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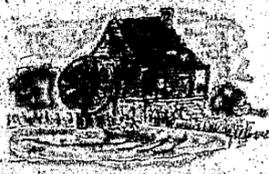
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AROUND



THE MILL POND

Man with a horn?

Does anybody know who the driver is behind the wheel of the gray El Camino truck-like car frequently seen driving around the city of Clarkston? Dark windows obscure the driver's face, but he/she seems to know everybody — given the friendly and seemingly indiscriminate toots that greet just about all pedestrians walking the city sidewalks.

Growing pains

Out in Springfield Township, they work valiantly to maintain their rural appeal while wrestling with ever-increasing demands for development. Added to that is the reality that they have no school district of their own, but instead send their pupils to those of neighboring districts — Holly and Clarkston. Care to telephone a friend there? You have to choose between Holly and Clarkston exchanges as well. Clerk Nancy Strole calls it, with an affectionate laugh, "a good old Springfield identity crisis."

Must be tax time again

Springfield Trustee Dennis Vallad dazzled his fellow board mates Thursday night with a computer printout of numbers and facts that made township millage information and financial projections practically crystal clear.

Supervisor Collin Walls listened quietly while Vallad held forth and then voiced a sentiment just about everybody can identify with this time of year: "Do you do income taxes?"

Masons may move from Main St.



Clarkston's Masons, who've met in the Cedar Lodge on Main Street in downtown Clarkston since 1854, may have to move unless they find a way to raise money to help pay for the property taxes on their building.

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Tradition is the foundation of groups like the Clarkston Masonic Order, but the organization may have to leave its historic headquarters on Main Street unless they're able to rent out part of the building.

As area property taxes rise, the non-profit group fears they won't be able to

afford staying at the Clarkston Masonic Temple Cedar Lodge No. 60, where members have gathered since 1854.

"We don't sell anything, and we don't have any product so we're almost being taxed out of the building," said Masonic Order Secretary Art Latimer, who is also a member of the Temple Association, the order's governing body and registered owner of the lodge building. The association pays about \$5,000 a

year in taxes on top of maintenance costs and utilities bills for the building, according to Temple Association President Paul Thomasson.

Since income is primarily based on membership, the association will face having to move if it is unable to bring in additional funds, Thomasson said.

Hoping to resolve the crisis, Thomasson met with Clarkston City Councilman David Savage to consider building uses that might raise capital.

The lodge's basement, which includes a 33-foot by 25-foot dining area and a kitchen facility, emerged a potential area to lease on a long-term basis, Thomasson said.

Most meetings and club functions are held in the evening and outside of the basement area, of the three-floor building. The Eastern Stars, the women's division of the Masonic Order, also meets at the lodge.

Although the Temple Association currently rents out the dining area for birthday parties, funeral dinners and other gatherings, the fees don't make up for the increased taxes, he said.

The association charges \$50 for use of the dining area, an additional \$10 for use of the kitchen and \$20 for clean-up.

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Township Hall

Former school still hub of activity

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Footsteps probably bounced off the hardwood floors and echoed from the ceiling of the single, but large, room that makes up the entire third floor of the building at 90 N. Main St. — now Independence Township Hall.

But, as steps were taken — whether they were maneuvers on the dance floor or the second step of an arithmetic problem — familial paths crossed and recrossed in the building as time passed.

Originally built as a two-story wooden frame house by Nelson Clark in 1850, the Independence Township Hall building has undergone many changes, served many purposes and, consequently, carried the sounds of many footsteps.

"This is my community," said

Frank Ronk, who has lived in the Clarkston area his entire life and is perhaps the best example of how members of the same family find themselves walking in the footsteps of their forefathers, or in this case, foremothers.

Not only did Ronk, as former township supervisor, work in the building on a daily basis for a num-

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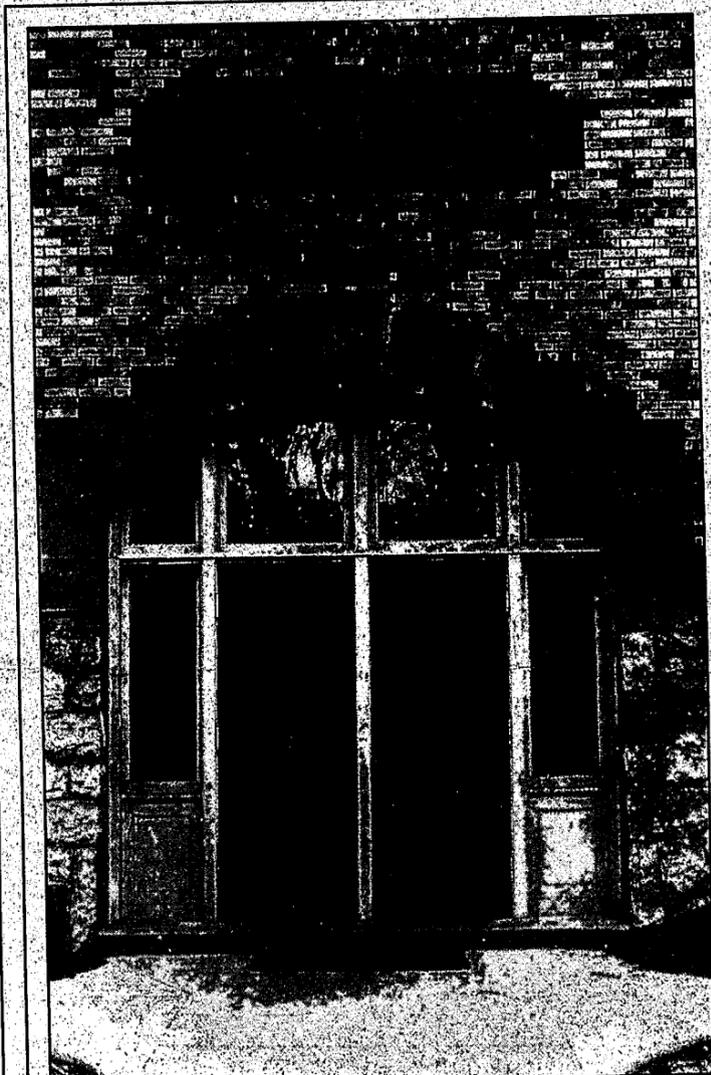


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Building Memories

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Then and now: The former Clarkston School (left) at 90 N. Main St. is now Independence Township Hall. The original oak rails (above) are still in place.

Parishioners protest 'Jerry Springer Show'

BY JAN BAKER
STAFF WRITER

A local church leader wants to oust the controversial "Jerry Springer Show" from its after-school time slot on Detroit television station WDIV.

Don Kevern, director of support for Clarkston United Methodist Church, said in an interview Thursday that he asked congregates at the church's March 8 services to sign a petition in protest of the talk-show's 4 p.m. airing time. The program previously ran at 10 a.m. but was moved to afternoons Jan. 26.

According to Kevern, WDIV (Channel 4) switched the Springer show to a later hour to compete in a ratings bat-

tle with "Oprah" and other same-time channel offerings. However, the church director said he believes WDIV made a bad move for kids.

"Several parents (from the church) approached me about it and then I went home and watched the (Springer) show for myself," Kevern said. "Maybe it's because of my work in missions or my former position as a principal and teacher, but it bothered me. We have a show out there portraying a poor standard of life for kids. They're taking the bizarre and trying to make it look commonplace. It's also physically violent. People jump up on the stage to try to beat each other... I know the answer is, 'Just don't turn it on.' But many children today come home from school

to an empty house. I believe the media owes it to families to be responsible."

Kevern said he sent the petition to the television station with 225 signatures. However, he pointed out that some church people grabbed a petition to use with other groups.

The CUMC director of support said he wasn't aware of any similar actions by other local churches.

Last week, however, Detroit mother Cynthia Johnson organized a protest of the popular talk show outside the WDIV-TV studio in downtown Detroit.

Laura Benavides, press and publicity manager at Channel 4, said Thursday that though the station had received a lot of phone calls objecting to the Springer show's afternoon time slot,

"there are no intentions of moving it. We certainly respect everyone's opinion and we know that there are groups of people who don't agree, but the show is doing very well at that time."

Benavides pointed out that WDIV was not the first station in the country to air the show at 4 p.m. She said the Atlanta, Baltimore, Chicago, Cleveland and Houston markets all aired the program at that time before Channel 4 made the switch. "They do research on what people want to see and when they want to see it," Benavides said.

"We have a disclaimer at the beginning of the program that it is not suitable for young viewers. We've been doing that for years with talk shows."

Dad pens book on finding good day care

BY CAROLYN WALKER
STAFF WRITER

If children are the most precious gifts of all, as people contend, Michael Matthews of Independence Township would like to see not only their parents, but other caregivers, value them as they should.

Toward that end, he has written "How to Find the Best Quality Child Care" — a 308-page reference guide and how-to manual for those who need child care in the sometimes difficult '90s.

His four-year writing sojourn was prompted by "my own fears and failures," Matthews, 35, said recently over breakfast, while scenes of a pair Louise Woodward's high-profile murder trial flashed on a television screen

behind him, reinforcing with irony the importance of his words.

While Matthews' own child care woes weren't quite so terrible, they were, nevertheless, troublesome enough to force him into action. They included possible neglect by a caregiver, who Matthews said never changed his daughter's diaper during one eight-hour stretch, people who didn't show up when expected, the theft of money and the running up of enormous phone bills by nannies.

Matthews, the owner of an employee benefit consulting firm in Madison Heights, has three daughters, ages 3 to 10, with his wife, Tamara. He also owns the publishing company that printed his book, which was written with the cooperation of a 12-member

advisory group made up of lawyers, housewives, ministers and the like.

They were "one horror story after the next," Matthews said, remembering when he took over the quest for child care from his frustrated wife and the incidents that prompted him.

"This poor girl kept floundering at her work. I said, 'Get over it,' he recalled of his uninformed attitude toward his spouse. "As time went on, I started doing research. It really scared the heck out of me. What started out as research for us turned into 'an odyssey.'"

Matthews' "How To Find..." tome is written in five sections that include Learning About Child Care and Background Investigations, with sub-topics

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Michael Matthews



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Lodge from page A1

"They're not nearly enough to cover our taxes," Latimer said. And fund-raising options for the group are limited under state law, Thomasson said.

"Declining membership has only compounded the group's financial difficulties, Latimer said.

"Our membership has gone way down. People have too many things going on these days," he said. "All the clubs are losing membership today."

One alternative use is renting the dining area to the Clarkston City Council for meeting space.

Currently council members gather in a small room in Clarkston's municipal office, which they share with the Department of Public Works and police.

Since cost estimates for expanding municipal facilities came back higher than expected, use of the Cedar Lodge could solve the city's space problem until expansion is feasible, Savage said at a recent city council meeting. He also briefed council members about the Temple Association's financial woes.

Council members, however, said they were more inclined to

keep municipal functions in a single, centralized location and pursue allowing the lodge to lease the basement area to a retailer.

"I personally like the idea of getting them to use it for some kind of retail space," said Councilman Doug Roeser.

But while continuing to remain at the lodge is the group's primary aim, Thomasson said renting the space to a retailer would be "a last resort."

"It's really something we'd really rather avoid," he said.

His concerns range from the legal logistics of renting the space to a retailer to the repercussions of a business operating on a day-to-day basis at the site.

"I don't think (renting to a retailer) would be beneficial to us, but we might get to the point where we're forced to do so," Thomasson said.

"It would be a shame for the organization to leave. ... You always hope that something will come our way so that we don't have to rent out and we could just stay in our little corner. But we knew something was going to have to happen."



School days: Gladys Jones (above) attended school in what's now the township hall. Her name appears on a plaque for the class of 1923 (right). The building's third floor, where dances were held, is now the building department (top).



About this series...

This is the third of six articles about local historical buildings — and the people, memories and stories that surround them — to appear in the Clarkston Eccentric's new Sunday edition.

Soon to follow are recollections and facts about 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 Eccentric 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.

Child care from page A1

such as locating a quality child care giver, filling out applications and forms, conducting interviews, doing background investigations, finding community resources and the like. It also includes application forms, questionnaires and worksheets.

"I think parents have to ask for complete accountability. The who, what, when, where and how your children are being cared for," Matthews said.

"The No. 1 thing for finding quality is intention," he said. "What you're looking for is the intentional professional — someone who's in child care that wants to care for children, somebody who loves it. It's such a simple point, it's missed by so many people."

Matthews noted that baby-sitting relatives can be among the worst choices for child care because, especially if they are elderly, they are sometimes unable to keep up with the demands of children, who need day-long stimulation, activity and praise. People who are moti-

vated by money also make poor caregivers, he said.

He encourages parents to begin looking for child care well before the time they will actually need it. Background checks and other licensing information or regulations supplied by governments, which vary from state to state, can take as much as six weeks to receive, he said.

"The earlier you can start, the better," he said.

Matthews' book, which sells for \$24, can be purchased locally at Country Cords, 6678 Dixie Highway, in Clarkston. It is also available through Borders bookstores.

Matthews expects to sign books at the Utica Borders, 45290 Utica Park Boulevard, at 7 p.m. April 16. Books can also be purchased by calling his toll-free number: 1-888-876-4114.

"I've had more fun and felt more alive and felt like I've made a difference — because I know it does," Matthews said, with satisfaction over his odyssey completed.

Township hall from page A1

ber of years and frequent the building in his early adulthood for dancing and entertainment, but most interestingly, his mother, Elizabeth Hammond Ronk went to school there.

"That was just a part of our life — the ways things were — in those days," Ronk said of the chain of events that destined him to spend a significant period of his life in a building that his mother also did.

Born in 1904, Elizabeth was a member of what is believed to be the school's first graduating class — in 1923. There were seven students in all.

While the original building was officially sold to the public

in 1862 and first established as a grade school, it was dismantled in 1910 and replaced with a two-story brick structure for use as a high school. Inside the building, the original 1910 oak staircase railings continue to radiate a golden glow.

Later ownership of the building by Washington Irish, township supervisor for 26 years, and then Henry Ford in the 1940s, led to use of the building as a factory to sew parachutes and canvasses for automobile seat covers.

Ford also built the Township Annex as a power plant and a tunnel between the two buildings.

In the 1950s, the building was sold to Independence Township and continues to serve as offices for the municipality.

Also a member of the school's 1923 graduating class is Gladys Porritt.

Now 93 and living in Gaylord, Porritt recalls playing on the

first girl's basketball team at the school.

"Dressed in white blouses, dark-colored bloomers and tennis shoes, Porritt played guard on the team and remembers the action of the game as more structured than it is today.

"The rules were different in those days," Porritt said. "You couldn't just run all over the court."

Porritt also remembers that her female classmates wore plaid skirts and loose-fitting blouses with sailor collars, called Middy blouses, to school. Everybody dressed alike, she said.

Likewise, her classmates also seemed to partake in the same extracurricular activities, she said. "We used to go to Pontiac every Saturday night on our dates. After the show (movie), we'd go to the sweet shop and then come on home."

One of her fondest memories is of a special celebration — an annual party for the students given by the school's superintendent and wife.

"I remember the superintendent and his wife would have a Halloween party (at their house), and took us in the car and blindfolded us and we had to guess where we were going. And whoever guessed where we were won a prize."

Porritt, who lived on her family farm, Waterford Hill, also walked to school. "It was about a mile-and-a-half I think ... because we didn't have transportation. But we didn't think anything about it."

Skating on Mill Pond, catching a ride to downtown Clarkston on the runner of a horse sleigh in

the wintertime and playing a game called "Run, My Sheep, Run," in the summertime were a few of Porritt's other favorite pastimes.

"But what I like most (about those times) is that everybody danced with everybody."

Not surprisingly, the swing of dance steps and the sounds of live music and clicking heels also resonate most vividly in Frank Ronk's memories of time spent in the historic building.

"It was a regular dance club that we had and we met once a month," he said, recalling the days when the third floor functioned as a community center and dance hall in the 1950s and 1960s. He and his wife danced together there frequently, he said. Today, the third floor is divided into several rooms and houses Independence Township's building department.

"It was just a big room that had been refinished. It was all highly polished with hardwood floors ... there was a band that we had that was a family band and they played every month for us."

Dinner was held at about 6:30 p.m. and dancing started at about 8 p.m., Ronk said. Square dances, round dances and "regular dancing" were the norm, he said.

While he remembers his wife as a "good dancer," Ronk rated his own as "average."

"We had good times there. (The building) served a valuable purpose," he said. "It was nice that it was there in the hub of the community."

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2-term school board trustee says she'll run for re-election

Clarkston School Board secretary Sheila Hughes said Monday night that she will run for re-election to the board June 8.

Hughes, 53, is the only trustee whose seat will be up for grabs in this year's school election. She has already served two consecutive, four-year terms as a board member.

When asked Monday if running again was an easy decision, Hughes answered like a seasoned politician: "Well, yes — and no," she said.

After a chuckle, she elaborated. "With everything we've got going in the district — the new high school, the new elementary and the building renovations — it would be hard to stop right now," Hughes said. "I've been involved for such a long time in trying to improve the (school) facilities and bring about equity, that I really want to see all of it through. I feel committed to that."

Hughes, a Clarkston High School alumnus, has resided in

Independence Township for 40 years. She and her husband, James, have two sons, Scott — a 20-year-old student at Michigan State University; and Jason, a 17-year-old CHS student. Hughes works as a bookkeeper for the Clarkston Cafe.

According to school officials, the deadline for filing a petition to run for the school board is 4 p.m. April 6. No one had picked up one of those applications from the schools' administrative office as of Thursday.

Star donation



Special gift: Former Detroit Tiger Kirk Gibson (left) gives Tim Birtsas, president of the Davisburg Rotary Club, a signed baseball bat for an auction to benefit the organization. Birtsas, a Clarkston-area resident, is also a former professional baseball player. The auction will be March 21 at Springfield Oaks in Davisburg. To donate items, call 248-634-0444.

Woman struck by her own car

A 28-year-old Clarkston woman was the victim of a double whammy on Tuesday after she was struck by her own vehicle following an accident in which her vehicle collided with another. The woman had stepped from her vehicle to survey the damage.

According to a police report at the Oakland County Sheriff's Independence Township substation, Coreen Hummel exited her vehicle after being involved in a collision with a vehicle driven by an Independence Township

woman on Waldon Road near Pine Knob Road.

As she stood near the vehicles, a third car came over a hill and rear-ended Hummel's 1993 Plymouth, forcing it into the woman, who was transported by ambulance to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac for treatment of minor injuries.

According to her father, Lt. Doug Hummel, a sheriff officer and former lieutenant at the Independence substation, Coreen had been standing between the two cars only moments before

and had just walked out from between them when the second accident happened, sparing her from being trapped between them.

Ironically, he said, the vehicles had sustained little or no damage during the first collision.

Hummel said his daughter was treated and released from an area hospital for minor injuries.

The drivers of the other two vehicles were not injured, according to the police report.

Cop links driver to stolen check

An Oakland County Sheriff's Department deputy pulled over a man for an alleged traffic violation in Independence Township Tuesday as his police radio broadcast the description of a man who had just tried to cash a stolen check at the Old Kent Bank on Dixie Highway.

The driver of the car matched the description and the officer arrested him.

Andre L. Moore, a 28-year-old Flint resident, was arraigned in 52/2 District Court Thursday on one count of uttering and publishing in connection with the attempted cashing of the stolen check.

According to Detective Don Key of the sheriff's Independence Township substation, bankers had phoned the sheriff's office and reported that a man had attempted to cash a stolen check worth \$325 and then left the bank in the company of a woman before getting the money. The check had been reported stolen from a Brighton Township residence, along with some other checks and jewelry, in a February breaking and entering that was handled by the Michigan State Police.

The bankers called the sheriff's department and relayed a description of the individuals

and their vehicle, which was broadcast at just about the same time an officer pulled Moore and a Flint woman over on Dixie Highway near Big Lake Road.

During the arraignment, district court Judge Gerald McNally entered a not-guilty plea on behalf of Moore and he set a \$5,000 cash bond against the man. Moore was returned to the Oakland County Jail, Key said, pending the posting of bond. He is scheduled for a preliminary examination before McNally on April 3. Uttering and publishing is a 14-year felony.

The Flint woman was not charged, Key said.

POLICE NEWS

The following incidents were reported to police and fire agencies in the city of Clarkston and Independence Township March 9-12.

Clarkston Police

On March 11, officers responded to the scene of a three-car accident on Main Street in which a Clarkston man's vehicle rear-ended an Ortonville man's vehicle, which was then propelled into that of a Rochester Hills woman. The Rochester Hills woman sustained minor injuries and was transported to an area hospital, according to Chief Paul Ormiston.

The Clarkston man was cited for driving while under the influence of liquor — second offense. He was arraigned Thursday before 52/2 District Court Judge

Gerald McNally. McNally set a \$1,000 personal bond subject to two conditions requested by Ormiston.

He is scheduled for a preliminary examination at 1 p.m. April 2.

Independence Police

Thefts

On March 9, golf clubs were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on South Marshbank.

On March 10, binoculars, rifles, a spotlight and jewelry box were reported stolen from a residence on Allen Road.

Vandalism

On March 10, a window was reported broken out of a vehicle parked on Ortonville Road.

Independence Fire

Between March 9-12, firefighters responded to 17 calls. Among them were eight medical, two personal injury, two vehicle fire, one building fire and three carbon monoxide investigation runs.

They included the following: On March 10, firefighters assisted a patient with a dizzy episode at a business on Clintonville Road.

On March 10, firefighters assisted a 40-year-old man having a diabetic reaction at a residence on Eastlawn.

On March 11, firefighters assisted a patient with a cardiac disorder at a physician's office on Dixie Highway.

On March 11, firefighters assisted a patient with a minor laceration at a residence on Hummingbird.

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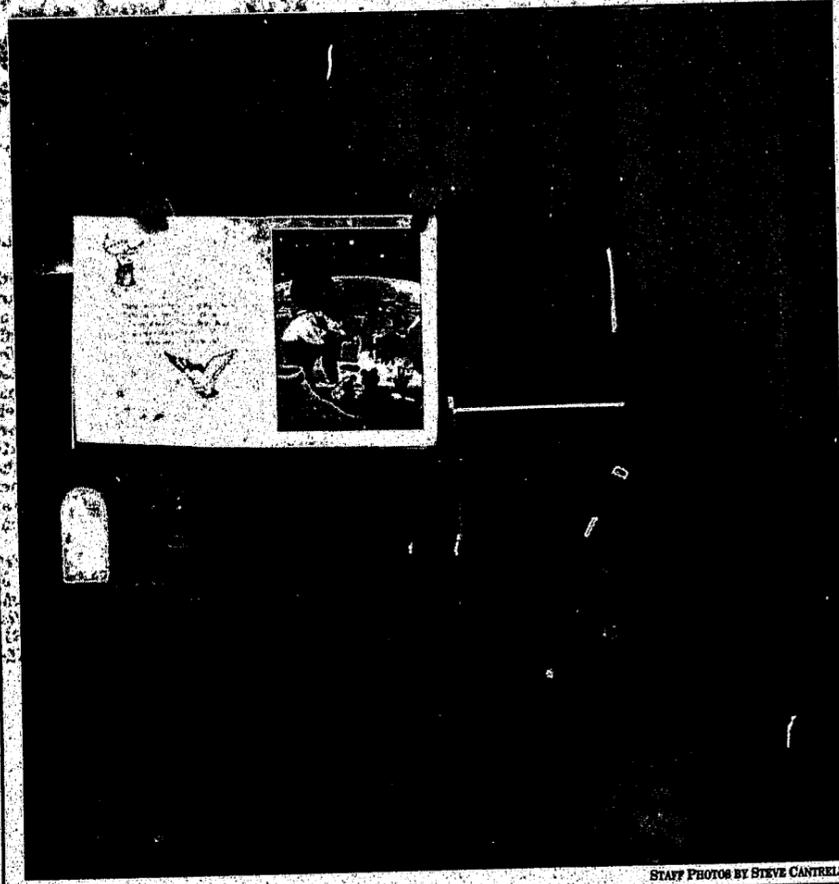
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March is Reading Month



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Celebrity reader: Doris Biscoe (above), along with her sidekick Ming the Magician, reads to Clarkston Elementary School students Tuesday during an assembly for March is Reading Month. Kindergartner Danielle Inskeep (right) laughs along.



Elementary students may learn a foreign language

BY JAN BAKER
SPECIAL WRITER

If the only Spanish your Clarkston schools' elementary student knows is "Yo quire Taco Bell," that could change.

Educators in the Clarkston School District are examining the possibility of implementing a world language — such as Spanish — at the K-5 level. By May, the Clarkston School Board is expected to receive their recommendation.

Nancy Frumkin, the district's world language subject area coordinator, addressed the Clarkston School Board Monday to discuss her committee's study of the potential program addition. That investigation began in September.

Frumkin told the board that 2,700 elementary families recently received questionnaires about language instruction and 1,400 responses came back to her committee. According to those surveys, Frumkin said, "There's a great deal of support from the community."

Elementary teachers also completed similar surveys and expressed cautious approval, Frumkin commented. "We asked teachers, 'If the addition of Spanish to the elementary program were not to increase your burdens or responsibilities, would you be supportive of such a program?'" the teacher said.

Frumkin said 53 of 58 elementary educators said, "Yes."

However, the language coordinator told trustees that many logistical questions remained,

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such as: how such an undertaking would fit into an already-crammed elementary school day, how teachers would plan together, how much instructional time students would need, what language (or languages) would be offered and how soon the program would be implemented in each elementary grade.

She also pointed to other questions.

"How would we identify progress?" she said. "There are a lot of people who think we shouldn't put any pressure on elementary students, but on the other hand, it's nice to get a reward for doing well."

Frumkin said the addition of a foreign language at the elementary level would also impact secondary language instruction. "If we offer a certain language in K-5, we would need to revamp some of that language's advanced courses," she said. "We are leaning toward Spanish."

After her report to the board, Clarkston superintendent Al Roberts provided his input to the study. "Without trying to sound critical, I think the first question is, 'Should we offer a language — not what language should we offer,'" Roberts said. "And if the answer to that is a strong 'yes' from everyone's perspective, we need to articulate why."

"For example, having some experience with French at the kindergarten level, I know the rationale in that program was

'Regardless of the popular response, we need to articulate reasons. Things can be popular — but we can shoot ourselves in the foot because there's not enough time in the school day already.'

Al Roberts

Clarkston Schools Superintendent

that compared to any other language — Spanish included — French seemed to have more words (in common with English). We used it in a way that reinforced basic skills so that youngsters were learning ordinal numbers in math class, but it was picked up in their French class, as well.

"Regardless of the popular response, we need to articulate reasons. Things can be popular — but we can shoot ourselves in the foot because there's not enough time in the school day already. While it appears that the (committee) study won't prevent us from going ahead with the program, we'll need a lot more rationale."

Frumkin told the board that she would be prepared to do that before her committee submits a recommendation.

Group seeks to honor youths

Clarkston Area Youth Assistance is accepting nominations for its Annual Youth Recognition Reception to be held April 30.

This reception honors youth who have done volunteer work

for their community or an outstanding deed and who live in the Clarkston Schools attendance area.

The nominations may be submitted by churches, organizations, schools, volunteer

coordinators, parents, etc. Nomination forms may be obtained by contacting the Clarkston Area Youth Assistance office at 625-9007.

Deadline is March 27.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS

Elizabeth J. Valuet of Clarkston received high honors and was named to the Western Maryland College dean's list for the 1997 fall semester. She is the daughter of Nancy and Michael Valuet.

Located in central Maryland, Western Maryland College is a private, independent college emphasizing the liberal arts and sciences. Inclusion on the list requires a minimum 3.4 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Highest honors are earned for a 3.8-4.0 average, high honors for a 3.6-3.79 average and honors for a 3.4-3.59 average.

The following students from Clarkston were named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the fall semester at Lawrence Technological University: Christa K. Herron, Todd R. Kraemer, Christian D. Parsons, Michael J. Puroll and Rebecca S. Radcliff.

To be named to the honor roll, a student must maintain at least a 3.5 grade point average for the term and be a full-time student.

Jason G. Ostrom of Clarkston was named to the Dean's List for the fall 1997 semester at Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Mich.

A student must maintain a 3.5 grade point average and enrolled for a minimum of 12 credits to receive this honor.

ON THE AGENDA

Approval of Agenda
Public Comment: Items not on Agenda

Public Hearing: Saturn North PUD Amendment

Old Business:
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New Business:
1. Wooded Hills of

Jamestown-Concept Review
2. Mansour Development-Concept Review
3. CAM Development-Referral from Township Board

4. Sub-Committee Meeting Date

Other Business:

Adjournment

CLARIFICATION

A front-page story headlined "Pepsi wins high school contract" in the March 12 edition of the Clarkston Eccentric should have

said the value of the six fountain dispensing machines expected to be donated by Pepsi is \$40,000.

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Could a personal trainer be right for you?

Doing my daily workout on the Stairmaster, I was people-watching and thinking about today's column. I was struck by the number of people using personal trainers. These are educated and often certified individuals who help, instruct and motivate people to exercise.

Given that only seven percent of adults engage in one hour of strenuous activity per week, 33 percent of adults engage in any form of recreational activity per week and 63 percent of Michigan high school students fail to meet the

minimum national standards for physical activity, the idea of personal training may not be a bad idea.

Why do people use personal trainers? After several interviews, it appears most people chose personal trainers to either enhance motivation, help recover from a specific injury or illness, train safely, and/or to track progress. Most exercise facilities have personal trainers available. Be aware, however, that not all instructors are certified.

Nationally certified trainers usually have a college degree in Exercise Science (or a related field) and/or are sanctioned by a national organization such as A.P.F.A., A.C.S.M., A.C.E., etc. Requirements for certification involve home study, workshops and examinations. These creden-

tials assure a certain level of competency. It is also important to realize that just because a person is in shape, it does not qualify him or her as a certified trainer. Anyone can offer suggestions and tips, but a certified trainer has a knowledge base beyond most exercisers.

What type of people go to a personal trainer? Said Lori Burkow, a nationally ranked triathlete and a personal trainer at the Jewish Community Center: "People come to me for a variety of reasons. They may need to be motivated, improve their form, sport specific reasons, and general wellness."

Motivation seems to be a major reason for people to seek out personal trainers. We usually start an exercise program for extrinsic reasons - to lose weight, a physician recommendation, or some

other external reason. For exercise to become a lifelong commitment, it needs to become internally rewarding to us, or intrinsic. Burkow commented that one of her greatest pleasures is when a client that never exercised before working with her, continues for years.

When we envision a personal trainer, the image of a young, perfectly toned body comes to mind. When I met Jack Millman, a 66-year-old personal trainer at the JCC, I recognized that being fit and knowledgeable is not age or body-type specific. Millman became a personal trainer out of his own frustration with poor instructors.

"There is a major difference in training a young, athletic person as opposed to a senior citizen who never exercised," Millman said.

Understanding a person medically, socially and psychologically is the first step in building a rapport with a client. I watched carefully how Jack trained a 77-year-old retired physician. Instead of rushing to their workout, they first sat and talked about the week, from pleasantries to how his body was feeling. Slowly they walked to the first machine whereupon Millman illustrated proper form. Clearly, the rapport was evident. I asked this man why he hired a personal trainer.

"I lived a pretty sedentary life," he explained. "After my retirement, I wanted to become fit and spend more time with my wife. Since I didn't understand the machines, procedure and form, a personal trainer made sense." He went on to say that in two months "I have increased vitality,

strength, and lost weight and inches."

If you have been struggling with your exercise commitment or are recovering from an illness or injury, maybe you could benefit from personal training. Throughout my interviews, people seemed to be pleased with their personal trainers. In fact, as I was completing my discussion with Lori Burkow, one of her clients approached me to explain why she hired Burkow. She pointed to her Burkow-designed T-shirt that read: "The body will achieve what the mind believes."

(Dr. Keith Levick is a health psychologist and the director of The Center for Childhood Weight Management in Farmington Hills. You can reach him at 248-661-6625 or send him an e-mail at klevick@aol.com.)

TO YOUR HEALTH

DR. KEITH LEVICK

OAKLAND COUNTY HEALTHY LIVING

Asthma discussion

Borders Books and Music in Farmington Hills will be the site for an upcoming discussion on asthma.

Steven V. Stryk, M.D., of the Novi-based Allergy and Asthma Center of Michigan, will give a talk on asthma at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 8. Stryk is a board certified specialist in asthma and allergic disorders who treats both adults and children.

A question-and-answer session will follow the talk. Books on asthma and allergies will also be available.

The community is invited. For more information call Borders Books and Music at (248) 737-0110. The store is located at 30995 Orchard Lake Road.

Seminar

Dr. Ruth Walkotten, D.O., M.A., and Connie Streffling, M.A., L.C.C.C. will lecture on boosting one's immunity naturally at an upcoming seminar. The two will speak at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 26 at The Treehouse for Earth's Children in Farmington (22906 Mooney Street). There will be a seminar fee of \$5.

Walkotten and Streffling will also provide the latest updates on chronic fatigue and fibromyalgia and teach coping skills. In addition, participants will have the opportunity to schedule appointments with Walkotten and counseling sessions with Streffling from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. on March 26 and March 27 at The Treehouse. For more information, call The Treehouse at (248) 473-0624.

Locked up

The American Cancer Society will conduct its 13th annual Great American Lock Up later this month. The popular event kicks off Tuesday, March 24 and lasts through March 27 at nine local jail-site locations throughout Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. For just \$25 you can have someone arrested... anyone. Call the Lock Up Hotline at 1-800-543-JAIL and you can put someone behind bars for a worthwhile cause.

The American Cancer Society will send uniformed police officers to "pick up" your requested prisoner, and the officers will arrest prisoners based on the requested charge. Upon arrival at one of the Great American Lock Up jail locations, they will be handcuffed, receive a mug shot and go before the "Judge." If found guilty, the prisoner will visit the slammer and make phone calls in order to get the necessary funds to get out of jail. If you know someone you want to arrest, call 1-800-543-JAIL.

Prime Time for Women

"Prime Time for Women", a daylong event offering an array of thought-provoking mini-seminars, will take place Saturday, March 21 at Botsford General Hospital's Community Room, 28050 Grand River Ave., in Farmington Hills.

The event, which will run from 8:30 a.m.-3:15 p.m. is designed for women who want to take time out to learn how to get the most out of their own "prime time."

The day begins with a continental breakfast and a few positive words from keynote speaker Kathy Tosoian. Cost is \$25 per person which includes both continental breakfast and lunch. Registration is required because of limited space.

Call (248) 442-7986 for more details or to register.

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

Free seminar promotes active participation in one's own health care

BY CHRIS MAYER
STAFF WRITER

Being diagnosed with a serious disease can be rather alarming. But Denise Jacob is there to help.

Jacob will conduct a free seminar entitled, "12 Reasons to Actively Participate in Your Own Health Care," on Thursday, March 19 at the Birmingham Maple Clinic.

The event, designed to help patients and their families and friends understand the benefits of being actively involved in their own health care and learn steps toward forming effective partnerships with their health care providers, will run from 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

"There are psychological and physical benefits to being actively involved in your own health care," said Jacob, R.N., Ph.D., who is the founder and president of Health Decision Resources, a unique and specialized service of the Birmingham Maple Clinic. "It can build what's called a 'fighting spirit' among patients, and patients benefit from having a sense of control over their disease and treatment."

Health Decision Resources, established in May of 1996, has been affiliated with the Birmingham Maple Clinic since January. The service allows patients to privately consult with Jacob, who is a 20-

year nursing veteran and health information specialist. In turn, Jacob provides them with an intelligible explanation of their diagnosis and treatment options. She also helps patients understand the methods they have for making treatment choices.

To reserve a seat for the upcoming free seminar or for more information about Health Decision Resources, contact the Birmingham Maple Clinic at (248) 646-6659. The clinic is located at 950 E. Maple.

The Birmingham Maple Clinic, established in 1973 and presently affiliated with Farmington Hills-based Davis Counseling Center, offers a full-range of outpatient behavioral health services including individual, family, couples and group psychotherapy; health, community and professional in-service education; therapy for patients with chronic illness and their families, play therapy, health psychology and more.

Jacob will also speak on making health care decisions and advanced care directives at an upcoming Chronic Illness Awareness Coalition (CIAC) forum entitled "Caregiving Options." Scheduled for the University of Michigan-Dearborn School of Management Building on Thursday, April 23, this forum will run from 6:30 p.m.-9 p.m. and educate persons with chronic illness and their caregivers about available caregiver resources in their community.

To register, call Debbie Adams Roraback at 313-266-CIAC.



Denise Jacob

Crittenton plans health and wellness programs

Crittenton Hospital in Rochester is planning to offer a variety of health and wellness programs in April. All classes will be held at Crittenton (1101 W. University Drive) unless noted.

■ **First Friday's Free Blood Pressure Checks:** Crittenton will offer free blood pressure checks from 9 a.m.-11 a.m. on Friday, April 3. To register, call Crittenton's Community Health Education Department at (248) 652-5269.

■ **CPR:** Learn techniques to save adults, infants and children. An American Heart Association card will be given at the end of the class, which is scheduled for 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, April 4. There is a \$20 fee. To register, call (248) 652-5269.

■ **Just Between Us:** Sponsored by the American Cancer Society, this free self-help support group is for women who have had breast cancer. A Tamoxifen presentation will be offered by a Zeneca Drug Representative Wednesday, April 8 from 7:30 p.m.-9 p.m. To register, call (248) 652-5269.

■ **House Calls:** Dr. Denise Zikowski will lead a free lecture entitled, "Common Headache Syndromes: Migraine, Cluster and Tension," Wednesday, April 15 from 7:30 p.m.-9 p.m. To register, call Crittenton's Physician Referral at 1-888-90-

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■ **How to Improve Your Memory:** A speech/language pathologist will explain how memory works, introduce simple ways to improve memory and provide an opportunity to practice memory activities during this workshop. This program is set for 1 p.m.-3 p.m. Thursday, April 16. The fee is \$10. To register, call Crittenton's Rehabilitation Services Department at (248) 652-5315.

■ **CPR for Healthcare Providers:** This program, designed for physicians, nurses, EMTs, daycare workers and allied health professionals, will take place from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, April 18. The fee is \$27. Call (248) 652-5269 to register.

■ **Women Today Support Group:** A guest make-up artist/hair stylist will be on hand during a free program entitled, "Women and Improving Personal Appearance," set for Saturday, April 18 from 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Call (248) 652-5269 to register.

■ **Super Mom/Super Myth:** This class, scheduled for Monday, April 27, is designed to help moms with young families. Mothers will learn how to prioritize, share tips for finding guilt-free personal time, develop organizational skills and manage stress.

The class will run from 7 p.m.-9 p.m. The fee is \$5. Call (248) 652-5269 to register.

Chinese cuisine serves up plenty of healthy choices

Chinese food has been accused lately of being one of the least-healthy options when it comes to both eating out and cooking. Actually, Chinese food can be great for people who are watching their weight because many dishes are primarily plant-based.

The key is being able to recognize the healthy entrees from those that are filled with fat. You will find that many menu choices contain amounts of fat that are well under the recommended 10 percent of total calories. And these plant-based dishes provide plenty of complex carbohydrates, vitamins, minerals and fiber that are so important for good nutrition.

Portion control

You've seen some of the portion sizes at your favorite restaurant. They're huge! Some are even large enough to feed two to four people. Eat small portions and save the rest for the next day. Most Chinese entrees make terrific leftovers. It's also fun to order "buffet-style" and exchange your dishes with others at your table.

Don't forget the rice

Always order steamed rice, not fried, to accompany your entree. And order brown rice instead of white rice, if it's available. A study conducted by the Center for the Public Interest on healthy Chinese cuisine recommends eating one cup of rice for each cup of entree.

Interpret Chinese

Learning which choices are healthy and which choices should be avoided is easy. Just take a few moments to learn these key Chinese "phrases." These items are proven to be the lowest in fat, cholesterol and sodium: chicken chow mein; shrimp with garlic sauce; Szechuan shrimp; stir-fried vegetables, Hunan tofu; and steamed vegetables.

Foods to avoid are egg rolls, moo shui pork, sweet-and-sour meats, beef with broccoli, kung pao chicken, hot-and-sour soup, lo mein, fried rice and anything that says "crispy." Crispy almost always means fried.

Most Chinese restaurants categorize their dishes under general headings. The healthier dishes are normally found under the categories of seafood, soups, vegetarian and noodles. Some restaurants also mark their entrees as "heart-healthy." These dishes meet the guidelines established by the American Heart Association and contain 30 percent or less of their

calories from fat. "Buddha's delight" or "Buddha's feast" are also excellent choices since they are vegetarian.

Use Chopsticks

Chopsticks are not only fun, but they hold smaller amounts of food than forks, so it takes longer to finish the meal. You'll have the opportunity to savor every bit and really enjoy your meal. In addition, eating slower gives your stomach a chance to tell your brain that you're full. Use chopsticks to slow down, eat less and enjoy more!

Different types of Chinese

China has five main regions and each features its own cuisine. The regions are as follows:

- 1) Cantonese - known for roasted and grilled meats, fried rice and bird's nest soup.
- 2) Fukien - known for seafood and wide variety of soups.
- 3) Peking-Shantung - famous for its subtle use of seasonings and light cuisine.
- 4) Hunan - recognized for its sweet-and-sour dishes.
- 5) Szechuan-Hunan - known for its hot and spicy dishes.

Sodium watch

Both soy sauce and MSG are very high in sodium. Many restaurants now offer light soy sauce, which contains less sodium. If you're watching your intake of sodium, reduce or eliminate these.

Home cooking

With the exception of deep-fat frying, Oriental cooking methods of stir-frying, sauteing, steaming, braising and roasting are easy and healthy. Here are some tips for optimum results when stir-frying:

- Cut ingredients into uniform pieces for the most even cooking.
- Preheat wok or heavy skillet over high heat.
- Add oil and tip wok to coat entire cooking surface.
- Allow oil to get hot but not smoking.
- Add meat, fish or poultry; as soon as it changes color, push it to the sides (or remove it) and proceed to the next step.
- Stir-fry vegetables only until they turn bright; they should remain tender-crisp.
- Stir sauce just before adding to wok.
- Cover wok if necessary to complete cooking.
- Serve immediately.

I read every one of your letters and I love your comments. Please keep writing me with any questions, inspirational stories or suggestions for upcoming articles to "Talk to the Mirror." Weight Watchers Corporate Communications, P.O. Box 9072, Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2974, or fax: (248) 553-7106.

(Florine Mark is an appointee to the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and the Michigan Fitness Foundation.)

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Drug stores change with the times

Rite Aid bought Perry Drugs. CVS recently bought Arbor. When I called Maple Drugs in Westland last week, the person on the other end answered, "Arbor Drugs." And when I called Maple Drugs in Farmington, someone answered "Rite Aid."

It seems like the big drugstore chains are swallowing up other stores faster than "Pac Man" gobbles up dots. How does that affect the small, independent pharmacies that still exist?

The answer may surprise you.

"Actually, it's kind of beneficial for us, because there are fewer competitors; really," said Bob Lytle, who

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DONNA MULCAHY

has owned Lytle Pharmacy on Main Street in downtown Rochester since 1976.

Tim Davidson, owner of Patterson Drugstore on S. Washington Street in Oxford, agreed.

"Certainly, chain pharmacies have been flourishing over the last few decades, especially in Southeastern Michigan, and the number of independent pharmacies has dwindled proportionately," he said.

As a result, those independent pharmacies that still survive do have fewer competitors. However, that's not to say that competing with chain drugstores is a piece of cake. It's not. And the independents must contend with yet another big chain that recently entered Metro Detroit — Walgreens.

"There are really two ways to compete with the big chains," Davidson said. "You can try to be like them and you can try to be different."

Independent pharmacies try to be like the big chains by offering the same or lower prices on prescription and over-the-counter drugs, he said. The independents are able to do that by banding together in large purchasing groups, like Valu-Rite or Serve-All, to get the lowest possible prices from suppliers.

"Of course, a person's co-pay for prescription drugs is the same, no matter where they go, so we can't really be better price-wise there," Lytle said. "But for people who don't have insurance, or those who are buying over-the-counter products, our low prices matter a lot."

The purchasing groups also have helped independent pharmacies make inroads in getting insurance company contracts, Davidson said. Some insurance companies, mainly HMOs and PPOs, tell patients not only what doctors they can see, but what pharmacies they can use.

"We're not just competing for patients that walk in the door, but for insurance contracts, too," Davidson said.

Two ways that independent pharmacies try to be different from the big chains, he said, is by focusing more on customer service and by filling certain niches in the marketplace.

His store's special niches include: renting and selling durable medical equipment (walkers, wheelchairs, etc.), providing some diabetic services, and compounding certain special order prescription medicines from scratch. He also provides free delivery service for shut-ins and people with emergencies.

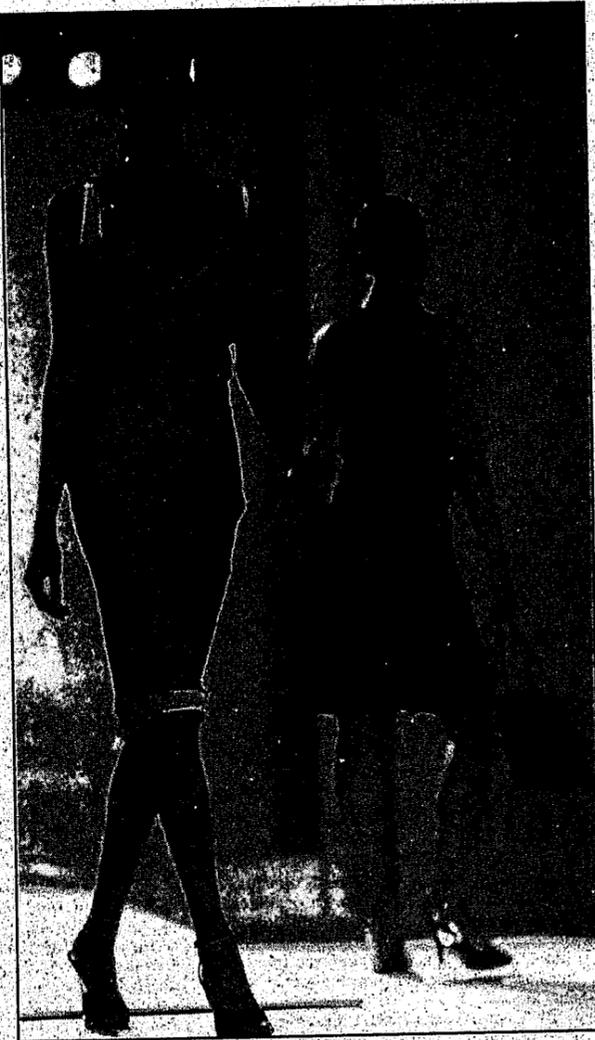
When it comes to customer service, Lytle and Davidson said, there's one area in particular where their pharmacies tend to outshine the big chains — the length of time it takes to fill prescriptions. Generally, they're able to fill prescriptions faster, because they maintain better staffing levels and computer equipment.

"More and more of my customers are telling me they got fed up with having to wait two hours for a prescription at the big chain stores and that's why they came to me," Lytle said. "Usually, we have people in and out in five minutes."

Lytle and Davidson both said that they try to be active in their communities, that they know many of their customers by name, and that they try to tailor their store's offerings to the needs of the people in their area.

They also said that they get several letters a year from the big chains offering to buy them out, but they say they don't want to sell.

Davidson, who bought his pharmacy five years ago from his father-in-law, William Patterson (who owned it since 1934), explained why he feels that way. "Part of it is pride and wanting to be independent. I'll be glad that competition is good, and that it's of value to our town to have a choice. If there's only one store in town, that would certainly concern me as a patient and consumer."



PHOTOS BY TOM HOFFMEYER
Runway magic: (From left) Gowns by Angel Sanchez, Jean Paul Gaultier, Melinda Eng.

Spring '98 'Art of fashion' is a sheer delight

BY SUSAN DEMAGGIO
EDITOR

Skin is in. Especially when it's visible under black lace, or through a mesh blouse, or from a thigh-high slit in an evening gown.

The sheer lightness of this season's fabrics, coupled with the intricacies of couture detailing, made the designs in Neiman Marcus's *Art of Fashion* spring show worth a second look — or a purchase or two.

According to Peg Levandowsky and Doreen LeGray, both of Troy, "The clothes were gorgeous. The colors and fabrics were breathtaking and the simplicity of the designs only added to their elegance."

The Thursday afternoon runway presentation doubled as a benefit for HAVEN, and drew several bursts of applause from the 100 guests who attended the event at the Somerset Collection in Troy.

The show was co-sponsored by Harper's Bazaar magazine and featured in a

special section of the March issue.

The clothing was pulled from the store's own spring collection by Neiman Marcus' regional fashion director Duane Jeffers, and included designs by Giorgio Armani, Richard Tyler, Jil Sander, Jean Paul Gaultier, Escada, St. John and Oscar de la Renta.

"My favorite, were the bias cut jersey dresses," he said. "Their design is so squeaky clean."

Following the show, store manager Mike Lorencz pointed out that his Troy store leads the country in sales of Jil Sander.

"This speaks to the sophistication of our shoppers," he said. "Soon we plan to expand our Jil Sander boutique within the store. Our Armani Black Label selections, too."

Lorencz said several new "surprises" were on the way for Neiman Marcus shoppers.

"We're opening a Bobbi Brown Studio which will be separate from our cosmetics department. We're expanding our modernist collections to include

Dolce & Gabbana. And in April, we'll announce that we'll begin selling the collections of one of the biggest houses in the fashion industry."

Fashion show guests moved to the third level after the show, to find lunch served in rice bowls strategically placed on tables along the couture aisles. Bamboo shoots overflowed jade-colored urns for an East Meets West effect.

"How do you like the presentation?" public relations director Marilyn Connor, asked her guests. "It's all part of the Neiman Marcus mindset that combines tabletop, fashion and entertaining — all the best things that life has to offer."

Show stoppers

- tulle dresses with floral embroidery
- asymmetrical lines at the neck, waist and hem
- slip dresses in layers of mesh and lace
- platform sandals

- sandal flats
- linen
- chiffon
- twinsets
- iridescence
- tank tops
- sarongs
- cargo pants
- ruffles

Contrast:

From the Giorgio Armani *Le Collezioni*, gray and tan plaid coat and charcoal gab pants.



News of special events for shoppers is included in this calendar. Send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, 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.

MONDAY, MARCH 16

Collection preview
See the Richard Tyler spring group at Nordstrom from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. with appointments for special orders and fittings. On March 17, see the collection informally modeled from noon to 4 p.m.

Somerset Collection North
Big Beaver/Coolidge, Troy.
(248) 816-5100, ext. 1350.

Coloring contest
Visit the Customer Service Booth for a coloring sheet featuring a wild and wacky Easter Rabbit. Kids of all ages are invited to color the rabbit for a chance to win a \$50 mall gift certificate. Names randomly drawn on April 13. Winner notified by phone or mail.
Universal Mall, 12 Mile/Dequindre, Warren.
(810) 751-3161.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

Meeting for the hearing impaired
Personalized Hearing Care and the Audiology Department at Garden City Hospital present "Negotiating Life Situations with a Hearing Loss" 1:30 p.m. at MedMax store. Reservations are recommended for this free ongoing series. Repeated Tuesday, March 24 at the MedMax in Taylor.
35337 West Warren, Westland.
(734) 467-5100.

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

Trunk show
See the dazzling evening wear designs of Liancarlo at Roz & Shein through March 21. Designer's representative Stanley Levine will assist with special orders and fittings.
Bloomfield Plaza, Maple/Telegraph.
(248) 865-8877.

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

Easter Bunny arrival
The Easter Bunny special garden at Center Court will be home to photo visits with the Easter Bunny through April 13 during mall hours. Each child who visits will receive a *Master Drawings* with a summer. Digital photos available from 9:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Northland Center, 12 Mile/Dequindre, Southfield.
(248) 639-3272.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

DKNY Seminar

Hudson's hosts Irene Jorgenson of DKNY with the spring line at 12:30 p.m. Seating limited. Complimentary box lunch provided. Reservations required. Level Two.
Somerset Collection North.
Big Beaver/Coolidge, Troy.
(248) 816-4599.

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

Spring fashion show
See the latest colors and silhouettes from the mall's leading retailers representing the best in European and American designs from both sides of The Collection. Complimentary seating, 1 p.m.
Somerset Collection South Rotunda.
Big Beaver/Coolidge, Troy.
(248) 643-6360.

Easter Bunny arrival

Kids of all ages are invited to JC Penney Court to welcome the Easter Bunny at 11 a.m. after a magic show performed by Bill and Di Schuler. Photos and bunny visits follow through April 11. Free.
Westland Center, Wayne/Warren.
(313) 425-5001.

Kids fashion show

Nordstrom hosts a continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m. followed by a casual/holiday runway show of the latest spring children's clothes at 9 a.m. Cost is \$10 per person. Reservations required.

Somerset Collection North
Big Beaver/Coolidge, Troy.
(248) 816-5100, ext. 1690.

Arthur visits

Hudson's hosts PBS character Arthur the Aardvark from noon to 3 p.m. in the Children's Department for visits and photos (bring your own camera.) Arthur will visit Hudson's Summit Place store in Waterford on March 22 from noon to 3 p.m.
Twelve Oaks, 12 Mile/Novi.
(248) 344-6800.

Super Model visits

Meet Polo model Tyson Beckford during a special autograph session at the grand re-opening of Hudson's Polo Ralph Lauren shops at the Northland Center (noon to 1 p.m. Main Floor) and Oakland Mall (3-4 p.m. Lower

Level) stores.

(248) 597-2200.

Spring program for kids

"The World Beyond The Garden," a show by the Children's Theatre of Michigan, performed free on Grand Court stage, 11:30 a.m. 3:30 and 5:30 p.m. A different story on: Sunday, March 22 at 1 and 3 p.m. Visits with the spring bunny Nestor Fairweather, begin March 28 through April 11. Polaroid courtesy of the mall for \$10 each.

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Kitty Cat Adoptions

The Backdoor Friends cat shop is sponsoring cat adoptions from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cats come from the Purebred Cat Rescue, they are tested and ready for adoption.

Muirwood Shopping Center

Grand River/Drake Farmington Hills.

(248) 442-0840.

Characters visit

FAO Schwarz welcomes Hello Kitty and Keroppi the Frog from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The first 200 guests receive a complimentary gift.

Somerset Collection North

Big Beaver/Coolidge, Troy.

(248) 643-4554.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

Puppet show

Enter the Mask Puppet Theatre's magic world where sunflowers sing to vegetarian monsters. 2 p.m. Free show.

Borders Books, 30995 Orchard Lake

Farmington Hills

(248) 737-0110.

Book signing

Meet Stephanie Mellen from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Waldenbooks, 30200 Plymouth, Livonia.
(734) 261-7811.

MONDAY, MARCH 23

Advance fashion show

Join Hudson's for a cutting-edge fashion show with designs from DKNY for Men, Lola and Max Studio. 6-7:30 p.m. cocktail reception. From 7:30-8 p.m. the runway show, 8 p.m. dancing and dessert. Tickets, \$25, benefit Fanclub Foundation for the Arts.

Majestic Theatre, Detroit.

(248) 988-0-FAN.

Where can I find?

This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate 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:**
- Girbeau Jeans can be found at Heruns Consignment Boutique, 33666 Five Mile, three blocks west of Farmington in Livonia. (734) 522-2868. Call for sizes.
 - The Kids on Stage game was spotted at the Noodle Kiddos on Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills (248) 539-1958 and Rochester/Avon in Rochester Hills (248) 608-9011.
 - Susan has a Benares red and black sari with silver brocade she would like to sell.
 - Go to the Head of the Class can be found at Toys R' Us (when in stock).
 - For Lori, we found a Pivot Pool game.
 - Lenore! Please contact Shari at Bemis School in Troy (248) 649-7790. She would like all your old copies of the Readers Digest.
 - We're still looking for:**
 - T-shirts or sweatshirts with dragons and wizards on them for a little boy.
 - Lamp parts.
 - Thigh high boots and red sequin shoes for Nadine.
 - A dinner plate in creme with a gold edge, sold at Target, made in Italy. On the back of the plate ESTE-ZE. It was \$3.50, for Nora.
 - Grand Manor towels and wash cloths for Becky.
 - Gerber baby doll from 1969-70 for Jenny.
 - A figurine Telly the Frog from 1987 for Jessica.
 - Men's pajama bottoms, size XL for Bernice.
 - A small brass duck for Jenny. (It fits in the palm of a hand).
 - A Proctor ironing board cover for Mary.
 - Wind proof magnetic cards by Kling.
 - AXION pre-treatment for washing clothes/stains. And also whole wax beans in a can for Janet.
 - The game of Hearts for her Apple II computer for Theresa.
 - Ed is looking for the trivia game Is the Pope Catholic?
 - One of the first computers VIC 20 (similar to today's) Nintendo, plus any software, for Carrie.
 - Sunglasses with bifocals, not prescription. Sandy used to buy them at Hudson's.
 - Saddle shoes, size 7, for Sally.
 - Creme de Chantilly body spray perfume by Houbigant for Christine.
 - A stereo record player with changer that plays five or six records at a time for Kay.
 - Noxema Medicated Lather shaving cream and Deep Magic cold cream by Gillette for Monica of Rochester.
 - Sandy of West Bloomfield is looking for a replacement ceiling light for a bathroom fan. It is 35-years-old made by Ventrala it has moon light globe.
 - A Rock 'em Sock 'em Robot for Michael.
 - Kay and Jean are both looking for Z-Brick for interior walls.
 - Betty is looking for the doll Poor Pitiful Pearl from 1972.
 - Lynette is looking for a brand of dress by Pablo.
 - Emmaline Weidman is looking for a Purple Monster from Space Jam.

—Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

RETAIL DETAILS

Warehouse opening benefits HAVEN

Shoe shoppers were in for a treat when they attended DSW Shoe Warehouse's grand opening March 4. It doubled as a gala benefit for HAVEN, fighting domestic violence and abuse in Oakland County. The new store on West Oaks Drive across from Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi, houses 33,000 pairs of men's and women's shoes, priced up to 50-percent below department stores and boutiques. The company has two other locations at Tel-Twelve Mall in Southfield and Rochester Road in Troy. The stores also carry hosiery, socks, handbags.

Hudson's fireworks will salute Motown

The 40th annual Hudson's Fireworks over the Detroit River is set for Wednesday, June 24 and will also salute the 40th anniversary of Motown Music. The event is cosponsored by the Parade Company. In the event of rain, the festivities will be held the following night.

Soda bread benefit March 17

Start a delicious St. Patrick's Day tradition and support the J. P. McCarthy Foundation on March 17 by purchasing Irish Soda Bread at Detroit-area Breadsmiths.

The stores will donate 25-percent of all soda bread sales to the foundation which seeks to find solutions to rare blood diseases. Soda bread is baked with wheat and white flour, rolled oats, buttermilk and sweet raisins for \$4.49 a loaf. Reserve your bread by calling the Breadsmiths: Maple/Lahser (248) 640-8001; 14 Mile/Middlebelt (248) 855-5808; Seven Mile/Farmington (248) 442-1100; Rochester Hills (248) 852-4777 and Long Lake/Livernois (248) 879-8997.

Spring fashion show features special models

Young adults with developmental disabilities who benefit from Oakland County's On My Own program, will be featured in a fashion show to benefit their organization, Friday, March 20 at 8 p.m. in the rotunda of Somerset Collection South, Troy, along with professional models presenting the newest looks for spring.

The evening will be catered by Sebastian's Grill and will include wine and music. For more information please call Vicki McCall (248) 649-0100, or Margot Tegeder (248) 360-8249.

Boutique launches new lines

Tender, 271 West Maple in Birmingham, has exclusive rights to sell designer JOSEPH's new fragrance Parfum de Jour. Blended by Penhaligon's of London, the scent is a mix of more than 100 ingredients, including jasmine, rose, muguet, ylang, sandalwood and amber. Priced \$68 a bottle.

Tender also welcomes three new designers specializing in knit wear collections: Keita Maruyama, Martin Kidman and Angelina Kingsley. For more information call Tender at (248) 258-0212.

Retailing chain adds a link

Department store retailer Proffitt's Inc., based in Birmingham, Ala., announced the acquisition of Brody Brothers Dry Goods, another department store company with six North Carolina locations. Proffitt's now operates more than 230 department stores and four furniture stores under the names Proffitt's, McRae's Parisian, Younkens, Herberger's, Carson Pirie Scott, Boston Store and Bergner's. The company's annual revenues exceed \$3.5 billion.

Outlet mall adds new stores

The Monroe, Michigan outlet center, owned by Horizon, announced that The Gap and Linen Barn, will open stores by the summer. The center is at I-75 and Exit 11, La Plaisance Road.

Mall hosts alcohol awareness event

Summit Place shoppers got a unique opportunity to put on a pair of Fatal Vision Goggles and experience what it feels like to be

drunk, last week.

The event was sponsored by the Waterford Police Department to discourage people from driving under the influence, especially as St. Patrick's day nears.

"Individuals who put on the glasses experienced disorientation, distorted vision, imbalance and other symptoms of being under the influence of alcohol," said mall manager Joe Tyree.

Police chief Paul Vallard reported that last year in Michigan 490 people were killed because of drunk driving. Eileen Weisse of the Traffic Improvement Association reminded shoppers that through the Safe and Sober Initiative, additional officers have been assigned to patrol major roads on March 17.

A first offense for driving under the influence of alcohol can carry fines as much as \$300, 90 days in jail, and 45 days of community service. Driver's licenses can be suspended for up to two years.

Fashion benefit for ALS at Somerset's Rotunda

ALS of Michigan, a non-profit organization dedicated to fighting Lou Gehrig's disease, hosts a fashion show/fund-raiser, Sunday, March 21 at 6:45 p.m. at the Somerset Collection South rotunda.

After the couture runway show, guests will enjoy a silent auction, strolling supper and champagne and wine bar. Reservations for the black-tie optional evening are available to the public for \$100 per person. To reserve a ticket(s) call (313) 382-0480.

Egg decorating class is free

The American Polish Cultural Center at Maple and Dequindre in Troy, welcomes interested guests to a free, Pisanki egg decorating class, 1:30 p.m. on Saturday March 28. All necessary supplies are provided. The class ends about 4 p.m. Reservations are suggested by calling (810) 689-3636, during regular business hours.

The APCC reminds area residents that it is open for lunch serving authentic Polish dishes Tuesday-Thursday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dinner is available Wednesday until 8 p.m. and Friday until 9 p.m. Friday evening there is also entertainment from 5 p.m. Carry-outs are available.

Parisian supplies pageant fashions

Parisian special events director Jane Bassett will host a March 21 luncheon for Miss Teen USA and Miss Michigan USA contestants at the Livonia Marriott. Reigning and past winners will model interview suits, swimwear, gowns and shoes from the department store, plus share hints on cosmetic and skin care. Dessert follows in the Parisian Room of the store at Laurel Park Place in Livonia. The private event is a prelude to the beauty pageants that will be held at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, on Sunday, May 24.

Banana Anna's holds liquidation

After 12 years in downtown Birmingham, Banana Anna's co-owners John Bickford and Susan Paul-Sherer have decided to retire and close their store. Items are marked 50-percent off this week, and will drop in price by 5-percent every few days until April 26. Sealed bids are also being accepted for the store's fixtures. For more information call (248) 433-3440.

New general manager named

Peter Schuette has replaced Sandy Acquaro as manager of the Jacobson's stores in downtown Birmingham.

Hudson's adds restaurant

The Hudson's store at Somerset Collection North, Troy, will open a sit-down cafe in a corner of the Marketplace Department on the third floor. Company spokeswoman Michelle Shulman said store officials were considering a restaurant at Somerset and went to their "guests" for their opinion. Shoppers overwhelming voted for sit-down service. The cafe opens in mid-April. A name is under discussion.

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Assisted suicide bill splits North Oakland legislators

BY PAT MURPHY
STAFF REPORTER

The area's two state representatives have opposing views on the proposed Michigan law that would make assisted suicide a felony punishable by up to five years in prison.

Penny Crissman, R-Rochester, opposed the bill, and Thomas Middleton, R-Ortonville, voted in favor of it.

The controversial bill, Senate Bill 200, was approved 66-40 Thursday and was expected to be reviewed this week in the State Senate, where last December it passed by a 28-7 margin.

Both state senators from the Oxford-Orion area — John D. Cherry, D-Orion, and Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion, supported the bill at that time.

Depending on what the Senate does, possibly this week, the bill could be approved and sent directly to Gov. John M. Engler, who is expected to sign it. If senators disagree with changes made in the House, they may demand more discussion on compromise.

The controversial bill, Senate Bill 200, was approved 66-40 Thursday and was expected to be reviewed this week in the State Senate where last December it passed by a 28-7 margin.

Either way, according to legislators, a law making assisted suicide a felony could be in effect April 1.

Crissman, who is not seeking re-election to the legislature, said she voted against the bill Thursday for two reasons: First, she believes the issue should be decided by voters. Second, the legislation doesn't include adequate safeguards for physicians who privately do what the assisted suicide advocate Jack Kevorkian does publicly.

She wanted language that would protect physicians who currently help terminally ill

patients by prescribing increased amounts of morphine that — besides easing their pain — also suppresses the respiratory system leading to death.

The Michigan State Medical Society had asked for such language to be included, said Crissman, to protect physicians.

Middleton, who has announced his intention to run for the state senate, said he supports S.B. 200 as "the best tool to stop Jack Kevorkian," the retired pathologist living in West Bloomfield who has acknowledged assisting or being present at 99 known suicides.

"I oppose assisted suicide because I believe all human life is sacred," Middleton said in a press release issued Thursday. "S.B. 200 will assure all the sick and elderly, our most vulnerable citizens, that their right to life and dignity will be respected."

Middleton said he favors giving voters the right to decide the issue — as proposed in an amendment offered by Crissman. When that amendment failed, the lawmaker said, he supported the law making assisted suicide

a felony.

Part of his conviction, the lawmaker said, is the Remmelink Commission report on legalized euthanasia in the Netherlands. That report indicates, Middleton said, that physicians have inten-

tionally assisted almost 6,000 people die without their permission.

Cherry could not be reached Friday to comment on why he supports making assisted suicide a felony.

Dunaskiss, however, said he is convinced assisted suicide is wrong for several reasons. "It certainly sends the wrong message to teenagers," he said, "it promotes the wrong way out."

Real test rests with jurors says Oakland's prosecutor

BY PAT MURPHY
STAFF REPORTER

Jurors will provide the truest test of any law making assisted suicide a felony, Oakland County Prosecutor David Gorcyca said.

"Will jurors convict or won't they?" the prosecutor asked.

But the attorney for assisted suicide advocate Jack Kevorkian said the prosecutor probably wouldn't have to wait very long for an answer.

"No jury will convict Dr. Kevorkian or anybody else who is trying to help somebody end their suffering," said Jeffrey N. Fieger. "My client is anxious to test any new law," he said.

Fieger and Gorcyca were reacting to a vote in the House of Representatives Thursday that

brings Michigan one step closer to criminalizing assisted suicide.

Representatives approved a bill — already passed in the Senate — that would make assisted suicide a felony punishable by five years in prison.

Observers say the law — or a variation of it — will likely be enacted later this year, possibly by April 1.

If a law is enacted, Gorcyca said he will take a close look at it. "I've never been shy about stating my views," he said. "But I want to see the law and the first (assisted suicide) case to go to court under it."

Jury nullification — or the practice of jurors acquitting a defendant because they didn't believe the law was appropriate — is believed to have been a fac-

tor in three circuit court cases in which Kevorkian was acquitted.

Kevorkian, a retired pathologist living in West Bloomfield, has acknowledged assisting in or being present at a minimum of 99 suicides. His attorney said the passage of any law would not dissuade Kevorkian.

Thursday's action (in the House of Representatives) "an offense to the people of Michigan. It's an offense that the legislature has been taken over by a few religious nuts."

Furthermore, the governor ought to veto any proposed law criminalizing assisted suicide, said Fieger.

"I would certainly veto it if I were governor," said Fieger, who added he is still in the race for governor.



FILE PHOTO

Road work: Oakland County's overburdened roadways will receive an additional \$51 million in state funds this year, compared with 1997.

Oakland County to get more money for roads

BY SARA CALLENDER
STAFF WRITER

An increase in state funding for local road repairs in southeast Michigan will make 1998 one of the busiest and most productive construction seasons in history, state transportation director Jim DeSana said.

Southeastern counties, including Oakland, will receive nearly \$329 million, an increase of more than \$51 million from the 1997 funding level. All counties, cities and villages statewide will share \$861 million for local roads this year from the Michigan Department of Transportation fund.

Oakland County will receive

a total of \$94,140,310 from the state for local road improvements and bridge repairs.

"Whether you're driving on the interstate system, a county road or a city street, this dramatic increase in available funds should lead to noticeable improvements during this year's very busy construction season," DeSana said.

"While some local road agencies have advocated that we raise gas taxes even further, it is our belief that current funding levels provide us the opportunity to efficiently address our infrastructure needs at the state, county and local levels."

The statewide funding increase to counties, cities and villages does not include an

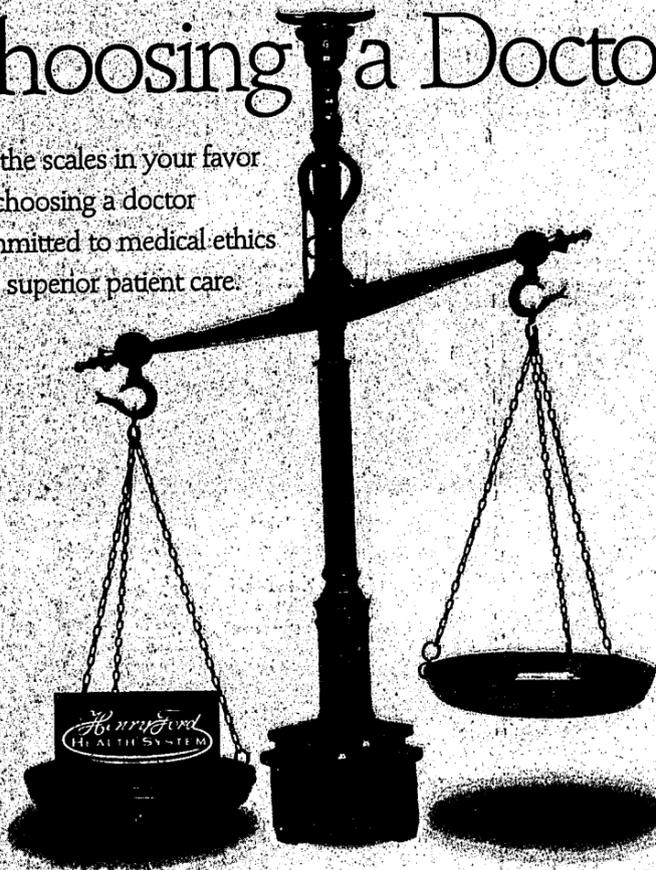
estimated \$150 million in federal road funds that are likely to be distributed to local road agencies in 1998, DeSana added.

Three funding initiatives led to the increase in local road funding, including the passage of Build Michigan II, increase in local road funding, which is responsible for \$80 million, or an 11 percent permanent increase in local road funding. This plan included the 4.3 percent gas tax increase as well as increased fees for commercial trucks.

The county will receive about \$5.5 million from the increased funding, road commission spokesman Craig Bryson said.

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FOR THE LOVE OF FOOD



RICK HALBERG

Spring veggies burst with flavor

This winter has been a tease. For the past two months I've been wishing for spring. When I see tulips popping up, crocus showing their heads and buds forming on some trees, I start to daydream about warmer, longer days.

This past week has taught me that we still have to wait for the cold to end and true warmer weather to arrive. I'm craving spring vegetables — early peas, leaf lettuce and of course, our own morel mushrooms.

Our national obsession with immediate gratification brings produce from all over the globe to market. But how much of it tastes the way fruits and vegetables do when they're in season? Or more importantly, how much of it is safe to eat?

Granted, the variety of produce we have to choose from is great, but when is the last time you tasted a strawberry in January that had real flavor and voluptuous texture of a strawberry picked fresh in season? Or a bunch of asparagus with that fresh herbaceous flavor of just cut stalks?

Food safety concerns

In the Tuesday, March 10, issue of the *New York Times* there was an article about the rising threat of food contamination in our country.

This threat stems in part from the changing nature of the American diet and a greater reliance on imported foods.

We are bringing in an enormous amount of food into the United States from some newly developing countries, and their quality control and standards may leave a lot to be desired.

Dr. Michael Osterholm, one of the scientists at a meeting in Atlanta sponsored in part by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the American Society of Microbiology, challenged those who believe the United States has the safest food supply in the world. "Since we have food from all over the world," he said "it's hard to understand how food in the United States is any safer than food from other parts of the world."

This is an important point to consider when purchasing out of season produce from all over the globe. There might be some important health issues to think about.

Anticipation

For me, the anticipation of tasting spring's bounty is almost too much to take. The joy of waiting for those bursts of flavor is like a rite of passage. For the next four to six weeks I have to be content with the last of winter's great citrus fruits, root vegetables and some of the hearty greens that are available. Luckily, having a restaurant, Emily's, allows me access to many fantastic sources for the first crops of some of my favorite foods. Some of these foods will start showing up on our early spring menu soon.

While you dream of spring, here's a Thinking of Spring dessert to try. Panna Cotta is a light, Italian eggless custard. It is great served with fresh rhubarb and tiny wild strawberries or fresh strawberries roasted with a little basting of Balsamic vinegar.

PANNA COTTA

- 1 3/4 teaspoons unflavored gelatin
- 1 1/2 cups cream
- 1/2 cup milk
- 4 tablespoons sugar
- 2 vanilla beans, split and scraped

Soften the gelatin in a small amount of cold water (about 1/4 cup).

Scrape the vanilla bean into the milk and cream, add the sugar and bring to a boil. Pour into the gelatin and stir to dissolve. Pour into suitable molds and chill. Serves four.

Emily's next wine dinner will feature the great wines of the Cote d'Rhône in

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LOOKING AHEAD

- What to watch for in Taste next week:
- Laurie Wethington of Farmington Hills shares her pork piccata recipe.
- Prize-winning main dish salads.

OIL & VINEGAR do mix!

BY ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

High-tech communication has made this a shrinking world. We're more aware of cultural diversities, particularly as they apply to food. Dubbed "new world cuisine" by Epicureans, it appeals to modern appetites searching for healthy, easily prepared dishes loaded with flavor and substance.

New world cuisine has brought about a phenomenal and escalating interest in both extra virgin olive oil from Greece and balsamic vinegar from Italy. Oil and vinegar do mix!

Testament to virginity

Extra virgin refers to the first cold pressing of olives which extracts oil with less than one percent oleic acid.

A.C. Nielsen market research indicates that Americans now spend \$340 million annually for high-quality extra virgin olive oil. Sales like this may bring fraudulent products to market. But the North American Olive Oil Association's regular random testing indicates that the vast majority of extra virgin olive oil is legitimately labeled.

Margaret Arvantis, owner of Bacchus Brokerage in Whitmore Lake, Mich., sells premium Greek wines, Greek olive oil and Italian balsamic vinegar. She said that the way olive oil is made is more important than where the olives are grown.

"Picking, cold pressing/processing, and storage before bottling are the essentials to the art of production," she said.

Arvantis recently introduced Morea unfiltered extra virgin olive oil from Greece to this market. She said that olives for extra virgin oil are picked earlier than olives destined for curing. "That's why the oil has a fresh, fruity character," she added. "All olives for Morea are hand picked, not shaken from trees and the olives never touch the ground."

However, the growing region and the best olives of the region do make an impact. Here's what some research on Greek olive oil revealed. For millennia, the century-old family-owned olive trees in the state of Lakonia, Peloponnesian region of southern Greece, have been the source of olives grown for Morea. Collectively, they have distinguished Greece as the world's largest producer of extra virgin olive oil.

The fruitiness of Morea is due in part to oil extracted from the small (about the size of a large kidney bean), green Koroneiko olive, unique to Greece and used exclusively for Morea. This smaller olive has a lower water content. During the careful first pressing, only fresh extra virgin olive oil, with the lively fruit inherent in the olive, is extracted. It is bottled unfiltered to express a full-bodied, fresh olive sweetness.

An evolutionary process

Vinegar is the by-product of the action of a lone species of bacteria (acetobacter) on alcohol. In the presence of oxygen, acetobacters react with alcohol, in a liquid such as wine, to produce acetic acid that gives vinegar its tartness. Topping the vinegar flavor meter is delicious balsamic vinegar from Modena, Italy.

Balsamic vinegar is to the world of vinegars what extra virgin olive oil is to the array of other oils



New products: Morea Extra Virgin Olive Oil from Greece and Villa Manodori Balsamic Vinegar from Modena, Italy are new, impressive products in the marketplace.

available for cooking. Both are the very best and since they are, this is reflected in their price. But you don't need a lot of either to perk up a dish. Both should be approached as a condiment rather than an ingredient.

Balsamic vinegar is an artisan product. The best and driest is sourced from Modena where this highly prized exquisite product has been made in the attics of ancient buildings for centuries.

New to this market, Villa Manodori, located in Modena, has been crafting very small quantities of its artisan balsamic vinegar for generations. It is made by first combining the juice of white trebbiano grapes with aged wine vinegar. This is followed by a series of yearly transfers to progressively smaller wooden barrels made of oak, chestnut or juniper over a period of 10 years or longer. It is this aging process that gives the vinegar its intense fruity aroma, dark, rich color, and perfect balance of sweetness and acidity.

During the years of aging, a significant 10 percent annual evaporation takes place leaving only a small amount of balsamic vinegar

at the end. This elevates the cost of each precious bottle.

Expensive products need authenticity. There are always imitators; some good, some bad. Prized balsamic vinegar, the really expensive bottlings, (\$82-\$160 for aged 20-40 year old) can be recognized two ways. Bottles are never larger than 100mL and closed with an official wax seal from the Consortium of Producers of the Traditional Balsamic Vinegar of Modena. They are required to carry the phrase "aceto balsamico tradizionale di Modena" on the label.

If this was the only balsamic vinegar, most of us would never get to taste it, much less use it to enhance flavors of dishes. Here's where you need to know the good imitators. Villa Manodori qualifies because it is quite viscous. Its dark brown liquid coats the glass when the bottle is turned on its side. Secondly, its aroma and flavors match closely to certified balsamic vinegar.

If you wish to try other balsamic vinegars, you can make the coats-

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Irish whiskey says Erin go Bragh best

BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD
SPECIAL WRITERS

In Gaelic, the Irish call it uisce beatha (ish-ke-bah-hah), water of life. Americans call it Irish whiskey and consider it as much a part of St. Patrick's Day as shamrocks. Erin Go Bragh translates Ireland forever, and as long as there's Ireland, there will be Irish whiskey!

Before Prohibition, Irish whiskey was very popular with 400 brands registered in the United States. After repeal of Prohibition in 1933, it never regained that popularity. American GIs returning home from both World Wars favored Scotch whiskey and brought this taste preference back to the United States.

Spelling is the first difference between Irish and Scotch whiskeys. The Irish use the same spelling as American bourbon whiskey while the Scots drop the "e." The two spirits are dissimilar in aroma, taste and finish caused principally by three major factors:

- Barley used in traditional Irish whiskey is dried in enclosed kilns, not over a peat fire like the

barley for Scotch whiskey.

- The Irish frequently use a blend of malted and unmalted barley while the Scots use only malted barley, thus the term "single malt." Single malt Irish whiskeys are superior to blends.

- Scotch is doubly distilled while most Irish whiskey is triply distilled.

Today, the rising tide of U.S. fascination for "things Irish," the proliferation of Irish pubs across America, coupled with a thousand years of tradition, have created an Irish whiskey revival. Last year, sales of Irish whiskey were up over 10 percent.

History

Between 500 and 600 A.D., Irish missionaries brought the distillation process to Ireland from the Middle East, where the alembic still was used for distilling perfumes. Savvy Irish monks found a better use for it when they invented uisce beatha and renamed the alembic a pot still!

In the 12th century, soldiers of King Henry II invaded Ireland and discovered its pleasures. Unable to pronounce the Gaelic

phrase, they coined the word "whiskey." Over time, little has changed in the techniques and basic ingredients, barley, grain, yeast and the purest water, used to produce Irish whiskey.

The world's oldest licensed distillery is in the village of Bushmills; County Antrim, about an hour's drive north of Belfast in Northern Ireland. History dates distillation at Bushmills to 1276, but it was not officially granted license until 1608 by James I of England.

Tasting guide

The following is a tasting guide for the available major Irish whiskey brands:

- Bushmills \$21 is a very good introduction to Irish whiskey. Aged a minimum of four years in American bourbon casks, it is floral, light, elegant and smooth with a complex taste.

- Black Bush \$31 appeals to cognac aficionados because of its flavor depth. Aging in Oloroso sherry butts gives it a darker color and significant nutty charac-

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Home to Irish whiskey: Bushmills Distillery in Northern Ireland is the world's oldest licensed distillery.

Wine Picks

- **Picks of the Pack:** 1995 R.H. Phillips Toasted Head Chardonnay \$15 and 1996 Meridian Vineyards Chardonnay Edna Valley \$15. Both wines have dynamite flavors and a sensible price.
- **No wine says spring like Sauvignon Blanc.** It pairs well with light appetizers, salads, grilled fish and shellfish. Try 1996 Richemont Sauvignon Blanc Reserve \$7; 1996 Fortunate Sauvignon Blanc \$7.50, 1996 Chateau Ste. Michelle (60 percent fermented) \$8; 1996 Cakebread Sauvignon Blanc \$18; Matanzas Creek Winery \$20. With sauvignons, higher alcohol reflects more barrel influences.
- **Big, bold chardonnays are great with lobster, monkfish, scallops and shrimp.** Try: 1996 Clos du Bois Calcaire Vineyard Chardonnay \$19; and 1996 Dry Creek Vineyard Reserve Chardonnay \$23.
- **Go Portadell!** Domestic ports have come of age. One of the best is 1988 Flicklin Vineyards Port \$25.
- **Best buy at \$10 and under:** 1997 Luis Phillip Edwards Chardonnay, Chile \$8; 1996 Marquis de Chasse (white) \$7; 1996 Hogue Chardonnay, Washington State \$9.

Chefs share olive oil and balsamic vinegar recipes

Olive oil and balsamic vinegar recipes, see related story on Taste front

BALSAMIC BREAD DIPPER

Crusty bread
Villa Manodori Balsamic Vinegar
Pour balsamic vinegar into a small dish. Dive in.

Nutrition information: (Each tablespoon of balsamic vinegar is 15 calories, none from fat, making it a flavorful substitute for butter.)
Recipe courtesy of Bacchus Brokerage.

GRILLED CHICKEN BREAST WITH HERBED GREMOLATA

1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
1 tablespoon coarsely-ground black pepper
1/2 cup Morea Extra Virgin Olive Oil
3 whole, boneless, skinless chicken breasts, halved
For gremolata:
1 tablespoon fresh thyme leaves
2 large garlic cloves, finely diced
1 tablespoon grated lemon zest

In a bowl, whisk lemon juice, pepper and salt to taste. Add olive oil in a stream. Whisk until marinade is emulsified.

With a rolling pin, flatten chicken approximately 1/4-inch thick.

between sheets of plastic wrap.

In a large, resealable plastic bag, marinate chicken in the marinade. Refrigerate at least 1/2 hour.

Prepare grill.

In a small bowl, stir gremolata ingredients together.

Grill chicken on an oiled rack until just cooked through, approximately 2 minutes per side.

Serve chicken sprinkled with gremolata and garnish with fresh lemon and fresh thyme sprigs. Serves 6.

Recipe compliments of Greg Goodman, Chef/Owner, Cafe Bon Homme, Plymouth.

WARM GOAT CHEESE SALAD

8 cups mesclun (mixed baby greens), washed and dried
4 ounces dried cherries
6 ounces mild goat cheese
1/2 pound piece of pancetta (Italian cured bacon), cut into julienne strips
1/4 cup Morea Extra Virgin Olive Oil
1 tablespoon finely chopped thyme leaves
1 tablespoon finely chopped garlic
4 tablespoons Villa Manodori Balsamic Vinegar

In a large serving bowl, combine mesclun and dried cherries.

Crumble goat cheese on top and season with coarsely-ground black

pepper.

In a large skillet, cook pancetta in oil over medium heat, stirring until lightly browned.

Pour off approximately 3 tablespoons of oil (1/3 cup should remain in skillet with pancetta).

Add garlic and sauté mixture, stirring until garlic is golden brown.

Add thyme and vinegar. Increase heat and boil mixture one minute.

Add hot vinaigrette to salad and toss. Serve immediately. Serves 6.

Recipe compliments of Greg Goodman, Chef/Owner, Cafe Bon Homme, Plymouth.

PAN-ROASTED HALIBUT FILET WITH TOMATO, BLACK OLIVES AND EXTRA VIRGIN DRESSING

6 (7-ounce) halibut filets
3 cups ripe tomatoes, peeled, seeded and diced
9 Greek or Italian black olives, pitted and chopped
10 tablespoons Morea Extra Virgin Olive oil
2 cloves garlic, finely minced
3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
1 tablespoon chopped flat-leaf parsley
1 tablespoon chopped fresh chives
1 tablespoon chopped fresh tarragon
Salt and freshly-ground pep-

per.

Assemble tomato-black olive dressing: in a non-corrosive bowl, combine tomatoes, 8 tablespoons olive oil, lemon juice, garlic, salt and freshly-ground pepper to taste. Mix well.

Heat a non-stick pan with 2 tablespoons olive oil until just "smoking."

Season halibut filets with salt and pepper. Place in pan. Brown well on one side; turn and brown other side. Cook until flesh is just opaque, about 135 degrees on instant thermometer, or more well done if preferred.

Just before serving, add black olives and herbs to tomato mixture. Check seasoning.

Spoon tomato-black olive dressing onto each of six warm plates and place halibut filet on top.

Drizzle with a little extra virgin olive oil. Serves 6.

Recipe compliments of Gerald Gramzay, Executive Chef, The Rugby Grille, Townsend Hotel, Birmingham.

ROSEMARY GRILLED PORTABELLA TOWER WITH BUFFALO MOZZARELLA, TOMATOES AND FINE-AGED BALSAMIC VINEGAR

6 Portabella mushrooms, stems removed

1 vine-ripened red tomato
1 vine-ripened yellow tomato
1 1/2 pounds fresh Buffalo Mozzarella cheese
1 clove garlic, finely minced
6 oz Morea Extra Virgin Olive Oil
2 oz Villa Manodori Balsamic Vinegar

6 sprigs rosemary, each four inches long and bottom half of leaves removed and chopped. Reserve "skewer"

Salt and freshly-ground pepper
1 pound baby arugula, washed well and drained
1 large shallot, minced fine
1 tablespoon chives, snipped

Slice tomatoes evenly and thinly. Place into a dish and sprinkle with shallots, chives, a little olive oil and balsamic vinegar. Lightly salt and pepper. Marinate for a minimum of 2-3 hours.

Brush mushrooms with olive oil. Sprinkle with chopped rosemary and garlic. Grill over a charcoal, turning every 5 minutes and brush with marinade. Grill until mushroom texture is soft and "meaty."

To assemble: Toss arugula leaves with a little olive oil and salt. Divide into 6 portions and place in center of six serving plates.

Place portabella in center of

greens, black underside down. Top with 1/4-inch slice of Buffalo Mozzarella. Lightly oil and season. Top with 2 slices of marinated yellow tomato.

Follow with another Mozzarella slice, seasoned, then red tomato slices and end with cheese slice.

Insert one rosemary skewer into the "tower." Drizzle around "tower" with olive oil and balsamic vinegar.

Recipe compliments of Gerald Gramzay, Executive Chef, The Rugby Grille, Townsend Hotel, Birmingham.

LORD OF THE CASTLE DRESSING OR DIP

1 tablespoon Villa Manodori Balsamic Vinegar
4 tablespoons Morea Extra Virgin Olive Oil
1 tablespoon Morea olive spread *

In a small bowl, blend ingredients until smooth. Combine with salad greens just before serving or use as a vegetable dip or as dressing for mushroom or vegetable salad.

Adapted from Bacchus Brokerage recipe by Eleanor Heald.

Available in stores listed where Morea olive oil is sold for about \$10/7.5oz.

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the-glass test in a store. It is an excellent indicator of quality.

In the kitchen

Arvantis suggests that extra virgin olive oil should be stored in a cool, dark place. The shelf life of a bottle is 1-1/2 to 2 years. Balsamic vinegar should be stored similarly, but with age after opening, it begins to throw a sediment that can be filtered through fine cheese cloth.

"I was bowled over by the quality of the Villa Manodori Balsamic Vinegar," Greg Good-

man, chef/owner of Cafe Bon Homme in Plymouth said. "It is vintage quality, phenomenal, truly spectacular and with more viscosity than any other balsamic on the market. It makes an outstanding match with the fruity Morea Extra Virgin Olive Oil. In a recipe, they are a perfect marriage because they finish well together with a pleasant, lingering aftertaste."

Executive Chef Gerald Gramzay at The Townsend Hotel's Rugby Grille in Birmingham remarked about the "mild,

not over-powering flavors" of Morea Extra Virgin Olive Oil and liked, in particular, its "slightly peppery finish."

He was attracted to the "concentrated, rich flavors" of Villa Manodori Balsamic Vinegar.

In his original recipe for Rosemary Grilled Portabella Tower, he says that the marriage of the olive oil and balsamic vinegar not only provide "harmony, but act to balance flavors and textures."

Food from page B1

France. The wines from the Rhone region have always intrigued me. Maybe it's because they are among the oldest vineyards in France, maybe because they always seem to demand food, lots of it, and always full flavors.

The region produces reds, whites and rose wines of great variety. The red wines are full bodied and robust and range from the single grape varietal Syrah, to the blend-

ing of many grape varietals in the wines of Chateaufort du Pape.

This evening's dinner promises to be a very exciting one. We will be tasting a wide range of wines from this region, and of course, we will pair the wines with some wonderful Rhone inspired cuisine.

The dinner will be 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 25. Call (248) 349-0505 for reservations/information.

Rich Halberg, chef/owner of Emily's Restaurant in Northville lives in Farmington Hills with his family. He has established a reputation as one of Michigan's outstanding chefs. Rick is an extensive traveler, and is known for his fine French inspired Mediterranean and Italian cuisine. Look for his column on the third Sunday of the month in Taste.

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ter. It finishes round, lush, rich and mellow.

■ Bushmills Single Malt \$34 is refined, complex and cork finished. Aging 10 years in American bourbon barrels develops its attractive color and broad spectrum of flavors.

■ Jameson \$20 has floral notes with hints of hazelnut and a distinct oaky component. Mellow flavors are complemented by hints of caramel. Annually, over a million cases of Jameson are sold worldwide.

■ Jameson Special Reserve 1780 \$31 is a 12-year-old with rich color and floral, dried apricot aromas. Flavor complexities are enhanced by the blending

fraction aged in sherry casks. It finishes long and lively.

■ Tullamore Dew \$22 (or in crock \$34) has an attractive golden hue, vanilla aromas and a touch of caramel. Sweet oakiness adds dimension to overall good length.

■ John Power & Son \$15 is the number one selling brand in Ireland. It has husky, brawny characters appealing to those liking rustic elements rather than finesse.

■ Kilbeggan \$14 is an overall lighter-style blended Irish whiskey.

■ Tyrconnel Single Malt \$23.50 is matured principally in

once-fill American bourbon barrels imparting malty and vanilla characters. Dried fruit flavors blend with caramel notes in an attractive finish.

■ Erin Go Bragh \$25, the newest Irish whiskey available in Michigan, is a single malt aged an average of six years in American bourbon and Oloroso sherry casks. Mellow and fruity, its caramel and wood notes last long into the finish.

Look for Focus on Wine on the first and third Sunday of the month in Taste. To leave a voice mail message for the Healds, dial (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1864.

A new spin on corned beef & cabbage

AP - Corned Beef and Cabbage Potato Salad can be made quickly by using prepared corned beef (purchased or leftover), microwave-cooked potatoes and crunchy cabbage. Shredded carrots, sliced green onions and a mustard-dill dressing add seasonal flair to the dish. Pair with rye bread and mustard on the side.

CORNERED BEEF AND CABBAGE POTATO SALAD

4 cups diced cooked potatoes from corned beef and cabbage (about 1-1/3 pounds before cooking)
2 cups diced leftover corned beef
2 cups thinly sliced fresh

green cabbage
1/2 cup sliced green onions with tops
1 medium carrot, shredded
Mustard-Dill Dressing (recipe below)

In large bowl, toss all ingredients to blend thoroughly. Makes 4 main-dish servings.

Mustard-Dill Dressing: In a bowl, whisk 3 tablespoons cider vinegar, 1-1/2 tablespoons grainy mustard, 1 tablespoon dried dill weed, 1/2 teaspoon sugar and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Whisk in 2 tablespoons vegetable oil. Mix in salt, to taste. Makes scant 1/2 cup.

Note: If you do not have leftover corned beef and/or potatoes, cut 1-

1/3 pounds (4 medium) potatoes into 1/2-inch dice. Place in a microwave-safe bowl. Cover bowl, venting one corner; cook on high (100 percent power) for 6 to 7 minutes, just until tender. Purchase about 8 ounces deli corned beef, sliced 1/2 inch thick; cut into 1/2-inch dice.

Note: Microwave cooking times are based on a 700-watt microwave oven. Adjust cooking times to your own oven.

Nutrition facts per serving: 358 cal., 12 g fat, 32 mg chol., 1283 mg sodium, 44 g carbs., 6 g fiber, 20 g pro.

Recipe from: National Potato Promotion Board

Shamrock cookies for St. Patrick's Day

AP - Shamrock Cookies are quick and easy to make, using golden sugar cookie mix.

SHAMROCK COOKIES

1 package (22.3 ounces) golden sugar cookie mix
2/3 cup cocoa
1/3 cup vegetable oil
2 eggs, slightly beaten
1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon water
Shamrock Frosting (recipe below)
Miniature kisses, chocolate baking pieces, optional
Heat oven to 350 degrees

Combine cookie mix and cocoa in a large bowl; stir. Add oil, eggs and water. Mix with spoon or fork until well combined. Dough will clump together and be easy to handle.

Shape dough into balls, using about 1 level measuring teaspoon of dough for each ball. Cluster 4 balls together on ungreased cookie sheet to form shamrock; flatten each "leaf" just slightly. For stem, shape 1 ball into pencil shape. Tuck stem under bottom of shamrock leaves.

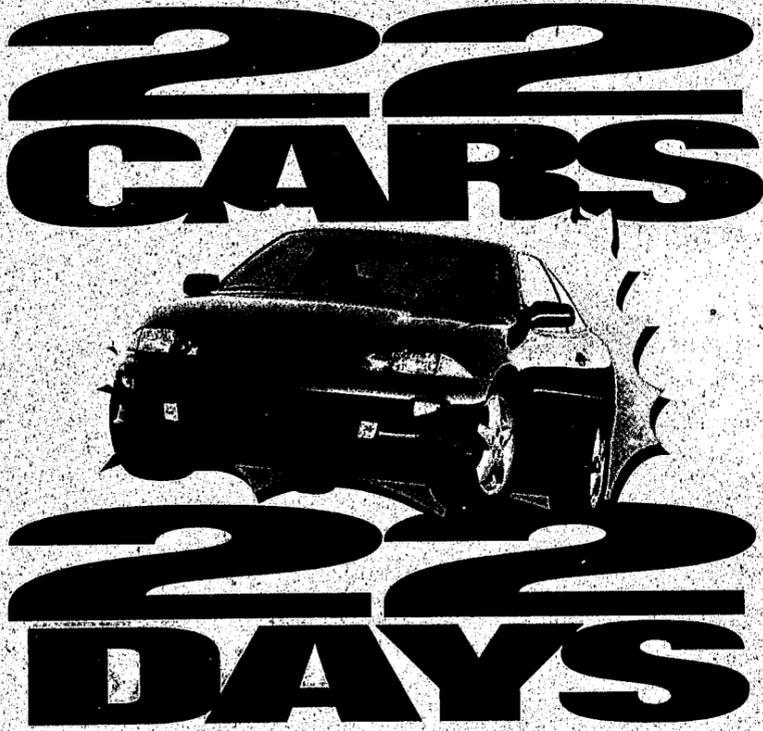
Bake 7 to 8 minutes or until set. Cool slightly; remove from cookie sheet to wire rack. Cool completely. Outline shamrock and stem

with Shamrock Frosting. If desired, place a small amount of pressed miniature chocolate kiss in center. Makes about 30 cookies.

SHAMROCK FROSTING

1 tablespoon butter or margarine, softened
1 cup powdered sugar
1 tablespoon hot milk or light cream
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 or 3 drops green food color
Mix ingredients well until smooth.

Recipe from: Hershey's Cocoa



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CONVERSATIONS



FRANK PROVENZANO

Redmonds train follows new track

On a bitterly cold March morning, the CSX train steams southward, away from Elaine and Eve Redmond's Clique Gallery in Royal Oak. On some days, the Amtrak train races by faster than sand through a sieve. There's a daunting proximity to the track. So close that the sound of churning steel wheels slices through your ears, and the floor shudders like a southern California spasm.

Your mind tells you that the train will stay on the track. Your heart tells you to run.

Elaine Redmond doesn't flinch. "You get used to it," she said.

"Maybe."

For today, there's a feeling that no one really knows where another set of tracks lead.

In mid April, the Beverly Hills residents will be packing up and getting on a train moving in a new direction when they close the doors at their gallery.

The decision to close wasn't based on bottom-line realities.

For the record, the Redmonds were above breaking even.

The gallery will close because familial obligation requires it.

Two months ago, Elaine Redmond's mother died. Her 86-year-old father was now alone.

As an only child, the responsibility to care for her elderly father fell on her.

"I've done a show for strangers for nearly every six weeks for seven years," said Redmond.

"I love what I do, but there are priorities."

Like taking her father on trips back to his home state of Pennsylvania.

"I'm just looking forward to going on walks with him," she said.

Closing one door. Opening another.

Warm space

The Redmonds have done what many galleries talk about - reaching out to local artists, the community and students.

Their annual "Insect" show and an exhibit featuring works of adult artists inspired by children's artwork have shown innovation and a commitment to arts education.

For another month, mother and daughter will be together. Business partners. Strikingly similar and distinctively different.

Elaine describes the business partnership as "a kaleidoscope and a microscope." A free-association thinking mother, and a business-like daughter.

The walls in the modest 20-by-15-foot space are colored purple, orange and green.

"We didn't want to be elitist," said Elaine. "We wanted a warm space."

How warm?

The thermostat is camouflaged behind a painting. And the storage closet, where art hangs on the walls, is also used as a bathroom.

An "intimate space" is more like it. Their current exhibit, "It's A Wrap," features many of the artists who've shown at the Clique in the last three years.

For the Redmonds, it's a farewell - for now. Local artists will probably see Elaine, every now and then, as a guest curator.

But today, in the distance, another train is on its way. And when the shrill whistle blows, your initial reaction is to seek shelter.

Elaine Redmond smiles. "You'll get used to it."

There's comfort knowing that the train keeps moving.



STAFF PHOTO BY DAN DEAN

Backers: Elaine Redmond, left, and daughter, Eve, will close the doors at their gallery.

ANN ARBOR FILM FESTIVAL

Community embraces truly 'different' films

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Jacki Ochs' "Letters Not About Love" doesn't fit easy classification. The New York filmmaker has won prizes at the Sundance and New York film festivals for her documentary on Agent Orange, "Secret Agent."

But "Letters" is different, more personal and experimental. The kind of film that finds a home in Ann Arbor.

"The Ann Arbor Film Festival has this interesting reputation and my films are particularly tough to situate in the world of spin and niche," Ochs said. "It's consciously different, and the Ann Arbor Film Festival has a reputation for embracing films that are different."

The festival, which begins six days of experimental film screenings Tuesday (see schedule), has been providing a forum for the unusual, the experimental and the personal in filmmaking for 36 years. Such name directors as George Lucas and Brian DePalma showed here early in their careers. Other name entrants include Kenneth Anger, claymation master Will Vinton, Oscar-nominee Gus Van Sant ("Good Will Hunting") and Yoko Ono.

"Sundance has coopted the term independent. They represent independent filmmakers who are not independent," said festival director Vicki Honeyman. "They're supposedly independent of Hollywood movies, but they are making huge films that cost a lot of money. The filmmakers who enter in Ann Arbor are truly independent."

Honeyman said the Ann Arbor is the only film festival dedicated to independent, experimental 16mm film.

"We don't pre-screen on videotape. We get prints. We're looking at the true art, not a facsimile. We're about art, not about producers and glitz," she said.

The Ann Arbor Film Festival was

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24 Girls: In Eva Brzeski's experimental film, she weaves an audition of young girls with the story of a girl that died years ago.



Babushka: (Above) Galina Filippovna represents Russian grandmothers in Jacki Ochs' "Letters Not About Love."



Dictators: Jay Rosenblatt takes an unusual look at 20th century dictators in "Human Remains."

Ann Arbor Film Festival

What: Six day festival of independent, experimental films.

Where: Michigan Theatre, Liberty, Ann Arbor

When: March 17-22. 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 17; 3, 7 and 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 18; 3, 7, 9:30 and 11 p.m. Thursday, March 19; 3, 7, 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 20; 1, 7 and 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 21; Winners screenings, 5, 7 and 9 p.m. Sunday, March 22.

Tickets: \$6 per single ticket or \$10 for an entire evening. Series tickets for the entire week for \$35. Showings at 1, 3 and 11 p.m. are free. On sale at the Michigan Theatre Box Office 45 minutes before showtime. Call (734)995-5356.

EXHIBITION

Painter sees the extraordinary in the ordinary

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
STAFF WRITER

Talk in the art world can be esoteric and high-falutin. In other words, downright boring.

But there's been an ongoing discussion for the last 20 years that resounds with particular relevance during these days of unquestioned reliance on high-tech solutions and rapid-fire video imagery.

The discussion pertains to the contribution of the realist painter Fairfield Porter, whose unassuming portraits, landscapes and still lifes resound in the deep American tradition of Winslow Homer, Thomas Eakins and Edward Hopper.

A modest collection of Porter's paintings, watercolors and drawings from 1949 to 1972 are currently at the Susanne Hilberry Gallery in Birmingham.

While there's been growing interest in Porter's vivid use of color and subtle depictions, there hasn't been many

What: Fairfield Porter, Paintings, Watercolors and Drawings
When: Through Saturday, April 11
Where: Susanne Hilberry Gallery, 555 S. Woodward Avenue, Birmingham, (248) 642-8250
Hours: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; and by appointment

exhibits since his death in 1975. "There isn't a lot of work that's available," said Hilberry, who included Porter's portrait of poet Frank O'Hara in her inaugural gallery exhibit in 1976.

Today, the value of that painting, purchased from Hilberry by the Toledo Art Museum shortly after the opening, has far exceeded the \$200,000 price of 22 years ago.

Since 1976, Hilberry has continued to show a few works of Porter, but she hasn't held an exhibit exclusively featuring Porter since 1980. Largely because, she said, collectors and museums are holding on to Porter's work.

In 1983, a much-anticipated and critically acclaimed retrospective on Porter's work appeared at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts.

The paintings, watercolors and drawings in the current show at the Hilberry Gallery have been collected from the secondary market and the Porter estate, said Hilberry.

The pen and ink drawings appear to be uninspired sketches for paintings, whereas the watercolors uncharacteristically lack Porter's deft touch.

The paintings, however, come closest to demonstrating his sensibility for discovering the extraordinary in the ordinary details of everyday.

Devoid of intellectualization or painterly legerdemain, Porter's subjects are strikingly puritanical in tone: meadows, goldenrods, a vase of flowers, a young girl and her dog, and a young boy eating breakfast.

How you see
What can a painter known as a virtu-



Presence: Fairfield Porter's "Breakfast," circa 1949, reflects a loose impressionistic style, and a distinctive domestic sensibility.

oso colorist teach us about our contemporary quandary? And, what's to learn from Porter's lush landscapes, impressionistic spruces and birches, and depictions of normal domesticity?

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What: Chamber Music Society of Detroit presents the Borodin String Quartet in concert performing a program of Borodin's works. String Quartet Op. 110, No. 1 (March 19, 1998), Op. 109, No. 8 in C Minor, Op. 110, No. 2 (March 22, 1998), Flat Major, Op. 133, No. 4 (March 25, 1998).
When: 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 18.
Where: Orchestra Hall, 37 W. Woodward, Detroit.
Tickets: \$5-\$30. (313) 661-2500, or (248) 833-3700.
Also of note:
Lecture on Shostakovich by music critic John Guinn. When: 7 p.m. Sunday, March 15, at The Community House of Birmingham, 380 S. Bates Boulevard, Birmingham, across from Sham Park and the Baldwin Library. For reservations, call (248) 644-5882.

Quartet captures Shostakovich

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
STAFF WRITER

About the time the Chamber Music Society of Detroit was founded 54 years ago, Dmitri Shostakovich was wearing a hard hat and volunteering to help his countrymen find shelter during the terrorizing siege on Leningrad.

The resolution of the Second World War, and inevitable expansion of the Soviet state, however, did little to quell the rage in the composer's heart. Tyranny, he recognized, wasn't restricted to an invading force.

Despite the Soviet government's insistence on music that served ideological, not solely individual artistic purposes, Shostakovich's music has survived as among the most original and influential of the 20th century.

This Wednesday, the Chamber Music Society of Detroit presents the Borodin Quartet in a program of several of Shostakovich's most intimate and passionate melodic expressions for string quartet.

Russian flavor: The legendary Borodin String Quartet, includes original member Valentin Berlinsky, (far right), who worked closely with composer Dmitri Shostakovich.

Secret dissident

While he wasn't under house arrest or deported as were Sakharov and Solzhenitsyn, Shostakovich was part of a long tradition of resistance inside the former Soviet Union.

In his controversial book, "Testimony," published in 1979, author Solomon Volkov revealed Shostakovich as a secret dissident, infusing his music with nontraditional compositions to "sound like no one else."

The effect often infuriated state officials.

Until his death in 1975, Shostakovich frequently fell in and out of favor with the state ideologues. Although to the west, he often looked like a good communist solidier.

"He suffered at the hands of the communists," said John Guinn, longtime music critic who will give a lecture on Shostakovich today at The Community House in Birmingham.

The tone and startling harmonic progressions of Shostakovich's most distinctive music left Soviet censors per-

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started in 1963 by filmmaker/artist George Manupelli. Honeyman began working with the festival in the 1970s when it was still associated with the University of Michigan. She has been the director of the festival since 1987.

Honeyman operates a hair cutting business in Ann Arbor.

"I run the film festival and the shop simultaneously during the day and screen films at night," she said.

Screening

Every year more than 300 films are screened by a committee to select a group of about 100 films that will be shown at the Michigan Theatre over the course of the festival. The selected films are shown to the public and a three-person awards jury.

This year the jury will award a total of \$12,000 in cash prizes in 18 categories. U-M graduate and

noted Hollywood director Lawrence Kasdan and popular maverick documentary maker Michael Moore have funded awards in their names. The \$2,000 Best of Festival award is funded by the Mosaic Foundation.

Though most of the films are experimental, the festival sets no restrictions on content and has shown narrative and documentary films. Honeyman, who studied film at U-M, said there are no discernible trends.

"Every year we have a new batch of films - new ideas, images, technical advances," she said. "Last year there were a lot of films dealing with self-mutilation, but that's not a trend. But the work is wonderful."

Lately many films have used archival footage.

San Francisco filmmaker Jay Rosenblatt used archival footage for his 30-minute movie on dictators.

"I was working on another film when I came upon an image of Hitler eating and it unnerved me, disturbed me. I had only thought of him as a monster, only seen him doing evil," Rosenblatt said.

Rosenblatt sought out similar pictures and film footage of other notorious figures (Stalin, Mussolini, Franco and Mao).

"I tried to uncover the personal details about the others, show them as people and confront the audience with the nature of evil," he said.

This will be the eighth film Rosenblatt has shown at the Ann Arbor festival. His last film shown, "The Smell of Ants," received the grand prize, and he was a judge three years ago.

"Lately, I've been doing more collage, old footage, manipulating and recontextualizing," Rosenblatt said. "One thing that appeals to me is the control, even though I had help, a lot of it

was done on my own. I like taking footage meant to be used or seen in a certain way and changing it, subverting it."

Ochs' "Letters" is also meant to be subversive. She arranged a correspondence between American poet, essayist and translator Lyn Hejinian and Russian poet Arkadii Dragomoshchenko from 1989 to 1993. The two had met at an artists conference in 1983 but did not meet during the period of the film. Ochs combines archival footage with new footage and uses actors Lili Taylor and Victor Nord to read the letters.

Words theme

Ochs used words as a theme for each letter, exploring the cultural differences inherent in language.

"It's a many layered film. It's a gorgeous film, exquisite, made up of documentary footage,

archival footage and home movies...." Ochs said. "It was very challenging, the most challenging thing I've tried to do. It was a struggle, but it evolved into a mesmerizing piece. Part of the reason it works is that it's not literal. You're not always watching what you're listening to. It toys with the inside of your head."

Eva Ilona Brzeski's "24 Girls" also toys with your head.

"I had written this story, 'Lynnie Moore Died,' about a girl I knew in the fourth grade," she said from her home in New York City. "I got this idea of having 24 girls come out and audition for me. They didn't know what they were auditioning for and neither did I. I got the idea of weaving this together with the story of this girl that died."

The girl's death had a strong impact on Brzeski as it was the

first person she had ever known who had died.

Brzeski, like Ochs had started out making documentaries after studying at Stanford.

"I thought I'd be making straight forward documentaries, but I was inspired by those around me and started to do more narrative and experimental films."

These three films were invited for submission. The other films that will be exhibited were announced after press deadline on Friday.

But they will all have the mark of individuality and the spark of an original idea.

Even Vicki Honeyman, who says she doesn't make films, sometimes gets the urge.

"We used to have this Bolex camera, but it got stolen. I wish we still had it," she said. "I do have this idea for a film I'd like to make down in Florida..."

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plexed, said Guinn.

"The chamber music is where Shostakovich expresses his rage," he said.

But he was also a survivor.

Unknown at the time when Shostakovich was writing "god-awful cantatas to honor the Soviet state," according to Guinn, he was composing his defiant, yet romantic, chamber music.

"He's not overt with his political dissension," said Scott Betz of Troy, board member of the Chamber Music Society.

"There are threads - a certain tension - in his music where he's thumbing his nose."

Betz in association with the Jewish Community Center has arranged for a local group of Russian émigrés to attend the concert.

"Composers have always written about their feelings for their homeland," said Betz.

"What's special about Shostakovich is that his music is open to a variety of interpretations."

Perhaps those with first-hand experience of the repressive Soviet system can best determine if Shostakovich was a political puppet or a heroic nonconformist.

Appropriately, the answer lies in an ethereal place - the music.

Universal language

In a century filled with world wars, political ideology and defiance to repressive regimes, Shostakovich's symphonies, chamber music, operas and film scores offer an auditory

metaphor for the 20th-century's political disharmony.

Apparently, finding a subtle melody to translate his frustration and opposition to Soviet rule is simply an argument for music as a universal language.

"Anyone who's ever felt repressed can relate to Shostakovich," said Lois Beznos of Franklin, president of the Chamber Music Society.

"The Borodin is preeminently known for their warm, rich Russian sound and their interpreta-

tion of Shostakovich."

Indeed, it's widely acknowledged that few other chamber groups in the world have captured Shostakovich as the Borodin Quartet, established in 1943 and formerly composed of members of the Moscow Philharmonic.

One member, cellist Valentin Berlinsky, studied and later played with Shostakovich.

Four years ago, the legendary quartet came to Ann Arbor to perform an all Shostakovich pro-

gram.

The five-night performance at Rackham Auditorium was part of the highly acclaimed Shostakovich Month, which featured concerts, lectures and exhibits. The celebration was sponsored by the Center for Russian and East European Studies.

Along with their expansive recordings of Shostakovich, the Borodin Quartet has recorded Beethoven, Brahms, Ravel, Dvorak and Tchaikovsky.

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Basically, the lesson is this: it's not what you see, but how you see it.

Or as Porter put it: "The important thing to remember is the subject matter in abstract painting and the abstraction in representational work."

In contrast to Hopper's melan-

cholic urban landscapes and desolate characters, Porter considers the intimate domestic details that reflect a larger culture.

While many of Porter's contemporaries followed along with the trends in abstract expressionism, pop art and deconstructionism, he sought a more tradi-

tional path.

Despite the prevailing trends, for three decades Porter showed a more conservative sensibility that owes less to modernism, and more to 19th-century impressionism.

Yet his subjects unquestionably represents life in the mid-

to-late 20th century.

Borrowing from French painter Edouard Vuillard's intimate evocations of family life, Porter dissects domesticity with a kaleidoscope.

Ironically, his style may be more influenced by abstract expressionist painter Willem de

Kooning.

Like de Kooning, Porter believed that a painting could be a subject unto itself. It could, he hoped, get people to look more closely at their lives.

As we float in an existential abyss known as cyberspace, Porter's work presents a timely

reminder about an American truism: there's always more than meets the eye.

Intellectualizations and technology are only a means. The subject of art is invariably about place and time.

And a thing called "presence."

ART BEAT

VOLUNTEER AWARDS BRUNCH

Volunteers can expect to be entertained when they attend the Volunteer Awards Brunch 10 a.m. Saturday, March 21 at Oakland University's Meadow Brook Hall.

Lecturer John Cameron will present "Meadow Brook Hall: Tudor-Revival Architecture and Decoration," a slide exhibit.

Thirty five volunteers will receive awards for their service to Meadow Brook Hall, formerly the home of OU's founders, Alfred and Matilda Dodge Wil-

son. The self-funded 100-room auto-baron mansion is open year-round for public tours, events and rentals.

Volunteers who'll receive awards include: Harriet Schmidt of Birmingham; Joyce Hancock of Bloomfield Hills; Marilyn Brooks, Geneva Campbell, Mary Cichowski, Shirley Holt, Winifred Roberts, William Cichowski, Robert Line, Glenna Long, Linda Price, Nada Smith and Robert Toje of Rochester Hills; Mary and Walt Scutt of Rochester; and Mary Kaunert of

Troy.

For information about becoming a Meadow Brook Hall volunteer, call Irene Connors at (248) 370-3140.

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The Doll Hospital & Toy Soldier Shop in Berkley is displaying through March, "Little Women Throughout the Years."

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A question and answer session will be held 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, March 21.

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NEW RADIO PROGRAM

"Spotlight on Musicals," a program of classic songs from musicals airs 4-5 p.m. Fridays on WPON-AM (1460).

The program is hosted by Rochelle Rosenthal, an actor who studied and performed musical theater in New York. Since returning to metro Detroit, Rosenthal has performed in productions with the Michigan Opera Theatre, Attic Theatre and JET in West Bloomfield.

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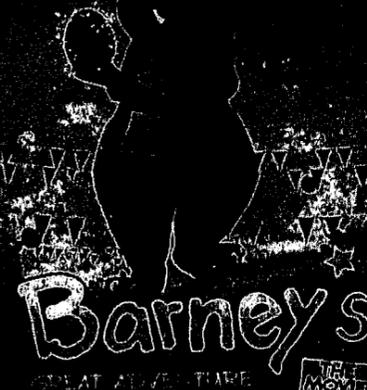
The Museum of Contemporary Art in Pontiac will make available its gallery space to any artist for its upcoming "Documenta USA" exhibit, billed as a moment of "Warhol fame."

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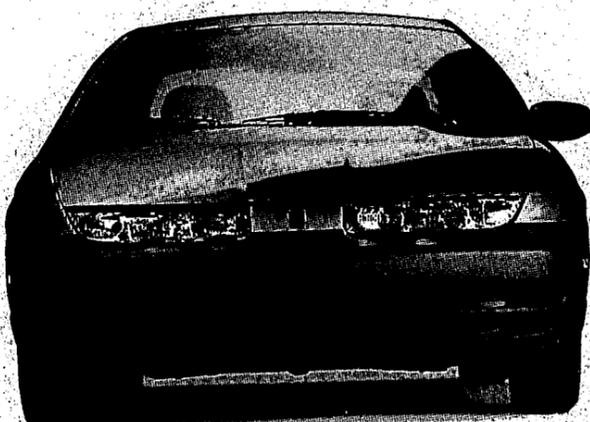
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Wolves get 3 through to 2nd day

BY BRAD KADRICH
SPORTS EDITOR

And then there were three. Clarkston wrestlers Ryan L'Amoreaux, A.J. Grant and Pat DeGain were all still alive after the first day of action at the Division I state individual wrestling tournament at Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena.

Grant and DeGain, both unbeaten going in, kept their winning streaks alive by reaching the tournament semifinals with relatively easy wins. Grant is now 48-0, while DeGain upped his record to 39-0 by winning his first two matches Friday.

L'Amoreaux, wrestling at 103 pounds, won two of three matches, pushing his record to 28-4 and keeping alive his hopes for a bronze medal.

The tournament concluded Saturday, but results were not yet available at press time.

Grant, who finished third at 103 pounds last year, breezed into the semifinals at 112 pounds. He pounded Vince Gervais of Grand Haven, a 29-12 junior, 9-0 in the opening match. The Clarkston junior, who finished 50-1 last year, then handed a technical fall defeat to Ryan Nowitzke of Monroe in the second round.

DeGain's path to the semifinals was a little tougher. He beat John Abshire of Detroit Catholic Central 14-5 in the first round, then beat Jason Popham of Warren Mott 8-7. Popham came into the match 39-1.

L'Amoreaux, who qualified for state last year but did not medal, beat Vikas Patel of Troy, 8-3, in the first round. He then suffered a 13-11 loss to Eric Nowitzke of Monroe in the second round, and beat Andy Coleman easily, 11-1, to stay alive in the wrestle-back. Coleman, a sophomore at Grand Rapids Forest Hills, entered the match at 42-5.

Clarkston's other two state qualifiers, 119-pound Ryan McAleer and 215-pound Ryan "Bubba" Clement, were both knocked out in the first two rounds. McAleer lost to Justin Bronkema of Temperance Bedford 13-7 in the first round, then fell to Scott Szczepanek of Grand Haven, 7-0, in his second match.

Clement lost to John Losier of Warren Mott 14-7 and was pinned in 5:29 by Nick Vandenberg of Rockford.

Cagers roll Romeo for district title



Scoop and score: Clarkston's Angelo Taylor soars through the lane, despite a hand to the head, to score two of his game-high 18 points in the Wolves' 75-33 win in the district semifinal win over Lake Orion Wednesday.

Clarkston turned a foregone conclusion into reality by winning a district title Friday, and now faces a rematch with Pontiac Central, one of only two teams to beat the Wolves this season.

BY BRAD KADRICH
SPORTS EDITOR

Many teams have tried to stop Clarkston by playing a box-and-one defense, putting one defensive player on senior guard Dane Fife and zoning the other four.

It didn't work often as the Wolves posted an 18-2 regular season.

It didn't work for Romeo Friday, either. Fife, the leading candidate for Mr. Basketball, poured in 26 points, including the first eight Clarkston points, and the Wolves went on to rout the Bulldogs, 62-44, in a Class A district championship game at Lake Orion High School.

The win earned the Wolves (20-2) a date with Pontiac Central in the regional semifinal at Macomb Dakota High School Tuesday in Clinton Township. The Chiefs won their district title by pounding Rochester Adams, 90-56, Friday. The Chiefs handed Clarkston its first loss of the season Dec. 18.

"I don't think we were playing all that well offensively," Clarkston coach Dan Fife said. "But defensively, we kept up the intensity."

The Wolves pride themselves on defense and, after struggling in the opening minutes, they put it on display to wipe out Romeo's only lead and take control of the game.

With the Bulldogs up 9-3 with 3:15 left in the first, Fife drained a 3-pointer. He then picked off an errant Romeo pass and scored and, after another Clarkston steal, Justin Dionne hit a 3-pointer of his own to give the Wolves their first lead, 11-8.

They never looked back. Romeo turned it over again on its next possession and Fife hit a 12-foot jumper. Romeo's Sean Bothwell then missed a 3-pointer, but Dionne hit one at the other end to complete a 13-0 run that left the Wolves well on their way.

Clarkston had its biggest lead of the half, 26-12, after Fife converted a three-point play with 3:41 remaining in the second quarter. The Bulldogs did outscore Clarkston 7-2 in the final 1:34 to cut the Wolves' halftime lead to 30-22.

But Fife hit forward Angelo Taylor with an alley oop for a thunderous dunk to start the third quarter, and Clarkston turned it into a 15-5 spurt that put the game away. Taylor, who also got a fourth-quarter dunk and swatted three Romeo shots, scored nine points in the outburst, his best offensive stretch of

the game. "I think my (outside shot) opens it up for Dane," said Maitrott, who dealt the knockout 3-pointer in a win over Detroit Central earlier this season. "People concentrate so much on Dane and Angelo, if I'm hitting it makes it easier on them."

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The Rematch

What: Class A regional semifinal game against Pontiac Central.

When: March 18, 7 p.m., at Macomb Dakota High School in Clinton Township.

History: Pontiac Central handed the Wolves their first loss of the season in a Dec. 18 clash in Pontiac.

What they're saying: "They've got as good a bunch of talent as anyone in the state," said Clarkston coach Dan Fife. "We're excited about playing them. These are the kinds of games you play for."

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Three Amigos

Wolves make good role players

BY BRAD KADRICH
SPORTS EDITOR

With the college-bound star guard and the powerful transfer-student forward leading the way, the Clarkston Wolves have put together a 20-2 record that has had them ranked in the top 20 in the state all season.

But there are people who watch the Wolves basketball program who would like you to know. Dane Fife and Angelo Taylor haven't done it all by themselves, thank you very much.

And they'd be right. With a convincing win over Romeo in the district final Friday, the Wolves have themselves poised for a run deep into the state playoffs. And Clarkston's own version of the "Three Amigos" is largely responsible for the success the Wolves have enjoyed this season.

Senior guards Mike Maitrott and Dan Neubeck and senior forward/center Justin Dionne might not be atop the list in any statistical categories, but their efforts as complements to Fife and Taylor are all-important.

"We have something special here because the kids buy into the system and they play over what even they think they can do," said Clarkston coach Dan



I know I'm not a big scorer, but I don't need to be for us to win. Everyone is a key player in their role.

Dan Neubeck

Fife. "If players don't make sacrifices, we don't have a chance to beat people. Those three kids really understand what we're trying to do."

What they're trying to do is win games, and they're doing it as well as any program in the area. And part of that success is the Fife system: find someone to lead your program, then plug in all the right integral parts. For instance, a few years ago Fife's

son Jeremy was the man on the team, but he had a player like Tim Wasilk at his side.

This year, Maitrott, Neubeck and Dionne have been those cogs, and all are equally important. Maitrott gives the Wolves another outside shooter, someone to take the offensive heat off Dane Fife. When teams collapse on the future Mr. Basketball, Maitrott can "burn them" quickly. With Lake Orion paying close attention to Fife in the district semifinal, Maitrott made them pay with several 3-pointers. When the Dragons had to pay some attention to Maitrott, it opened things up for Fife, who finished with 17 points.

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State run ends for icers

BY MIKE SCOTT
SPECIAL WRITER

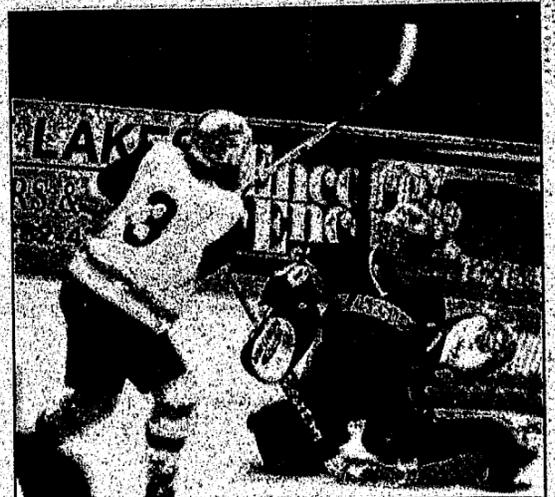
Clarkston may have been eliminated in the Class A hockey quarterfinals on Wednesday, but in the process the Wolves served notice for next season.

Experience and goaltending led Grosse Pointe South to a 4-1 victory over Clarkston, putting the third-ranked Blue Devils (25-3-1) in the state semifinals. But make not mistake about it, the Wolves had plenty of chances.

Clarkston proved it can compete in a low-scoring, tight-checking game against top competition. In fact, the Wolves (19-8-1) outshot South for the game, 25-19. Most of the Blue Devils' shots came while on the power play.

"The kids put together a great effort," said Clarkston head coach Rick Rowden. "The breaks went their way and I think the experience made a difference."

The Wolves began the game by controlling the puck in the Grosse Pointe South zone for the first few minutes. But Clarkston turned the puck over in their own zone midway through the period and Charlie Braun beat Wolves goalie Steve Badger at the 6:54 mark



Stone cold: Clarkston goalie Steve Badger stops Grosse Pointe South's Charlie Braun, but he couldn't stop the Blue Devils, who beat the Wolves 4-1 in a state quarterfinal hockey game.

on South's first shot on goal. The Blue Devils took a 2-0 lead midway through the second period on a freak play. As Clarkston's Tom Newman went to pick up his man defen-

sively, the puck was sent in front of Badger, bounced off Newman's skate and into the open net for a 2-0 lead.

Although Clarkston contin-

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used to play hard and outworked their opponents in the third period, the second goal gave South control of the game and may have deflated the Wolves' enthusiasm a bit.

"That was a back-breaker," said assistant coach Glenn MacDonald. "The first six minutes of the game were played in their end, but we couldn't convert. Still the kids didn't let themselves get down."

Clarkston trailed 3-0 after two periods but continued to pressure the Blue Devils' zone. Ryan Peters, the only senior among the regular rotation, fittingly scored the lone Clarkston goal midway through the third period as he tipped the puck past South goalie J.C. Tippetts. Bill Kalush and Steve Janowiak assisted on the goal.

Even though Grosse Pointe South was outshot for the game, the Devils did a good job of covering up in front of Tippetts, particularly when the senior goalie gave up generous rebounds.

"If we could have crashed the net better, perhaps we could've scored a bit more," MacDonald said. "They kept us away from the net and covered very well."

Scoring first was an advantage for South, particularly when taking into consideration the Blue Devils are a senior-dominated team, while the Wolves play seven sophomores and three freshmen on a regular basis.

"In a big game like that, it always helps to score first," said Rowden. "We knew we could play with the best of them and this year we made another step. We'll have a little more maturity next year and hopefully we can take a few more steps."

As a result of this year's success, expectations will rise for the Wolves in 1998-99, Peters is

the only major loss to graduation and Clarkston returns all four starting defensemen, and both of their goalies with Badger and Pat Cook. Clarkston also benefited from having a difficult schedule this season, with losses coming to such teams as Royal Oak, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook and Port Huron Northern.

"If you look at those teams, they were very talented and they were loaded with seniors," Rowden said.

But expectations have been high since Clarkston High School started its hockey program nearly three years ago. During the first two seasons of varsity play, the Wolves learned how to play together and next year will have a strong base of upperclassmen to build on.

The four players who will return as seniors next season — Adam Leech, Bret Postal, D.J. Thomas and Ron Wells — will be counted on for leadership, but that shouldn't be a problem, according to Rowden, because they had played that role this year.

"That's going to be their year to do something special," he said. "I'm sure it will be a motivating factor."

Still, the Wolves will miss the services of Peters, who was one of the top all-around players in the area this year. As a center, he was one of the squad's top checkers. Peters also set the tone for the rest of the Clarkston team by playing solid defense from a forward position.

"Our forwards started coming back a lot better on defense late in the season and I don't think we allowed hardly any good scoring opportunities at all in the (state) playoffs," said Rowden.

MacDonald expects Peters to play junior hockey next season

and called him the "catalyst" for the team.

"He was a big center to have up the middle who could really put anybody on you," he said. "He and Adam (Leech) worked really well together on their line."

The Wolves will be involved in a summer league beginning in June at Lindell Ice Arena in Royal Oak. Although a number of talented and traditionally powerful teams such as Flint Powers, Livonia, Stevenson and Birmingham Brother Rice will be participating in the league, the focus will not be on the opposition but on developing younger players and an overall team concept.

MacDonald called it an "instructional league" saying every member of the varsity squad, including some of next year's incoming freshmen, will receive equal ice time. All team members will have the opportunity to play on the power play and shorthanded, and most times, the score is not even recorded.

"It's a real relaxed atmosphere," MacDonald said. "It keeps the kids working together and we get an idea of which lines play well with each other. Plus, our kids get to meet guys on the other teams and it helps with sportsmanship. At Clarkston, we consider that to be a very important (trait)."

Rowden is excited about the personnel he has returning, but stresses continued improvement is needed if the Wolves are to win a league championship and make a run even deeper into the playoffs.

"I think our guys will be more confident with the game plan," he said. "Plus we will be one of the more experienced teams."

Oxford gets 3 through in mat tourney

BY BRAD KADRICH
SPORTS EDITOR

The Oxford Wildcats, who to this point in time had just one state qualifier in coach Paul McDevitt's first three years, advanced three of five wrestlers through to the second day of competition at the Division II state wrestling meet at Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena Friday.

The performances assured the Wildcats of at least three medals.

Freshman Charlis Myer, wrestling in his first state meet, reached the semifinals with a pair of hard-fought victories, earning himself a spot in the semifinals at 103 pounds.

And senior veteran Aaron Curtis, wrestling in his second consecutive state meet, set himself

up for a possible state title at 130 pounds by winning his first two matches of the day Friday.

Also bringing a medal back to Oxford is heavyweight Eric Ghiaciuc, who did it the hard way by losing his first match.

Two other Oxford wrestlers — 119-pound Alan Willfong and 215-pound Preston Phelps, didn't medal in their first trips to the state meet.

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7, is Clarkston's best outside passer and one of the team's top rebounders. That's different from last year, when, without Taylor's presence, Dionne was forced to play inside.

This year, Fife has moved him outside, where he can take advantage of Dionne's special capabilities. He doesn't score much, but downplays the need for it.

"Players on other teams worry more about offense than we (Dionne, Maitrott and Neubeck) do," Dionne pointed out. "We know if we play defense, we're going to play."

Neubeck may have the team's most important role — defensive sparkplug. He is at or near the top of the team in assists, and he leads the team in steals and in frustrated opponents. If that's the case, Neubeck said, he's doing his job.

"My job is to take care of the ball, get everyone else open shots and play defense," Neubeck said. "I know I'm not a big scorer, but I don't need to be for us to win. Everyone is a key player in their role. That's what makes a good team. Teams that don't know their roles are out there to prove something to themselves. Everyone on our team knows his role."

Fife said that kind of attitude is what endears his players to him. Dionne and Maitrott are having superb seasons, but Neubeck best personifies "Clarkston basketball."

"As much as anyone, Danny defines what Clarkston basketball is all about," Fife said. "He sets the tone of how we're going to play. For us, he's a tremendous player."



Key player: Mike Maitrott's outside touch has helped take some of the heat off Clarkston's Dane Fife this season.

"That's the key, according to Fife."

who fit that mold," the coach said. "These are the kinds of kids who never quit and never stop. That's what we have to get to

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.

SPORTS SCENE

The teams will compete in league play and both in- and out-of-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 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.

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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 p.m.

■ 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 p.m.

■ 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

The Bloomfield Bombers North Oakland Baseball Federation baseball team is conducting tryouts for 10-year-olds. Players cannot be 11 years old before Aug. 1. Serious players only should call George Lekas, (248) 641-8097 after 7 p.m.

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the night.

But it was the Clarkston defense that got it all going.

"When we play good defense, our offense comes to us," said Dan Neubeck, a pesky senior guard who sets Clarkston's defensive tempo. "At the beginning, we weren't playing defense all that well, and I think that's why our offense struggled. Our defense usually sparks our offense."

Fife finished with 26 points, including a pair of 3-pointers. Taylor finished with a mostly-quiet 15 points, including the two dunks, while Dionne scored eight points, including two 3-pointers.

Dan Fife was happy to get the win, and downplayed the possibility the Wolves were looking ahead to the Chiefs in a possible regional matchup Tuesday. He pointed to the many upsets in

the first round of the NCAA basketball tournament for proof any team can win on any given night.

"There's a reason the word 'upset' was invented," Fife said with a relieved chuckle. "Everyone said we were supposed to win (Friday), but you still have to go out there and win it. We knew Romeo is always a competitive team."

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New gym like night and day

A few weeks back, I was assigned to cover a girls volleyball match between visiting Birmingham Seaholm and Lake Orion. Just the average Monday night out covering a prep contest in Oakland County — or so I thought.



DAN STICKRAD

Upon my arrival, I quickly realized that the teams, coaches, officials, and parents were nowhere to be found.

The old gym was dark and full of silence, and outside there were just a few cars scattered here and there. I was wondering if the game was canceled or switched to Birmingham?

Then it dawned on me to check at the new high school just down the street. Five minutes later, the only thing I could mutter under my breath when flashing my press credentials was — Wow!

One month later

The new "Dragons Den" Field House at the new Lake Orion High School is simply amazing. I'm sure absolutely phenomenal also fits the description. It seems like the facilities there are more suitable for a small college than a Class A high school. And compared to the old gym, it really is a night and day comparison.

During the past decade, there have been a handful of new gymnasiums and field houses erected in Oakland and Macomb counties that are worth mentioning.

South Lyon and Troy both moved their student bodies into new high schools back in 1991 and 1992, respectively, with their new athletic facilities receiving very high reviews. Macomb Dakota High School north of Mount Clemens opened its doors for the 1994-95 school year and its new gymnasium has also topped the charts as one of the best in Metropolitan Detroit. Novi High School also has a new field house that opened three years ago that is worthy of praise.

But, in all honesty, the Dragons Den is the cream of the crop. And anybody that has seen a game there in the past month understands why.

The place to be

So far this winter, Lake Orion has already hosted a Class A boys basketball and a Class A girls volleyball district.

The volleyball district had two courts going at once with so much extra space around, they could have set up a third court if needed. And for the convenience of the crowd, the nets were torn down and reassembled at center court for the district final. Most gymnasiums around here do not have, or barely have, enough space for two courts — let alone three.

As for the basketball district, nearly 3,000 fans attended a semifinal game featuring Lake Orion and Clarkston this past Wednesday and there was still room for a couple hundred more fans if needed be. That's 3,000 people. Is there another high school in Oakland County that can currently seat this many people?

Behind the scenes

One of the many noticeable things about the new field house is the oval track that rooms around the upper reaches. Another notable is the new auxiliary gym that's nestled behind the bleachers on the east end. But there is so much more behind the scenes that impress, especially if you knew what was available at the old high school — and what many high schools in the area are forced to use.

The locker rooms for student athletes are spacious and nearly double the size of the old. To add to that, however, there are locker rooms for coaches — and officials — to go along with a coaches office where virtually every sport can have its own desk for its coaching staff. Is there another school in the area that can compare? I'm sure its few and far between.

Traveling down one of the many corridors, you can also find state-of-the-art weight room with the training room as its neighbor. The new Olympic-sized pool and all its facilities will also be right down the hall, when it is finally completed later this school year.

A Media Palace

From a reporters point of view, there are not too many places that I enjoy watching a game more than in Lake Orion's field house. The reasons? Well, there are plenty.

For one, the seats are quite comfortable. Sure, anything beats sitting on those old wooden bleachers. But the green, hard plastic seats at Lake Orion really are comfortable. You Don't need to stand up and give your tailbone a break after five minutes here.

The space around you also makes for a more enjoyable evening. There isn't that guy with three young kids packed against you like sardines, bumping your arm and spilling popcorn in your hair when your trying to jot down the jersey number of the kid who just threw down the one-handed dunk. Plenty of room for everybody.

From a photographer's point of view, I've already heard how nice it is to snap pictures in "such a bright gym with white walls". I'm sure it beats being crowded in the same corner with two other photographers in a gym that has a strange yellow tint.

Need to send your story over the wire? There are plenty of places to plug in your laptop as well.

Oh, the convenience of this place. It's spoiling us.

What the future holds

The Lake Orion Athletic Department is already discussing the possibility of hosting several other state tournament games in its new facilities in upcoming school years — girls basketball districts and the Oakland County wrestling meet to name a few. Plus, with the new pool scheduled to open late this spring or in the summer, expect the Dragons to host some swimming invitational or diving regionals as well.

The new athletic facilities at Lake Orion are definitely something to write home to mom about — and the community of Lake Orion should want to show it all off. I'm sure other schools in the area wouldn't mind coming to Lake Orion for competition.

Now, with Clarkston scheduled to open a new high school with similar athletic facilities next year, and with a new field house currently being erected at Auburn Hills Avondale, Lake Orion might have company of boasting the top field house and athletic facilities in the county. But for the time being, it is number one with a bullet.

Are there any arguments?



Ernie Harwell

Baseball Hall of Fame announcer

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Outdoor Calendar

ACTIVITIES

WHAT'S IN DAVE'S PACK

Dave Tate, a veteran backpacker, alpine skier and outdoor photographer and an Eagle Scout will present a clinic on back country must haves and everyday backpacking necessities during this program, which begins at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 19, at REI in Northville. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

SPRING WALK

Bill Graig will lead a spring walk beginning at noon on Saturday, March 21, at the William P. Holliday Nature Preserve in Westland. Participants should meet at the parking lot at Newburg Road, north of Warren. Call (313) 522-8547 for more information.

LIFE LINKS

Learn about some of the fascinating connections between plants and animals and their habitats during this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 28, at U-M Dearborn. Call (313) 593-5338 for more information.

LAND NAVIGATION

The School of Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR) presents a class on land navigation on Saturday, March 28, at the Waterloo Recreation Area. Call Linda Burke at (248) 471-9185 for more information.

ARCHERY

JUNIOR OLYMPICS

The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (810) 623-0444 for more information.

JUNIOR ARCHERS

A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. Saturdays at Detroit Archers in West-Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

CLASSES

HUNTER EDUCATION

Wayne County Sportsmen's Club will hold several hunter education classes in the upcoming months at its clubhouse and grounds in Romulus. These classes will be taught by certified instructors. Students must be present for both days of their respective class. All equipment will be provided. Classes will be offered March 28-29, Aug. 29-30, Oct. 3-4, Oct. 17-18 and Nov. 7-8. Cost is \$10.50 and includes lunch both days. To pre-register call (313) 532-0285.

YOUTH FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club will hold a Youth Fly Fishing School, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at the Walled Lake Outdoor Education Center. The school is open to youths age seven to 15 accompanied by a parent or adult guardian. Admission is \$5 and includes pizza, donuts, pop and hot chocolate. Call Dale Ross (734) 420-2233 or Tony Yuhus (248) 478-7461 to register and for more information.

CLUBS

SOLAR

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

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

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

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

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

FOUR SEASONS

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

FISHING BUDDYS

Fishing Buddys Fishing Club meets monthly in Rochester Hills. The meetings are open to all anglers. Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

CLINTON VALLEY BASS

Clinton Valley Bass Anglers is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information.

BASS ASSOCIATION

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for more information.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS

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

STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS

Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (810) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767.

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By Anne Fracassa
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I put 9 bucks into the tank of the Ford F-150 Super Cab 4x4 because I knew I had to get to the airport and back that evening and only had a quarter tank.

Mind you, I'm not driving from Flint or Houghton Lake to Metro Airport. Just from southern Macomb County to the airport and back. What's that? Maybe about 65-75 miles, roundtrip?

I turned the corner at Southfield Road at I-96 on the way back and the "gas low" light flickered on the instrument panel. I shook my head.

Sure was expensive trip to the airport. Shouldn't have volunteered my services. Shoulda made him take a cab home.

But mileage, economy isn't the only issue on the F-150. It's also my wide-eyed stare at the bottom line price: \$33,795.

And the surprising part of all of it is that I can't explain it away with leather seating, plush carpeting, Eddie Bauer trim level, bedliner or better-than-normal comfort, ride and handling.

I'm sorry, but that's a lot of money for a pickup truck.

Now that it's off my chest, I can get down to the real business of this truck, which is the best-selling pickup in America right now. Has been, by the way, for a good number of years.

Don't get me wrong. I do like the F-150. This is a solid truck that really looks at home on a construction site. Yet it's the type of truck that can look fine driving up to an expensive restaurant's valet window.



The Ford F-150 is the best-selling pickup in America right now. This F-150 looks at home on a construction site or driving up to an expensive restaurant's valet window.

The F-150 Super Cab had the third door — on the passenger side, however. The door was light enough to handle, too. Becca, my 4-year-old, could open and close it on her own. The door wouldn't be a lot more convenient on the driver's side, though.

The Super Cab had, of course, a full bench seat. There was enough room back there to fit three adults and there were belts for everyone. Three kids would be mighty comfortable back there. Even with my two, a week's worth of groceries fit back there nicely.

The 5.4-liter V-8 Triton engine is a dream to drive. Mated to a 4-speed automatic with overdrive, this thing roars to life when you turn the ignition and won't let you down — ever — in heavy traffic, in touring, in highway driving, in snow, mud or heavy rain (which we've had a lot of lately).

One passenger noticed it was a bit noisy. No kidding. Those 235 horses have

to be a bit noisy to tow up to 7,700 pounds. An option is the trailer towing package (\$400), but includes tie down cleats for the 6.5-foot box, front tow hooks, removable tailgate, Class III frame-mounted hitch, heavy-duty electrical/cooling package, heavy-duty shock absorbers and trailer tow wiring.

The 4x4 package and off-road package (around \$1,300) includes the Touch Drive electric shift transfer case. Just a switch of a switch gets you into 4-wheel-drive in a minute.

A further enhancement is the addition of 16-inch tires and wheels as standard equipment. Larger brakes, heavier-duty frame and fully boxed front frame are incorporated for added strength. Options include 4-wheel anti-lock brake system with disc brakes in all four corners and an air-assisted rear load-leveling suspension.

The safety is all there, including dual air bags, a switch to deactivate the pas-

senger-side airbag (thank you), knee bolsters for outboard occupants, shoulder belts for rear outboard seats, head restraints for front driver and passenger, speed-dependent intermittent wipers and side intrusion beams in the front and in the third row.

Just so you know what's on the F-150 I drove: speed control, tilt steering wheel, air conditioning, 5.4-liter engine, 17-inch all-terrain tires, heavy duty alternator, floor mats, cab steps, electronic shift, sliding rear window, trailer towing package, power mirrors, fog lamps, off-road package, 17-inch aluminum wheels, ABS, remote keyless entry, anti-theft, 6-disc CD changer and cloth captain's chairs. That's it.

Have to tell you, I really enjoyed the 6-disc CD changer and the stereo system. First class. The changer is located in the center arm rest/console between the driver

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MARK VIII 1993 - black/black, every available option, low miles, \$14,700. best 734-461-8940 - 313-378-3035

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JOB SEARCH
Note: Last week's Job Search column elicited several letters from concerned readers of our newspapers. The following is George Hayes' response to one of those letters.

Q. Your response to the last question in your column of March 8 was, in my opinion, unacceptable. You stated that "Since we are all flawed, nobody has the right to criticize or demand that leaders act with honor." I have a very different opinion. We should all be concerned for the boss when his actions are not in the best interest of the company. If the leader doesn't care about his conduct, should other employees be concerned about theirs? You speak as if integrity is unimportant in running a business. I suggest that when a supervisor stops caring about the integrity of the organization, he will have certainly stopped caring about the employees and their future.

-M.J. Parkinson, Livonia

A. I was afraid of this. You and I don't have a "very different opinion" about integrity in the workplace (or anywhere else). Rather, we have an identical opinion. My answer was intended to be a satirical jab at the state of affairs in Washington. It was actually written several weeks ago, but was published well after the public's attention had shifted. The timing wasn't good and my attempt at political humor flopped.

Unfortunately, a lot of people did not catch the sarcasm. It's probably testi-

money to my lack of savvy as a pundit. I think the lesson here is that, when you're going to be sarcastic, be really sarcastic.

The fact that some people took it at face value might also suggest something about the moral state of our society. The whole notion that somebody could write something like that and be serious about it would have been absurd several years ago. But I guess it is now conceivable that a writer could actually advocate sub-par behavior and endorse a "look the other way" philosophy regarding leadership.

I'm sorry if the column caused you or other readers any stress. In many of the past issues, I've tried to emphasize my belief in the importance of honesty and hard work. I've even gone so far as to use unfashionable words like dignity, honor and respect. Anyway, you and I are on the same team. I might ask that you re-read last week's column, this time with tongue-in-cheek.

Q. Employers seem concerned that I live so far from the metro area. I've been driving more than an hour one way for years and have never been late. How can I put this issue to rest?

A. Companies often have a legitimate interest in determining how easy or difficult it is for a person to get to work. Proximity is one factor that might help an employer gage the likelihood of a candidate showing up on time, every day. Of course, it matters less in jobs where hours are non-specific or self-determined.

In many occupations, however, it is crucial that employees "make it in" no matter what. Twenty-foot drifts or twenty-mile traffic jams are immaterial. For example, in health care and other industries, some people must be "on call," that is, available to come in

on a moment's notice. Some manufacturing companies run with a lean crew and the absence of a key employee because of bad roads or construction tie-ups could cost thousands. Shift changes and variable overtime requirements might make it seem untenable to live too far away.

I asked a world-class commuter, Ed K., about trying to convince employers that proximity is not an issue. Ed, a manufacturing supervisor, drove from Eaton Rapids to Centerline, a distance of over 100 miles one way, every day for over four years. According to Ed, you should:

- Talk about the drive positively. The first time I interviewed him, Ed spoke enthusiastically about how much he was able to accomplish during those three hours on the road. He talked about gearing up for the day, planning his work by making notes on a tape recorder, and analyzing events on the way home. If you're trying to put an interviewer at ease, avoid tales about falling asleep at the wheel or a close call with a deer.

- Indicate that you always have a Plan B in case something unforeseen happens. Be reassuring. In Ed's case, he had a number of friends in the metro area with whom he could (and sometimes did) stay in the event of a snow storm or if he had to pull a sixteen-hour shift. He would have been happy to provide the names of these people to discuss this bed-and-breakfast arrangement. Also, Ed was quick to point out that he had a brand new truck that started every time he turned the key.

- Marshal your facts regarding attendance and punctuality. Provide letters of recommendation that specifically address these issues. If you claim that living in the hinterlands is no problem, your references should be prepared (I mean you prep them) to honestly support your position. If someone tells that funny story about

the time you slid off the Zilwaukee bridge, you become employment road kill.

It's a little easier to be convincing when you already have a successful history of commuting. But employers are naturally concerned that people who aren't used to a long drive will find it too taxing and quiet. Candidates who initially think that the distance is "no problem" are often surprised by the additional cost in gas, line and repairs. Belatedly, the light bulb goes on: "Gee, I'm spending over eight hours a week just getting to and from work!" And it can get real horrible if you don't fill the time constructively.

Those of us who haul our carcasses in to Gotham everyday would probably agree on a few points. First, you might not ever enjoy the drive, but you might get used to its frustrations. Even if you have the hottest new BMW sports car, you're not going to give it much exercise on I-96 at 7:30 AM because you're going to be stuck behind a guy like me who wants to live forever and usually keeps it down to warp five.

Next, make use of the time. Instead of singing "Start Me Up" with Mick for the 2387th time in your life, or sitting through Roberta's weather update on each and every eight, or yucking it up on cue with Dick's laughing marionettes, try to learn something. In fact, learn something that isn't directly job-related, just for fun. Will you really speak Old Lower Norse fluently after just three tapes? Naw. But it is good exercise for the gray matter and often has a therapeutic effect. Tapes are relatively inexpensive. The library has plenty.

Send questions to George Hayes, JOB SEARCH, P.O. Box 2497, Southfield, MI 48037. Mr. Hayes is president of Emplex Corporation, a consulting firm offering recruiting, testing and outplacement services to U.S. and Canadian manufacturing companies.

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Candidates for this position should be detail oriented, and possess excellent computer skills. 1-2 years customer service experience, strong verbal skills, and the ability to work as part of a team. Interviewing accurately in a fast-paced, deadline-oriented environment.

Nextel Communications offers an excellent salary and complete benefit package plus outstanding growth opportunity for you are ready to start a winning team, please send your resume and salary requirements to: Nextel Communications, 300 Galleria Officecenter, Suite 301, Position AR, Southfield, MI 48034 FAX: 248-357-9467 EOE

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500 Help Wanted General

RADIO INSTALLER
Mobile Communications is looking for an experienced Radio Installer. Pay commensurate with qualifications. Full benefits. Fax: Fred Kahle at 734-427-8400.

RECEPTIONIST
ATTITUDE
Over experience. Up to \$10/hour. 15 positions available. Call Jackie (248) 945-9910.

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IMMEDIATE position available for receptionist in fast paced office. Must have good phone skills. Starting wage \$7.00/hour. Apply at: Blinds and Designers 2908 Anthony Dr., Troy, MI for Maggie (248) 969-3200

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REFRIGERATION TECHNICIAN
Start a career as a technician (mechanic) in the Transport Refrigeration Division. Good training. The company is seeking individuals with good mechanical abilities to join our TEAM. Previous experience in the field is preferred but not required. We will train the right individuals. Excellent benefits including 401K. Send resume to apply in person. McDonald Rent A Truck, 17171 N. Telegraph Rd., Redford, MI 48239

RENTAL AGENTS
NEEDED
For busy car & truck rental agency. Vehicle knowledge helpful, but not necessary. Hourly wage & monthly bonus. Full benefits package including 401k. Apply in person. Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm. to: McDonald Rent A Truck, 17171 N. Telegraph Rd., Redford, MI 48239

REPAIR TECHNICIAN
ACO HARDWARE is accepting applications for repair technician. Must have mechanical ability to repair and rebuild equipment (carpet care machines, sanders etc.). Ability to fit at least 20 lbs. Send resume to: ACO Hardware, ATTN: Personnel/O&E, 23233 Greenfield Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48335-2764. Fax: 248-616-2698.

Research & Development Analyst
Seeking individual to research & enhance internet & PC-based software products & deliver systems. Minimum 1 year computer related experience with a strong interest in technology & strong communication skills. Benefits available. Competitive salary/west coast benefit including health, 401K, pension, auto insurance, & much more! Company is relocating to Northville in 12/98. Send resume to: Research & Development Analyst, P.O. Box 5040, Southfield, MI 48068-5040

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For retail department stores. Full & part-time positions. Monday-Friday. Apply in person. Monday-Friday, between 10am-5:30pm, 8244 Meridian Road, Westland, MI 48186

BILLY BOB'S HIRING AT ROYAL OAK LOCATION
Looking for enthusiastic sales associates, full-time for hourly or commission. Benefits available. Will train. Contact Bob at: (248) 548-0713

Billy Bob's
Rapidly expanding specialty furniture store now hiring enthusiastic retail sales associates. Full-time and part-time positions available. Benefits available. Will train. \$8-\$12/hour. Apply at: ROYAL OAK 248-549-4283 W. BLOOMFIELD 248-609-7101 STERLING HTS. 810-567-7200 WESTLAND 313-467-8280 CLARKSTON 248-620-9303 HOWELL 517-545-4348

Earn \$20-\$40k Selling Beautiful Objects!
Sales Consultants/Managers
Wentworth Gallery, the nation's largest retailer, is looking for exceptional individuals to sell art in an upscale environment. Positions are available in Troy and at the Laurel Park Place in Livonia. We have promotional opportunities for the right candidates. Retailing experience preferred, must be flexible to work retail hours. We provide a comprehensive training program. Full-time and part-time. Apply in person or fax resume to 305-624-2705 or call 1-800-732-6140. EOE

Wentworth Gallery
RETAILER MERCHANDISER
enjoyable part-time work less than 17 hrs per wk. Flexible daytime hours. No prior retail exp. req. Apply in person in the Pontiac area. (248) 356-4815

RETAIL HELP WANTED
Sales and stock. Full and part-time. Valid drivers license required. (248) 852-4130

RETAIL MANAGEMENT
Growing balloon, craft & gift retailer seeking qualified individuals to manage retail stores in Wayne & Oakland Counties. Competitive salary & benefits. Great work environment. Send resume to: Personnel, 10000 Greenfield Ct., Livonia, MI 48150

RETAIL MANAGER
for the Gino's Tire Market at 74-121 Midland. Need team leader with retail management experience. Hours: 9am-6pm. Send resume to: Horizon, P.O. Box 444, Southfield, MI 48037

500 Help Wanted General

Give Your Career A Fill-Up
Clark, one of the county's leading operators of gas stations, is currently seeking individuals for the following positions:
ASSISTANT MANAGERS SALES ASSOCIATES
Previous retail experience is preferred, especially for the manager position, but if you possess a good work ethic and enthusiasm for great customer service, you could use your retail experience to your advantage. Enjoy competitive pay, tuition reimbursement, medical benefits, flexible scheduling, and a friendly working environment. Please apply in person or call:
Clark Gas Stations
31215 W. Warren
Westland, MI 48186
Phone: 313-522-0606
EOE M/F/D/V

STOCK/MAINTENANCE
We currently have an immediate Part-Time stock position available (20 hrs/week) in our Rochester Hills location. Responsibilities include stock maintenance, moving & assembling furniture & helping customers carry purchases to their cars. Good mechanical skills are required.
For immediate consideration, please call or fax resume to: WORKBENCH, 12300 E. Starline, 48307, PH: 810-558-5050; Fax: 810-558-1945; EOE

Service With A Smile
Best buy customers enjoy one of the best selection of electronics, cellular, audio and security systems. And we'll make sure you enjoy providing them with the finest service available.
We'll reward your efforts with good pay, opportunities for advancement and comprehensive benefits including 401K savings, educational assistance, regular performance reviews and generous merchandise discounts.
To apply, call: 1-888-3BESTBUY Westland (see #403) www.bestbuy.com

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The energetic self-starter we're looking for must have at least 8 months of mobile installation experience. Pay & benefits commensurate with experience. (248) 477-7727

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Good mechanical, electrical and instrumentation skills a must. Excellent benefits including 401K, profit sharing, health, dental and paid holidays. Send resume to: Taylor Freezer of Michigan, 13341 Stark Rd., Livonia, MI 48150

SHIPPING/RECEIVING
Northwest suburban distributor seeks a full-time shipping clerk. Hours: 8:00 AM to 6:30 PM Monday-Friday. Accuracy, neatness and dependability a must. Good working conditions and benefits. Send resume to: Shipping/Receiving, Zatkoff Seals & Packings, Farmington, MI 48324-0486. We promote a drug-free environment. Substance abuse testing is part of the pre-employment process. EOE

ROUTE DRIVER
Royal Oak based vending company is looking for responsible, organized and maintain driving machines in metro Detroit area. Good attendance record. Benefits include medical, dental, life insurance, 401K, paid vacation & uniforms. **NO EXPERIENCE... \$400/wk TO \$600/wk**
EXPERIENCED VENDORS
Salary commensurate with your experience. Call: (248) 548-6324

ROUTE SERVICE
All Green Crop of Livonia now hiring experienced sales & service minded, with good driving record, opportunity to grow with a national co. No experience necessary. If you are a career applicant, you can qualify for higher compensation. Great starting salary, excellent benefits including work/life balance. Call: 313 691-0010

ROUTE/SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE
Van Dyne Croly, Inc., a profitable, growing, national company, is seeking individuals to provide sales, training and service in the S.E. Michigan area. This is a hands-on, exciting, energy, customer service oriented team player with excellent communication skills and a valid driver's license. We offer a competitive base salary, bonus potential, 401K, retirement plan and potential for advancement. Apply in person or send resume to:
Van Dyne Croly, Inc.
Attn: 4570 Port St., Plymouth, MI 48170 (734) 207-0200 www.vandyne-croly.com An Equal Opportunity Employer

SALAD PREP
Full or part time position available. Full time includes training. Experience preferred, excellent starting wage. Full time benefits include medical, dental, vision, life insurance. **APPLY IN PERSON ONLY**
JOE'S PRODUCE
3312 W. 7 Mile - Livonia

SALES MANAGER
TRAINER TO 676 K Salary, bonus, GI, 401K 248-203-0000; FAX: 248-203-0047

SCREEN PRINTER
experienced for exhibit and display computer, generated vinyl graphics and application a plus. Call Brian Foley at 313-528-9010

BEARS AT 12 Oaks Mall
In Novi hiring part & full time associates for Fine Jewelry, Cosmetics, Nails, and other departments. Apply in person. Human Resources Dept. on 2nd Level. EOE M/F/D/V

SECURITY & Sound System Installer
experience or will train. (734) 841-8008

500 Help Wanted General

SECRETARIAL
Come work for the top Michigan based retail mortgage lender. We are looking for a Secretarial, administrative, and customer service oriented individual to join our team. We have a fast paced environment and need someone that can jump right into the job. Please fax or send your resume to:
Resolute Bancorp Mortgage, Inc. ATTN: Human Resources, 31155 Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills, MI 48335-2764. Fax: (248) 932-8533 EOE/AA

SECURITY ASSISTANT
Support person needed for security staff at R&D Labs in Ann Arbor. Computer ability required. Security and supervisory background helpful. Full-time hours may vary. Flexible. Send resume to: PO Box 1165, Ann Arbor, MI 48105

STRIPPER
(payment) wanted, experienced, please call: 313-441-6003

STYLIST
wanted for very busy Canton Salon. Opening for full or part-time. Earn \$12.00 per hour. 40 hours/week. Hours: Closed Sun. 313-558-5528

SUMMER RECREATION POSITIONS
Canton Township is accepting applications for the following Summer recreation positions: Park Leader - \$2,650/yr. and Park Aide - \$2,550-\$3,500/yr. Coordinates and supervises recreation programs in Canton Township parks. Applicants must be picked at the Personnel Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48105. Send resume to: Personnel Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48105. Fax: 313-558-5528

SUPERINTENDENT
Mass grading contractor seeking qualified individuals for various construction projects. Salary commensurate with experience. Send resume to: 5250 Oakwood Rd., Dearborn, MI 48126. Fax: 248-738-7925 or Fax 248-738-6978

Supervise Transportation and Warehouse Employees
Duties include adhering to time schedules and record computer software. Must have 5+ years of supervisory experience. Afternoon shift (6pm-2am). Send resume to: 2500 Woodward, Dearborn, MI 48126. Fax: 248-353-5313

SURFACE GRINDER
Experience in 24 hr. help in home, commercial, industrial, residential. Send resume to: 734-425-5155

TEACHER ASSISTANT
position available. Full-time part-time. Quality Child Care Center. Looking for young individuals to work with children. Experience & education required. (734) 591-8440

TEACHER ASSISTANT
Applications being accepted at quality Livonia childcare center. Looking for young individuals to work with kindergarten children. Experience & education required. (313) 427-0800

TEACHER FOR NAEYC
accredited preschool program, full time, benefits, year around, excellent pay. Send resume to: (248) 644-5154

TEACHER NEEDED
for accredited program in Birmingham. Full time. Benefits, Education and experience necessary. (248) 644-6154

TEACHER POSITION
Full-time. Experience in early childhood education or teaching. Salary commensurate with experience. Please apply: Royal Oak. Resumes required. (248) 542-2460

TEACHERS
With School background and related degree to travel to schools to present program for live animals. Send resume to: (248) 724-207-9312

TEACHERS / ASSOCIATES
Needed in Southfield, Farmington & West Bloomfield. Early childhood credentials. Fabulous opportunity. ment optional. Fax resume to: (248) 357-1740

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WANTED for school which teaches people to be their own bosses. Teach students financing, judging, creating products, filling out legal forms, etc. Individuals must have building or remodeling background. **EXCELLENT PAY - CALL TODAY!**
Home Building Workshops
(734) 266-8091

TELEMARKETERS
Full & part-time. Flexible evening hours. Start \$9 an hour. No sales, no experience necessary. Send resume to: 313-413-3763

TITLE EXAMINER
Nova Title Co. seeks an Examiner with 3-5 yrs. experience. Send resume & salary requirement in confidence to: 2524 Hayes Rd., Ste. 800, Clinton Twp., MI 48038

TITLE INSURANCE
Clerk and processor needed for escrow department. Full benefits & 401K package available. Call Kristina (248) 451-8278. EOE

TOOL & DIE
We are a small, growing, metal stamping company (mostly non-ferrous) looking for design, journeyman (M/F), machinists, & QC manager. To arrange for an interview, call: 313-491-3763. Fax resume to: 313-491-3763. Our employees have lot of fun.

TOOLMAKER/REPAIR
Experienced. 40 hours per week & benefits. Milford Twp. (248) 844-2555.

TOOLMAKER
Experience in tooling, body parts & hand tools, ability to read prints & blueprints. **MAINTENANCE POSITION**
ALSO AVAILABLE
Wages equal to ability. Benefit package, 401K. Send/fax resume to: OXBOW MACHINE PRODUCTS, INC., 12777 Hamtramck, Livonia, MI 48150 Fax: (734) 422-7750

TRAINING
With good math and drafting background, to learn set-up and tube bending. Good benefits. 6401 Coolwell Aircraft Products, Livonia, MI 48174. EOE/M/F/D/V

TRAVEL/ADVENTURE?
Computer Inventory Trainee Salary, Expense Account Cost to Coast Travel. O.I. Corp. 248-203-0000

500 Help Wanted General

TOOL/Mold Repair
Key Plastics, a rapidly growing QS-9000 registered, global supplier of plastic components for the automotive industry, has an opening for an experienced person for our Tool room.
The qualified candidate will have 3-5 years of injection mold repair or mold building experience. Knowledge of mold process, injection runner systems is a plus. Formal related education or training is preferred.
We offer competitive wages, a comprehensive benefit plan and opportunity for advancement. Interested and qualified person can apply in person or send a resume to:
Human Resources Key Plastics, Inc. 4000 Plymouth Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170 Fax: 313-458-9999
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TRAINERS
Needed for vocational rehab. agency in Novi. Must have experience working with people with disabilities, a reliable car & good driving record. Competitive salary & excellent fringe benefits. Mon-Fri, daytime job. Forward resume to: Personnel, 18124 Pond Run, Auburn Hills, MI 48324 EOE

TRAVEL AGENCY
Seeking experienced Agent. Call Mrs. Lee or Dan. (313) 605-6122

TRAVEL AGENT
wanted. Minimum 3 yrs. experience on Worldnet. Call Anthony 313-538-6050

TRUCK DRIVER
Full-time with Class A license needed in Plymouth area to deliver lumber in S.E. Michigan. Full benefits. Wages based on experience. Call Tom at: 734-459-9971

TRUCK DRIVER
Local deliveries. CDL Class B, air brake, overtime, benefits. Working experience helpful. Apply to: Starline Services, 10000 E. Brighton, (810) 229-5282

TRUCK DRIVER NEEDED
semi CDL. Call between 8am & 5pm. Mon-Fri. (734) 453-4000

TRUCK DRIVER
to deliver products in Metro Detroit area. Must have CDL, van box vehicle. Must have excellent driving record & be able to pass a DOT physical. Heavy lifting required. (248) 357-1740

TRUCK HELPER
to assist truck driver in delivery of products. Heavy lifting/strapping. Excellent benefits. Salary commensurate with experience. Please apply in person at:
Pella Window & Door Co. 2000 Hagerty Rd., (1/2 blk. of 2nd & 1/2 blk. of 3rd Rd.) West Bloomfield, MI 48322 EOE

VILLAGE MANAGER
Village of Oxford.
Salary negotiable DOE+ benefits. Five member council elected at large. 2 year terms. Candidates must be 21 years of age and a resident of the Village of Oxford. Full-time position. \$31,000 total budget; 10 full time and 10 part time seasonal employees. Candidates must have a minimum 3 years of experience in a related field. Send resume to: Village of Oxford, 222 West Grand Street, Oxford, Michigan 48371; Attn: Susan Bossard, Council President, by April 3, 1998. Request confidential if you are a woman. Full-time position. Call: 313-288-5104. EOE/RC

WAREHOUSE/DRIVER
Experienced. Immediate full time. Salary based on experience. Benefits. Apply to: 313-662-6517 Pine Tree Lighting 248-693-6248

WAREHOUSE/DRIVER
Livonia Distributor is looking for a dependable warehouse/delivery person. CDL a plus. Good communication skills. Full time with benefits & 401K. Call Mon-Fri 8am-5pm. (248) 527-4444

WAREHOUSE
Experienced person needed. Industrial distributor. 40 hrs/week. Full benefits. (248) 340-9797

WAREHOUSE HELPS
Part-time, 16-40 hours
Day shift, 8:30am-5:00pm
Night shift, 11:00pm-7:00am
Apply in person

WAREHOUSE \$ 6.50/hr
Long Term
ARBOR TEMPS 459-1166

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Full-time positions available. Must be experienced. Immediate. (248) 477-8108

500 Help Wanted General

WAREHOUSE ORDER PICKING/PACKING
IMMEDIATE OPENINGS for 2nd shift order fillers and 3rd shift packers in our warehouse. Should have experience in similar fast-paced, warehouse environment. 2nd shift hours are 2:00 p.m.-10:45 p.m.; 3rd shift 11:00 p.m.-7:30 a.m.; \$3.75 an hour to start. Apply in person between 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

WAREHOUSE BUSINESS ADVANTAGE
41554 Koppernick Canton, MI 48187
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The Charter Township of Redford is accepting applications for the part-time position of Youth Services Facilitator.
An employee in this class works with individuals and groups to develop self-esteem, confidence, through individual and group guidance and through the use of community resources. Recruits and trains volunteers. A complete job description is available at the times and address below.
AMONG THE REQUIREMENTS: Bachelor's Degree in: Psychology, Social Work or Criminal Justice.
SALARY: \$9,341/yr.
Apply in person at: REDFORD TOWNSHIP PERSONNEL OFFICE 15145 BEECH DALE ROAD REDFORD, MI 48239 (313) 538-9224

ACCOUNTANT
Entry level position Full Time Multi Store Retail Operation Send resume and salary requirements to: Human Resources 21118 Bridge St. Southfield, MI 48034

ACCOUNTANT ASSISTANT
Sharp, Pro-active individual to assume responsibility for A/R Credit & collections, and support of C/P. Apply to: Personnel Department, 21118 Bridge St., Southfield, MI 48034

ACCOUNTING CLERK
Responsible team player to handle all aspects of payroll, production, and computer spreadsheet distribution for job costing and MTR - benefits processing. Minimum 3 yrs. ERP Software & computer experience desired. Experience with Microsoft Office a plus.
Mail/resume to: Mr. & Mrs. G. Trapp MOELLER MFG. CO. 43938 Plymouth Oaks Blvd. Plymouth, MI 48170-2584 Phone: 734-416-0000 Fax: 734-416-2200

ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT
Bookkeeping for corporation and various partnerships for a growing dental company. Position involves cash accounts payable, maintaining cash/checkbook/loan schedules, preparing and reconciling bank statements, and monthly reporting on developments in progress. Strong bookkeeping and computer spreadsheet skills are a must. Experience in Development/Construction experience a plus. Fax resume and salary requirements to: TONI, 610-27-5252 or mail to P.O. Box 610, Brighton, MI 48116, Attn: Toni.

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Must have extensive knowledge of FoxPro and PC/Novell. Hardware maintenance plus.
Long term career opportunity. Salary with full Medical and dental benefits plus 401K.
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An employee in this class works with individuals and groups to develop self-esteem, confidence, through individual and group guidance and through the use of community resources. Recruits and trains volunteers. A complete job description is available at the times and address below.
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SALARY: \$9,341/yr.
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ACCOUNTANT ASSISTANT
Sharp, Pro-active individual to assume responsibility for A/R Credit & collections, and support of C/P. Apply to: Personnel Department, 21118 Bridge St., Southfield, MI 48034

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Responsible team player to handle all aspects of payroll, production, and computer spreadsheet distribution for job costing and MTR - benefits processing. Minimum 3 yrs. ERP Software & computer experience desired. Experience with Microsoft Office a plus.
Mail/resume to: Mr. & Mrs. G. Trapp MOELLER MFG. CO. 43938 Plymouth Oaks Blvd. Plymouth, MI 48170-2584 Phone: 734-416-0000 Fax: 734-416-2200

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GENERAL OFFICE

An enthusiastic self-motivated individual for general office. Must be energetic, organized, computer literate, & able to handle multiple tasks. Benefits, 401k, PTO. Call: (810) 220-8606

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For growing construction Co. Must have previous experience with PC computer, accounting, word processing and spreadsheet software. Fax resume to: 248-449-7383 or call 248-449-5020 to arrange interview.

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Immediate opportunity exists for a full-time general office assistant to assist with general accounting, filing, and other general clerical duties. We offer a competitive wage and benefit package. Fax resume to: A. Cranford, 400 Galleria Office, Suite 215, Southfield, MI 48034. An Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Full-time, general office position. Knowledge, helpful. Salary based on experience. Call (734) 425-1168

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Service oriented, friendly, highly motivated individual offering extremely flexible environment has immediate need for a team player. All around position. Please send resume to: Fax resume to: 248-399-3539.

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A leading manufacturer of towing systems located in Canton, MI is seeking person with 5 years benefit administration experience. Associate Degree required. Excellent computer (Word, Excel, HR packages) skills. Willing to relocate. HR in manufacturing facility. Please send resume with salary history and requirements to: Human Resources Dept., Wayne, MI, 48184-0005. Attn: N.K. EOE.

Human Resource Clerk

Key Plastics, Inc. - leading automotive supplier has an immediate opening for a Human Resource Clerk. This is a full-time position with excellent benefits. The position involves answering the telephone, setting up and maintaining employee files, and responding to questions concerning employee benefits and various other duties in support of the department. Candidates must have excellent interpersonal communication skills, a professional appearance, and a basic knowledge of word processing and spreadsheet software. A fast-paced work schedule would be required. Qualified candidates may submit resumes to: Human Resources, Key Plastics, Inc., 4000 Plymouth Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170. Equal Opportunity Employer.

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DENTAL ASSISTANT. Looking for a "Star" Assistant, experienced team player who loves treating patients as guests & enjoys a fun loving spirit in the work place. Benefits, Full-time, Mon-Fri, Thur. (248) 745-1157.

DENTAL ASSISTANT. Our friendly Farmington dental office is seeking a people-person with dental assisting experience and excellent communication skills for a position with varied responsibilities. We offer an excellent salary/benefits package & a great work schedule. Please call Linda at (248) 477-1501 between 11:00am and 12:30pm to schedule an interview.

DENTAL FRONT DESK. Needed to work full time. Must be friendly, Southfield family dental practice. Please call (248) 589-2056.

DENTAL HYGIENIST. The staff of Dr. L. is looking for a hygienist to work full time. Must be a modern office and equipment, a fun working environment, with great pay. We are fun, motivated, quality oriented employees looking for another team player. Call (248) 476-1800.

DENTAL HYGIENIST. Needed one day a week for friendly Canton office. Call (313) 863-9116.

DENTAL HYGIENIST. Livonia Office. Part-time every other Sat from 9am-1pm. \$25/hr. Expert. Send only. (313) 522-5580.

DENTAL HYGIENIST. We are looking for a dedicated person, who relates well with people, to fill a full time position in our modern Farmington Hills office. Call (248) 476-1800.

DENTAL RECEPTIONIST. High quality, state-of-the-art specialty practice is opening for additional receptionist & dental assistants. We are organized, dependable, people-oriented person for full-time Front Desk position. Dental experience necessary. Call (248) 357-3100.

DENTAL RECEPTIONIST. Full-time. Pay according to experience. Must be a people person and speak well on the phone. Computer & insurance knowledge helpful. Livonia office. (734) 522-8970.

DENTAL RECEPTIONIST. Working in a dental office looking for full-time experienced, enthusiastic team player to join our staff. Great benefits & excellent compensation. Call today! (616) 751-7800.

DENTAL RECEPTIONIST. Large dental office seeking a people person. Some experience needed. Walled Lake office. Great staff & excellent benefits. Call (734) 728-5600.

DENTAL RECEPTIONIST/MANAGER. Looking for a bright, energetic self-motivated person to work in our Bloomfield Hills dental practice. Dental experience necessary. Call (313) 662-8380.

DENTAL SECRETARIAL - Plymouth. Large dental office. Full & part-time positions available. Seeking mature, self-motivated individuals. Excellent benefits and company car. Full-time position available. Excellent compensation. (734) 420-2328.

DENTAL TECHNICIAN. Full-time, dental denture tech needed in positioning department. Excellent working conditions & benefits. Call (248) 828-3144.

DENTAL TECHNICIAN. Experienced ceramist. Excellent working environment. Call (734) 517-2425 Mike.

FRONT DESK COORDINATOR. Wanted: excellent public relations, appointment engineering, and patient billing/collections. Looking for team player who likes to have fun in treating patients as clients. Benefits. Full-time, Mon-Thurs. Call Lisa (248) 932-5650.

OFFICE MANAGER. For Oral Surgery Office. Looking for a friendly person with experience in compliance, insurance billing & computer work. Pay will depend on experience. Call: (248) 362-5600. For address to send resume.

ORTHO ASSISTANT. Experienced. Mon-Thurs, no eves. \$12/hr. plus benefits. Call (248) 642-8430.

ORTHODONTIC ASSISTANT. Hours to be determined. Good pay with experience. Please call Peggy (248) 360-7703.

OUR SOUTHWEST dental team needs an outgoing, self-starter, 3-4 days per week for front desk & receptionist. Please call (248) 355-5124 or call 248-355-2935 on Monday.

RECEPTIONIST. Needed for our Livonia practice. Must be a people person with excellent communication skills. Great hours and benefits. Call Chris (313) 427-2222.

504 Help Wanted-Dental

RECEPTIONIST. Northland dental receptionist with front desk experience in all phases of patient management. (248) 349-9533.

Respiratory Therapist. Detroit Oxygen & AHAHO accredited home care company based in Warren, is seeking a full-time respiratory therapist to service the downriver area. Experience preferred. Please mail fax resume and salary requirements to: ATTN: Director of Respiratory Services, 24600 Forster Dr., Warren, MI 48099. Fax: (810) 759-1650.

506 Help Wanted-Medical

AESTHETICIAN. Experienced AESTHETICIAN who is interested in a dermatology office, performing extractions & working with the dermatologist. Excellent pay and benefits. Call Norma (313) 866-9163.

ALLERGY SHOT NURSE. 15-20 hrs per week. Mail resume to: MAAS, 8330 Orchard Rd., West Bloomfield, MI 48322. (No Phone Calls or Walk-ins).

ASSISTANT. for Birmingham Podiatry office. Part-time experience preferred. Call: (313) 863-9219.

ASSISTANT/RECEPTIONIST. Busy Troy/Ob/gyn. Experienced. Good benefits. Call Barb (248) 843-7620.

BILLER/COLLECTOR. Home infusion provider, looking for an experienced individual to bill & collect home infusion claims to multiple payors. 2 day or 4 day work week. In DME or Infusion Pharmacy Billing required. Send resume to: Opilion, Suite 5115, Westland, MI 48106. Dr. Suite A, Ann Arbor MI 48106.

BILLER. Full time for busy internal medicine practice in a large hospital. Excellent benefits. Good salary & benefits. (248) 362-2770.

BILLER SENIOR SUPERVISOR. Looking for WORKING senior billing manager in a large hospital. Must have minimum of 2 yrs. experience in a medical office. Career oriented. Excellent benefits. Call (248) 469-9362.

HOME HEALTH AIDES - Private duty home health care. Private duty home health care agency has immediate openings for clients in Waterford and Pontiac areas requiring 10-12 hours per week. We offer a year current experience as HHA, NA, or CNA. Applications accepted Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm. Call: (248) 356-9818.

INSURANCE CLERK. For follow up, full time, medical billing services. Experience preferred. Send resume to: 27770 Orchard Ln, Farmington Hills, MI 48334.

LAB ACCESSIONER. To log the specimens during night for clinical lab. Livonia. 248-478-1457.

LAB TECH - LICENSED. For Oral Endocrine practice. Flexible hours. Send resume to: 1695 W. 12 Mile, Suite 220, Berkley, MI 48072. Attn: Barbara.

LICENSED NURSE. Full-time/Full time to work the night shift at our dynamic health care facility. Ideal candidate will be positive and friendly for this distinguished health care facility. Position offers wonderful benefits, educational reimbursement and had opportunity for advancement. Apply for person at: 601 Hatcher, Waterford. Or call (248) 674-9292.

LIVONIA INTERNAL MEDICAL OFFICE. Needs experienced Medical Assistant. 4 days/week, part time. Call Mon-Fri. After 12:30-4:30-8310.

LPN-PART-TIME. Allergist office in Farmington Hills, Livonia & Brighton. Training provided. (248) 851-8657.

MASSAGE THERAPIST. Hands-On Center for physical therapy in downtown Plymouth has a position available for a Massage Therapist. Part-time. Fax resume to: 313-455-2824. 313-455-8370 or call.

506 Help Wanted-Medical

MANAGED CARE SPECIALIST. Challenging career opportunity to serve as a resource to physicians in support of primary care training & credentialing. Must have 3-5 years experience in Managed Care position. Requires Associate Degree in Business of Health Care related field and 3-5 years experience in medical office leadership or managed care plans. Ability to use word processing software & must. Prefer Bachelor's Degree and public speaking or training experience. Please submit detailed resume or apply. Mon-Thurs, 9am-5pm. (248) 353-8446.

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M.A.'s & LPN's. Medical Weight Loss Clinic in Canton, Livonia, Novi & Pontiac areas. Immediate opening for postive, energetic, motivated individuals with venterpune experience. Wages include hourly, commission and bonus. Full and part-time. Complete training program. Ask for Margaret (248) 353-8446.

MDS NURSE. A full time RN experienced in Long Term Care with exceptional knowledge of the MDS. Please apply at: Evergreen Health Center, 2933 W. 13 Mile Rd., Southfield, MI 48076. (248) 293-9000.

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MEDICAL ASSISTANT. Part time for a busy family practice in Livonia. Must have previous experience in a family practice. 9:30am-1:00pm, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Also must be available for occasional evenings. (734) 427-3504.

MEDICAL ASSISTANTS. We have several full time and various part time openings for Medical Assistants experienced in Venipuncture, IV's and injections. Many of our jobs become temp to hire opportunities. If you are looking for flexibility, opportunity & competitive salary call Marnie at Tempco Medical to schedule an interview. 248-366-1334.

MEDICAL ASSISTANT. For dermatology office in Birmingham. Approx. 30 hrs. Experience preferred. Call (248) 549-9100.

MEDICAL ASSISTANT. Full-time, Busy Livonia family practice. Training or schooling required. Only knowledge & plus. Only team players need apply. 248-425-0209.

MEDICAL ASSISTANT & RECEPTIONIST. Experienced preferred. Part & full-time positions available. Berkley. 248-544-2293.

MEDICAL ASSISTANT. Livonia practice specializing in weight loss. Full time. Duties: injections, blood draws, vital. 313-422-9040.

MEDICAL ASSISTANT, LPN, RN. For busy OB/GYN office. Must have recent OB/GYN experience. All time. Birmingham. 248-901-0339.

MEDICAL ASSISTANT. Part time for Obstetric Podiatry Office. 20-25 hrs per week. Friendly work environment. Call (248) 682-6663.

MEDICAL ASSISTANT - RN. For busy Podiatry medical office at 13 & Southfield. Part-time: 20hrs/wk. Great pay. Call Sandy at 6, leave message. 248-882-1252.

MEDICAL ASSISTANT. Needed for ENT allergy office in Ann Arbor. No evenings or weekends. Good benefits. Phone only or Lor. 810-465-1326.

506 Help Wanted-Medical

MEDICAL ASSISTANT & INSURANCE FOLLOW UP CLERK. Full time position for Farmington Hills community center. Recent medical school graduate. (248) 377-0222.

MEDICAL ASSISTANT - LIVONIA AREA. Must be hard working, energetic, positive and good with people. Great benefits & 100% depending upon experience. Full and part-time available with time and a half. Experienced preferred. Call 248-478-1024.

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Medical Assistant Float. Full-time position. Selected candidate will be scheduled to float between various medical practices in a specified region. Qualifications include completion of an approved medical assistant training program, certified by JAMA or registered by AMT and have reliable transportation to travel between sites. One year medical assistant experience in OB, Pediatrics, F. Practice or Internal Medicine desired. Competitive benefits and salary including \$2/hr. float pool premium. To hear a list of participating practices, send resume to: (248) 424-3171, press 3, then 1. Detailed resumes with cover letter indicating region of interest may be faxed to (248) 424-5437.

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Stripper takes off parquet adhesive

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Q: I'm removing a parquet floor from terrazzo. How can I remove the parquet adhesive left behind?

A: Try using Peel-Away 5, a stripper formulated for adhesive and coatings removal. According to its manufacturer, it won't damage terrazzo. After it softens the adhesive, you remove it using a long-handled scraper. If the adhesive is really tough, you may have to scrub it with a brush before scraping it. You can find it at paint stores. Contact Dumond Chemicals, 1501 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10036.

Q: I have read quite a bit about the dangers of lead in drinking water, especially as it is associated with soldered pipe. Have newer solders or techniques eliminated this problem?

A: Although lead-free solder is not a source of contamination, lead-containing faucets may pose a problem.

Older solder contained equal amounts of tin and lead. Today, there are several varieties of lead-free solder in use, and they may be a blend of two or three metals. A new type consists of about 4 percent copper, about one-half percent silver and the remainder tin. This solder melts at 452 degrees F to 464 degrees F, while lead-based solder melts in the 360 degrees F to 420 degrees F range. Using the new solders is about the same as the older lead-tin solder. Though the appearance of a joint soldered with lead-free solder may not be as nice as with the lead-tin type, it is as strong and watertight.

Q: We have a moldy, musty odor. Please see **QUERIES, E2**

Trees, roads bring people to Cobblestone

The brand new houses built by the Selective Group in Canton are on lots at least 85-by-150 feet. The homes, within the Plymouth-Canton school boundaries, start at \$254,900.

It's phase one of Cobblestone Ridge, a platted community of 78 houses on Ford between Canton Center and Beck roads.

"Price point is great," said Heather Buchanan, sales counselor. "No other builder fits in as far as what we include and sites available."

"We've got wooded lots and a grand entry," said Charles Bunge, project construction manager. "We do pre-construction and pre-drywall meetings... to eliminate confusion in the building process and to always move forward, not back."

"Every plan has different options," Buchanan said. "We can bump out (expand) a family, add a bonus room with an extra bath, a sun room - all at pre-determined prices so you can get custom without sky-high custom prices," Bunge added.

Bunge also touted Selective's New Home Center at company headquarters in Farmington Hills where buyers choose cabinetry and counter tops, brick, roof and exterior stain colors, interior paint colors, plumbing fixtures and appliances.

"You get more personalized service," Bunge said.

Cobblestone Ridge is convenient to shopping, restaurants and municipal amenities such as the Summit recreation complex, golf course and library.

"We've got easy access to I-275, to M-14," Buchanan said. "The schools are great."

Seven floor plans, all containing four bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths, are available. Prices range from \$254,900 for 2,450 square feet, to \$281,900 for 3,000 square feet of living space.

All plans include at base price fireplace; two-car garage; first-floor laundry with tub; cooktop, oven, microwave and dishwasher; carpeting throughout; and basement.

Selective also provides at no extra charge hardwood flooring in the foyer, hallway, powder room and kitchen/nook. A separate tub and shower in the master also come with each plan.

Brick and vinyl siding are primary exterior materials.

The model, a colonial of 2,676 square feet, features a unique layout.

The living room with sloped ceiling is



Bridgeport model: This colonial at Cobblestone Ridge has a unique layout. The dining room, library, family room and kitchen/nook are all aligned toward the back of the house.

off the two-story foyer. The dining room and library are tucked toward the back of the house, as are the family room and the kitchen/nook with island. The kitchen sink is angled with a view into the family room over a half wall.

The master with cathedral ceiling, two-sink vanity and a walk-in closet is at the head of the staircase. Three other bedrooms and a full bath are up.

The Bridgeport carries a base price of \$257,900. The model, with upgrades such as air conditioning, deck and extra mirrors, goes for about \$275,000, excluding landscaping.

Two specs are under construction. The Wellington, a colonial of 2,745 square feet, has a more traditional layout with a den, living room, dining room, kitchen/nook and family room on the main level, four bedrooms and two full baths up.

Base price is \$274,900.

The Avon, a story-and-a-half of 2,400 square feet, contains a first-floor master, combined living room/dining area, family room and kitchen/nook down,

three bedrooms and a full bath up. High ceilings are everywhere.

Base price is \$260,900.

Cobblestone Ridge is serviced by city water and sewers. It's within the Plymouth-Canton school boundaries and will have sidewalks.

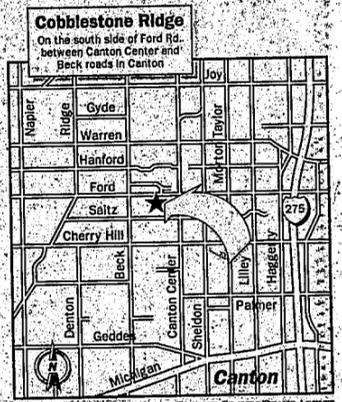
The property tax rate currently is \$30.56 per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation, half of market value. That means the owners of a \$261,000 house would pay about \$4,000 the first year. An additional school tax of \$1.75 per \$1,000 SEV is in legal dispute.

The annual association fee is \$200.

Heidi and Sam Wong, along with children Kristopher, May-Lin and Kim, will move into a two-story.

"I've lived in Canton for 24 years," Heidi said. "I love Canton. As I was driving the winding road through the sub, I fell in love with all the trees."

"I like the size of the kitchen, like the way the kitchen is laid out," she added. "I felt confident with the builder. They've been very helpful."



The sales office/model at Cobblestone Ridge, (313) 981-9580, is open noon to 6 p.m. daily, 2-6 p.m. Thursdays.

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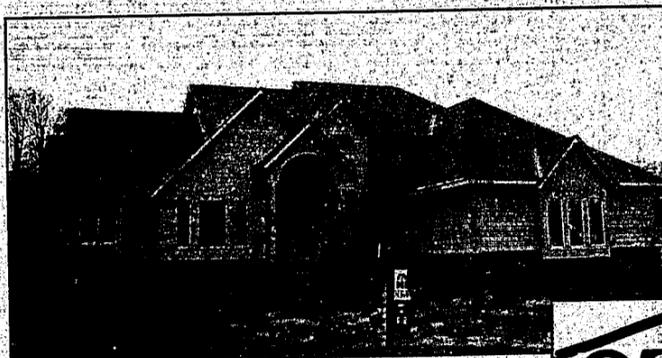
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The dining room is detailed in stained oak wainscoting, which has a balcony overlooking woods to Orchard Lake. The kitchen is equipped with the top of the line appliances, with very generous cabinet space.

The most impressive is the master suite with its solid oak doorwall which offers an elevated view of Pine Lake

from the built in king size beds. The large walk in closet offers a pedestal dressing table which can store your finest of attires.

The spa or commonly called bath includes a large whirlpool tub, with a palladium style window which offer a relaxing view of the lake also. Other finer amenities are steam sauna, bidet, marble tiles. Stall shower and customized lighting. The second floor laundry has solid oak cabinetry, refrigerator and built in ironing board and table.

The lower walk out level makes a great recreation room and leads to the attached 3 car garage. This property has the best view of any of the units and no expense was spared in creating this luxury. We can't forget your own well and boat house for the water toys are also included. Priced at \$599,900, this Condo could be what your life may need.

For more information
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REAL ESTATE ONE

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in our basement that seems more pungent in the spring and fall. We have tried using mesh sacks filled with calcium chloride to reduce the odor but find them ineffective. Occasionally, the sacks drip water. How can we decrease the odor?

A: The sacks hanging in your basement absorb moisture in the air, but they are not as effective as a mechanical dehumidifier in reducing the moisture that leads to mold and mildew growth.

You need an electric dehumidifier. These appliances have a humidity control and will run continuously until the humidity setting is reached.

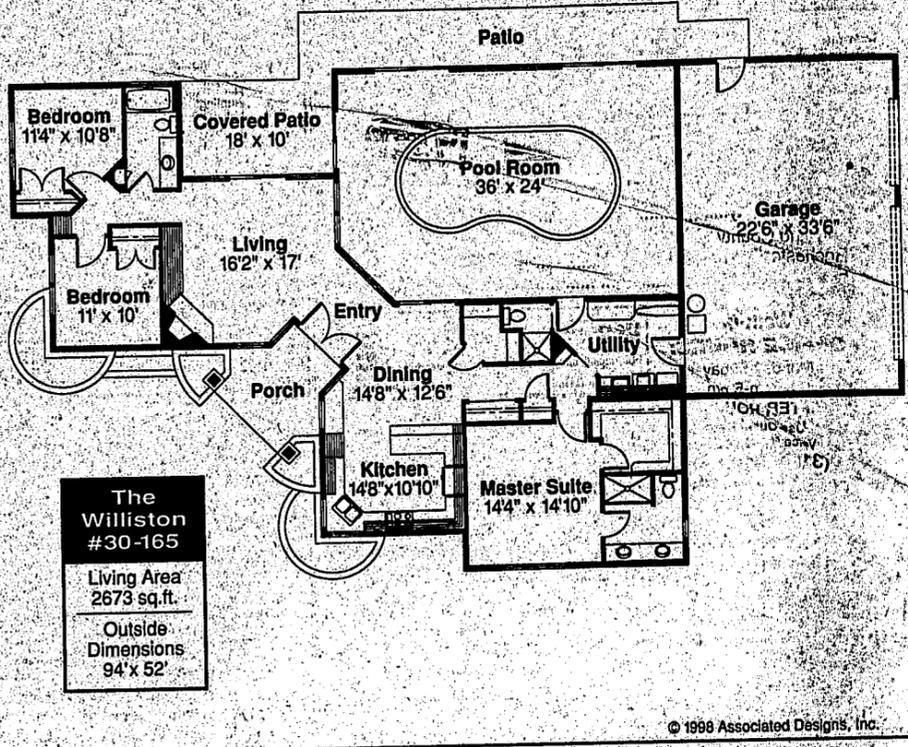
The water that they condense out of the air, known as condensate, collects in a tank. You have to manually empty the tank, pump the condensate to a disposal drain, or drain

it with a hose to a floor drain. The fact that you detect the odor in the basement during the spring and summer is significant. During warm weather, the basement is cooler than the outdoors.

Warm air can hold more water vapor than cool air. When the warm outside air works its way into the basement, its temperature drops and causes the relative humidity in the basement to increase.

Aside from contributing to mold and mildew growth, this makes the basement air feel clammy and uncomfortable during the summer.

To submit a question, write to Popular Mechanics, Reader Service Bureau, 224 W. 57th St., New York, N.Y. 10019. The most interesting questions will be answered in a future column.



Pool attractive to active folks

An indoor pool is easily the most remarkable feature of the Williston, though not, by far, the only one. The multilevel, curvilinear stone planters gracing the entry facade are also quite striking. This plan is designed for active families that appreciate a relaxed mix of indoor and outdoor living environments.

Entering through double doors, you immediately face the sky-lit, glass-enclosed pool. Sliders in the dining room offer the closest access. You can also get to the water by passing through the utility room, equipped with a convenient shower and toilet.

Three sets of sliders open the pool to the exterior, maximizing fresh air circulation when desired. The cov-

ered patio is handy for outdoor dining, while the patio spanning the rear is great for soaking up rays. In moderation, of course.

Entry, living room and dining room are bright and spacious. All have 9-foot ceilings and are awash with light from the pool enclosure.

Kitchen and dining room flow together. A raised eating bar provides partial separation without blocking the view. Kitchen counters wrap around four sides. The built-in desk makes it easier to keep household affairs in order, and the huge walk-in pantry boosts storage space.

A mess-free gas fireplace in the living room offers concentrated warmth on chilly days. The home entertainment center is sufficiently

deep and wide to house an assortment of electronic equipment plus a large collection of CDs, tapes and videos.

Amenities in the Williston's master suite include a generous walk-in closet, private bath with dual vanity and oversized shower. Last, but not least, it's mere steps to the pool.

For a review plan, including scaled floor plans, elevations, section and artist's conception, send \$15 to Associated Designs, 1100 Joseph Dr., Eugene, Ore. 97402. Please specify the Williston 30-165 and include a return address when ordering. A catalog featuring over 250 home plans is available for \$12. For more information call (800) 634-0123.

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"Michiganers can send their winter doldrums packing with a visit to this show and a stroll through the gardens," said Mark F. Guidobono, president of Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and chief executive officer of Cambridge Homes in Northville. The non-profit BIA is the sponsor of the event.

"The show's entrance garden area was inspired by last year's Philadelphia Flower Show which is considered the best of America's flower shows and draws more than 300,000 attendees in Philadelphia each year," said Guidobono.

Showgoers will enter the show floor via one grand entrance through a floral archway which will lead to a spring bulb garden of over 25,000 tulips, daffodils and hyacinths. This garden is part of the Detroit Flower Show, themed "Detroit Bloom" and sponsored by Standard Federal Bank. It makes its first appearance this year as a "show within a show." After the show, the 25,000 bulbs will be donated to the city of Detroit Parks and Recreation Department's Farm-a-Lot Program for use by area citizens.

"America's Master Gardener" Jerry Baker, Home & Garden Television's "Fix-It-Up!" host Pat Simpson, PBS's "Victory Garden" guest host Gary Koller, National Kitchen & Bath Association Jim Kregel and "grilling buddies" Mad Dog and Merrill will offer advice and tips to attendees. Among the other attractions at the show will be Flower Creation Stations, The Home Depot How-To Clinics and Kids Workshops, a steel frame metal stud home, live radio broadcasts of WXYT's "Ask the Handyman" Glenn Haeg and "Money Talk" Rick Bloom and "POW!nk" Mike Wendland, Parade of Homes and House of Nails.

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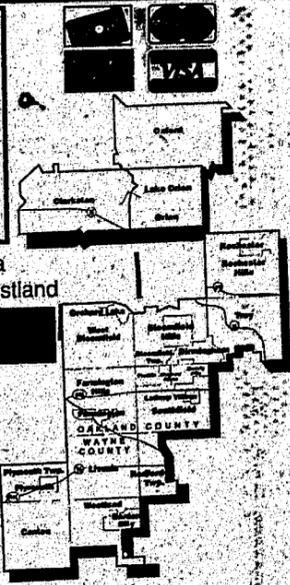
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406 Lake/Waterfront Home Rentals
DEER LAKE CLARKSTON SCHOOLS. Exclusive, private, 4 bedroom lakefront, 3 1/2 baths, country setting situated on 1/2 acre, dramatic view, 4 car attached garage. Immediate possession. 1/4 mile from 175. \$2,600 mo. Pension bond.
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407 Mobile Home Rentals
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409 Southern Rentals
CLEARWATER BEACH, FL - Resort condo. Sleeps 6, pool, tennis, etc. Available March 28-April 4. (248) 820-5479

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411 Vacation Resort Rentals
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414 Rooms
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414 Rooms
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PERSONAL SCENE ad?
Perhaps something like this:



LONG-HAIRED printer, well known for electric persona, enjoys getting (Kites) high in the rain, revolutionary thinker, ingenious inventor, seeks like-minded travel companion for frequent visits to France.

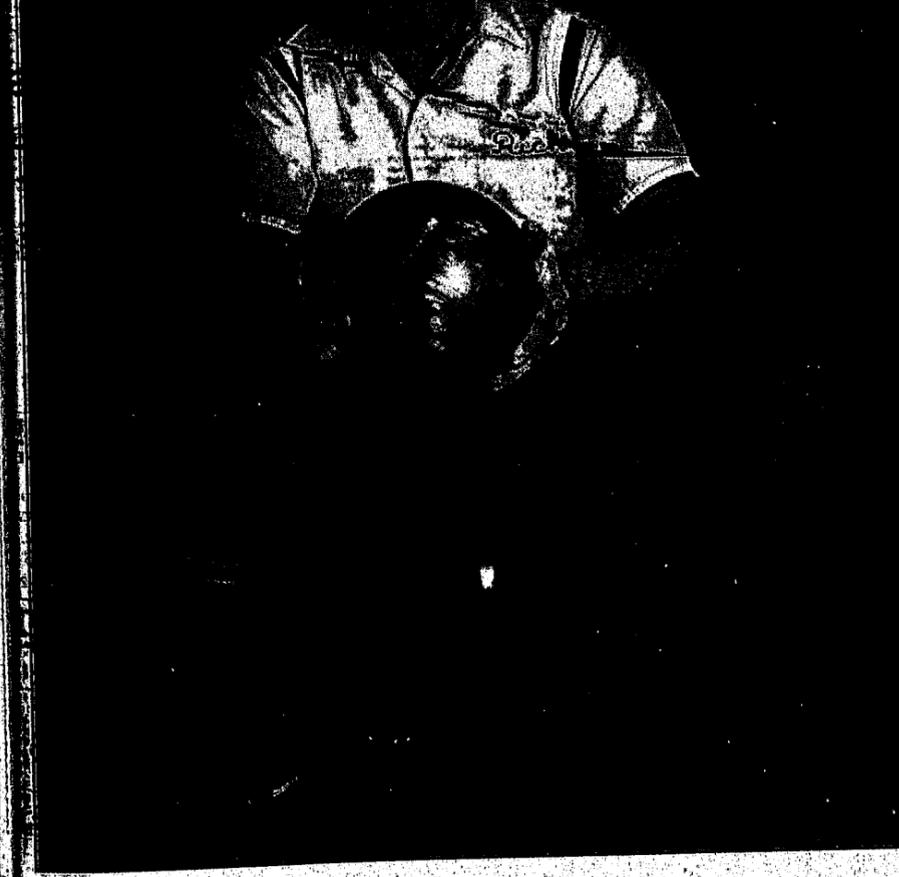
"Setting too Good an Example is a kind of Slander seldom forgiven."
-Benjamin Franklin, 1753

Personal Scene Ads in The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers allow you to record a message in your own voice over the phone. That way when people see your ad in the paper, they can dial your code, hear your message and leave a message of their own. You can call, day or night, to get your messages. It's fast, it's easy, and it helps people

find out more about each other. Look in today's paper or call to place your Free Ad today. There may be a printer in your future, or a trip to France, or a walk in the rain. It pays to advertise.

PERSONALScene
1-800-518-5445

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3-2-1-SOLD! club.



Rich was up in the attic the other day and saw his old bowling gear. He'd like to sell it along with his wife's Vaughn Monroe record collection and a couple of other things, but doesn't want to spend a lot on an ad. Who does?
Our 3-2-1—SOLD! offer is just what you need when you have things to sell for under \$200.

Here's how it works:

1. You get 3 lines to describe your item (remember, you have to be asking less than \$200)
2. You get to run your ad for 2 days (one week)
3. You get 1 low price—just \$19.26. That's only \$3.21 per line!

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ROLLING HILLS
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 From the low \$220,000's
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 (Located on 10 Mile Rd. East of Pontiac Trail)

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 Single-Family Homes
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 North of 6 Mile between
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14 Condominium
5000 Town Center
 • 1-2-3 Bedroom
 • Multiple Baths
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17 Sierra Heights
 Single Family Homes in Canton
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20 SUMMER PARK
CONDOMINIUMS
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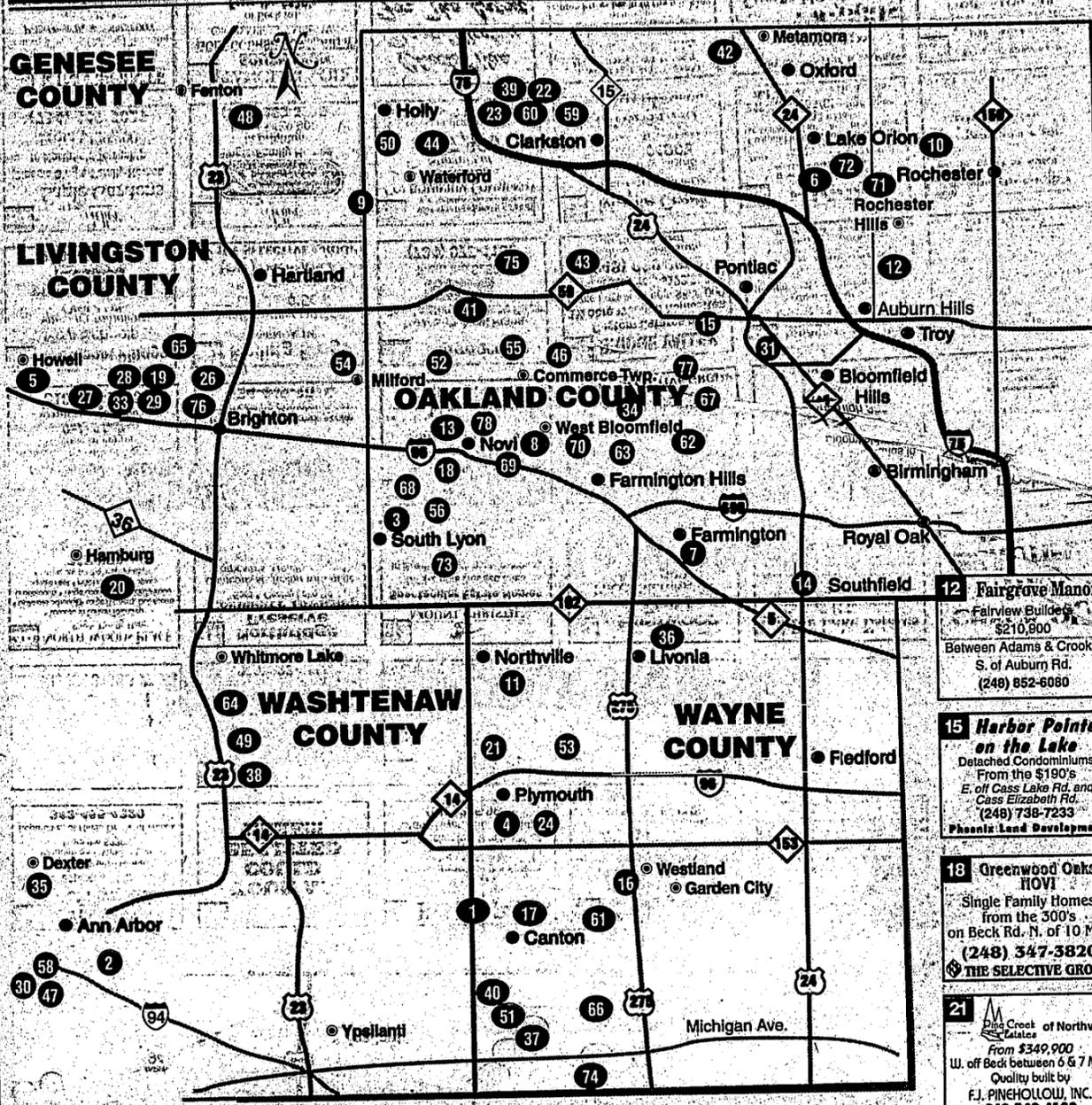
10 Knorwood Pines West
 Norwood Homes, LTD
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22 Brookstone
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 -Clarkston-
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23 Bridge Lake Bluffs
 CUSTOM HOMES WITH ESTATE
 HOMESITES FROM THE WOODS
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 Lorimer Building Company
 Clarkston

24 Village Cove of Plymouth
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 From the \$220's
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Lakefront Community
 Walking trails, nature
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 from the \$160's to the \$230's
 Lakefront property from the \$90's
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29 Hillas of Oak Pointe
 On Brighton Rd., 2 miles W.
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 from the \$210's
 to the \$290's
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30 Country French Estates
 Wooded homesites and
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 Located on Zeeb Road on S.W. corner of
 Zeeb and Port Roads in Sida Twp.
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 Starting at \$100,000
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 New Homes on Golf Drive
 at Pontiac Municipal Golf Course

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 Homesites from
 \$100,000
 On Brighton between 1 mile W. of Brighton
 (610) 225-1668

34 BIRCHWOOD PARK
 "SINGLE FAMILY HOMES"
 From \$224,900
 (248) 363-0610
 N. side of Commerce Rd. 1/2 mile
 E. of Union Lake Rd.
 NOBAN/SILVERMAN

35 FAIRFAX HOMES, INC.
ORCHARD HILLS
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 From \$136,500
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38 Shadowood Farm of Whitcomb
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 Located in Canton Township
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 Gorgeous seclusion with huge
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 JAC Construction Company
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 in Beautiful Metamora Township
 Priced From \$400,000
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 Open Sat. & Sun. 1-5
 Located on the N. side of Westlawn Rd.
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 Beautiful lakeview homesites.
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 Adjacent to Fenton Family Golf
 Course in Fenton
 Only 6 Left
 From the \$90,000's
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49 Alder
Village of Eagle Gardens
 Maintenance free living and a
 choice of spacious ranch and 1 1/2
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 Located near Whitcomb Lake
 and charming downtown area
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 Single Family Homes
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 Three miles west of I-75, off Grange
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51 Cobblestone Ridge
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 From the \$250's
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52 Park Ridge South
 Deep Unspoiled Woodlands in
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 From the high 300's
 EXCLUSIVELY
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 Magnificent Wooded Site
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 3 Blocks from Main St.
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 All Sports Lake
 New Model Plans
 Now Available
 From the \$240's
 EXCLUSIVELY
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 Novi Schools
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 Only 2 Left
 From the \$270's
 EXCLUSIVELY
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57 Rolling Ridge
 GENOA TWP.
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59 BRIDGE VALLEY
 Custom Estates on
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 Home Packages from \$500,000
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 Unique custom home packages
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 78 Home Subdivision, Ranch, Cape Cod
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 \$153,500 - \$179,900
 Call Bill & Jim Dempsey
 Distinguished Realtors
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 Starting at \$239,900
 Off of 12 Mile road
 Between Farmington Rd. and Drake
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 PHOENIX LAND DEVELOPMENT

63 Pine Meadow
 Detached Single Family Homes
 Starting at \$214,900
 On 10 Mile Rd.
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64 Alder
Eagle Gardens
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 From \$129,900
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65 Alder
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 "Single-Family Homes"
 In Brighton
 From \$179,900
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66 Wethersfield
 CONDOMINIUM COMMUNITY
 IN CANTON
 Starting at
 \$147,990
 B.W. corner of Haggerty & Palmer
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67 Maple Creek
 WEST BLOOMFIELD
 "Single Family Homes"
 From the \$400's
 Maple Rd. bet. Oakland Lake & Farmington
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68 Hidden Timbers
 Prices starting at \$216,900
 Custom Homes 1800-3300 sq. ft.
 West of Millard Rd. bet. 10 & 11 Mile
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 Custom Homes 2400-3000
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 (810) 229-2085
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70 Haverhill Farms
 NOV!
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 From the \$260's
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71 THE HILLS OF OAKLAND
 Grand Custom Estate Homes
 Priced from \$725,000 to
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 MOCERI

72 KINGSPONTE
 -Grand Home with a French
 Country Flair in Oakland Township
 Priced from the mid \$300,000
 to over \$225,000
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 MOCERI

73 TANGLEWOOD
 SOUTH LYON
 "GOLF COURSE COMMUNITY"
 On 10 Mile, 3 1/2 Miles W.
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 From the \$210's
 (248) 488-1980
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 Licensed Builder
 We can do all the site improvements
 including basements, patios,
 well/septic
 Home Prices begin in the low \$30's
 M-59 (Highland) 1/2 mile E. of US-23
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 MEDALION HOMES

76 BIRKENSTOCK FARMS
 BRIGHTON
 Starting \$190,000's
 From
CITADEL HOMES, INC.
FALCON BUILDING, INC.
 810-220-3498
 on Hacker just one mile north of
 Grand River, I-96 (exit 145)

77 WATERFORD MEADOWS
 Single Family Homes
 From \$164,500
 Wooded Lots
 N. of Cooley Lake Rd.
 between Hiller & Loch Haven
 A. J. Van Oyen Builders
 248-926-9106

78 CHESTNUT HILLS
 Single Family Homes
 From \$189,500
 -Walled Lake Schools-
 On the N. side of Pontiac Trail,
 One Mile East of Beck Rd.
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