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TODAY

Pine Knob open: With the weather having turned cold again, Pine Knob Ski Resort has reopened — for this weekend anyway. / A3

Water main extension: Independence Township

may extend a water main along Clintonville Road from Maybee Road, providing residents with a chance to hook up./A4

SPORTS

Banner time: Clarkston exploded for 10 goals and routed Grand Blanc, 10-1, to capture its first hockey title of any kind in a Class A district game in Flint./C1

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Deer today, gone tomorrow?

A conversation was overheard at a local entery, recently, in which a man (we wonder if his name is Lucky) was explaining to rapt listeners that he was, for the second time in his life, involved in a deer/car collision.

Like the deer in accident No. 1, deer No. 2 went aloft.

Our storyteller thought to himself (you know how time seems to stand still during these kinds of adventures), "Oh, no. Not again." And he wondered if this deer would land on him like the first one did.

Fortune smiled on our storyteller.

Best two out of three?

Who goosed the what?

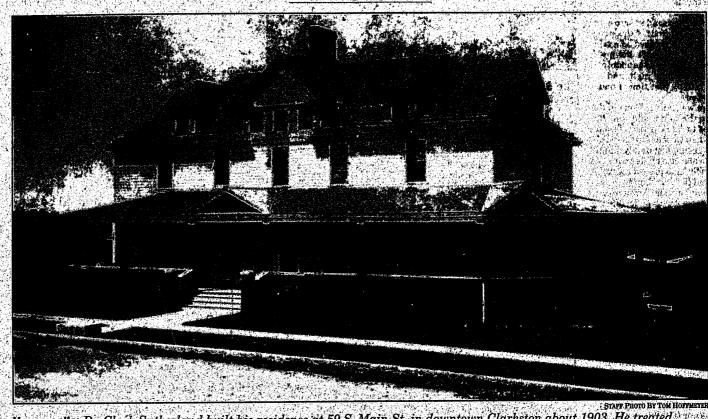
Some of you Baby Boomers out there may remember chuckling over a lame joke from the early 1960s that was patterned after a book title and went like this: "Antlers In The Treetops" by "Who Goosed The Moose?"

We're wondering what jokester goosed that little pink bunny into the tree off Sashabaw Road near Stick-

Hope he makes it down in time for Easter



House of healing



House calls: Dr. Clark Sutherland built his residence at 59 S. Main St. in downtown Clarkston about 1903. He treated patients in his office at the house, which still stands today and has been converted into apartments.



Country doctor: Dr. Sutherland delivered most of the babies in the Clarkston area at the turn of the century.

The Sutherland House

Doctor left a living legacy

BY NICOLE STAFFORD STAFF WRITER

he colorful Dahlias stood tall in Dr. Glark Sutherland's garden, being the older, larger variety that grow away from the earth and up

the length of a wooden stake.
"His favorite were Dahlias," said Independence
Township resident John Ronk, who, as a child, spent
countless hours playing in the garden behind
Sutherland's house.

Ronk, 70, is also the doctor's godson. John and his brother Frank practically grew up at the large, Queen-Anne style house.

Frank, a former township supervisor, also resides in the area and is 68.

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As children, the Ronk brothers lived only a few doors away from Sutherland, and because their mother worked, spent their days at the house. Their great aunt was one of Sutherland's nurses and supervised the children.

"We used to run through the house and hide,"
Frank recalled. "Of course, he had a big yard and we
used it and the garden. It was a great place for kids
to play. ... It was a big house and, to me, in those:
days it was quite a thing.".

Built around 1903, its architectural features

include original diamond-shaped window panes, multiple-roof gables and wooden shingles. A wraparound porch typical of the building style has since been removed.

The house, which today serves as apartments, stands in its original location at 59 S. Main St. in the city of the Village of Clarkston.

Older pictures of the Sutherland House illustrate, the impact of development, as more and more buildings came to Main Street, the house's commanding,

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Planners: Law isn't halting urban sprawl

By CAROLYN WALKER STAFF WRITER

Rep. Tom Middleton (R-Ortonville) believes the Land Division Act he helped devise and implement through the Michigan Legislature last year will help to curb urban sprawl — despite the fact that it has some flaws.

But while Middleton, who has a farming background, has big hopes for the act and what it will do for Michigan land, especially up north, local officials are wringing their hands in frustration and calling the act a convoluted failure.

Dick Carlisle, planner for both Springfield and Independence townships, summed up on Thursday what most area officials seem to be thinking:

"The Land Division Act accomplished none of the state objectives to stop sprawl: It has done, and it will do, nothing to stem sprawl. It will not preserve open spaces," he said; emphati-

The act, which Middleton said was whittled down to about 10 or 12 pages from a 110-page document after one-and-one half years of consulting with such organizations as the Michigan

Department of Transportation and the Michigan Farm Bureau, outlines new state requirements for splitting parcels. It went into effect on March 31, 1997, and replaced the Subdivision Control Act of 1967.

It has created an assessing night mare for local governments, agree assessors David Kramer of Independence and Judy Shirk of Springfield. In addition, it overrides the authority of local governments and, in the case of Springfield, no longer allows them to enforce an ordinance that requires perk tests on property that is being

sold.

"Before, 'at least in this community,'
the potential purchaser had some
assurance that he had a buildable parcel." said Shirk.

cei, said Shirk.
In Independence, perk tests are deferred to county control and not regulated at the township level, Carlisle

and Kramer said.
"They wanted to do away with the rules of the old subdivision act and they made a very complex law," said Kramer, who was contacted at his

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Violinist, 17, to perform in England

BY JULIANNE SWEENEY SPECIAL WRITER

Three years ago, Stacy Fike wasn't prepared for the powerful emotions that a symphony orchestra can evoke. It was her first practice with the Flint Youth Symphony, and Stacy sat in her chair, stunned.

"It blew me away," Stacy said. "I'd never actually been in a symphony orchestra. We just had the strings or the woodwinds, but the symphony has so much power — it was amazing."

Stacy, a 17-year-old Clarkston High School senior, has played the violin for eight years. On March 29, she will travel to England with the symphony, where they will perform at a music school in Repton, England, then do two public concerts in London. She said the concerts are being publicized

"One day I saw a girl playing the violin on Sesame Street, and after that I always knew that's what I would do."

> Stacy Fike Clarkston violinist, 17

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throughout London.

Stacy was just a preschooler when the inspiration to play the violin struck

her.
"One day I saw a girl playing the violin on Sesame Street, and after that I
always knew that's what I would do,"
she said. She began playing at school
in Troy before moving to Clarkston
four years ago with her parents,

Suzanne and Randall, and younger brother, Rustin

This will be Stacy's second trip to Europe with the Flint Youth Symphony. Two years ago they went to Paristo perform with another youth orchestra. The power of the music they played together helped Stacy communicate with her French-speaking host family.

family.

"The people I stayed with in Paris didn't speak English so we couldn't speak a word the whole time," Stacy said. "Then we started playing together and the music was the same — that

was really something,"

The Flint Youth Symphony Orchestra has 78 members from Flint and the mid-Michigan area, ranging in age from 8 to 18. The group has also per-

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On tour: Violinist Stacy Fike, 17, will play in England.

Sutherland House

tary presence receded A multi-faceted man who had a range of interests beyond medicine; Sutherland had both flower and vegetable gardens, Frank said; And as guests there, the brother awers charged with you pulling weeds and tending these garden. But, being young children, they had trouble staying focused on work with so many portunities for adventure fround thems

The house's wrap-around porch, which extended across the north side and front of the structure, frequently served as a tricycle path for the boys. John recalled. "The adults probably eat on the porch at night and talked, but, by that time, I had gone to bed.

"There was a little slope to the porch so the rain would run off, We used to ride our tricycles on there when we were little kids,

but not raring fast or anything. In the absence of his own father, who had passed away, John said he looked up to

Sutherland as a father figure "He was a very wonderful,

man, very gentle." But John and Frank weren't the only lives the country doctor touched.

Sutherland is said to have delivered most, if not all, of the babies born in the area during his lifetime.

Area native Gladys Porritt's first three children were delivered by Sutherland.

"People didn't go to hospitals in those days. They went to maternity homes," she recalled.

Porritt, 93, even remembers meeting Sutherland at one of Clarkston's maternity homes.

But not surprisingly, the country doctor also made house calls, "He was our (family) doctor," Porritt said. "And he used to come out to our farm when we lived on Waterford Hill."

Although she only sought treatment from Sutherland once, area resident Virginia Walter,



The Sutherland House today: The Sutherland House is now occupied by apartmenthenters.

84. also thinks of the man with

"He was still practicing when I came to Clarkston, but he was in his very late years," she said.

"He was a big man. He always followed the U of M (football) team..;and he was interested in President Abraham Lincoln's

Walter's husband, Ronald, and her brother-in-law were also brought into the world by the

well-liked doctor, she said. "He made an imposing man. He had been a country doctor, with all those stories to tell and had used a horse and buggy all those years

But Sutherland's larger-thanlife presence issued from more than just his height and stature as the town doctor. He was widely regarded as a scholar with many interests and talents.

"He had a good voice," Walter said, recalling that he sang in a choral group with her mother-in-

Among the residents who remember Sutherland and the interior of his house, most talk about his large library. Some have even managed to obtain or hold on to one of the good doc-

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Doctors' records: DrSutherland's book, written with a quill pen, records Clarkston-area births.

"In fact, I have one of his Abra-ham Lincoln books," John said. "We used to get little story books from him. And lot course, he would always have us spelling large words." Although Sutherland married, he never had children. But,

given his paternal role with the Ronk brothers — John remembers visiting the doctor's house from age 4 to his teens - it seems he did lea**ve** behind a living legacy.

He passed on to me honesty, integrity and right on down the line like that," John said. "He

About this series....

■ his is the second of six arti cles about local historical buildings — and the people, memories and stories that surround them - to appear in the Clarkston Eccentric's new Sun-

day edition.

Soon to follow are recollections and facts about the Independence Township Hall, the Nelson Clark/Washington Irish House on Main Street and two farms in Springfield Township the Bradley Miller and Ellis: farms. If you have a special memory or unique story tied to one of these sites, please call us at (248) 625,1900.

The Clarkston Edcentric thanks Kim Huttenlocher of the Clarkston Community Historical Society, Susan Basinger of the Historic District Commission, the current owners of these historical sites and all the individuals who shared their knowledge, thoughts and recollections to make this series possible.

Matthew Alan Manser of Clarkston was eligible for graduistration.

ation with a BBA from Eastern Michigan University during commencement exercises Dec. 14, Manser was among 400 candidates for advanced degrees and 1,070 candidates for undergrad-

Jeff Williams of Clarkston recently was accepted by The Art Institute of Pittsburgh.

uate degrees.

Son of Randy and Cindy Williams, Jeff plans to study visual communications while at AIP. He is a 1997 graduate of Clarkston High School.

AIP offers programs in computer animation, graphic design, interior design, industrial design technology, photography, fashion

marketing, multimedia, video production, and Web site admin-

ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS

Baker College of Auburn Hills has announced that 178 students have been recognized for academic achievements for the fall quarter 1997. Sixty-four-students have been named to the President's List and 118 students have been cited on the full-

time Dean's List. To qualify for the President's List, a student must achieve a grade point average of 4.0 or all A's during a quarter in which 12 credit hours of more were completed. Deam's List students earned a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.99. The following stu-dents have been honored for this

exemplary performance;

Named to the President's List from Clarkston were Donna Hanshew, Jimmy Johnson, Scott D. Johnson, Michelle Jones, Charles McCabe, Jackie Muniz, Leslie Roth, Jill Underwood and Debra. Wurm. Named to the Dean's wurm. Named to the Dean's List from Clarkston were Casey Baker, Gary Hall, Rachel Hall, Faye Lloyd, Matthew Mathiak, Matthew Mehan, Heather Prater, Sean Preece, Kenneth Ufer, Sean Valenti-no, John Ward and Tamara Weeks Weeks.

From Davisburg Suzanne Gaddis was named to the President's List and Claude Miller was named to the Dean's List.

Urban sprawliffrom page A1

office on Thursday. "It's incredibly more complex of a law, It's an inventory problem, to put it succinctly."

Kramer said that maintaining assessing records under the new

act is daunting.
Under the old Subdivision Control Act, there was a formula by which bulk parcels could be split, preserving large portions of land that could not be split for

another 10 years.

The new land act established a different formula with bonuses and conditions that allow ultimately, for more splits and there is no time factor, according to local officials.

In addition, the land act allows splits to be done administratively and does not require site plans of builders — at least for the splitable portions.

On a 100-acre parcel, for example, a developer could split a certain percentage of the property by filing paperwork with the township, and then develop the remainder using a site condominium plan or cluster option plan that would go through the planning commission process: The site-plan process has always been an option for developers.

In a telephone interview on Thursday, Middleton said he regrets that the act overrides local authority on perk tests but said efforts to keep perking and septic requirements in the act

became impossible.
Under the original document: which has been revised over time, failed perk tests would have resulted in required engineered septic systems. In order to develop an engineered system, an engineer would have had to ask a potential buyer what size house he would intend to put on a lot, Middleton said. Too many buyers wouldn't know those specifics when they are seeking out property, the legislators thought, so they rescinded the

requirement, "When we passed the law, we said they had to have a septic system approved. We changed the law that they didn't have to have a perk test to divide proper-

ty," Middleton said. "I hoped they (local governments) had local control, but we ■ Under the old Subdivision Control Act, there was a formula by which bulk parcels could be split, preserving large portions of land that could not be split for another 10 years. The new land act established a different formula with bonuses and conditions that allow, ultimately, for more splits and there is no time factor, accord-

just couldn't design the bill so they had local control."

ing to local officials.

Middleton now encourages land purchasers to request a successful perk test as a part of their purchase agreements.

"Basically, it's a buyer's demand," he said. A perk test shows how quickly

vater drains from a site and, based on that, tells a developer how deep and with what parameters he must develop a septic field. Middleton said his original

goal in creating the land act was to eliminate Subdivision Control Act language that allowed four splits of under 10 acres in a 10year period. Most developers would seek to split 10.1 acres to bypass the act, he said. The old language limited the

amount of land available in places like Oakland County and many buyers fled north to places like Lapeer to build, creating 'urban sprawl," Middleton said.

He said it is better to have developments consolidated in concentrated areas and not spread out, thus the reasoning behind the Land Division Act.

"Over the years, people have been going to the next township and the next township. The whole urban sprawl thing creates a lot of problems," he said, suggesting that those problems include a need for more roads and public services.

"As I started into the whole reform, I wanted to get rid of the 10-acre law," he said. "The 10acre law required a lot of urban sprawl. Really, our area got hit with the most 10.1's. Getting rid of the 10-acre language is effec-

"I was very proud. It will cause urban sprawl to slow up." Middleton also said he favors

cluster options for development. "Cluster housing is really the best way to preserve openness and get the houses," he said. He credited Springfield Township for being on the cutting edge of cluster housing development.

Cluster housing is just what the name implies. In a development, houses are clustered together and bigger open spaces are left for preservation.

On Wednesday night, mem-bers of the Springfield Township Board and Planning Commission sheld a joint workshop in which their attorney, Greg Need, explained the complex act and its ramifications for the township.

"It's a real challenge to talk about the Land Division Act in a meaningful sense." he said. going on to quote an unnamed, but obviously humor-inclined philosopher: "Two things you don't want to see being made arelaws and sausage."
On Thursday, Springfield

Clerk Nancy Strole expressed anger at the way legislation is sometimes hurried through the Legislature at the eleventh hour in December, as Need said was the case with the Land Division

"It's hidden," she said. "The interesting thing is this is going on in different ways. What they've come up with is another roll of sausage, That's a very bad way to govern. And the land keeps on changing."

Violinist from page A1

formed in Tokyo and at Carnegie

In addition to her weekly symphony rehearsals, Stacy takes private lessons, and is a member of the band and choir at school.

MEDIA PLAY FLYER

The Abyss, Directors Special Edition Widescreen, was incorrectly pictured at \$6.99. The Correct sale price for this title is \$13.99. We apologize for any inconvenience,

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Bloomfield Hills

She was recently selected as one of 27 Clarkston High students who will go to Washington, D.C., with Choir Director Mike Peterson to sing at the 150th anniversary of the Washington Monument on Memorial weekend.

Stacy says young peo should give music a try. you've learned enough to actually play something, it's such a good feeling that all the work is worth it," she said.

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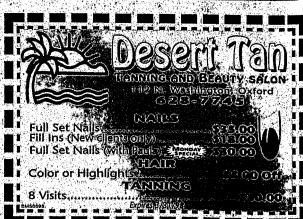
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It's snow joke: Pine Knob is open again

BY NICOLE STAFFORD

The proprietors of Pine Knob Ski Resort in Independence Township are giving the ski sea-

After a 10-day shutdown at the ski area, the slopes were opened Friday for the weekend. Lift ticket prices were also reduced from \$24 to \$15 in an effort to attract customer

"It's just us and Mount Holly," said Pine Knob's general manager Robert Shick of the re-opening, which may help him recoup a small portion of the business he has lost this year due to abnormally high temperatures and a lack of snow.

If temperatures remain low, the ski lifts will continue run-ning through the week, he said. "It's just been such goofy weather. ...We're feeling like farmers
— just waiting for the weather to

While the resort has been open more than 60 days - a relatively normal ski season in Michigan attendance has been quite low, Shick said, estimating that lift ticket sales were down by

about 15 percent. While between 1,000 and 1,500 skiers and snowboarders take to the slopes on an average, mid-season Saturday, attendance this season has been as low as

'Although the natural snowfall has little effect on conditions, it does affect people's minds. If temperatures stay low, we'll be fine. If it's 32 degrees or less, people just think skiing.

Robert Shick Pine Knob manager

It's also been as high as 1,700, he said. Skiers and snowboarders have flocked to the resort on open days for fear the season is about to end.

"It's pretty normal in Michigan to be open and then closed, but this year's been a little worse," Shick said "If we can open, we will," he said. "Although the nat-ural snowfall, has very little effect on conditions, it does affect people's minds, ...,If the tempera-tures stay low, we'll be just fine. If it's 32 degrees or less, people just think skiing."
Pine Knob Ski Resort is expect-

ed to be open 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, March 7, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 8. For additional information, call (248) 625-0800.







Rescue breathing: Health teacher Bill Gunther (left photo) watches as student Matt Kunkle prepares to practice rescue breathing on a dummy during class Wednesday at Clarkston's Springfield Plains Elementary School. Elizabeth East-man (above) blows air into the dummy's mouth.

Storage barn approved for Clintonwood Park

Independence. Township trustees on Tuesday approved funding for construction of a pole barn in Clintonwood Park.

The 40-foot by 80-foot barn will be built behind the park's baseball concession stand and serve as a storage facility for lawn mowers, sporting equip-ment and other large items kept at the park.

Clintonwood Park is on Clarkston Road between M-15 and Sashabaw.

Cost of the project, slated to begin within two weeks, is \$32,500. Construction is expected to be complete by mid April.

The new building will enable the township's Parks and Recreation Department to provide better service and maintain better organization, said Ann Conklin, department director.

Also, three existing park build-ings currently used for storage will eventually be vacated and used for other purposes, as a result of the construction, Con-

One building will be converted into a staff office. Another will serve as a shelter where park users can seek refuge from bad weather. A third building will be turned into a workshop for the park's maintenance staff.

The building conversions, however, won't be completed until

Although \$30,000 was approved for the pole barn's construction during the township's last round of budget sessions, trustees decided to approve an additional \$2,500 in funding so the project could be completed in full.

1999, Conklin said.

Public to review health video

The public is invited Monday, March 9, to review updated video materials being considered for inclusion in Clarkston School District's elementary school health curriculum

The materials include age appropriate information on child safety and protection from

All materials to be reviewed

have been approved by the Clarkston Community Reproductive Health Advisory Committee and will be considered for adoption by the Clarkston Board of Education.

The materials may reviewed at 5 p.m. in the board of education offices on Clarkston Road east of Main Street.

POLICE NEWS

The following incidences were reported to police and fire agencies in Independence and the city of Clarkston March 2-5.

Independence Police Thefts

On March 3, a cell phone, briefcase, books, planner and boots were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Sashabaw

Vandalism

On March 3, a jelly-like substance was thrown at the side of a vehicle, breaking off its mirror, as the vehicle traveled down Paramus Drive.

Independence Fire

Between March 2-5, firefighters responded to 15 calls. Among them were three medical runs, five personal injury accidents, one fuel spill and one grass fire. They included:

On March 3, firefighters issued a warning to a contractor

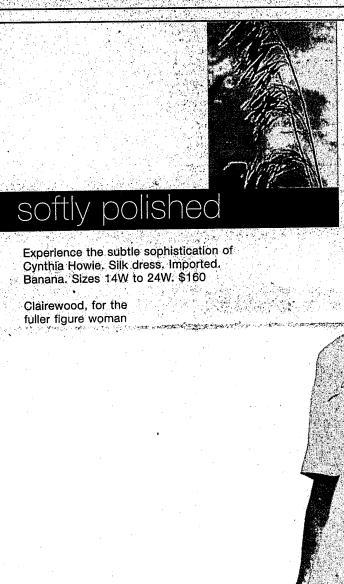
who was burning construction materials at a site on Deer-

On March 3, firefighters assisted an employee who had locked keys in a vehicle at a business on **Dixie Highway**.

Clarkston Police

On March 3, officers responded to an accident on Washington Street at Holcomb. In that accident a vehicle driven by a Clarkston woman turned from Washington onto Holcomb into the path of a vehicle driven by a Clarkston man. The woman was cited for failure to yield the right of way.

On March 4, officers stopped a vehicle on Clarkston Road near Robertson Court for a speed violation. The driver of that vehicle, a 30-year-old Clarkston man, was found to be under the influence of intoxicants. He registered a 0.11 on a Breathalyzer test and was arrested. Bond was posted on his behalf and he is to appear March 17 in 52/2 District Court for arraign-



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Dreading the day the water well goes dry may no longer be a concern for some Independence Township residents.

Water quality, too, may disappear from the well.'

"It's always a much better idea to have municipal water," said Greg Christopher, who owns the Clinton Villa Manufactured Home Community, a 174-unit mobile home park in the path of a water main extension that the township may build.

 Township trustees Tuesday gave the Department of Public Works the go-ahead to design a 4,000-foot water main that would run south on Clintonville Road between Maybee and Reeder roads. The project is unique because property

developers, rather than the township; typically take on such projects when they build new developments.

While the extension would feed into several proposed developments, it would also provide hook-ups to at least 20 existing houses, a barbershop, church and dursing home, in addition to the mobile home park. The cost of hooking up to the system would be \$1,000 per user, the

township's standard charge for use... Existing occupants along the line could then discontinue use of private wells. Owners of the nursing home would also have the option of installing a fire sprinkler system, said Independence Township Department of Public Works Director George Anderson:

Another gain for residents would be the placement of fire hydrants at the location, which would lower home insurance rates, Anderson said.

Hubbell Roth & Clark will design the water line, which is expected to go out for bids in April. "Hopefully, we could have the project started in April and done by

May," Anderson said. While residents and business owners

'Any homeowner whose well. goes dead will probably find out that it would be cheaper to hook up with us than fix,

George Anderson
—public works director

currently using well water at the location would not be required to tap into the system, Anderson believes doing so would be wise in the long run,

"Any homeowner whose well goes dead will probably find out that it would be heaper to hook up with us than fix the

well," he said, estimating the cost of a new water well at about \$2,500. "It's always a benefit to everybody in my opinion," Christopher added. "You have a much more accountable system. It's an excellent idea."

Many homeowners with private wells, for example, don't regularly test their water, Christopher said, citing a common oncern about well water consumption: With municipal water services, residents are assured safe water because the

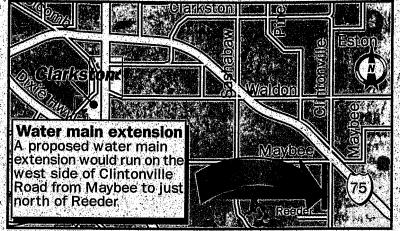
municipality handles all testing, he said. Christopher, too, would have one less responsibility as the owner of Clinton Villa. Monitoring the water to make sure it meets clean drinking water standards

it meets clean drinking water surishing easy, he said.

"As the years go by, compliance becomes more difficult....I wouldn't have to deal with the more stringent requirements that will typically be added for compliance.

Although Independence Township would have to finance the Clintonville extension, the project will ultimately allow the township to grow its water fund in addition to providing a beneficial service to existing residents, Anderson said.

The township charges \$1,000 per unit (single family house) for use of the water



HELEN FURCEAN / STAFF ARTIST

line and 600-700 units would potentially hook up to the extension.

The result is that the township's water fund would gain \$600,000 to \$700,000. And since building the water line has been estimated to cost \$280,000 or less, the township would accumulate more than \$300,000 for future water projects.

Developers have installed and picked up the tab for about 90 percent of the community's current system; according to

However, there are several areas in the community where linking users and filling in the gaps of the municipal water system will require township funds.

The money generated by the Clintonville project would not only would fund repairs on existing pipes but also provide capital for these extensions, Anderson

said.
"We're rapidly approaching the point have to connect the where we're going to have to connect the

dots," he said.

About five areas in the township will require municipal money because they are too small for large development, and connecting would be too costly for individ-ual homeowners, Anderson said.

One such area, a stretch of land on Clarkston Road east to Clintonville, would require over one mile of pipe to link users to the water main, he said. "And we're going to have to extend a water main across that line at some point."

The projects have also been outlined in the township's water master plan, which is guiding officials towards attaining a comprehensive municipal water system, Anderson added.

"Most townships that have water systems have a master plan, and we've pret-ty much followed ours," he said. "And when those areas are connected, we would, generally, have a complete sys-

9 qualify for marketing conference

Nine marketing students from the Oakland Technical Center-Northwest Campus have qualified for the State DECA Conference in Dearborn. DECA is a national, marketing stu-dent organization. This competition was at the district level with over 400 students competing.

The students who have

qualified to represent Oak-land Technical Center-Northwest Campus are:

Andrea Blair and Tracy Helms: Team Decision Making Management Level-Travel and Tourism.

Nikisha Spence:

Apparel and Accessories Management Level.
■ Jäcqueline Puroll:

Retail Merchandising Associate Level. ■ Pat Purdon: Full Serve

Restaurant Level.

Sarah Krogsrud;
Apparel and Accessories

ssociate Level ■ Jeff LaGraff; Technical

Aarketing Representative. ■ Cristina Sulisz: Quick Serve Restaurant Management.

Stephanie Jaynes: Retail Merchandising Management Level.

To learn more about DECA or the OTC Marketing Program, contact Maria Foster at 625-5202, ext. 24.

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AGENDA

Springfield Township 650 Broadway

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7:30 p.m. Thursday, March Tentative Agenda : [] []

Call To Order 😁 (

Agenda Additions and Public Comment

-Consent Agenda: "a) Approval of Minutes: Feb. 12, 1998 Regular Meeting.

b) Acceptance of February Treasurer's Report

c) Receipt of February Reports: Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical, Litigation, Fire and Ordinance

d) Authorize payment of bills

as presented e) First Reading: Amendment to Ordinance No. 26, Wireless Communications Facilities; authorize Clerk to publish for Second Reading

f) Authorize extension of 1997 contract and rates with Road Maintenance Inc. for 1998 road chloriding.

g) Authorize amendment of FY98 SMART credit contract and transfer of additional \$2,411 in credits to Independence Town-

sup 'h) Accept resignation of Harry Kirk from Zoning Board of

 Adopt resolution supporting Michigan Natural Trust Fund Grant application to acquire

 Waive Township Board bid process policy to conform to grant application approved and awarded to U.S. EPA k) Adopt Fire Department

R. Adopt Fire Department Policies: Accident with Fire Equipment, EMS Personnel Only, Personal Injury, Truck and Equipment Maintenance, Incident Command

County Center for Open Housing , Old Business:

2-1. Bridge Lake Road Paying Project: Bid Award 1-2. 1998 Susin Lake Weed Con-

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Big Boy Restaurant

Southfield Grodan/Telegraph 03/10 at 10:00 am 03/24 at 10:00 AM 03/17 at 10:00 AM 03/31 at 10:00 AM

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What is

SelectCare Medicare Gold?

What does it cost?

Is vision included? What about prescriptions? Is there any deductible? If you have questions about health insurance and Medicare, please join SelectCare for an open house presentation on Medicare Gold at any of the neighborhood locations listed or at the Macomb Hospital Center, Executive Office Building Auditoriums A & B.

If you would like to attend one of these presentations, please call 1-888-506-GOLD.

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Grand openings

Advance Rehabilitation Clinic and Advance Chiropractic Clinic will stage a Grand Opening on Saturday, March 14. The event will run from 12 p.m. 4 p.m. in the Advance Rehabilitation Clinic at 33466 W. Eight Mile Road, Suite 111, in Farmington Hills.

Advance Rehabilitation Clinic is a Medicare, BC/BS certified rehabilitation agency, established in 1988 in Livonia. Today, the 4,000 square-foot facility in Farmington Hills is furnished with state-of-the-art equipment and provides first-rate service.

Advance Chiropractic Clinic was founded and is directed by Dr. Sheila Makool, a licensed female chiropractic physician raised in Farmington Hills. Dr. Makool specializes in, but is not limited to, the treatment of auto accident cases, workrelated injuries and slip and falls. She also treats conditions due to accidents, stress, headaches, neck pain, back pain, whiplash, leg pain, scoliosis, and other ailments. Peop le who attend the Grand Opening will have access to various specials. The physical therapists on hand will offer complimentary fitness and postural evaluations and Dr. Makool will present gift certificates worth \$200 that will be good toward an initial visit by anyone who schedules an appointment at the opening.

■ Brenda & Anya's Aesthetic and Therapeutic Massage opened for business last week. Located at 6405 Telegraph Road in Bloomfield Hills, this facility specializes in facials and deep-tissue massage. Call (248) 723-6600 for more information.

ADD seminar

Family & Classroom Training & Resources reports that John F. Taylor, p.m., at the Dearborn Hills Golf Course, 1300 S. Telegraph Road, Dearborn.
This public service/community outreach

effort strives to strengthen families, decrease juyemile delinquency and reduce school dropout rates. Hard-to-find information and answers for high-conflict issues are given. Topics include specific and practical methods for improving bedtime and mealtime routines, sibling harmony, cooperation on chores and homework, selfesteem and self-confidence, conscience and self-control, note-taking and studying improvements, friendship and apology skills, and marital and emotional stress reduction for parents. Also included are discussions of treatment options and recent brain chemistry research. CEUs and university credit are available.

Dr. Taylor is the author of "Helping Your Hyperactive A.D.D. Child," the "Answers to A.D.D." audio tape series, "The AD/HD Student at School" and the "A.D.D. School Success Tool Kit" video. A pioneering authority in this field, he wrote the first book providing extensive coverage of AD/HD family relationship issues entitled "The Hyperactive Child and the Family." The registration fee through Friday, March 13 is \$39, or \$49 at the door. For registration information, call (248) 988-

Nutrition Health Fair

The first step toward leading a healthier lifestyle is to begin with a healthy diet. Crittenton Hospital's Food and Nutrition Services department wants to aid that process by inviting you to attend the 10th annual Nutrition Health Fair from 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday, March 26 at Crittenton Hospital in Rochester (1101 W. University Drive). This free event is offered in conjunction with National Nutrition Month. This year's theme is "Make Nutrition Come Alive - It's All About

The Nutrition Health Fair will feature free food samples, nutrition displays, games, contests, raffles, free waist-to-hip ratio measurements, prizes, cooking demonstrations, and finger stick testing for cholesterol and HDL. Registration is not necessary.

For additional information, call Crittenton's Food and Nutrition Services Department at (248) 652-5630, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Dental Assistants Recognition Week

This week (March 8-14) represents Dental Assistants Recognition Week. The Michigan Dental Assistants Association is a non-profit organization based in Lans-

ing.
(Healthy Living spotlights Oakland County-related health and medical news and Information. To submit information, write: Healthy Living, Observer & Eccentric News-papers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham Mi, 48009. Or fax: (248) 644-1314.)

Low-fat diet requires calcium

extremely important to your A overall health, but equally important is a balanced diet. By bal-

anced I mean eating foods from all the food groups every

One important nutrient that many people overlook in their quest for a low-fat diet is calcium. Dieters tend to steer clear of dairy foods when they are trying to lose weight and think nothing of the nutrients 'they are possibly losing by avoiding them.

Calcium is crucial to our health. Without it, we become more susceptible to a crippling disease called osteo-porosis. Osteoporosis usually doesn't show up in younger people, but that doesn't mean your youngsters are out of danger. In fact, the more calcium we consume at an early age, the less

likely we are to get osteoporosis when

Osteoporosis affects over 25 million Americans and porous bones contribute to the more than 1.5 million bone fractures Americans experience every year. These statistics are startling, but you may not have to become one of them. You can start today by adding more calcium to your

Most adults need about 1,000 mg of calcium per day but some need more. Adolescents, young adults, pregnant women, post-menopausal women and seniors require about 1,200-1,500 mg of calcium per day.

Milk and milk products are packed with calcium. You don't have to drink whole milk to get calcium either. In fact, a cup of skim milk contains about 300 mg of calcium. That's almost one third of the recommended daily allowance. A cup of plain yogurt serves up 450 mg of calcium at approximately 125 calories.

Cheese also has calcium but it is high in saturated fat. Go the low-fat route with cheese to get almost as

avoid dairy altogether, there are other options. You just have to be a bit creative to get your calcium boost

There are some brands of orange juice on the market that are calciumfortified, brining about 300 mg of calcium to every cup. There is no fat in orange juice and you'll also get the added benefits of vitamin C and other nutrients found in it,

Personally, I prefer to get calcium from greens. They are low-fat, low in calories and rich in so many essential vitamins. Dark green leafy vegetables such as chopped turnip greens, mus-tard greens and even kale are sure bets. A one-cup cooked serving of these will provide your body with about 200 mg of calcium.

Almost as good are okra and Swiss chard, which serve up 100 mg per cup. Add them to your favorite soups for a bone-strengthening meal. Even a cup of broccoli dishes up about 70 mg and you can add broccoli to just about any-

So, dieters, don't be dismayed. You can strengthen your bones and maintain or lose weight at the same time. There are calcium and other nutrients in other food groups besides dairy. Even with milk products, you can choose the low-fat versions and still bone up on lots of calcium.

Osteoporosis is an all-too-common disease that can often be avoided with a healthy calcium-rich diet throughout your life. Whatever age you are start taking better care of your body by giving yourself all the nutrients you need. You'll feel better and stronger and your body will thank you

I read every one of your letter and I love your comments! Please keep writing me with any questions, inspira: tional stories or suggestions for upcoming articles to: "Talk to the Mirror," Weight Watchers Corporate Communications, P.O. Box 9072; Farmington Hills, Mich., 48334-2974 For more information on Weight Watchers call 1-888-3FLORINE.

(Florine Mark is an appointee to the Governor's Council on Physical Fit-ness and the Michigan Fitness Foun-

Beaumont offering helpful programs

William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak is offering an innovative program that can help individuals age 65 and older increase their flexibility, strength and overall endurance.

The popular "Optimal Aging Prois believed to be the only medically supervised health and fitness program in Metro Detroit designed exclusively for older adults.

Created by a team of Beaumont exercise physiologists, cardiologists and geriatric medicine specialists, the program offers each enrollee: a complete medical evaluation by doctors. including a treadmill "stress test" to determine cardiac fitness; an individualized "exercise prescription", including specific recommendations on strength training and aerobic exercise to be performed; access to a fully equipped exercise facility designed and reserved exclusively for older adults; medical supervision by doctors and certified exercise physiologists during all exercise sessions; and ongoing education sessions providing practical information about health, strength training and aerobics for older adults.

People age 65 and older who complete a physical exam and treadmill stress test are eligible for the program. The costs of the services will be billed to medical insurance, while the fee for ongoing physical training is \$53 per month which is not covered by insurance.

Beaumont Hospitalis Helping Hands 14

■ If you are an older adult who needs assistance around the house but can't hire full-time help, you can find a helping hand through Beaumont Hos-

"Helping Hands", a non-profit program managed by Beaumont's Department of Older Adult Services, provides companionality and personal assis tance to independent-living and homebound senior citizens in the communi-ty. Services provided include assistance with bathing, shopping, meal preparation, light housekeeping and transportation. While Helping Hands workers can provide many types of basic assistance, they do not provide medical care or replace maid service. Helping Hands services are provided 24 hours a day, or replace maid service. Reiping rannas services are provided as seven days a week. Minimum service provided is six hours per week for at least a four-week duration, and elients are billed on an hourly basis.

For more information calls 1-800-328-2249

For more information about the pro-Referral and Information Service at 1-800-633-7377.

■ William Beaumont Hospital's Division of Preventive and Nutritional Medicine is seeking volunteers for research study of high cholesterol. Participants must be over age 18 (male or female) who have been diagnosed with high cholesterol.

Study volunteers will be placed on a special diet and some may receive a new cholesterol-lowering medication. All lab tests, physicals, EKGs and study medications are free of charge. In addition, participants will be compensated for their time and travel.

To volunteer or for more information, call Beaumont's Division of Preventive and Nutritional Medicine at 1-888-807-8839.

■ Beaumont's Division of Prevenram, call Beaumont's Physician tive and Nutritional Medicine is seeking volunteers for research studies testing new oral medications to help diabetics lower their blood sugar. Research volunteers must be age 18 or older, in generally good health and currently being treated with either diet or medications.

Volunteers will receive free diabetic information, medications, laboratory tests, physical examinations and EKGs. They will also be compensated for their time and travel.

To volunteer or for more information, call 1-888-807-8839.

■ Beaumont Hospital is currently seeking individuals with high blood pressure to volunteer for three esearch studies of new medications. Male or female volunteers age 18 or older are needed for these studies.

Female participants, in addition must be of non-childbearing potential.

All laboratory tests, physicals, EKGS and study medications are free of charge. For more information, call any of the following: Beaumont Division of Cardiovascular Services at (248) 551-5986 or (248) 551-5580; Beaumont Clinic of Preventive and Nutritional Medicine at 1-888-807-8839; or Beaumont Ferndale Clinic at (248) 544-7614.

■ Beaumont Hospital's Department of Urology is seeking male volunteers with prostate enlargement to participate in a research study of a medication that may help ease the bothersome symptoms associated with this condition. Prostate enlargement is a non-cancerous condition that typically narrows the urethra, creating difficulty in urination and/or the urge to uri-

nate frequently.
All medical testing and medications are free of charge. For more information, call (248) 551-3355.

■ Senior citizens with Medicare questions and concerns can get assistance through Beaumont's Department of Older Adult Services. The department's staff of trained retired volunteers can provide counseling on Medicare long-term care insurance and help assess insurance plans that supplement Medicare.

Call Beaumont's Senior Resource Line at 1-800-328-2241 to make an appointment

Work together to build family fitness program

Question: Dear Myrna, spring will be arriving soon and everyone in my family is overweight. My children are young teenagers and the usual lazy type. My husband is a little athletic. How can I get everyone moving? Is there something to spark a little interest in exercise?

nswer: A very successful family fit-Aness program can establish healthy, lifelong habits in children. And that's a great gift from any parent. Even if your family members are of different fitness levels, you can still do a number of things to get all family members involved in the healthy habit.

Spend the time together and talk about what activities your family members like

the best. Make a list of activities that are aerobically-sound. For example, there is speed walking, jogging, aerobics classes, and aerobic machinery (treadmill, Stairmaster, etc.). Choose one activity to start with. I suggest speed walking, which is a natural activity. Make sure you all agree on the time of day to take this energetic walk. Everyone



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might need to be flexible. Now don't set your family goals too high. If some members of your family want to lose weight, remember that muscle weighs much more than fat – you can't always count on the scale.

It's not a bad idea to have an exercise expert come to your home and instruct your family in proper abdominal exercise

and upper body fitness. The abdominal and upper body muscles respond to exercise more quickly than other muscle groups, so all of you might get faster, positive feedback. When you can actually see results, you are encouraged to keep plugging away. Mental attitude plays a big part here.

Make a commitment for one month. It is not long enough to be too intimidating but just enough to start to see results. You are all looking for a long-term lifestyle change, not just a short spurt.

Another little tip is to tell your friends Talk about it to others because this will help you stay into it. Nobody wants their friends to know they have failed at some thing so important.

Remember to reward yourselves constantly. A hiking trip to an interesting place might be fun.

Gradually change your activity; you don't want any dropouts. Your family can make that choice to shape up together and take control of your life and then do the same on every successive day. Some days it's easier to keep your promise of exercise than others. Be prepared for those negative workout days and mental-

ly push yourself.

It is called boot-strapping each other.

Just think. A happy family that exercises together, stays together.

(Myrna Partrich is co-owner of The Workout Co, in Bloomfield Hills. She is an appointee to the Governor's Council on hysical Fitness and the Michigan Fitness Foundation. Send questions or comments for Myrna to: Myrna Partrich, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham MI 48009.)

Joint venture plans to educate, promote idea of good health

Area residents will soon have the opportunity to spend some quality



with the Beech Woods Wellness Center and Providence Hospital. The two are joining to present a lecture

event entitled "An Hour with Providence" on Tuesday, March

The program represents a joint venture between the Beech Woods Wellness Center and Providence Hospital to educate the community on pertinent topics involved in the promotion of good health. Beverly Cameron, a registered dietician, will conduct an informative seminar entitled Eating on the Run" in conjunction with the March 17 event.

Cameron will show participants how to make meals in less than 30 minutes that are low in fat, cholesterol and sodium, discover their best fast-food choices and improve their label-reading skills to help cut down on grocery shopping trips. Handouts and sample menus will also be

This seminar is free of charge, but pre-registration is required. The program will run from 10 a.m.-11 a.m. and take place in the activity room at the Beech Foundation at (248) 443-0858:

Woods Recreation Center, located at 22200 Beech Road in Southfield

For additional information on the "An Hour with Providence" series or the Beech Woods Wellness Center, call (248) 354-9510.

Scleroderma meeting

Two subjects of special interest to scleroderma patients will be covered during a program slated for Sunday, March 21 in Southfield.

"Participating Effectively In Your Own Health Care" will be addressed by Dr. Denise Jacob, Janice Kitzman, an occupational therapist, will talk about adapt-ing household tasks for diminished limitations.

The program is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. in the Fisher Auditorium of the Providence Medical Building (22250 Providence Drive) in Southfield. There is no

Scleroderma, also known as systemic sclerosis, is a chronic disease characterized by degenerative changes and scarring in the skin, joints and internal organs, and by blood vessel abnormalities.

For more information about the program, call the office of the Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the Scleroderma

Say bye-bye to your beauty blues

This month, I have decided to col-lect your letters and answer the most frequently asked questions about beauty, skin care, and all of the things that make life worth liv-

1.) As I get older, I find that my complexion color is changing. Where it was all mono-colored, I seem to now appear "blotchy". What can I do?

You must remember that as you age, so does your skin tone. The majority of women appear paler with more yellow in the skin. Make sure that you use foundation/creme rouge/blusher colors



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low" base. Think more "sun-burned" than "suntanned." Also, there is an old adage that the older you get the lighter the hair should become UNTRUE! There must always be a contrast between the com-

plexion color and your hair color. Always try to have your hair darker than your skin-tone or you will look terribly washed out.

2.) What can I do about the bags under my eyes and the creepiness

This is certainly the most common question asked in my 35 years as a makeup artist, and I have always answered it the same way. For undereye bags/circle: be sure to apply your makeup base ON the bags. Then take your concealer and apply it just in the line of demarcation (the orbit) NOT on the bags themselves. This was you will eradi-cate the division line and your cir-cles will disappear. DO NOT put the concealer on under your foundation. It will swim. As far as the creepiness (I call them hangovers), short of plastic surgery, here's your best bet. Use a white eyeliner (yes I manufacture one). The first rule of art is for every shadow you must have a high-

3.) Lines around the mouth! How can I prevent my lipstick from bleed-

Try this: When you apply your base, be sure to put a bit on your lips. Powder your lips. Use a lip liner, fill in with lipstick and gloss, applied simultaneously (and at the same time!) To your lip brush, DO NOT BLOT YOUR LIPS! That will start the movement of your lipstick up

Try licking your lips. The saliva (sorry) has a tendency to "set" your lip color. Once you become proficient at your makeup, all will have to carry with you during the day are your lips (compact, lip liner, lipstick

4.) How much blusher is too much blusher? I never seem to have enough color in my cheeks. Remembe : that blusher is like per-

fume: YOU may not smell it, but people passing you faint. Trust me, when you apply your blusher in the morning and it looks good to you. that's enough! Ditto on the perfume. If you MUST wear Jungle Gardenia, Youth Dew, or Liz Taylor's latest, a little goes a loooong way!

5.) My eyebrows are disappearing with age. Any suggestions?
Eyebrows can make or break your

"look." The rule of eye is less is more. I prefer a thinner brow on my clients, since it "opens the yes,"

How? By giving you more room to work with between the brow and the lash line. If you have a vision probiem, try folding the temples of your glasses (the "arms"), hold one lens over one eye, and pluck the opposite

over one eye, and pluck the opposite sye. That will help.

Remember that your brows should always be a 1/2 shade DARKER than the shair on your head. Always use a british on Brow color to avoid the guotation mark look appending yes.

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Malls aren't just for shopping anymore!



Play time: Wonderland Mall in Livonia becomes the latest shopping center to add a playground to the premises for toddlers. Equipped with Little Tikes toys, the carpeted play pit offers moms a place to take a shopping break and kids the place to make new friends. Themed playcenters are also located at Twelve Oaks, Lakeside and Fairlane malls.

Summit Place ready for future



Summit Place Mall at Elizabeth Lake and Telegraph in Waterford, is close to a deal which would add a movie megaplex and major restaurant to the regional shopping center, making it more appealing to modern

BY SUSAN DEMAGGIO RETAIL EDITOR

Whose afraid of Great Lakes Crossing, the big bad mega outlet mall coming in 14 miles north of them? Not Summit Place in Waterford.

Mall manager Joe Tyree is busy these days, tracking down tenants that offer the merchandise and services his shoppers are seeking, and that includes a multi-screen cinema

and a pub-style eatery.
"We're about 90 days away from announcing some major changes at the center," he said. "And it has nothing to do with Great Lakes Crossing opening in November in Auburn Hills. My understanding is that, that center will be more of a tourist destination. At Summit Place, we're a super regional shopping center, the place area residents come to buy their kids shoes, purchase a video, or a pair

"We're continuing to reposition with a mix of the type of stores you find at Twelve Oaks, Lakeside. We're geared to families. You see lots of double strollers at the center."

Krys Bylund of Star Theatres in Grand Rapids, confirmed that the company was considering Summit Place for a multiplex, but it was looking at other locations as well.

We're all on the move now," she explained, "AMC and United Artists, are looking for sites, too. It's a good time to be in the entertainment busi-

Within the past year, Summit Place has added to its lineup: Paul Harris (a woman's boutique, fresh out of bankruptcy with clothes for the working woman and the first new store in Michigan) an expanded Victoria's Secret, Lane Bryant, Jarman Shoes, Pacific Sunwear, Corey's Jewel Box, 5-7-9 Shop, Sunglass Hut, Wild Pair, a prototype Imperial Sports (which has seen sales shoot up 70-percent in less than eight months) Java Brew and Bakery, and in the Picnic Food Court, Charlie's Steakery and Motown Chicken.

Special shoppers

Located less than a mile south of the Oakland County offices complex, Summit Place has decided to offer the 2,000 county employees a VIP card which will feature promotions and discounts throughout the year.

The center is also launching a walkers club. "It's about one-and-a-half miles around the center," Tyree said." And we're already got dozens of peo-

ple who walk around here each day."
To welcome Spring, an enticing.
Shop, Save and Win marketing promotion kicks-off at Summit Place in April, where among other perks, shoppers can register to win a \$25,000

family van from Lunghammer. Summit Place sits in the middle of

2.1 million-square feet of retail over 120 acres owned by a partnership of investors. It is managed by Ramco-Gershenson which also owns and operates Tel-Twelve Mall in Southfield, West Oaks in Novi, and many other properties, nationally. Shoppers to the center will also find Target, Farmer Jack, Mervyns, Best Buy, Circuit City, Media Play, Builder's Square, Pier One Imports, Learning Tree, and a Sam's Club Warehouse, among a dozen more specialty retail-

Still cocooning

Like many other shopping malls across the country, Summit Place has watched the decline of women's fashion sales, which once drove the industry, replaced by home furnishing and electronic sales.

"Americans put their money into home-cocooning products, these days," Tyree said

People want the comfort and convenience of their own homes, so they're buying products that relax, entertain and amuse them at home. They're not buying fashion. Do you know the name of the store that has become the barometer for measuring the success of a shopping center?

The Gap. When it comes to leasing space in a shopping center, most new retailers want to know, 'How does your Gap do?"

Summit Place was built in 1961, then known as "The Pontiac Mall." In 1987, it expanded to add a Hudson's, and Sears, In 1992, Hudson's remod-eled and upscaled its Summit Place store and Matt Prentice opened his Sour Dough Bread Co. Restaurant in the Hudson's wing.

Somerset hosts a spring fling

The sights, sounds and smells of spring have arrived at The Somerset Collection in Troy.

After a one-year hiatus, the mall is back in bloom with their home and garden show through April 11.

Sponsored by Torre & Bruglio, GM Card, Air New Zealand, Australia 2000, English Gardens and Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, the show includes a host of special events:

·• Elaborate garden displays surrounding the performance stages pre-sented by event contributors: Cebel of Sydney, Christiansen's Plant Center, Post Gardens Greenhouses, Harbour Days, Moonlit Lighting, Planterra Tropical Greenhouses, Ray Wiegland Nurseries, Shemin Nurseries, F&T

Hardscape and Unilock.

Performances of "The World Beyond The Wall," by The Children's Theatre of Michigan, run March 8-April 11 in the North Grand Court. Visits to the Garden Village where Nestor Fairweather, the rabbit, resides for pictures with children, are available March 28-April 11.

• Sale of playhouses to benefit Habitat for Humanity beginning April 1. Information available at the Concierge Desk in Somerset North.

 Informal modeling of spring fashions every Wednesday from noon to 2 p.m. in the Somerset North Grand Court and South Rotunda. (Those attending the informal modeling on Wednesday, April 8, from noon to 1 p.m. in the South Rotunda are invited to don their Sunday-best hats for "Hats Off to Spring." Box lunches are available for \$5 and the person with the most distinctive spring hat will win a \$200 gift certificate.)

 Cabaret Night Series featuring world-class entertainers with performances Thursday nights March 12, March 19 and April 2 at 7 p.m., Somer-

set North, Among the performers are Kimmie Horn and Randy Scoff. •Special presentations by local home and garden experts. Saturday, March 21 at 1 p.m., Somerset North, Art and Antique Appraisals by experts from the Frank Boos Gallery, Bloomfield Hills. (Please do not bring coins, stamps, large gemstones and musical instruments.) Reservations are required for this event.Tuesday, March 31 at 1 p.m., Somerset South - Guide to Tree and Shrub Planting. Greg Myers of English Gardens will explain everything there is to know about planting trees and

•Tuesday, April 7 at 7 p.m., Somerset North, The Latest in High-Tech Travel Packs with experts from Eastern Mountain Sports describing all you will need for traveling with the latest

high tech travel packs. • Special presentations about Australia at Somerset South, reservations are required for these events. Highlights include: Saturday, March 28 at 3 p.m., Somerset South, Exploring the Gardens of Australia with Australia 2000 experts. Saturday, April 4 at 3 p.m., Somerset South, Tahiti, Fuji and

Cruises to Australia.
Saturday, April 11 at 3 p.m., Somerset South, The Millenium, Sydney 2000 Olympic Games and The America's Cup in Australia.

Reservations are required for many events. Please call the event hotline at (248) 816-5484. Admittance is free.

For a complete schedule of shows and lectures, stop by the mall where kiosks are stocked with special "Journals of Events."

News of special events for shoppers is included in this calendar. Send information to: Malls & Main-streets, c o The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009; or fax (248) 644-1314. Deadline: Wednesday 5 p.m. for publication on Sunday.

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invites those interested to view a spring fashion show from local boutiques, and enjoy dinner and incovering with others at 6 p.m. Reservations required rickets \$25.

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Noim a March presents the Waccal Silhouette
Analyzor in Intimate Apparel on Level Two through

March 13: Appointments for personal fittings will be taken for the event. The digital imaging machine allows women to see how their silhouettes can be transformed with the correctly-sized undergarments.

Somerset Collection South. Big Beaver / Coolidge, Troy. (248) 643-3300 ext. 2250 or 2251.

Consignment clothing show

Reruns hostess Linda Janni presents an informal show of career, casual and evening clothes at the Water Club Seafood Grill, noon to 2 p.m. Call for reservations.

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Builders Show opens

The 80th annual Builders Home & Flower Show hits Cobo Hall through March 15. Admission is \$6.50 for adults, \$4.50 for seniors. Grand entrance features floral archway leading to a garden with 25,000 spring bulbs. Home improvement experts visit. Hundreds of information booths and displays.

(248) 737-4478.

RETAIL DETAILS

Retall Details features news orlefs from the Malls & Mainstreets. For inclusion, send information to: Retail Details. c/o The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 805. E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009, or fax to (248) 644:1314.

Art of Fashion show set The public is invited to attend a benefit for **HAVEN** featuring spring's best from the top designers at Neiman Marcus, including Jil Sandei and Giorgio : Armani, on Thursday, March 12 at 11:30 a.m. The event will take place on the store's Level Two, Somerset Collection South, Proy. Patron reservations are 100; Friend reservations are \$50. Refreshments included. For nore information call (248) 334-2343. ext. 26.

Tidbits from Somerset There are changes in the wind at the **Somerset Collection** ..., On the second level of Somerset North, Bendel's recently stunned mall officials and cusomers by closing both their Detroit and Chicago stores. Shoppers found a "good-bye and thank you" note taped to the windows and doors. The mer-chandise was cleared out without much fanfare. Bendel's had 14,000-square feet of retail space at the mall, which officials are scrambling to fill. A few years ago, Bendel's was purchased by The Limited, Inc. Restaurateur Matt Prentice

will open **Portobello's**, a new restaurant in the space vacated by Stelline's on the upper level of Somerset South, His Sebastian's eatery will close and a new food tenant is being sought for that spot on the lower level. Detroit's fashion in-crowd is stunned and disappointed to earn that **Kevin Quinn**, Nord-

New York City. He took the models and the shows in town to a higher standard," one insider remarked.

strom's midwest fashion director.

left town for greener pastures in

Cache is open in a larger space at Somerset South after relocating and remodeling their store. Coming in April: J. Peterman's and a Crate & Barrel furniture

Kmart sponsors walk **Smart** invites shoppers to participate in the nation's biggest walking event — the March of Dimes WalkAmerica, to raise funds to help babies and their parents.

WalkAmerica takes place in more than 1,500 communities the weekend of April 25-26. Pick up a sponsor form at your Kmart Service Desk and join in to help babies enjoy a healthier start in

Kmart stores across the country will also sell paper die-cut sneakers for \$1 during March and April with all proceeds benefiting the March of Dimes. In addition, Kmart is the exclusive retailer to purchase the newest Mattel WalkAmerica Barbie(R) doll. One dollar is being donated to the March of Dimes for every WalkAmerica Barbie doll purchased at Kmart's price of \$14.99.

RENT cast models at benefit:

Hudson's presents a cuttingedge fashion show featuring the cast from the Tony-award win-ning musical RENT, Monday, March 23 at the Majestic Theatre, 4140 Woodward, in Detroit. The spring collections from Max Studio, BCBG, Lola and DKNY Men will be presented from 7:30 to 8 p.m. The evening kicks off with a cocktail reception at 6 p.m. After the show there will be a cash bar and dancing until midnight. Tickets are \$25 each by calling (248) 988-OFAN by March 16. This event doubles as a benefit for the Fanclub Foundation for the Arts.

Retailer collects clothing for COTS The Shirt Box in Farmington

Hills will give shoppers \$3 off

every man's shirt purchased in March for each dress or casual shirt brought in to the store. The shirts will be donated to Coalition on Temporary Shelters (COTS). For more details call (248) 851-6770.

Neiman Marcus has

Neiman Marcus at the Somerset Collection South in Troy. introduces Natura Bisse's Cytokines, from Barcelona, Spain. It's a collection of products formulated with high concentrates of skin growth factor, a principle component of cell renewal known to provide healing and regenerative benefits to the skin. Naturally derived from complex proteins, skin growth factors renew texture, elasticity and firmness. Priced from \$65.

Rugrats at Oakland The Emmy winning Rugrats are coming to the Oakland Mall from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, March 14 at the center court in Oakland Mall. Children may have their pictures taken with Chuckie, Tommy and Angelica for à small fee. Proceeds will benefit organizations and húman services agencies in Oakland County that focus on improying the lives of children 10 and under. Oakland Mall is at 14 Mile and I-75. For more information, call (248) 682-7288.

Birmingham Blossoms

blooming Blossoms Floral Design Studio has opened at 33866 Woodward Avenue at Adams in Birm-ingham. The former site of the Birmingham Cleaners for more than 40 years has "blossomed" with new colors and a fresh new look. Flowers, plants, trees and a large floral mural will be added this spring. Blossoms continues to operate a second retail store in Birmingham at 175 W. Maple. To reach Blossoms, call (248)

Accent on the home

East coast style: Leonard Xerri sells gifts with a New England flair at his Laurel Park Place store in Livonia. The items are "connected to the romantic pull of the sea," he explains, "If it doesn't look like it came out of your grandmother's attic in Vermont, we don't sell it." For more information call (734) 462-1840.





This feature is dedicated to helping readers ocate sources for hard-to-find merchandise. If you've seen any of the items in your retail travels (or basement) please call Where Can I Find? (248) 901-2555. Slowly and clearly, leave your name, number and message, and you should see your input in next Sunday's column. Thank You!

What we found:

• Adventures in Toys, 163 Maple, in Birmingham, has the games Pit, Kling and Tric Trax.

 Crochet cotton can be found through Kraft Gallery (508) 744-2334 or (508) 744-6980.
• For Disney movies like Lady and the Tramp

or 101 Dalmatians try Buena Vista Home Video (310) 233-3120 or Movies Unlimited (800) 523 0823. Also try any video stores because they might

have used copies to sell.

• Little Foot figures can be found at Once Upon u Child in Canton.

 For the Red Wing afghan pattern, you must try the NHL. There are no patterns available for the logo, according to one caller.

Five-year diaries are sold at Meijer's.

We're still looking for:

 Girbeau jeans for P • Creme de Chantilly body spray perfume by Houbigant for Christine.

• Milk Plus by Revlon and a Proctor ironing board cover.

 A stereo record player with changer that plays five or six records at a time. Kay needs her's repaired. It's about 10 years old. 'A new or used one would be nice.

 Noxema medicated lather shaving cream and Deep Magic cold cream by Gillette. For Monica of Rochester.

 A replacement ceiling light for a bathroom fan. It is 35 years old, made by Ventrala, with a glass white milk moon light globe for Sandy of West Bloomfield.

A Rock 'em Sock 'em Robot for Michael.

• M J Carroll jeans (or ones that fit like 'em) once sold by Winkelman's at 7 Mile/Farmington for

• Lori of Westland is looking for a Kemore Zig Zag sewing machine, model #75816030. It has high bar of a presser foot.

• Kay and Jean are both looking for **Z-Brick**

paint for interior walls. It is a thin paint that when applied to walls looks like brick.

 A dairy milk bottle from the 1930's for Lynn from Plymouth. A book that describes how to make doll-

clothes for the Teeny Tiny Mini Tiny Tots dolls by · An old-style single unit roaster on a stand

with coasters. It even baked bread for Deborah. Poor Pitiful Pearl doll from 1972.

A dress by Pablo for Lynette. A Purple Monster from Space Jam for Dr.

Emmaline Weidman. A Zippo Bar top lighter for Bob.
 A replacement pad for a playpen, 40x40, for

Joe is looking for parts to a Sunbeam Master shaver with Coleman blades.

A game, Kids on Stage, for Linda.
The movie Hope & Glory for Jack.
A Farberware counter top convection oven

for Julie. • The game Pivot Pool for Lori. Linda is looking for the movie sound track

by Sandi Jarackas

from Rich in Love on CD or cassette. Compiled

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Reddy or not: Longtime newsman retires

His turning point came when driver sitting in a Halsted Street bar with a pal. The pal advised John Reddy to go to college.

"I'll be 30 by the time I get out!" Reddy objected.

"You're going to be 30 anysaid the friend, and that settled it.

"I went down to the University of Illinois at Navy Pier. I majored in journalism," Reddy

At 30, married and with one child, Reddy earned a U-L degree and got a job on the Sterling (III.) Daily Gazette. The one-time Navy carpenter and cab driver had launched his career in peo-ple-oriented journalism.

The working part of his career will end March 31 when Reddy, retires at 65 as vice president for editorial of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., the com-pany that owns this and more. 60 other weekly and semiweekly newspapers in Michigan, Ohio and northern Kentucky.

He'll spend the month of March breaking in his successor, Jeanne Towar.

Reddy wanted to make a difference Many agree he has.
"I used to get the bulldog edi-

tion of the Chicago Tribune. People used to stand around, wait-ing for the papers, and they always complained about papers," he said: "Many Republi-cans thought that flaming young liberals were running the (suburban) papers. My view was that anyone has a right to have a position fairly and well repre-

Rich Perlberg, now general manager of the HomeTown Newspapers headquartered in Howell, was among many who absorbed Reddy's message.

There is one overriding dogma of John's," said Perlberg. When someone is upset about our news coverage or editorial position of a particular issue, we should be able to ask, Was your position fairly and accurately

reported in the paper?'
"If we are doing our jobs, the answer has to be 'yes.' And inject answer has to be yes. And most fair-minded people; even if they disagree with our overall coverage, will eventually concede that we have done our job if we have hit that standard," Perlberg said. Next Reddy became a commu-

nity editor in Palatine, Ill., for Paddock newspapers in the northwestern Chicago suburbs, then moved to the Chicago Sun-Times' suburban and city desks. He was impressed by the fact that the woman who interviewed him for the job had helped make journalism — and film — history by spotting a cleaning woman's classified ad that said "Call NOrthside 777." The paper's investigation freed an innocent man from prison.

"I came here (to Michigan) 30 years ago this month. The National Newspaper Association put my resume in the hands of Henry Hogan (then publisher of the Birmingham Eccentric). By then I had changed my mind about looking for a new job, but Hank said, 'Don't say no until

you come over and look.' "Joan (his wife) encouraged me. We drove over here with four kids and looked. There was a sense of community here.

"That was the time of the fair housing ordinance fight (follow-ing the 1967 Detroit riot). I told him he had to support the fair housing ordinance or I wouldn't come. Hank was very supportive of the editorial department and of me as an editor, "I was managing editor, We

created the Troy edition, then West Bloomfield, Rochester and Southfield, I was managing editor while all that went on.

"Then Hank bought the paper in Cincinnati and needed someone to run it. I was there from 1972 to '75," he said. In 1975 Reddy: was brought

back from Cincinnati to be exec utive editor of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, formed a ear earlier by the merger of Hogan's Eccentric group with Phil Power's Observer group.

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John Reddy

"When John was in charge," said board chair Power, "the company's newspapers won more editorial excellence than any other group of community newspaper in the country,"

Reddy likes to make use of graphics — charts, pictures and graphs that tell the "what" of a story. "That frees up the writer to explain the why and how and

the implications." While: media critics often deplore USA Today as "McPaper," Reddy praises it for use of charts. "Charts were slow to come into newspapers because no one is driving it. It takes senior management and welltrained young professionals to

Part of the business of suburban newspapers is helping to. build communities.

"We're building communities, not as blind boosters, because they suffer from failed credibili-

"There's an implied social contract. We have to fulfill our read-ers' expectations," he said, hintthe consequences for an editor if he or she fails to display changes in the trash pickup schedule on page I or the rites of passage, such as marriages and deaths.

There's a reward for those who fulfill that social/contract; "(Readers) will give you license to talk about the prickly things that disturb their consciences and make them uncomfortable. The single most important distinguishing characteristic is its editorial page and its editorial

At The Observer & Eccentric,

Reddy moved up the ladder to general manager (1977-82) and corporate vice president for edi-torial (since 1982), with fill-in stints, as Perlberg noted, manag-

ing various divisions. Reddy is blunt about the sometime adversarial role of editorial and advertising people within newspapers.

There are not enough good editorial people in senior man-agement. The reason is that they refuse to learn anything about management. The only way you can have a free press is to have an economically sound press.

"There's really a strong need for senior management to have an advocate for the editorial department, It's easier for them (management) to remember that if it's personified in their midst.

"I'm not sure how well I did, but at least they had to look at me before they walked all over the editorial department.

Power is sure Reddy did well. He used the position as a bully pulpit from which to preach the special role and notable successs of community journalism.

We will miss his constant vise counsel and his unfailing attention to making our craft as community journalists better," Power said.

And soon comes retirement. "I saw a couple of people retire, and they were like fish out of water. That's not going to

So long: John Reddy is retiring from the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers after a long career.

happen to me," vowed Reddy, relating how he arose at 4 that morning to practice on the plano (Albeniz and Chopin).

"Joan has always wanted to go on an archeological dig. I can sit and do water colors while she

does that. "My goal is to write some plays, It's an extension of (a reporter's use) of quotes. There needs to be a chemistry between the playwright, the director and actors. You have to construct it so they (director and actors) have some ownership in a way that won't distort it.'

So far he has written three vignettes; but details must wait. until opening night,

There was something he failed to appreciate as an 18-year-old in the Navy that he has been correcting — foreign travel. This year he and Joan will see the cave art in France.

After studying Spanish in high school and French in college, he is working on Chinese. "I'm lis-tening to tapes. If anybody wants to help me talk Chinese I'd be glad to hear from them,"

It's more than just knowing the words. It's understanding how other people think because said Reddy:

"I truly enjoy knowledgeable and stimulating people."

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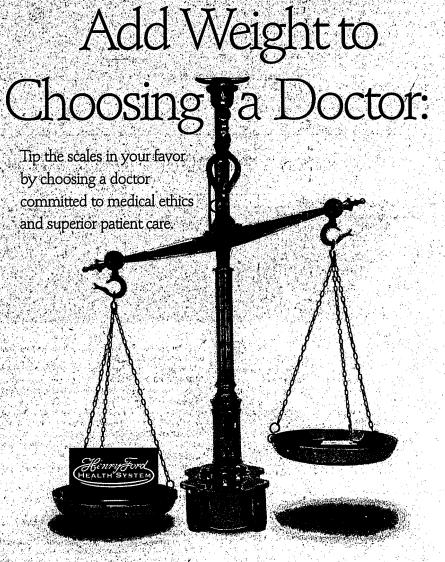
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VINYL AND ALUMINUM SIDING





KELLI LEWTON

There's nothing new about microbrews

y catering class at Schoolcraft College participated in the third annual Winterfest Beer Tasting held in conjunction with the Merchants Fine Wine Stores, John Jonna and John Lossia.

The event at the college on Feb. 25 was a huge success. Microbrewers from Washington to Detroit were present, and sampled their microbrews. I was amazed to see so many varieties all under one roof. As I was passing the tasting tables, I heard terms like, "Its hopiness, stout, oakie, evergreen,

This is language that I'm not accus tomed to hearing. I'm still in the pairing the right wine with food zone, and now all of a sudden, I think I need to be enrolling in Microbrew 101. I discovered some very interesting things on my micro mission to research information to educate myself and share with you.

Microbrewery is not a new concept. Historians can trace the origin of beer all the way back to the earliest days of civilization. Clay tablets from ancient Mesopotamia, dating back to 4000 B.C. tell about the brewing and

Archeologists with the United Nations, unearthing the Queen of Sheba's tomb, discovered beer mem rabilia and clay tablets inscribed with information on brewing.

From the book of the Dead, the Egyptian kings show records of beer consumption. Beer may have been the beverage of choice for the architects and builders of the great pyramids. A few thousand years later, an Assyrian tablet from 2000 B.C. records Noah stocking beer aboard the Ark.

It is fabled that Europeans stumbled upon brewing by accident when a clay pot filled with grain from the past season's harvest became soaked and fermented spontaneously with wild yeast organisms to produce the first of Europe's home brews. This low alcohol drink became the drink of choice for many men, women and chil-

The first white settlers in North American brought with them both commercial as well as home-brew. stopped at Plymouth Rock due to their low supply of beer, which was a staple in the Puritan diet.

By 1867 there were 2,600 brewing companies in the United States, and by 1991 the number had fallen to

Dave Morgan of Red Hook Brewery shared some enlightening facts. Five years ago there were only three microbreweries in Michigan. This number has exploded to around 70, including Michigan Brewing, Atwa-ter, and Bells Brewery. On a national level, microbreweries have grown from 50 in 1981 to approximately 1,200 today.

When I posed the question to Dave why all this microbrew hoopla? Will it last, or is it just a passing flash in the pan? His response was quite eloquent: "Quality endures," he said. "Con-

noisseurship is not pretentious or snobbish. It is practiced by people of all types, backgrounds and income levels. A connoisseur is a person with an informed and astute discrimination; someone who appreciates and seeks out the best in any given category. Only a few can be connoisseurs of vintage automobiles; almost any one can be a connoisseur of beer,

bread or coffee.
"Connoisseurs are people who
notice the subtle differences in the simple pleasure that make life sweet It is a tradition that is centuries old. and is common to virtually all cul-

Please see MICROBREWS, B2

OOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

Focus on Wine For the Love of Food

Golden nutrition nuggets

- Serve high calorie snacks on a plate to control the amount you eat, rather than munching on them straight out of the bag.
- Check the vending machine for lower fat snacks such as pretzels. Even though peanuts are quite high in calories and fat, they are more nutritious than chips or a candy bar.
- Include plant-based foods as your main items as often as possible. Peas, beans and lentils can stand in for meat, poultry or eggs. Try lentil or pea soup with a salad and roll, or beans and rice with a chunky salsa for a nutritious meal?
- Read food labels. Look for high percentage of daily value (%DV) numbers of important nutrients like calcium, and low (%DV) numbers on sodium and
- For lower fat chili, tacos or meatloaf, put cooked ground beef in a strainer and rinse briefly with hot water. Drain and use in your recipe, Better yet, try ground turkey instead. Check the label to make sure it is 100 percent turkey and not skin and
- Use positive self talk:/Tell yourself you are in con trol of your eating, and that you alone decide which foods you'll eat, and how much.
- Movel Add movement to your day and everything
- Use fruit purees such as applesauce or stewed prunes or mashed bananas as a substitute for half the fat or oil in some of your favorite baked goods.
- Slip healthful ingredients into desserts such as bran cereal, whole grain flour or orange juice con-centrate to intensify flavors.
- There are many differences in fats. Animal fats contain cholesterol. "Manufactured" fats such as those found in margarine, shortening and butter replacement spreads are saturated, however, most plant oils such as olive oil, contain antioxidants and are other important elements for good health. Regardless of the type, all oils and fats are at the tip of the Food Guide Pyramid, which means they should be used sparingly.
- Save fat calories by eating reduced fat cheese... whenever possible.
- Use tub or liquid margarine rather than stick margarine. If you can't give up butter, try a light,
- Choose lower fat processed meats such as turkey. hot dogs,
- Watch out for hidden sodium in foods such as frozen dinners, pizza and luncheon meats. Restaurant foods also tend to be high in sodium.
- 🖪 Plan to eat plenty of fruits and vegetables. Keep dried fruits in your car or desk for munching. The are high in calories, but also contain a lot of murients. Microwave a sweet potato for a nutritious foundation to a meal. Steam or sauté vegetables such as broccoli, spinach, green beans, asparagus or cauliflower. Add a touch of oil, honey mustard and/or garlic for flavor.
- Switch from empty calorie, heavily sweetened "liq-uid candy" (soda pop) to low-fat milk or fruit juice.

Serving Sizes

- Learning to judge serving sizes takes a little practice. Since carrying around measuring cups and a scale just isn't practical, here are some visual examples to help you make quick estimates.
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 3 ounces of meat, poultry or fix Deck of playing cards, cassette tape
 1 ounce of meat, poultry or fish Matchbook
 1 oup of fruit or yogurt Baseball
 1/2 cup of chopped vegetables Three regular ice qubes
 1 medium potato Computer mouse
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 1 tep of potatoes, rice or pasta Size of a fist or a tennis ball
 1 medium orange or apple Baseball
 1 tendard bagel Hockey puck

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 1 cup chopped fresh leafy greens Four lettuce leaves
 2 Tablespoons peanut butter Golf ball
 1 ounce of cheese Four dice on a tube of lipstick
 1 silce of cheese 5-3-inch computer disk

- One-half cup of cooked vegetables equals:

 6 asparagus spears
- 7-8 baby carrots or carrot sticks

Get a glow with a rainbow of fruits

and vegetables

By Peggy Martinelli-Everts Special Writer

If we could make one wish under the rainbow many of us would wish for a lifetime of good health. The good news is that it is easy to eat healthy and to make small changes that can result in big differences in your health.

The bad news is that some of you will stop reading this article right now and not learn all the simple and exciting ways to eat smarter and live healthier.

March is National Nutrition Month and making nutri-tion "come alive" requires a commitment on your part to make healthy choices that fit your lifestyle. Whether you want to lose weight, control diabetes or blood pressure, or generally improve your health, you should know that there is no one magic food or fix. Healthy eating involves a realistic approach of making small changes over time in your food choices.

Don't worry about just one meal or one day. Evaluate your food choices over several days. Try not to think of food as "good" or "bad." Food is not the enemy; it's not about feeling guilty or deprived. Depending on your nutrition goals, you can probably eat and enjoy most foods if you eat sensibly and don't over do it. Be adventurous and expand your tastes to enjoy a variety of foods. There are dozens of ways you can improve your health with food

In 1997, the American Institute for Cancer Research and the World Cancer Research Fund published the report "Food, Nutrition, and the Prevention of Cancer: A Global Perspective. The report suggests dietary changes could reduce cancer incidence worldwide by 30 to 40 percent a year. The report is unique in that it reviewed over 4,500 scientific studies from around the world. The findings of the study are consistent with other recommendations to prevent hearth disease and other diseases:

So how can we change our diets to reduce the risk of cancer and heart disease? Eating all the colors of the rainbow can help make our wish for good health a reality.

Eat fruits and vegetables in a variety of colors and shapes every day to add eye appeal, fiber, nutrients, and phytochemicals to your diet.

Choose predominantly plant-based meals, rich in a variety of vegetables, fruits, legumes and minimally processed, starchy staple foods such as rice and potatoes. Plant-based foods provide fiber, vitamins, minerals, phytochemicals and antioxidants. By varying the colors of your fruits and vegetables you will be getting a good variety of

these nutrients. The next time you go to the supermarket, think about eating the rainbow. Spend most of your time in the produce section, choosing fruits and vegetables from the color spectrum. Remember, wishing alone can't make good health happen. Enjoy the wonderful bounty our good earth provides for a healthy, bal-

anced diet. Peggy Martinelli-Everts of Clarkston, is a registered dietitian and director of clinical operations for HDS Services, a Farmington Hills-based food service and hospitality manage-ment company. Look for her story on the second Sunday of the month in

See recipe inside.



A few changes makes mother's lasagna lower in fat



DIETITION

Today is the day of the American Heart Association's "Ask the Nutrition Expert' event at Tel-Twelve Mall, on Telegraph at 12 Mile Road, in Southfield.

I'll be there with 30, other registered dietitians from noon to 4 p.m. to help you get. your blood pressure checked, and body fat measured, talk with

you about your food intaké, guide a mock supermarket tour and help you

modify your favorite recipes.
You'll be able to talk to the winners of our Main Dish Salad Recipe Contest. winners, and see their winning salads. We've got prizes, balloons and lots of free recipes and pamphlets. But most important, I'll be there to meet and talk with you in person. Will I see you there?

Today, I'm sharing an "Eating Younger" version of a recipe that has fond memories for me. You see, my mother wasn't Italian, but you couldn't tell by her lasagna. Many meals were graced by her casserole of noodle, highfat cheese and her homemade meat

My fat loving taste buds adored her lasagna, but I changed the recipe.
Why? Because I didn't want my weight or cholesterol numbers to match hers. But, not to worry. The fat, cholesterol and calories may be lower, but the flavor is still there, helped by freshly grated Parmesan cheese and a zesty ready-prepared tomato sauce.

I exchanged the lasagna noodles for jumbo-sized macaroni shells. They make a pretty presentation and, it's easier to freeze leftovers in portion , sizes. The cheeses are non-fat ricotta, mozzarella and Parmesan. The Parme san cheese is not a low fat cheese, but since 3 tablespoons weigh in at less than an ounce, the aroma and flavor that it adds makes it a taste treat bar-gain. I like to grate my own cheese, I find that the cheese in those cardboard boxes has lost most of its character by the time I'm ready to use it.

To reduce preparation time, I use a ready prepared spaghetti sauce. If you want to "beef it up," add a little top round beef that you've had trimmed and ground once. Of course you'll cook it well done before you add it to the

STUFFED SHELL FLORENTINE

- 12 Jumbo Macaroni Shells 1 pound non-fat ricotta cheese
- 1 (10 ounce) package frozen chopped, spinach, defrosted, drained and squeezed dry
- 1/4 teaspoon lemon peel, grated 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon Fleischmann's Fat-Free Spread 1/2 cup onlon, chopped and sauteed
- until softened 2 cloves garlic, minced and sautéed until softened
- 1 egg, plus 2 egg whites, slightly beaten
- 1/2 cup non-fat mozzarella cheese,
- shredded 3 Tablespoons grated Parmesan
- cheese 1 (32 ounce) Jar low-fat prepared spagnetti sauce (2 grams fat per
- serving or less) Freshly ground pepper to taste

Gradually add shells to 3 quarts rapidly boiling water so that water continues to boil. I like to add a tenspoon of olive oil so that the shells don't stick together. Cook uncovered, stirring occasionally,

until tender. Drain in colander.

While the shells are cooking, make the filling by combining the ricotta cheese, spinach, lemon peel, lemon juice, Fleis chmann's Fat-Free Spread, onion, garlic, egg, mozzarella and Parmesan cheese,

In a 13- by 9-inch casserole sprayed with nonstick spray, place 3/4 of the spaghetti sauce (mixed with optional

Stuff cooked shells with cheese mixture. Arrange stuffed shells on top of sauce. Cover with foil. Bake at 350° F for 35-40 minutes. Before serving, heat 🕌 . remaining spaghetti sauce and pour over shells. Serves 6.

Nutrition facts per serving: 2 shells, Calories 262; Fat 2.2g; Saturated Fat 0.4g; Cholesterol 30mg; Sodium

Food exchanges = 1 bread; 1 lean meat; 1 vegetable; 1 milk. Muriel G. Wagner is a registered

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

See related story on Taste forth Recipe compliments of in Standices and Peggy-May-lett. Events, director of clinical

Here's a recipe that incorporates a few different vegetables for a colorful and tasty main

VEGETABLÉ PIE

3/4 cup long grain or brown

11/2 cup bread crumbs 1/4 cup each firmly packed fresh parsley and basil

2 tablespoons fresh thyme

1/2 teaspoon salt Freshly grated nutmeg and

ground pepper to taste 2 shallots (1 ounce) total 1/2 cup grated Parmesan

cheese 1 small eggplant (about 7 ounces) unpeeled, sliced

8 ounces sliced mushrooms 1 medlum zucchini (8 ounces), sliced thin

1 Italian plum tomato (3

ounces), sliced 3 tablespoons olive oil

Preheat oven to 450°F.

Prepare rice according to package directions. Spray a 10-inch pie plate with nonstick cooking spray. Pack rice into bottom and sides of pan to form crust.

Using a food processor fit with the steel blade, mince together the parsley, basil, thyme, salt, nut, meg, and pepper. Remove from the work bowl and set aside. Drop the shallots through the feed tube and process until minced. Remove from the work bowl and set aside.

In a heavy 12-inch sauté pan or skillet, heat 1 tablespoon of the oil over medium-high heat. Add the eggplant and half of the shallots. Cook, stirring frequently, until the eggplant is tender, about 7 minutes. Remove from the skillet. Heat 1 tablespoon of the oil in the same pan over medium-high heat. Add the zucchini and, stirring frequently, cook until just tender, about 3 minutes. Remove from the skillet. Heat the remaining 1

tablespoon of oil in the same pan

over medium-high heat. Add the

rooms and cook, stirring frequent-

remaining shallots and mush-

ly, until the mushrooms are soft, about 4 minutes,

Position a rack in the center of the 450°F, oven. Combine the bread crumbs with half the grated cheese. Sprinkle over the bottom of the rice pie crust. Arrange the eggplant over crust in even layers. Sprinkle with one-fourth of the minced herbs and half of the remaining cheese.

Spoon the mushrooms over pie evenly, Sprinkle with one-fourth of the minced herbs. Pour egg whites evenly over mushrooms, making sure the egg soaks into the pie.

the pie, overlapping slightly. the pie, overlapping angus,
Arrange the tomato slices in a circle in the center, overlapping slightly. Sprinkle the remaining herb mixture and then the remaining cheese over the vegetables. Bake in the preheated oven about 20 minutes, or until the egg is set and cheese melted. Let cool slightly before serving. Serves 6

Nutrition information per serving: Calories 214, Protein 5 grams, Fat 10 grams, Sodium 241 mg, Carbohydrates 25 grams.

Splash of beer adds flavor

See related 2 Unique column on Taste front.

SHRIMP WITH BEER GLAZE

2 pounds (16 to 20 count) shrimp

1 bottle of ale or lager

1/2 cup coarsely chopped corlander

1/4 cup olive oll Zest and juice of 1 lime

2 seeded, diced jalapeno peps" pers

Freshly ground black pepper i'i to taste

Salt to taste

Tabasco Sauce (optional) Glean shrimp, peel if desired,

but shrimp has more flavor if cooked with their shells

Place in shallow dish. Combine all ingredients, except salt and Tabasco, and pour over shrimp. Matinate in the refrigerator for up to two hours, turning once.

Remove shrimp from marinade. Strain marinade into saucepan and boil for 5-7 minutes, until syrupy and reduced to 1/4 cup. Sepson with salt and Tabasco ice (if using), Grill shrimp and

toss with glaze. hese recipes are compliments the Schoolcraft College Win-

BLACK BEAN AND STOUT CHILL

L'cup chopped onions 🤼 3 cloves garlic, chopped 1/2 cup diced carrots

1/2 cup diced celery

2 cups diced tomatoes

4 cups cooked black beans

1 lalapeno pepper, diced 1 tablespoon chill powder

1 tablespoon cumin

3 cups chicken stock

1 cup stout beer 2 tablespoons cilantro

Salt and pepper to taste Sauté onions, carrots and celery together until the onions become transparent. Add the garlic and let sweat for 1 minute. Add the remaining ingredients and cook

until the chili reaches the right consistency (about 1 hour). Garnish with cheddar cheese and sour

Sauce

CHERRY BEER BARBECUE SAUCE

1 gallon barbecue sauce of : your choice

1 pound pork bone (optional)

2 lemons (cut in half) 2 teaspoons chill powder

3/4 cup dried cherries 1 bottle Sam Adams Cherry

Wheat Beer 1/2 tablespoon minced garlic 2 tablespoons Worcestershire

Combine all ingredients into a stainless steel pot (pork bone optional). Simmer for 45 minutes or until sauce reaches desired consistency. Remove bone and lemons, puree cherries if desired. Yields 1

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tures. It is kept alive today by the growing number of consumers who are willing to pay a premium for relatively inexpensive items that authentically satisfy their search for the good life

Microbrews from page B1

Here are some tips from Merchant's Fine Wine owner John.

filled with simple, everyday plea-

■ Step 1 - Pour the beer you have chosen into a clean, clear glass. It is always a good idea to taste lighter beers before darker

■ Step 2 – Smell your beer, This is one of the best parts of a good beer. Note the aromas, they can range from citrus, floral, or skunky to roasted, toasted, or malty. The nose in beer is fleet ing, so you want to enjoy it while

■ Step 3 - Hold the glass up to the light or hold it up against a white background. Notice the color and clarity. The color can range from the pale straw to black depending on the style. If the beer is unfiltered then it will have a hazy appearance. Some brewers do not filter their been because of the extra flavor the

yeast provides. ↓
■ Step 4 - Now you may sip the beer. Take a nice sip - not so much as to fill your mouth, but to coat your palate. Now swirl and chew your beer. Remember, the object is to taste the beer so you will want to use every part

of your mouth. Is the beer fullbodied or thin? Is it sweet or bit-ter? Now swallow. Does the flavor linger (a long finish) or disippear (a short finish).

Step 5 - Repeat! Now you know how to successfully taste a beer. As you hone these skills and taste different beers you will develop an appreciation for the great variety of beers in the

Marriage of Food and

There are no set rules about matching beer with food. It's up to individual taste. Here are some ideas from the Michigan Beer Guide. Experiment and have fun.

 Salads - lambric, kriek, framboise, fruit beer

Cheese dishes – pale ale, porter and sweet stout

Seafood – pilsner, amber ager or light ale

■ Shellfish – porter, stout ■ Pasta, pizza and spicy foods malty Vienna or Oktoberfest

■ Poultry – Amber lager, ale Pork, veal and beef Munich or Dortmunder lager

■ Game - Scottish ale, porter, dry stout, Belgian ale

Roasts and stews - dark malty lager, porter, stout

Desserts - old ale, barley-

wine, double bock, imperial stout.
Try, different combinations. For example, try different styles of beer with the same food. Keep a record of ideas and comments. Brewpubs and Micros that serve food are also good sources. Some will print suggestions on their menus on which of their beers pair with each entree. Ask your

As I reported in my coffee column in January, there seems to be a resurgence of the past — coffee bars, microbrews and cigars are all the happening thing. maybe it is also part of the homegrown, grass roots feeling spreading across the United States this decade. Only time will tell if micro beer is here to stay or just a passing phe-

Tap into brewer vocabulary

See related 2 Unique Column Taste front.

Here are some definitions to help clarify common used beer

Microbrewery – A brewery that may make and sell its beer for either on or off premise consumption, and through wholesalers to retailers. Total annual production my not exceed 30,000 barrels. Micros are not required

to provide food service. Brewpub - A restaurant that may make and sell its beer on premise only, or take out from the licensed premise. Total annual production may not exceed 5,000 barrels. Brewpubs are required to offer food service. Beer Terminology:

Ale - traditional style, top-fer-mented beer with a distinct yeast character. The brewing of ile was first noted in 4,000 year old Egyptian histories, and it remained the most common beer until the 19th century. Ale is still the favorite in England.

Adjunct - A supplemental grain often used by large American brewers in addition to malted barley to save costs.

Barley - A cereal grass whose grain is used in making barley

Barrel - A unit of measure ment, precisely 31 gallons - used in discussing brewing capacity An American keg holds a half

 Any fermented drink made from grain and seasoned with hops.

Bitter - A traditional Englishpub style of ale. The characteristic dry flavor is from the resins and essential oils in the hops.

Body - The fullness of flavor and "feel" of the beer in the mouth, which is affected by carbonation, alcohol content, bal-

nomenon of years past.

Chef Kelli L. Lewton is owner of 2 Unique Caterers and Event Planners in Bloomfield Hills. A graduate of Schoolcraft College's

ance and structure of the brew Body may be described as dry neutral, sweet, bland, vinous thin, smooth, etc.

Bottom Fermenting - A type of yeast and process used in brewing lager, taking place at lower temperatures than top-fer-

Carbonation - Good in proper balance, but not if the beer is too grassy or too flat, for then it adversely affects taste and body. Clarity - The clearness of a

Dry - Lack of sweetness; crisp

not tart ESB – Extra Special Bitter, a traditional name for a brewery's deluxe bitter.

Head — A dense, uneven, rocky head of foam indicating that a beer has a natural, not injected carbonation. Hops - An aromatic vine

whose female flowers have been used since the 15th century to season and clarify beer. Washington is second to Germany in : op production.

Lager - A bottom-fermented beer. This is the style of beer brewed by most American mass producers

Malt - Barley which has been germinated and dried in a process called "malting" which breaks down barley starches into sugars for fermentation.

Porter – A classic, London-tyle beer brewed in England since the 17th century.

Stout - A fuller bodied, richer, and traditionally, stronger version of porter, stout gets its distinctive bitter flavor from roasted, unmalted barley

Wort – The liquid created during "mashing," in the mash turn. The wort is boiled, hops and yeast are added, and the liquid is fermented into beer.

Culinary Arts program, Kelli is a part-time instructor at the college. Look for her column in Taste on the second Sunday of

of sentences, which explain why

it's so good, by Monday, March 16. Please include your daytime

phone number so we can call you.

We'll pick two readers to fea-

ture in the Sunday, March 29, issue of Taste. In addition to:

being photographed and inter-

viewed for our story, you'll

receive an apron and a copy of

R. Friedland or "The Frugal

Gourmet Keeps the Feast: Past,

Present and Future," by Jeff.

Look for our recipe to share

Smith, in addition to our thanks.

feature on Sunday, March 22.

The Passover Table," by Susan

Readers needs help finding recipes

By Keely Wygonik Staff Writer

server.

Some of my very favorite recipes are ones I clipped out of gets it.

Mary newspapers and magazines. Like. me, I'm sure you've saved some of the recipes that have appeared in Taste, and perhaps have lost one of your favorites.

Do you have a good system for organizing recipes so you won't lose them?

With good intentions I've tried a number of systems, everything from pasting recipes on file cards, to putting them in a note-book. I have clipped recipes tucked in cookbooks, in folders, and even attached to the fridge with kitchen magnets.

Lost and Found Recipes are the best. Have you ever clipped a recipe, made it, liked the results. and then accidentally misplaced

Kim of Westland is looking for a lentil burger recipe she clipped out of the Observer in 1989. "It was really good, but I can't find

the recipe," she said. If you have a good lentil burger recipe send it to me, and I'll make sure Kim of Bloomfield Hills is

looking for a recipe called Buddha's Delight.

If you can help our readers, please send the recipe to: Keely Wygonik, Taste Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax (734) 591-7279. You can also e-mail me recipes kwygonik@

oe.homecomm.net ... We'd also enjoy hearing your tips for organizing recipes.

We're also looking for Spring Holiday Celebration recipes to feature in Taste on Sunday, March 29.

What are your Easter and Passover food traditions? Do you have a favorite recipe to share? Tell us about the recipe, and why it's a family tradition.

Send your recipe, and a couple

Holiday

This month. Laurie Wethington of Farmington Hills shares her Pork Piccatta recipes, which

is similar in taste and texture to veal picatta, but not as expen-We'd like to feature one of your

favorite recipes in Taste. Send your recipes to me at the

Observer & Eccentric Newspapers at the number listed above.

NUTRITION MONTH EVENTS

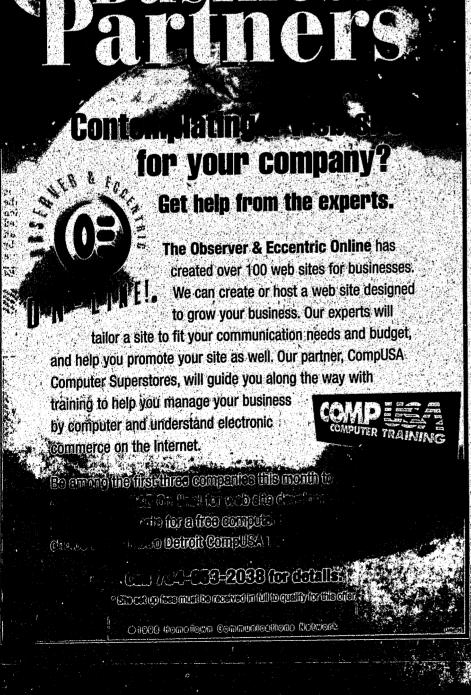
Healthy Cooking Demos at Botsford General Hospital's Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. Best Beef Recipes, 7 p.m. Thurs-day, March 12, Tofu: Hot, Spicy, Greamy, and Sweet and Sour, 7 Thursday, March 26. There a'\$6 fee for other of these classes, preregistration required call (248) 477:8100.

Meen Nutrition Grocery

Tour, presented by Gail Posner, a registered dietitian, 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, March 30 at Shopping Center Market, Maple at Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Cost \$15 per teen, and \$25 for adult and teen. Call (248) 855-4558 to register, prepayment required. Learn how to make healthy choices at the gro-cery store, includes samples.

Crittenton Hospital Nutri-

tion Health Fair, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, March 26 at the hospital, 1101 W. University Drive, Rochester. Free event fea-tures food samples, nutrition displays, games, contests, raffles, free waist to hip ratio measure-ments, prizes, cooking demonstrations, finger stick testing for cholesterol and HDL (the fee is: \$10 per person). Registration is not necessary, call (248) 652-5630 for information.





Princess Di's legacy: Beating the odds

his sounds all too much like a tidbit that belongs on a supermarket tabloid:

"Five dresses worn by Princess Di now on display."

What next? A world tour of the mangled Mercedes, or a close-up of the bloody clothes she wore on that fateful night last August? It's easy to be cynical, especially

with the commercialization and merchandising of Princess Di's image since her death: Unfortunately, journalistic ethics

and quick-buck merchandising have become synonymous. (OK, some may argue that they've always been.) The upcoming exhibit of Princess Di's dresses at the Cranbrook Art

Museum, however, isn't about crass commercialization. In fact, once you learn about Ellen Petho, the proud owner of the dresses, you just might renew your faith in

human nature. Value of profit

Petho, a Port Huron resident, purchased the five dresses of a collection of 79 for about \$150,000 in July.

The auction was held to raise money for children's charities around

After Princess Di's death, the value of the dresses and the five accompanying autographed books (one book has sold for as much as \$100,000) increased six-fold.

An astronomical investment return of about 900 percent, worth approxi-

mately \$1.3 million. With that kind of profit, most peo ple would be busy speculating in the stock market or vacationing in the south of France.

But not Petho, who admits to idolizing the princess for her humanitarian

When Petho heard about the auction at Christie's, she traveled to New York. She not only had to enter a lottery to get into the auction, but won a main floor seat. She came with her checkbook, and

expected that the dresses would attract a minimum of \$20,000 each. "I've never bought a lottery ticket,"

said Petho. "I didn't think it was a The dresses, she said, are part of

history. Because of the media swarm that followed Princess Di, photos and video of her in the dresses are easily recalled.

Petho's idea was quite simple. She planned to buy a few dresses, then make them available to nonprofits, such as the Girl Scouts and YMCA With the dresses as a draw, nonprofits could raise money.

There was even a hokey notion to so people could take pictures with the

And then, the tragic events in a Paris tunnel.

"(That night) changed everything in my life," she said.

Suddenly, the dresses became a living monument, a vestige of the woman who didn't hide from her frailties, exuded compassion and died before her time.

Know the details

"When I put my feet back on the ground, it came down to my original intention, which was to make money for charity."

A more stately and somber venue was needed to exhibit the dresses.

With the assistance of the Orchard Lake-based event coordination group, "Women 2 Women," the exhibit was scheduled at Cranbrook.

From there, the dresses will tour the country before heading to Europe

The dresses will make another local appearance on two occasions: April 23 at the Rattlesnake Club in Detroit, and May 14-17 at the Meadow Brook

Museum.

"Princess Di used her prominence to help people," said Petho, who recalled Diana's work with AIDS patients and on behalf of the worldwide movement to ban land mines.

"She'll be remembered as a humanitarian.

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Winning touch: The charcoal drawing, "Oryx," by Laurie Ann Bouley of Bloomfield Hills. (Below left) Marco Garcia's encaustic painting, "Camino Al Futuro," demonstrates technical mastery and a flowing style. The works are among the many highlights in the 17th annual Michigan Fine Arts Competition (Below right) Barry Avedon's, "Beware of Dog," oil painting.



Fine Arts Competition reflects 1990s

sensibilities

BY FRANK PROVENZANO STAFF WRITER

Naturally, when looking at the finalists in the Michigan Fine Arts Competition, a question comes to mind: Are there any traits that dis-tinguish artists from the Great Lakes state from those who hang out in Los Angeles or New York?

Or for that matter, from artists in

And: of course, it's only natural to wonder if any significant art is being created by Michigan artists?

Nearly 50 years ago, a young New York artist named Larry Rivers faced a similar predicament, except he was looking out at a post-war America slumbering in a cultural

orthodoxy. In 1953 at the height of the Cold War, Rivers' painting of the blurry-eyed "father of our country," George Washington, crossing (Or was he retreating?) the Delaware challenged the mainstream attitudes of "patriotic." Until then, few other artists had so directly confronted the

status quo. So, upon hearing that Rivers was the juror of the 17th annual Michigan Fine Arts Competition, there vas an expectation of controversy. Or at least, a hint of rebelliousness.

Ironically, it might be those abstract questions about the role of art that prove to be more provocative than the 60 entrants in this year's show at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association.

Something for everyone :

By its nature, the competition isn't a preconceived exhibit organized around a theme. For the most part, the show reflects Rivers sensibility, which is clearly, a little of every-

Typically, statewide art competi-tions are uneven and diverse. The Michigan Fine Arts Competition is no exception.

The temptation is to look for common, distinguishing traits among Michigan artists. That, however, is missing the point:

The artists are as diverse as the work. Students, academics, professionals and self-taught artists are

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What: 17th Annual Michigan Fine Arts Competition When: Through Friday, March 27 Where: Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association, 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham; (248) 644-0866 Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Satur

Note: In conjunction with the show, the Robert Kidd Gallery, 107 Townsend, Birmingham, (248) 642-3909, is exhibiting. "The Master's Eye, paintings and drawings by Larry Rivers, Juror of the Michigan Fine Arts Competition.



Opera 'Regiment suits singer

BY HUGH GALLAGHER

This was Wednesday, so it must be

Lawrence, Kan. For the national touring company of the New York City Opera, keeping up with the changing venues can be a problem on their 16-week trek through 28 states and Canada to present Gaetano Donizetti's "The Daughter of the-

Regiment." The company opens for a three-day stay at the University of Michigan's Power Center Thursday and will also perform at the Macomb Cen-ter and Wharton Auditorium at Michigan State.

"Sometimes you get 'bushead,' because you get to the point where you say, What town are we in," said singer David Ward, by phone from Lawrence. It's not unusual to go into a store and ask the clerk

what town you're in and they look at you funny. But this is an amiable cast, maybe because it's a comedy." The New York

City Opera began its "bus and truck" tours North across America in 1979 with a two-fold mission: to take top-quality opera performances across country and to provide talented young artists with valuable performing

experience.
This year the emphasis is on light and playful

in a slightly updated staging of Donizetti's opera. The opera will be sung in French with English surtitles.

Regimental

one of four

salute: Robin

Blitch Wiper is:

sopranos who

will alternate

in title role of

Marie, "The

Daugther of

the Regiment.

It's very interesting, when the curtain goes up you see a small village and it's charming," said Ward, who is one of two singers alternating in the bass role: of Sgt. Sulpice. "Then the chorus comes. out and it's three times the size of the village. The village becomes furniture for the chorus.

The production also features a real

electric car on stage. "The Daughter of the Regiment" is soldiers more French Foreign Legion ! than Napoleonic. Marie is a spirited; young woman who was found as an infant on a battle field and raised by the regiment. She falls in love with a

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EXHIBIT



Buddles: Peter Hackett, left, and Daniel Verni, both of Rochester, share a studio and exhibit space at the Meadow Brook Gallery on the Oakland University campus.

Communal spirit floats upstream at Clinton River Studios structed ceramics, and, of course, sculp-

BY FRANK PROVENZANO STAFF WRITER

With his long, stringy hair and thick beard, the bespectacled Peter Hackett of Rochester resembles an earthy mountain man. He is, more accurately, a connoisseur of river refuse, and a sculptor with a charming touch and a deep fount of humor.

When the Clinton River is torrentially high, or exceptionally low, Hackett can be seen roaming the banks looking for driftwood, animal bones and scrutinizing whatever has been tossed to its watery grave.

Hackett's delightful found-object sculptures can be seen along with the diverse works of four other artists—Jeff Hale, Mark Rutkowski, Greg Utech and Daniel Vernia – in Meadow Brook Gallery's current exhibit, "Clinton River Studios."

The show is as much of a monument to communal spirit as a bountiful look at five artists with tireless energy to create their art – a range of abstract

tures with an unmistakable imprint of our disposable society.

For a visitor to the gallery on the

Oakland University campus, the impact of the joint exhibit is a bit overwhelming. Too much to see. Not enough room to appreciate it.

But take a cue from the artists. Take some time to live with their art. They've not only got plenty of art, but they have plenty to share.

What they do

Since the early 1980s, these artists who've made their home, literally, at a former flare factory on the Clinton River – have been making their way in a market-driven art world that has left

them, at times, completely puzzled.
"The real art is selling art," said Hackett, who admits that he doesn't keep up on trends or art world fash-

Their response to the whims of the create their art - a range of abstract, art market seems rather innocent; to paintings, portrait watercolors, recon-

What: Clinton Rivers Studios, an exhibit of five artists: Peter Hackett, Jeff Hale, Mark Rutkowski, Greg Utech and Daniel Vernia Rutkowski, Greg Utech and Daniel Vernia Where: Mesdow Brook Art Gallery, Wilson Hall, Oskland University campus, (edross from Mesdow Brook Theatre), Rochester

When: Through Sunday, March 29 For information: (248) 370-3005

they do.

In the early 1990s, Vernia visited the Whitney Museum's bi-ennial exhibit, which sets out to showcase work of the

most compelling American artists. "I was so unimpressed that it inspired me to rededicate myself to my art," said Vernia. "I figure you really can't accomplish anything before you're 40, anyway."

Soon thereafter, Vernia, a 1976 gradnate of Rochester Adams, moved into Clinton River Studios.

Today, he shares the former loading, dock space with Hackett. Each holds

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Rivers revels in stream of attention

Hours after he performed his final duties as juror in the Michigan Fine Arts Competition on **Th**ursday, Larry Rivers held

The occasion was the opening of his exhibit, "The Master's Éye," at the Kidd Gallery in Birmingham, held in conjunction with the statewide competition.

At an informal news confererice, Rivers explained how he gints from photographs, sees his influence in the work of today's artists, prefers drawing over painting and loves to play his saxophone as much as stand before a canvas.

Succinct and definitive answers don't flow easily from the artist with a reputation for his rebellious flair.

The enigmatic Rivers, wearing a well-worn jacket held together by threads, strode into the packed gallery filled with media, art collectors and admirers.

lost any luster of his famously intense glare. And he still bears a striking resemblance to Dennis Hopper and Michael Douglas.

With the deaths last year of Willem de Kooning and Roy Lichtenstein, Rivers is one of the few remaining influential American artists from the fertile

In many ways, Rivers is a transitional figure, His drawings and paintings reflect the cathartic emotion of abstract expressionism and the contemporary tone of pop art.

But foremost, Rivers is the archetypal bohemian artist, remaining noncommittal about nearly everything, but his art. And clearly, Rivers isn't inter-

ested in history. "I'm not an evolutionist, I don't think about how art has changed

from then to now," he said. Everything to know about Rivers is in his art. And for the Even at 74, Rivers walks with more literal minded, the details an athletic bounce, and hasn't of his life are in his scintillating

1992 unauthorized autobiography, "What Did I Do?"

In tone and style, the exhibit at the Kidd Gallery captures the warm energy and sexuality that pervades nearly every Rivers

Often overlooked is Rivers masterful draftsmanship. He seldom misses a chance to evoke a sensual relationship among his subjects and a palette of bold; yet nourishing hues.

A few of the more familiar images include pieces from his Art and Artist series, featuring Picasso, Gauguin and Matisse as they work. The famous artists are depicted on Rivers' trademark three-dimensional canvas.

With his 12-year-old son at his side, Rivers charmed the crowd. with his unpretentiousness. He admitted that he doesn't keep up with current fads or the work of contemporary artists.

When his son was asked to named his favorité artist, he replied, "My dad and a few

artists at Disney. Rivers shrugged. "At least he considered me,

Rivers' choices in the Michigan Fine Arts Competi-

First Prize: "She's All Wet,"

Tom Rice of Kalamazoo Second Prize: "Tablescape," Patrick McCay of Detroit Third Prize: "Oriental Phar-

macy," Dianne Burkhardt of Northville.

Honorable Mention: "Up North," Howard Dombrowski of Redford

Honorable Mention "Acrylic/Construction," Jeri Fell-wock of Farmington Hills Honorable Mention: "Lola,"

Leonore Gimpert of Birmingham

Honorable Mention: "Contrast & Direction," Pamela Giur-landa of Farmington Hills

■ Honorable Mention: "Man at Piano," Diane Gamerman of Madison Heights

– Frank Provenzano



Signature: Barbara Broad of West Bloomfield, left, waits for Larry Rivers to sign a copy of a book of his drawings and paintings. The reception was held Thursday at the Kidd Gallery in Birmingham.

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down a 9-to-5 job. Vernia is a chef at Neiman Marcus.

Meanwhile, Hackett, who is represented by the Cary Gallery in Rochester, prepares exhibits at the Meadow Brook Gallery.

A beach head

The collaboration among the artists who share Clinton River Studios comes in the form of encouragement, and a healthy dose of peer pressure.

They kept bugging me to fin-

ish my pieces before the show, said Vernia.
**Upon looking at the slides of

Vernia's work, Hackett suggests that "we' take new shots" of Vernia's abstract paintings.

"Your work is all about color." ke said. The photos don't quite reflect that, he implied.

Vernia agreed. Collaboration is inseparable from friendship.

In many ways, the artistic activity at Clinton River Studios sounds like club-house vernacular. Stories abound about living

the bohemian life. Clinton River Studios is as much a state of mind and a physical location. A refuge for

the artists to create in a mythic realm of their own making.

Want proof? Hackett offers these directions to the studio: "Along the mighty Clinton River, just downstream from where it is joined by the Paint Creek, beneath the cellular-microwave tower, just before you reach the auto graveyard, beach your kayak on the right bank.

Perhaps the most talented Clinton Studios alumnus is Rutkowski, who is currently living in an Indonésia art colony. (No kidding,)

Rutkowski demonstrates a proficiency in a range of mediums. His realistic paintings of the dilapidated deco district of Ft. Lauderdale hangs in that city's museum.

"When he comes back, he'll have a place," said Hackett. "All we expect is for him to share his stories. He's got some great sto-

As for Hackett, the only artist who lives on the grounds, he, too, expects to continue to travel in his own style - "mostly in my

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all represented. Any semblance of a common aesthetic is mere coincidence.

Years ago, a statewide arts competition might have depic-tions of lighthouses, paintings of the sylvan north, bears, wolverines, lumberjacks or images of massive freighters, steaming trains and monotonous assembly

Not today. The Michigan Fine Arts Competition is a reminder that in the cyber age, the notion of regionalism has drifted untethered into

the cyber abyss. Regional artistic differences in a high-tech, Internet-bound plicity

America have been stirred into a pluralistic melting pot.
Listen closely, P.T. Barnum can be heard calling, "There's something for everyone." And in the spirit of the day, the buzz word that best describes the Michigan Fine Arts Competition is "eclectic."

Masterful impressions

The show features masterful charcoal drawings, somber still life paintings, lush pastels, cleverly composed mixed media, a few figurative and daffy pop sculptures, and passing view a withering Americana in the

form of oil paintings of diners, a corner grocery store and a dingy

Several pieces stand out:

"Camino Al Futuro," a largescale encaustic painting by Marco Garcia of Ann Arbor. The shadowy images of a man and woman locked into a curvaceous stride captures a neo-expression-ist technique with a flowing sen-

■ David Rayfield's male/ female nude black and white photographs, which not only lemonstrate technical mastery of form, tone and composition, but present a provocative sim-

Manneguin 2," a triptych by photographer Linda Soberman of Huntington Woods. Despite its similarity to avantgarde artist Cindy Sherman's work, the haunting images reflect Soberman's uncompro-·mising existential vision.

■ "Tablescape II," an acrylic on canvas demonstrates Patrick McCay's ability to combine surrealism with a daunting use of light. McCay is the new dean at the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit.

A large-scale mixed-media by Lenore Gimpert of Birmingham, which demonstrates her emerging confidence and moody graphic style.

Other noteworthy efforts include

■ The perfectly executed charcoal drawing, "Oryx," by Laurie Ann Bouley of Bloomfield Hills. ■ The swirling painting of a vintage auto by Tom Hale of

Northville. The cardboard wall of hous-

es by Terry Melnick of West Bloomfield. A brass sculpture, "Minyan,"

by Henry Friedman of West Bloomfield. Dianne Burkhardt's charcoal rendering of a diner and a

The control of the many verdant hues in a painting of a northern Michigan highway by

Howard Dobrowski of Redford.

Other local artists in the competition include: Marilyn Gorman of Birmingham; Suzanne Aberly, Danielle Bodine, Liz Mack, Girija Viswanath, Karen Wydra of Bloomfield Hills; Jeri Fellwock, Harriet Gelfond, Pamela Giurlanda of Farming ton Hills; Sophia Rivkin of Southfield; Lillian Moran of Troy; and, Elizabeth Crank Deborah Rader, Darcy Scott of West Bloomfield.

Creating momentum

Ultimately, the Michigan Fine

Arts Competition is a reminder of the few opportunities for native sons and daughters to show their work in Michigan.

"The BBAA is willing to make a commitment to local artists,2 said Lester Johnson, Jr., proféssor of fine arts at Center for Creative Studies and an instructor. at the BBAA.

"Artists work in isolation; They must see how their work is received," he said.

Without a contemporary arts museum in the region, many art. associations along with university galleries have become the only regular venues to show the work

In order to raise the profile of Michigan artists, the BBAA has enlisted the support of a range of corporate sponsors.

With an increase in prize money, and a big-name juror, the exhibit has taken on the appearance of a major social-cultural

That translates into the type of excitement indicative of a thriving art scene.

"A lot of artists move away because there's not enough opportunities here," said John-

son.
"This annual show definitely creates momentum."

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Tabloid news be damned

Pethos' exhibit reminds us that there's substance behind the fashion, glitz and gossip. Put aside the cynicism. Think

of it as beating the odds. Here are the exhibit details What: "Five Dresses of Lady Djana, Princess of Wales"

C-When: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Tues-day-Sunday, March 10-15 Where: Cranbrook Art Museum, 1221 N. Woodward Avenue,

Bloomfield Hills Preview event - Monday.

March 9: Women 2 Women will co-host tea event, noon, 2, 4 p.m.; and, champagne reception 6 and 8 p.m. A lecture and slide presentation will be given by Ellen Petho. Tickets: \$50 for tea event, \$125 for champagne reception; (248) 645-3361, (248) 645-6666.

NOTE: Proceeds from all the exhibits will go to charities benefiting children.

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oung peasant, Tonio, who hecomes a soldier to win the sunport of the regiment (especially Sgt. Sulpice). But the ways of true love do not run smooth when the Marquise of Birkenfeld claims Marie as her niece and wants her to marry someone else. Of course, things work out well in the end. This is a happy comedy and a happy company.

Ward is enjoying the cama-

raderie on stage and off. "The great thing is, I get to sing with our principals," he said. "There is a marvelous duet with the leading lady ("In the heat of battle") at the beginning that sums up our relationship She has all the high notes, and I just get to sing through."

In the second act, Ward sings a trio with the two leads that is playfully set around being pho-

tographed.

Vocally, it's not that great a challenge, more of a bass role,

but it's a hoot," he said. Ward said he's never sung Sulpice before but the role already seems familiar to him.

"It seems like it would be fun to do over and over again, he's so simpatico," Ward said, who added that he prefers comic roles that fit his optimistic personali-

The opera is famous for Tonio's he Act 1 aria ("Since the moment") which contains nine high Cs and helped solidify Luciano Pavarot-

always a show stopper, Ward said.

"But it's surprising, he has another aria in the second act in which he expresses his love for Maria that may be even more beautiful. The tenors we have sing it so beautifully," he said.

Five tenors are being used on tour, including Michigan native Matthew Chellis, who will join the company in Ann Arbor. Four singers are sharing the role of

Ward is a native of New Jersey who had intended to become a minister or a lawyer until he went to New York and rediscovered music

"I did 'Pippen' in summer stock and said, This is what I want to do with my life," he said. "I've lways love The fenor's big moment is had sung 'Magic Flute' and lways a show stopper, Ward 'Amahl.' It hooked me," he said.

So now he's on the bus, one of three used by the company, and taking side trips to Graceland and Beale Street in Memphis,

visiting friends and trying to avoid the biggest road danger of

"I read, shop, that's a big one, very dangerous. Our luggage seems to grow, little things build up," he said.

The company is looking forward to Ann Arbor, a regular and favorite stop, he said. In addition to performing the company will be offering several educational programs while on cam-

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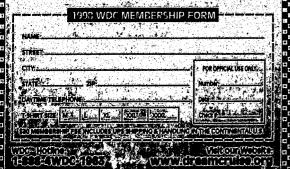
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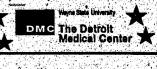
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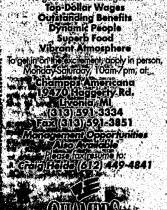
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Clarkston rolls into district by routing Ferndale

Clarkston showed no signs of leftover rust following a near loss on Tuesday, pounding host Ferndale 66-40 in the season

finale for both teams.
The Wolves (18-2, 11-1 OAA Division I) wrapped up the division championship on Tuesday, but they made sure to head into the state tournament on a high note, Clarkston used a 28-7 run in the late second quarter and early third quarter to put the

game out of reach.

Dane Fife heated up in the third quarter, hitting four of his first five shots from the field after struggling in the first half, and finished with 26 points along with six assists. But it was the outside shooting of Mike Maitrott which put the dagger into the collective heart of the

Eagles (9-11, 3-9).

Maitrott's triple with 5:20 to play in the first half started the decisive run for Clarkston. He added a pair of long-range jumpers early in the third quar-

ter and finished with 14 points.
"I'm pretty confident with my shot right now," said Maitrott, who also doye headfirst into the scorer's table, knocking the game clock out of commission for a couple of minutes in the third quarter. "I've been putting more arc on it lately and that has seemed to work.

Ferndale was coming off an upset victory over Pontiac Northern on Tuesday and came out flying from the tip. The Wolves turned the ball over on four of their first six possessions

as the Eagles switched back and forth between man and zone

Particularly impressive was the play of Ferndale senior for-ward Damon Lucas, who fin-ished the game with 13 points and 11 rebounds, but in the first six minutes of the game, he was the best player on the court.

Lucae short jumped gave the Eagles a 14-11 lead early in the second quarter, but seconds later he committed his third personal foul and had to leave the game helping to prompt Clarkston's

The Eagles trailed 22-14 at halftime and 47-28 after three quarters. They were able to get no closer than 15 points in the

Ferndale head coach Don McNeal said his team did not maintain the same intensity they had against Northern earlier in the week, and that they were unable to recover from Clarkston's torrid shooting to start the second half.

final eight minutes

They came out with a fire in their eyes in the second half and our guys could never recover," said McNeal. "We're a pretty young team but for some reason

we seemed fatigued out there. "Our guys need to realize they, have to play with a winning attitude every night. You can't play one way one game and then play a different way the next."

McNeal also was displeased with his defense in the second half, particularly on three-point shots. The Eagles defended the perimeter well in the first half.

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DAN STICKRADT

Last home game ushes out great Wolves' hoops ēra

This past Tuesday marked an end of an era for the Clarkston basketball team as the Wolves played their final

game in the old Clarkston Fieldhouse, What has been the pride and joy for prep basketball fans in the Clarkston area for decades will be replaced next year by a much larger field house when students attend classes at the new high school a few miles down the road. But I can say one thing for sure the memories will always be there.

Over the years, there have been many great players at Clarkston — Tim McCormick, Dugan Fife, Dane Fife, to name a few — and many tal-ented teams. But it's not only the talent level that makes Clarkston basketball in the old gymnasium so spe-cial It's the atmosphere.

It doesn't matter who is playing or what kind of talent the opposition has to offer, the Wolves always draw large numbers of boisterous and opiniona ed fans who adore their basketball

Young children dressed in Clark: ston jerseys with the last name of their favorite player embroidered on the back, and one of the loudest student sections in the northern suburbs, are just two of the many sights and

sounds you see at the games there. I can remember my first trip to the old Clarkston Fieldhouse back in the late 1970s. My father drove my brother and Lup there to see Rochester play the Wolves and "some kid named McCormick". Well, I was only about 6 years old at the time, and with a very short attention span, playing underneath the bleachers with some of my newfound friends seemed more important to me than, the game itself. But the image of being there is still pretty

fresh in my mind.

I hadn't been back to see a game at Clarkston until this season and it wasn't until then that I recalled the

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Wolves grab 1st hockey title



■ Clarkston survived rough-and-tumble Grand Blanc, 10-1, Wednesday to

claim a Class A district hockey championship

BY MIKE SCOTT

he Clarkston hockey team truly experienced what it felt like to be a champion on Wednesday. The Wolves handily captured the first district championship in school history, but in the process took some bumps and bruises inflicted by a defeated and frustrated opponent.

Grand Blanc was never really in the district final, falling to Clarkston 10-1 at IMA Sports Arena in Flint. Clarkston (18-7-1) battled Flint Southwestern Academy for a regional championship Saturday night, but results were not available at press

As they had done in a district semifinal win over Waterford Mott, the Wolves jumped on Grand Blanc early and suffocated the Bobcats with a puck-controlling defense: Although the final tally of shots on goal was 36-15 in favor of Clarkston, the Bobcats did not get their 10th shot on goal or their lone tally until late in the third period, long after the outcome had been decided.

At one point, with Grand Blanc enjoying a two-man advantage, the Wolves managed to prevent a shot on

goal for a full two minutes. But the story of the game may have been that there was no game to report on. After Clarkston jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the first 15 minutes, and an 8-0 lead after two periods, the play of few of the Bobcat players turned

dirty. "Our kids really kept their heads," said assistant head coach Glenn Mac-Donald. "I was proud of them. The end of the game was a big fiasco. It wasn't representative of the way high

wash t representative of the way high school hockey should be at all. "It wasn't every player on that team, just four or five," he added. "Coaches should be able to take care.

The Bobcats amassed 127 penalty minutes, many of those game misconducts in the final minutes, while the



ice time: Clarkston's Steve Janowiak finds himself loose in front of Grand Blanc goaltender John Scheoducer as Bobcat Dan Haddix moves in to help during the Wolves' 10-1 win Wednes-

Wolves finished with only 22. But even without the difference in power play opportunities, there was little doubt as to which team possessed the

superior talent. Clarkston had hoped to end the game before 45 minutes expired. In the postseason, if one team leads by 10 goals in the third period, the game is called. Grand Blanc scored its lone

goal before Clarkston scored its 10th, The Wolves suffered no major njuries as a result of the thuggery, but Bret Postal was given a cross-check across the back of the head. MacDonald said he was fine and was

going to play in yesterday's game. Freshman center Steve Janowiak and freshman winger Jon Bemis each scored two goals to lead yet another balanced attack for Clarkston. Junior defenseman Ron Wells had a goal and two assists and Postal added a goal

and an assist Adam Leech also finished with a pair of assists for Clarkston, which scored on two of their first three shots

on goal. Steve Badger continued to on goal, shorting out the Bob-cats in the first two periods, Fellow sophomore goalie Pat Cook, played in the third period.

In the second period, Grand Blanc controlled the puck in the Clarkston zone for less than two minutes, proving how dominating the Wolves were All 20 Clarkston players received significant ree time and continued to dominate Grand Blanc late in the con-

test. "We told the kids if you play to Grand Blanc's level, we could be in trouble," MacDonald said. "That's what Waterford Kettering did (in the district semifinal loss). But we played great team hockey and were able to stay focused throughout.

For the Wolves, it was also the first hockey championship in any capacity,

which made the game a special one to the players and coaches alike. "It was a great thrill but we know the regional championship is in our grasp," MacDonald said.

Pending the outcome of last night's regional championship game, Clarkston's hockey team will have its hands full if it continues to advance through the Class

Looking ahead

A state tournament. The winner of that contest will take on the winner of Saturday's afternoon regional final between Grosse Pointe South and Redford Detroit Catholic Central in Plymouth, Catholic Central was the Catholic League champion this year after paying a difficult regu-

lar-season schedule... Grosse Rointe South defeated Birmingham Unified, 6-3, in Wednesday's district final, push-

ing its record to 23-3-1.
"That game is going to be a test Glenn MacDonald said, "Those are a couple of very talented teams.



Enjoying success: Clarkston's ski team, sixth-best in the state, consists of (front, l-r) Brad Villiere, Laura Pope, Sara McKechnie, Nicole Villiere and Michael Atkinson; (middle, l-r) Tami Mitchell (coach), Jeff Sitko, Dave Whipp, Kelli Morton, Ellie Spinweber, Katie Kennedy, Megan Whipp and coach Bruce Rosengren; (back, l-r) Ryan Srogi, Chris Himburg, Jeremy Parrott, Gretchen Pitser, John Arcello, Kristen Dolzysnki, Kristen Atkinson, Russ Parrott and Rob Allyn.

'98 results leave skiers with high hopes for '99

BY MIKE SCOTT SPECIAL WRITER

Brother and sister teams were a big reason the Clarkston ski squads experienced a great deal of success in their 1998 season.

The girls team went undefeated in the Pine Knob Division, placed second in the Southeast Michigan Ski League and was first in regional held at Mt.

The boys team went 5-1 in their Pine, Knob Division slate and finished second at regional. Both squads were invited to the prestigious Traverse City Invitational, traditionally pitting the state's top ski programs.

But that success should come as no surprise. After all, Clarkston has had one of the most consistent ski programs in the southern lower peninsula for years.

We have a lot of talented skiers, and we have an advantage with Pine Knob in our backyard," said Bruce Rosengren, head coach for both the girls and boys teams at Clarkston. The kids can on a more regular basis and there

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are (many) youth clubs in the commu-

nity."
Skiing seems to run in the family for many of Clarkston's athletes: Junior Kristen Atkinson led the way for the girls squad all season while racing on an injured kneer She plans to have surgery to repair it within the next couple of months and should be 100

percent for her senior year Atkinson's brother, Michael, showed great potential this season as a freshman and, with more consistency, should become one of the top skiers in

the area, according to Rosengren. Senior Dave Whipp, who was recognized with post-season honors for his times in SEMSL, the Pine Knob Division, the Oakland Activities Association and for his regional performance, was the top slalom and Super G per-former for the boys team. His sister Megan, a sophomoré, continued to

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llowing only one triple. But llafikator was able to get open ooks throughout the second half rndale was unable to chal-the Wolves' shooters.

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Wwo didn't get gut on their shooters and we couldn't buy a bucket ourselves," he added.

Justin Dionne had eight points and eight rebounds for Clarkston and Angelo. Taylor, who just missed completing a spectacular one-handed tir dunk in the first one-handed tip dunk in the first half, ended with six points and 11 rébounds.

Clarkston head coach Dan Fife did not want to look ahead past the Wolves' first round district game Wednesday against the ninner of the Lapeer East/Lake Orion game, but was encouraged by his team's play.

I was concerned with our defensive intensity after (Tues-

There were a lot of distractions then and a lot of pressure with it

the season, and will need to prepared for anything come tourna-

"By the 20th game of the season, the kids are able to adjust on the fly.

"We wanted to get the ball more in the middle of the floor today, and we did a good job with that especially in the second half."

Maitrott said the key to Clarkston making a run deep into the

yone sure, delense, ye when we need to do is to the old of defense we come in "he raide (New-uchrates soomany people out a key hare there to the time." then and a lot of pressure with it being the last game in our old gym," Fife said. But the guys played four little gy played four li

Lapeer East is the only team which has a record comparable to the Wolves K

All district games will be played at the brand-new gymna-sium at Lake Offon High School. The winner-of-the Lake Orion district will advance to the regional semiimals, most likely to face either Bontiac Central or Pontiac Northern, the only two teams to have defeated Clarkston this season.

Dragons suffer close loss

It has often been said that you can't stop Robert Brown, you

can only hope to contain him. Brown, Oak Park's 6-foot-4 senior forward, scored a gamehigh 31 points to go along with 11 rebounds, four assists and two blocked shots as the Knights dodged several bullets to escape with a nail-biting 65-63 Oakland Activities Association Division II triumph Friday over host Lake Orion.

Following Brown's thunderous, two-handed dunk with 25 seconds left that put Oak Park (11-9, 7-5) 65-61, the Dragons put together a comeback that nearly sent the game into over-

A lay-up by Lake Orion 6-5 senior forward Ryan Smith with 10 seconds left cut the deficit to 65-63, and then the Dragons got the ball back thanks to a steal by junior guard Darren Tooley off the in-bounds pass. However, Smith's final shot off Tooley's feed rolled around and off the rim as time

thought we played a very good game and so did Oak Park," said Lake Orion coach Daye Collins. "You have to give them credit for the way they played late in the game, But I'm proud of the way we held in there and came back. We gave ourselves a chance at the end and that's all I can ask for.".

Oak Park held four point leads on three different occasions inside the final 2:30 of the game, but each time the pesky Dragons (7-13, 4-8) mounted a

We made some mental mistakes in the fourth quarter which put us in a deficit, but we never gave up," added Collins. "To be down four points with 58 seconds left and again with under 15 seconds left and to have a chance for a three-pointer game-tying field goal at the end shows what kind of character this team has."

"I think Smitty (Ryan Smith) played an outstanding game,"

I'll take that: Lake Orion's Ryan Smith protects the ball from Jonathan Oliver of Oak Park during the Knights' 35-33 win over the Dragons Friday night.

praised Collins. "He never hesi- , ued. "We knew if he could score

need him to do that.

"Our guards did a great job ... Smith scored 28 points and handling the ball and getting the '1 grabbed nine rebounds to pace ball inside to Smitty," he contin- '4 the Dragons.

tated going to the basket and we is down low, than we would be in

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improve throughout the year and will be counted on as one of the top returning varsity skiers in 1999 for the girls.

"Dave was a steady producer who carried a lot of the team's weight on his shoulders," said Rosengren the was our leader." Brade Vilhere was named to the All-State team and led the way for Clarkston in the state

finals as the Wolves placed sixth. His freshman sister Nicole is another bright spot in the future and is one of a handful of under-classmen who will make their mark on the girls' team next sea-

And the brother combination of Jeremy and Russell Parrott were a main reason the boys fin-ished his vin the OAA Division I race, The Parrotts, who were also mainstays on the district champion boys soccer team, used their strong athletic ability to post impressive times throughout the year.

There is definitely a good tradition of skiing here and you see a lot of kids from the same family perform well," Rosengren said.

The girls team also placed first in the OAA portion of their schedule and finished sixth in the state finals and eighth at the Traverse City Invitational. A quartet of seniors — Gretchen Pitser, Laura Pope, Ellie Spin-weber and Sara McKechnie will all be missed come next sea-

'Pitser was confident her team was going to have a good season, saying the skiers in each class got along well.

"With so many new people, it was a group effort," she said. "Whether it was the seniors or underclassmen, we were all working together.

Two other underclassmen sophomore Katie Kennedy and

freshman Kelli Morton — figure play major roles next season after gaining valuable experience on the varsity team.

"A year makes a big difference for a high school kid in skiing," said Rosengren. "The athlete gets bigger, stronger and more experienced." Rosengren is hoping a handful

of the girls on this past season's junior varsity feam will become more aggressive in the next nine months, and he expects fierce competition for the open spots

caused by graduation. 42.
For the boys, seniors Ryan Srogi and Jeff Sitko placed among the top individual skiers in both the Pine Knob and OAA divisions. Rob Allyn will return next season after displaying an expertise in the giant slalom.

Rosengren said the boys JV team was loaded with talented skiers as well.

sistent finishes in some of the big races, I think we could have fared even better this year."

The unseasonably warm weather clearly had an effect on the ski season, particularly for programs in the southern por-

tion of the state. Two of Clarkston's early meets were postponed, and it was difficult to find time to practice at Pine Knob as long as the rain

kept the snow away. "What (the weather) showed this year was that when you get to the bigger meets such as state finals, the schools up north have an advantage," said Rosengren, referring to state powers like Traverse City and Marquette. "They have the proper conditions

up there for a longer period of time, and we suffered in the standings as a result."

Pitser agreed, saying the Clarkston teams were unable to

Clarkaton teams were unable to practice for approximately 10 days before the state finals because the water weather closed Fine Knots.

*That a ween ploteally affected us, just before states, she said. "(The schools up north) definitely had an advantage."

Losing eight emiors from the two teams could hunt the Wolves next season but Clarkston is used to recovering from attrition.

After the 1997 season, 12 After the 1997 season, 12 skiers graduated indithere were even more personnel question

marks as a result.

Considering what we lost last year, I think our teams did very well," Rosengren said.

Dry land training for 1999 will

start in September, but most of "We are fortunate to have the returning skiers are involved great depth," he said. "I think, in sports throughout the year many of our JV skiers could take." Rosengrents and askill funique to on most varsity teams from skiing is the angust of lateral other schools and fare very well movement an athlete must make if (the boys team) had more conhe listed mountain biking and in-line skating as two good ways

cial, he said.
The Wolves ski team will hold

its award banguet March 18 at Clarkston Creek. Team and individual awards will be presented at that time.

■ Booster efforts appreciated: Rosengren said the ski teams appreciated the efforts of the Clarkston High School Boosters, who purchased new uniforms and provided other services for the 1998 season.

"We were the best-dressed team on the hill," he said, laugh-

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electrifying experience of attending a prep game at Clarkston. You hear the talk about what a great place it is to watch a game, but there's nothing quite like it watching from the jammed-packed bleachers.

I've had the pleasure of attending basketball games at Clarkston twice this season - a 79-62 win over Southfield-Lathrup Feb. 25 and just this past Tuesday, a 54-52 triumph over

The last game ever at the old

share of drama, but like hun-dreds of times before, it was a Clarkston victory and, not surprisingly, clinched the school's 13th league title in the past 16 seasons. And I, being a die-hard prep basketball fan, can say that I was there.

This year's team, led by 10 seniors, including Oakland County's prep basketball version of the Fab Five — Dane Fife, Angelo Taylor, Mike Maitrott, Justin Dionne and Dan Neubeck

gymnasium boasted its fair — is the last in the line of legacy-share of drama, but like hun- of great Clarkston teams to turn heads in the old gymnasium.

For the rest of the season, the Wolves will play their games in hostile territory as they hope to gain their first berth in the Class A Final Four. The old gymnasium, except for practices, will be quiet, with only the echoes of the past.

An end to an era has come. But what an era it was.

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Void left by Arrowhead about to be filled

If you're like me, there's been a your in your course playing the last couple of

That large acreage of land located across I-75 from The Palace, known several

decades as Arrowhead Golf Club, ceased

operations near the end of the 1995 calendar year by selling off its 180-plus acres to make room for a six-building corporate facil-ity belonging to the Cardell Cor-

poration.

Now, I know, Arrowhead may not have been the most immaculate or challenging of courses in Oakland County, but it was extremenly popular and ever-convenient when looking to either strengthen a part of your

game or hook up with friends for a quick nine or 18. Weekdays you almost assuredly had little Weekends were a little differ-

Whatever the motive, Arrow-

head could provide. Well, that void is about to be filled as Auburn Hills Golf Club

is expected to open to the public. in early July.

Sharing the old Arrowhead site with Cardell Corporation, Auburn Hills Golf Club promises to be, as is the norm these days, "an 18-hole championship facility that plays fair for all kinds of golfers," according to Gordon Marmion, director of golf for the city of Auburn Hills.

I want this course tailored to as many people as possible and residents of the area," said Marmion, who stepped into his present position a little more than three weeks ago after serving in a similar capacity the past.

three years in Flint. "We have nine holes ready for play proba-bly in early July and the other nine set to go maybe later this

fall or early next spring."
Auburn Hills Golf Club is another in a line of Arthur Hills design courses, that include such local layouts as Pine Trace in Rochester and Golden Fox in Plymouth.

When completed the par-72 track will measure 7,002 from the gold, or farthest of the five

The others will measure 6,422 (blue), 5,963 (white), 5,435 (green) and 4,780 (red) yards.

"It's a rolling terrain with wetlands coming into play on 12 holes," explained Marmion, who grew up in a golfing family as father Al has held a position as golf professional for some 30 years. "It has five tees to make it fair for everyone and minimal bunkers. There's a little of everything out there.

The Bloomfield Bombers North

Oakland Baseball Federation

baseball team is conducting try-

outs for 10-year-olds. Players

cannot be 11 years old before

Aug. 1. Serious players only should call George Lekas, (248)

Tri-Star Basketball

The Birmingham Optimist

Club will conduct its 17th Annual Tri-Star Basketball Contest

from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 7 at the Berk-

shire Middle School gymnasium.

The contest, open to boys and girls ages 8 through 13, consists

of three skill events - shooting,

dribbling and passing. Trophies will be awarded to the top three

finishers in each of the six age

brackets (36 trophies).
In addition, the elementary

school and middle school whose

641-8097 after 7 p.m.

Marmion said he anticipates a good amount of traffic to flow once the first nine open and even more when 18 become available.

"We have nine all ready to go and another nine seeded and waiting," Marmion said. "Arthur Hills has done some great work in the state and this design flows real nice with the area he had to

because too much traffic will beat up a course," Marmion said. "We're not going to let that hap-pen here. We're going to be patient. We want people to come out and enjoy themselves."

(Whether it is a hole-in-one, golf outing, lesson or personal experience, area golf enthusiasts are urged to send information to The Birmingham Eccentric, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax information to Jim Toth at (810) 644-1314 or call

him at (248) 901-2578.)

In-line at the Dome

If you feel like hibernating for the rest of the winter, but still want to have some fun, try inline skating at the Pontiac Silverdome.

Skaters of all ages and skill levels are invited to experience the world's largest indoor, in-line skating rink at the Silverdome as part of Roll-in-the-Silverdome. Guests can skate on the Third Level Concourse from 6-P.30 p.m. on the following dates: Feb. 24-28; March 1, 10-12, 17-22, 24-29, 31, April-2, 7-9, 14-17, 22-26, 28-30; and May 2-3.

The cost to Roll-in-the-Silverdome for rollerbladers is \$6 for adults; \$5 for students with school identification, \$4 for children 12 and under and \$1 for spectators. Non-skaters also may take advantage of the program and use the Club Level Con-course to walk or jog on the same dates as Roll-in-the-Silverdome from 6-9:30 p.m. only.

The Silverdome provides more than 250 pairs of Rollerblade skates and safety equipment for rental along with free coat check and free parking at the West

For additional information or to confirm open skating hours, interested parties can call the Roll-in-the-Silverdome 24-Hour Hotline at (248) 456-1646.

Picking the winners



District dandy: Dane Fife is poised to lead Clarkston into the prep basketball state tournament, which begins for the Wolves Wednesday at Lake Orion.

Eccentric sportswriter Dan Stickradt scouts the area's boys basketball districts.

CLASS A ■ No. 31 at Lake Orion (Clarkston, Holly, Lake Orion, Lapeer East, Lapeer West, Romeo): There shouldn't be too much drama involved in this district, The opener will feature. East and Lake Orion, a rematch of the first game last year in which East won by 15 points. However, the winner gets Clarkston in the semifinals and will likely see the end of the road.

there. The rest of this group doesn't stand a chance. Pick: CLASS B ■ No. 56 at Auburn Hills Avondale (Auburn Hills Avondale, Goodrich, Imlay City, Oxford, Richmond) This district contains five inconsistent teams, although Avondale and Imlay City have reached the final the past two years with IC taking the prize. Goodrich is making its first Class B

appearance, but shouldn't make too much noise. Oxford and

Yéllow Jackets survive. Pick: Auburn Hills Avondale.

Richmond are capable of winning if the ball bounces the right way, but strength of schedule in the Oakland Activities Associ-

ation Division III should make the difference and help the host

Baseball tryouts

Tryouts for North Oakland Federation Baseball will be conducted March 19 for 12-year-old boys at Scripps Middle School in Lake Orion.

Tryouts go from 6 to 9 p.m. Anyone living in the Oxford-Orion-Auburn Hills area interested in playing a minimum of 30 games for a travel team should call Gary Smith, 814-9523, or Roger Allison, 693-7807.

Weather permitting, tryouts may be held outdoors prior to March 19, so interested players should call one of those coaches immediately.

Soccer tryouts

June tryouts will be held for the Clarkston Select Soccer Club 1998 Fall season. The club is recruiting girls for the 11-18 year old Clarkston Shadows and boys for the 11-14 year old Clarkston Impact.

The teams will compete in league play and both in- and outof-state tournaments recognized by the MSYSA and USYSA.

The Independence Township Select Soccer Club provides an environment for both individuals and the team to play at a competitive premier level. Training will come from MSYSA and USYSA-trained and licensed

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coaches.

Tryouts are open to area amateur soccer players June 23-26 at Clintonwood Park on Clarkston Road. Sessions are set for 5 to 7 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. as determined by age. It is strongly recommended participants attend both tryout sessions. Tryout registration forms must be turned into the Independence Township Parks and Recreation Department by June 1.

Here's the schedule;

June 22 — U-13 boys and girls and U-14 girls; 5 to 7 p.m.;
U-14 Boys and U-19 girls, 7 to 9

■ June 23 — U-11 and U-12

girls, 5 to 7 p.m.; U-11 and U-12 boys, 7 to 9 p.m. June 24 — U-13 boys and girls and U-14 boys, 5 to 7 p.m.; U-14, U-15 and U-16 girls, 7 to 9

■ June 25 — U-11 boys and girls, 7 to 9 p.m.

June 26 — U-15, U-16 and U-19 girls, 5 to 7 p.m.; U-12 girls and boys, 7 to 9 p.m.

Bomber tryouts

students accumulate the highest point total (for their top six scorers) will receive traveling trophies. Contestants must be residents or students in the Birmingham School District (public or Berkshire Middle School.is

located at 21717 West Fourteen

Mile Road in Birmingham.

For more information, call David R. Walker, chairman, at (313) 961-1400.

We can't stop winning awards.

In addition to the 70 we told you about last year, we've just received 26 more!

This latest batch was won in Suburban Newspapers of America's 1997 Editorial Contest. With all the modesty we can muster, we're going to list them here:

Best Entertainment/Lifestyle Section

First Place—Clarkston Eccentric, Clarkston Life Second Place—Birmingham Eccentric, Suburban Life

Third Place—West Bloomfield-Lakes Eccentric, Lakes Café

Best Editorial Writing

First Place—Oxford Eccentric, Closed Doors

Second Place—Lake Orion Eccentric, Lake Orion Editorial

Best Column Writing

First Place—Clarkston Eccentric, Carolyn Walker

Second Place—Rochester Eccentric, Jay Grossman

Third Place—Birmingham Bloomfield Eccentric, Judith Doner Berne

Best Editorial Page

First Place—Southfield Eccentric

Second Place—Lake Orion Eccentric, Jay Grossman

Best Coverage of Local Business & Economic News

Third Place—Birmingham-Bloomfield Eccentric

Best Sports Photo Journalism

First Place—West Bloomfield-Lakes Eccentric,

Not Quite Spring Training

Second Place—West Bloomfield-Lakes Eccentric, Riding the Wave

Best Sports Section

Second Place-Livonia, Westland Observer

Best News Photo

First Place—West Bloomfield-Lakes Eccentric, Watching

Second Place—Garden City Observer, Clinton Rally

Third Place—Rochester Eccentric, Ride Me Down Easy

Best Feature Photo Story or Series

First Place-Livonia Observer, Derek's Day

Third Place—Westland Observer, Festival

Third Place—Rochester Eccentric, Handful of Hope

Best Breaking News Story

First Place—Plymouth Observer, Fire Destroys Courthouse

Third Place—Birmingham-Bloomfield Eccentric, Bungled Robbery

Best Local Election Coverage

Third Place—Farmington Observer

Best Young People's Coverage

First Place—Plymouth and Livonia Observer, Life in the 6th Grade

Best Coverage of Local Education/School District

Second Place—Farmington Observer, Back to School series Third Place—Southfield Eccentric, Professor who Survived Holocaust



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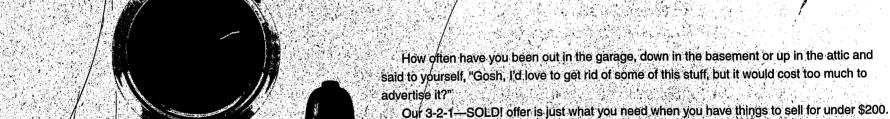
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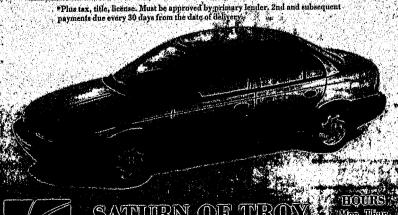
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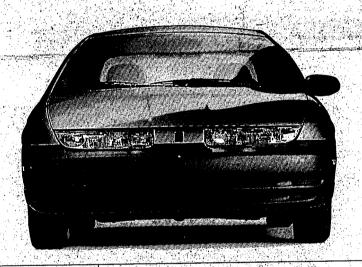
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will. This all-new entry into the very crowded compact marketplace is a refreshing change for Oldsmobile one that's very focused, customer-driven, youthful and spells quality all the way

"This is an all-new business focus for Oldsmobile," said Robert Clark, Alero brand manager. "Oldsmobile needed to break into this market because there are strong entries in this class. We decided we couldn't make any compromises at any level and decided to make a different and unique offering."

que onering. This Alero is not a departure for Oldsmobile. There have been plenty of ad campaigns in years past that show Oldsmobile is getting younger; not to mention the division has tried gallantly to lure the 30- to 40-year-olds into what they've perceived as an old company with not-so-great design (a la "your father's Oldsmobile").

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ger, side impact door beams and

dual air bags. You can choose from a 2.4-liter DOHC twin cam or a 3.4-liter V6 that outputs 170 horsepower. I liked the V6, myself.

All Aleros are automatics, but there's a buzz out there that a 5-speed is in the works for maybe, just maybe, next year's model. Just imagine how much fun THAT would be ...

Write Anne Fracassa at avanti1054@aol.com.

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Q. What are some of the most common interviewing questions? How should I answer them?

A.Several years ago, a headhunter friend of mine decided that he wanted to get a real GEORGE job. At the onset of his very first interview, he was asked: "Where do

you want to be five years from today?" My friend started laughing uncontrollably and couldn't finish the interview. He's still hunting heads, poor fellow.

This question comes right out of "Employment Interviewing 101" and is probably the single most common query posed to job series. I'm not sure what the answer is supposed to tell the interviewer, but it must be incredibly profound given how frequently the question is used.

OK, let's go through the biggies. If they are going to give you stock questions, you might as well give them stock answers. Before we begin, however, you will need to prepare by writing down your top three or four skills. Think of the victories you've had and what it took to pull them off. Think of instances in which you were complimented on general performance or for accomplishing specific tasks. Pick skills and abilities (call them X, Y and Z) that you really enjoy using. Now we're all set.

• Tell me about yourself. This doesn't mean tell me about your first memories of childhood or your philosophy of life. You don't have to say anything about your eating habits, former spouse or opinions regarding alien life forms. First, ask in a friendly way what the interviewer has in mind. Try to address a defined and stated need

whenever possible. If it's still wide open, however, take advantage of the ambiguity by selling the major features of your product (you):

i, "Well, my background includes, X, Y and Z. Because I've been able to develop some real expertise in X, I was able to increase sales in our Ferndale opertion. Of course, everyone appreciated the implementation of Y which allowed me to exercise Z before it became popu-

. What are your strengths? The question is not "What are our finest personal attributes?" As an interviewer, I don't care how you size yourself up in areas such as discipline, honesty, community mindedness, punctuality or conscientiousness. I don't even care if you call your mom every Sunday. Give me something rooted in your business experience that I won't discount immediately as mere self-assessment:

"Well, what I'm good at doing and really enjoy is X, Y and Z. I've had several classes in X and have been able to use it almost every day. Last year, I got an excellent review from the office manager because of my ability to train new employees in Y. I often do Z in my spare time, just because I love it."

Are you starting to see a pattern?

• What are your weaknesses? This is not a signal to reveal your innermost fears or deepest secrets. And don't try zooming the interviewer with nonsense such as "I can be myopic about achieving company goals." Gag. Pick a weakness that is real, but unlikely to cause major damage to your candidacy. Depending upon the job in question, it might sound something like this:

"Well, I'm not very well-versed in some pretty common software. I've been able to get by on my computer using the basic stuff. I've signed up for spreadsheet workshop next month."

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 Where do you want to be five years from today? The most important thing here is do not laugh. Look the interriewer straight in the eye and say:

"I don't know if I could put a title on it, but what I'm really good at doing and most enjoy doing is X, Y and Z. I suppose in five years, I'd still like to be exercising those skills, but probably in greater scope and with more responsi-

Hammer home your sales message every chance yo get, Don't werry about sounding redundant. People learn through repetition.

Q. I don't seem to come across well on the telephone. Any tips?

A. Even those of us who live and die on the phone have off days. Sometimes, when I'm feeling a little punk or forget to use my thespian skills. I can't even get the operator to talk to me.

And I think it boils down to that your attitude and your acting ability, Tell yourself that you will get what you want from the person on the other end. Be politely commanding, not supplicating. When I'm "on", receptionists and other gatekeepers don't even try to mess with me because they think. they're dealing with a big shot. They don't know about the fourteen year old in a middle-aged body. I've got them

Get into the role. Initially, be the person who doesn't have time to waste. Later, set a measured, deliberate conversational tone. Know what you want to say and convey, through clarity and focus, that you expect things to proceed according to your wishes. It's never Could I speak with Sandra B. If she's available and doesn't mind and if it wouldn't be too much trouble?" Draw yourself up, lower your voice by half an octave and say boldly: "Sandra B.,

please." Should anyone dare ask "Can tell her who's calling?" respond firmly "Jane L., she might be expecting my call." Who knows? She could be.

You really can do this without sound: ing cocky or rude. In fact, you must always be nice. Nice is the key word in almost anything related to employ ment or sales. Authoritative and nice can easily coexist in your telephone demeanor.

Practice your "business voice" on a friend. Keep working on it until it doesn't feel or sound goofy. Then, go win an Oscar.

. Q. I work for a person who repeatedly uses his power to indulge himself in some disturbing ways. The company is doing great and I'm well paid. Should I be bothered by this?

A. No way. In fact, we estimate that 73% of all workers feel that it's OK to associate with or be led by a person of. questionable character, as long as the bottom line looks good. Who are you to expect high standards of behavior in

The conduct of this person is simply none of your business, no matter what kind of example it sets or how, it reflects upon the integrity of your organization. Since we are all flawed, nobody has the right to criticize or demand that leaders act with honor. Geez, lighten up and enjoy the 1990's.

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with them. Carol Bielski, vice president of sales and marketing for The Porter Group, a Columbia, Maryland sales recruiting firm, says this issue is particularly critical for sales professionals. "In sales, presentation skills are part of the job, so from the resume you submit to how you handle the voicemail messages you leave an employer or recruiter, your presentation and communication skills are being evaluated, she says. "Surprisingly, sales pro-

making presentations, often forget to present themselves effectively." One way the problem manifests

ritself says Bielski, is the way salespeople write their resumes. "Reople frequently give us resumes that focus just on their job duties selling a particular product. They often omit achievements, like the fact that they were the top salesperson in their company for the last two years. Many people think they just have to talk about their achievements at the interview but if they don't highlight them on their resumes first, they may not get the interview." It's someone's unique achievements, she contends, that distinguish them from candidates.

Although Kerri Koss Morehart, director of recruiting for SRA-International Inc. in Fairfax, Virginia, agrees about highlighting

hunters against inflating their qualifications in print, "Don't oversell yourself on your resume," she We're seeing a lot of people who look great on paper, then we bring them in and they're not a match for the expertise their resumes implied they had. Be hon-est about your abilities." To technology professionals in particular, Morehart says, "Someone along the way, whether it's the recruiter or way, whether it's the feet that of hiring manager, is going to ask you detailed technical questions," she says, "and you don't want to have to backpeddle. Don't oversell your skills or accomplishments."

Accuracy in your resume's appearance counts too, adds Morehart, "Your resume needs to be error-free," she says. "It's your calling card."

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begins with the voicemail messages left to follow up on resumes you've submitted. "If I get a voicemail message and the person sounds like they're asleep, it's not very appealing," says Bielski, "People need to be upbeat, succinct, and offer pertinent content including thèir names, telephone num bers, and the positions about which they're calling."

Morehart also stresses the importance of indicating the position for which you're applying. "Recruiters get so many calls in a day," she says. "It makes it simpler

for them to call you back,"
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Bielski agrees and says the same principle applies when you're called at home at a time when it's hard to focus on the conversation, "It's best to arrange to call back

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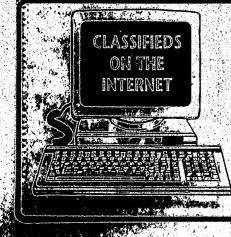
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