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Back at ya: Angelo Taylor (31) got by Pontiac Northern defenders, but Clarkston couldn't get past the Huskies, who returned a favor by avenging an earlier loss with a 61-54 win at The Jungle./B1

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Party planner: Weddings & Anniversaries, inside today's editions, contains ideas for planning very special events.

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VINTAGE



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This week's American Life History from the Federal Writers' Project comes from Fred Smith, a Great Lakes sailor born in Michigan in 1885. The history, taken in 1939, offers several stories about life on the Great Lakes. After reading the first, one has to wonder why he stuck with it for so long.

"When I was 13 years old, I ran away from my home to become a fresh-water sailor. I knew I was too young to get a man's berth on one of the big boats so I stowed away on the 'Wings of St. Joe,' a small sailing vessel which plied between Benton Harbor and South Chicago. She brought in fruit and vegetables from Michigan and returned with poultry. I remained hidden until we were well out into the lake and then introduced myself to Captain Gettner. He laughed when he heard my story and expressed wonder that any lad with a good home on shore should wish to become a sailor. Five miles from St. Joe we were struck by a savage gale and wrecked on a sand bar. The shore, however, was only a stone's throw distant. The skipper grabbed me under his arm and struggled through the breakers to safety."

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

In-school advertising limits mulled



■ The Clarkston School Board hasn't agreed yet to let big-name companies advertise in the new high school in exchange for free or reduced-price merchandise, but it's fine-tuning the guidelines for doing so.

BY JAN BAKER
SPECIAL WRITER

With the expectation that Coca-Cola and Pepsi will soon submit formal proposals to sell and advertise their soft drinks at Clarkston's new high school, Clarkston's school board fine-tuned the district's commercial message policy Monday night.

Superintendent Al Roberts reminded trustees that a list of advertising limits

had already been compiled by combining existing district guidelines with suggestions from a previous board discussion. According to those parameters, commercial advertisement must:

■ not relate to products that are inappropriate for or illegal to minors
■ represent no more than 10 percent of the available space on equipment or material

■ not allow any one company to dominate or control the district to the exclusion of other vendors
■ equally benefit all students (in savings and contributions)

■ provide an item that is beneficial to the district, instead of one that is a means for the sponsor to sell a product or service
■ consist of no more than the name of the product (service) and/or the name of the sponsoring organization

■ be offered on a limited basis in designated areas only
■ be approved by the superintendent or designee
■ adhere to Michigan High School

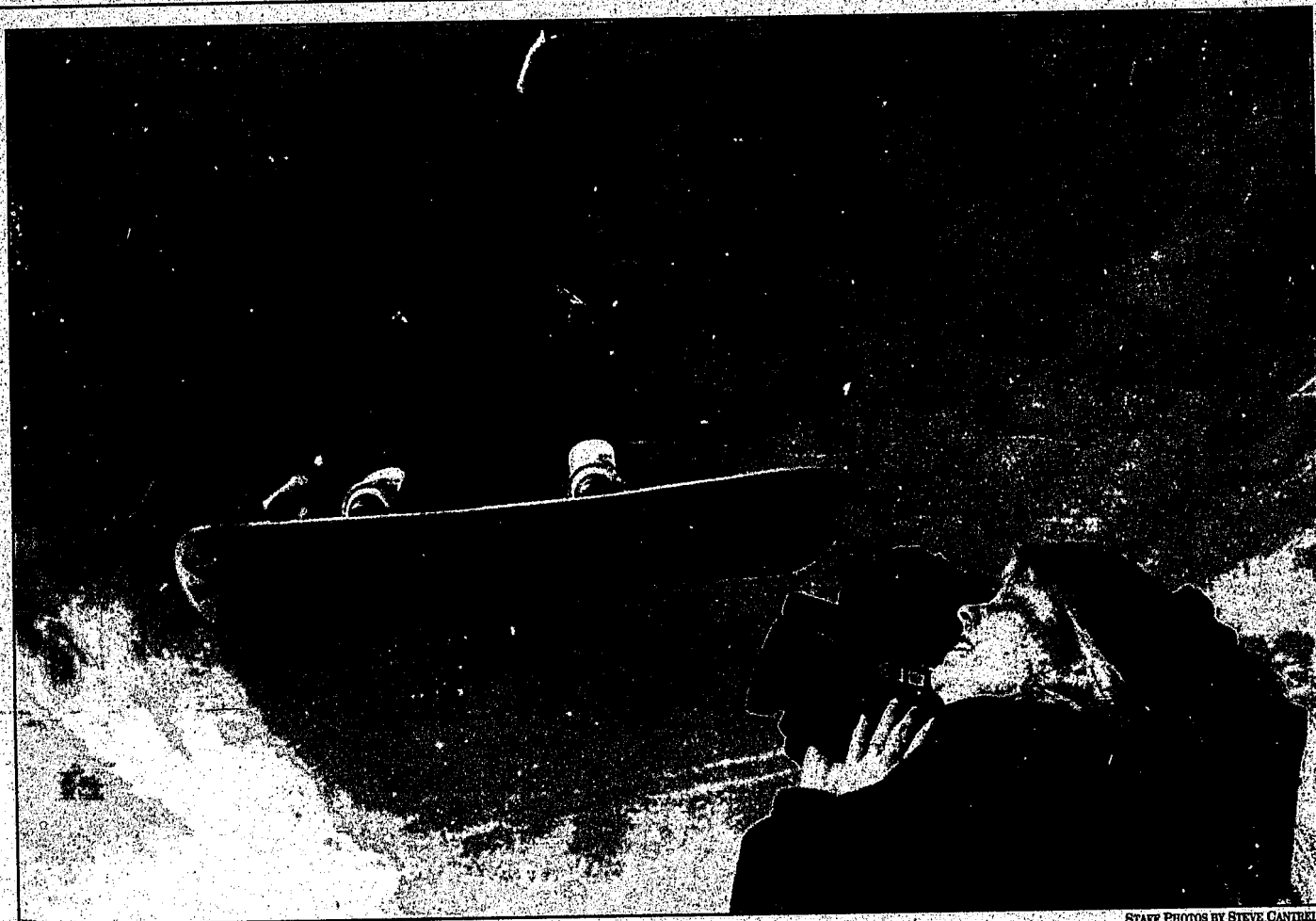
Athletic Association rules regarding sponsorship and message

■ maintain the district's integrity and amateur status

After Roberts presented the guideline update, he asked trustees for additional input.

Treasurer Kurt Shanks said that while he thought some of the advertising limits "very good," he wanted to see a few more. "I would also propose that we have words in here that would prohibit the sponsoring company or affiliation from providing other 'freebies' to staff members as incentives."

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STAFF PHOTOS BY STEVE CANTRELL

Lights, camera, action: Marcia Rota, host of the Clarkston cable TV show Out and About With Marcia, films a snowboarder at Pine Knob Ski Resort in Independence Township.

Out with Marcia

Cable TV show host focuses on Clarkston people, action



40 and fine: Rota, of Independence Township, enjoys her new-found career as a cable television show host.

BY CAROLYN WALKER
STAFF WRITER

Arrmed with a camera and a zest for the human experience, Marcia Rota has come into her own, professionally, at age 40. "This is so wonderful — being able to experience this every day. I thank God for bringing this to me," said Rota, whose public access television show *Out And About With Marcia* began airing on local cable television in December 1997.

Last week, Rota strapped on a pillow and tried her luck at snowboarding for a show that will air at 8 p.m. Jan. 16 and at 4 p.m. Jan. 17 on Channel 65.

After filming the experience of sixth grade camp last December, the first of her shows for *Out And About* . . . Rota decided to do a snowboarding episode to promote safety in what is becoming an increasingly popular sport. And to show that age shouldn't be a barrier to new experiences.

"It's to kind of show what snowboarding is," she explained. "To me, it just seems like it's become more and more popular. I felt that was a really great thing to do, with me being 40."

Rota, a resident of Independence Township and a full-time mom, began her career in filming three years ago at the encouragement of a friend. She took classes at the TCI Cable station, got her license and volunteered for a year before she was hired as an assistant production

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Take five: Rota, who likes to experience what she films, falls while snowboarding. It looks like her pillow won't offer her much protection for this spill.

School board amends requirements for graduation

BY JAN BAKER
SPECIAL WRITER

Students in the Clarkston High School Class of 2002 will be the first to face a new graduation requirement that includes more language arts and a year-long physical education class that incorporates swimming.

They also won't have to take a now-required computer applications course.

Clarkston's school board unanimously approved the changes Monday night after a presentation by CHS principal Brent Cooley, who also serves as the district's curriculum council chair.

Cooley said the council — a 16-member panel of teachers, administrators and parents who recommended the new graduation requirements — did so to keep the high school in step with the opening of its new building and with the district's evolution. Cooley pointed out that though today's eighth-graders will need an additional 1/2 credit, or a total of four credits in language arts during their high school years to graduate, a majority of Clarkston's current high school students are already taking that much English. "When we looked at language arts, we found that 80 per-

cent-plus of our kids were involved in a four-year sequence of language arts to begin with," he said.

Conversely, the CHS principal told trustees that fewer students pursued math and science for three or four years. He said council members did not recommend increasing the school's two-credit math and science graduation requirements because doing so might eliminate pupils' options and force them into an academic mold. "The students who are wanting and willing to take math and science are taking it," Cooley said.

In the physical education requirement change, Cooley said health and gym will become more interwoven throughout the year. And because of the new high school facility, swimming will become a part of that fabric.

He also told trustees that, in the near future, Clarkston students will tackle computer applications in middle school, thus eliminating the need for such a graduation requirement at the high school. Eventually, he said, students will cover computer applications at the elementary level.



Gunman robs Shell station

BY CAROLYN WALKER
STAFF WRITER

Detectives from the Oakland County Sheriff's Department are investigating an armed robbery that took place at the Shell Food Mart and gas station off Ortonville Road near I-75 early Sunday morning.

According to a police report at the Independence Township substation, a man entered the convenience store at about 1 a.m. and placed three bottles on the counter, seemingly for a purchase. After a clerk had opened the register to give the man change, he showed a silver-colored handgun and said, "Empty out the register or I'll pop you."

The clerk complied, setting cash from the register on the

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counter. The man then demanded a bag and, after filling it with the money, fled the store with about \$400, the report said.

"He went out of sight of the clerk and around the store and that's the last he saw of him," said Sgt. Jeff Crockett on Wednesday. Crockett said there

were no injuries during the robbery and that the matter has been turned over to the special investigation department of the sheriff's office.

Witnesses who were outside pumping gasoline told the clerk the man fled into a nearby residential area behind the store in a White Oldsmobile that had been left parked and running on a nearby street, the police report said.

Crockett said that as of Wednesday, the police did not have a suspect. The man was described as white with brown hair and a mustache. He was reported to be wearing a white hooded sweat shirt with blue stripes and blue jeans.



Clarkston therapists: Psychologists Elise Finch-Sophiea (left) and William Sophiea treat patients with seasonal affective disorder.

Student expelled for carrying knife

BY JAN BAKER
SPECIAL WRITER

A Clarkston High School junior has been expelled from school for carrying a knife with a blade more than 3 inches long on school property.

Clarkston's school board

approved the expulsion at the regular board meeting Monday.

According to deputy superintendent Dr. Mike LaBay, the student violated the district's student code of conduct, which is captioned, "Weapons and Dangerous Instruments."

Under that code, the student can reapply for admission to CHS after one year or 180 days of school, LaBay said, but there is no guarantee he will be readmitted.

"It is our understanding that this student has enrolled in a private school," LaBay said.

Dentist expands office into former book store

Dr. John Stevenson, D.D.S., has announced that he will expand his general dentistry practice into the space formerly occupied by the Village Bookstore at 26 S. Main St. in downtown Clarkston.

The bookstore closed last year. Monday night, Clarkston City

Council granted Stevenson final site plan approval and a use change to put offices in what was once retail space.

Some council members expressed gentle regrets that a retail store would not be going into the building that is owned by Stevenson but they voted

unanimously to grant his request. There will be no outside changes to the building, he said. Stevenson currently has an office in the building.

The council has spent the past two years considering ways to encourage the location of stores in the downtown district.

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Marcia

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employee in 1996. She has also worked briefly as an anchor woman for the Clarkston Evening News and has done filming on other topics such as hunting safety.

"I want to go and bring people's lives to the show," she said. Future programs will feature an interview with a Christian radio show announcer from his studio home and a painting appraiser from Bloomfield Hills, in which her grandmother's old paintings will be evaluated.

"That's the type of project I like. Going out into the community and the action of it," she said.

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DISTINCTIVE PERSONAL BANKING

Rock collector grounded in hobby since childhood

BY CAROLYN WALKER
STAFF WRITER

At her home in Independence Township, Roberta Thomas has surrounded herself with rocks. Rocks on shelves and rocks on ledges. Rocks in boxes and rocks in jewelry. Rocks that shine or sparkle by nature. And rocks that have been augmented by the touch of man.

"To me, they are truly art because it's God's art. God's beauty," she says with more than a little wonderment and reverence in her voice.

While listening to her speak, one can't help but think for a moment that perhaps rocks have never really been given their due. Perhaps they do, indeed, play as important a role as those of birds and flowers and sunsets in the Creator's big picture.

And yet, despite her almost ethereal appreciation for granite, limestone, petrified wood and the like, Thomas is not without a sense of humor.

"I've learned how to pack," she says with the authority of an experienced traveler who has mastered suitcase-stuffing efficiency. "Many times they want to look in my carry-ons because they have lumps."

Sitting in a living room chair, amid her rocks and with her "pebble pup" Koda the poodle beside her (Koda likes to go out hunting with her and lick his way to a find), Thomas pauses to look back over time to when the collecting urge first hit. It has its origins in her genes and in the summer of her seventh year, she says, but it didn't really come into its own until she was a woman.

"It's an unusual thing. I had an aunt who loved rocks," she recalls, attributing some of her love to family influence. "I have



Specimen: Quartz on malachite

my very first rock. We were camping at Black Lake. I picked up this stone and I just really liked this stone. I was allowed to keep it even though I was told to put it back."

That first rock was a Petoskey stone.

"The longest we ever lived in a place was seven years," she remembers of her parents and herself. "How I ever kept that stone, I'll never know."

Thomas also makes a confession that is grounded more in the present. "I like to collect anything," she says, "which is my husband's pet peeve."

Thomas, who is 67, says it was approximately 30 years ago that she took a sincere interest in rocks and stones after attending a rock show (not the Rolling Stones kind).

"It opened up a whole new world to me, literally," she says. "Somehow, it's not just a hobby. It's a learning experience. If I could just channel my energy into one thing, it would be fossils. Anything that's made of rock I will collect if I can."

In love with her entire collection, she is unable to say how many specimens she has.

Thomas, who has worked as a

teacher and travel agent book-keeper, says she has a keen interest in learning and fears she won't be able to get enough in in her lifetime.

"I just feel like I'm not going to live long enough to learn everything I want to," she says.

Thomas is treasurer of the Oakland County Earth Science Club, which meets on the first Wednesday of each month, except July and August, at the CAI building on Williams Lake Road in Waterford Township. Meetings are at 7:30 p.m.

"One of the big reasons I joined a rock club is so I can go on rock field trips," she says.

She has traveled to 43 states and 20 countries, where she has collected everything from Hawaiian lava rocks to trilobites to dinosaur bones to pudding stones to honeycomb coral to Russian alabaster.

"They tell me 'Don't take a purse, take a backpack,'" she says, before she notes that she often returns home bruised from carrying that loaded backpack on her shoulders.



STAFF PHOTOS BY STEVE CANTRELL

Rock hound: Roberta Thomas of Independence Township collected the first rock in her extensive collection — a Petoskey stone — at the age of 7. Thomas is treasurer of the Oakland County Earth Science Club, which meets monthly in Waterford.

POLICE NEWS

The following incidents were reported to police and fire agencies in Springfield and Independence townships and the city of Clarkston Feb. 2-9.

Springfield Police

Thefts

On Feb. 5, plumbing hardware and equipment were reported stolen from a house under construction on Kelly Lake Road.

Independence Police

Vandalism

On Feb. 2, a rear door was reported damaged at a residence on Monterey Avenue.

On Feb. 2, a window was reported damaged on a residence on Mohawk.

On Feb. 3, eggs were reported thrown at a residence on Glenburnie.

On Feb. 5, windows on a home and vehicle were reported broken at a residence on Cobden Lane.

On Feb. 5, a mirror was reported broken off a vehicle parked on Dixie Highway.

On Feb. 7, a sliding glass door was reported damaged by BBs at a residence on Pear Street.

On Feb. 7, a vehicle was reported "keyed" while parked on Ortonville Road.

On Feb. 8, a window was reported damaged on a vehicle parked on Fay Street.

Thefts

On Feb. 2, stereo equipment and a disc changer were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Hillcrest.

On Feb. 3, a wallet and three videos were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Dixie Highway.

On Feb. 4, radio equipment was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Dixie Highway.

On Feb. 4, a spare tire was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Deerwood.

On Feb. 4, a cellular phone was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Balmoral.

On Feb. 4, tools and equipment were reported stolen from a building on M-15.

On Feb. 5, a wallet was reported stolen from a site on Clintonville Road.

On Feb. 6, cassettes were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Dixie Highway.

On Feb. 6, a power miter box was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Pine Knob Road.

On Feb. 7, windows were reported damaged on a vehicle

parked on Maybee Road.

Alcohol Possession

On Feb. 7, officers cited several minors for possession of alcoholic beverages at a residence on Snowapple.

Independence Fire

During the week of Feb. 2-9 firefighters responded to 34 calls. Among them were 26 medical runs, three personal injury accidents, one building fire and three vehicle fires. The calls included:

On Feb. 3, firefighters assisted a person having a diabetic reaction at a residence on Thendara.

On Feb. 3, firefighters assisted an elderly male experiencing general weakness at a residence on Dixie Highway. The man was transported to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac by ambulance.

On Feb. 4, firefighters assisted an 18-year-old woman who suffered minor injuries in a rollover accident on southbound I-75 at Dixie Highway. She was transported to Hurley Hospital in Flint by ambulance.

On Feb. 4, firefighters assisted an 85-year-old woman who fell in the parking lot of a business on Dixie Highway and suffered a possible fractured hip. She was transported to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

Clarkston Police

On Feb. 4, officers cited a Clarkston youth for possession of tobacco products.

On Feb. 4, officers responded to the scene of a one-vehicle accident on White Lake Road near Holcomb Road. In that accident, the Waterford driver's vehicle left the road and hit a sign. He was cited for failure to maintain control of his vehicle. He was not injured.

On Feb. 5, officers assisted Independence Township firefighters with a medical run at a Miller Road residence, where a woman was experiencing chest pains.

On Feb. 6, officers stopped a vehicle on Main Street near Middle Lake Road for a speed violation. The driver was cited for speeding and driving with a suspended license.

On Feb. 7, officers stopped a vehicle on Holcomb Street near Washington Street for a speed violation. The driver was found to be driving with a suspended license and was cited for that offense.

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Shanks said. Alluding to a preliminary handout from one of the soft-drink kings, the treasurer commented that "we're going to get (free) coolers and hats and this and that. Anything that smacks as a kickback, I want nothing to do with."

Shanks also said he didn't want to see athletic logos on clothes, uniforms or equipment "that are not normally found there." And he didn't want to see any commercial advertising in one other place. "I love going into the Clarkston (High School) gym and seeing that scoreboard with nothing but Clarkston stuff on there," he said. "I don't want to see Coke. I don't want to see Pepsi. I don't want to see Nike because we as a district aren't saying that's what we ought to be buying. There are going to be some differences between me and the rest of the board. I understand that. But I believe in the purity of the noncommercial atmosphere that we have in the school system right now."

President Karen Foyteck told Shanks that he was not alone in his distaste for the free promotional incentives that commercial advertisers are willing to dole out to individuals. "(Free) coolers don't bother me so much

"We as a PTA did have a problem with using the kids as billboards. They did not like the logos going on the clothes. They did not like having team members being told, 'You're going to wear a Nike sweatshirt or Adidas shoes.'"

Marshall Copeman
Pine Knob Elementary parent

because they can be used by the athletic teams," Foyteck said. "But some of the personal items I think are very disturbing and not at all appropriate."

The commercial advertising issue surfaced at a January board meeting when Dan Fife, Clarkston's athletic director, and Linda Nester, the district's director of administrative and personnel services, told trustees that some retail giants had expressed an interest in advertising at the new CHS site. In that presentation, Nester said a contract with a soft drink heavyweight could provide the school with canned

soda pop-type vending machines that display the company's name on them. But because of that advertising, the same company would also likely "donate" all six of the fountain-style dispensing machines for the CHS cafeteria. They cost \$40,000 each.

During that same discussion, Nester elaborated on the potential dollar-savings in having a Swoosh logo on CHS team jerseys.

Fife pointed out that a contract with a company like Nike could possibly yield enough dollars to enable the athletic department to add boys' and girls' sports that it currently cannot afford to support.

In a Jan. 13 phone interview, Nester said four companies — Pepsi, Coca-Cola, Nike and Adidas — had expressed an interest in advertising at the new CHS. (However, in a written correspondence from superintendent Al Roberts dated Feb. 9, 1998, Roberts said, "Nike never contacted us.")

To date, no commercial contracts have been signed by the board.

During Monday's meeting, vice-president Mary Ellen McLean said she believed contracts with soft drink companies and athletic mammoths should be viewed as opposite ends of the advertising spectrum. McLean commented that a pop name on school cafeteria vending machines was easier to swallow for most people than a logo on team uniforms.

Trustee Janet Thomas agreed with McLean.

Foyteck said more specifics were needed from advertisers before any decisions could be reached. "We'll have a better idea about how they feel about our ideas and how their proposals fit or don't fit when we have the proposals," she said.

At the end of that discourse, Marshall Copeman, a Pine Knob Elementary parent, relayed input he said he received from Pine Knob parents at a recent PTA meeting where the advertising topic was discussed. "They didn't have a problem with a scoreboard that said, 'Coke,' on it because that's a part of everyday life," Copeman said. "They always see that at baseball games and football games and basketball games. They didn't have a problem with advertising along the football stadium, along the bleachers and things like that. But what we as a PTA did have a problem with using the kids as billboards. They did not like the logos going on the clothes. They did not like having team members being told, 'You're going to wear a Nike sweatshirt or Adidas shoes.'"

No national Blue Ribbon for Clarkston High — this year

BY JAN BAKER
SPECIAL WRITER

Clarkston High School has been eliminated from the finals of the U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon Schools competition.

CHS and 13 other Michigan secondary schools were recently named as state exemplary schools and entered as national finalists in the Blue Ribbon contest. However, Troy High School and L'Anse Creuse Middle School — South in Harrison Township are now the only two Michigan schools still in the running for national recognition.

Clarkston schools Supt. Al Roberts said Saturday that he was "a little disappointed" but not discouraged after CHS was not chosen to receive a site visit from the National Review Panel. A site visit is the next

step toward national Blue Ribbon status. During that process, reviewers seek to verify the information that was presented in the school's written application for Blue Ribbon consideration. They meet and ask questions of the school's principal, the staff, students, parents and members of the greater community. This year, 172 of 437 finalists nationwide were chosen for site visits.

As a recent site visitor for the elementary Blue Ribbon program, Roberts seemed to speak about the award from two perspectives — that of Clarkston's superintendent and that of a national reviewer.

"This (national Blue Ribbon award) is truly for the exceptional of the exceptional," he said, pointing out that Lake

Orion's new high school was also eliminated from the national competition with Clarkston. "We didn't make the cut this time, but we'll try again. The state recognizes us (as an exemplary school). We're a step closer. We also added more AP (advanced placement) courses this year, but that didn't make it into the (1997-98 Blue Ribbon) application."

Roberts said schools aren't given reasons when they are eliminated from consideration for the national honor.

Because Blue Ribbons are awarded to secondary schools every other year, Clarkston high school's next try for national recognition will apply to the 1999-2000 academic year, the superintendent said.

New high school 'right on schedule,' community leaders praise building

BY JAN BAKER
SPECIAL WRITER

They inhaled the aroma of new carpeting and freshly painted walls.

They poked their heads through taped-off bathroom doorways to peek at recently installed ceramic tile.

And they stood in silent awe on the cement balcony of an auditorium that will eventually seat 1,200 people.

About 50 former bond campaign volunteers and trustees from various local boards oohed and aahed over Clarkston's new high school during a tour of the building Saturday.

Though approximately six months remain until the facility opens for students, the group saw mostly finished general classrooms with blue-carpeted floors, freshly painted walls and neutral-toned cabinets. They also viewed a cement swimming pool with a sloped roof and a movable diving platform.

Aside from the classrooms in the academic wing and the school's newly tiled bathrooms, the interior of the building seemed to be in the roughed-in phase. According to Craig Kahler, the director of business services for Clarkston schools who led the tour, it was the intent of school officials to get general classrooms finished first

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Sharron Catallo
Clarkston mayor

to better prepare for students in August of 1999. However, Kahler described the rest of the building as "right on schedule" as well.

Community members who toured the building responded positively to what they saw, for the most part.

Clarkston City Council Clerk Art Pappas flashed a smile while looking out from the cement balcony of the school's still-carpetless and seatless theater. "I think it's just going to be wonderful," Pappas said. "Although, I'm a former Clarkston teacher."

Sharron Catallo, mayor of the City of the Village of Clarkston, echoed some of Pappas' sentiments. "The auditorium amazes me," Catallo said. "It's just a beautiful building."

However, when asked if she thought the new high school would fit in well with the rest of the community, Catallo sounded less complimentary. "It's a little late to ask that now," she said with a smile.

Unlike the majority of those who toured the school, Independence Township Trustee Neil

Wallace said he wasn't surprised by the progress of the building. "It's about what I expected, I guess," Wallace said. "I've been watching it as it's been going up." The trustee pointed out that though he still held some concerns about the school's existence within the community — its impact on streets and traffic patterns — he had faith in "what's going on inside the school."

For Clarkston parent Sally Hadden, who worked on the HUG (Help Us Grow) Committee campaign for passage of the high school bond issue in 1995, the building seemed grand and inviting. Hadden said she especially liked the interior accent color — blue. "I'm a blue person," Hadden said with a grin. "It really gives the school a warm feeling."

Anne Chesley, a Clarkston parent and HUG volunteer, compared her reaction to the Saturday school tour with another time in her life. "I was a freshman at Farmington Harrison (High School) when it opened and I loved going to a new school," Chesley recalled. "This reminds me of then."

At one point, Chesley ribbed her husband, Brian — another HUG volunteer — about attending the walk-through. "Now aren't you glad you came?" she said.

Brian Chesley's reply? "I want to go back to high school!"

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County judges grant formation of grand jury

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

If a grand jury is formed as planned in Oakland County, one of the cases it investigates may be the 1997 hit-and-run death of Bloomfield Township resident Priscilla Anne Ricketts.

Ricketts was 64 when she died from injuries suffered in a hit-and-run incident while loading groceries into the trunk of her car in a Troy parking lot in March of that year. Although the investigation has been ongoing, police have been unable to crack the case.

However, the police department may submit the case for a grand jury investigation under Oakland County Prosecutor David Goreyca, according to Troy

Acting Chief of Police Charles Craft.

Oakland County's prosecutor announced recently that Oakland County Circuit Court judges had granted his request to empanel a Citizen's Grand Jury to investigate unsolved homicides and organized drug trafficking in the county.

The grand jury body, which is comprised of 17 jurors and authorized for six months, is considered a powerful tool in solving tough cases, partly because prosecutors can offer immunity to witnesses who are either reluctant or unwilling to reveal information.

"Basically, Oakland County has had four grand juries and the results have been very, very good," Circuit Judge Edward Sosnick, chief judge of the Oak-

land Circuit Court, said of the decision to approve Goreyca's request.

Goreyca must now convince the Oakland County Board of Commissioners to provide \$75,000 in funding for the jury — which should be easy, given the success of past grand jury investigations, said County Commissioner Ruth Johnson.

"It's really an excellent tool for getting people off the streets that are a threat to society," she said. "Overall, I think the board is going to be very supportive."

Goreyca plans to submit the funding request to commissioners Feb. 26, and a grand jury could be in place by mid-March, according to Chief Deputy Prosecutor John N. O'Brien II.

However, O'Brien could not offer any

information about the number of cases that Goreyca hopes to probe or whether the prosecutor had any particular cases in mind because of secrecy requirements under the Grand Jury statute.

"I can tell you that there are cases that have been submitted to the office from law enforcement departments," he said. "But we can never talk about the cases."

Local police departments are taking stock of their unsolved cases and evaluating them for submission.

Besides the Ricketts case, Troy police are looking at two unsolved murder cases, including the 1978 murder of Gayle Ardith Webster.

Farmington Hills Police Chief Bill Dwyer said he had already submitted sev-

eral unsolved cases, including at least one drug trafficking case for consideration. "There's a very great need for a grand jury in Oakland County," he said. "They work very well in major drug trafficking cases."

Also pleased with the possibility that investigators might receive some extra help cases was Southfield Police Chief Joseph Thomas.

At least two unsolved homicide cases — the 1993 stabbing death of Ebony Wright and the 1995 murder of Deborah Kennedy — would be submitted, he said.

"In some of these cases...we can almost say who did them and how they were done. ...There are a couple of cases where we know that witnesses misled us," Thomas said.

Judge rules state term limits are constitutional

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Voters can look forward to a packed August primary ballot after U.S. District Judge Patrick Duggan upheld the validity of Michigan's state term limits.

His ruling means 65 of the 110 state representatives elected in 1992 have served the three terms allowed under a constitutional amendment passed that year. It added sec. 54 to the legislative article.

Term limits won't affect state senators, the governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state and attorney general until 2002.

"In sum, the court concludes that sec. 54 imposes an insubstantial, content-neutral and

non-discriminatory burden on the voting rights of plaintiffs," Duggan wrote.

He disagreed with every contention of the challenging plaintiffs — Citizens for Legislative Choice, Michigan Handicapped Voters' Rights Association, and individual constituents of two Detroit Democratic representatives. They contended the Michigan Constitution violated their rights under the U.S. Constitution.

Duggan wrote he "does not agree that sec. 54 imposes a severe restriction on plaintiffs' voting rights. While sec. 54 narrows the field of candidates for whom plaintiffs may vote, it does so only slightly. Plaintiffs remain free to vote for any candidate who has not served three terms in the

state House since Jan. 1, 1993."

"Plaintiffs are not guaranteed the right to vote for a specific candidate," he said, citing a 1989 federal decision upholding Ohio's right to prohibit judges from being elected after age 70.

The complaint said sec. 54 doesn't "favor a so-called 'novice' viewpoint of representative democracy over an 'experience' viewpoint," Duggan noted. But he ruled that Michigan's term limits section "does not distinguish between candidates on their political beliefs or point of view and does not violate plaintiffs' voting rights."

He relied on a U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals decision in San

Francisco decided Dec. 19 that California's even tougher term limits don't violate the U.S. Constitution. That circuit rejected 9-2 the claim of Assemblyman Tom Bates that term limits violated his constitutional rights and

were unfair to voters who wanted to choose their own leaders.

Duggan disagreed that the burden of term limits falls on racial minorities. "This is scant evidence from which to conclude that minority and inner-city vot-

ers are unfairly disadvantaged by sec. 54. White and suburban voters would lose the ability to gain political power through seniority to the same extent as would minority and inner city voters."

Oakland University winter enrollment up

Oakland University marks its highest winter enrollment total ever, in a fifth consecutive year of increases: 13,295 students are enrolled this term.

The headcount is up almost 2 percent compared to last winter's enrollment of 13,075. Graduate enrollment is up by 3 percent, undergraduate headcount is up 1.3 percent.

OU President Gary D. Russi attributes the climb to the university's landmark year of 1997. During that year, Oakland celebrated its 40th anniversary;

added several new academic degree and certificate programs; began new areas in medical, computer and engineering research; proceeded with several major new building projects; joined Division I athletic competition; and announced Creating the Future, a new initiative in which community and business leaders unite to build on OU's unique strengths and find opportunities for advancing educational excellence.

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Valentine's gift Pledge to be good to your heart

This Valentine's Day, after you have feted your sweetie with a candlelight dinner, roses and a fancy card, turn your attention to another heart that needs some tender loving care — your own.

February is American Heart Month, and the American Heart Association has launched a nationwide campaign to educate people, especially women, about the dangers of heart disease and stroke.

Heart disease continues to be the No. 1 cause of death among Americans. In 1995, the latest year for which statistics are available, nearly one million Americans — 960,592 to be exact — died from cardiovascular diseases including heart disease and stroke, according to the American Heart Association. In 1995 in Michigan alone, 36,070 people died from cardiovascular disease.

Cardiovascular diseases account for 41 percent of all deaths, more deaths than those caused by cancer, accidents and AIDS combined.

Historically, heart attacks have been thought by most people to be a man's problem, yet the number of women dying from cardiovascular diseases has exceeded the number of men since 1984.

The difference, according to the AHA, is that coronary heart disease shows up in women about 10 years later than it does in men. By that time, women are battling other diseases that draw attention away from heart disease.

These statistics are the bad news.

The good news is that we can do something about cardiovascular disease.

Lifestyle changes can prevent more than half of all heart-related deaths, according to U-M Health System cardiologists.

Eating better, quitting smoking, exercising and losing weight are some of the things people can do to prevent or reverse heart disease.

One Clarkston man took that advice to heart — literally. In 1991, Steve Babcock, 42, had high blood pressure and high cholesterol. His doctor told him to start exercising regularly. Babcock took up running because he was able to fit that form of exercise into his work schedule.

Babcock reduced his cholesterol level from 267 to 175. Plus, he got his wife, teenage son and daughter interested in running. The family now trains together and competes together in races. (Their story appears on page A9 of today's Clarkston Eccentric.)

The Babcocks, who can be seen running together around Clarkston, have set a good example for the rest of us to follow.

This Valentine's Day, pledge as the Babcocks did, to start taking better care of your heart by exercising regularly, eating healthier meals, quitting smoking and losing weight.

It may be the best Valentine's Day gift you ever gave your sweetie.

Essentially, we hope to elevate the discussion about the arts. In practical terms, that means getting beyond the political rhetoric.

For instance, for nearly two years, the representatives from the tri-county area have debated the merits of a tri-county tax to support the arts.

Basically, the idea — modeled after the programs in Denver, Chicago and San Francisco — calls for a 1/2 mill property assessment to generate operating revenue for 14 of the metro area's major cultural institutions.

The proposal has languished in the Legislature, and has never come before the voters. It should.

Although the mechanics of the bill might need to be smoothed out, the intent of the proposal should have a broader public hearing.

Historically, the arts and populism have benefited from each other.

We believe *The Observer & Eccentric's* roundtable discussions offer a valuable means to clarify the public debate about the values and priorities that define our common cultural experience.

Arts discussions reflect quality of life issues

Two weeks ago, *The Observer & Eccentric* held the second in an ongoing series of roundtable discussion about the role of the arts in our communities.

Not surprisingly, it was a discussion as fertile and fascinating as a work of art.

While issues like taxes, crime, the economy, and repairs to our crumbling infrastructure require our vigilance, there's a pressing need to broaden the public discussion about how to further enhance our communities.

Making a commitment to the arts, we believe, can foster an identity and a further sense of community. And, it can help to define our area beyond the notion of the automobile-industry capital.

Oakland County is one of the most affluent, and fastest-growing areas in the country. But what lies beyond the economic growth and affluence? How can our shared experiences best be characterized?

Since last October when the National Endowment of the Arts published, "American Canvas," a report on the nation's cultural legacy, *The Observer & Eccentric* has felt a compelling need to ask: What is the cultural legacy in each of the communities we serve?

About every eight weeks, *The Observer & Eccentric* moderates a public discussion with those who actively participate in the arts, including art associations, community theaters, community orchestras, patrons, museum directors and arts educators.

Our goal is to examine how the arts contribute to the overall quality of life in our communities. And, equally important, how *The Observer & Eccentric* can contribute to cultivating and promoting the local art scene.

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

Who is Cupid?



"Cupid is a little man who gives love to people."
Heather Hancock, 7



"This little naked guy who flies around and has this bow and arrow thing. He shoots stuff."
Max Baker, 7



"He's an angel. He shoots hearts because he wants love in the world."
John Timm, 7



"I don't know."
Kevin Judd, 8

This question was asked at Clarkston Elementary School.

LETTERS

Mega mall will spur sprawl

An open letter to Gov. Engler: Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication to the people of Michigan. You are steering this ship back on course, in terms of helping people believe in their personal power and abilities...as part of the whole society. We are blessed to have such a public servant as yourself. Integrity is an adjective most applicable.

I write this letter with sincere intent and as an attempt to explain a need as I see it.

My sister and brother-in-law live in the vicinity (Independence Township, actually) of the Great Lake Crossing mega mall being developed in Auburn Hills and I have been a visitor (and participant) in their area for nearly 15 years. Needless to say, I am aware of that community to a degree. (Sundays in Clarkston has almost been a ritual.)

The siting of this exciting project has disturbed me, to be honest and frank. While "growth" is inevitable in Oakland County, it seems like this mega mall could have served our region much better in a different setting. I realize that government is, and should be, limited in influence in market-place decisions. Yet, the selection of Auburn Hills, in this instance, indicates the need for all of us to view Southeastern Michigan as one community...one community rich in ethnic differences and values...a treasure of diversity.

I wish that this mega mall would have been placed in downtown Detroit...even in the Hudson's building! I know that the developers are relying on regional freeway traffic to support this center. Downtown Detroit is still a regional hub as it is fairly equidistant from Mt. Clemens to Pontiac to Plymouth.

So many of us are dismayed at the "disposal" of so many buildings at the expense of the fast-disappearing green space in our region.

I only wish that our leaders would have intervened earlier in this development and explored all the possibilities of locating this exciting mega mall. It is interesting that a predominantly "middle class" mall is being placed in Michigan's most upscale area...Oakland County, an area that is already saturated with retail.

Thank you for reading this letter. I hope that I have communicated that free-market decisions are positive and that our leaders, primarily through dialogue and interface, can help steer the progressive entities that are creating much-needed jobs in Michigan. I am not your stereotyped "enviro" extremist! I simply believe that many people in Oakland County are concerned about sprawl and overgrowth...Green space is as much a symbol of prosperity as "greenbacks" are here! So many people made the decision to sacrifice a few of the "city comforts" in order to enjoy a more pristine existence in North Oakland County. What tough issue this is...damned if you do, damned if you don't!!!

Keep up the good work, Gov. Engler. Best of

luck to you.

Rand Moorhead
Beverly Hills

A thank you and a plea

At the beginning of the year I made a promise to myself to do all in my power to promote and make people aware of how important organ donations are.

Being personally involved with a family member needing a kidney, I know the desperation you feel when nothing is happening. In our situation nothing was coming forth for almost four years.

Finally on Jan. 28, 1998, our daughter-in-law received the gift of a new life from a young man who lost his life because of an auto accident. His wonderful family carried out his wishes to be a donor.

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That is why it is so important that people think seriously about being organ donors — discussing it with your families and letting them know your feelings on this. To give the greatest gift you can imagine is to give the gift of life.

So thank you to the family of the young man and also our deepest sympathy to you on the loss of your son, but you gave a young woman with three young children a new life, so please rejoice in this thought.

Please do not forget: Whenever you have the opportunity to sign up as an organ donor, do so.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Geraci
Rochester Hills

Lay off presidents

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

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

Come on, guys, lay off!

M. L. Gregory
Bloomfield Hills

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POINTS OF VIEW

Price of Caller I.D. is worth the peace it gives

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For Christmas our kids gave us Caller I.D.

Telemarketing is one of many ways to reach prospective customers. Many times it is not targeted marketing where you try to narrow down your prospects. Many times it is just cold calling where you have to call 100 people in order to find two or three who might be interested in your product.

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And since the majority of families now have both partners working, the telemarketers have to call when people are home, which is early evening.

The federal government cracked down on people sending unsolicited advertising over fax machines, but the ordinary people have no protection against unsolicited advertising over their phone lines.

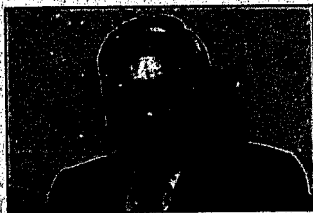
Caller I.D. is expensive if you get a phone with a little screen and sign up for both the telephone number and the name of the caller to be displayed.

But it is worth it.

You not only can screen your calls, you have a record of the people who called you but didn't leave a message on your answering machine while you are out.

When the telephone was invented,

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HANK HOGAN

it was a wonderful tool to communicate. Unfortunately today, some will say we have too much communication with car phones, wireless phones, faxes and the like.

In some communities more than 50 percent of the people have unlisted

phone numbers because they want some privacy. Telemarketers using a continuous series of numbers interrupt even these people.

Some families use an answering machine for screening, but it doesn't always work because some of your friends have an aversion to leaving messages on machines and you never have a record they called.

If someone wants to call you and doesn't want you to know in advance who is calling, they can punch in star 67 before dialing your number, which will block the number on the display screen. It will say "Unknown number, unknown caller."

When this happens, you don't need to answer the phone because if they don't want you to know they are calling, you probably don't want to hear

their pitch.

Caller I.D. has another advantage if you also have "Call Waiting." Call Waiting warns you, when you are on the phone, that you have another caller waiting on your line. With Caller I.D. you can check who that caller is and decide if you want to interrupt the first caller.

Progress and change are a continual part of our lives, but sometimes progress moves so quickly technically, it can change your life before you are ready for it. Caller I.D. is a wonderful device for giving yourself a little quiet time, when you want it.

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

Count on Clarkston school officials to be accountable

The country is in a tizzy. The talk shows are ablaze. Our political leaders are lining up on all sides of the aisle. Everyone seems to have an opinion and the ability to separate fact from fiction may be a lost skill, especially when politics or emotions take over center stage. I don't know what really took place in the Oval Office, but my guess is that the controversy will take on different dimensions as the facts become known.

Since I feel strongly that open communication and good judgment are necessary to earn the trust of our citizens, this national event is intriguing to me. Perhaps there are some lessons to be learned in the way this brawl has been handled in the media. After all, it would be a shame if all the headlines were for naught. Now,

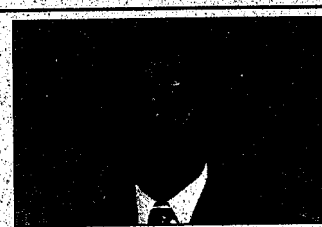
before you decide that I have a political agenda, allow me to say that all public servants, including school officials, should be held accountable.

Lesson No. 1: There is no substitute for being there! If you have ever attended a sports event, you know that it can be covered thoroughly by the media, yet lack substantial information.

Lesson No. 2: Listening to a variety of opinions can be useful in developing a perspective. Isn't this true in planning the family vacation or working with your colleagues to solve a problem?

I can tell you from first-hand knowledge that it is a challenge to keep our community informed, and our local newspapers do a remarkable job.

However, we live in an age of exces-



AL ROBERTS

sive commentary and sensational headlines. So there is a constant battle between the need to be accurate and the need to be entertaining.

For example, you may have read about a possible business deal between Nike and the Clarkston Schools. The Board of Education has not made any determination about

entering into contracts with companies like Nike, and no contracts have been signed. We are, however, in the process of deciding what policies should be in place to guide decisions of this type. The fact of the matter is that the board would be remiss if they did not give consideration to all the alternatives.

Since the implementation of Proposal A, we survive with a per-pupil expenditure that is near the bottom of the county list. Because our expectations are high and the public demand for excellence is great, community groups (PTA and PTO, the Chamber of Commerce, the Clarkston Foundation, the Optimists, etc.) continue to step to the plate to provide our students with many of the "extras." Isn't it time to discuss alternative funding?

■ Since the implementation of Proposal A, we survive with a per-pupil expenditure that is near the bottom of the county list ... Isn't it time to discuss alternative funding?

We know that we can continue to count on the support of our many service clubs and community groups. Isn't it good to know that our citizens can also count on their schools to act responsibly?

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

Focus on news keeps us distinct

What's the difference between gossip and news? That's a timely question now that newspapers, radio, TV, Internet, supermarket tabloids, Hard Copy and the New York Times are virtually indistinguishable from each other in the media feeding frenzy over President Clinton's alleged sexual habits.

There used to be a bright line between news and gossip.

The traditional function of "mainstream" news media was to filter out the trash and pass on the truth. News was something that could be taken at face value as an accurate representation of an event.

Reporters either saw something take place with their own eyes or insisted on quoting by name anybody who claimed that something had happened. This practice, called "attribution" in the news business, is a valuable discipline to both reporter and news source because it requires somebody — either the reporter or the source — to take personal responsibility for accuracy.

Gossip, on the other hand, usually amounted to not much more than rumor, almost always unattributed and without any of the insistence on accuracy or responsibility that distinguished it from news.

Over the years, the line between news and gossip has become blurred, most importantly through the practice of reporters increasingly relying on anonymous sources. An anonymous source is somebody who tells a reporter something on the condition that his or her name be kept out of the story. "Sources," or "lawyers close to the investigation," or even "people in a position to know" are phrases reporters use to indicate the source for their information is anonymous.

The stories about semen on Monica Lewinsky's blue dress, for example, or the intern and the president being "caught in the act" by now have been shown to be nothing more than malicious gossip without credible evidence to back them up. Leaked to reporters by anonymous sources, these stories migrate at the speed of a computer key from one medium to the other, gaining a spurious credibility as they are repeated again and again.

Many reporters, especially those working in Washington these days, rely heavily on leaks from anonymous sources. They claim that without their use of unnamed sources, much important news would remain hidden behind a cloud of silence, official or otherwise.

This may be so. But you've got to wonder about what motivates such a source. Does he want to smear a president? Does she want to spin the story to make the White House look good? How does a reporter know which is which? And, even more importantly, how does a reporter avoid being used as long as the source insists on anonymity?

That's why home town newspapers like this one do not as a rule use anonymous sources.

We believe there is a big difference between



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community journalism and what we call "culture journalism." Our corporate policy manual says it clearly: "Avoiding the use of unnamed sources is one way of building readers' trust. It demonstrates that we hold ourselves accountable for the accurate reporting of information provided by reliable and identifiable sources. If an individual does not want his/her name used, we are obligated to confirm their information from other identifiable sources."

"Our policy, consequently, is to avoid the use of unnamed new sources."

Very rarely, there can be compelling reasons to use unnamed sources. If that happens, only the executive editor can authorize their use, and we further require an editor's note to accompany the story, explaining what we have done and why.

As community journalists, we have not only an obligation to the truth of our reporting, but also to the consequences of our news stories to the communities they serve and to the people they portray. Therefore we try to distinguish quite clearly between personal gossip and hard news.

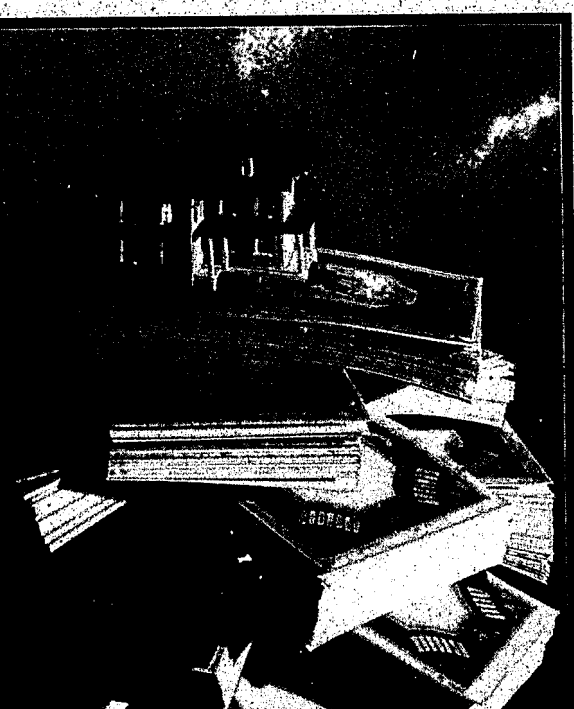
Years ago, for example, I knew a judge in Farmington who was sensationally good on the bench. Tough; fair; probing; just. But in the evenings he hung around the bars and, from time to time, he drank too much. We on the paper knew this, but because there was no evidence that his private drinking in any way whatsoever affected the performance of his public duties, we never ran the story. Had he turned up on the bench drunk, however, we would have felt an obligation to report the fact and let the chips fall where they might.

I'm not saying that the kind of community journalism we practice at this newspaper is always perfect. But I do assert that, in our clear awareness of the bright line between news and gossip and in our refusal to use anonymous sources, we practice a distinctly different kind of journalism than most.

We think it is better for our readers, for our (identified) news sources and our communities. And we hope you agree.

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

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Eccentric promotes Hermes-Smith, Bauman

BY CAROLYN WALKER
STAFF WRITER

Award-winning community editors Joe Bauman and Karen Hermes-Smith may accomplish their work from opposite ends of Oakland County but they share a common commitment for the eight Eccentric newspapers serving that area: High-quality community journalism.

On Monday it was announced by Observer & Eccentric General Manager Steve Pope and Managing Editor Philip Sherman that Bauman has been promoted to assistant managing editor over the Eccentric newspapers of southern Oakland County, including Birmingham, West Bloomfield and Southfield.

Hermes-Smith was promoted to assistant managing editor of the north Oakland County Eccentrics, which include the company's Clarkston, Lake Orion, Oxford, Troy and Rochester papers.

Their positions took effect Monday. They will report to Sherman, who assumed the role of managing editor in January.

"I'd like to carry out the company's philosophy and that's that we're caring journalists who provide information our readers can't get anywhere else," said Hermes-Smith. "I want to continue to make the Eccentrics the best suburban newspapers in America."

Under her guidance, the Clarkston Eccentric, which was established in August 1995, has won several awards including first place in the Suburban Newspapers of America (SNA) 1997 General Excellence Awards Contest.

Hermes-Smith also took a first place award for editorial writing in the 1997 Better Newspaper Contest sponsored by the Michigan Press Association, as well as an honorable mention for a column in the National Newspaper Association 1997 Better Newspaper Contest.

Bauman, who has reigned over the Birmingham Eccentric since 1992, echoed Hermes-Smith's sentiments on Tuesday. "I'm looking forward to an expanded opportunity with the company," he said. "My goal is to take the papers, which are already outstanding, and work with the editors and staffs to make them even better."

The Birmingham Eccentric has won numerous state and national awards in its century-old history, including the first place Michigan Press Association 1996 General Excellence award and the third place SNA 1996 General Excellence award. In 1997, the paper took second place in the Best Entertainment/Lifestyle category for its Suburban Lifestyle section and third place in Best Breaking News Story, both in the SNA contest.

Bauman, who graduated with a bachelor of applied arts degree in journalism from Central Michigan University in 1984, joined the Observer & Eccentric chain as a staff writer for the Livonia Observer in 1990. He was promoted to Southfield Eccentric editor in 1991 before assuming editorial duties at the Birmingham Eccentric the following September.

He also worked as a staff writer for the News-Herald Newspapers, covering the downriver area, and the Spinal Column Newsweekly, a

northwest Oakland County paper.

Bauman, who is married and the father of two daughters, has served as director of the Birmingham YMCA and director of the Community House of downtown Birmingham Advisory Board, among numerous other civic positions.

Bauman is a graduate of the Zinger-Miller Front Line Leadership management program and was awarded a six-week professional internship to Japan by Rotary International.

Hermes-Smith, who is married and the mother of three children, graduated in 1977 with a bachelor's degree in journalism from

Oakland University. She is pursuing a master's degree in the teaching of writing through Eastern Michigan University.

Hermes-Smith taught journalism for Oakland University for 10 years. She has also worked as staff writer for the Rochester Clarion and the Daily Tribune in Royal Oak. She is a former copy editor for the Oakland Press and was the founding editor of The Source newspaper in Utica.

Hermes-Smith serves on the board of directors for the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce and she is a member of St. Trinity Lutheran Church in Clarkston.



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ROCHELLE SMITH

Road rage: Allow me to vent about madcap motorists

With all of the recent focus on "Road Rage," the aggressive driving habits of the American driver are being examined more closely. I have been conducting my own type of survey over the past two decades. Since, during most of that time, I have lived in the Clarkston/Waterford area and worked in Southfield, a considerable amount of time has been spent commuting back and forth. When you add the many trips to northern Michigan on weekends, it makes for a rather large amount of time observing driving habits. Over the years I have seen some rather strange things while "en route."

A while back, on my way to work, I had the unpleasant experience of encountering a berserk driver whose forehead had to have been tattooed with the words "Road Rage." Here's the story: I was attempting to merge into the turn lane on Telegraph to turn onto Square Lake Road. For about half a mile I traveled with my turn signal on, begging someone to let me into the turn lane. No one would give me enough room to squeeze in. When I reached the corner, I was still

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Everyone's a runner in this family

■ A Clarkston dad who followed his doctor's orders to get more exercise came to love running so much, his entire family caught his enthusiasm and joined him.

BY TOM SAWYER
SPECIAL WRITER

The old saying, "It runs in the family" definitely applies to the Babcock family of Clarkston.

Steve, Pam, Christina and Jason Babcock all participate in several running events throughout the year all over the state.

Steve Babcock was the first to start running. He began in 1991 for health reasons.

"I had high blood pressure and high cholesterol and the doctor said I had to get some regular exercise to get it down," said Steve Babcock, 42.

Babcock chose running as an exercise form because it fit into his schedule.

His mother-in-law then talked him into running in a 10K race with her at Clarkston's Fun Days in 1991.

"I did terrible," said Babcock. "I never ran that far before. It was a unique experience. It was interesting. I got to meet a lot of people who were into running."

Babcock's wife, Pam, and son, Jason, started coming to the races to cheer him on. It was then that they began to get interested in running and started to participate themselves.

It only seemed natural for Pam Babcock to take up running with her husband since they had met in 1980 when she taught aerobics at her mother's studio, Physical Harmony in Waterford. They were married in 1985.

According to Pam, she had to give up teaching aerobics after having their daughter Christina because it was just



PHOTO BY LEE SMITH

All in the family: Pam, Christina, Steve and Jason Babcock of Clarkston (left to right) make running a family affair.

too hard.

"With running, I could do it anytime and anywhere," said Pam Babcock, 36. "I never saw as many results from other exercise as I did with running."

Pam Babcock's first race was in Frankenmuth in 1991. While she admits to not training as hard as she used to because of injuries, she still runs and competes.

"I don't want to make it sound like my running caused my injuries because it didn't," said Pam. "A lot of people overtrain and that causes injuries. You have to listen to your body."

Pam and Steve run at least 30 races a year, said Babcock. "Pam, myself and Jason have run in about 75 races together. This summer we will all run together."

Christina Babcock, 10, usually competes in 15-and-under races and has placed in three of the six races. She finished in two second-place finishes and a third. She has beaten some teenagers.

"These guys (parents) got me started," said Christina Babcock. "I think it

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looks like fun."

Jason Babcock said his dad invited him to the Clarkston Fun Day race in 1993 and he hasn't stopped since. He runs for Walled Lake Central's track team and cross-country team. In cross country, Jason made it in the top 100 and the Walled Lake Central team finished seventh in the state finals.

"Ninety percent of the races he's (Jason) in, he places," said Babcock.

Pam agrees with her husband about Jason's running ability.

"Whenever he runs a race with us, he's really good. He doesn't raise a sweat. The first time he beat Steve. He hasn't lost to him (Steve) since seventh grade."

Jason said what he likes best about running is the recognition and the awards.

"Hearing your name called and having people talk about you, that's the best," said Jason, 17. "Being part of a team, too."

According to Pam and Steve, the whole family enjoys taking long weekends and going to running events in different parts of the state like Ludington, Traverse City, Grand Rapids or Mackinaw. One of their favorite races is the Old Kent Race in Grand Rapids.

"It is really something that

'It is really something that helps bond our family together. There are way too many families that don't have something that they can bond with.'

Steve Babcock
Clarkston runner

helps bond our family together," said Steve Babcock. "There are way too many families that don't have something that they can bond with. I run into a lot of people who wish they had an activity they could do together. We make a whole weekend out of it. It's also something Pam and I can relate to with our kids."

The Babcocks do a lot of their running throughout Clarkston along their own little routes. They also like to run at Independence Oaks where they use the hills and the trails. They also run at Indian Springs as well.

To stay in shape they lift weights and eat low-fat foods.

"We eat pretty healthy," said Pam. "We eat a lot of pasta the night before a race. We'll eat spaghetti. It makes a difference because it burns slowly."

The Babcocks also drink a lot of water and eat a lot of venison because of its low fat as a red meat. They also try to get a good night's sleep before a run.

"Water is the key," said Jason. "I drink a gallon a day."

The training and diet have paid off for them. Pam has 85 trophies, awards, plaques, ribbons and medals, while Steve has 20. Jason has about 35 and Christina has three.

Pam Babcock says Steve doesn't have as many trophies because of the competitiveness of his age group, where there are lots of people who were once all-state track and cross country athletes who can run almost five-minute miles.

As far as goals go, they all want to eventually run in a marathon, but each member of the family has his or her own goals as well.

"My goal is to beat my mom and brother," said Christina.

"I just want to place in every race," said Jason.

Pam and Steve Babcock's goals are a little different.

"Running a race has no age limit," said Steve. "God willing, your bodies hold out and you can keep doing it. I know when we retire we plan on going to a run in every state."

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in the "thru lane" begging for entrance into the turn lane. Since the turn lane instantly splits into two lanes at the corner, I carefully started entering the added lane. Just as I was entering the turn lane, a white pick-up truck from the original turn lane decided to enter the added lane. Since I was right next to him and had a curb between me and the thru lane, I sped up and got out of his way by getting in front of him.

Although this maneuver had only delayed him slightly, he proceeded to be upset about it for miles. From my rear-view mir-

ror I could see him making hand gestures and vocalizing at me for quite a while. Once he was able to get next to me, he rolled down his window and made the gestures and vocalizing much more obvious. He then proceeded to get in front of me and slow down, with his arm out the window, just to be sure I was fully aware of his dismay. Since I was trying very hard to ignore all of these gestures, he seemed to feel the need to keep this up for about five miles, just to get his point across.

The next day, on my way to work, I was careful not to fall into the same situation. I started trying to merge into the turn

lane about two miles before my turn. My good intentions resulted in a man flashing his lights at me because he felt I was going too slow in the "thru lane." Of course, I guess I was. I was going only 5 mph over the speed limit. How rude of me!

I'm taking this opportunity to speak out on behalf of decent drivers because it has been my recent experience that Road Rage drivers speak out (often right out the car window) on behalf of themselves.

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

Mothers of special children often act as dream keepers

One of the most vivid memories I have from my mentally retarded daughter's youth has less to do with her mind than with my own. She was 5 at the time of this particular memory — and though I had parented her daily for the entirety of those five years, I still had not come to terms with her disabilities in that length of time.

During those first five years, despite her obvious limitations, a little gremlin lived within me, pushing me into the hope that "normal" existed just beyond the next doctor's visit, or the next operation, or the next year's worth of intensive schooling.

How I dreamed, as every mother does, of the day that she would get a job, have her own apartment, drive her own car — indeed, cook her own meals or even brush her own teeth.

My thinking was understandable, I guess, for the things that were "amiss" with her — and there were many — unraveled themselves over time, much like the layered skins of an onion.

I would just get a handle on the fact that she had kidney problems when I would learn she had vision problems. Then I would come to terms with those only to find out that she was en route to losing her ability to walk, and so on through a long list of body functions.

Along with my husband and other family members, I dealt as best I could with each crisis as it presented itself and fell ever more in love with her as she conquered the obstacles and challenges that one-by-one befell her.

Frequently, she inspired me with her courage.

But, I digress.



CAROLYN WALKER

On the occasion of my vivid memory, she was but a little girl, nestled in a car seat beside me, the size of a 2-year-old toddler, unable to speak more than a few words and on her way to a hearing test.

As it happened, a special education bus, taking adult residents from a neighboring group home to their jobs, pulled in front of our vehicle that day. As we drove along, my daughter gazed out the window at the beautiful spring weather that surrounded us. And I, looking at the misshapen adult heads that bobbed aimlessly in the bus's window, gazed off into our future.

And then I wept for what I realized she could never be. For what I could not know. For what I was powerless to do.

And time passed.

Before I knew it, she was a young woman with a young woman's body and even some of a young woman's yearnings. This year, come June, she will graduate — albeit late — from high school and the security that our school system has provided all these years.

Come July, she will turn 21. Last week, acting on the advice of doctors, I took her for

her most recent in a lifetime of medical tests. A sleep study to determine whether she stops breathing in the night.

I walked her, arm-in-arm as we usually walk these days because of her leg problems, into the familiar setting of a hospital and she carried with her, under her arm as she almost always has, her beloved Cabbage Patch doll.

She learned a long time ago that a doll helps keep her fears at bay. And no amount of growing up is ever going to change that.

I sat on the bed that doubled as a technician's lab and watched while yet another stranger hooked her up to a series of machines that would monitor her breathing, her brain waves, her heart beats, her pulse rhythms.

And I sat with the technician into the wee hours of morning, watching with him as he observed her on a television screen — evaluating the signals that came from her body — cuddling her doll innocently in her sleep.

He told me, after observing her all night, that my daughter is a restless sleeper who awakens frequently; and that she spends very little time in the rapid eye movement stage of sleep. That means she spends very little time dreaming.

It is not surprising. Somewhere along the line — and I couldn't tell you when that was — I took over the task of dreaming for her. That task has kept me up nights, too.

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

NOTABLES

Army Pvt. Lyle B. Black II has graduated from One Station Unit Training (OSUT) at Fort Knox, Ky. The training combines basic military training and advanced individual training.

Black is the son of Lyle B. Black of Clarkston and Tamara Black of West Bloomfield. The first eight weeks of initial

entry training (IET) include drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

During the final seven weeks, soldiers receive advanced individual training (AIT) as cavalry scouts. The training includes subjects and instructions to oper-

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CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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FRIDAY, FEB. 13

MYSTERY TRIP

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Independence Township Senior Center. Day will include motor coach transportation to somewhere, a wonderful meal somewhere, and a day filled with fun doing something that you probably haven't done before. \$41 resident, \$43 non-resident. Registrations now being accepted on a first come/first served basis. Call 625-2468.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

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

SATURDAY, FEB. 14

VALENTINE CONTEST

Held at Independence Township Library for middle school students. Cash in on your heart's desire and win a \$20 "Bag-O-Bucks" cash prize. All entries will be displayed at the library and judged on creativity and

innovation by appropriate jurors. Rules are available at the library. Call Anne Rose at 625-2212 for additional information.

ANIMAL FOLKS AND FAMILIES

1:30 - 4 p.m. Independence Oaks Nature Center. Program investigates how animal parents teach their young lessons of safety and survival. Geared to age 6-8, the program includes games, crafts, slides and a snack plus make a "wild" valentine for someone special. Cost: \$10 per child. Registration required. Call (248) 625-6473, TDD (248) 858-1684 or (888) OCPARKS.

ANIMAL AMORE

1 p.m. Indian Springs Metropark. Touching examples of "romance" in the animal kingdom (such as a male opossum drooling in order to attract a mate) will be discussed. Includes a stroll to see if "love is in the air." Registration required. Call (248) 625-7280 or 1-800-477-3192.

SUNDAY, FEB. 15

SHAKESPEARE ON SUNDAY

1:30 p.m. Henry V. Introductions to set the scene. Comfortable chairs. Refreshments. Free. Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road.

THE GREAT RODENT EXPEDITION

2 p.m. Indian Springs Metropark. Rodents are amazing. Presentation and hike. Ages 8 and up. Registration required. Call (248) 625-7280 or 1-800-477-3192.

TUESDAY, FEB. 17

PARENT NETWORK

7 - 9 p.m. A gathering place to get new parenting ideas, support and encouragement. Open dialog and discussion about topics that

concern anyone who parents. Held at Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. For additional information, call 625-4855.

THROUGH MARCH

VATICAN II-HISTORY & DOCUMENTS

6-9 p.m., Feb. 17 and March 3, 10, 17 & 24. St. Daniel's Cushing Center, 7010 Valley Park in Clarkston. For anyone interested in knowing more about the meaning and impact of the Second Vatican Council. Fee: \$5 per session plus \$14 if book is desired. Call (248) 625-1750.

THURSDAY, FEB. 19

CLARKSTON COMMUNITY WOMEN'S CLUB

7:30 p.m. Topic: How to Cope with Change. Speaker: Catharine Mather-Colcarnian, M.A. — counselor and consultant for corporations and individuals. Business meeting first, program follows. For more information, call Gail at 623-9462 or 335-6986.

FRIDAY, FEB. 20

KID'S WINTER STAR-GAZERS

7 p.m. Indian Springs Metropark. Young galaxy-groupies can bring a white or light colored T-shirt (for creating cosmic constellations) to this program and then prepare for blast-off as they view the stars outdoors (if Houston reports clear skies). Families only — no Scouts please. Fee: \$1 per person. Registration required. Call (248) 625-7280 or 1-800-477-3192.

Fighting teen drug use takes working together

Adolescence has always been a time of risk-taking. Surviving the risks is what helps us move from childhood to adulthood, right? Many of today's parents are baby-boomers who walked their own tight-rope of adolescent drug use to one degree or another. So what's the big deal?

In the 1990s, the risks are riskier. Today's marijuana is up to 25 times more potent than it was in the 1960s. That means it's more addictive and more destructive to a youth's or employee's motivational level. (Did you know that in Colonial times, marijuana was used by slave owners to keep slaves docile and less likely to escape?) Containing more than 200 carcinogens, smoking the average joint is equal to 5-10 regular cigarettes in terms of cancer risk. Twelve to 17-year-olds who smoke marijuana are 85 times more likely to progress to using cocaine, than those who do not smoke marijuana. Two months ago, we were shocked by the accidental heroin overdose deaths of two white suburban 20-year-olds in a neighboring community. Heroin is no longer just an inner city street drug — it is now a suburban party drug. Friends, we're not in Kansas anymore, and this isn't the 1960s anymore.

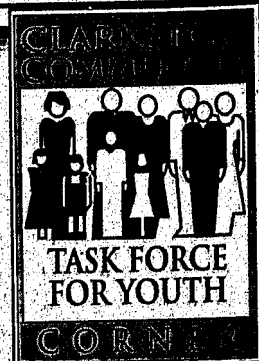
With its natural beauty, suburban convenience, historic charm, quality schools, and quality people, Clarkston is a wonderful place to live. But we can't let that "Norman Rockwell" image of ourselves blind us to truth. And the truth is that our

youth face the dangers of the American drug culture every day in Clarkston, Michigan! It isn't happening on street corners—it's happening behind closed doors, or in a car, or at a "friend's" house.

Once we have the courage to face this truth, there is hope. Research has shown, that by working together — communi-

■ And the truth is that our youth face the dangers of the American drug culture every day in Clarkston, Michigan!

unified approach to address the needs of youth in the community. The double message — that youth are valued, and that drug use is wrong and dangerous — can be reinforced in dozens of ways through the daily lives of kids. But the key is to have the various sectors of the community working together and reinforcing these messages to kids and parents in many different ways. This is the mission of a community coalition such as the Clarkston Community Task Force for Youth.



What do you think? Do you want to be part of the solution? Do you want to inform yourself on the issues and help to bring about a positive change in accepted community norms? There is no "magic packet" or single program that will turn things around. But together, we can make a difference! Symbolically, each of us needs to stand up and check our own pockets.

In practical terms, we ask you to drop some loose change in a "Change-for-Change '98" canister you see in a local business during the month of February. It doesn't have to be a huge effort on the part of just a few people, but rather a small effort on the part of a lot of people. Begin by making eye contact with youth you meet, smile, call them by name, start a conversation. You may be surprised by the warmth, wisdom, fears, hopes and dreams you discover there.

It's really not about money, programs or buildings — it's about relationships.

To learn more about the Clarkston Community Task Force for Youth, check out our website at www.clarkstonyouth.org or call us at 394-0252.

YOUTH APPRECIATION AWARDS

The Optimist Club of the Clarkston Area honored a dozen elementary students and 20 secondary students in January during its annual Youth Appreciation Breakfasts at Clarkston Creek Country Club.

The youth were recognized for their good citizenship and genuine caring for other students, contributions to community and/or school life, an optimistic attitude and sense of commit-

ment to tasks and values, and scholastic achievement.

Following are the elementary students: Bradley Rowe and Christy Teichman, Andersonville Elementary; Trevor Johns and Bliss Bridgewater, Bailey Lake; Brad Herron and Jennifer Stanton, Clarkston Elementary; Franklin Kramer and Jennifer Titworth, North Sashabaw; Tomas Escamilla and Abby Shegos, Pine Knob;

and Andy Pauwels and Anna Kerr, Springfield Plains.

Following are the secondary students: Bethany Gozdziak, Victoria Lauzun, Jeffery Steele and Michael Wood, Clarkston Middle School; Stacy Coburn, Ryan Coccolone, Grant Gilford and Siri Zimmerman, Sashabaw Middle School; Adam Paul Bellefeuil and Amber L. Lang, Oakland Technical Center; Dennis

Mosher and Angela Stiles, Renaissance High School; seniors Dustin Brown and Jamie Youness, juniors Steven Bradford, and Jenny Mizusawa, sophomores Kenny Leonard and Carrie Phillips, freshmen Joe Christopher and Lindsay Fogleman, Clarkston High School.

OBITUARIES

Louis John Wummel

Louis John Wummel of Davison, formerly of Clarkston, died Feb. 7, 1998, at age 74.

Mr. Wummel was retired from Bowman Chevrolet.

He is survived by his wife, Joan; sons, Allen (Darlene) of Oxford and Mark (Paula) of Waterford; daughter, Lori Konkle of Oxford; and eight grandchildren. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home in Clarkston. Interment was at Ortonville Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, P. O. Box 721129, Berkeley 48072.

William R. Powell

William R. Powell of Clarkston died Feb. 7, 1998, at age 54.

Mr. Powell was employed by the GM Orion Plant and was a veteran of the Vietnam War, having served in the U.S. Army. He was a member of Waterford Community Church.

He is survived by his wife, Jane; sons, Keenan (Krysty), Kyle and Clinton; and daughters, Kecia (Verl) Poole and Kammy; mother, Daisy Powell; sisters, Ada Fehrenbach and Jill Costello; brothers, Frank (Bev) David (Vicki), Jack (Alice) and Sam.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home in Clarkston. Interment was at Ottawa Park Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Waterford Community Church or Clarkston High School Athletic Booster Club.

John David Golec

John David Golec of Clarkston, formerly of Detroit, died Feb. 5, 1998, at age 46.

Mr. Golec was employed by Ford Motor Co. in skilled trades and was a former Marine.

He is survived by his wife, Georgette; sons, Jeffery, Gordon and Shane, all of Clarkston; father, John; mother-in-law, Karin Ryniak of Detroit; sisters,

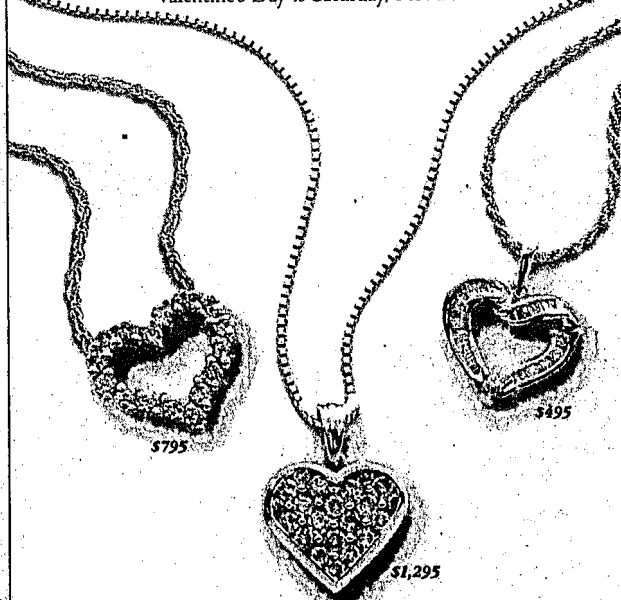
Sophia Waldo of Hamtramck and Helene Papidas of Canada; and brothers, Joseph (Yvette) of Indiana and Dan (Debbie) of Sterling Heights and brother-in-law Robert Ryniak of Clinton Township.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home in Clarkston. A funeral mass was held at St. Daniel Catholic Church in Clarkston with the Rev. Paul Chateau officiating.

Memorials may be made to the family to be used for medical expenses.

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Olde Worlde Canterbury Village hosts 5th annual Winter Carnival

Michigan's winter just took a turn for the better out Lake Orion way. If you want a well-deserved respite during this long bleak stretch between January and spring, you'll find it at the Olde World Canterbury Village's fourth annual Winter Carnival, Feb. 13-22. It's all part and parcel of the communitywide activities taking place that week during the Lake Orion area's annual winter celebrations.

Canterbury Village is a special fairy-tale setting, and it will be filled with detailed, fairy-tale-themed ice carvings.

Professional ice carvers will be working hard to impress you with the very best of their transitory craftsmanship. This year it's all for a worthy cause, the Michigan Make-A-Wish Foundation.

"The Winter Carnival here has been growing and each year it just keeps getting better," said

Stan Aldridge, who developed the 21-acre Canterbury Village site on Joslyn Road. "We expect to have between 30 and 40 ice sculptures on display here."

Aldridge's idea of a Winter Carnival was shaped by the winter frolics in Quebec, Canada.

"When my kids played hockey, we had to travel there often," he said. "They have some fabulous winter events up there and I'd like to capture some of that same enjoyment of life here."

That's not hard to do at the Canterbury Village site, which is in itself a most unique setting for shopping and dining. In addition to three major tents, each with its own specific fairy tale ice-carving theme for viewing, and three spectacular Wishing

Wells, the King's Court Castle Restaurant and all of the Village shops and boutiques will provide warm welcomes to browsing visitors.

Visitors can make a contribution to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan at the Wishing Well of their choice, and the ice carver who worked on the the Wishing Well which raises the most donations will receive a trophy.

Olde World Canterbury Village is the perfect place to view the professionally hand-carved ice sculptures, and the annual Winter Carnival has been attracting a growing crowd each year. Last season, almost 50,000 attended.

Historic, and artistic attractions

That castle-like development which dominates the landscape on Joslyn Road, just a short stretch up from I-75, is every bit as impressive as it looks as you whiz by. It's worth a stop.

Designated a historical location by the state of Michigan, Olde World Canterbury Village is more than an eclectic collection of unique shops, boutiques and dining pleasures. The development has come alive from what was once known as Wildwood Farm, owned by publishing Magnate William E. Scripps and dates back past the turn of the last century.

The look and feel of the nouveau-style old world castle's

charms are quite real, however. Contained within its reconstructions are many art and architectural treasures, from antique leaded-glass windows, doors, panelings and even accent wood carvings from a 16th century English castle. Around the grounds are a beautiful imported Italian street lamps, a 19th century reproduction German carousel and matching children's ferris wheel and train, which operate seasonally.

While shopping in the Canterbury Store, you're surrounded by wood paneling gleaned from the original and historic Lloyd's of London offices. In the Toy Store is a unique Tiffany Wisteria etched glass window, originally created for a church in Cincinnati nearly 100 years ago. If you like your treasures closer to home, the magnificent 1924 chandelier from the Michigan Theater in Detroit still casts its glow in the King's Court Castle Restaurant.

Developer Stan Aldridge has mixed in his own personal collection of intricate models of world class ocean vessels, as well, all artfully displayed on antique European tables. He maintains many contacts with collectors around the world.

"We keep current with what's available on the market, and I have many items yet in storage which will make great additions. Right now I'm looking for a place to put in an entire room, preserved from the magnificent old ocean liner Mauritania," Aldridge said.

It's the kind of atmosphere that lends a distinct world-class touch to the old Wildwood Farm.

Multi-millionaire Scripps would still feel quite at home.



The icemen cometh

Gary Elzerman

A native of Lake Orion, Elzerman, 31, has helped plan and organize the Olde World Canterbury Village Winter Carnival for the past five years. At the first Winter Carnival, Elzerman started with 13 blocks of ice to create Canterbury's first Ice Castle. This year's castle will consist of 150 blocks of ice and weigh about 30 tons. Elzerman has competed at the professional level for seven years and has won many awards. In addition to ice carvings, Elzerman is becoming well-known for his creative wood sculptures, and especially for his collection of bear carvings. He travels to clients' homes and can carve just about anything a client desires. Elzerman can also be seen carving his sculptures at Olde World Canterbury Village, spring through fall seasons.

J.R. Lorentz

J.R. Lorentz of Garden City is a 1995 graduate of Henry Ford Community College, where he earned his associate of Science Degree in Culinary Arts. Henry Ford Community College is where Lorentz first learned ice sculpting. While attending, he was president of Henry Ford Community College's Ice Carving Club. Upon graduation, Lorentz fulfilled his dream of carving for a living, and opened his business, J.R.'s Ice Sculptures, a full service company that supplies ice sculptures, ice punchbowls, and carving blocks in the tri-county area. His studio is located in downtown Plymouth. As an active member of the National Ice Carving Association, Lorentz has participated in several ice carving competitions and festivals. Some of the ice festivals he is involved with include: Plymouth Ice Spectacular, Zehnder's Snow Fest, Canterbury Village, Milford and Royal Oak just to name a few. Lorentz has been very successful in ice carving competitions. In 1997 Lorentz won first place at the "Great Lakes Ice Carving Competition", Syscos "taking it to the Ice", and The Michigan Restaurant Association's Ice Carving Competition. Lorentz has also places in the top three at several competitions nationwide. Lorentz has traveled across the United States demonstrating the art of ice sculpting and his ultimate dream is to compete in the 2002 Winter Olympics Ice Sculptures Competition.

Matthew B. Cooper

Matthew B. Cooper, a native of Fenton, has been an ice carver for 15 years and competitive as a professional for six years. Matthew has been competitive in numerous events like the Plymouth International Ice Spectacular where his team took first place. He has also competed in Fairbanks Alaska in the U.S. Olympic Tryouts. Matthew has previously placed in the top five in several area competitions. Matthew is a member of the National Ice Carvers Association and the American Culinary Federation.

A Festival of Ice

Canterbury Village filled with fairy tales and wishing wells

Chef turned carver makes art from ice

That centerpiece carving of a castle in ice at the Olde World Canterbury Village Winter Carnival keeps getting more intricate, more detailed and bigger each year.

It's a perfect match for some of the dreams of its creator, Gary Elzerman.

The 31-year-old Lake Orion

Lake Orion's master carver cooks up a dream

much so that Gary has given up his cooking to do his carvings full-time.

"The hours are a lot better," he said, grinning.

Ice carving is a specialized facet of food preparation, he points out as he explains how he got into the field. "The chef is responsible not only for the food, but its presentation and eye-appeal, as well. When you think about it, there's a great deal of 'shaping' involved in being a chef — from arranging vegetables and colors, to molding pate's and even chocolate. It's a beautiful form of art and I found out I had an artistic outlook."

Elzerman comes by his cooking interest from a restaurant back-



Ice is nice: Chef and entrepreneur and ice carver Gary Elzerman is heading up the ice carving for the coming weeks winter carnival at Olde World Canterbury Village.

ground. His mom and dad owned the Polish Princess restaurant in the Lake Orion area for many years. He still lends a hand now and then helping his dad, who now operates Preferred Catering.

And Elzerman did his very first ice carvings while still a student chef.

"It was an eagle atop a globe, sort of like the Marine Corps emblem," he said, adding, "it was a bit rough, but I think I got a 'B' (grade) for it in the class. I fascinated me though, and I guess I

had the right outlook."

One of his most intricate and detailed works was a life-size Harley-Davidson motorcycle in ice, done at the Plymouth Ice Spectacular three years ago. "It was a crowd-pleaser, and I still have pictures of it," he said.

Ice carving may not produce long-lasting works of beauty (especially in Michigan's changeable weather), but Elzerman loves the artistry involved and is setting his sights high.

Are there any top shows or hopes he'd like to try?

"Well, Fairbanks, Alaska has the largest and most prestigious ice-carving show in North America — and ice carving will gain world-wide recognition at this year's winter Olympics, for the first time as a Medalist sport," he says. "I'd like to try for the U.S. team."

Elzerman is married. He and wife, Paula, have a son, Connor.

If you have a dream you'd like to see carved in ice or wood, he can be reached at (248) 814-0395.

Carnival to aid terminally-ill children

Wishing Well to benefit Make-a-Wish

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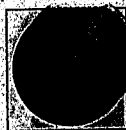
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Huskies stake claim to share of lead



■ Last month, Clarkston went down to Pontiac and handed Northern a loss on its home court. Tuesday, the Huskies returned the favor.

BY BRAD KADRACH
SPORTS EDITOR

When Clarkston and Pontiac Northern met in January, the Wolves went to Pontiac and stole a nail-biter from Northern on the Huskies' home floor.

Tuesday night, the Huskies returned the favor. Northern's Rashad Moore scored 18 points and handed out six assists, and was involved in most of the game's big plays as the Huskies (12-3 overall, 7-1 Oakland Activities Association Division I) claimed a half-game lead on Clark-

ston (12-2, 6-1) in the OAA race with a 61-54 win at The Jungle.

Dane Fife led all scorers with 23 points, but it wasn't enough to overcome key turnovers and missed free-throw opportunities down the stretch.

"There was just a bad aura about that game," said Clarkston head coach Dan Fife, whose Wolves went into the game as the state's top-ranked team. "That first period, it felt like we just dominated the game, but we were only ahead by three points. We got a little bit fat, and they started

making some shots, and we forgot how we got here, maybe."

Despite the final margin, the game was every bit as close as the thriller in Pontiac, which the Wolves won on a buzzer-beater by Brad Phalen. A couple of late turnovers gave the Huskies chances at easy baskets, and Northern's Nucleus Smith put the final exclamation point on the win with a dunk with four seconds left.

The Wolves led early, fell behind late and tried to play catch-up. But every time Clarkston got something going, Moore had an answer. For instance:

■ Clarkston's Mike Maitrott hit a 3-pointer with 2:47 left that pulled the Wolves within one, 53-52. The shot hit the heel of the rim, popped straight up in the air and dropped through.

But Moore came up with a 3-pointer of his own 30 seconds later, draining one from the left corner to restore a four-point lead.

■ Fife was hammered by two Huskies outside the 3-point arc with 12.7 seconds left. The Clarkston bench wanted a shooting foul called, but the referees ruled Fife hadn't taken the shot.

"I thought his feet were up," Dan Fife said. "But the referees didn't cost us the game."

Instead, Fife went to the line, shooting 1-and-1, missed the front end and watched as Moore came up with the rebound.

■ Moore was fouled by Justin Dionne on the play and buried both free throws at the other end to put the game out of reach.

"Hey, Northern played a heckuva game tonight," Fife said. "You have to give their kids all the credit in the world."

Clarkston took the lead early, 7-1, with Fife and Angelo Taylor scoring all

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Dan Fife
—Clarkston coach

seven points. The Wolves led 13-10 at the end of the first quarter, but by half-time the Huskies had claimed a 27-26 advantage. The teams traded baskets through the early part of the third quarter, but Clarkston took a four-point lead, 36-32, on the best shot of the evening: a rim-rocking dunk of an offensive rebound by Taylor, who was following a Dane Fife miss.

But the Huskies outscored Clarkston 13-6 the rest of the way to take a 45-42 lead after three periods. Fife scored on a baseline drive and Taylor hit a free throw in the opening minutes of the fourth to tie it 45-45, but Northern's Reginald Daniel hit an 18-footer to give the Huskies a 47-45 lead, and Northern never trailed again.

"We turned the ball over a ton and we didn't make our free throws, and you just can't do that," Fife said afterward. "Northern was definitely the better team tonight."

Taylor wasn't a factor in the first game, finishing with just two points after getting into foul trouble. But he was a major factor Tuesday, scoring 14 points and pulling down 16 rebounds. Dionne hit a pair of 3-pointers and scored 10 points.

Smith scored 16 and Mychal Covington chipped in 14 for the Huskies.

Clarkston hosts Rochester Adams Friday, then travels to Flint Northern Tuesday. Both games are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. starts.



Photo by BOB KNOX

Sky high: Clarkston's Mike Maitrott (20) goes to the hole over Mychal Covington of Pontiac Northern during the Wolves' 61-54 loss to the Huskies Tuesday.



Photo by BOB KNOX

Cutting loose: Clarkston's Angelo Taylor (31) gets past Pontiac Northern's Nucleus Smith (10) and Mychal Covington, but his Wolves couldn't get by the Huskies in a 61-54 loss.

Aggressive Wolves ice Lahser, 8-3

BY MIKE SCOTT
SPECIAL WRITER

Clarkston tried a new approach in its hockey game against Bloomfield Hills Lahser Friday. Playing aggressively from the opening faceoff.

The approach worked as the Wolves jumped out to an early lead en route to an 8-3 win over Lahser. For the past number of weeks, Clarkston had struggled much of the time in the opening period, a trait which had frustrated head coach Rick Rowden.

"It was a good first period for us," he said. "We did a good job of concentrating at both ends of the rink early

on." Bret Postal recorded his 12th goal of the season with 7:14 to play in the first period and Derek Hool added another two minutes later to put the Wolves (15-5-1, 13-2 Suburban) up 2-0 after the first period. It was a period in which Clarkston allowed only three shots on goal.

The second period was a bit sloppier on both sides, according to Rowden. Lahser managed 10 shots on goal, and put two by starting goalie Steve Badger to cut the Clarkston lead back to 4-2.

But Ron Wells quelled any momentum Lahser might have gained from those

scores with over a minute to play in the second period. He picked up a loose puck near center ice and used a pair of his teammates as decoys, scoring an unassisted goal to reestablish a three-goal cushion for Clarkston. For all intents and purposes, that goal iced the game.

"It was a great goal and a great play," said Clarkston assistant coach Glenn MacDonald. "You could see the wind come out (Lahser's) sails when he scored it."

Andy Cote and John Beemis also scored in the second period, as did Postal, who added his second tally of the contest. Center Ryan Peters

had scored twice within a 30-second span midway through the second period, continuing his torrid scoring pace for the year.

MacDonald also praised the play of junior co-captain D.J. Thomas, who finished with four assists, and defenseman Adam Leech, who added three. In all, the Wolves combined for 13 assists.

"We were working the puck around pretty well on Friday," MacDonald said. "A lot of the goals came as a result of unselfish play."

Rowden said he challenged his team to allow no more than two shots on goal per

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Grapplers maintain focus as OAA nears

BY BRAD KADRACH
SPORTS EDITOR

With Rochester Adams in the rearview mirror and the Oakland Activities Association Division I wrestling meet on the horizon, it would have been easy for Clarkston to overlook four teams that looked like easy marks.

It didn't happen. The Wolves took care of their business last week, handing losses to four different teams over two nights and cementing their spot as the team to beat when the OAA gets

together Friday at Troy Athens.

Clarkston pounded Troy and Hazel Park Wednesday, then came right back and hammered Royal Oak Kimball and Orchard Lake St. Mary's in tuneups for the league meet.

Six Wolves — Ryan L'Amoreaux, A.J. Grant, Dave Welanko, Aaron Sailor, Andy Auten and Pat Degain — each picked up four victories as Clarkston coasted in all four meets.

"I was pleased," Clarkston coach Mike DeGain said. "Everyone wres-

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Wolves claim OAA ski titles

BY BRAD KADRACH
SPORTS EDITOR

The competition between Clarkston and Rochester Adams has been close throughout the prep ski season, so there was no reason to think it would be any different at Monday's Oakland Activities Association Division I meet at Pine Knob.

Clarkston put all six of its boys in the top 14, and the girls claimed four medals, as the Wolves edged the Highlanders in both the boys' and girls' races. Clarkston beat Adams 10-13 in the girls' race, 10-17 in the boys' race.

The boys won four of six flights, while the girls claimed the top spot in three of the six. It continued excellent seasons for both teams.

"I expected the girls to do real well because they're real strong right now with a lot of depth," said Clarkston coach Bruce Rosengren. "I was a little surprised about the boys, but I don't think Adams threw all their top guys at us. On any given day, anybody can

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Bruce Rosengren
—Clarkston ski coach

take anybody else in that league. We weren't afraid of Adams by any means, I expected the boys to do real well and they did."

Kristen Atkinson, who decided to postpone needed knee surgery until after the high school season, continued a superb year. She was the overall champion, leading a pack of four Wolves to medals. Teammate Megan Whipp finished fifth, while Gretchen Pitzer and Nicole Villiere also earned medals.

"Kristen has had a real good season," Rosengren said. "She was injured, but we talked about that early on that we didn't want to use that as an excuse. She's not 100 percent, but even at 95

percent she's one of the best in the state."

The Wolves used their tightly-grouped pack to earn medals for all six of their skiers. Rob Allyn finished third overall, behind Asa Sherwood of Birmingham Seaholm and Adams' Scott Bell. Dave Whipp was fourth for Clarkston, while Ryan Sroggi finished eighth, Brad Villiere was 10th, Russ Parrott 13th and Jeremy Parrott 14th.

"Rob Allyn has really stepped up and taken a leadership position, and so has Dave Whipp," Rosengren said. "The boys are grouped so tightly together that even if one of them wins, the others are so close it's hard for other teams to get in there."

Next up for the Wolves: the Southeastern Michigan Ski League regionals, set for today (Thursday) at Mt. Holly.

"To me, regionals is probably the most important meet of the season," Rosengren said. "You have to do well at regionals to get to state. Getting to

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Photo by BOB KNOX

Downhill from here: Clarkston's Megan Whipp flies down the slope, helping Clarkston's girls win the Oakland Activities Association Division I title Monday at Pine Knob.

Netters have their chances, then let Adams off the hook

BY MIKE SCOTT
SPECIAL WRITER

It would have required a near-perfect night for Clarkston to have won Monday's Oakland Activities Association Division I volleyball match at Rochester Adams.

Despite playing well defensively throughout much of the match, the Wolves lost to the first-place Highlanders 15-11, 15-11. With the victory, Adams (22-2-3, 9-0 OAA I) clinched at least a share of the division championship. It was the second consecutive league loss for Clarkston.

Down one set, the Wolves led through much of the second game, taking a 10-8 lead with strong passing and defense. But that's when the Highlanders Nadia Bedricky, one of the county's most talented outside hitters, came out of her slump. She recorded two kills, two solo blocks and one ace down the stretch.

Clarkston head coach Gordie Richardson said his squad needed to play with more mental toughness to have beaten Adams and felt the Wolves lost their focus at points in the match.

"We have to play with hustle all the time against every team," Richardson said. "We don't have the physical guns to keep up with (some teams) so we need that mental focus. We proved we can play with them, and I don't think there's any reason we can't beat (the Highlanders)."

The Wolves utilized a slightly different starting lineup after losing to West Bloomfield Feb. 4 and struggling at Garber in a tournament over the weekend. Sophomore Kara Bergkoetter was inserted into the rotation and played the entire game, because according to Richardson she played better than any of his other outside hitters over the weekend.

Bergkoetter was a spark for Clarkston (15-15-3, 5-5). She and

senior middle hitter Georgia Senkyr combined on three consecutive kills midway through the second set and Bergkoetter's second ace of the match put the Wolves up 6-2. But Clarkston was unable to put the Highlanders away.

Two aces by Adams' Abbey Grimm cut the Clarkston lead to 8-6 before the Highlanders were able to regain the lead.

Things started poorly for Clarkston to start the match. They came out sloppy in the first set, falling behind 4-0, but Bergkoetter stopped the run. Senkyr's block kill cut the Adams lead to 5-4, but the host Highlanders went on a 7-1 run, led by the blocking of 6-foot-2 junior middle hitter Erica Williams.

The Wolves, though, weren't done yet. Senkyr blocked Bedricky on consecutive points and, minutes later, her ace brought Clarkston to within 13-9. Williams then finished the set out with two kills.

Rochester Adams head coach Chris Nuss said her squad played consistent in both sets and was pleased with her team's performance. Still, she is searching for a killer instinct.

Nuss was impressed with the play of Senkyr, who finished with seven solo blocks, seven digs and four kills.

"(Senkyr) is a dominant player," Nuss said. "They don't have a lot of height, but she seems to

be all over the court. I knew she was a strong player and wasn't surprised by the number of blocks she had."

Bergkoetter finished with five kills and was 12-of-14 serving with a pair of aces for the Wolves. She was surprised by the fact Richardson left her in the entire match, and was pleased by the confidence he showed in her.

"I'm happy our offense was going through me," she said. "I think we could have won if we had worked harder for more balls."

Hope Manuel, a senior setter, also played well for the Wolves.

Richardson felt his team had a good opportunity to beat the Highlanders, who were sitting some of their top hitters, including 6-foot Jackie Flumerfelt, for disciplinary reasons.

"We didn't face their 'A' team today, but they might be even better with the lineup they used," Richardson said.

Adams and Clarkston both struggled in serving, particularly in the second set. The Wolves' troubles kept them from pulling away as three of their first six serves went into the net. Richardson said he wanted to serve at certain players who were on the court for Adams, but on too many occasions those players were not forced to receive the serve.

"Just a mental breakdown," he said. "We can't afford to do that."



PHOTO BY BOB KNOX

Wolf attack: Clarkston's Kelly Hanna (left) and Amber Mitchell go to the net during the Wolves' 15-11, 15-11 loss to Rochester Adams Monday night.

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state is our biggest goal, and to do that we have to be in the top three at regionals."

■ Feb. 5 — Girls 1st, boys 2nd at divisional: In the SEMSL Pine Knob Divisional at Pine Knob, Atkinson was first in the giant slalom and third in the slalom to lead the girls to the win over Bloomfield Hills Lahser.

Atkinson led the way in giant slalom, followed by teammates Laura Pope in fourth, Megan

Whipp in seventh and Gretchen Ritsler in eighth. Atkinson "bobbled a little at the top" of the slalom and finished third, followed by Whipp in fifth and Ritsler in eighth.

The boys finished second to Rochester Adams. Dave Whipp finished fifth in the slalom, and was sixth in giant slalom. Srogi finished seventh and Allyn eighth in giant slalom.

Clarkston skiers won 11 of the 40 available medals at the meet.

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bled well, and we came out of it relatively unscathed. It was a good week, and without any injuries it was even better."

After the emotional win over Rochester Adams, the Wolves turned their attention to last week's opponents before finally aiming at the OAA meet Friday.

"This was our first wrestling after the Adams win," DeGain said. "I think there were a couple guys who weren't as focused, but you're always going to have guys at some point who have a let-down. You just hope it doesn't happen at the wrong time. As a team, we did pretty well."

■ Clarkston 55, Troy 17: Clarkston got pins in the first four matches, and six pins overall, as they beat the Colts.

L'Amoreaux, Brian Chism, Grant and Welanko each won by pin to get things started for the Wolves. Auten and Josh Lafferty also won by pin. Sailor won by major decision and Chris Gomez won a decision. Pat DeGain (189) and Bubba Clement (215) each got a void to round out Clarkston's scoring.

■ Clarkston 63, Hazel Park 12: L'Amoreaux, Grant, Ryan McAleer and Welanko got Clarkston going with victories in the meet's first four matches.

Other winners for the Wolves: Sailor, Kevin Turnbull (by void

at 145), Auten, Lafferty, DeGain (by pin at 189), Clement (by pin at 215) and Robinson (by void at heavyweight).

■ Clarkston 51, Royal Oak Kimball 12: The meet didn't have much suspense, but it did feature a couple of big wins for Clarkston wrestlers.

Andy Auten beat Kimball's Nick High, who was an all-stater a year ago, by pinfall in their match at 152. And Matt Edwards got one of his biggest wins, stopping Chad Yurich 6-3 at 171 pounds. Yurich was sixth at the Oakland County meet in December.

Other winners for Clarkston included L'Amoreaux, Chism, McAleer, Welanko, Brett

Gove, Sailor, DeGain, Clement and Robinson.

■ Clarkston 55, Orchard Lake St. Mary's 16: Two of Clarkston's best matches were losses, but nothing much else changed for the Wolves, who cruised.

Josh Lafferty wrestled well in a 6-5 loss to Rico Epps, who finished third in the state last year, at 160. And Bubba Clement nearly upset Andy McDonald, the Oakland County champion, before succumbing 10-8 at 215.

Clarkston's winners included L'Amoreaux, Chism, Grant, McAleer, Welanko, Gove, Sailor, Auten, Edwards and DeGain.

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Family eyes trip to Poland as source of hope

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Don and Carol Maskill were like any other couple awaiting the birth of a first child: nervous, excited, frightened, amazed.

Weeks before the delivery date, though, the dream of parenthood took an unexpected turn. Complications set in, and Donald James Maskill, III, was born two months premature. More than that, a lack of oxygen at some point during the pregnancy had caused D.J. to be afflicted with cerebral palsy.

It was July 13, 1987 and all dreams of the perfect family life were shattered forever.

"In a situation like that, having your first child, you go from the most glorious moment in life to maybe one of the lowest points," said Don Maskill. "It was tough, especially after we had waited a few years. You always think your children will be perfect. It was difficult."

The road since then has been equally difficult, paved with 11 different "brain surgeries," Maskill's term; the neurosurgeon calls them "shunt adjustments" — and two muscle operations, not to mention two hernia operations.

As tough as it's been physically, D.J.'s the one who has kept everyone's spirits up.

For the family, life with wheelchairs and therapists, surprises and setbacks, has become the norm. The family has learned to adapt and adjust. Thinking about it quickly reminds Carol Maskill of an analogy someone drew for her

about traveling to France.

"They said it's like traveling to France and winding up in Poland," she recalls. "You don't know anything about Poland, but you deal with it. That's what we've done."

It's an ironic analogy, considering the trip on which Carol and D.J. are about to embark: Mother and son are headed at the end of February to the Euromed Rehabilitation Center in Mielno, Poland.

The center, the only one of its kind in Europe, is designed to treat victims of cerebral palsy over the course of a 28-day therapy session.

The center uses a suit altered from a cosmonaut-designed space suit into what is now called the "Adeli suit," a collection of material designed to work muscles patients aren't used to using.

The goal is to get the patients walking on their own and give them some degree of independence.

The center has been, well, the center of publicity the last couple of months after American children and parents returned with amazing stories of progress and, above all, hope.

When the Maskills saw the story of Richard and Isabela Koscielnay and their 6-year-old daughter, Kaya, hope sprung eternal.

Carol Maskill had read about it, and a friend had discussed it with her.

When the Koscielnay's returned, stories abounded in the press, and she decided to call

Isabela Koscielnay.

"They were getting like 30 calls a day," Carol Maskill said. "It's something we have to try. The people who have gone have made gains."

Indeed, according to a report by Channel 7 reporter Mike Huckman, of 620 patients over the first three years, more than 600 showed "some degree of improvement."

According to Huckman's report, 196 showed a small improvement, 312 showed "intermediate" and 112 showed "big" improvement.

The therapy is done six days a week, about six to eight hours a day.

Each patient gets three therapists and one special suit, the "Adeli" suit. Much of the work outside the suit is limbering and stretching exercises designed to make use of the suit more profitable to the patient.

According to the center's literature, the method results "in a certain normalization of the pattern of locomotive and motor actions of the trunk and lower limbs."

The first step was getting D.J. evaluated for eligibility, which the Maskills did one night last week. That's when Isabela Koscielnay told the Maskills there was an opening for the March trip, but probably wouldn't be another until at least November. Carol Maskill was ready to sign on the dotted line right then and there, but Don was a little more hesitant.

Ironically, by the next day, the roles had been reversed and Don

How to Help

Carol Maskill and her 10-year-old son, D.J., leave Feb. 28 for Mielno, Poland, for the Euromed Rehabilitation Center.

Kathy Stull will also be taking her niece, Erica Ettinger, on the same trip.

The trip is expected to cost between \$7,000 and \$8,000 by the time it's over, including the \$5,200 for the therapy itself and about \$1,200 air fare, not to mention unforeseen expenses.

The families are also expected to take at least two more trips. The center recommends at least three or four trips to continue progress made.

You can help the families defray the cost of the trip. Send checks or money orders to:

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Lake Orion, MI 48360



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Hope held high: Carol Maskill and her son, D.J., play with the family dog, Jake. Carol and D.J. leave for Poland Feb. 28 in an attempt to help D.J. at least partially overcome the effects of cerebral palsy.

to be gotten and special clothing to be bought for D.J. Arrangements had to be made for the other two sons, 6-year-old Neil and 2-year-old Wesley.

And not much time to make them. The Maskills leave Feb. 28.

Carol and D.J. will be gone slightly longer than a month, returning April 1. When she tried to explain that to Neil, she got quite a surprise in his response.

"He said, 'Mom, it's only 30 days. It'll be worth it if D.J. can walk,'" Carol said.

That's the hope for the Maskills, though they aren't getting their hopes up. D.J. has never walked independently and, according to Don, no one has ever given any indication he ever will.

Until now.

"I've never had the feeling from anyone that he'd be able to walk," Don Maskill said; the hope lingering just below the surface. "So it would be a miracle, because there's never been a professional who has said he'd walk. To see him walk off that airplane would be an emotional experience."

An experience Carol Maskill unabashedly hopes for. She agrees it would be emotional, and would certainly drive her to tears. But that would prompt the usual response from D.J.

"He does so many things, like singing in a play, and I always cry," she said. "He'll tell me, 'Don't cry, and I have to tell him it's a happy cry. To see him walk would definitely be a miracle. And it would be a happy cry.'"

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period. They nearly met the challenge in the first, but he was a big disappointed with the defensive work in the final 30 minutes.

"We didn't give up that many good scoring chances, but I felt we should have allowed less shots," Rowden said. "There was a lack of concentration at some points but it was a good overall game and it was good to get our 13th win in the league."

Even though Royal Oak also played — and won — its only league game of the week, the Wolves lost a half-game to the Blades in the league standings. That's because Troy had to forfeit its tie with Royal Oak from earlier in the season since Troy's starting goalie did not have his physical on file at the time the game was played.

Clarkston can still tie for the division championship with a Royal Oak loss and a Clarkston win in the final league game for each team, but the Blades would still win the tie-breaker by virtue of its two regular-season victories over the Wolves.

■ Feb. 4 — Port Huron Northern 3, Clarkston 0: The Wolves outshot Northern, but couldn't get anything into the net in falling to one of the state's top teams.

Rowden was pleased with the game even if it didn't result in a win. He said games against Northern and the one Clarkston had Wednesday against Bloom-

field Hills Cranbrook, perhaps the best team in Class B-C-D, will give the Wolves needed experience heading into the state playoffs. Results of Wednesday's game with Cranbrook were not available at press time.

"It was a great effort we showed (against Port Huron) and a good game for both teams," Rowden said. "We didn't get the breaks, but that hap-

pens."

Northern was able to get revenge against the Wolves after last year's 3-2 loss, even though they were outshot 9-2 in the first period. Badger, a sophomore who for now is Clarkston's number one goalie, played well throughout the game. All three of Northern's goals came off screen shots or deflections.

Rowden said as the regular season winds down, he is focus-

ing his squad on trying to control the puck in their own end of the rink. He pointed to Wednesday's match with Cranbrook as another real test.

"They are a disciplined, well-coached hockey team and that's what we want to be for the state playoffs," Rowden said. "But if we don't go out and play with intensity, we could lose (to Troy) this weekend."



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD will hold a PUBLIC HEARING at its regular meeting on Monday, February 16, 1998, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Township Hall, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, Michigan to receive comments related to proposed amendments to Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance No. 26.

Ordinance No. 26 is proposed to be amended by: replacing Section 16.09 - Public Communication and Public Utility Microwave Towers; and by amending Section 2.00 - Definitions; Section 9.02 - Principal Uses Permitted Subject to Special Conditions; Section 10.01 - Principal Uses Permitted; and Section 12.01 - Principal Uses Permitted. A summary of the proposed amendments is as follows:

Rename Section 16.09 as *Wireless Communication Facilities* and add the following new sub-sections to Section 16.09:

1. **Purpose and Intent.** Sets forth the intent and purpose of Section 16.09; to carry out the will of the U.S. Congress; provide for authorization of communication facilities in a manner which will retain integrity of neighborhoods and character, property values and aesthetic quality of community; facilitate provision of sites; establish predetermined districts or zones; ensure appropriate siting and limit inappropriate physical, aesthetic and other adverse impacts. Also sets forth finding of Township Board regarding presence of numerous tower structures and Township policy regarding co-location.

2. **Authorization.** Sets forth circumstances and lists districts in which wireless communication facilities shall be permitted uses.

3. **General Regulations.** Sets forth standards and conditions applicable to all applications for wireless communication facilities, such as: harmonious design, compliance with federal and state standards, height, accessory building, setbacks, access, land division, color, compliance with building codes, and development of a maintenance plan. Also sets forth standards and condition applicable to Special Land Use facilities.

4. **Application Requirements.** Sets forth information required to be submitted by applicant, such as: site plan prepared in accordance with Section 18.07; landscape plan; signed certification by licensed engineer; description of security to be posted; map showing existing and proposed facilities; key contact information; and copies of lease agreements.

5. **Special Requirements for Facilities Proposed to be Situated Outside Permitted Districts.** Specifies standards and requirements for facilities proposed to be located outside a permitted district, such as: demonstrating that locating in a permitted district cannot reasonably meet the applicant's needs; requiring designs which are compatible with the existing area; and designating types of sites in residential locations on which facilities may be located.

6. **Co-location.** Sets forth circumstances under which co-location is deemed to be feasible, such as: payment of market compensation; ability to provide structural support; technological reasonableness; and permissible height. Also, specifies conditions which must be met before a special land use permit for a new wireless communication facility shall be granted; requires design to accommodate co-location; and specifies consequence of refusal to permit a feasible co-location. Also specifies administrative review as a means for expediting review of co-location applications, and designates persons authorized to conduct administrative review.

7. **Removal.** Requires adequate provision for removal of all or part of a wireless communication facility; and specifies events which will require removal and circumstances under which Township may remove facility.

In Section 2.00 adds definition for: *Wireless Communications Facilities*; *Attached Wireless Communications Facilities*; *Wireless Communications Support Structures*; and *Co-Location*.

In Section 9.02, adds reference to Section 16.09 and adds wireless communications facilities as a principal use subject to special conditions.

In Section 10.01 and Section 12.01 adds reference to Section 16.09 and adds wireless communications facilities as a principal use permitted.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT written comments on the proposed amendments may be submitted to the Springfield Township Clerk, P.O. Box 1038, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, MI 48350 up until the time of the Public Hearing. The complete text of the proposed amendments and other related information may be examined at the Clerk's Office during regular office hours Monday through Friday. Anyone needing a special accommodation should contact the Clerk's Office at least two (2) business days in advance.

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NTH has provided state of the art technical services in SE MI and PA for 30 years. We are a progressive, highly technical team. If you share our commitment to excellence, send resume and salary history to: President, Network Technology, NTH Consultants, Ltd., P.O. Box 9173, Farmington Hills, MI 48339-9173. Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Lyonia company seeks entry level programmer with 0-2 years experience. Knowledge of C++ required. Ask for Dave F.
(734) 542-1600

502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

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Bookkeeper for small business in W. Bloomfield. Part time. Send resume to Quickbooks: 248-935-0030 or Fax: 248-737-9220

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Call Stuart at 248-555-1670
Please Fax resume to 248-555-4642

ACCOUNTANT - Growing Howell
Manufacturing. Minimum 2 year degree. PC experience required. Excellent salary/benefit package. Send resume to: 1100 Sutton, Howell, MI 48843. Attn: HR Director.

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Diamond Automation, Inc.
24000 Corporate Pkwy.
Farmington Hills, MI 48335
An Equal Opportunity Employer

ACCOUNTING CLERK/BOOKKEEPER
Fast paced, Lyonia based company has immediate opportunity for billing/payroll specialist with accounting background and excellent communication skills. Respond by fax 248-477-7032. EOE, No Fees

ACCOUNTING CLERK
needed for busy finance office. Must possess strong organizational skills and be detail oriented. Accounts payable experience preferred. Part-time, 20 flexible hours per week. Please mail or fax resume to:
Nancy Kiefer, Finance Director
Jewish Home and Aging Services
6710 W. Maple Road
West Bloomfield, MI 48322
Fax: (248) 661-1628

ACCOUNTING CLERK
Farmington Hills multi-plant food manufacturer. Accounts receivable, collections, accounts payable, data entry. Excellent benefits. Send resume & salary requirements to:
Accounting Dept., P.O. Box 378
Farmington Hills, MI 48332-0378
or fax 248-474-5518 EOE

ACCOUNTING CLERK
Immediate openings in Southfield insurance office for applicant with strong background in all accounting functions. This knowledge would be helpful but not necessary. Must be detail oriented and have strong customer service skills and have strong Windows experience. Salary commensurate with experience. Benefits. Please fax resume to Kathy:
(248) 353-9236. Attn: Accounting
EOE

ACCOUNTING CLERK
Must be computer literate with good written and oral communication skills. Experience with Excel & Word will be a plus. Responsibilities will include general accounting, accounts receivable, and reconciliations. This is an exciting opportunity to get into the financial industry. For consideration please send resume with salary requirements in confidence to:
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21211 Haggerty, Novi 48375

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Positions, 19339 Glenmore, Redford, MI 48240

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Lyonia company seeks entry level Accounts Payable Clerk with strong communication skills. Competitive wage & benefits. Please mail or fax resume to: 31778 Tricity, Tracy, CA 95378-2185

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Fast growing company needs energetic individual to perform full AP & payroll functions. Willing to pay, good benefits. Some experience in one or more areas required, educational background in accounting preferred. Send resume to:
Accounting Dept., P.O. Box 930164, Wixom, MI 48393

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Farmington Hills, MI 48333
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502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE/DATA ENTRY
Full time position available in non-smoking Farmington Hills office. Previous experience necessary. Benefits available. Please send resume to:
Haber Enterprises, 37450 Enterprise Ct., Farmington Hills, MI 48331 or Fax: 248-646-1144

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE BILLING/RECEPTIONIST
Full time for pleasant W. Bloomfield office. Benefits. For interview, call: (248) 681-0484

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE/CLERK
Customer Service position in Farmington Hills property management company. Some accounting and computer experience required. Benefits. Call: (248) 463-1176 ext. 500

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE CLERK
National insurance underwriter is looking for an experienced clerk for a fast paced, environment. Duties include: billing, discrepancy calls, applying cash receipts, copying checks, etc. Good benefits. Professional non-smoking office. Call JTC at: (248) 932-0000 or send resume to: JTC, P.O. Box 707, Southfield, MI 48037-0707

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Position immediately available with a maintenance service provider located in Farmington Hills. Full time duties include: billing, collections, commissions, bank deposits and other administrative support. Qualified applicant must have 2+ years experience. Requires knowledge of real estate and computer experience. A team player. Salary \$9.51/hr. per hour including benefits & 401(k). Fax resume (248) 844-9572. EOE

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE CLERK

National data processing company needs individual for entry level Accounts Receivable position. Duties include: billing, collections, commissions, bank deposits and other administrative support. Qualified applicant must have 2+ years experience. Requires knowledge of real estate and computer experience. A team player. Salary \$9.51/hr. per hour including benefits & 401(k). Fax resume (248) 844-9572. EOE

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38251 Schoolcraft Rd.
Livonia, MI 48150

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Large, prestigious CPA firm in Southfield is seeking a personable Administrative Assistant to join their team. This is an excellent opportunity for candidates with 2+ years' experience. Duties include: preparing and maintaining client files, processing invoices, copying checks, etc. Good benefits. Professional non-smoking office. Call JTC at: (248) 932-0000 or send resume to: JTC, P.O. Box 707, Southfield, MI 48037-0707

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ADVANCED MICROSOFT OFFICE 97 USERS
Southfield CPA firm seeks Advanced Microsoft Office 97 Users to convert and format financial statements, manuals, etc. Advanced skills in Word and Excel a must. Electronic form development skills a plus. Must have excellent knowledge of Microsoft Office and Windows 95. Great environment, pay and benefits. Please send resume and salary requirements to:
Plante & Moran, LLP
Job #3358
P.O. Box 307
Southfield, MI 48037
or fax (248) 352-8919
or Email: Career@plante-moran.com

BOOKKEEPER
Full charge Bookkeeper needed immediately for a full-time position available at a busy Birmingham office. Computer experience required. Fax resume to: (248) 647-5596

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Full time position. Some experience preferred. Excellent benefit package. Send resume & salary requirements to: 31306 W. 8 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills 48335

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EMPLOYMENT

506 Help Wanted-Medical

NURSE MANAGERS

West Bloomfield Nursing Center is forming a new administrative nursing team and is seeking energetic & caring individuals for nursing management. If you are interested in putting your leadership skills to use and like the challenge of nursing management, we want you. We are looking for a RN to manage a 41 bed skilled nursing unit and a LPN to oversee a 70 bed Long Term Care Unit. Great opportunity to grow professionally and work with an affiliate of William Beaumont Hospital. Call CJ Gibberti at 248-661-1600 or fax your resume to 248-661-2276.

RN IN SERVICE DIRECTOR

West Bloomfield Nursing Center is seeking an experienced RN to join our new Nursing Administrative team. Job duties include hiring, training, and monitoring of licensed and unlicensed personnel. Come join a sophisticated organization that believes training is the key to success. Call CJ Gibberti at 248-661-1600 or fax your resume to 248-661-2276.

OFFICE MANAGER

Southfield based surgical practice looking for well organized & billing manager. Excellent knowledge of accounts receivable & billing required. Prior experience as billing supervisor is preferred. Strong personal management skills required. Excellent salary & benefits. Fax cover letter, resume, & salary requirement to: 313-891-0038

OPHTHALMIC ASSISTANT

needed full time for West Bloomfield office. O.A.A. or experience required. Please send resume to: Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 36251 Schoolcraft Rd. Livonia, MI 48150

OPHTHALMIC TECHNICIAN

needed for busy state of the art practice. 4 days a week. Must be experienced with seniors. Four days a week or full time for Personal Dept. 324 W. Parkville Rd. Ste. 102, Livonia, MI 48154. Fax: 313-622-6938

OPTICIAN DISPENSER - O.D.M.D.

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OPTICIAN

Immediate opening for experienced optician. Full time position. Excellent salary and benefits. Fax resume to: 313-622-6938 or call 313-622-6938 for additional information.

OPTOMETRIST - full or part time

Flexible hours, excellent salary, benefit package. TPA licensed preferred. Call Bob: (313) 565-5500

PEDIATRICS

Office located in the Southfield & 12 Mile Road area. Please call Monday-Friday, after 5:00 PM. Fax resume to: 248-559-6620

MEDICAL ASSISTANT

With hands-on skills, working with children, chart documentation, administration of immunizations & lab procedures.

Pharmacy Technicians

Long-term career pharmacy seeks full time pharmacy tech, day/evening. Experience preferred. Fax resume to: 313-622-6938 or call 313-622-6938 for additional information.

PHYSICAL THERAPY AIDE

Immediate part time opening, 20-25 hrs/week for busy outpatient Physical Therapy clinic in Novi area. Candidate must be friendly and energetic. Must be available for some early morning and late afternoon hours. Experience helpful, but will train the right person. Call Joanne at (248) 475-6140

PLYMOUTH MEDICAL OFFICE

looking for a full time Receptionist & Medical Assistant. Experience necessary. Please call Cheryl at 313-455-2970

506 Help Wanted-Medical

PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSISTANT

Glacier Hills, a 163 bed skilled facility caring for older adults, both short & long term, is currently interviewing for a Physical Therapist Assistant. The successful candidate will be flexible, dependable and a team player who is also able to work independently. Completion of a 2-year PTA program required. Excellent in per diem position. Equal Opportunity Employer. Please send resume to: ATTN: Recruiter or complete an application at the Nursing Center reception desk. We are conveniently located near US 29, M-14 & I-94.

GLACIER HILLS

1200 Eastland Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT

Part time, 20-25 hours including some Saturdays. Must be flexible. Willing to train. Experience not necessary. Fax resume to: 248-559-6620

POSITION AVAILABLE for Part Time Receptionist

Computer experience in billing scheduling required. Excellent opportunity for advancement. Call for details. Fax resume to: 248-559-6620

RECEPTIONIST/BILLER

2 years experience. Competitive pay/benefits. Call Bonnie at 248-642-4774

RECEPTIONIST/BILLER

for busy OB-GYN office, Farmington Hills. Good salary/benefits. Fax resume to: 248-477-7731

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RECORDS CONTROL

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SATURDAY



Detroit Symphony Orchestra's Tiny Tots concert features Rheda Becker host/narrator 10:15 a.m. and 11:45 a.m., Mercy High School Auditorium, Farmington Hills. Tickets \$10, (313) 576-5111.

SUNDAY



Meadow Brook Theatre presents Joe Orton's outrageous comedy "What the Butler Saw," 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. at the theater on the campus of Oakland University, call (248) 377-3300 for tickets.



Hot Tix: Belle Tire Detroit Autorama features more than 800 exhibits of hot rods and custom cars, trucks, vans and motorcycles, 5-11 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15, Cobo Exhibition Center, Detroit. Admission \$12, \$5 children younger than 5 at the door, (810) 650-5560.



Bagpipers: The Pipes and Drums of The Black Watch will perform at the Scotland of the Brave Tour.

BANDS SOLDIER ON FOR

Scotland The Brave

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

"Riverdance" created renewed interest in Irish culture, and movies such as the 1995 Academy Award-winning film "Braveheart" and "Rob Roy" have helped do the same for Scots.

"People are so intrigued with the history of clans, they want more of it," said Cpl. David Smith of The Black Watch, one of the most famous bagpipe bands in the world, which is part of the "Scotland The Brave" 60-city tour coming to Joe Louis Arena Saturday and to the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts Sunday.

"Shows in the past were pipes and drums, this time it's a little bit different," said Smith. "In the past we just marched on stage and played."

This year's tour has a theme—"Scotland The Brave,"—and includes performances by Highland dancers, a Ceilidh band and a vocal soloist in addition to

performances by the Regimental Band of The Scots Guards and The Pipes and Drums of The Black Watch.

Scotland The Brave takes the audience on a musical journey of Scotland from the 1600s to the present.

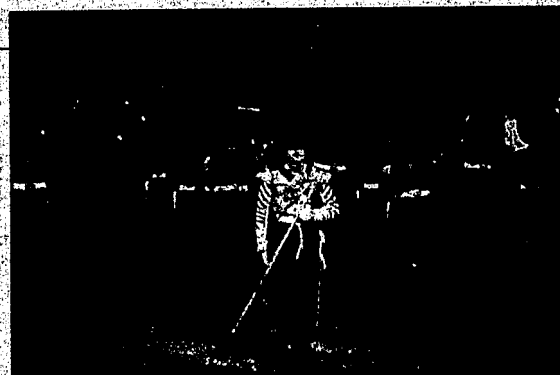
The show includes numbers that are well-known to fans of Scottish music—"Scotland The Brave" and "Highland Laddie," and rarely performed tunes unearthed especially for this tour.

Highland dancers perform the strenuous Argyle Broadsword, The Highland Fling and other numbers.

"We have four professional dancers touring with us, all girls," said Smith. "They're excellent."

A narrator tells the story, giving the audience a lesson in history about The Scots Guards, one of the top military bands who accompany the "Changing of the Guard" at Buckingham

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DONALD DIETZ

Rich Legacy: The Scotland the Brave tour features the Scots Guard, one of the top military bands who accompany the "Changing of the Guard" at Buckingham Palace.

Scotland the Brave Tour

Visiting two metro Detroit entertainment venues:

■ Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Drive, Detroit—8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14.

Tickets: \$35, \$25 and \$18.50, call (248) 645-6666. For more information, call (313) 983-6606 or (313) 396-7902.

■ Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township—2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15.

Tickets: \$29 adults, students and senior citizens \$26, call (810) 286-2222, or (248) 645-6666.

Also of Interest:

■ Membership in The St. Andrew's Society of Detroit is open to all persons of Scottish birth or descent. For membership information, contact the Membership Secretary at 13793 Kenosha St., Harper Woods, MI 48225-2127.

■ The 149th annual Highland Games will be held Saturday, Aug. 1 at Greenmead Historical Village in Livonia. Check out their web site, [HTTP://www.hIGHLANDGAMES.com](http://www.hIGHLANDGAMES.com)

MUSIC

Irish troubador: Tommy Makem accompanies himself on banjo and tinwhistle.



Godfather of Irish Music keeps tradition alive

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

"I was just in a bit of a row," Tommy Makem said in his familiar, rich, baritone brogue.

He apologized for a brief delay in the start of a telephone interview from his home in Dover, N.H., while he settled a discussion over delivery of furniture for his daughter.

Despite the "bit of a row," the man called the Bard of Armagh and the Godfather of Irish Music was in a good mood, happy to talk and tell stories about the music he's been singing for most of his 65 years.

Makem, who will perform Friday, Feb. 20, at the Mercy High School Auditorium, grew up in and with home

filled with traditional music. His late mother, Sarah, was a noted singer and song collector.

"Music in our house was like breathing," he said. "My mother sang all the time, all day without stopping. ... She had this vast store of wonderful songs."

In the mid 1950s, the BBC recorded Sarah Makem and her neighbors for a BBC world-service program. Her recording of "As I Rove About" became the show's theme song, heard around the world every Sunday morning.

"I remember arriving home from the States on a holiday. I had hired a car and drove up, took my bags in and couldn't get in the kitchen," Makem said. "There was a class from a south-

western university in the United States sitting on the kitchen floor. My mother was stepping in and out making tea for them and the students were taking notes. To my mother it was no different than serving tea to my father. My father was sitting in the corner, smoking his pipe and laughing his head off."

Makem's father played fiddle and other family members and neighbors played musical instruments, sang and performed traditional dances.

But Makem's first interest in the arts was in acting, not music. He had won some acting prizes and was invited to audition for the famous Old Vic

Tommy Makem

What: Irish folk singer performs to benefit the St. Patrick's Senior Center in Detroit.

When: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20.

Where: Mercy High School Auditorium, 29300 W. 11 Mile Road, Farmington.

Tickets: \$20 in advance, \$23 at the door. Available at Murphy's Restaurant in Redford Township, The Celtic Shamrock in Farmington, The Free Pub & Restaurant in Garden City and other area locations.

Information, call (734) 582-5610, (734) 534-5610, (248) 348-2600.

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but decided to go to the United States in 1956 to become an actor in New York. But first he found work and settled in Dover, where many of his cousins had already moved.

"When I came out here it was almost like coming home. Unlike many immigrants, I didn't suffer from homesickness, which is a terrible disease," he said.

Shortly before leaving Ireland, he had met with a teenager who was also planning to emigrate, Liam Clancy. Clancy had two brothers in New York who were making it as actors. Makem made contact with Pat

Clancy and on a special St. Patrick's night in 1956 a legendary collaboration began at New York's Circle in the Square Theatre.

"I called Paddy Clancy and he asked if I would sing a few songs in concert. There was a midnight concert following a performance of 'Long Day's Journey Into Night,' the O'Neill play directed by Jose Quintero," Makem said.

Makem made \$30 and knew he'd found his American dream. It was there that Makem met folklorist Alan Lomax and legendary folk singer Pete Seeger. The Clancys (Pat, Tom and

soon, Liam) joined with Makem at just the right moment in popular music history.

"The folk boom had started with the Kingston Trio, Harry Belafonte and others. It all just started to rise and here was the four of us with this vast repertoire of songs that none of the American folkies knew," Makem said.

The Clancy Brothers and Tommy Makem were on the A list of folk music acts, first recording on their own Tradition label and then recording numerous albums for Columbia and bringing Irish folk songs to Americans who thought Irish music was "Danny Boy" and "When Irish Eyes Are Smilin'."

Makem said one of the reasons for the group's success was that they were indifferent to it.

"We thought it was funny, none of us had a notion of being a singer," he said.

But singers they were. Makem's voice is a quavery, expressive baritone and he has an actor's sense of drama and a comic's sense of timing. He is also a noted song writer who has contributed numerous songs to the repertoire, including his poignant take on the "Troubles," "Four Green Fields."

The group disbanded in 1969. Makem and Liam Clancy merged again after solo careers in 1975 (reforming officially at Southfield's Raven Gallery) and performed and recorded together until 1988. Liam still performs as part of a trio with his son and nephew.

Makem is delighted with the rise of all things Irish in recent

years from folk-influenced Irish singers and rock groups to traditional dance tours to the phenomenal success of the Irish instrumental group The Chieftains.

"My only concern is that the singing tradition has sort of been neglected. I'm starting a crusade to make people more aware of the singing tradition. It's very much a part of Irish culture," he said.

Part of that tradition and the Makem family tradition is being carried on by Makem's sons, Shane, Conor and Rory, who as the Makem Brothers perform traditional music. Makem said when they were teenagers, he didn't push the music on them and they listened to the same rock as others their age.

"But I would pass by their

rooms and every once in a while I would hear my voice or Peter Seeger's. Of course all the records and books were about the house and such," he said.

Makem has been busy with other projects, including a recent PBS two part documentary, "Tommy Makem's Ireland," and a book "Tommy Makem's Secret Ireland," released last fall. He is recording on the Shanachie label and plans to release "The Song Tradition" in March.

For his performance in Farmington, Makem will sing songs, recite poetry, spin yarns and invite the audience to sing along. Makem said he always tries to move his audience in "spirit and soul."

"If I feel I've moved two people in the audience, I've done a good job," he said.

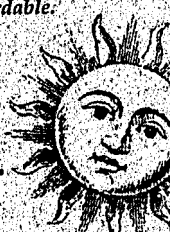
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Palace, and "The Black Watch," one of the most famous bagpipe bands in the world.

"A lot of people from Scotland settled in the Canada and the United States. We're bringing the music back to these people of Scottish descent," explained Smith.

Soldiers first, performers second, Black Watch pipers can trace their ancestry back to the Highland clans who relied on bagpipe music to rouse them in wartime.

"We're all trained infantry soldiers," said Smith. "You can't join the military as a piper, you must join as a soldier. You go to pipe and drums school in Edinburgh then you join the regiment as a junior soldier. Pipe and drum is a secondary role."

People come to the concert for all kinds of reasons. "A lot of people come out of curiosity," said Smith. "People of Celtic background have come to the

show and people who are intrigued by Scottish history."

Because of the popularity of The Black Watch, Cpl. Smith spends 60 percent of his time piping and 40 percent soldiering. "We still train every weekend," he said.

His father was a drummer in the local pipe band, and encouraged him to be a piper like his uncle, a member of The Black Watch.

"When I was born I was taken to the Highland Games," he said. "It's in the blood. I always wanted to play the drums, but my father told me the pipers are always kept busy and better paid."

Piping is just one of the contests that takes place during the Highland Games, a celebration of Scottish heritage.

Learning to play the bagpipes wasn't easy. "It's a very complex instrument. In the beginning it's

very hard and it gives you a sore head and you get dizzy," said Smith. "You have to be dedicated, I wanted to quit. You come home from school, do your homework and then practice."

At age 16 Smith joined the military and was chosen to attend the Bagpipe School of Music.

Smith, who has been on tour with Scotland the Brave since Jan. 17, on his fourth tour to the U.S., said the crowds have been enthusiastic.

"When the guys hear the crowd cheering and clapping it makes them feel appreciated. They grow with the enthusiasm and want to show off."

The tour, which comes to the United States every two years, will end March 25 in West Palm Beach, Fla.

"They've been doing this since the 1950s," said Smith. "These are the two biggest military

bands in the world. We find we're getting a lot of youngsters and I recommend that you bring your children. It's good for children to learn history. The concert is a great teaching experience, you learn history in school, and this is a chance to see it. The younger generation of Americans is becoming more aware of other cultures in the world, and are starting to trace their family tree."

The St. Andrew's Society of Detroit, founded on Nov. 20, 1849, has hosted Highland Games every summer for the past 148 years. This year's games are scheduled Saturday, Aug. 1, at Greenmead Historical Village in Livonia.

Bob Giles of the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit is looking forward to the concert. "It strikes a chord with everyone," he said. "It's the precision, the familiarity."

Stagecrafters offers evening of good 'Company'

Stagecrafters presents "Company," a musical comedy by Stephen Sondheim, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Feb. 13 and 14, Feb. 20 and 21, and 2 p.m.

Sundays, Feb. 15 and Feb. 22 at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette in Royal Oak. Tickets are \$12-\$14 and are available by calling (248) 541-6430.

By JON KATZ
SPECIAL WRITER

"Company," the very mention

of its name sends shivers through the Stephen Sondheim lover and shudders through the Sondheim hater. The version currently running at Stagecrafters' Baldwin Theatre gave us the "shuvvers" ... mixed emotions.

"Company," with music and lyrics by Sondheim and book by George Furth, was a breakthrough in 1970 for both Sondheim and American musical theater.

Bobby (Dean Gaboury) is a 35-year-old New Yorker whose dysfunctional friends — five married couples — want him to get married so he can be as "sorry-grateful" as they are.

Each couple is seen with Bobby in a vignette that could be in the present or the past. Harry and Sarah (Kevin Edwards/Laurie Freedman) stage a funny karate demonstration. Peter and Susan (John M. Miller/Jennifer Combs) reveal their unorthodox state of matrimony. David and Jenny (Doug Clark/Judy Clubb) get stoned. Paul and Amy (Michael P. Falzon/Megan Meade-Higgins) have pre-wedding jitters. And Larry and Joanne (Rick Bodick/Dianne Sievers), the older couple, provide an unsteady foundation for these "good and crazy people."

Bobby also has three girlfriends, and he's welcome to them. April, the ditzy stewardess (Dana Lynn Applebaum) needs three tries to button her blouse evenly. Kathy (Megan McNally) escapes to married life in New England. And then there's Marta (Anne Conlon), whose explanation of how living in New York can affect one's anatomy you won't find in the tour guidebooks.

"Company" is an adult musical comedy, and the opening-night audience was hip to both the subtle humor from author George Furth and the touches deftly added by director David McIntosh. The two ensemble numbers — "Company" and "Side By Side" — were outstanding, with great flair and energy as choreographed by Jerry Haines with vocal direction by Kim Marlinga.

In contrast, the girlfriends' "You Could Drive a Person Crazy" was danced well, but a poor vocal blend by the trio and the sound mixer undid the effect.

Low volume was a problem throughout the show. The actors relied too much on their body mics, substituting amplification for projection. Singers were often drowned out at the end by the orchestra. The fortunate exception was Amy's showstopper, "Getting Married Today." The song is vocalist's nightmare that works only when every breath is taken right and every syllable is heard clearly, but Megan Meade-Higgins nailed it perfectly.

Notable, too, was Dianne Sievers as Manhattanite Joanne.

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Jewish Ensemble Theatre presents 'Taking Sides'

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Sundays, 8 p.m. Mondays,
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ou separate politics from
you believe "music espe-
cally transcends language and
cultural barriers and speaks
to the human spirit?"
are the questions play-
wright Ronald Harwood explores
in "Taking Sides," a docudrama
about Wilhelm Furtwangler,
conductor of the Berlin
Symphony during the Third
Reich. Furtwangler is
portrayed by an American tribunal
during the Nazi regime.
The issues "Taking
Sides" explores are: Did the
conductor give aid and

comfort to Hitler by continuing
to work there during the war?

Or, did he, as he claims, stay
to "defend the intellectual life of
my people against an evil ideol-
ogy?"

The play is fictional, but based
on historical facts. John Michael
Manfredi portrays Major Steven
Arnold, who has already decided
that Furtwangler is guilty before
questioning him. Arnold just has
to prove it.

"As an artist, I agree that art
can raise you above politics, but
as Arnold I don't," said Manfredi.
"It's up to the audience to
make a choice where they stand.
What would you have done in
those circumstances?"

As the drama unfolds, the
audience learns that Furtwan-
gler, who is German, helped
Jews escape; but they were tal-
ented musicians.

In his defense, he argues,
"They came to power in January
'33. In April, I wrote an open let-
ter to the newspapers condemn-
ing what they were doing to
music, making these distinctions
between Jews and non-Jews. For
my part, the only divide in art is
between good and bad. Great
artists are rare, I said, and no
country can do without them
unless it wishes to damage its
cultural life irrevocably. I have
always held the view that art
and politics should have nothing

to do with each other."

Although he tried to separate
himself from what was going on,
Furtwangler continued enjoying
benefits.

Arnold says, "Art and politics,
yeah, art and politics. Are you
saying that touring abroad, con-
ducting the Berlin Philharmonic
Orchestra in foreign lands from
1933 on wasn't a commercial for
Adolf and all he stood for?"

"It is a very entertaining piece
of theater," said Manfredi. "The
juxtaposition between the two
men is witty, but a lot of the
humor is at someone else's
expense."

The other characters in "Tak-
ing Sides," Manfredi said, are
interesting as well. "I think peo-
ple will identify with them," he
said.

Robert Grossman portrays
Furtwangler. Betsy Brandt is
Emmi Straub, who works in the
office. Charles W. McGraw is
Helmuth Rode, a German musi-
cian who is questioned. Rode
wasn't skilled enough to be in
the orchestra on his own merits;
he got in only because of the
Jews who were forced to leave.

David Wolber is Lieutenant
Wills, a Jew who fled to Amer-
ica, and lost his family in the
Holocaust. He appreciates Furt-
wangler's talent, and respects
him as an artist. Joanna Hast-
ings Woodcock is Tamara Sachs,

a woman who defends Furtwan-
gler because he helped her hus-
band, Walter Sachs, a promising
young Jewish pianist, escape.

"What would you do if you
were given a chance to become a
great player in a world-class
orchestra even if it was at some-
one else's expense," asks Man-
fredi. "What if you knew the only
reason you got there was
because the people that were
there are dead?"

Furtwangler was at the height
of his powers when Hitler
became chancellor of Germany.
He came before a Denazification
Tribunal in Berlin in 1946, and
was cleared of all charges, but
the stench of Nazism stuck.
After the war he continued to
work as a musician, but was no
longer a super star.

Fearing an arrest by the
Gestapo, Furtwangler fled Ger-
many shortly before the war
ended.

"This is much more a world
issue," said Evelyn Orbach,
director and artistic director of
the Jewish Ensemble Theatre.
"What is your responsibility in
your society?"

In the play, Furtwangler
argues that the only real legacy
we leave is our culture, but
"what is the true culture if it is
isolated from society," said
Orbach.

"The major says, 'so you saved

a few lives, but what about the
millions that were killed.' Furt-
wangler was the star of stars, he
was among the very tiny elite of
conductors."

As a director, Orbach said her
task is to try to create an atmo-
sphere where the audience can
hear both Major Arnold and
Furtwangler.

"The man was sincere," she
said. "He did help people, and
honestly felt that he was protect-

ing the German culture that he
valued from the Nazis. But when
they were ready to arrest him,
which probably meant death, he
fled."

For Orbach, "Art is about ask-
ing questions. Let's hear all the
arguments," she said. "He loved
his music, but Major Arnold who
witnessed the liberation of the
camps doesn't know anything
about his music. It's a complicat-
ed but fascinating story."

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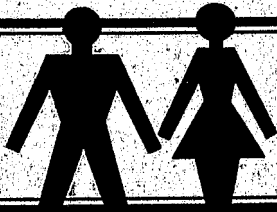
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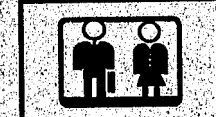
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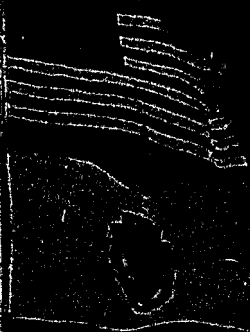
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interior motives

Improvements aid window view



NAOMI STONE LEVY

One of the best jobs I ever accomplished was to improve an unimpressive "tract" house with inexpensive small windows into a home with a personality of its own, by virtue of changing said windows.

All of the bedrooms had unappealing high, small, crank-out, awning type windows.

However, the "corbel" angle-iron were wide enough to accomplish wondrous changes. The corbels supported the upper bricks, so there was no problem removing the windows, and also removing many, many courses of brick below.

We were able to substitute the same width windows, adding to that ones

Wondrous home improvements wrought by changing the windows, creating real architectural features.

that almost reached the floor. These now afforded a great view. We then landscaped the exterior accordingly. The owners couldn't believe what they achieved with so little work and expense.

Having produced a viable home with these improvements we proceeded to enhance several of the new windows with louvered shades. In the library we used a dark silver narrow metal slat that almost disappeared - very tailored, very effective.

In the bedrooms we varied the window treatments to afford different concepts.

The master bedroom furniture was a bit more formal than the others. Therefore we used tieback, full-length

draperies of a dressy floral chintz that coordinated with the bedspread. Once again we had created a view to be improved, and with lovely planting we did so!

Another bedroom was shared by two little girls, giving an opportunity for ruffles and flourishes surrounding the enlarged and "bayed" window. The children were excited to have a built-in window seat where they placed their dolls and stuffed animals.

Wondrous home improvements wrought by changing the windows, creating real architectural features. It also vastly improved the financial status of the house, far in excess of the costs.

Naomi Stone Levy, a Franklin resident, is an interior designer and a former secretary of the American Society of Interior Designers. You can leave her a message by dialing (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then her mailbox number, 1897.

Auction today

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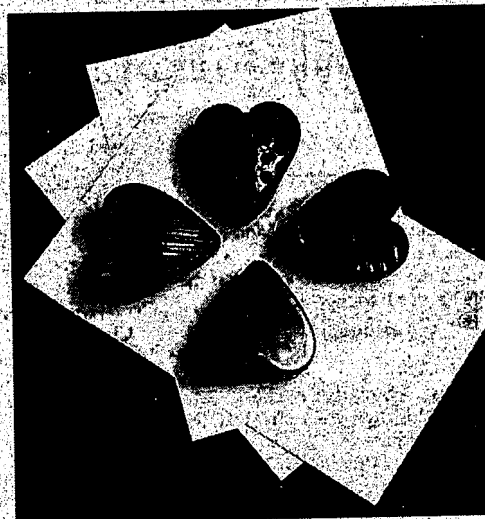


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Saucy saucer: Scott Shuptrine features this large coffee cup and saucer planter, in red with lip kisses, at its showrooms in Troy and Novi. Cost is \$39.

On the beat

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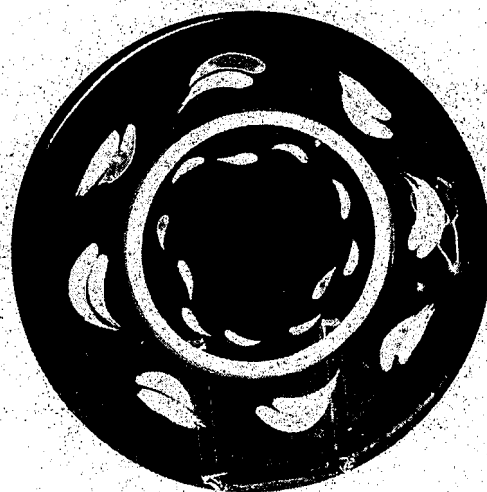


polka dots, horizontal stripes and vertical stripes. The heartbeat paperweights retail for \$18 each at the Detroit Institute of Arts shop at the Somerset Collection, Big Beaver Road and Coolidge in Troy. Call (248) 649-2222.



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treasure search

Artistic icons have special value

By NANCY AND FRANK BOOS
Special Writers

Dear Nancy and Frank:

I saw these at an auction and always regretted not buying them. Can you tell me more about them and what they might be worth today?

A client,
Birmingham

Dear Client:

As you know from the catalog description of what you didn't buy, they are Russian icons.

It is felt that Russian art began with the icon as it was figurative art available to everyone without discrimination. The icons were present in the homes of both aristocrats and peasants. They were in the churches, taken on voyages by travelers and even taken by soldiers to war.

Icons reflect the collective soul of all the people of "Mother Russia," which was deeply religious and mystical. The people held that the icons represented faith, hope and love. The Russian people

used the icon as a help in worship and prayer but also believed that icons would help ward off disease and protect the homes and lives of the believers.

Icons had a very particular pecking order regarding their placement in the sanctuaries of churches.

The first tier was for the Virgin Mary, Christ and St. John the Baptist. Below that was the tier called the "Holy Gate" or "Apostle Row," which contained the Apostles and Archangels. On either side of the "Holy Gate" were placed local icons. The following two tiers were for prophets and patriarchs of the church. The last tier pertained to Church holidays.

Russian icons were originally done in two styles: the Byzantine, which came first and which is darker in color and very solemn, and the Russian, which evolved later and which appears to be warmer and more colorful. The Russian style reflected an Italian influence that manifested itself in icons of the Virgin Mary usually holding the Baby Jesus.

The icon consists of several parts. It starts with the painting of the religious figure (usually on wood). Adornments are then applied to the painting, making the icon a multidimensional work of art. The image is adorned (and protected) with a silver, silver gilt, brass or gold (very rare) covering called the "oklad." Additional adornments of all kinds, including enameling and jewels, could be added to the oklad.

The painting and its protective oklad may date from the same period or the oklad may have been added much later. Once mass production was introduced in the second half of the 19th century, the painting and oklad usually started life together.

The oklad could consist of additional parts as follows: the frame that covers the outer edges of the icon is called the "rama"; the "riza," introduced in the 17th century, covers just the clothing of the painted image; also there can be an aura-like cloud or halo around the head that is called a "nimbus"; there can be a wreath or crown-like arrangement added that is called a "venet"; and an additional crown of leaves could be added that is called a "koruna."

As you can determine from the above, the intrinsic value of the materials and intricacy of design reflecting the importance and artistic merit of the work affect value. Also, the mantra of the appraiser is "condition, condition, condition." The icons we're discussing

here appear to be in good condition and the oklads appear to be silver or silver gilt.

Most icons available these days are second half 19th century or late Czarist (approximately 1917), if they're real. There is a huge reproduction and/or fraudulent market in icons today.

Not knowing the maker's mark (there could be Cyrillic initials on the metalwork), let's assume they're not by the most famous Russian craftsmen but that they are authentic.

Based on all of the foregoing, we would appraise these at \$1,000 to \$1,500 each for auction value, which places them at approximately twice that amount in a retail shop. We don't blame you for regretting not having bought them as they are lovely works of art.

Reference: Lesley Henderson, "The Development of Early Icons."

Nancy and Frank Boos are with the Frank H. Boos Gallery of Bloomfield Hills, an appraisal firm and auction house that has been in the auction business for more than 30 years. Do you have an item you would like to know about? Send in a good photo of it, along with its description and any known provenance (history), to Treasure Search/At Home, The Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009. Include your name, community and phone number.

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Religious work: Icons in Russia were figurative art available to everyone.

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Show kids how much you care



LISA LUCKOW-HEALY

When it comes to parenting, every day isn't viewed through rose-colored glasses. At times, things appear to be quite foggy. Other days, the sun never stops shining.

On those foggy days, parents may ask themselves what they are doing wrong to warrant the lack of gratitude, respect or love they feel they are getting from their children. Some parents take it personally while others blame it on factors outside their control. The answer may be just as foggy.

The next time you have a foggy family day, ask yourself, "When was the last time I really showed my kids how much I care?" The answer may surprise you. Sure, you may offer indirect peace offerings when the going gets rough, but your children probably expected them at that point.

If you cannot remember the last time you did something little and out of the ordinary to show your children how much you care, perhaps now is the time to do so.

"I kept a journal when I was pregnant with my third daughter, writing down what I craved, what was going on in our lives at the time, and movement I felt," said Julie McDonnell of Howell.

"With my other two girls, I've made baby book entries about what we did while Daddy was out of town on a business trip, what the current news headlines were, and what we might have talked about in a given day. When my girls grow up, they'll have these memories to read about."

"My family traveled to Europe early in the school year," said Isabella Van Dorn of Birmingham. "Shortly after our return, we moved and I had a baby just two weeks later. My daughter was having a hard time adjusting. All of these changes significantly disrupted her routine, in particular.

"To help reassure her of my love for her during this rough time, I stopped in during her school recess for a couple of months, when I was picking up my son from preschool, and brought her special lunches, surprises, a little note in her locker or the pair of gloves she forgot that morning.

"This wasn't about buying her something - it was about showing her that even though all these changes took place, I would always have a special place in my heart for her. She knew I would always be there for her."

Your physical presence isn't always necessary to show your children just how much you care, especially if you are a working parent. Take the time to leave a special note in your child's lunch, leave work early when you can to pick up your child from school when he isn't expecting it, or make a date with your child when you can do something without the interference from siblings.

Plan a night out for dinner once a week and give your child the choice of restaurant. If you have more than one child, alternate turns on restaurant selection.

If you have a young child who enjoys your serenade before bedtime, make her favorite lullaby your special song that you sing after reading a bedtime story. The routine provides both relaxation and comfort in your child knowing what she can look forward to each night.

Show your teenager just how much you care by making his favorite dinner once a week, letting him off the hook on doing dishes on occasion, cleaning his disaster of a bedroom when you know he will appreciate it, renting the new video release he has been waiting to see, or taking him on in one-on-one basketball.

"My husband and I are about to travel out of town," said Kim Jenkins of Canton. "I plan to stick three valentine's letters with candy in the mail to let the kids know how much we care, particularly in our absence. The kids love to get mail. Every day they ask if there is a letter or a card for them."

Smiles and hugs are inexpensive and abundant ways to show you care or let your child know how proud you are of her at a given moment. Often the smallest gestures have the most impact.

Lisa Luckow-Healy is a marketing consultant and freelance writer who regularly contributes to several parenting publications. To leave her a message from a touch-tone phone about how you celebrate family, call (313) 953-2047, then her mailbox number, 1903; or e-mail your ideas to LiHealy@aol.com

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appliance doctor

What's new in appliance business



JOE GAGNON

In a column written last fall, I wrote about a company that I had worked for back in the '70s and how grateful I've been for the knowledge given me. Also described was the fact that the Amana Co. was being sold to a manufacturer of furnaces called Goodman Holding Co. I was curious as to what changes would be made with some of the people who had been there for years and even some who had taken their training under me here in Michigan. Well, here's some of what's happened already and another big change in the world of major appliances.

The Goodman Holding Co. has restructured the Amana Co. into a four zone area of the country. This is expect-

ed to give them a more localized exposure with the dealers and also with consumers. About 125 positions have been eliminated within the Amana Co. and among these have been a number of veteran Amana executives. Further changes have yet to be made within the service department and I'll keep you updated with that information.

Montgomery Ward has recently made a commitment to stay focused in the field of major appliances. Since the company filed for protection under Chapter 11 last year, they want to reassure the public that they plan on staying strong in appliance sales. In 1996 sales figures, Montgomery Ward was the third ranking retailer in appliance sales. This may be a tough thing for them to accomplish today, due to the demise of several large chains across the country who left consumers holding the bag. I suggest they start promoting that fact and do it fast if they want to keep consumer loyalty. We

will see what happens in 1998.

On the local front, there are strong rumors in Lansing that Sen. Geake will be soon introducing the Appliance Repair Act. As many of you know, I've been working on this bill with Ms. Lyn Bankes since her first term as a legislator. It's been a tough 10 years for me but most importantly even tougher for the poor unsuspecting home owner who gets ripped off by a service company. I'll let you know if this bill is reintroduced and what you can do to help.

In the local media scene, this writer's radio program is now being sponsored by the class act of the appliance world, the Maytag Co. This is the first time that manufacturer of appliances in this country has come on board the radio show, and it shows pure strength in thinking on their part in making such a commitment. I'm pleased to carry the name Maytag with me, and I've said it many times, they're still a quality product.

In the newspaper business, (this paper) I have an idea. It comes from the comments made to me by you, the reader. Would it be wise to take the last two years of columns and put them into a book form? We could dress it up with all sorts of consumer agencies and other things which could prove useful to a homeowner.

I would like to ask you to tell me what your thoughts are on my writing this book. Please drop me a note in the mail, attention of your local Observer & Eccentric office. I'll let you make the decision.

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



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focus on photography

Second look makes first-rate photo



MONTE NAGLER

Have you ever taken a family shot only to discover to your chagrin when you pick up the photos at the lab that there's a telephone pole "growing" out of your mother-in-law's head?

Have you ever gone to the zoo, taken what you thought was a terrific shot of the lion, and decided to impress your friends into thinking you just came back from Africa? But, lo and behold, you pick up your prints only to find out there's a refreshment stand in the background!

Well, don't jump in despair into the lion's den. There's a simple way to avoid these mistakes in your pictures. The solution is what I call the "hard, second look" through the viewfinder before you snap the shutter.

It's true — most people don't look closely through the entire viewfinder and they'll end up with distracting chair legs in the shot of Junior crawling on the floor or the tree "sprouting" out of your outdoor subject's head.

But by taking that second, hard look through the viewfinder, you can eliminate all these problems. Once you see the distraction, all that's required is simply moving yourself or moving your subject just enough to remove it.

Understanding depth-of-field can eliminate a distraction, too. Using a large aperture will significantly reduce depth-of-field so that an unwanted object in the background or even the background itself will be blurred out in the finished print.

Taking a second, hard look through the viewfinder can also cause you to see something that will enhance your photo.

Say you're photographing a family member at the edge of a lake and just before you trip the shutter, you see the majestic mountain across the lake. You



Second look: Nagler's "second, hard look" assured a non-distracting background to focus on this charming mother and child.

think, "What a great backdrop for the picture!" And by simply moving you and your subject slightly, you can include the mountain in the composition for a much stronger photograph.

Are you beginning to see the value of taking that second, hard look through the viewfinder before you snap the shut-

ter? If so, your photographs will be greatly improved and you won't have to throw yourself into the lion's den!

Monte Nagler is a fine art photographer based in Farmington Hills. You can leave him a message by dialing (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then his mailbox, 1873.

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High sign: Flagpole makes glorious display

By MARY KLEMIC
At Home Editor

Flagpoles make their own banner headlines.

Flying a flag from a tall pole in front of a residence or business may not be a trend related to current events in news or sports.

But maybe events at the Olympics, with flags and anthems stirring the heart in special ways, get you to thinking about installing a pole in your yard to display a flag. Or maybe you consider it with every national holiday.

Well, wave on and choose a ground-mounted outdoor flag set.

The height of a flagpole for a residence depends on the lot and the proximity to the building, said Tom Sayles, owner of Michigan Flagpole, 12060 Farmington Road in Livonia; most poles are 20 feet tall. Recommended flag sizes are 4 by 6 feet or 5 by 8 feet, he said.

Flagpoles are maintenance-free. They may be made of aluminum or fiberglass, with bronze, black, white, powder coat or polyurethane finishes.

Michigan Flagpole has hung flags at the Museum of African American History in Detroit, at the Olympic Games in Atlanta and at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland. Its aluminum poles at its Livonia site are 3 inches in diameter, tapering to 2 inches at the top.

A flagpole is topped by a variety of ornaments, including balls and eagles. (A ball may be preferred as the flag could catch on an ornamental eagle's wings and tear, Sayles suggested.) At the foundation, flash collars and bases come in different types.

Among optional features for a flagpole are spotlights and anti-vandalism devices. Examples of the lat-

ter are cleat covers and halyard boxes (the halyard is the rope used to raise and lower the flag). The covers and boxes lock. Halyard systems running inside the pole also deter tampering and theft.

Installation involves digging a 1-foot diameter hole down 2-1/2 feet, pouring in cement, and putting in a PVC sleeve to hold the pole and leveling it. Sayles has had customers who removed their pole and took it with them when they moved to another address.

Pole costs are around \$300 with installation, \$250 without.

The recent Spring Home & Garden Show in Novi featured the SunSetter® telescoping flagpole from Creative Outdoors. The SunSetter extends from 87 inches to 16 feet, or from 90 inches to 20 feet. Costs are \$209 to \$259. An optional wheel stand, which fits under a vehicle, lets you take it anywhere.

Telescoping poles are 16 gauge in thickness. The regular poles from Michigan Flagpole are 1/8-inch thick.

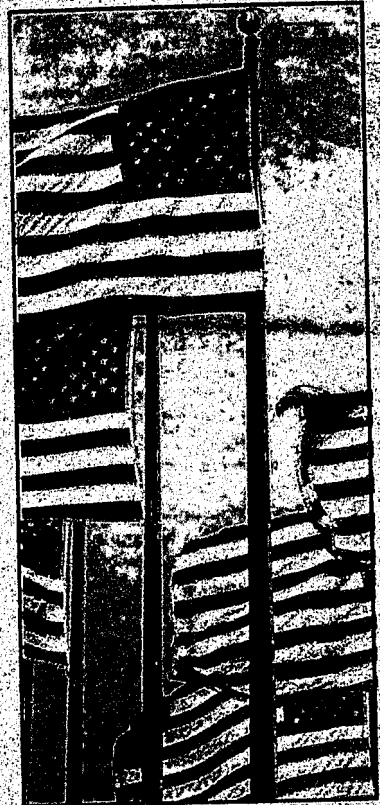
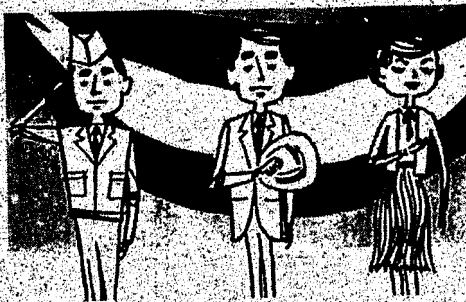
There is an etiquette for flags.

For example, the U.S. flag shouldn't be flown lower than another flag and shouldn't be smaller than another flag flown with it. Other flags may be flown at the same height and of the same size.

When flying a flag at half-staff as a symbol of mourning, first raise it to the peak and then lower it to half-staff.

A flag shouldn't be flown during weather that might damage it.

Repairing a flag when it is torn, and never folding it while it is wet, will extend its life. When a flag's appearance isn't dignified and the flag can't be repaired, it should be destroyed in a special way. Burn it, or seal it in a bag or box before putting it in the trash.



On high: Standard flagpoles (above and far left) may be made of aluminum or fiberglass, with bronze, black, white, powder coat or polyurethane finishes. Most are 20 feet tall.

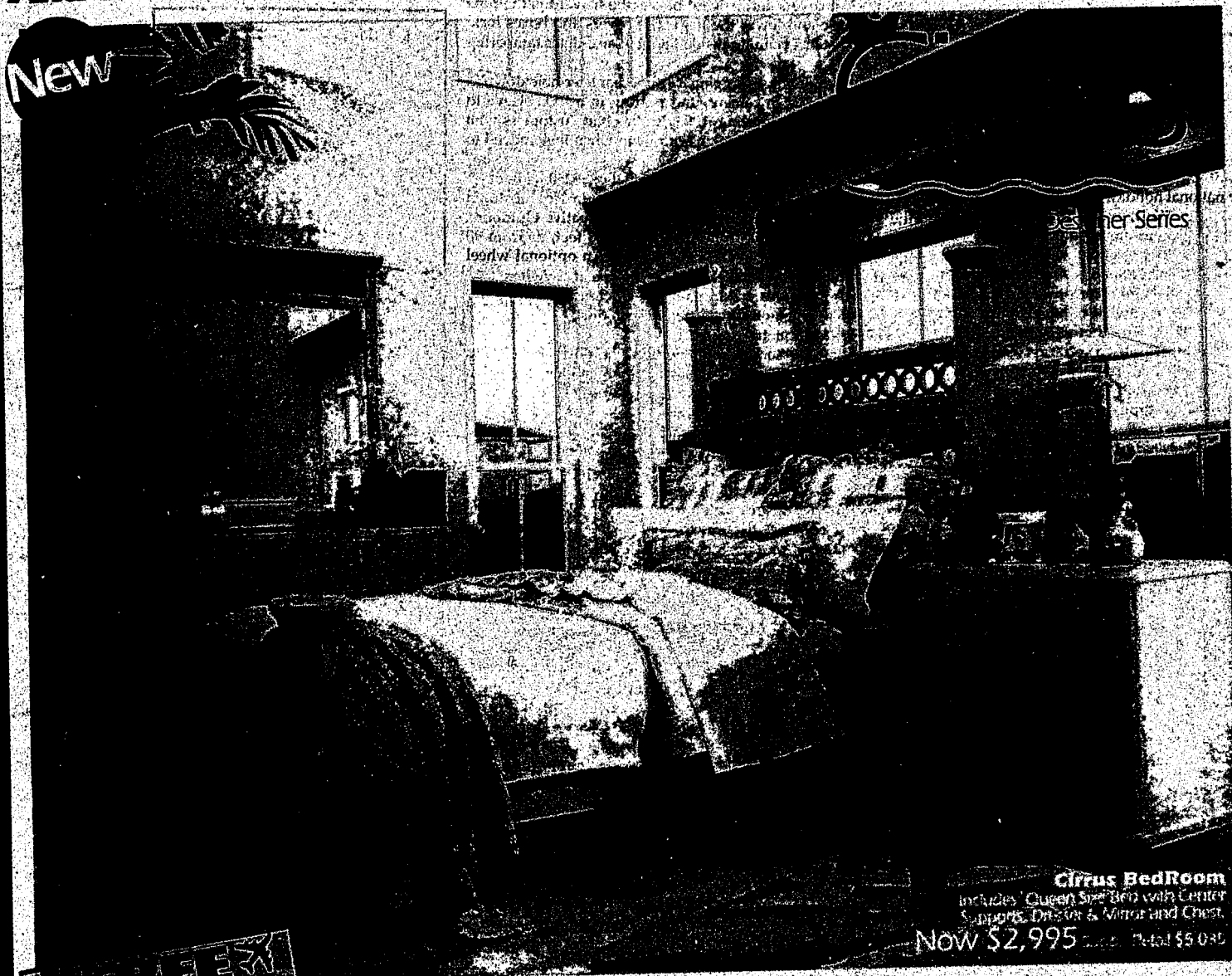


Telescoping: The recent Spring Home & Garden Show in Novi featured a new telescoping flagpole, shown here and on the cover. It can extend to 16 feet from 87 inches, or to 20 feet from 90 inches.



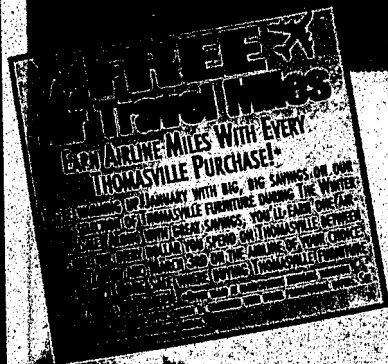
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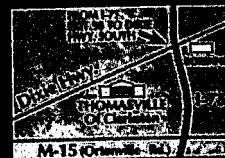
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Go with green for Valentine's Day



MARTY FIGLEY

Do something different for Valentine's Day this year and surprise your sweetie with a large green foliage plant.

You can always add a big red bow and a few red flowers for seasonal color, and a box of chocolates wouldn't hurt, either!

Now that the Victorian look in decorating is again becoming popular, what could be more appropriate than a house plant that our grandmothers grew and enjoyed? In the mid-19th century, tropical plants were very popular—the more the merrier! Anything that was "hot" in Europe soon became the rage in the United States.

One plant new to the scene and very popular in Paris was the dracaena, a plant that at first was grown in greenhouses and conservatories but soon moved to windowsills in the home.

Dracaenas are easy to care for (a great bonus in our busy lives) and survive quite well in low-light conditions and dry atmospheres that are prevalent in many homes, especially at this time of year in Michigan.

Generally, dracaenas do just fine in average house temperatures and average humidity. Although light levels and water requirements differ slightly for the various cultivars, be sure to know which one you're buying and its needs. Your nurseryman can help.

At first only one variety of dracaena was grown in homes but soon horticulturists were busy developing new and

more exciting plants.

Now you can choose from those with broad stripes of yellow and cream, or with a broad yellow band in the center of the green leaf. Perhaps you'd prefer one with foliage with wide green edges marked with white spots with the white repeated in the center, or one with pink and cream along thin, swordlike foliage. Deep green foliage may be more to your liking and can be found in a dracaena.

Dieffenbachia

Another plant that fascinated Victorians was the dieffenbachia—not for its beauty, but rather the fact that it has poisonous properties!

The sap contains calcium oxalate that can literally "strike you dumb" if you nibble on the leaves. Swelling and intense pain as well as loss of speech results, so beware. Because of this fact, dieffenbachia is best enjoyed in homes where no children reside.

These plants, too, have been cultivated to produce a variety of forms and leaf colorings. They have been improved to be more compact with more highly variegated foliage than their ancestors. Available in sizes for tables to large plants that are smashing as floor plant specimens, one is sure to please.

Choose from a variety of cultivars that have interesting foliage combinations of cream or white on shades of green to light golden/green.

Because dieffenbachias as well as the dracaenas are tropical, the best temperature is between 70 and 80 degrees Fahrenheit.

Don't allow the plant to sit in a water-filled saucer. Allow the soil to dry between waterings.

Usually the potting medium has

enough fertilizer to maintain the plant for a month or so, then a 1-1-1 or 3-1-2 fertilizer every one to three months will ensure good growth. Use one level teaspoon per quart of water.

As the lower leaves on the dieffenbachia turn yellow, remove them. If you remove one or two dominant shoots (especially on the self-branching cultivars), as the plant grows large, the appearance of the plant will be improved.

Many produce basal shoots when lower leaves die and the dominant stem elongates. If the plant gets too large and you don't wish to repot it, remove some of the dominant center shoots to control the height and allow room for secondary shoots.

For both the dracaena and dieffenbachia, mites may be a problem, but a sharp spray of water should take care of them. Wash the foliage several times a year with warm, soapy water and rinse well. This keeps the plants healthy and helps prevent mites and mealybugs.

With a large gift plant, the recipient won't soon forget this Valentine's Day.

Seed search

I had an inquiry about where Kathie Sterbling of Livonia, who was featured in a December article, obtained some of her seeds. The Lil'Darlin' snapdragon seeds, Stokes; she bought plants at Bordine's. Indian Summer Rudbeckia and Dwarf Morning Glory are available from Parks Seeds as are some new dwarf sunflowers.

You might want to order a catalog (\$1) from Select Seeds Antique Flowers.



Marty Figley

Tropical, topical: *D. deremensis* "Janet Craig" is a dracaena that can stand very low light conditions.

180 Stickney Hill Road, Union, Conn. 06076-4617, or call (860) 684-9310. It's full of good old-fashioned plants.

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

Team effort in gardening program reaps rewards for many

The University of Michigan's Matthaei Botanical Gardens collaborated with Washtenaw County/Michigan State University's Extension junior master gardener program, by providing classroom space and a raised garden bed in the courtyard for the hands-on experience of gardening.

The major objectives of the junior master gardener program are to give children a positive experience in gardening and to learn that volunteering is fun, said Wendy Cole, urban horticulturist at the MSU Extension Office on Washtenaw Avenue.

The program includes six classes with a quiz after each one, 10 hours of

volunteer work either in the Children's Garden Program or school projects, hands-on experience in planting vegetables/flowers, weeding and watering.

It is open to students in grades 2-4. Using the Matthaei Gardens' facilities at 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor for study, planting and follow-up work allows youngsters to be with the pros.

The junior docent program offers junior master gardener graduates an additional opportunity to study and disseminate information on gardening.

Upon completion of the junior docent program, youngsters can choose between advanced master gardener certification or volunteering as junior

docents. Junior docents will be available to explain their areas of specialty in the Gardens Sunday afternoons and during special events.

The interaction between the programs is as exciting as the programs themselves, said Liz Elling, coordinator of visitor programs at the Gardens.

Master gardener graduates often come to train as docents; they, in turn, are now training junior docents who take information to the classroom and their families. Senior docents accumulate volunteer hours toward their 40-hour master gardener requirements.

Children in the junior docent program gain self-esteem by being involved

with the university, peer recognition and opportunities to volunteer.

The junior master gardener and junior docent programs "represent a real step in integrating the institution into the community across age levels and interests," said David Michener, assistant curator at the Gardens.

Michener, Cole and Brian Klatt, associate director of the Gardens, spent more than a year planning the junior master gardener program.

For information on the master and junior master gardener programs, call Cole at (313) 971-0079. For information on docent training programs, call Elling at (313) 998-7061.

Give your dog the 'brush off'

If your pet's "doggie breath" keeps you at paw's length from Fido as a matter of self-defense, take heart.

St. JON Pet Care Products has come out with a free booklet to help pet owners fight bad breath in their four-footed friends.

Titled "Care For Their Teeth Too," the booklet explains the importance of home dental care and annual veterinary exams in preventing doggie breath as well as a host of other problems, such as periodontal disease.

Brushing teeth on a regular basis is as essential to the dental health of dogs as it is for people, the book says. The American Animal Hospital Association recommends that dogs have their teeth brushed at home at least three times a week.

The St. JON guide provides easy-to-follow instructions for brushing the teeth of any pet, from a Pomeranian to a Great Dane. There's even a section on caring for kitty's teeth, too.

Although many dogs quickly accept getting their teeth brushed, others are more hesitant. St. JON offers this advice on coaxing reluctant canines into a brushing routine:

- Select a canine toothpaste with a taste your dog likes.
- Begin by letting the dog taste some of the toothpaste off your finger. Do this

for a few days, before putting the toothpaste on a brush and letting your pet sample it again.

■ After your dog has tasted toothpaste on a brush, lift his or her lip slightly and gently brush two or three front teeth. The next day, increase the number of teeth brushed by two or three. Continue to do this until the dog's entire mouth is covered.

A dog's teeth should be brushed in circular up-and-down motions. The toothbrush should be tilted slightly up when working on the upper teeth, and down when brushing the bottom. This will make it easier to reach areas of the teeth at the gum line.

Brush only the outside of the teeth. Your dog will keep the inside surface clean by licking with the tongue.

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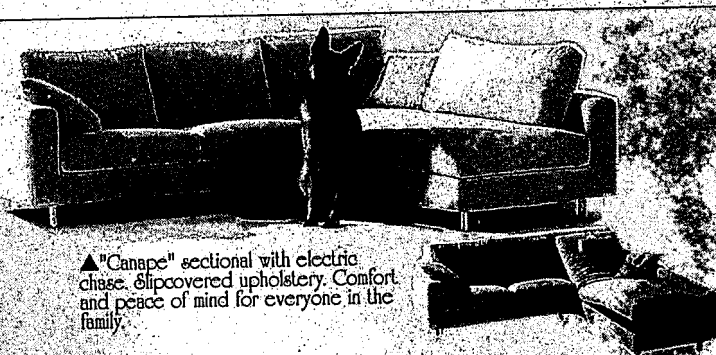
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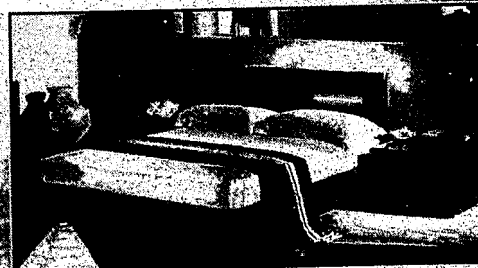


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Don't restrict your imagination when garden space is limited

BY MARTY FIGLEY
Special Writer

A very exciting learning experience awaits participants at the upcoming garden symposium, "Small Spaces: Getting Maximum Impact From Limited Spaces."

Sponsored by Horticulture Garden Programs in cooperation with Cranbrook Gardens Auxiliary, the event will take place 8:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, at the Michigan State University Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road, east of Crooks in Troy.

To register or request a brochure, call (800) 395-1901 or (617) 742-5600; fax (617) 367-6364; or write to Horticulture Garden Programs, 98 N. Washington St., Boston, Mass. 02114-1913.

Fees, which include a program booklet, lunch and refreshments, are \$95 for members of Horticulture or Cranbrook Gardens Auxiliary, \$99 for Horticulture magazine subscribers and \$109 for others.

Imagination and skill are necessary when space for a garden is limited. Four excellent speakers will detail ways to use that space for the most impact by applying planting techniques, vertical

objects, furnishings, hardscapes and containers.

Speakers are:

■ Lucy Hardiman, garden writer, speaker and teacher from Portland, Ore., who has lectured and taught for eight years, mainly on the West Coast.

She also conducts ongoing classes in her private garden, which has been featured in numerous books and publications such as *Fine Gardening* and *Better Homes and Gardens*. Hardiman is president of the Hardy Plant Society of Oregon.

Hardiman will show how she approaches the design of small gardens and develops strategies for laying out paths, creating "rooms" and gardening all around the house from window boxes to sidewalks.

■ Tony Avent, owner of Plant Delights nursery in Raleigh, N.C., an extraordinary hybridizer who said he would rather photosynthesize than breathe.

Plant Delights specializes in the rare and lesser-known species and cultivars, including Hostas he has bred. The Juniper Level Botanic Garden, home of the nursery, is filled with many unusual plants grown in their own "gardens" on the grounds.

Avent will regale the audience with

his wit and open participants' minds to new ways to make room for a never-ending series of treasures. He will give his ideas on foliage combinations and succession planting.

■ John Danzer, president of Munder-Skiles Inc., a producer of garden furniture each with its origin in historic pieces.

He has lectured widely about the forgotten origins and history of garden furniture at museums, botanical gardens, garden clubs and auction houses. His company currently works with garden professionals selecting, designing and building furniture and ornament for private residences and commercial spaces.

Danzer will combine his expertise as a furniture designer and historian to help participants look for more than conventional ways to enhance a garden. He will show how choosing the right chairs, tables and ornaments can blur the distinction between indoors and outside and visually enlarge a small space.

■ David Michener, assistant curator at the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens since 1990, who oversees the plant collections and educational programs.

Under his guidance many specialty gardens are now part of the Matthaei

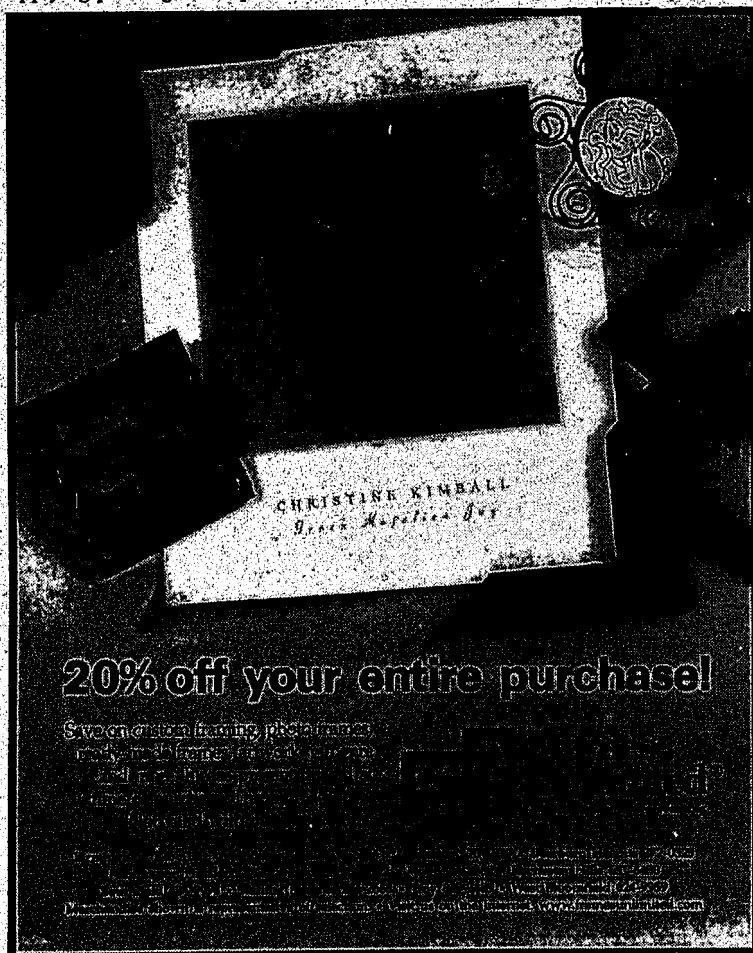
landscape. More programs, including the renovation of the Conservatory, are planned for the near future.

Michener is a popular lecturer in this country and abroad, including the Nanjing Botanical Garden and the Linnean Society of London. He has co-led garden tours, traveled to more than 200 private gardens throughout the world and participated in two botanical expeditions to the Russian Far East.

Michener will delight the audience as he explains how to borrow ideas from large gardens to enhance smaller spaces whether the ideas come from a corner of a border, the placement of a pot, a curve in a path or the way layers of foliage can make gardens more private. He will help sort through the possibilities and give a reality check for what really works.

A selection of appropriate books will be available for purchase.

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Renowned designer Nina Campbell to speak in Birmingham

The Community House in Birmingham will present Nina Campbell, internationally renowned interior decorator, to speak at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham Thursday, March 12.

The brunch and presentation begin 11 a.m. Cost is \$50 per ticket. Reservations are limited. Call The Community House at (248) 644-5832, Ext. 423, to buy tickets and for information.

This event, sponsored by the Bank of Bloomfield Hills, is a precursor to the annual Birmingham Antiques Festival, to take place April 23-26. The proceeds from the talk and the festival will benefit The Community House's youth education and parenting programs.

Campbell's signature style — timeless elegance with an emphasis on luxurious comfort — has brought her acclaim and admirers from around the world for more than 25 years.

The British interior designer's style is practical and adaptable, combining flare and a relaxed humor with her unusual sense of color and form, qualities that have become the trademark of all her projects, whether for the corporate client or discerning individual.

She will demystify the process of decorating and will be an inspiration to anyone wishing to create a stylish living environment.

Campbell is justifiably very proud to have been chosen as the decorator of the

first royal residence to be built in England this century, the home of Prince Andrew and Sarah, Duchess of York.

She is also delighted to have been appointed a trustee of the Victoria and Albert Museum and she recently won the prestigious American Fashion Award for the woman who has most influenced style internationally.

Campbell creates several collections of wallpaper and fabric each year. She also designs other accessories for the home as well as witty and unusual gifts. Campbell has two shops in London and a thriving antiques department where the emphasis is on decorative and useful antiques from the 19th and 20th centuries.

Despite her busy schedule she found time to publish "Elsie de Wolfe: A Decorative Life," and her second book, "Nina Campbell on Decorating," came out in 1996.

The Community House is a non-profit organization established in 1923. It works in partnership with individuals, organizations and businesses to provide a center for the community. It welcomes everyone to its free and low-cost educational, cultural and social enrichment programs.

The Community House receives no public funding and relies on volunteers, donations and fees.

New publication lists antique shops all around Michigan

Antique shoppers in Michigan will soon have an easier time finding treasures at the state's antique shops and malls.

A new book, "The 1998 Complete Antique Shop Directory for Michigan," has just been published, listing all 1,070 antique shops and malls identified in the state.

In addition to giving the name, address and telephone number for all the shops, the book gives the hours of operation, directions and a brief description of many of the shops. There are county and city maps showing shop locations, and an index of dealer specialties.

Copies of "The 1998 Complete Antique Shop Directory for Michigan" are available for purchase at many antique shops throughout the state, and will soon be available at selected book stores.

Copies may also be bought for \$6 plus \$1.25 postage from Antique Shop

Directories, P.O. Box 297, Lakeside, Mich. 49116.

Two years ago publisher Edward Lawrence published two antique shop directories for the state, one for eastern Michigan and another for western Michigan. This is the first book listing all antique shops and malls in the entire state.

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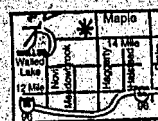


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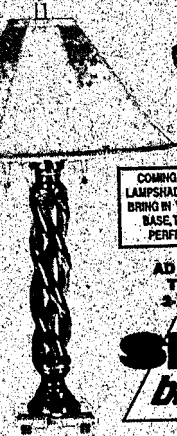
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■ In honor of the seventh anniversary of Judy Frankel and Associates, "the design center of antiques," the gallery space at 2900 W. Maple, Suite 111, in Troy has been expanded. The expansion will be celebrated with an open house 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 16. View Frankel's extensive collection of American and English antiques, including furniture, smalls and textiles. Call (248) 649-4399.

■ English Gardens conducts seminars on a variety of gardening topics 7 p.m. Wednesdays in February at the West Bloomfield store, 6370 Orchard Lake Road, north of Maple. Call (248) 851-7506. The next topic, Feb. 18, is "Arranging Fresh-cut Flowers" by English Gardens floral design staff.

■ Crimson Rose Antiques in Birmingham is having an antique jewelry trunk show and sale through February. The shop is on the upper level of the Merrillwood Collection on Merrill Street, south of Maple and across the street from the Birmingham Theatre. Call (248) 203-2950. The trunk show fea-

tures pendants, earrings, rings and pins from the Victorian, Edwardian, Art Nouveau, Arts and Crafts and Deco periods. The pieces are in platinum, white and yellow gold, set with seed pearls and gems, including diamonds, opals and sapphires.

■ The Do-It-Yourself Center, 3746 Cottontail Lane in Shelby Township, will have an open house 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12. Call (810) 739-6319. The center offers home decorating classes, including "Swags and Jabots" Tuesday, Feb. 17; and "EZ Build Bench" Wednesday, Feb. 18. All class projects will be displayed at the open house and you may register for sessions at that time.

■ The University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens Gift Shop, in cooperation with the Ann Arbor Flower and Garden Show, will sell fresh cut flowers, flowering plants, and advance tickets to the 1998 Flower Show Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 12-14, at the Briarwood Mall in Ann Arbor. To get to the mall, take I-94 to State Street and go north on State. Surprise your special someone on Valentine's Day with a single rose, mixed bouquet or flowering plant and include a ticket to the show, "A Gardener's Fair," which will take place March 26-28. Advance ticket prices are \$8. Call the Matthaei Botanical Gardens at (734) 998-7061.

■ Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor, offers many different adult education courses. Call (313) 998-7061 for fees and other information. Scheduled classes include "Growing Orchids," three Saturdays beginning Feb. 14; "Low Maintenance Plants," Sunday, Feb. 15; and "Trilliums and Orchids," three Sundays beginning Feb. 15.

■ The University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor, presents special docent-guided tours during February. Savor the sights and smells of the Conservatory on the Hearts and Flowers tour 2 p.m. Sundays, Feb. 15 and 22. Admission is \$2 for adults, \$1 for ages 5-18 and free for under age 5. Call Liz Elling at (734) 998-7061 for more information.

■ Southeastern Oakland County Resource Recovery Authority master composter training begins Wednesday, Feb. 25, at the Royal Oak Senior Center, 3500 Marais, north of 13 Mile between Crooks and Main. Topics covered include backyard composting, natural mulches, healthy lawn care, environmental gardening, and education outreach to the public. Fee is \$15 for SOCRRA community residents and \$25 for residents of other communities. For information, call SOCRRA weekdays at

(248) 546-5818. SOCRRA communities include Beverly Hills, Birmingham, Lathrup Village and Troy.

■ Adopt a homeless dog or cat 1-4 p.m. every Saturday at Trainers Academy, 30581 Stephenson Highway, south of 13 Mile and across from Home Quarters in Madison Heights. The event is sponsored by the non-profit Top Dog & Cat Rescue Group. Call (248) 680-1426.

■ "21st Century Trends, Problems and Solutions for the Practicing Arborist and Urban Forester" is the theme of the 1998 Michigan Forestry and Park Association annual winter conference taking place Monday-Tuesday, March 2-3, in Lansing. Featured speakers include Chris Carlson of Kent State University, Jim Orr of the Asplundh Tree Expert Co., Bruce Praedrich of Bartlett Tree Research Laboratories and Len Phillips of Wellesley Hills Parks and Tree Division. A pre-conference walking tour of trees on Michigan State University's campus, led by keynote speakers, is scheduled Sunday, March 1. The International Society of Arboriculture certification examination will be given Tuesday, March 3; anyone wishing to take the test must pre-apply to the ISA. For information on the conference or examination, call Ann Ashby at (517) 482-5530; fax (517) 482-5536 or e-mail ashby.ann@acd.net.

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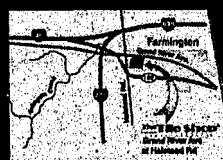
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made with egg yolks, sugar and usually Marsala wine - use the infused vinegar instead of the wine), to name just a few.

Donna Brown, sous chef from Forte Restaurant in Birmingham, and I have a great deal in common. We both live and love what we do professionally - food; we've both had the good fortune to travel to China this year (we went together with Chef Famie); and we both love making infused vinegars!

Chef Donna is big on infusing vinegars with fruits. I, on the other hand, use mostly herbs, spices and vanilla beans. These infused vinegars have the versatility of being sweet or savory while remaining unusually tangy.

There are a lot of books out on the market related to vinegar. One of my personal favorites is "Herbal Vinegar: Flavored Vinegars, Mustards, Chutneys, Preserves, Conserves, Salsas, Cosmetic Uses and Household Tips" by Maggie Oster, published by Storey Communications Inc., Vermont, 1994.

Many of the herb books also contain recipes and information relating to infused vinegar, along with books that have gift ideas using foods, especially preserved foods. Williams-Sonoma has a nice one out called "Gifts from the Kitchen," available at its stores. The internet (on Yahoo alone) has almost 4,000 sites related to vinegar.

Spend an afternoon with friends making different batches of infused vinegars. Each person invited could be in charge of one particular type, giving the group a variety of flavors.

Use different kinds of vinegars as your base; red wine vinegar, white wine vinegar, champagne vinegar, apple cider vinegar, or any others you can find.

Store the vinegar at one location, and in two weeks when the vinegar has had time to infuse, get the group back together to prepare a lunch or dinner using the infused vinegars. Have each original guest bring a recipe for the specific vinegar he or she infused.

Chef Brown places her herbs or fruits in a jar, then pours the vinegar over it. She closes the container and places it in

a dark place for two weeks. She then strains the vinegar and is ready to use it in cooking.

Here are some more of her tips and recipes:

■ Use a good quality vinegar.

■ Make sure the fruit you use is firm and not over-ripe.

■ Use glass containers for infusing vinegars - no plastic or metal.

■ Add more vinegar to the jar once you have taken some out - add more fruits or herbs if needed.

■ After two weeks, you can strain the vinegar and place in a gift jar, add new fruits or herbs if desired.

■ Use your own favorite fruits and flavors - experiment.

■ Make sure the jars you use are clean and sanitized.

■ If using raspberries - note that they will bleach out from the vinegar and lose some of their vibrant color.

INFUSED RED-WINE VINEGAR

- 2 cups red wine vinegar
- 6 cloves garlic, peeled
- 2 hot red peppers
- 6 sprigs fresh cilantro

INFUSED APPLE CIDER VINEGAR

- 2 cups apple cider vinegar
- 10 chives
- 1/2 red pepper
- 1 hot red pepper
- 1/4 of a red onion

- 2 shallots, peeled
- 2 cloves garlic, peeled

INFUSED BALSAMIC VINEGAR

- 2 cups Balsamic vinegar
- 1 teaspoon cloves
- 1 teaspoon peppercorns
- 1 hot red pepper
- 2 tablespoons fresh ginger

INFUSED CHAMPAGNE VINEGAR

- 2 cups champagne vinegar
- 1 orange, peeled and sliced
- 10 whole cloves
- 1 cinnamon stick (quill)
- 2 tablespoons sugar

INFUSED APPLE CIDER VINAIGRETTE

Yield: Approximately 4 cups

Ingredients:

- 1 cup infused apple cider vinegar
- 2 cloves garlic, peeled
- 1 shallot, peeled
- 3 cups salad oil
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1/2 of a roasted red pepper (home-made or prepared)
- Pinch cayenne pepper
- 1 tablespoon dried oregano
- Salt and white pepper (to taste)

Directions:

Combine all ingredients, except the oil, salt and pepper in a food processor or blender. Blend thoroughly.

While processor or blender is on, drizzle in the salad oil to emulsify.

Season with salt and white pepper to taste.

CAPONATA WITH INFUSED VINEGAR

Ingredients:

- 1 small eggplant, peeled and cut into 1/2 inch cubes
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3 celery stalks, cut into 1/2 inch dice
- 1/3 cup olive oil
- White pepper (to taste)
- 1 small onion, peeled and chopped
- 1/4 cup infused red wine vinegar

1 1/2 tablespoons sugar

- 1 cup seeded, diced red tomatoes
- 1 red pepper, roasted and diced
- 1/4 cup black olives (pitted), and sliced
- 1 1/2 tablespoons capers, drained
- 2 anchovy fillets, finely chopped

Directions:

Toss eggplant in salt and drain in a colander for 1/2 hour to extract bitter juices. Rinse the eggplant quickly under cold water.

Blanch the celery in boiling salted water for 2 minutes, then rinse under cold water.

Sear eggplant in a sauté pan with olive oil (make sure pan is hot). Remove the eggplant from the pan leaving in remaining oil - to the same pan, add the onion and cook until tender.

Add the vinegar and sugar - reduce to a glaze - about 3 minutes. Add tomatoes, anchovy, capers and olives and cook until thickened. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Serve at room temperature or chilled. Great with crostini, focaccia or toast points.

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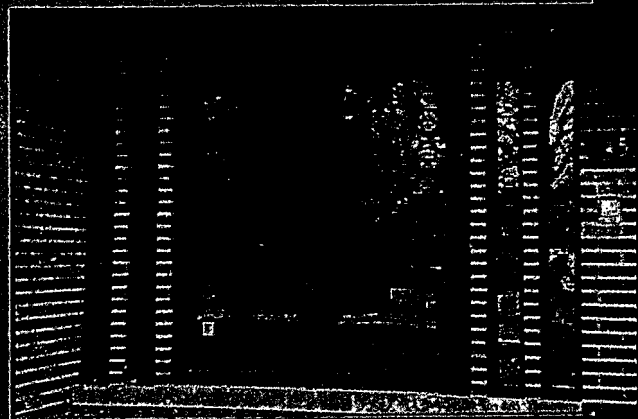
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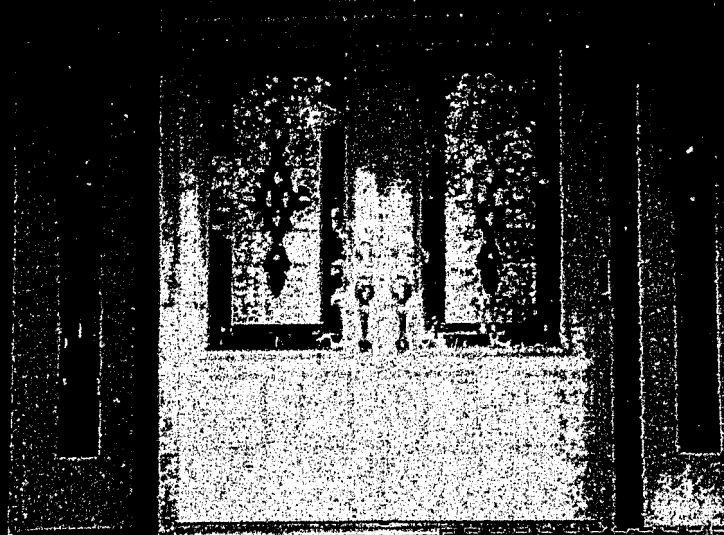
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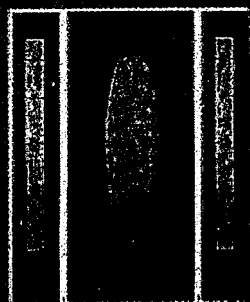
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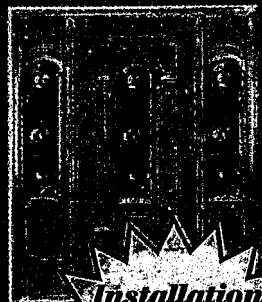


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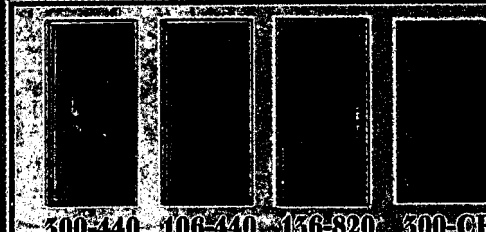


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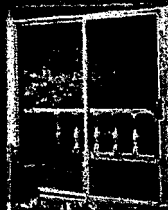
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Heads of Realtor boards look to future

By DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

Three new presidents of professional associations serving thousands of Realtors here intend to focus on technology, communication and education during their leadership terms.

"I think the biggest challenge in the business now is getting technologically advanced," said Ronald L. Moore, president of the North Oakland County Board of Realtors and sales manager of the Coldwell Banker Schweitzer Troy office.

"The biggest challenge is making sure we keep up with all the changes so information we give clients is credible," said John G. McArdle, president of the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors.

"Information isn't power. We have credibility because we have been able to interpret information," added McArdle, broker/owner of Remerica Hometown One offices in Plymouth and Canton.

"The biggest challenge is communication, all of it, with buyers, sellers, putting deals together, communication with other Realtors," said Marcia Gies, president of the Birmingham Bloomfield Rochester South Oakland Association of Realtors.



Charting course: John G. McArdle, Ronald L. Moore and Marcia Gies serve as presidents of real estate professional associations.

"And staying on top of technology. It's changing constantly," added Gies, manager of the Coldwell Banker Schweitzer Birmingham Woodward office.

Moore, 40, a Clarkston resident, has 19 years experience in real estate.

"Personally, my biggest reward is helping agents achieve their goals — create a business plan tailored to what they want to do ... helping them improve sales skills," he said.

As president, Moore intends to work with neighboring realty boards to combine educational programs and member benefits so there is less duplication of services.

For any association to be effective,

he said, members should get involved.

"It's the single biggest voice they have in lots of places," Moore said. "Enforcement of an available code of ethics, how we operate, is very important to us. We do get held and can hold ourselves to a higher standard."

McArdle, 32, a Canton resident, said he's the youngest president ever of the largest association in the state. He's a 10-year veteran in the field.

"Being active enables you to have a pulse on the profession," McArdle said. "Being part of something larger than yourself breeds professionalism, self confidence, not to mention networking abilities."

"My number one goal at WWOCA

is a thrust to education in technology and customer services," McArdle said. "It's been projected that by the year 2000, it will be as important to have a computer in real estate as it was to have a car in the 1970s."

Gies, 43, a Troy resident, has been in the business since 1990.

"We try very hard to stay on top of legislation that affects property rights," she said. "What's going on in other states you have to know about because it will eventually be here."

"Education is very important. You need knowledge, especially with the Internet. I've heard agents say they don't have time to watch what's going on in the state, local or nation. Com-

Dwelling types

Following is the number of permits by dwelling type, all family houses and condominiums, seasonally occupied family apartments, and mobile homes, issued in selected metro areas during the period 92-96.

	Single	Multi
Community	Family	Family
Philadelphia	91	9
St. Louis	89	11
Pittsburgh	88	12
Detroit	82	18
Atlanta	82	18
Cleveland	79	21
Chicago	75	23
Orlando	75	25
San Francisco Bay	72	28
Dallas/Ft. Worth	72	29
Las Vegas	72	29
L.A./Long Beach	60	40
Milwaukee	54	46
NYC/Northeast	54	55
Naples	54	55

Source: U.S. Housing Markets

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mittees do. We keep abreast," she said.

During her term, Gies will look at establishing a cooperative lobbying venture at the municipal level with other associations.

All three offer a bit of advice to prospective buyers and sellers of residential property.

■ "For buyers, be represented," Moore said. "Don't work with a sub-agent of the seller. For the seller, select a marketing agent, not just any agent. Ask about a marketing plan."

■ "For a buyer, ask questions if you're not sure about anything — any part of the agency contract, offer to purchase," Gies said.

"Sellers, they should be honest with an agent. An agent knows the market, what houses will sell for in a range. They have the same comps the buyer, appraiser will see," she said.

■ "Start the buying process early so at the point you fall in love with a house, you're confident in the process and the Realtor's role," McArdle said.

"Sellers, start early and build a relationship with a Realtor whose marketing system can be proved to you. Listen carefully and look carefully at market facts in your area, and price accordingly."



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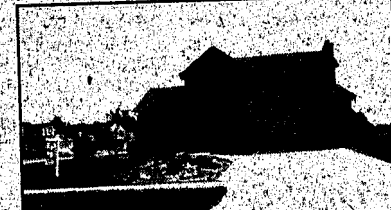
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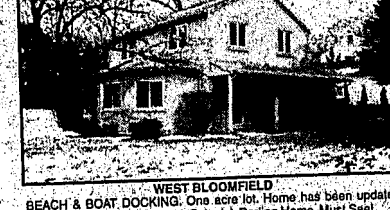
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Michigan National Bank	1-800-CALL-MNB	7	2	6,825	2	5.25	2
North American Mortgage	1-800-880-8990	6.75	2	6.5	2	5.25	2
Norwest Mortgage Corp.	1-800-782-3974	7,375	0	6,875	0	6.25	0
Old Kent Mortgage Co.	1-800-792-8830	7	2	6.5	2	5.25	2
Quality Mortgage Corp.	1-810-254-8150	6,625	2	6.25	2	5.75	2
Realti Funding Mortgage Corp.	1-248-553-8900	6.5	2.5	6.25	2	5	2
Rock Financial	1-800-731-ROCK	6,625	3	6.5	2	5,375	3
Shore Mortgage	1-248-433-3300	6.5	3	6,125	3	5	3
Source One Mortgage	1-248-399-4500	6,875	2	6.5	2	5,625	2
St. Clair Mortgage Corp.	1-248-280-0088	7,375	0	7,125	0	6.5	0
St. James Servicing Corp.	1-800-837-7005	7.25	0	7	0	6.5	0
Standard Federal Bank	1-800-HOME-800	6.75	2	6,375	2	5	2
Superior Financial Services Inc	1-248-848-1260	6.5	3	6.25	3	4.75	3
UFT Mortgage	1-800-838-6505	6,5	2	5,875	3.75	5.75	1.5
	1-248-847-1400	6.75	2	6,375	2	5,125	2

World Wide Financial 1-248-647-1199
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Housing is available on canals

REAL ESTATE QUIRIES



**ROBERT M.
MEISNER**

Q. Do you have any information concerning the types of housing available in Venice, Italy? I am interested in a "water view" on the canal.

A. Housing in Venice on the canals is extremely expensive. There are apartments and condominiums available

for purchase. There is, believe it or not, new construction going up in connection with apartment buildings and condominiums as well as some conversions to condominiums. Prices depend upon the location of the condominium or apartment. There are a number of real estate agencies available to assist you in the purchase. There is also a local magazine,

Guida Casa, unfortunately published only in Italian, that provides you a listing of apartments and condominiums. You may best be advised to consult with the American Embassy or the local representative of the Italian government in your locale here in the United States for additional information.

Q. Our association is thinking about assigning handicapped parking to a place on a public street. Do you think that that would violate the Fair Housing Act?

A. One recent Virginia case, which involved a complaint to HUD, concluded that the evidence in that case did not show that the space on an adjoining public street would afford less opportunity to use and enjoy his dwelling. The administrative body also relied on another case to infer that failing to fully accommodate

owners does not necessarily deny them of the use and enjoyment of their dwelling. In the case where the homeowner asked to establish a handicapped space in an area near his unit, the association was vindicated for reserving a space on a nearby street for handicapped parking after it got permission from the local department of transportation.

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Low-voltage lights show the way

When low-voltage outdoor lighting systems were developed more than 30 years ago, just a few types of fixtures were available to do-it-yourselfers. But now there are nearly three dozen different styles for yards, garages, decks and other outdoor locations.

The latest additions are five low profile designs that have joined Informatic's popular Malibu low voltage lighting products line. The lights are offered individually, as well as in sets containing several fixtures, low voltage cable and power pack. They are available at full-service retailers, hardware stores, home centers, discount outlets, and lawn and garden supply retailers.

The new options include:

- **Flare Light** - Rerouting a window shade and baffle, plus a translucent flare ring, the innovative flare light produces a soft glow of light that subtly illuminates the object behind it, without which reflectively controlling the light source. The flaring technology will be perfect for creating dramatic lighting effects.

ways, sidewalks and decks, as well as mark borders, walkways, steps, drives and patios.

■ **Edge Light** — The revolutionary edge light has a half-dome shape for use on driveways, sidewalks, patios, paths, steps and decks. The fixture can be mounted in the ground or on walls, fences and other flat surfaces, creating dramatic lighting effects on flowers, plants, walls or architecture. The dual ground stakes, which offer in-ground stability, are also removable.

■ **Tier Light** - The compact tier light lends a more contemporary look to the classic styling that made this type of fixture so popular. Its combination clear-and-frosted cylinder lens produces maximum light output. The light gives an excellent choice for illuminating driveways, walkways, paths and steps, as well as highlighting flower beds, low shrubbery, planters, patios and terraces.

■ **Wall Light** - One of the best choices for illuminating and silhouetting trees

gardens, foundations and shrubs. Designed to be buried, it casts illumination upward to create a variety of special effects. The angled shade can also be removed to disperse light over a broader area.

■ **Brick Light** - Intended for installation on walls, steps, fences, siding and other architectural surfaces, this compact light is just 6-1/2" long, 3" wide and 2" deep. Durable and decorative, the brick-shaped fixture directs light downward through a series of lowered panels to safely illuminate walls, steps and walkways with a soft, subtle and beautiful glow.

To help homeowners design, select and install their low-voltage lighting system, Intermatic Malibu offers an informative 52-page booklet titled "Light Up Your Life." To obtain your copy, send a check or money order for \$1.75 to Lighting Book, Intermatic Malibu, Department 58C, Spring Grove, IL 60081-9698. Malibu lights are available at large retailers such as Home Depot.

New type of loan includes home fix-up costs

MORTGAGE SEARCH



DAVID C. MULLY

of some TLC. These homes have been mistreated, neglected or are

Every buyer wants to find a great deal on a new home. The problem is that, often times, there are not enough of these homes to go around.

Many of the affordable homes are known as "fix-uppers" or a "house in need

the victims of the owner's "handy" work.

Many people often will not even consider looking at these less-than-perfect homes, for a number of reasons. Many can't visualize the final product after repairs and alterations. Some believe that, if they are not handy, they can't or should not get involved. Still others don't believe they have the time or the money to bring the house up to their standards.

Now the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) has an answer to the prayers of buyers who want a good deal on a per-

fectly tailored home - the 30-year 203K loan. The 203K includes not only the purchase price of the home but also the cost of all improvements you need, or want, to make the house your home.

The 203K loan enables the buyer to negotiate a favorable deal with the seller of the house because of the condition of the structure. Then, with the help of an architect, builder and/or designer, you decide what repairs and remodeling you want. The buyer completely controls labor and material costs.

There are almost no limita-

tions on what types of work can be done, as long as there is a minimum of \$5,000 worth of eligible improvements. The loan covers structural repairs; improvements in functionality or modernization; elimination of obsolete or unwanted items; repair or replacement of plumbing, heating, air conditioning or electrical systems; replacement of flooring; and even attaching or building a garage.

But the best feature of the 203K loan is that it is an FHA loan. That means the down payment required can be as little as 3 percent of the sales price of the

home before factoring in remodeling costs! And up to six monthly payments and all closing costs can be financed directly into the loan.

The 203K loan enables the buyer to negotiate a good deal on a fix-upper and end up with a home that is worth substantially more than he paid for it. The home is structurally sound and customized based on your specifications and dreams.

So if you're in the market for a home but are a little light on cash, don't give up on a home just yet. The 203K loan could turn that "eyesore" on the corner

into an eye-opener - at a price so affordable that you might not believe your eyes.

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MOVERS AND SHAKERS

This column highlights promotions, transfers, hirings, awards won and other news within the real estate, construction, architecture and mortgage communities.

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Mary L. Burgner has joined Innovative Mortgage Co. in Novi as a mortgage loan consultant. She formerly worked as a certified legal assistant and has more than 20 years experience in the mortgage business.



Burgner

The Birmingham Bloomfield Rochester South Oakland Association of Realtors has announced officers and directors for this year.

Marcia Gies is president, James Sands president elect and Robert Gleason secretary-treasurer.

Directors are Cynthia Boudreau, Robert Corbett, Michael Cotter, Diane Hartley, Albert "Bud" Johnson, Lynn Mallette, Jerry McKeon, Charlene Rosenbaum, Patrick Ryan, Nancy Taylor and Carolyn Wnorowski.

Graduates of Lawrence Technological University in Southfield dominated 1997 design

awards recently presented by the Detroit Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

The Veterans Administration Medical Center Research Building and Energy Center in Ann Arbor, designed by Harley Ellington Design, Southfield, was a winner for grand scale project, building category.

Jeffery R. Zokas was principal in charge, Raymond V. Cekauskas lead designer.

Neumann/Smith and Associates, Southfield, won an award for an innovative parking structure for Blue Cross/Blue Shield in Detroit.

Scott R. Bonney served as project designer, Richard J. Myliwiec project architect.

Arthur F. Smith won an interiors category award for a HealthRider store at Fairlane Mall, Dearborn. Bryan W. Koehn also worked on that project.

Victor Saroki of Birmingham took two awards, one in the building category for transforming two existing buildings into design offices for Avalon Films in Farmington Hills, the other in low budget/small projects for the design of the Posner Gallery in Birmingham.

Constantine George Pappas of Troy was also recognized in the low budget/small projects category for an addition to a 60-year-old house in Grosse Pointe.

Craig E. Schmidt, president of Jarvis J. Schmidt and Co. and a second generation Realtor, has been elected a director of the Michigan Association of Realtors.

Schmidt is a past president of the Detroit Area Commercial Board of Realtors and the Detroit Board of Realtors. He has 23 years experience in commercial real estate.

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INVESTORS ASSN.

The Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland hosts Ernie Kessler, an investor with real estate holdings throughout the 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 non-members.

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 \$29.

To register for either event, call (800) 747-6742.

GREAT LAKES REALTY

Realtors affiliated with the Prudential Great Lakes Realty headquartered in Clarkston host open houses of their listings this weekend, 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.

NEIGHBORHOOD EXPO

The Neighborhood Expo, a free show for prospective sellers and buyers to meet Realtors; representatives from banks/mortgage companies; inspection services and moving companies, goes 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft just west of Inkster Road in Livonia.

For information, contact Kathleen George at (248) 740-1814.

RE MANAGEMENT

The Institute of Real Estate Management Michigan Chapter 5 hosts a breakfast meeting 8 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18, at Vladimir's, 28125 Grand River, Farmington Hills.

Alfred Sliwinski, chief community banking officer, Detroit & Northern Bank, will present a 1998 economic forecast for the metro Detroit area.

Cost is \$12 for members, \$17 for non-members. To register, call Bea King at (248) 615-3885.

MAHB CONVENTION

The Michigan Association of Home Builders hosts its annual winter convention Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 19-21, at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing.

Registration fee is \$169 for members, \$199 for non-members. To register, call Chris English at (800) 748-0432.

BUILD WEALTH CLASS

The Birmingham Bloomfield Rochester South Oakland Association of Realtors sponsors a two-day course, "Building Wealth Through Residential Real Estate Investment," 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Feb. 23-24, at the Columbia Center in Troy.

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Cost is \$300. To register, call Karen Albers at (248) 879-5730.

CERTIFICATION CLASS

The Building Industry of Southeastern Michigan presents a four-day class to meet requirements for the Certified New Home Sales Professional designation 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Feb. 24, 26 and March 3, 5 at the Northfield Hilton, 5500 Crooks, Troy.

Cost, including continental breakfasts and lunches, is \$299 for Sales & Marketing Council members, \$349 for BIA and Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$449 for non-members.

To register, call (248) 737-4477.

BUILDERS TRAINING

Oakland Builders Institute offers a 16-hour class to prepare for the Michigan Builders License Exam 6-10 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, March 2-

11, at Riley Middle School, 15555 Henry Road, Livonia.

Cost, which includes textbook fee, is \$170. To register, call (313) 523-9277.

BUILDERS TRAINING II

Builders Training Service offers a 16-hour class to prepare for the state builders license exam 6-10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, March 3-12, at the Clawson Troy Elks Club on Big Beaver Road near Rochester Road.

Cost, which includes a training manual, construction guide, textbook and self-testing materials, is \$225. To register, call (248) 909-1947.

INVESTORS ASSN. II

The Real Estate Investors Association hosts Mike Warren, who will speak on adult/senior congregate living, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 3, at the Southgate Holiday Inn, 17201 Northline. Call (313) 277-4168 for info.

Rock Financial adds 5 locations across U.S.

Rock Financial, which is headquartered in Bingham Farms, will open five new retail stores across the country as of Feb. 1.

The new locations, known as Fresh Start Loan Center, opened in St. Louis, Mo.; Indianapolis, Ind.; Dallas, Texas; Fort Worth, Texas; and Las Vegas, Nev.

Fresh Start Loan Center offers a wide range of mortgage products for consumers who wish to consolidate debt, utilize equity for home improvements or other purposes, or who have less-than-perfect credit, said Steve Stone, president of Rock Financial. FHA and conven-

tional products are also available at Fresh Start Loan centers.

"We are extremely proud to announce our expansion into new markets," said Stone. "The Fresh Start division of Rock Financial got its start in 1994 in Michigan and has rapidly become a leading national home equity lender. Fresh Start Loan Center offers a customer-friendly environment with unparalleled service."

Location is a key to the success of Fresh Start Loan Centers, Stone said. Most offices are located in neighborhood shopping centers, rather than

hidden away in large office buildings. Each branch also has its own lobby design.

"We specially designed our centers to create a positive and welcoming environment for our clients," he said. "The color scheme and design of our branches makes getting a mortgage less intimidating for our clients. From our bright sun logo on the ceiling to the colorful children's play area, this is not your ordinary mortgage bank."

Daniel Gilbert, CEO and chairman of Rock Financial, says the customer-friendly atmosphere, combined with a team of dedicated mortgage pro-

fessionals, makes for a borrowing experience like no other.

"We pride ourselves upon the quality of our employees and our commitment to World Class customer service. This philosophy has allowed us to grow and serve customers around the nation," said Gilbert. "With the addition of these new branches, we now operate 26 locations in the United States and expect to increase that number by the end of this year."

Rock Financial also operates Fresh Start Loan Centers throughout Michigan, Ohio, and the Chicago area.

Energy Dept.: gas costs less

Natural gas can save consumers money on utility bills, according to energy price projections released by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

DOE estimates show that residential natural gas prices in 1997 will be lower than electricity and heating oil nationally.

DOE estimates that the 1997 residential price of natural gas will be \$6.12 per million Btu (MMBtu), compared with \$24.35 per MMBtu for electricity and \$7.14 per MMBtu for heating oil. According to DOE, electricity costs about four times more, on a national average, than natural gas for the same amount of energy.

"This means it will cost consumers less to heat their homes, heat water, cook and dry clothes if they use natural gas appliances," American Gas Association President and CEO Michael Baly says. "Natural gas is the best energy value for consumers."

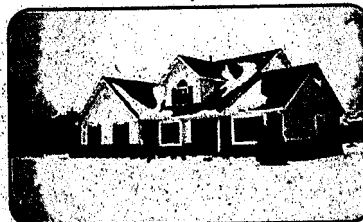
"Consumer prices for natural gas have been stable for the last 10 years, because the nation has an ample supply of natural gas and because of the development of new technologies in the search for gas," Baly says.

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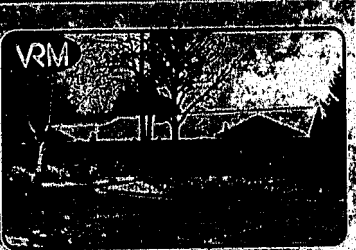
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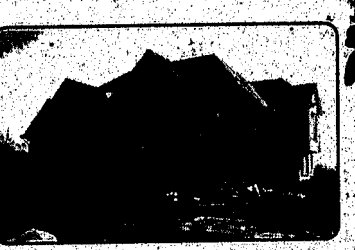
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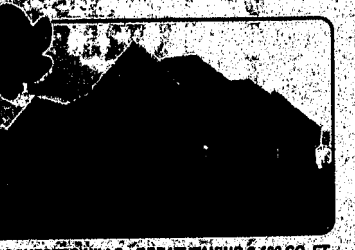
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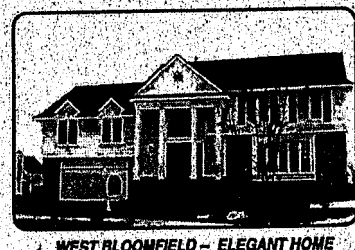
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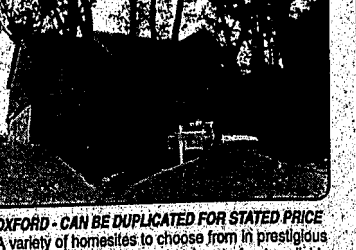


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 • This two story contemporary has all of the extras
 • Great room with fireplace and library off master suite
 • Beautiful kitchen with all white, built-in appliances,
 • granite counter tops, island and breakfast nook
 • Prime cul-de-sac lot and attached 2 car garage
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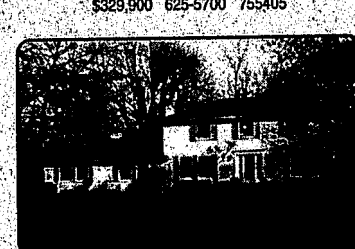
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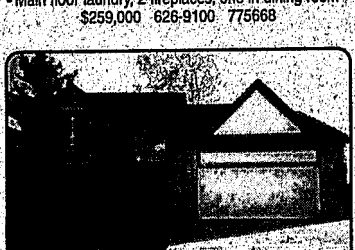
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 • Great finished basement with wet bar, office, bedroom
 • Hardwood floors, deck, newer furnace, well, windows
 • Three bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, security system
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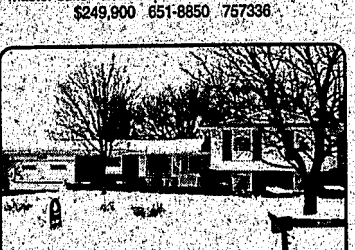
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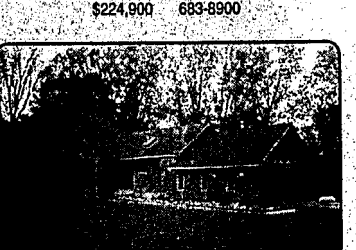
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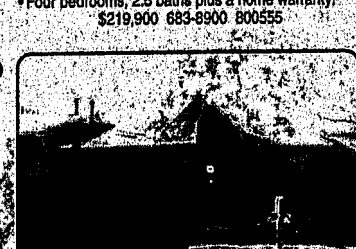
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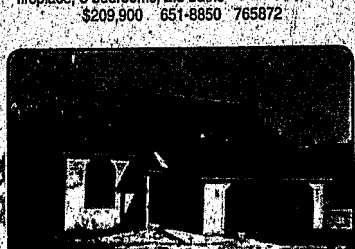
ROSE TWP. - OVER TWO ACRES
 • Stone & cedar trimmed Contemporary home, treed
 • & water setting - Spacious 1st floor master with bath
 • Hardwood floors, imported ceramic & Barber carpet
 • Full walk-out basement (PA185)
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ROYAL OAK - AVOID SPRING RUSH
 • Start the new year off in this 4 bedroom Colonial
 • Features breakfast, family and dining rooms
 • Fenced corner lot, conveniently located, great view
 • Seller will consider offers between
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FARMINGTON HILLS
 • Clean, sharp & tastefully decorated ranch condo
 • Ceramic entry, dining area, wood gas log fireplace
 • Finished, carpeted lower level with storage room
 • Large, private deck, convenient to shopping & more
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WATERFORD - POOL
 • Attractive contemporary in excellent condition
 • New decking surrounds pool overlooking wetlands
 • to Cass Lake, Walk, jog or bike to park!
 • 2nd floor plan, first flr great room with skylights
 \$169,900 646-6000



ROCHESTER TOWNHOUSE NEAR EXPRESSWAYS
 • Super location & wonderfully maintained
 • Three bedrooms, formal dining plus breakfast room
 • Partially finished basement, central air deck
 • Neutral decor, lots of storage
 • Most of main floor freshly painted in '98
 \$163,500 Ask for: Mary Ellen Haan 656-4424 762461



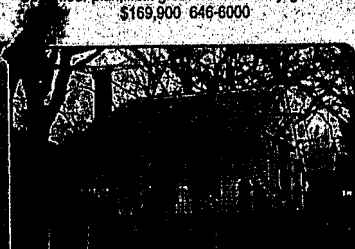
FARMINGTON HILLS CONTEMPORARY CONDO
 • Amenities galore with high ceilings, skylights,
 • mirrors, ceramic tile & carpeting plus bay window
 • Master bedroom with walk-in closet
 • Paver brick patio, heated garage with staircase to loft
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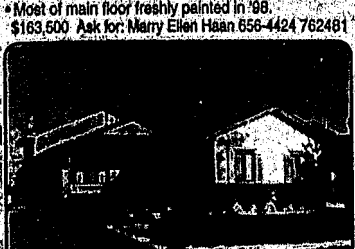
HARTLAND MICHIGAN
 • The time has come to enjoy the fireplace on cold nights
 • Master bedroom with double closet & master bath
 • New furnace and central air all appliances day
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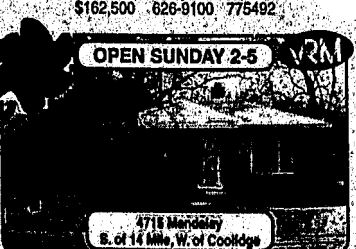
ROCHESTER HILLS - IN THE HEART OF THE VILLAGES
 • Super charmer ranch condo with garage and deck
 • Professionally finished lower level with additional 700
 • sq. ft. of living space, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, a
 • 2nd floor plan, first flr great room with skylights
 \$129,900 631-8850 775022



KEEOGH HARBOR - CASS LAKE PRIVILEGES
 • Enjoy the lake view without the big price tag!
 • Clean & bright with new kitchen & carpeting
 • 2nd bedroom, large living room, separate dining
 • room, 2 car garage, basement - Great investment!
 \$114,000 688-8900 771222



PONTIAC - GREAT BUY
 • NEW LISTING! Spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bath quad-
 • level home with open floor plan,
 • Cathedral ceiling & mirrored wall in living room
 • Neutral decor, oak cabinets in kitchen, 2 car garage
 \$113,000 646-6000



ROYAL OAK - BUYERS SEIZE OPPORTUNITY
 • Upton Elementary School at the end of the street
 • Three bedrooms, Bath in basement
 • Patio, fenced yard, sidewalks
 • Seller will consider offers between
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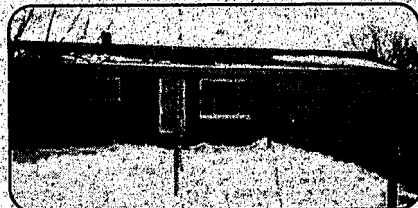
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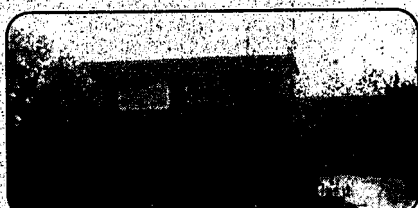
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SHARP 3 BEDROOM, 1 1/2 bath ranch, 2 car attached garage, full basement, new windows throughout. Lake privileges on large lot. Asking \$134,900. (145SUN) 248-349-6800



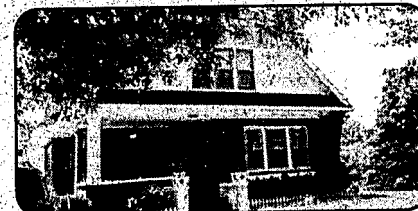
QUALITY BUILT HOME in popular sub. In Novi. 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 bath, full basement, neutral color. Many updates include furnace, dishwasher, hot water heater. 2,300 sq. ft. Asking \$219,900.



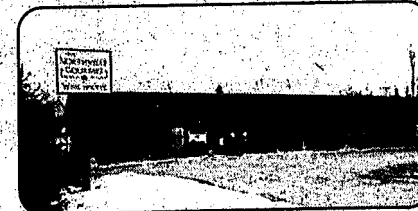
GREAT INVESTMENT PROPERTY. 2 family home. Great condition in popular Warrendale Community. New roof, windows, furnace, hardwood floors throughout. (637MAN) 248-349-6800



MUST SEE TO APPRECIATE! Clean 2 bedroom ranch. New carpeting, remodeled bath, large kitchen, some updates, extra large laundry room and immediate occupancy! Close to everything! Asking only \$69,900. (213REN) 248-349-6800



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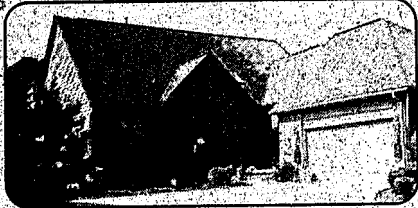
INVESTORS, ENTREPRENEURS and professionals take note!!! Prime location in Northville! Beer and wine shop with bakery, deli and catering facilities! A perfect place for a convenience store. Surrounded by residential area. Also a perfect building for professional office. 248-349-6800



A REAL CREAM PUFF! This 3 bedroom home offers family room, living room with fireplace, everything new, roof, windows, furnace and water heater. 2 1/2 car garage plus shed. Great view of Lake Geneva across street, 1st floor laundry. A GREAT BUY AT ONLY \$112,933 (20ROS) 620-7200



TONEY TOUCHES include deck. Aluminum-sided facade, tranquil shady street, near schools. Easy commute. Stained woodwork, newly painted interior, 3 bedrooms, gas heat, new furnace. Patio, new roof, custom landscape, city water. \$129,900. (OE7REN) 248-299-6200



THIS ONE HAS IT ALL! First floor master with Jacuzzi tub in large suite. Great room with skylights, custom windows, hardwood floors, 2 gas log fireplaces, professionally finished basement with 6 person hot tub and gorgeous kitchen with top of line appliances. (OE10PP) 248-299-6200



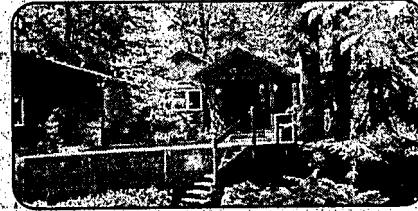
GREAT ROOM WITH FIREPLACE. 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, huge kitchen with abundance of cabinets and upgraded appliances, D-R-E-A-M master suite. 1st floor laundry, full basement, 2+ car garage. Beautifully landscaped! Central air, sprinkling and security system. \$224,900 (OE95RIV) 248-299-6200



WELL KEPT 2 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath condo. End unit 2-story. Tiled foyer, gracious living room, carpeting, master suite, ample storage space, modern kitchen with built-in dishwasher, central air. Deck, clubhouse, well-kept grounds. Indoor and outdoor pools. \$105,900 (OE13STR) 248-299-6200



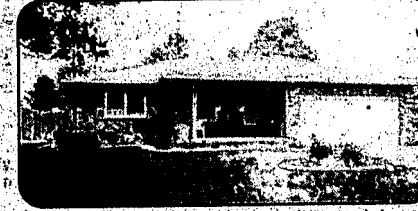
ROCHESTER HILLS RANCH. Condo with garage and finished basement, hardwood floors, bay windows and more. Immediate occupancy. \$138,900. (OE30MED) 248-299-6200



FABULOUS WOODED SETTING on historic Winkler Mill pond. Exquisite interior of unsurpassed quality, custom and neutral throughout. Carriage house, sunken gardens, circular drive, cedar decking, 3 doorwalls and more. \$425,000 (OE19WAS) 248-299-6200



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GRAND BLANC! This sharp ranch on cul-de-sac. 1,650 sq. ft., 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, firellt family room, large private fenced-in lot with inground pool. Open floor plan. Priced to sell at \$139,900. (12GRE) 620-7200



UNIVERSITY DISTRICT. 5 bedroom, large living room with fireplace, formal dining, Florida room. Huge foyer, rec room, 2 car garage, cedar closets. \$199,500. (COB95BIR) 248-626-8000



WAKE UP AND SMELL the coffee. This charming 4 bedroom Colonial is in immaculate condition! Ceramic foyer, powder and kitchen. Kitchen appliances one year old, family room with natural fireplace. Exterior freshly painted. Family room in lower level \$227,500 (COB67LAN) 248-626-8000



ONE ACRE NEAR THE LAKES. Features 1,800 sq. ft. home, 2 car attached garage, another garage behind for storage, all appliances, 3 bedrooms and 2 full baths with an affordable price. \$129,900. (COB90ELI) 248-626-8000



ROLLING OAKS. Stunning Colonial, park-like setting, ceramic foyer and kitchen, glamorous white, custom gourmet kitchen. Beautiful family room with focal fireplace. Gorgeous hardwood floors in living room, and dining room. Forest Elementary School. \$234,900. (COB34CAR) 248-626-8000



BEST BUY - immediate occupancy. A nice open floor plan will delight you, 2,163 sq. ft. Park-like backyard adjacent to 20 acre commons. \$236,500. (COB20MEA) 248-626-8000



DREAMS DO COME TRUE! Elegant transitional in Beach Forest. Impressive 2 story foyer, open flowing floor plan, 5 bedrooms, 4 full, 2 half baths, finished basement. \$1,140,000 (COB70HAV) 248-626-8000



CHARMING! This fine 4 bedroom Colonial with park-like setting. Wood floor in kitchen with Merrillat cabinets and built-in microwave, dishwasher. Master bedroom with vanity, wood/lucite bannister, natural gas fireplace, security system. \$179,900. (COB920XB) 248-626-8000



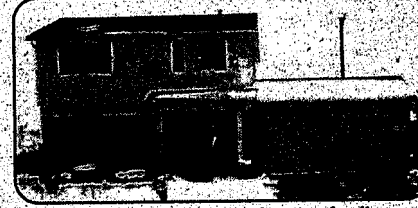
LOCATION! LOCATION! Beautiful views of all sports private Williams Lake, sandy beach, seawall, lovely gracious great room with natural fireplace, 5 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1st floor laundry, 2 staircases, doorwall and deck. Priced to sell at \$289,500. (67HAT) 620-7200



SUPER SHARP, SPACIOUS AND CLEAN! Brick ranch with family room, 3 bedrooms, neutral decor, curb appeal and lots of cosmetic upgrades. First floor laundry, large closets, patio accessible from 2 doorwalls in family room. Big yard, 2 car detached garage. \$109,900. (40SUT) 248-280-4777



BERKLEY QUAD-LEVEL. Four bedroom home with open floor plan. Neutral colors, two car garage, updated kitchen. Great find in Berkley! \$144,900. (45ELL) 248-280-4777



BRICK COLONIAL with 3 bedrooms, family room with fireplace. Country kitchen, central air, finished basement, and attached 2 car garage with opener. Open floor plan, crown moldings, attractive landscaping, neutral decor and close to schools, shopping and parks. \$153,500. (49ASH) 248-280-4777



ROYAL OAK BUNGALOW with numerous updates. Fireplace in living room. Natural woodwork, enclosed front porch. Deck in backyard with gazebo. Two car garage. \$112,900. (20DOR) 248-280-4777



THREE BEDROOM BRICK BUNGALOW in mostly brick neighborhood. Newer roof and windows, full basement, across from schools and playground. Very convenient location, priced for quick sale. All appliances stay. \$79,900. (60UNI) 248-280-4777



ROOM TO ROAM in this spacious, freshly painted 4 bedroom Colonial in desirable sub, close to Beverly Hills and Birmingham. Amenities galore! Sprinkler system, central air, mirrored wall in dining room, crystal chandeliers, cement patio with covered awning. \$159,900 (01EVA) 248-280-4777



PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP - Tudor style bungalow. Excellent neighborhood. Maintenance-free 3 bedroom house on full basement. Bay window in eat-in kitchen. Many updates. \$109,500. (37MAP) 248-280-4777



HOLLY - A PRIVATE OASIS! This treed and rolling setting on 2.6 acres. Beautifully maintained 1 1/2 story retreat backs up to state land. Oversized cathedral beamed great room with full natural fireplace, cozy den, large deck, huge master bedroom with Jacuzzi tub. \$198,500 (48GRA) 620-7200

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ROYAL OAK - Wonderfully updated Bungalow with oak kitchen, newer bath, drywall rec room. Home Warranty included. \$129,900 (17DUR) 642-8100



TROY - 3 bedroom Quad-Level with fireplace in family room. Spacious living room and formal dining room. New carpet and tile. Neutral decor thru-out. \$184,900 (00EAG) 524-1600



WOLVERINE LAKE VILLAGE - Nice updated three bedroom home offering family room with fireplace, Florida room, oak kitchen, many updates. \$157,900 (59TER) 363-1200



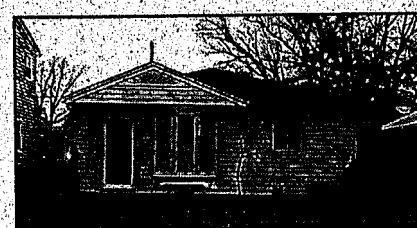
WEST BLOOMFIELD - New construction 2 story contemporary on wooded site in cul-de-sac. Open floor plan, 1st floor library, laundry, appliances stay, A/C, carpet. Lower level walkout w/800 sq. ft. Deck off great room and nook. \$306,900 (95HER) 642-8100



CHARMING - 4 bedroom 2 1/2 bath Troy Colonial. Andersen windows and doorways. Newer carpet, custom blinds. Hardwood floors in foyer and first floor laundry. 2 tier decking with lighting. All appliances included. \$276,000 (86LEH) 524-1600



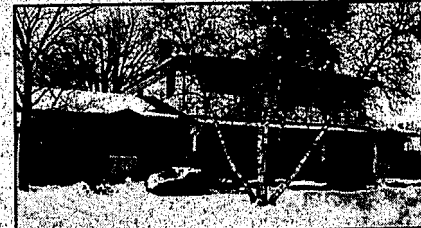
THE RIGHT HOUSE - RIGHT PRICE - Here's the ranch you're looking for! This 3 bedroom, 2 bath home has central air, first floor laundry, basement on almost an acre. Ready to move in! \$169,900 (40WEL) 363-1200



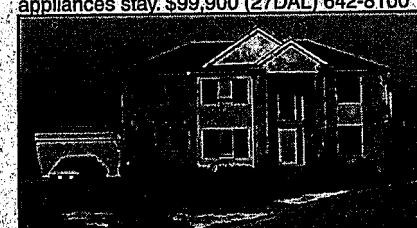
ROYAL OAK - Completely remodeled home offers dramatic open floor plan, vaulted ceilings, recessed lights, white raised panel kitchen, cabinetry, ceramic tile, HW floors, vinyl sidings, landscaping and private courtyard. GFA, C/A, elec. & kitchen appliances stay. \$99,900 (27DAL) 642-8100



TROY - 4 bedroom Colonial with 2 1/2 baths. Oak floors, wood windows, formal living room, dining room. Family room with fireplace. First floor laundry. Central air and more! \$265,000 (08PIC) 524-1600



LAKE PRIVILEGE - SPACIOUS - Ready to move into: 4 bedrooms, family room with fireplace. Finished basement. Many updates and beautifully landscaped. Cul-de-sac setting. \$177,500 (67SHO) 363-1200



WEST BLOOMFIELD - Wonderful, open and bright. Built in '94 this home offers a beautiful white kitchen that opens to family room with fireplace, doorwall to deck, dining room with bay windows, master bedroom with walk-in closet and Jacuzzi. Great cul-de-sac location! \$237,500 (26CHE) 642-8100



RECENTLY REDECORATED - 4 bedroom 2 1/2 bath Troy Colonial with newer neutral carpet. Newer roof. Pella windows thru-out. Partially finished basement. Call Today! \$187,900 (84SHA) 524-1600



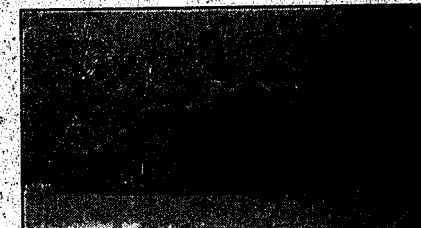
WHITE LAKE NEW CONSTRUCTION - 1877 sq. ft. Colonial, 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath. Walk-out basement, ceramic foyer, main and master bath, fully landscaped with sprinklers. Large lot, brick and wood quality construction. \$223,900 (57CAR) 363-1200



BIRMINGHAM - Great Condo alternative! Close to downtown Birmingham. Formal dining room, spacious living room with natural fireplace. Freshly painted. Attached garage. \$165,000 (56MAP) 642-8100



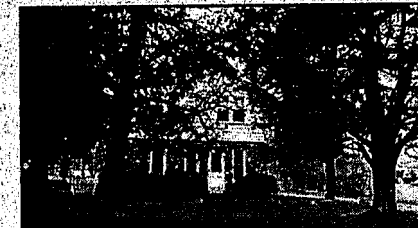
GREAT WIXOM SUB - Open floor plan, 3 bedrooms, living room, family room & dining room. Neutral decor, new windows. Most appliances & home warranty. Fenced yard with room to roam. Has lots to offer. \$134,900 (04WEN) 363-1200



NEW CONSTRUCTION - with all the amenities. Lakefront on Woodbridge Lake. 5 bedroom, 5 1/2 baths. Stunning Contemporary nestled on a double lot. 2 fireplaces. 2 story foyer. Gorgeous water views. Landscaped. Sprinkler. \$529,900 (18FO) 248-626-8800



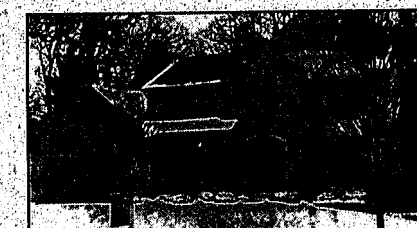
TROY - 4 bedroom Contemporary home with cathedral ceilings in living room and dining room. Freshly painted. Many quality features. Ceramic tile foyer and kitchen. Newer neutral carpet. Inground sprinklers. \$199,900 (12TRE) 524-1600



OLD STYLE CHARM ON LARGE LOT - New furnace, new roof and windows in '93, detached garage 28x25 enclosed porch make this 5 bedroom home on a 127x270 foot lot. A Must See. \$144,900 (65BEN) 363-1200



WEST BLOOMFIELD - Gorgeous custom built two story with open floor plan, custom cabinets through out. Master suite with Jacuzzi, second level with 3 large bedrooms each with private bath. Too many extras! \$649,900 (53WI) 248-626-8800



ROCHESTER HILLS - Beautiful 4 bedroom brick Colonial with 2 1/2 baths. Hardwood floors in foyer and library. Neutral thru-out. Circular staircase. Walk-out lower level to private wooded backyard. \$292,000 (58GRA) 524-1600



Meticulously Maintained - Colonial with 3 bedrooms, basement, 2 car garage. Professionally landscaped & fenced yard, award winning Walled Lake School. Built in 1995! \$149,900 (26TOW) 363-1200



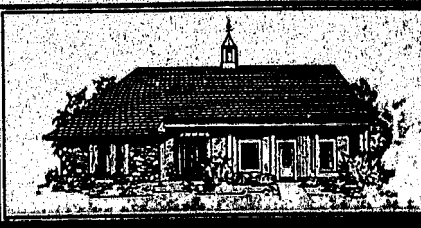
FARMINGTON HILLS - INCREDIBLE CONTEMPORARY!! Spacious great room offers high ceilings and full window wall overlooking picturesque 1.3 acres treed lot! Custom maple kitchen, granite counter tops, skylights, Jacuzzi tub, family room, 2 fireplaces. \$410,000 (28MI) 248-626-8800



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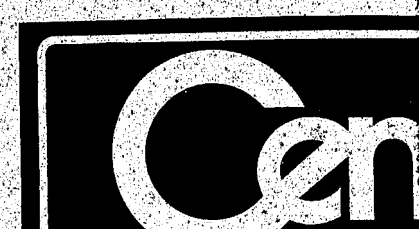
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TRANSFEREE - Beautiful Colonial w/2 story foyer flowing into 2 story great room. Large kitchen with oak floors & cabinets, a butler's pantry. Formal dining room. Large master suite with whirlpool & private office. 3 car side entry garage. \$624,900 (86SEA) 524-1600



PARDON ME FOR YELLING! You have to see this one of a kind Cape Cod with 7+ car garage on 2.58 acres, built in '96! Top quality throughout. One showing will seal the deal! \$389,900 (10GUN) 652-8000



WEST BLOOMFIELD - 3 bedroom 1 1/2 story home with a first floor master suite. Great room, library. 2 1/2 baths. Basement! Professionally landscaped yard. \$349,900 (70WAT) 524-1600



ELEGANT EXECUTIVE HOME! 4 bedroom Colonial located in Rochester Hills is loaded with amenities. Gourmet kitchen with setting area and fireplace. Master suite on first and second floor. Finished basement with full kitchen and oak bar. 3 plus car attached garage. \$499,900 (85PHE) 524-1600



TROY - 4 1/2 bedroom Tri-Level with a possible 5th bedroom. 2 full baths. Central air. Screened porch. Fenced yard. \$174,900 (27HIL) 524-1600

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MAGNIFICENT LAKEFRONT - On over 400 acres of all-sports lake. 4 bedroom, 3 bath approx. 3,600 sq. ft. entry level, master suite, finished walk-out lower level with second kitchen, 3 1/2 car garage. \$449,900 (96TER) 363-1200

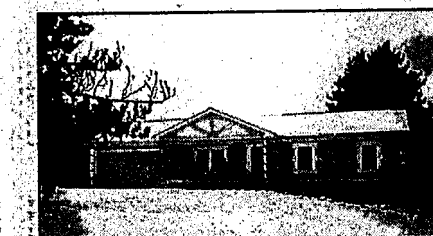


BIRMINGHAM - More right into this totally renovated 2 story home. Features 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, sauna, 2 car attached garage, incredible master bedroom, large privacy fenced yard. Very special home! \$398,000 (05WAS) 642-8100

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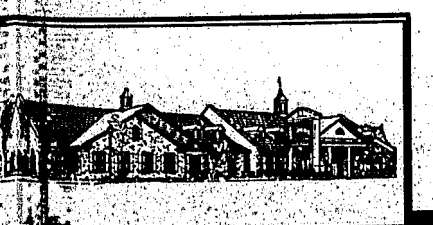
SHARP - 3 bedroom Ranch popular Rochester Hills sub. Features large kitchen, family room and living room - 2 way fireplace, master bath - full basement C/A, pool, tennis and golf. Home Warranty. \$208,000 (24STO) 652-8000



LIKE NEW! Home built in 1996! Professionally finished walkout basement with 2 bedrooms and bath. First floor laundry, extra deep garage, circular drive, lake privileges. Super energy efficient home. Lot is over one half acre and has a privacy fence. \$179,900 (36ROC) 652-8000



SANDY BEACH - 126 ft. of lakefront, great brick Ranch offering 1877 sq. ft., two full baths, living room, family room and fantastic views. \$269,900 (22RAN) 363-1200



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TREE-FILLED SITE! Newer built two story contemporary. Beautiful master suite, full walkout, three car garage, upgraded thru-out. \$389,900 (70LYN) 363-1200



NOVI - Spacious 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial with living room, family room, dining room, and breakfast room plus 1st floor laundry. French doors lead from family room and breakfast room to large deck. Oak kitchen, neutral decor plus 2 car attached garage. \$225,000 (26BUT) 642-8100



ROYAL OAK - Fantastic home offers 3 bedrooms, 1 bath. Classic Colonial with hardwood floors, natural woodwork throughout. Updates include furnace, central air and electric. Very clean! Move-in condition!! \$157,900 (35FER) 642-8100



BLOOMFIELD - Dynamite condo in private setting facing the woods! New in Sept. '97, carpet, paint in most rooms, and sliding Deck faces woods, balcony off master bedroom, neutral decor. Includes stove and refrigerator. Great location! Home Warranty. \$138,900 (69SOU) 642-8100



WEST BLOOMFIELD - 3,000 sq. ft. Cape Cod on 1/2 acre lot in Bloomfield Hills School District. 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home with living room, family room, Florida room, finished basement and 1st floor master bedroom suite. \$339,900 (39SHO) 642-8100



ORION TWP. 1994 Colonial, many upgrades, great sub, 2,500+ sq. ft., center island kitchen, master suite with cathedral ceiling, garden tub, separate shower, 4 bedrooms 2 1/2 baths, living room and family room, plus much more! \$257,250 (74ROL) 248-652-8000



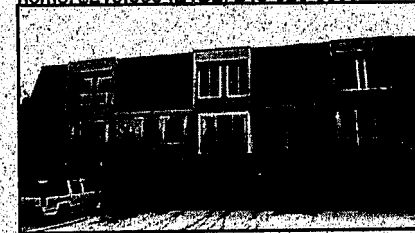
GORGEOUS CUSTOM built home with lake view and privacy. Built in 1994, 2 story Italian marble entry, open floor plan, custom built kitchen cabinets, ceramic tile flooring, 2,694 sq. ft., great room with cathedral ceilings, gas fireplace and wet bar. \$279,900 (78SOU) 248-652-8000



BIRMINGHAM CHARMER! Green awnings welcome you to 3 bedrooms, living room with cozy fireplace and hardwood floors. All appliances included. Huge master bedroom, Florida room. Fenced yard. Immediate occupancy. Central air and ceiling fans. \$189,900 (17WA) 248-626-8800



COMMERCE - Quality new construction at its finest! 2,300 sq. ft., light brick Colonial. This home has it all. Master with bath. White cabinets in kitchen. Breakfast nook opens to family room, cozy fireplace, entertain your family and friends this holiday in your new home. \$219,000 (21BL) 248-626-8800



BLOOMFIELD HILLS - Immediate possession, priced to sell 2 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath townhouse with 2 1/2 car garage. Many updates, fireplace, neutral decor. Beautifully maintained, gorgeous view of wooded ravine, balcony. \$179,900 (96ST) 248-626-8800



WEST BLOOMFIELD - Great buy! Excellent area with newer and much higher priced homes. Near nature trails. Very private and serene. Lake privileges. Also for lease. \$164,500 (48LO) 248-626-8800



LAKE ANGELUS - This is a house sense! Beautiful traditional Colonial on unique wooded lot, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths with finished walkout. Fireplace, eat-in kitchen. Central air. Marvellous location. \$173,900 (24LA) 248-626-8800



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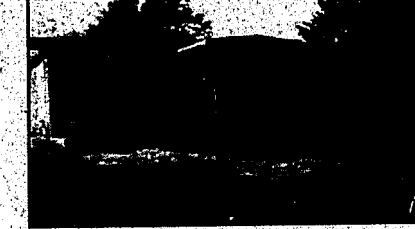
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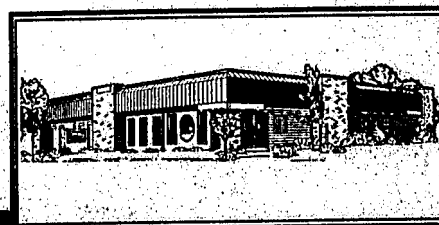
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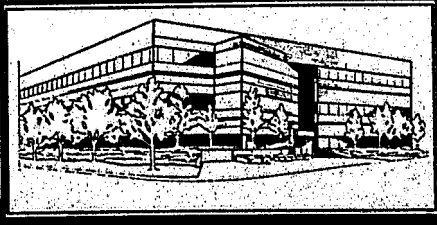
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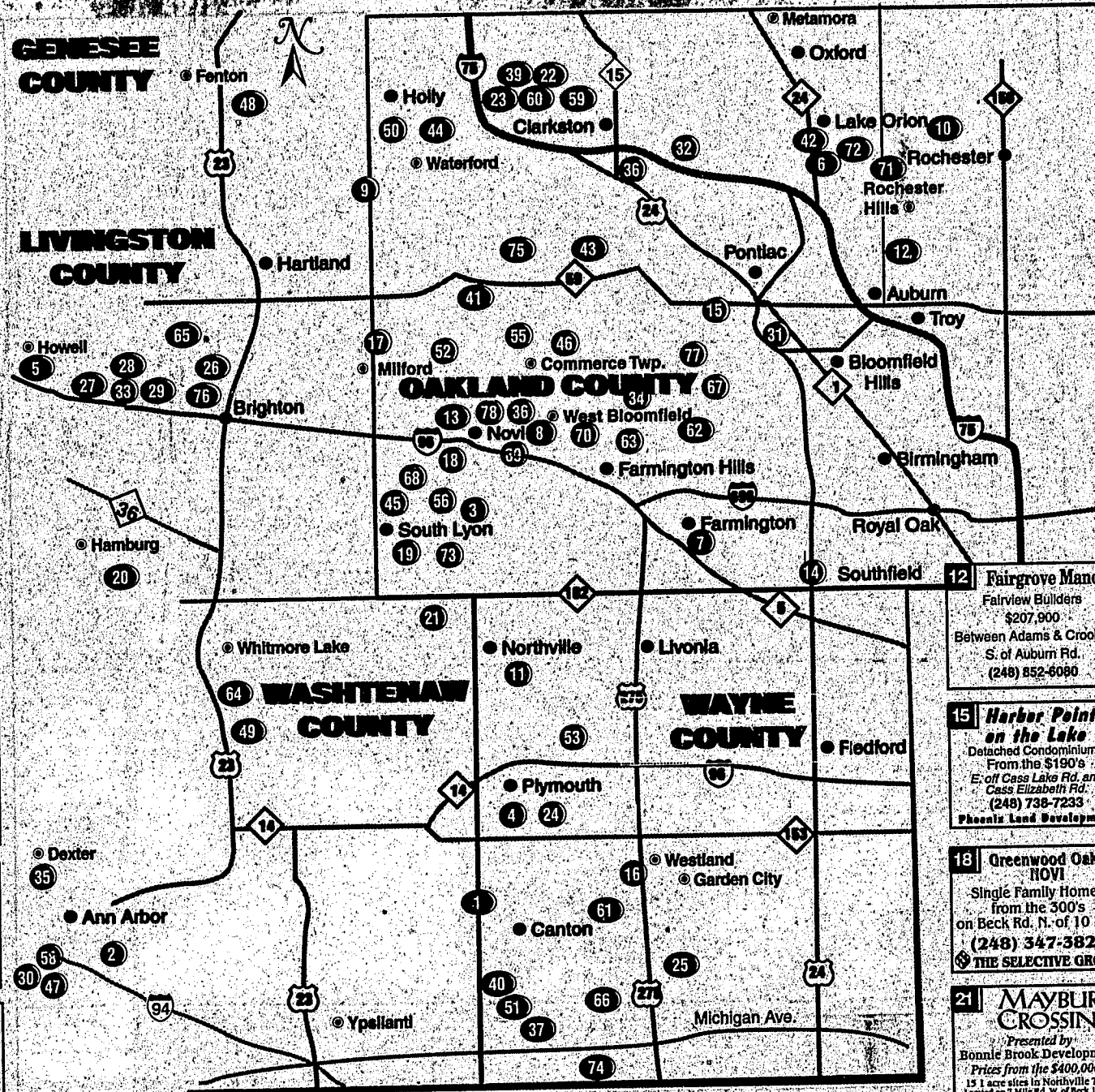
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