a Mercedes Benz dealer-

Although he has appeared incommercials for Greyhound, the Kentucky State Lottery and Folgers, music is his priority

"The most important thing now is to sign this material to a

Teddy Richards performs with special guests Stewart Francke and Sue Calloway Friday, Jan. 30, at the Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Doors open at 8 p.m. for the 18 and older show. Tickets are \$6. For nore information, call (248) 544-3030 ór visit http:// www themagicbag.com.

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walks of life in the band," said Hoemke. "We have a few who took lessons, and then decided to play in the band. It's an opportunity to immerse yourself in the: music and forget about every thing else. It's an escape, and then there's the camaraderie, and friendships that develop in

the group." Like the other bands, Birmingham plays a wide variety of music. "We enjoy the festival because it's a chance to hear what the other groups are doing, and our members enjoy playing in the combined band.

Novi Concert Band, directed by Jack Kopnick of West Bloom- , bands in your hometown.

field draws its 45 members from throughout the metro Detroit area. They rehearse 7:30-9:30. p.m. Tuesdays at Novi High, School, call (248) 932-9244 for. more information.

"We don't hold auditions," said Kopnick. "All that's required is an ability to play.

The festival is just one of the many events these bands partici-

pate in throughout the year "We like to have a good time with music," said Gillespie. "The concerts are secondary.

Plan to attend the festival to. learn more about the community

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## Chris Stills, Kacy Crowley face the music on debut albums

By Christina Fuoco Staff Writer

As the son of Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame inductee Stephen Stills and French chanteuse Veronique Sanson, Chris Stills has seen his fair share of road life.

Although it's in his genes, Stills feels nervous about embarking on his first sole tour.
"I sang in some of my mon's

shows, but that wasn't my tour, Stills said via telephone from his Paris apartment.

I'm up front so it's different. It's just me facing the music. I hear it's a lot of fun, but it's pretty grueling, too. Life on the road is not easy by any means. I've had my fair share of it. It was all first class though. I'm getting a serious downgrade right now, he added with a laugh.

He and Atlantic Records labelmate Kacy Crowley are touring Borders Books and Music stores to promote their debut albums "100 Year Thing" and "Anchor-less," respectively. They play a free, all-ages show at 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, at Borders Books and Music, 612 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor. For more information, call (734) 913-1100.

Stills will also open for Kevin Seconds at 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb.

1, at Gargoyle's, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac, Tickets are \$5 for the all-ages show. Call (248) 745-9790 or visit http:// 961melt.com for more informa-

The album "100 Year Thing" is the culmination of a 23-year-old dream for Stills. The result is an acoustic-based, 13-song album that he recorded with col-laborator Ethan Johns, a drummer who toured with Crosby Stills and Nash, and the son of legendary producer Glyn Johns: (The Who, Led Zeppelin Rolling Stones).

"My dad said, 'You have to meet this kid.' Apparently he and Glyn decided, 'Hey we've got to get these kids together,' so we hooked up. Five minutes after we met, we were playing songs to each other. That's when it all started." Stills said

He described the album as filled with "very basic songs. I never really got that personal. I think I'm just now starting to know how to really express how

Still, "100 Year Thing" captures Stills' belief in a higher power. For example, in "Rattlesnakes" Stills sings "Oh my God, must move on to more - 'So much for comfort,' says the burthe flesh and blood that makes up my own."

I'm not religious by any means, but I do believe in God, I believe in a higher spirit," he explained. "I believe in right and wrong, good and bad. What you do to yourself, what you do to others, you do to your soul. Deal-ing with that is part of growing up, part of being a man."

The recording process was seven weeks of pure hell and joy and beauty," Stills explained. In the middle of it, he had to deal with his brother Justin's lifethreatening head injuries sustained while snowboarding. In December, Justin Stills' recovery was chronicled on The Learning Channel's "Trauma: Life in the

"I took one of my days off and saw him in Las Vegas. He squeezed my hand while he was in a coma and a few days later he woke up and was talking. He was completely normal. It was really a miracle. He is one of the most amazing people and great human beings on this planet that I know.

Besides Justin Stills' accident,

den to the prayer." Later in the album on "God Won't Make You ing unlike any feeling I've ever a Man," Stills shares, "Holy felt before. It was awesome. ... I faith, I trust in only one/That is got to make the record that I've always wanted to make," said Stills who purchased a copy of his album on Tuesday, Jan. 13, its release date.

'It encompasses a year's worth of hard labor, complete and utter passion. You totally spew your-life out onto a record. It's there for anybody to do what they want with it. They can play Frisbee with the thing if they want-

Twenty-nine-year-old Texan Kacy Crowley said if she didn't share her life with listeners on the acoustic-driven "Anchorless". it "would be a weird record.

The song "Rebellious" is her life story in a 4:35 nutshell. It starts with her first hit of marijuana at age 13, and continues through her years following the Grateful Dead, her battle with drugs in Los Angeles, her return to her parents' home to clean up, and the eventual salvation Crowley found in music,
"'Rebellious' is really autobio-

graphical. ... I've always kind of listened to lots of different kinds of things. When I was into the Dead I was into the Dead. That was for like two years. I've kind

of moved on," said Crowley,

whose smoky voice is reminis-cent of Sheryl Crow. "Singers are Ugly" shares her belief that it's the God-given right of vocalists to be ugly. The song was inspired by a video by supermodel-turned-singerturned-movie star Milla.

"I was watching MTV three maybe four years ago and a video came on. It was this model who had a record out. It was actually really good. I was just at a point in my career where there was no career. Nobody would call me back. I was frustrated and I thought, 'Oh my God, Now models are getting record deals," the diminutive blonde-haired,

blue-eyed singer.

"Singers are ugly. It's our Godgiven right. So then I just kind of hung on to that phrase. In all fairness, it was pretty shallow."

Crowley, who opened for Dogs
Eye View at the 7th House in September, said she is looking forward to her Borders shows.

"I think you get a lot of new people because there's a lot of people in the bookstore which is

people in the bookstore which is unlike a club. When you're play-ing clubs, basically unless you a few barflies that are just for there you only get people who; come out to see you. It's just a ri.

"Plus, I read a lot so I'm into being in a bookstore."

## Backstage Pass welcomes Bernie Taupin



Right now, Wisconsin is full of cheeseheads analyzing their performance this past Sunday. "Maybe if my head were Maybe if made of American instead of cheddar Assessment is a

part of getting better, and we run each episode

of Backstage Pass through a virtual spectroscope of analysis. Did it succeed in getting people to events? Was it fun? Did it keep the hot side hot, the cool side cool?

Any way you slice it, tonight's show is a winner. For starters, we have one of the most prolific lyricists of the 20th century in the Detroit Public Television studio: Bernie Taupin. And here's a surprise, he sings. Bernie will lead a trio with words he's writ-ten for his own voice.

Of course, people know Bernie Taupin from his 27-year collaboration with Elton John, a pairing that has resulted in sales of more than 100 million records. Together, these talented men have authored countless pop classics, including hits like "Your Song," "Goodbye Yellow Brick Road," "Daniel," "Candle in the Wind," and "The One."

Praise for the Taupin/John team has really poured in recently, as if the industry and fans have taken stock of the most amazing songwriting tandem since Lennon and McCartney. In '91, there was the CD/book/video package "Two Rooms," a tribute that included artists like George Sinead O'Connor, Sting, Eric Clapton and Phil Collins interpreting Bernie and Elton's music. Other accolades include 1994 ASCAP Songwrit-

the Songwriters Hall of Fame, six Ivor Novello Awards (the European equivalent to the Grammy), and the coveted INA's International Achievement of Excellence. Bernie was also inducted into the American Academy of Achievement in

Bernie has figured out the healing power of music, too. In 1992, he produced "Commitment to Life VI," which raised an unprecedented \$4 million for AIDS Project Los Angeles. The event included top industry stars and was so successful that in 1995 Bernie introduced a followup event, "Commitment to Life VIII – Under the Influence."

Switch gears from pop to jazz, and we have another blockbuster booking: a quartet of world-renowned Detroit jazz all-stars, fronted by James Carter on saxophone and including Harold McKinney on piano, Don May-bury on bass and Richard "Pistol" Allen on drums. Each one of these guys has chops on the world jazz scene in his own right, and they're playing together as an ensemble exclusively for Backstage Pass.

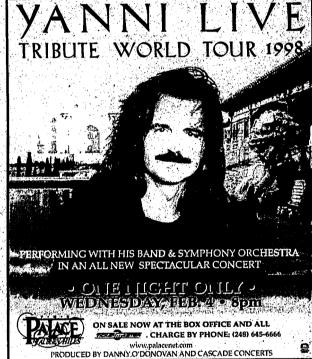
James Carter, who plays this Friday night at Orchestra Hall, is widely regarded as one of the most exciting young saxophonists to arrive on the jazz scene in the last 25 years. I called our Backstage Pass jazz hosts Kim Hunter and W. Kim Heron for perspective on this special player. Hunter explained, "There's a big schism in jazz - there's the avant garde, and there's the classical. Most people can do one of the other. James can play both, and that's unusual. He's well respected in both camps, because he can play far out and really in."

Both Kims had great things to say about all the players in the

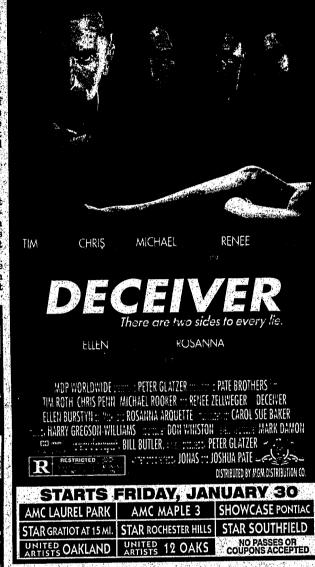
Backstage ensemble. Hunter said, "Harold McKinney is probably one of the best piano players on the planet. And he's gotten better as he's gotten older, which is rare for anybody. But Harold's still got it, and he's got a lot of imagination, too." W. Kim concurred, "McKinney's nicknamed The Baron,' and is an elder statesman of the Detroit jazz scene. He's played with people like Charlie Parker, John Coltrane, Donald Byrd, Charles Mingus, Sarah Vaughn - the list

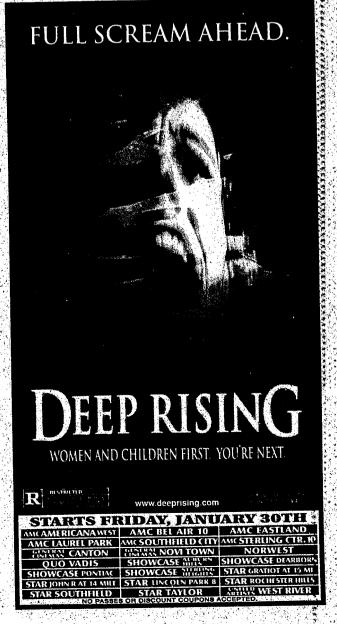
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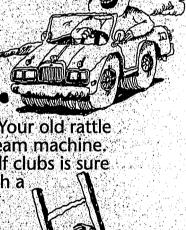
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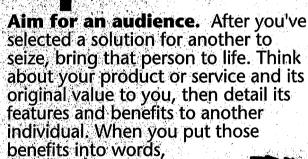
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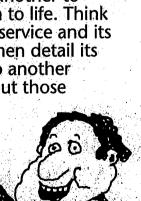
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I recently wrote about New Year's resolutions pertaining to the garden. As you recall, one of mine was to have a garden design and stick to it.

Back in October I received a call from Carol DeFrain of Livonia, who had questions about her

round garden. After our conversation, she wrote me how she made a model of her garden that helped a great deal.

I'll let her tell it:

As a novice gardener I have had much trouble visualizing arrangement of height, color, form, focal points, etc. for my garden. I went to a local craft store and bought a 10-inch piece of Styrofoam shaped like my garden (round 10 feet by 10 feet, 1 inch=1 foot). I then picked out miniature silk flowers that most closely resembled the height, form and color of those I have or want to add to my flower bed.

There are also miniature objects you can purchase to try out as focal points, however, I made a trellis out of toothpicks (or you can use twigs). I can now move my flowers around to my heart's content before I actually plant or move them. Also, it will help to remember where each plant is in the spring.

"This was not an expensive project since the miniatures were 30 percent off the regular price, which is about 39 to 89

"If a person did not want to spend any money they could cut pictures of the flowers from catalogs or magazines and tape or glue on toothpicks (cut to different heights) and arrange them on a milk carton or some other item found around the house. The cutout flowers could also be affixed to craft or popsicle sticks with information about the plants and catalog written on the back of the stick which would be helpful if planning a new or larger garden.

"This is a fun project and keeps you gardening all year round if you want to. even tried using some of the flowers from my garden, some fresh and some I dried, but my cat kept eating them!

"Maybe this has been suggested before but I wanted to share it with you

So now Carol has shared her creativeness with all of you and I do hope you

to garden design. Now is the perfect time to work on your design.

When I spoke to Carol (and received her permission to use her idea) she reported that all worked very well when she transferred her ideas into her garden, Congratulations, Carol.

This is an excellent time to decide which shade tree to plant this spring, but before you do, there are some things to consider before you make a final choice.

Know the ultimate size of the tree as it matures. Trees more often that not outgrow their space and then need to be pruned severely (sometimes destroying their shape) to fit into the space. Be aware of utility lines, other nearby plants, buildings and hard scapes.

Know what it will take to keep the tree healthy and vigorous. Some trees have rapidly growing roots that will plug sewer and septic systems. Others need to be sprayed often because they are prone to disease and insects. Others drop "clutter" and are messy.

Choose a tree that has interest for more than one season. Consider flower color and bloom time, fall foliage color, fruit and bark interest, and the silhouette of the tree. Be aware of its growing habit such as how it branches; does it spread its arms, form a canopy or grow tall and straight?

Take time to look at books and catalogs. Choose a tree that has been nursery grown in the North so it won't be so stressed when you plant it.

Here are some tips about planting a

First, cultivate the soil around the tree 10 inches deep, and as wide as the mature tree's eventual drip line. For balled-and-burlapped or containergrown stock, dig the hole no deeper than the root ball, but twice as wide.

Don't enrich the soil unless it's very poor, if it is, work compost into the cultivated area. Don't fertilize until the tree has been in the ground a year.

Make a depression 2 to 3 feet out from the trunk for water retention: Apply 2 to 3 inches of mulch six inches from the trunk, over the whole root zone

Prune broken roots and branches only. Stake the tree only if it's in a windy location; the guy wires need to have some "play" in them to allow the trunk to flex in the wind.



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## **Superior** material

Curio piece:

Walker/Buzenberg Fine Furniture, 240 N. Main in Plymouth, is showcasing a new line of furniture crafted from ancient hardwoods. This Ashland curio cabinet is the first of several accent pieces featured In the Echoes of Chequamegon Bay collection, all of which is made by Leick Furniture Inc. of Wisconsin from firstgrowth lumber recovered from the bottom of Lake Superior's Chequamegon Bay. In the 1890s and early 1900s, the Wisconsin shore of Lake Superior at Ashland was home to 15 sawmills.

ed in from outpost logging camps. About 10 to 20 percent of the logs became waterlogged under the weight of others and sank. The icy waters kept the timber in an underwater deep freeze until 1991, when the trees were salvaged. Leick made the cabinet in the Mission/Arts and Crafts style from recovered red oak, using such turn-of-thecentury woodworking techniques as wood pegs, pinned mortise and tenon Joinery and accenting it with leaded antique reproduction glass and solid brass hardware. The cost is discounted to \$1,799 from the suggested retail price of \$2,860 for

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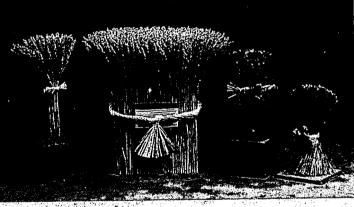
In shape: These heatresistant servina dishes, with edges of blue, red or yellow, have a concave shape to



serve rolls for dinner or appetizers for a party. They brighten up kitchen decor by themselves. Each piece sells for \$6.97 to \$12.97 at Wells Freight and Cargo in Birmingham, Call (248) 642-4642.

## Great shakes

Spice up your kitchen: Salt and pepper never had it so good! Made by RAW Designs in Ann Arbor, these handpainted wooden salt shakers and pepper mills should be stored to be seen. Prices of Items shown here range from \$46 to \$94. Available at B<sub>1</sub> stores at Briarwood and Twelve Oaks Mall.



## Grass tacks

Greener side: Keep summer's greenery year-round with South Pacific Island dried grasses by The Frantic Fern, available at Jacobson's. Arranged together or standing alone, the grasses are the perfect addition to your home. Shown here are Tares grass in miniature terra cotta clay pot for \$30, stalks of Tares grass with terra cotta clay and rope design for \$60, boxed Rumex grass tied with Citron grass in square terra cotta clay pot for \$35, and Citron stalk twist with rope design and terra cotta clay stand for \$25.

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## Cooking together: hot ticket in town



Sharing enjoyment of food and the preparation of creating it remains pleasurable and non-gender specific.

Here is an activity that can be done singly, as a duo, or even in groups.

Create evening or after-

noon of cooking with friends at home. You can hire a real cooking instructor to head up your group, use a TV cooking personality via TV set, or do a cooking segment on your own. I was recently asked to be the evening's entertainment for a social function, then their banquet cuisine was the food I demonstrated in the class. There are lots of options with potentially delicious and entertaining results.

The PBS gregarious and debonair

chef star, Nick Stelling from the show "Cucina Amore,"™ has a tremendous following - and some great recipes as well as charisma. Nick also came out with a book, "Nick Stelllino's Glorious Italian Cooking: Romantic Meals, Menus and Music From Cucina Amore, TM A Companion to the Series on Public Television Stations," published by G.P. Putnam's Sons, New York, 1996 (\$24.95).

Locally, cateress and well-known Italian cooking teacher Anna Ivaldi from the Golden Plate Catering Company (call (248) 855-8132): is happy to share some of her recipes for you to make at

PASTA ALL'UOVO (HOMEMADE EGG PASTA)

Ingredients:

3 1/2 cups all-purpose flour

5 medium eggs

1/4 teaspoon salt

Directions:

1) Make a mound of the flour in the center of your working area, Stirring with your finger, make a hole in the top of the mound, keep on stirring until you touch the working surface and have turned the mound into a crater. Break the eggs in the middle of the crater, add the salt.

Using a fork, lightly beat the eggs. Then with a circular motion, gradually pull the flour into the well. Continue until all the flour is incorporated.

2) On a floured work surface, knead the dough, at least 5 minutes, until the dough is elastic and smooth.

3) To roll out the dough on a floured surface, flatten the ball of dough with the palm of your hand and roll out with a flour-dusted rolling pin.

You can also make this recipe in a food processor. If using a food processor, mix ingredients, remove dough when crumbly, and knead by hand. Add more flour if neces-

When the pasta dough is made, put dough

through a pasta machine (see specific directions that accompany the hand crank pasta or electric pasta machines).

Cook pasta in boiling salted water for just few minutes - remove and drain when al

#### PASTA VERDE (GREEN PASTA)

Ingredients:

3 1/2 cups all purpose flour

3 medium eggs 10 ounces fresh or frozen spinach

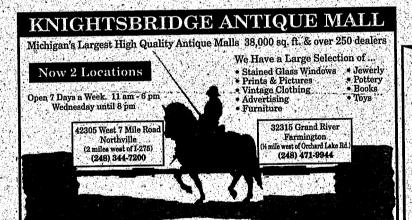
1 teaspoon salt

Directions:

1) To use fresh spinach: Wash and remove the stems. Cook the leaves in a little amount of water with 1 teaspoon of salt, for few seconds. Drain thoroughly, mince the spinach. To use frozen spinach: cook in boiling salted water, drain, squeeze dry, and mince finely.

2) Now proceed as with Pasta All'Uovo. Putting the flour in a mound, turning into a crater and breaking 3 eggs in the center of

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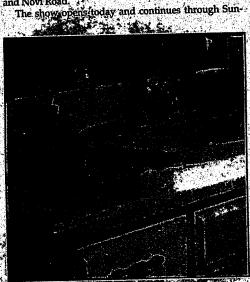
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# About face: New geneer has strong front

You can't judge a book by its cover, but surface. means a lot in connection with countertops.

A new surfacing solution from Wilsonart, called Solid Surfacing Veneer, offers the features of conventional solid surfacing at about 25 to 30 percent less cost. If will be one of the many products displayed at the Spring Home & Garden Show at the Novi Expo Center, I-96 and Novi Road.



day/Feb. 1. Hours are 2.10 p.m. Thursday Friday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, and 10 affine Comm. Sunday. Solid Surfacing Veneer, or SSV 181/8 inchance and 100 percent actylics Wilsonard's solid surfacing material, Gibraltary 1/2 inch thick

Gibraltar, is 1/2 inch thick

"Veneer is typically 1/4-inch thick. It had been this is
for many many years," said Bob O'Brien, general manager of Kilitis Kitchensandrhath Centers, 12500 Merris
man in Livonia.

SSV, introduced nationally about four years ago and locally about two wears later his thinner than the previsions veneer but strong. It has a 10-year, warranty, like 1/2-inch Cibraltar, and sits seams are almost inconspicuous.

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"If they can draw it, we can do it," O'Brien said.

"It must be installed by a certified fabricator or installer. It's not a do-ityourself product."

The installation usually takes four to six weeks, O'Brien said.

SSV comes in 24 colors. Greens and a sandy shade called beige tempest are popular hues, Harrison said. Countertops are important for

meowners.

"They've always said that the kitchen and bathroom are the biggest selling points of a home," Harrison said.

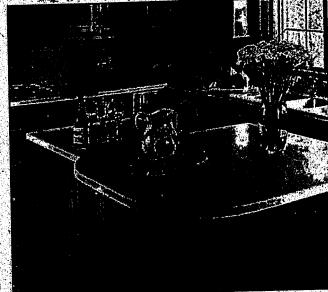
The Spring Home & Garden Show will feature demonstrations on solid surface products, security systems, radiant floor heating installation, recycling, home repair and remodel-

Kurtis Kitchen and Bath and New Concepts are among the more than 300 exhibitors that will display inter-

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and crafts, decorative accessories, electronics, heating, Admission is \$6 are ages 6-12 and tickets for two advantable at Farme and Marki Guidoborio, president of the non-profit Build; self-ward and advantable at Farme able at NoviExpo of the Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan—the sing Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan—the sponsor of the event—and chief executive officer of Cambridge Homes in Northville. "Homeowners enjoy

Elegant edges: Custom edges - including selfedge, bevel, acrylic and wood - give an SSV counter an attractive finishing touch.

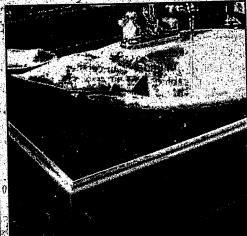


Complimentary: Gibraltar Solld Surfacing complements the SSV in kitchens and bathrooms.

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Admission is \$6 for adults, \$4 for seniors, \$3 for children ages 6-12 and free for children under 6, Family tickets for two adults and accompanying children are available at Farmer Jack for \$9, Ample parking is available at Novi Expo Center for a fee.

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accompany the hand crank pasta or electric oil and keep warm.

Cook pasta in boiling salted water for just a few minutes - remove and drain when al dente.

#### SUGO DI PANNA (CREAM SAUCE)

Ingredients: 8 tablespoons unsalted butter

1/2 cup cream 8 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese

Put the butter and the cream in a shallow

serving bowl, in a warm oven (200 degrees F.) When the butter has melted, stir in a bout 2/3 of the cheese, keep the

SUGO DI POMODORO (TOMATO SAUCE)

Ingredients:

2 pounds plum tomatoes

sauce warm while the pasta cooks.

Peel, seed and chop the tomatoes, place them in a colunder, sprinkle with a little salt,

Place the drained tomatoes in a saucepan When pasta dough is made, put through a and cook over low heat for about 10 minutes. pasta machine (see specific directions that's Season to taste with salt and pepper. Add the

#### CAPONATA DI CARCIOFI (ARTICHOKE RELISH)

Ingredients:

5 tablespoons olive oil

12 fresh artichoke hearts cut into 1 inch dice, or 2 (9-ounce) packages frozen artichoke hearts cut into 1-inch dice

11/2 cups diced onion

olives, halved

1 tablespoon chopped garlic

1 cup finely diced celery, parboiled for,

1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes 1/4 cup drained capers

4 ounces pitted Greek or Sicilian black

2 cups tomato sauce (homemade or prepared)

3 tablespoons chopped fresh basil

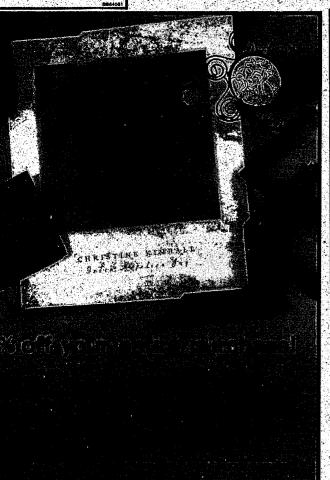
1/4 teaspoon unsweetened cocoa pow-

2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar

1 tablespoon sugar

Heat 2 tablespoons of the olive oil in a large. saute pan set on medium-high heat until sizzling, about 2 minutes. Add the artichokes and cook until browned, about 3 minutes on each side. Using a slotted spoon; transfer the artichokes to a bowl, leaving as much oil in the pan as possible. Reduce the heat to medium, add the remaining oil and the onion, stir until well coated and cook for 5-8 minutes. -Add the garlic, celery, ted pepper flakes, capers and olives and cook for 3-5 minutes. Stir in the tomato sauce and basil. Heat until the sauce is bubbling and cook for 3 minutes. Stir in the cocoa powder and cooked artichokes until well mixed and simmer for 5-8

In a small saucepan on high heat, boil the vinegar and sugar until reduced by half and quite syrupy, about 2 minutes. Stir into the cooked vegetables, mix well and simmer on very low heat for 3-5 minutes. Remove from the heat, fransfer to a bowl and refrigerate overnight. Bring to room temperature before serving. If using this as an appetizer and serving on garlic toast, coarsely chop the artichokes instead of cubing.







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ery, compliance with a requirement of law or other performance, if the merchant knows or has reason to know that the statement is not true.

Example: A moving company requires a consumer to sign a statement confirming that all goods have arrived undamaged when the mover knows it isn't true.

23) Representing that a consumer will receive a rebate, discount or other benefit as an inducement for entering into a transaction, if the benefit is contingent on an event to occur subsequent to the consummation of the transaction.

Example: A salesperson convinces a consumer to purchase a vacuum cleaner by promising cash for each person the consumer gets to buy one in the future.

24) Taking advantage of the consumer's inability to reasonably protect his interests by reason of disability, illiteracy or inability to understand the language of an agreement presented by the other party to the transaction who knows or reasonably should know of the consumer's inability.

Example: A business requires a person who only understands Spanish to sign a contract written in English.

25) Gross discrepancies between the oral representations of the seller and the written agreement covering the same transaction or failure of the other party to the transaction to provide the promised benefits.

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The next time you feel cheated you can stand up and be counted. Be aware be a smart consumer.



BY MARTY FIGLEY Special Writer

The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham, will present an inspiring gardening program to show how dramatic perennials can be used to best present their foliage and beautiful flowers 9 a.m. to noon Thursday, Feb. 5

The \$34 registration includes a midmorning continental breakfast. For information, call the program department at (248) 644-5832.

C. Colston Burrell of Minneapolis, a nationally known landscape designer specializing in habitat restoration, native plants and perennials, will be the speak-

He is a freelance writer, photographer, naturalist and teacher, and the Midwest contributing editor for Horticulture magazine. A popular lecturer throughout North America, he shares his expertise on designing with, growing and propagating native plants, ferns and perennials.

Burrell has worked as curator at the U.S. National Arboretum and the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. He has a master of science degree in horticulture, as well as a master of landscape architecture degree from the University of Minnesota and undergraduate degrees in botany and horticulture.

Burrell is the author of "A Gardener's Encyclopedia of Wildflowers" (Rodale Press), and has contributed to several of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden series and other books. His articles and photographs have been published in many magazinės.

Burrell's Feb. 5 program is titled "Perennials With Panache: Dramatic Plants for Foliage and Flower Effect.' Garden design and perennial combinations will be highlighted, as will garden

Burrell will help demonstrate how year-round interest can be achieved with color, form and texture using dramatic plants and exciting plant combina-

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Learn energy saving lessons at a free seminar Saturday, Feb. 7, at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty in Livonia.

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### at home calendar

■ English Gardens conducts seminars on a variety of gardening topics 7 p.m. Wednesdays in January and February at the West Bloomfield store, 6370 Orchard Lake Roatl, north of Maple. Call (248) 851-7506. The next topic, Feb. 4, is "Roses: The Tried, The True and What's New" by Dick Schmidt.

A four-session class on landscape design will begin Wednesday, Feb. 4, at Novi Community Education, 25345 Taft. Call (248) 449-1206 for information and registration.

The Do-It-Yourself Center, 3746. Cottontail in Shelby Township, offers a variety of hands-on home decorating classes. These include "Classic Armoire". Wednesday, Feb. 4, in which participants learn how to build a full-size armoire without using power tools. Call (810) 739-6319 for fees and other information.

■If you are having difficulty findingthe perfect patterned fabric to tie your bedroom decorating scheme together, a four-session class running Thursdays (beginning Feb. 5) or Wednesdays (beginning Feb. 11) at Haberman Fabrics, 117 W. Fourth in Royal Oak, can help. The class will borrow quilting techniques on a large scale to design and piece together a custom "fabric" to become one side of a comforter or duvet cover. Call (248) 541-0010 for registration and information.

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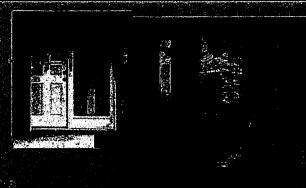


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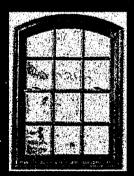
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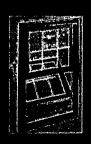








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# Snow ice chill home sales

hile it may be a marshmallow world in the winter with snow, ice, cold and wind, things aren't always light. and fluffy for Realvho struggle to help people buy

and sell homes Mind set and weather are major roadblocks, with one sometimes play-ing off the other to stymic transac-

Sellers assume that no one is looking to buy now. Buyers figure they should wait until spring to get a better look at the property before committing to a major investment.

Nasty weather drains folks physically and emotionally.

"Listings is the biggest challenge," said James P. Howell, a Realtor with Cranbrook in Birmingham. "A lot of people still feel they have to wait." I don't think that's the case any more. A good house will self in winter."

Kevin Conway, a Realtor with Hannett, Wilson and Whitehouse in Bloomfield Hills, makes a similar observation.

"There might not be as much action as far as appointments," he said, "but they are more serious appointments."
Sam Cherrin, broker/owner of

Homelife Cherrin Realty in West Bloomfield, added, "If someone comes to your house in three feet of snow in winter, they want to buy a house."

Folks seem more willing to buy out of season" than in years past.

"There are so many more single buyers now," Howell'said. "There's no reason to wait if they don't have kids

Also, some parents would rather move while school is in session, figuring that their children will make new friends easier in school than randomly

in the neighborhood during summer.

Then, the weather, itself, can present problems.

"Sometimes, it means going out on extremely cold days in the dark," said Marie D. Riley, an associate broker with Century 21 Town & Country in

"Tools of the trade change, Now you carry boots of two kinds — nice boots and work boots. Now you carry one or two flashlights," she said.

"Two years ago in February on the coldest day of the year I was showing houses to a buyer who needed some-thing right away," Riley said, "We went out and my hand froze to the lock box. I just pulled and left finger-

prints. Fortunately, she bought." Landscaping, which can make a favorable first impression during other seasons of the year, often is obscured in winter.

"A lot of places show better when

foliage is in, when trees have leaves on them," Conway said.

"Because at this time of year, with no leaves on trees and no landscaping visible, property that's magnificent, gorgeous, you might have problems seeing," Cherrin said. "People can't see beyond snowflakes,"

His solution?

"You have to paint a picture. They (prospects) have to see beyond snow and gray. Drag out the family albums and show here's what it looks like in

But that takes some forethought, so plan on taking some pictures later this year if you suspect a sale might be in the cards next winter.

Just getting to a house for a look shouldn't take a herculean effort.

"You have to make sure you have a nice, clean path to the front door," Cherrin said. "The worst thing is to have to trainse through snow to get to the front door,"

"You want to provide access to all areas outside as best you can," Howell said: "Shovel drives so people can walk around the house."

Sellers should expect some mess to come into the house during showings: Buyers shouldn't be offended if sellers ask them to place boots/shoes on a mat in the foyer while touring.

"You have to be more patient in winter," Riley said.

Keep in mind that odors from pets and cooking tend to linger longer when a house is tightly closed. Open doors, use exhaust fans, light scented candles/potpourri and sparingly spray air fresheners on a regular basis.

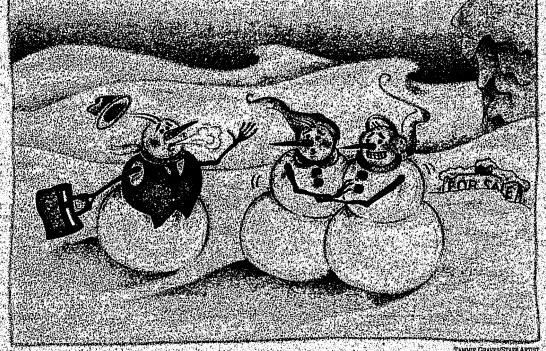
Also, clutter can quickly accumulate as we spend more time indoors.

Safety can become more of an issue in winter for Realtors and their clients.Riley said. ...

"You have to be aware," she said.
"You're caring for them, You have to keep telling them, 'Be careful don't step there.

"Keep show clear. Sellers should keep the front lights on 24 hours a day. Nothing's more frustrating than you can't find the lock box," Riley said.

Unless, of course, your fingers freeze to the metal.



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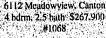
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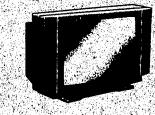
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R. Andrew Martin Jr. is president of the Detroit Chapter of the Associated General Contractors of America, the third genera-tion of his family to serve in that



Martin Jr. has earned bachelor of science in civil engineering and Master of Business Administration degrees from the University of Michigan,

He's president of F.H. Martin Construction in Eastpointe, a member of the Engineering Society of Detroit and a Grosse Pointe resident.

His father, Robert Martin and grandfather, F. Herbert Martin, also

Several other members of the Greater Detroit Chapter of Associated General Contractors have stepped up to leadership positions.

Dominic J. Maltese Jr., president of D.J. Maltese in Dearborn, is vice president, and Tim O'Brien, president of O'Brien Waterford Construction. Pontiac, is treasurer.

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Alice wonik Kristian has been promoted to associate at Ford & Earl in Troy. The firm uses the associate title to recognize outstanding professional performance and contributions to company achievements.



Kristian joined Ford & Earl in

15 years experience in the field including concept development, space planning, interior architectural details, finishes and furniture.

Kristian earned a bachelor of science degree from Lawrence Technological University.

Jo Ann Cacciarelli, a Realtor with Prudential Great Lakes Realty in Bloomfield Hills, has received the professional designation of Leader-ship Training Graduate.

. BEI Associates, an employee-owned architectural and engineering firm, announces sever appointments.

T. Thomas Okasinski, P.E., is project director for industrial/manufacturing. He has a bachelor of sci-ence degree in civil engineer from Ohio State University.

John Yanok is project director for energy and process industries. He studied mechanical engineering and business management at the University of Akron.

Adam Viner is manager of com mercial business development. He has a Master of Architecture degree from the University of Central Eng-

David R. Hodgson is manager of industrial business development. He has an architectural engineering 1994 as an interior designer. She has degree from the University of Texas:

# Guard your old foundation

By POPULAR MECHANICS FOR AP SPECIAL FEATURES

Old house foundations are vulnerable to the wear and tear of time and the elements.

Your first line of defense against foundation problems is keeping the exterior of these old brick or stone walls in good condition. The integriof the lime mortar joints must be maintained to prevent water pene-tration. If water does get inside, the normal freeze-thaw cycle will cause the masonry to move and crack and allow even more moisture in. Also, it's best to keep all plant materials at least 16 inches from the face of the wall to prevent root problems.

Most homeowners are aware if there are any areas where bricks, stone or mortar are missing, chipped or cracked. Obviously, situations where there's been a major loss of material demands that the building be shored up before the

repair work is done. This is not a do-it-yourself project. But repointing patches of masonry, although labor intensive, is something an old-house owner can tackle with a great deal of success

You should also check the interior walls and ceilings of your house for signs of cracking in the plaster or drywall. Although some cracking is normal - usually it's a result of cyclical movement in the soil or shrinkage of the materials themselves – wide gaps where you can stick your finger or a ruler are another story. If you note these or any other major movement of the walls, it's time to get some professional advice from a contractor or structural engineer before you

begin any masonry work There's a major difference between the way restoration masonry work is done and what's commonly done in new masonry

work today, and that's the type of mortar that is used. Too often, port-land cement mortar mix is used to repoint old joints that were originally lime mortared.

You must keep the materials compatible, and old lime mortar and new cement mortar just don't mix. The latter is much harder than the original. Therefore, cement mortar can cause cracking and spalling of the brick and stone because the stronger material shrinks or moves at a different rate than the original lime mortar. Ultimately, this harder material will destroy its surroundings and completely defeat the pur-pose of all your repointing efforts.

It's also important when doing this restoration work that the new mortar match the old in color and consistency. The best way to do this is to try to match the color and size of the sand grains from a piece of



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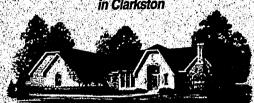
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#### HOME, GARDEN SHOW

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan showcases its sixth annual Spring Home & Garden Show today through Sunday, Feb. 1, at the Novi Expo Center, I-96 at Novi Road.

More than 300 exhibitors are expected. Show hours are 2-10 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and 10

a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$4 for seniors, \$3 for children six through 12 years of age and children under six free. Family tickets for two adults and accompanying children are available for \$9 at Farmer Jack stores

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### ARBOR FOUNDATION

Trees can really spruce up a property figuratively and literally.

Ten free flowering tree seedlings will be given to each person who joins the National Arbor Day Foundation during the month of January as part of the non-profit's Trees for America campaign.

The trees - dogwoods, crabapples, raintrees, hawthorns and redbuds six to 12 inches high - will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between Feb. 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions.

To become a Foundation member, which includes a bimonthly publication, send a \$10 contribution to Ten Free Flowering Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, Nebraska, 68410, by

### HOME SELL CLASS

Rosemary Firestone of RE/MAX 100 and her financial services team present a free,

no-obligation home sellers class 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3, at a site to be determined.

Topics include eight steps for selling, nine deadly mistakes and capital gains ramifica-

To register, call (313) 420-9600.

#### INVESTORS ASSN.

The Real Estate Investors Association hosts a forum, "Foreclosed Houses, How to Find and Purchase Them," 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3, at the Southgate Holiday Inn, 17201 Northline one block east of I-75.

Cost for non-members is \$10. Beginning landlords interested in a free introductory package may call Wayde Koehler, president, on the landlord hot line, (313) 277-4168.

#### HOME BUY CLASS

Vicky Love, a senior mortgage consultant with Concept One Mortgage in Southfield, presents a home buyers workshop 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, at Southfield High School, 24675 Lahser.

Topics include common home buying mistakes, how much home can you afford, finding the right house, negotiating the deal and overcoming poor credit.

Cost is \$12. To register, call Southfield Community Education at (248) 746-8700.

### **ENERGY EFFICIENCY**

A free energy efficient homes expo goes 9 a.m. to12:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, in the McDowell Center at Schoolcraft College, Haggerty between Six and Seven Mile, Livo-

Presenters include Owens Corning, 3M, Home Depot, Michigan Energy Resources Office, Detroit Edison and NBD Bank.

To register, call (734) 462-4448.

### LIEN LAW

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan presents a seminar on Michigan's Construction Lien Law and lien procedures 8:30 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Feb. 11, at its offices, 30375 Northwestern, Suite 100, Farmington Hills.

Cost is \$30 for BIA and Apartment Associ-

non-members.

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country, at a dinner/seminar 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, at the Royal Oak American Legion, 1815 Rochester Road. The topic: Breakaway Thinking and Strategies. Dinner is \$14 for everyone. The cost of the seminar, which begins at 8 p.m.; is \$10 for

ation of Michigan members, \$50 for non-

The Real Estate Investors Association of

Oakland hosts Ernie Kessler, an investor

with real estate holdings throughout the

members, To register, call (248) 737-4477.

Kessler presents an all-day conference on the same topic 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, at the American Legion Hall. Cost is

To register for either event, call (800) 747-

#### CONSTRUCTION EXPO

The Construction Association of Michigan, American Institute of Architects Michigan and the Detroit Chapter of the Construction Specifications Institute componsor their annual trade show Expo '98 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Feb. 11-12 at the Pontiac Silverdome.

Exhibit space will cover more than 150,000 square feet.

Free tickets to those involved in the construction industry are available in advance at (248) 972-1000.

### **GREAT LAKES REALTY**

Realtors affiliated with the Prudential Great Lakes Realty headquartered in Clarkston host open houses of their listings the weekend of Feb. 14-15 to benefit the Sunshine Kids.

Agents who participate make a donation. to the Sunshine Kids, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing group activities, events and trips to children with cancer. Informational pamphlets about the Sunshine Kids will be available at the houses.

Last October, the Prudential Great Lakes Realty raised \$500 for the Sunshine Kids during a similar open house weekend.

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# How much house can you afford?



In my last column, we talked about the process of buying of home for first-time home buyers. That brings up one of the most common questions I hear: Once your cision is made to buy a home, how do you know how much you can afford?

All lenders have guidelines they adhere to in the qualifications process. These qualifications break down into four categories: income and job stability; credit and monthly obligations; avail-

able funds for down payment, closing costs, taxes and insurance, and the property.

The following information is provided by John Adams Mortgage Co. (1-800-239-9109). It will address some of these topics. In general, lenders look back two years to determine how income, job stability and credit applies to your situation. A lender will apply certain rules-of-thumb to determine how much loan you can qualify for, based on monthly financial obligations. These roles-of-thumb are housing ratios established by the lending industry, and though not carved in stone, these ratios give a good indication of what loan you can receive.

The first of two ratios used in relation to your gross monthly income equation is the ratio of monthly payment to gross monthly income. Included in the monthly payment are the principal and interest payment, monthly real estate taxes and monthly hazard insurance premium. If less than 20 percent is used as a down payment, private mortgage insurance is required on the loan (which is included as a monthly coast in the mortgage payment). As a rule, your monthly payment should not exceed 28 percent of your gross monthly income.

The second ratio is called the total monthly debt ratio and is also based on the gross monthly income. Your monthly housing payment plus your other monthly obliga-tions, such as car loans, installment loans,

not exceed 36 percent of your gross monthly

Available funds may limit your purchasing power. Funds used to close a loan include more than just a down payment.

You will need money for the down payment, for reimbursements of real interest, for escrow for taxes, for insurance and private mortgage insurance (if necessary), for discount points and for up-front costs of hazard insurance. Fees and costs vary with the types of loan program you select and are fac-tored in to how much money you will need

credit card debt, education loans, etc., should for closing. It is important to know just how much money you need to buy a house.

> David Mully is president of Mortgage Search, a company that offers consulting services to homeowners. He also writes articles for mortgage 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. observereccentric. com/ realestate

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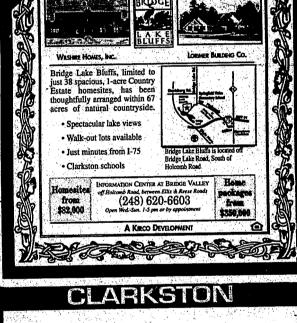


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THIS IS IT! Charming 4 bedroom, 2 bath Cape Cod. Completely updated with quality features throughout. Hardwood, living room & kitchen. Full finished basement. Nice yard with lake view; garage & lake privileges. \$147,500 (67PER) 363-1200



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TROY - 4 bedrooms, colonial with 2 ½ baths. First floor laundry. Andersen windows and doorwall. Central air. Updated kitchen and a finished basement. One year Home Warrantyl \$193,000 (86ALT) 524-1600



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WEST BLOOMFIELD - Open 3 bedroom ranch, 1 ½ baths, full basement, new garage. Cathedral ceiling, skylight, hardwood floors, fireplace. Deep lot. Huge wrap-around deck. Middle Straits Lake privileges. \$144,900 (34Fl) 248-626-8800

CHARMING NEIGHBORHOOD- 3 bedroom,

1 ½ bath bungalow, spacious upper level. West Bloomfield Schools, garage, basement with wet bar, central air, take privileges on Cass Lake. \$124,900 (50ALG) 363-1200



TROY - 3 bedroom Ranch home with large kitchen. Open floor plan. Private deck Master bath. First floor laundry. Neutral colors throughout. Troy Schools. \$183,900 (82FED)



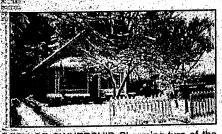
ORTONVILLE - 3 bedroom custom built Ranch on 2.5 wooded acres. Many custom features: Walkout basement, sunroom, central air. Hardwood floors. Cherry cabinets. 3 car attached garage. Call today! \$335,000 (90SPR) 524-1600



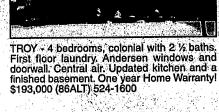
COUNTRY LIVING. Convenient location, 4 bedrooms, 1 ½ baths. Remodeled kitchen, hardwood floors. Air conditioning. Newer appliances, furnace. Private treed lot with covered patio. \$179,900 (08WAS) 652-8000



HANCH with 3 bedrooms, 2 fireplaces, hardwood floors, 2 car attached garage. 22x26 family room, 1941 sq. ft. approximately one half acre. Rochester schools, \$189,900 (20GUN) 652-8000

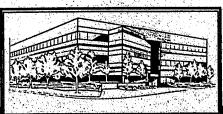


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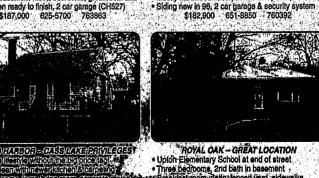
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COMFORTABLE! AFFORDABLE! This totally private 3 bedroom home on 1.76 acres with beautiful pond. Mature pines and fruits trees. Cozy living room with fireplace. Full basement partially finished for additional living area, inground pool with decking. Close to 1-75. A rare opportunity! \$144,900 (100AK) 620-7200



A HIDDEN PARADISE on 4.27 acres. Horses OK. Brick/aluminum country home with country views. Large family room with fireplace. Finished walkout basement with hot tub. 4 bedrooms, 2/2 baths. Plus 2 car attached garage and 5 car detached garage. \$249,000 (OE18GLE) 248-299-6200



STUNNING CUSTOM HOME located in prestigious Villa Di Fiore sub on cul-de-sac. Features include 5: bedrooms: and 6: baths; Imported marble, formal dining room, 4 fireplaces; oval library, hand crafted cabinetry and over 7,000 sq. ft. of living space. \$699,900 (OE37CAM) 248-299-6200



CONTEMPORARY QUAD. A beautiful private lot backing to wooded area. Multi-level deck. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, living room, dining room and wonderful farge family room with fireplace, Jacuzzi tub. New windows in 1996, central air and more. \$155,000 (OE38SHE) 248-299-6200



TRANQUIL: SETTING: Approximately 5' acres. 4 bedrooms, 2's baths, 3 car garage, walking access to Stoney Creek Park. 5 stall horse barn with electricity and running water. Open floor plan, beautiful southern exposure, pond. Moments from downtown Rochester. \$299,000 (OE18SNE) 248-299-6200



ORION TOWNSHIP. Wooded 2½ acres frame this charming ranch with finished walkout basement. Fireplace, central air, new septic, city water. Recently updated decor and mechanical. Super clean and well maintained. \$179,900 (OE24ROH)



WELL KEPT 2 bedroom, 2½ bath condo with many recent updates. End unit 2-story. Tiled foyer, gracious living room, carpeting, master suite, ample storage, modern kitchen, dishwasher, central air. Deck; clubhouse, well-kept grounds. Indoor and outdoor pools. \$105,900 (OE13STR) 248-299-6200



TWO BEDROOM CONDO. Located in popular Rochester Hills complex. Silding doorwalls lead to back and front decks. Small balcony off master bedroom. Clubhouse and swimming. \$114,000 (OE14OAKB) 248-299-6200



BEAUTIFUL & PRIVATE!! 5% acres with additional 48 acres available. 3 bedrooms, 2% baths with full basement with daylight windows, partially finished. Fireplace in great room. Oak kitchen cabinets, formal dining, wrap-around deck with gazebo. Stocked pond. Pole barn. \$239,000 (34QLD) 620-7200



QUALITY BUILT home in popular sub in Novi. 4 bedrooms, 2½ baths, full basement, neutral color. Many updates include furnace, dishwasher, hot water heater, 2,300 sq. ft. Asking \$219,900 (222CAS) 248-349-6800



4 BEDROOM; 2½ BATH COLONIAL with 2,876 sq. ft. of luxury!! Novi Schools. Numerous updates to surround all of your senses. Fabulous floor plan and quick occupancy! 24277 Venice Drive, near 10 Mile and Beck Rd. (247VEN) 349-6800



ONE OF A KINDI Fabulous 4 bedroom Tudor/ Colonial in beautiful Yorkshire Sub. 2½ baths, side entry garage, corner lot. Seller forced to sell! A REAL BEAUTY! (249POR) 349-6800



WELL MAINTAINED 3 bedroom bungalow, new white kitchen cabinets and vinyl floor, newer carpeting, furnace, central air, humidifier, roof, bay window in dining room. Great home for the price! (564CAR) 349-6800



2 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, 1,200 sq. ft., 1984 entry level condo with walkout to patio overlooking Cass Lake and pool. End unit in mint condition. 1-car detached garage. Lots of storage in basement. Boat slip available. \$139,900 (355POR) 349-6800



BEAUTIFUL Dunham Lake Estates! 3 bedroom, 1½ baths, huge rec. room, central air, with lake access. ALL THIS! For only \$172,900 (960HAR) 248-349-



BRIGHTON. Newer home on 10+ secluded acres with pond, 2 fireplaces, security system, 1st floor laundry, large deck, walkout basement to finish and garage. (210JOH) 349-6800



A GREAT COMBINATION! An updated 4 bedroom Colonial on an acret- lot. Wonderful family oriented sub. 1st floor laundry, large finished lower level with rec room and storage, 2 car attached garage, deck, central air, family room with gas fireplace. Priced to sell at \$295,000 (57MEA) 620-7200



PRIME LOCATION in the Vinsetta Park sub of Royal Oak. Two bedroom home has a renovated bathroom, 1st floor den, hardwood floors and neutral carpeting; basement, garage, deck and so much more to offer! \$124,900 (17WOO) 248-280-4777



NICE THREE BEDROOM RANCH with family room. Home offers newer roof, siding, gutters. Nice living room with dining ell. Partly finished basement. Third bedroom is currently being used as a dining room. Appliances included. \$118,500 (08HAR) 248-280-4777



ROYAL OAK - Vinsetta Park sub. Very neat and clean Cape Cod style ranch. Many updates including: windows, new kitchen, fireplace in living room, 2 car garage, partly finished basement. \$139,900 (02CED) 248-280-4777.



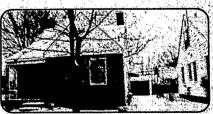
MOVE-IN CONDITIONI Brick bungalow in Shrine area of Royal Oak. Updates: gas forced air furnace, hot water heater, master bedroom with bath, kitchen. Hot tub, deck and privacy fence, partly finished basement, fireplace, separate dining room, 3 bedrooms. \$152,500 (31HAW) 248-280-4777



BEAUTIFUL BRICK RANCH. Three bedroom ranch with finished basement. Fourth bedroom in basement. Neutral colors, enclosed porch, new carpet, vertical blinds. \$99,800 (21AVO) 248-280-4777



GREAT STARTER. Three bedroom ranch. Huge lot (70' x 177'). Large 2½ car garage. \$66,900 (08STO) 248-280-4777



JUST LISTED IN ROYAL OAK! Don't miss this clean and freshly painted 3 bedroom bungalow with finished basement and 2 car garage. Appliances stay, immediate occupancy. Home warranty. \$102,900 (02TWE) 248-280-4777



GRAND BLANC-CITY! New listing! This sharp ranch on cul-de-sac, 1,650 sq. ft., 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, fire-lit family room, large private fenced in lot with inground pool. Open floor plan. Priced to sell at \$139,900 (12GRE) 620-7200

