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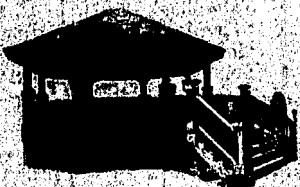
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In the third segment of our series on women in journalism, we will look briefly at the life of Therese Bonney, a World War II photographer and author. Bonney was born in 1894 and was educated at Berkeley, Harvard and Columbia, which was incredible for a woman in the early 1900s. In 1919 she moved to France and, settling in Paris, continued her studies at the Sorbonne, one of the most prestigious universities in Europe. She decided to stay in France to pursue her love of photography and to promote cultural exchange between France and the United States.

The outbreak of World War II dismayed Bonney. She believed that the conflict threatened European civilization itself. She began what she called "truth raids" into the countryside to photograph the horrors of war, focusing on war's uprooting of innocent civilians. "I go forth alone, try to get the truth and then bring it back and try to make others face it and do something about it," she said about the truth raids. Her photos were published in newspapers and magazines throughout Europe and the United States, and she also published two photoessay books, "War Comes to the People" and "Europe's Children." Her idea for a film about the children displaced by war became the Academy Award winning movie "The Search" in 1948. She was even the heroine of a wartime comic book called "Photofighter."

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



Apartments for seniors proposed



■ A developer has responded to the need for senior housing in the Clarkston area by proposing to build independent-living apartments for 70 to 90 seniors at Clarkston and Pine Knob roads — and maybe a similar facility at Sashabaw and I-75.

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

At least one local housing developer would like to build living facilities for the elderly in Independence Township, where trustees are considering a senior housing ordinance designed to address such projects.

Trinity Investments Inc. has drawn up preliminary plans for a senior inde-

pendent living center on a 30-acre parcel of land at the northwest corner of Pine Knob and Clarkston roads.

The project would provide one- and two-bedroom apartments for between 70 and 90 seniors and help meet the area's growing need for senior housing.

"It won't be unique to senior citizen housing," said Ben Benson of Trinity Investments. "But it will be unique to this area ... It's something that the

township doesn't have a lot of right now and does need. I think it's something that the township wants."

Currently, there are limited housing options for seniors — a few adult foster care homes in Clarkston and plans for a 20-bed assisted-living facility at Parview Drive near Dixie Highway in Independence Township.

Lanette Amon, Independence Township Senior Center coordinator, said the community is in dire need of elderly housing and that she receives about 10 phone calls per week from area residents seeking information about nearby facilities. Most, she said, are surprised to learn that such housing is not

available locally.

Trinity Investments is primarily a residential developer and brought one local housing project, Sashabaw Creek Meadows, to the Clarkston area. Benson was also behind the Chestnut Hills housing development.

Benson said the independent living facility would target local seniors and area residents who want to relocate their elderly relatives nearby and would likely include a centralized common area with a cafeteria and several activity rooms.

Occupants would rent and live in

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STAFF PHOTOS BY STEVE CANTRELL

Ah hain't goin': Daisy Mae (played by Anne Maples) tries to woo Li'l Abner (played by Joe Baldiga) to the Sadie Hawkins dance. Clarkston High School drama students will present "Li'l Abner" April 2-5.

'Li'l Abner'

Sho' nuff, it's a show

Ma and Pa Yokum will most likely have to contain their pride when their Li'l Abner makes his debut in the Kirchgesner Theater at Clarkston High School April 2.

Li'l Abner, the 1959 Broadway musical based on Al Capp's comic strip, will be this year's featured musical at CHS. The cast will be made up of high school students playing the parts of Daisy Mae, Ma and Pa Yokum, Mayor Dawgmeat, Marry'n Sam and Lonesome Polecat, under the direction of teacher Jeff Tice.

Performances are 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 2; Friday, April 3; and Saturday, April 4. A fourth performance is scheduled for 2 p.m. Sunday, April 5.

Tickets for the show will be on sale beginning Monday and will be available during all lunch hours at the ticket booth in front of the theater. The high school is on Middle Lake Road.

Reservations can be made by calling 625-0900. Tickets are \$5 for students and senior citizens and \$6 for adults.



Scragg Brothers: Mike Lenhardt, Jason Bertram and Phil DeVries (left to right), playing the Scragg Brothers, sing about hunting and fishing.



Match-maker: Mammy (Heather Whitfield) talks to Daisy Mae about fixing her up with Abner.



Dogpatch debate: Earthquake McGoon (right, played by Mike Underwood) boasts to Hairless Joe (Derek Barnes) about how he's going to get Daisy Mae.

Catallo, 58, 'was a friend to everybody'

BY CAROLYN WALKER
STAFF WRITER

Long-time Clarkston resident and philanthropist Clarence G. Catallo Jr., 58, was described by his son, friends and colleagues as a generous and caring man on Monday, as word spread of his untimely death early Sunday morning.

"We'd just like to say that he died where he was happiest — here in Clarkston, at home with his wife, and he's at peace," said his son, Curt Catallo. "He loved to work, but he loved to live just as much."

Catallo was the husband of Clarkston Mayor Sharon Catallo, and with her shared a love of the city and its people.

The couple frequently opened their historic home, the former Methodist Episcopal Church on Buffalo Street, for receptions benefiting Clarkston SCAMP and the Clarkston Community Historical Society, as well as other community groups. Clarence and Sharon Catallo were instrumental in refurbishing several old buildings in Clarkston in addition to their home. They included the Clarkston Union Bar & Kitchen, and the Union General, both

on Main Street. The restaurant and general store are co-owned by Curt Catallo and his wife, Ann Stevenson.

In addition to his wife and son, Clarence Catallo is survived by a daughter, Cara.

At the time of his death, Catallo was an executive vice president/district manager for PaineWebber Inc.

As a recruiter, he was instrumental in contributing to the success of E. F. Hutton in Michigan before moving to PaineWebber in 1987, where he was also a driving force, said his business associate, Senior Vice President Paul Camilleri.

Catallo oversaw as many as 14 states for PaineWebber as central division manager from 1987-1996.

"He was a friend to everybody. He touched many lives across the country from kings to paupers. He made PaineWebber a major factor in Michi-

Please see CATALLO, A2

Grant sought to buy land for park

CAROLYN WALKER
TOWNSHIP

What was once intended as a large estate investment for the future — and eventually came a family's refuge — has become a part of the 394-acre Shiawassee Basin Preserve in Springfield Township. At their March meeting, members of the Springfield Township Board of Trustees voted to seek a \$102,000 grant from the Michigan Land Trust Fund to acquire some 54 acres from the family, whose name has not been released. Publicly, the family is going by the name Holly Land Co. They could not be reached for comment.

"They're great people. They're city folks. They fell in

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love with it and for almost 30 years have simply used it as their place to go as a retreat," Supervisor Collin Walls said of the family. "They just came out on the weekends and enjoyed it."

Originally, the property was purchased by a brother and sister and their spouses, who lived south of the Pontiac area. Current generations have decided to sell the property, which was maintained in its natural state.

"They approached us and asked us if we were interested in purchasing it," he said.

Walls said the process of actually acquiring the land

could take up to two years.

The property, which Walls said is "just a hair under 54 acres" adjoins existing park land and shares about a 2,000-foot boundary.

He said the township cannot negotiate a price or sign a property agreement with the family until after the grant is approved, as a part of the grant's regulations.

If approved, the grant would supply about 75 percent of the land's cost and the township would provide the other 25 percent from the township general fund or from contributions. The property would have to be appraised to determine its market value, Walls said, adding that he hopes to know by May whether the township will receive the grant.

'The primary purpose of the Shiawassee Basin Preserve is defined in the last word of its name.'

Collin Walls

Springfield Township Supervisor

If the township acquires the land, it will maintain it in its natural state, he said. At most, township officials will endorse trail improvements and possibly allow old-fashioned sledding on its slopes.

"The primary purpose of the Shiawassee Basin Preserve is defined in the last word of its name," he said.

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fully equipped apartments but have a range of services — including meals and housekeeping — available to them, he said. The apartment units will probably be between 800 and 900 square feet in size, he said.

One potentially unique element of the project being considered by the developer is an attached child care center. Although the center would be operated separately, it might allow for some interaction between seniors and children at the site.

"It's an area where you have a lot of homes and a lot of need for child care," Benson said of the idea. "Joining (a child care center) with the seniors just seemed like a natural. ... The seniors really enjoy children."

In beginning stages of the project, Trinity Investments is currently asking the township to consider a water/sewer extension that would serve the facility.

The developer would like to join 2,000 feet of line to the extension proposed for a Rite-Aid



HELEN PURCELL / STAFF ARTIST

store at the southwest corner of Sashabaw and Clarkston roads.

"We're just in the formative stages here," Benson said.

However, if the project gets off the ground and goes well, Trinity Investments may consider building additional elderly housing at I-75 and Sashabaw, he said. "It would probably also be independent living."

Catallo from page A1

gan," Camilleri said.

"Clarence was one of a kind," agreed his friend and local historian, Susan Basinger. "He leaves a big hole in a lot of lives. He was generous beyond belief — thoughtful in a way that many people will never understand."

Close friend Laurie Stern, who had known Clarence Catallo

since her youth, also described him as generous.

"I knew him since I was a teenager," she said. "He's been an important person in my life. He was a wonderful neighbor and friend to all of us, the most generous person. He really touched everyone in a way I think is special."

"We're all reeling. He's going to be missed tremendously."

Along with his philanthropic endeavors, Catallo was a car enthusiast who enjoyed racing and vintage automobiles. He was a 1961 graduate of the University of Detroit and completed post-graduate studies at the University of Toledo and Wayne State University.

In addition to his immediate family members, all of whom live in Clarkston, he is survived by his parents, Clarence and Christine, in-law John and Elizabeth Hanson and aunts Theresa and Josephine (Anthony) Cipolla. He was preceded in death by his brother Robert.

A funeral mass was held Wednesday at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston, with the Rev. Msgr. Robert Humitz officiating.

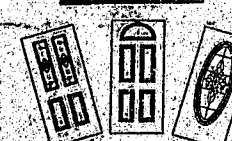
A Rosary service was held Tuesday at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home.

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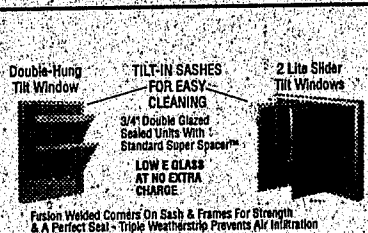
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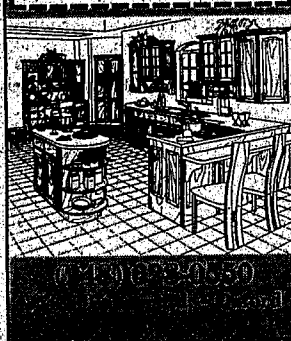
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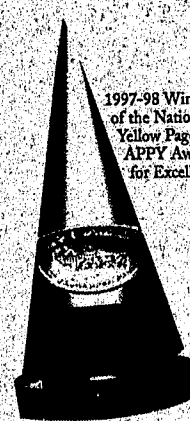
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Holocaust survivor: 'Don't hate; love each other'

BY JAN BAKER
STAFF WRITER

His eyes seemed to dance when he joked with Clarkston Middle School eighth-graders Tuesday about restyling his thinning gray mane for a "weird hair day" at school.

And maybe that's because 70-year-old Martin Lowenberg appreciates adolescents more than most people. He never really had the chance to be one himself.

When he was 5, he watched his family's home burn in Germany.

When he was 8, he was expelled from school, accused of spitting on a picture of Adolph Hitler.

When he was 13, he was shuffled off to a rat-infested ghetto in Latvia.

When he was 15, he saw his parents and his younger twin brothers for the last time, before he, and they, were carted off to concentration camps.

But when he was 17, he gained the freedom to talk about it.

Lowenberg, a Holocaust survivor and speaker from the Holocaust Memorial in West Bloomfield, did just that Tuesday in the CMS gym.

According to Nancy Fiederlein, the CMS language arts teacher who arranged Lowenberg's visit, eighth-graders had recently read, "The Diary of Anne Frank." They expected to build on that knowledge with the oral history of the Southfield gentleman.

Perhaps the most piercing of Lowenberg's tragic account was his loss of his mother, father and twin brothers at 15. "It was November of 1943 ... They took my parents and my two little brothers — who were 9-years-old — to the freight depot and put them into cattle cars. Figuring the distance (from Latvia), they

must have been on the train (to Auschwitz) for about five days. And when these trains arrived, they (the Nazis) would take them to the gas chambers. I do hope my two little brothers were included, right away. I'll never know. Nobody will ever know."

Lowenberg's voice trailed as he explained his last comments.

"As soon as those cattle car doors would open at Auschwitz, there was somebody there that greeted every single train — and he was called, 'The Butcher of Auschwitz' or 'The Angel of Death' — the famous Dr. Josef Mengele. He did live experiments on twins. He did everything that he possibly could to butcher twins. Boys, girls — he did experiments on 3,000 twins. And that's why I said I hope my

little brothers went right into the gas chamber."

Silence blanketed the gym and some adults in the group wiped their eyes.

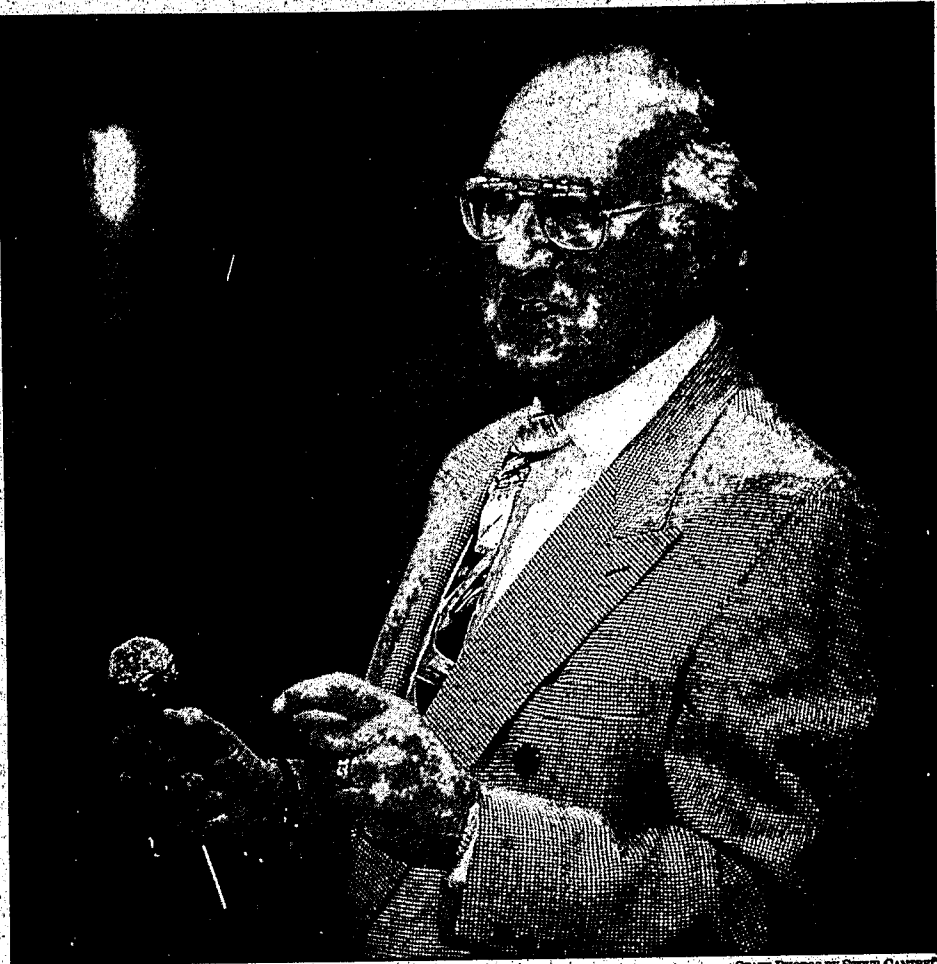
Afterward, CMS student Will Bliesath said the oral account heightened his awareness of atrocities that occurred during that period. "We talked about it before, but I guess I didn't know it was that bad," Will said. His bleacher partner, Jerod Ostrom, expressed a similar sense of shock. "I still can't believe it really happened."

Lowenberg left the kids with this advice:

"Love each other. Don't hate and don't be jealous. And when you go home today, give your parents — and your brothers and sisters — a big hug."



Intent listeners: Clarkston Middle School student Sam Stapp listens intently to Lowenberg's first-person account of the Holocaust. "I didn't know it was that bad," said one student.



STAFF PHOTOS BY STEVE CANTRELL

Holocaust survivor: Martin Lowenberg tells Clarkston Middle School students Monday about losing his parents and brothers to Auschwitz when he was a teen.

Hearing set for dump site clean-up

A public hearing has been scheduled for April 2 in Springfield Township to review new ways to clean up contaminated soil at a 20-year-old former dump site off Woodland Trail in the southern portion of the township.

According to a press release from the Environmental Protection Agency, the EPA is proposing to amend the 1990 plan of action for removing remaining PCBs in the soil at the site. The plan of action called for on-site incineration of contaminated soil. The public hearing will address newly suggested options such as solvent extraction or soil washing.

The hearing is scheduled for 7 p.m. at the Hart Community Center, 495 Broadway, Davisburg. Representatives of the EPA, representatives of the "potentially responsible parties" — or those who may have con-

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tributed to the contamination — and township officials will be at the meeting to hear concerns and answer questions.

A toxic emergency was declared at the site in the summer of 1979, where paints, leads, grease and other contaminants, including some that cause cancer, were found.

During the years, a significant clean-up effort — and a lot of complicated legal wrangling — took place over how the area could be de-contaminated and what standards should be applied.

"We believe that we have finally arrived at a solution for treatment of the PCBs in the soils that will be protective, is doable, and will be acceptable to all the involved parties," said a prepared statement from the

Springfield Site Action Committee, regarding the hearing.

According to Supervisor Collin Walls, who has clear memories of the day the contamination was discovered in the summer of 1979, dumping took place in the 1960s at a site that is about 20 acres in size. The toxic wastes were discovered on the rear half of the property and about five acres underwent clean-up, he said.

Significant clean-up efforts took place in the 1980s, Walls said. All the barrels involved were removed long ago, and a pump-and-treat water system was installed to purify water on the site. That will continue to operate as long as necessary, he said.

"What we're dealing with now is what's left," Walls said. "The neat thing about what is going on here is there's light at the end of the tunnel."

POLICE NEWS

The following incidents were reported to police and fire agencies in Springfield and Independence townships and the city of Clarkston March 16-23.

Springfield Police

Thefts

On March 16, jewelry was reported stolen from a residence on Kropf.

On March 17, six trees and some Christmas lights were reported stolen from Colombiere Center on Big Lake Road.

On March 18, a nursing bag containing medical equipment was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Susin Lane.

On March 18, a motorcycle was reported stolen from a residence on Andersonville Road.

On March 19, a water pump was reported stolen from a site on Davisburg Road.

On March 22, a case of beer was reported stolen from a business on Dixie Highway.

Vandalism

On March 20, trees were reported damaged at a site on Cherrywood.

Independence Police

Thefts

On March 20, a purse, cell phone, leather coat and identification card were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Horsehoe Circle.

On March 21, a bundle of

money was reported stolen from a gas station on Sashabaw Road. The robbery reportedly took place when a customer of the gas station, after asking directions, grabbed the bundle from a counter where the clerk had placed it for counting. The suspect was described as 180 pounds, wearing a brown and orange sweatshirt, tan baggy blue jeans, and having short, dark, wavy hair.

On March 21, a camcorder, lap-top computer and ring were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Timber Ridge.

On March 24, a cell phone and jacket were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Deerview Court.

Vandalism

On March 19, a vehicle parked on Maybee Road was reportedly keyed.

Independence Fire

Between March 19-23, firefighters responded to 19 calls. Among them were eight medical runs, seven personal-injury accidents and one vehicle fire. They included:

On March 19, firefighters assisted a person who had sustained a possible fracture to the ribs at a residence on Dixie Highway.

On March 19, firefighters assisted a 3-year-old child who had sustained a possible head

injury. He was transported from a local doctor's office on Dixie Highway to Genesys Regional Medical Center by ambulance.

On March 19, firefighters assisted a 104-year-old woman who was having possible congestive heart failure at a residence on Allen Road.

On March 19, firefighters assisted a 34-year-old woman who passed out, possibly due to the flu, at a residence on Buffalo Street.

Clarkston Police

On March 20, officers stopped a vehicle in the area of Church Street and Buffalo for driving erratically. The 29-year-old Pontiac driver was found to have three warrants for his arrest from other communities. He was cited for driving with a suspended license and for having open intoxicants.

On March 21, officers stopped a vehicle in the area of Waldon Road and Buffalo streets for a traffic offense. The 30-year-old woman driving the vehicle was found to have a suspended license and two warrants against her from another community. She was cited for driving with a license suspended and released.

On March 21, officers stopped a vehicle for driving erratically in the area of Main Street and Middle Lake Road. The 30-year-old Waterford man driving the vehicle was cited for driving without a license.

ON THE AGENDA

Springfield Township

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Joint Meeting

Township Board and Planning Commission

7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 1

Tentative Agenda

Call To Order: 7:30 p.m.

Minutes: March 4, 1998

Approval of Agenda

Public Comment: Items Not On Agenda

Public Hearing: None

Old Business: Continuation of Discussion

Clustering/Open Space Preservation

New Business: None

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Veteran anchor honored

Doris Biscoe, WXYZ-TV Channel 7 news anchor and an Independence Township resident, is being recognized tonight for being the Detroit area's only news anchor with 25 consecutive years at the same station.

Friends and colleagues will celebrate the news veteran's long-running career at WXYZ in Southfield with a roast at the Westin Hotel in Detroit.

The roast recognizes Biscoe's accomplishments and longevity in the competitive world of network television and her dedication to community service.

Joining WXYZ in 1973, Biscoe began her career as a weekend anchor. She went on to co-anchor the 6 p.m. prime-time newscast for 15 years, and today joins fellow news veteran Erik Smith to co-anchor the station's morning



Doris Biscoe lives in Clarkston

news program. Throughout her career she has received numerous awards and commendations for news reporting excellence and community service.

Biscoe has also devoted a great deal of time to community service. "I like to do those kinds of things, and I like to encourage young people to do them, too," Biscoe said.

The roast benefits The Arts League of Michigan, where she serves on the board of trustees. The Arts League of Michigan is a non-profit organization that promotes the African and American cultural tradition.

Construction of new high school gets blame for high water level

By JAN BAKER
STAFF WRITER

The grown son of a homeowner who lives on a low-lying stretch of Almond Lane near Clarkston's new high school is blaming the Clarkston School District for flooding his mother's backyard.

But school officials say his mother's backyard isn't flooded — and a newspaper photograph of it is all wet.

Waterford Township resident Mark Petterson, whose mother's home abuts a wetland area that also borders the site of Clarkston's new high school, said in an interview Friday that the drainage system at the school site was funneling too much water into the residential area. As a result, Petterson said current water levels there posed a threat to nearby homes. "My mother's lived here for 33 years, and we've never seen it like this," he said.

To publicize his point, Petterson explained that he had contacted a daily newspaper to photograph him Sunday afternoon in waist-high water on his mother's property.

But when that picture appeared on the front-page of that newspaper's Tuesday edition with the caption: "Not the backyard pool he wanted," Clarkston school officials immediately declared Petterson's newspaper portrayal "staged."

Barbara Johns, director of

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public relations for Clarkston schools, said Tuesday, "The picture in the newspaper showed a man in hip boots standing in about 3 feet of water and it was claimed to have been taken in his mother's backyard. But we can verify that the photo was actually shot in the wetlands area of the school's property."

Craig Kahler, director of business services for Clarkston schools, elaborated on John's comments Tuesday. "There's no denying that the wetlands are up, but the wetlands are on the (high) school property — they are not in Mark Petterson's mother's backyard. To characterize this problem as flooding in people's yards is not accurate. As of today, one home in that area has water encroaching on it — about a foot into its backyard. It's not a flood."

Waterford Township resident Barb Armand — the daughter of Almond Lane homeowner Hardy Hess, who also lives near the wetlands — said in an interview last week, however, that her mother had recently discovered water in her basement. Along with Petterson, she blamed the school district for an inadequate water drainage system at the new high school.

"I think it's the schools' responsibility because if it was

not for the building of that high school, this wouldn't have happened," Armand said.

Kahler said school officials weren't ignoring complaints of the two residents' grown children. "In the short-term, we are considering a pump system to temporarily lower water levels in the wetlands," he said. "We believe the growth of grass and groundcover will soon ease the problem. Long-term solutions will be more costly but are certainly being evaluated carefully."

In an interview last week, Kahler said the high school's engineers designed a detention pond and a retention pond on the site to ensure proper "agricultural flow." And that system was approved by Independence Township engineers Hubbell, Roth & Clark Inc.

Kahler explained that the site's detention pond "holds water, but doesn't let it go anywhere." It's retention pond, however, "allows a controlled amount of water to go out into the wetlands at a rate that is the same as if we never did anything (on the site)."

Kahler commented, however, that grass — which would also have helped control water runoff on the site — could not be planted last fall, as planned, because heavy machinery had to be wheeled into that area to line the detention pond with clay. The clay process was recommended by engineers after soil borings showed that water was leaking through the pond, which was originally constructed of dirt.

Additionally, the director of business services pointed out that February brought with it above-average rainfall. "Water has to go into the ground or evaporate — and it doesn't evaporate well in cold air," he said.

According to Bill Stewart, the high school's project manager from A. J. Etkin Inc., the school

'We know we have a runoff problem, and we have been working with both school and township engineers to quickly resolve it. We intend to be good neighbors.'

Al Roberts

Clarkston Schools Supt.

district did not act negligently in the water issue. "The site work at the high school was approved in accordance with documents by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Independence Township and the Oakland County Drain Commission," Stewart said in a phone interview March 18. "I don't want to see anybody's property damaged, but that's the lowest spot over here and that's where the water goes. Some people want to approach this as a simple issue, but this is not a simple issue ... We've had a very unusual winter. And we've been physically unable to establish any plant growth (on the school site) because of the timing involved in lining the detention basin with clay. Storm water retention all over the county is at capacity."

Stewart also pointed out that high school bond issue funds cannot legally be used for drainage work that is off of the high school site.

In a prepared statement Tuesday, Clarkston schools' superintendent Al Roberts pointed a finger at news accounts of the problem. "... Some of the staged photos we have seen are simply not reflecting the situation as it truly exists," Roberts said. "We know we have a runoff problem, and we have been working with both school and township engineers to quickly resolve it. We intend to be good neighbors."

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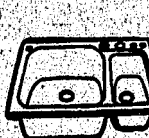
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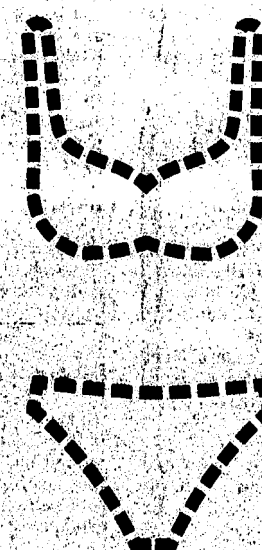
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House considers giving students a break on books

SARA CALLENDER
STAFF WRITER

Melissa Mayes, a nursing student at Oakland Community College, pays almost \$800 tuition each semester. She also has to pay about \$350 for textbooks.

So, when Mayes buys her books, she pays about \$20 in sales tax.

Proposed House Bill 4414 would change that.

Mayes, a junior, was among those representing OU, Madonna University, University of Detroit-Mercy and Oakland Community College who testified in favor of the bill, which would eliminate sales tax on textbooks, at a hearing of the House Colleges and Universities Committee Monday at Oakland University.

OU student Amy Towle, associate director of Legislative Affairs, said the average student spends roughly the cost of four credit hours on textbooks per year. Eliminating the sales tax would save approximately \$30.

I've paid almost \$100 for some of my books.

Roshanda Walker
—Oakland University student

"Although this may seem like a modest saving, it is significant to students," Towle said. "Students living in the residence halls could use this \$30 toward phone calls home or weekend meals which are not provided directly by the residence halls."

Commuters, who make up a majority of the university's 14,379 students, could use the extra money for gas, she added.

It isn't just the sales tax the students are worried about. OU students rated the price of textbooks as the top issue in a survey conducted as part of the 1997 University Student Congress.

"I've paid almost \$100 for some of my books," OU mechanical engineering student Roshanda Walker said. "I've also paid between \$30 and \$40 for some books and never even taken them out of the wrappers. It's robbery."

Several students said because of the high book prices they are forced to photocopy textbooks or borrow them from friends to save money.

"The cost of higher education is often a roadblock for students and buying textbooks should not add to that burden," said state Rep. Deborah Cherry, D-Burton, chairwoman of the House Colleges and Universities Committee. "Students may take fewer classes to save money or simply not buy the book. Our students should not have to shortchange their academic careers in order for publishers and bookstores to make a few dollars."

The House Committee plans to conduct one last hearing before its members vote on the proposed bill in late April or early May.

Bill would stop businesses from pretending to be locally operated

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Freshman Rep. Andrew Raczowski, R-Farmington Hills, got his first bill passed by the state House of Representatives but only after it got a tongue-lashing from a fellow conservative.

His House Bill 5499 prevents out-of-state businesses from misleading Michiganians into thinking they are locally operated — and charging an extra \$9.

Farmington Florists, 33199 Grand River, brought the problem to his attention. It seems a firm calling itself Farmington Florist (no "s" on the end) from Farmington Hills, NJ, advertised in the Ameritech telephone directory using a local phone number.

"All calls are then automatically forwarded to the out-of-state business without the customer's knowledge where a \$9 service charge is added," said Raczowski.

"Unfortunately, this is a

widespread predatory practice that negatively affects many state florists," he said. "They're not even registered in Michigan. Local Michigan florists are put at a distinct disadvantage."

His bill and a Democratic companion measure, HB 5500, prohibit anyone from listing a business in a local directory with a local number that forwards calls out of state without disclosing the address receiving the call.

If passed by the Senate, the bills provide for fines up to \$10,000.

Raczowski's bill on March 3 sailed through the House on a vote of 102-6 with all-area representatives voting yes except Greg Kaza, R-Rochester Hills.

"Businesses that have difficulty competing in the free market should rely on friendly persuasion, not government compulsion," Kaza said in a formal protest in the House Journal.

"If businesses object to compe-

tition from out-of-state sources, they should educate consumers, not look to Lansing to enact legislation putting their competitors out of business."

Kaza concluded, "When politically-connected small business — in this case a trade association of florists — uses political power and the legislative process against a competitor, they should not be surprised when the day comes, as it inevitably must, when his businesses uses the same process against the small."

In conformity to House custom, Raczowski next day provided each member with a gift from his district — a flower from Farmington Florists — and a small box of candy.

Even Kaza got one. Refer to House Bills 5499 and 5500 when writing to your state senator, State Capitol, PO Box 30036, Lansing 48909.

Land development workshop set

Randall Arendt, an internationally recognized advocate for conservation development and author of several books on community planning, will be the keynote speaker at a workshop on alternative land development methods from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday, March 27 at the Heather Highlands Golf Club in Holly.

Vice president for conservation planning with Natural Land Trust located in Media, Penn., Arendt's presentation will focus on proven methods for creating more livable communities through conservation planning. His designs for open space subdi-

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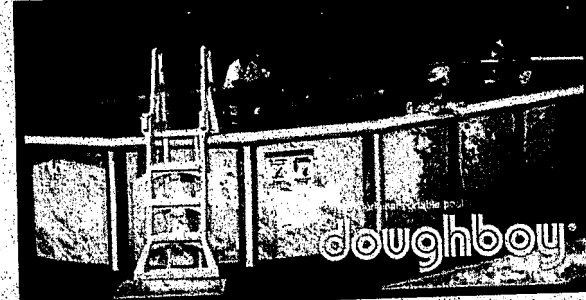
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Applications and additional information are available in the Clarkston High School main office.

Applicants must return completed applications by April 9.

For more information, call the high school at 625-0900.



Michael Brown

Clarkston CPA scores 2nd highest in nation on exam

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Practice makes perfect, and while Michael Brown of Independence Township didn't receive a perfect score on the CPA exam, he came about as close as close gets.

Incredibly, Brown, who grew up in Clarkston and took the Certified Public Accountant's test last November, scored a 98 on the business law portion of the exam and a 99 on the rest of the test.

The results not only render the 24-year-old graduate of Oakland University the highest scoring test taker in the state of Michigan but also the second highest scorer in the nation last year.

"I just remember feeling better than when I graduated from college when I walked out of the exam," recalled Brown, a Clarkston High graduate who learned of his astonishing results last month.

"You know when you do well on an exam, but I didn't walk out feeling that I got a 90 percent... I was really surprised. I thought I would do well. I thought I

'A lot of people didn't believe me, and I had to show them the paper. It's been quite a conversation piece. They were just like 'Wow! What did you do? How did you study?'

Michael Brown
Independence Twp resident

would pass."

Brown's scores also earned him the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants' William A. Paton Award and the Elijah Watt Sells Award from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Brown said he is especially proud of the Sells award because it is named after the founder of Deloitte & Touche LLP, where Brown works.

Colleagues, too, were shocked by the marks.

"A lot of people didn't believe me, and I had to show them the paper. It's been quite a conversa-

tion piece," Brown said. "They were just like 'Wow! What did you do? How did you study?'"

But Brown's secret formula for whizzing the CPA exam is about as old and ordinary as they come.

"You just have to study and work hard," he said, disclosing the details of his test strategy — about 20 hours of study time per week several months before the exam.

"I don't believe that I'm super intelligent. I guess I have some God-given talents, but you have to couple it with studying."

But even Brown's study approach — a review course and hundreds of practice questions — is standard.

Beyond those basics, he made sure he was rested for the exam, stayed focused and took a few rest breaks during the test, he said.

"I was surprised that I did as well as I did, but I think other people could do it, too. I wasn't studying to try to be second in the United States."

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Following are the times and topics:

March 29 — "Portrait of Addiction" 9-10 p.m. Recovering addicts reveal lives distorted by drugs and alcohol and transformed by recovery.

March 29 — "The Hijacked Brain" 10-11 p.m. This segment shows how addiction is a physiological disease rather than a moral failing.

As a follow up to the series, Independence Township Library will host an open house of local agencies offering substance abuse counseling. The open house will be held 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 1.

March 30 — "Changing Lives" 9-10:30 p.m. This episode explores the many treatment options and examines the role the community plays in recovery.

March 31 — "The Next Generation" 9-10 p.m. What can be

done to break the cycle of addiction in the next generation? This program focuses on two efforts. One works with parents addicted to heroin; the other works with kids in the Florida school system.

March 31 — "The Politics of Addiction" 10-11 p.m. The policy hour examines the challenges of transforming what we have learned in the past decade about the disease of addiction into a rational, effective health policy.

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FAMILY SPORTS SPECTACULAR

A family sports spectacular to benefit the Child Abuse and Neglect Council of Oakland County is scheduled from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at the Troy Sports Center, Big Beaver and John R. Tickets are \$10 per person or \$50 for a family of six. Admission includes skating, skate rental, soccer, food, entertainment and treats. For more information, call Doris at (248) 832-7173 Ext. 202.

SECOND HAND SALE

Mom's Second Hand Sale, sponsored by the Farmington Area Community Women, will be held from 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, April 4 at the Farmington Hills Activity Center located at 11 Mile Road between Middlebelt and Inkster. Children's clothes, toys, maternity items and much more will be available. There is a \$1 admission fee.

JEWISH SINGLES MISSION

Singles ages 25-40 are invited to join an informational meeting at 7 p.m. April 6 at Moosejaw Mountaineering, 34288 Wood-

ward, Birmingham, for the 1998 United Jewish Appeal Summer Singles Mission to Israel. The trip, with others from throughout the U.S. from July 8-19, includes parties, jeep rides in the Golan, tubing down the Jordan, a Shabbat mission or the meeting, call Marc Berke at the federation at (248) 203-1458.

QUILT CELEBRATION

The Oakland County Quilt Guild at the Western Wall and visits to religious and historic sites. For details about the presents it's 1998 Quilt Celebration. A quilt exhibit and contest will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, April 17 at Lutheran High School Northwest, located on Livernois, south of M-59. A merchants mall, refreshments, workshops and lectures will also be featured. Admission is \$5.

FREE WOOD CHIPS

Free wood chips for yard beautification projects will be available for pick-up from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on April 25, May 23, June 27, July 25, Aug. 29, Sept. 26 and Oct. 31 at the Orion Oaks County Park. Residents must bring their own shovels, wheelbarrows and buckets and can enter from the Clarkson Road entrance. For more information, call (248) 858-0906 or 1-888-OC PARKS.

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Hundreds of period costumes, modern and vintage clothes, fabrics and accessories will be available at Meadow Brook Theatre's costume sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 2. Prices range from 50 cents to \$50. The theatre is located on the campus of Oakland University near the corner of Squirrel and Walton Blvd.

SENIOR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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Heartland Hospice in Southfield is looking for volunteers to provide services to terminally ill patients and their families. Tasks include home visits, phone calls, errands, companionship and general office work. Those interested will receive training in areas of death and grief, communication skills, care and comfort measures, stress management and understanding the disease process. To learn more or volunteer for this rewarding experience, call Volunteer Coordinator Kim Davids at (248) 948-1019.

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Teachers press state for bilingual education

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Teachers and parents from Southfield, Pontiac and Detroit have started an uphill battle to revive bilingual teaching in public schools.

"In Southfield, the commitment is there. We need a commitment from the state," teacher Nidahl DeCesare told the House Education Committee this month. "There are many, many success stories of people who came here speaking Russian, Arabic, Spanish."

Rasmia Kassab, a Southfield mother wearing a Vandenberg School sweatshirt, credited bilingual classes for teaching her English.

Professor Phyllis Noda, of the Eastern Michigan University faculty and president of the Michigan Association for Bilingual Education, said Michigan looks at bilingual teaching as a burden when it should look at bilingual kids as "a precious resource — they all have a second language. We're a free-trade zone, folks."

"We don't want that money (\$4.2 million from the state in the last year of the program). We want that mandate. The only thing that motivated some districts was the stick (state mandate)."

Bilingual education means teaching pupils in their native language for three years or until their English proficiency is great enough to allow mainstreaming. Michigan mandated it for more than 20 years until 1996 when the School Code was revised to eliminate as many rules as possible.

Michigan spent \$4.2 million a year for bilingualism's last 11 fiscal years, with no inflation adjustment. With the new School Code, the money was folded into the school aid budget. The money is there, but school districts have no mandate from Lansing to continue bilingual instruction.

Rep. Martha Scott, D-Highland Park, is sponsor of a bill to restore bilingual instruction. "There is an allegiance to the flag that includes all persons."

There is no better way to give them an opportunity than this," she told the panel.

Scott's bill would require a school district with 20 or more children of "limited English-speaking ability" in grades K-12 to operate a bilingual instruction program. If fewer than 20 had limited English in a district, the county intermediate district would determine whether to operate a county-wide program.

Education chair Sharon Gire, D-Macomb County, took testimony but hasn't scheduled a vote.

Committee members prodded Professor Noda about costs. "If we mandate it," said Rep. James McNutt, R-Midland, "we have to fund it."

Noda said "nebulous estimates" placed the number of eligible students at 56,000 to 75,000 statewide. At \$289 per pupil, the minimum cost would be \$16 million a year.

Deborah Vargas, a Rochester Hills resident teaching in Pontiac, recalled that when her parents came from Puerto Rico, "I couldn't speak a word of English. After kindergarten, I was looked at for special education because they thought I was dumb."

Now in charge of bilingual education in Pontiac, Vargas said a second language should be looked at as an asset. "Many waiters (in foreign countries) can speak three or more languages," she said. "All our children need to speak a second language."

The battle is uphill because the mood in Lansing is against writing mandates into law that may contain growing costs down the road.

No one spoke against the bill — a sign that many education lobbyists saw no need to fight a bill that probably isn't going anywhere.

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County parks seek singers

Forget flipping burgers or mowing lawns this summer.

Why not perform with the Oakland County Parks Singers, a touring musical group?

Auditions for high school and college-age students only are set for 4-7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, April 16-17, at Waterford Oaks County Park.

Callbacks are 5 p.m. Saturday, April 25. Audition times must be scheduled; drop-ins will not be accepted.

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Jim Dunleavy
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leavy said.

Singers must bring sheet music, sing 16 bars from two contrasting songs and be prepared to dance as part of their audition.

Rehearsals begin in early May with contracts running June 16 through Aug. 16. The salary is \$2,100 per performer for the summer.

Waterford Oaks County Park is on Scott Lake Road between Dixie Highway and Pontiac Lake Road. Auditions will take place at the park's Lookout Lodge.

To schedule an audition, contact Dunleavy at (248) 858-4647.

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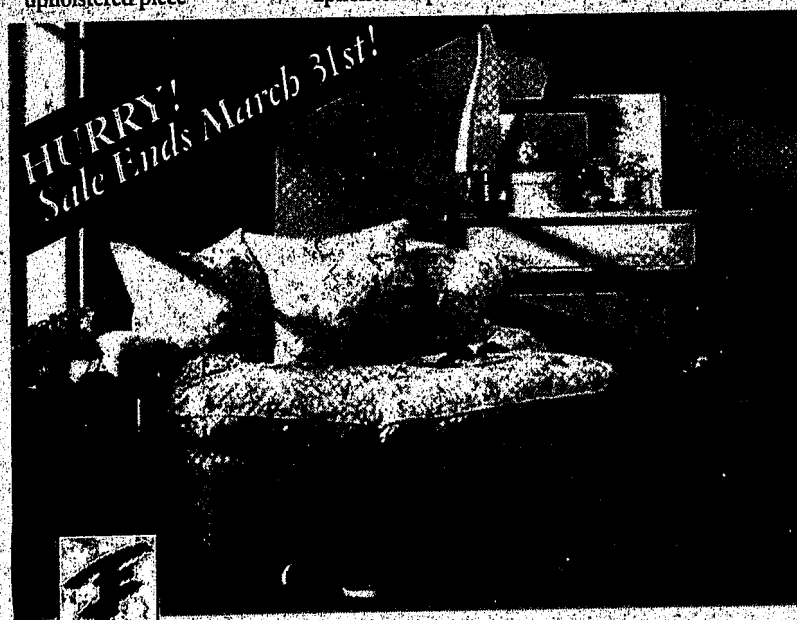
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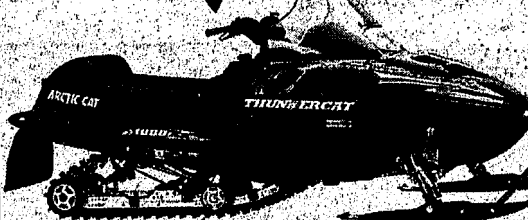
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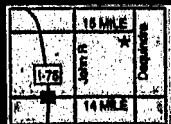
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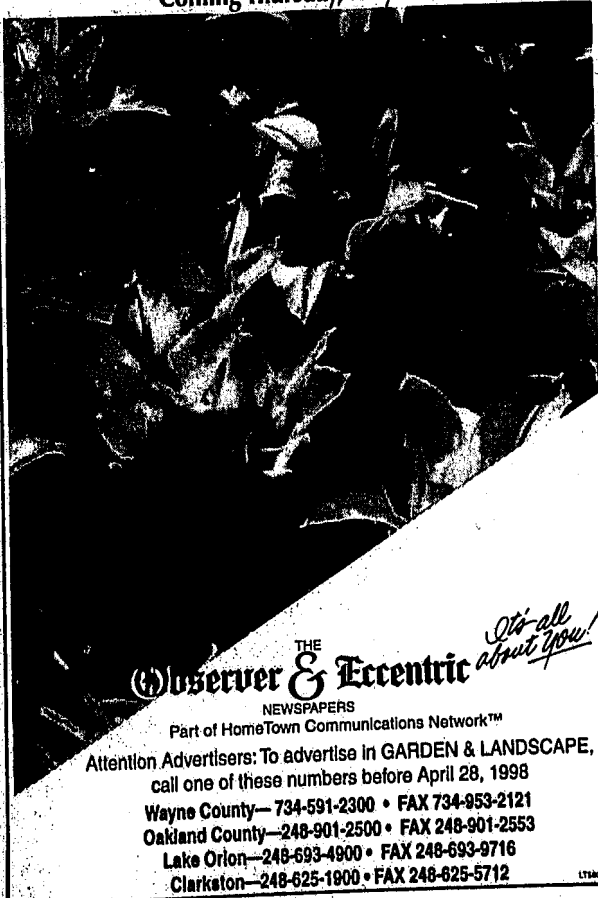
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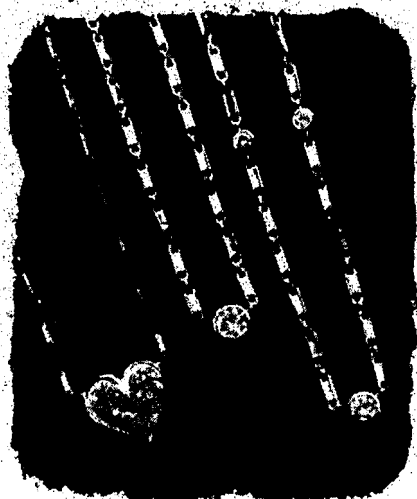


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That observation came from Jeff Boyne, a meteorologist for the National Weather Service, in an Associated Press story about the winter storm (Oops! make that *spring storm*) that dumped from 2 to 4 inches of snow and sleet on southeast Michigan last Friday and Saturday — the first official days of spring.

The storm shouldn't have come as any surprise to Michiganians. Snow storms are not unusual in March and April. As Boyne pointed out, on the first day of spring in 1983, the area received 6 to 8 inches of snow. And 1983, coincidentally or not, was another year when El Niño was around.

The phenomenon known as El Niño — a complicated process that involves weakening trade winds, the eastward drift of warm Pacific water from Australia to South America, the jet stream and chain reactions in weather patterns — has received so much press that it has become almost fashionable to blame El Niño for whatever weather comes along.

If El Niño brought us snow on the first day of spring, it also brought the springlike weather that resulted in a snowless February. If El Niño was responsible for the mild winter that just (officially) ended, it may also be to blame if we are served up a cold and wet spring.

Meteorologists seem to refer to El Niño on just about every TV weather show we watch

and even the editors of the Old Farmer's Almanac admit that yes, they considered the effects of El Niño when writing the forecasts for the 1998 edition of that classic work.

Frankly, we don't know what to make of it all. We don't dispute the prognostications of the professional meteorologists, but we also know that it's spring and it's Michigan and the weather is going to be unpredictable. Which brings us to our point.

Gov. John Engler has declared the week of March 29 through April 4 as "Severe Weather Awareness Week in Michigan," citing statistics that last year Michigan experienced 19 tornadoes, 72 episodes of flooding and many thunderstorms, resulting in seven deaths, 108 injuries and property damage of more than \$150 million.

The Michigan Committee for Severe Weather Awareness is conducting a campaign to encourage residents to prepare for severe weather. All schools in the state are being asked to conduct tornado drills on March 31 so students can practice safety procedures.

We urge all of you to do the same. Develop a plan of action both at work and at home as to what to do should severe thunderstorms, flooding or tornadoes strike your area. Discuss the plan with your family and maybe conduct a drill or two in your own home.

You may not be able to predict the weather, but you can prepare for it when it turns bad. And if you aren't prepared, you can't blame that on El Niño.

Make a donation when you die

In a popular movie now showing, Jack Nicholson asks: "What if this is as good as it gets?"

It's a question we all should ask. And the question deserves a simple, but profound, reply — it could be better.

Making life in these suburbs better is up to all of us.

Generally, we do a pretty good job of it, with financial contributions to, among others, such organizations as school foundations in Southfield and Birmingham. Volunteer work as docents, in hospitals and with the elderly are also among the opportunities in which we participate.

Now there's a group headquartered in Southfield called Leave a Legacy whose members point out that we could be doing better.

The group is part of the Planned Giving Roundtable of Southeast Michigan. Its members include such notables as a former board member of the Birmingham Community House, a Troy resident who is a development officer for the Presbyterian Church, a Southfield resident who heads up community relations and development for Starr Commonwealth, an attorney who works with the elderly and a Beverly Hills resident who works for the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

These well-respected individuals have a message: Statistics show that while we donate to charities in an offhand way, few of us include them in our estate planning. And during this Leave a Legacy month, members are taking their message to businesses and community groups.

Certainly those charities have a place there. It can be our way of providing a lasting tribute through bequests, endowments or simply a one-time donation to make sure this isn't as good as it gets.

Contributions can provide hot meals for seniors or health care for children. The choice

is yours, and really limited only by your imagination.

One woman, recounts a member of Leave a Legacy, provided a fund for a yearly birthday party for a group of children in need, complete with balloons and cake. That was her way of making a difference.

You don't have to be rich; any amount is appreciated by your church or college. For those who can make a sizable donation, however, there should be recognition that one's good fortune ought to be shared with those who made it possible.

Leaving a bequest in someone's name is also a great way of honoring a loved one. That's one advantage of a living legacy.

Sometimes, say organization members, charities like to know about a bequest during the donor's lifetime so that the person can be recognized.

Practically speaking, whether a donation is cash, stocks, real estate or an insurance policy, the bequest is a good way of lowering taxes. But it's best to contact a financial advisor, attorney, bank or insurance agent for details. To help you, Leave a Legacy can make referrals to knowledgeable individuals.

One thing the organization won't do is recommend a beneficiary — that's up to you. Leave a Legacy suggests that you think about a charity to which you'd like to donate before contacting a professional advisor.

Leave a Legacy, Southeast Michigan, is located at 29350 Southfield Road, Suite 119, Southfield. The organization can be reached at (248) 569-9702 / (888) 826-7900; by fax at (248) 443-4950; by e-mail at johnfike@sprynet.com. Leave a Legacy also has a web site at the following address: <http://comnet.org/legacy>

A little forethought and a little planning could give us all a lot to look forward to.

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

What are you doing for spring break?



"I'm probably going to work."
Melissa Hermes
11th grader



"I have no idea. I should be going out of town. Up north."
Rae Sommers
10th grader



"We're going on vacation. More than likely camping."
Jennifer Way
10th grader



"Probably going down to Florida."
Brandon Schmidt
11th grader

This question was asked at Clarkston High School.

LETTERS

Column on poet 'fantastic'

Thank you for the wonderful article on Ann Morrow on Jan. 1, 1998. The article was fantastic! (Carolyn Walker's column headlined "Poet, 87, is well versed in finding life's humor, beauty.")

Mrs. Morrow holds a very close place in my heart. My late grandmother, Mary Killian, and Mrs. Morrow used to teach together in Pontiac. My grandmother was a teacher and later a principal. They traveled together and were just all-around good friends.

Well, in November of 1997 my grandmother passed away at the ripe old age of 96. She lived a great life and I was proud to have her as my grandmother. The funeral was somewhat painful — not to mention cold since the heater at St. Vincent DePaul's was broken — but the light that shines in Ann's eyes was glimmering. At the end of the funeral Ann gave an exquisite tribute to my grandmother. She did what she does best ... she wrote a beautiful poem. The poem brought tears to everyone's eyes, but the beauty was that it detailed my grandmother and her life so well.

I will never forget that wonderful gesture of kindness that she demonstrated. She gave me a gift that I will never forget. I left the funeral of my grandmother, one of the women in the world whom I truly admired and adored, with a warm heart. Mrs. Morrow's words were gentle, kind, true and loving. I don't think a thank-you will ever do. I think she summed it up best (in your article) when she said "people are marvelous." I know she certainly is.

I thought I would share this story with you since you have such fond memories of Mrs. Morrow. It's amazing how one person can touch so many lives. The funny thing is that she probably wouldn't know me if I bumped into her on the street, but she gave me such a wonderful memory of the day we sent my grandmother to meet our Lord.

Again, thank you for the wonderful article, and I wish you much future success.

Shannon E. Cronan
White Lake

Clinton pays Lippo service

In his first term President Clinton made one of the world's largest deposits of low sulfur burning coal in Utah a Bioreserve. (Because of government regulation all energy producing utilities must use low sulfur burning coal.) This was done without the consent of the state of Utah and places this land under indirect control of the U.N. via the BioReserve Treaty. None of this coal can ever be mined now without the permission of U.N. bureaucrats. After all a treaty becomes the highest law of the land, according to our Constitution.

Funny thing is, the second largest deposit of this type of coal in the whole world is in Indonesia and owned by the Lippo Group. The

Lippo Group, which has ties to Communist China, also contributed money to the Democrats and President Clinton for their political campaigns. (I'm sure there's no connection!)

The most ethical president in history has now courageously started an effort to reform campaign financing. There's something I haven't quite figured out yet, if the Democrats couldn't obey laws originally written by themselves, how can they obey more laws written by themselves? As Horace once said of his fellow Romans at the height of decadence and decline, "What are mere laws if we lack principle?" (Translated — What are laws good for if we won't obey them?)

Charlene Femminineo
Troy

Let conservancy use farm

In response to your article in the Sunday edition of the Clarkston Eccentric on March 22, I am expressing my thoughts as follows:

As a long-time resident of Independence Township (since 1968) and appreciating nature, wildlife and the preservation of rural surroundings of Clarkston and Independence Township, I would suggest the following:

Use the farmhouse and the donated 20 acres as headquarters for the Independence Township Land Conservancy and share the space with the Independence Township Parks and Recreation Department.

Inga Girschner
Independence Township

Drugs curb young minds

Ritalin makes students manageable. Drug dependence is practiced in schools where the "war on drugs" is preached. Children are not alike. Raising the activity level of slow students is a praiseworthy goal — slowing hyperactive students is not. More challenging assignments might consume the excess energy and raise class averages as well.

Equality in education does not require tranquilizing active minds. America's test scores will likely remain low as long as hyper students are given pills in school.

Hank Borgman
Farmington

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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

From metal to plastic, money still evolving

Instant buying may be at our fingertips — literally. The evolution of credit and exchange over time is really quite interesting.

Back in the Stone Age, when men and women banded together for protection, barter was invented.

Some people hunted, some people grew things and others made things. People traded with each other.

Not everyone was able to create something to trade so something had to be created to allow these people to acquire things.

Currency was created for this purpose. People used valuable minerals like gold or silver or precious stones. The metals were pressed into coins and became known as the coin of the realm when governments started minting them.

As time progressed, the coins and jewels got too bulky and governments

began to print paper money.

There was no problem when a \$20 gold piece had \$20 worth of gold in it, but the paper had no intrinsic value in itself. People had to trust the government that it would stand behind the currency.

Originally this paper money was a receipt for gold that the government stored somewhere, but after a while the gold standard was abolished and people were left with pure trust.

Just as the government was issuing paper money, banks created checking accounts and people were able to create their own paper that was accepted in commerce.

When products got larger, people weren't in a position to pay the entire cost so credit was created where a third party loaned the needed money for a fee and protected its interest with some sort of lien.

ECCENTRICITIES



HANK HOGAN

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As the world progressed these third parties gave up their lien protection and started loaning on the basis of someone's good name.

Then we got to the point of instant gratification and people didn't want to go to the bank each time they needed money so credit cards were born.

Because credit cards were easy to use, and readily accepted, banks created debit cards, which charged your bank account immediately, avoiding the need for checks.

The federal government is now experimenting with eliminating food stamps and issuing debit cards to welfare recipients who then can't sell the stamps to third parties for discounted cash.

In the meantime security devices

were created whereby people could gain entry to a protected place by using their fingerprint as identification. Each fingerprint is unique, and its image can be entered into a computer and stored for recognition.

As preposterous as it may seem, in the future there may be no currency but instead a little chip inserted into your fingertip where all you would have to do to buy something would be to press your fingertip down.

I wouldn't be surprised by anything, and it sure would beat lugging all that gold around.

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

Parents need to spend time with their children

A few days ago I watched a television interview with a pediatrician. She happened to be 100 years old, one of the first women doctors certified in the state of Georgia, and the experiences of life were etched into every word she spoke. Still a practicing physician, she plainly remembered the early days of medicine. I was taken by her response to a few questions.

The first question she was asked was, "What is the most significant medical achievement you have witnessed since becoming a doctor?" Her response was immediate and certain: "The immunization of children." She was sure of her response because so many lives have been saved by this simple procedure. In her answer, she argued that prevention is a far better way to deal with sickness than reacting to illnesses that have taken over the body.

The same approach is a good one for schools and for parents. For example, researchers have proof that early experiences play a vital role in the physical, emotional and intellectual development of children. There is no question that youngsters exposed to an environment rich in experiences do better in school and are likely to achieve more in later life. Now we don't all have to be millionaires to pave the way for our children, but we can all see how critical it is for parents to engage their children in activities that promote the desire to learn. This can be done in simple ways like reading to children at home, displaying a positive attitude toward school, and sharing the fun of learning new things.

The second question posed to the pediatrician questioned her perception of the greatest danger kids face in the modern world. I immediately thought she would say drug and alco-



AL ROBERTS

■ Sometimes school personnel and parents are at odds. They see things differently, but that is only a problem if the grown-ups fail to place children first.

hol abuse, but I was surprised again by her quick, clear and poignant response. "Child neglect" was her answer, hands down! And she didn't

mean failure to feed or clothe kids — she cited the empty homes to which children return at the end of the day. This wasn't a politically correct response, but it does describe a phenomenon that has grown to great proportions in 1998.

The present world is certainly very different than the one in which our elderly pediatrician grew up, but I believe her reasoning is without fault. Boys and girls still require guidance and encouragement to grow in wisdom. They need help from the adult world to develop self-discipline, good study habits and a commitment to be the best they can be. These qualities can be fostered more effectively in an environment where everyone, parents and kids alike, are on the same page.

In Clarkston, that is often the case, but not always. Sometimes school personnel and parents are at odds. They see things differently, but that is only a problem if the grown-ups fail to

place children first. As we observe Parent Awareness Month this month in Michigan, I propose that administrators, teachers, parents, guardians and other caring adults ponder the same questions asked of this elderly physician. Isn't her prescription correct?

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

(Note: Oakland Schools, the Michigan Association of Children's Alliances and Oakland County Human Services Coordinating Council will co-sponsor a workshop titled "Parenting of Teenagers" featuring Dr. Francis Walton 7-9 p.m. Thursday, April 2, at Oakland Schools, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road. Cost is \$3 per person, \$5 per couple. Call 517-485-0840 for registration information.)

B'ham changing for the better

When I left my full-time job at the Eccentric and opted to write from home, I obviously had less reason to spend time in downtown Birmingham.

Yes, I still go to the office at least once each week, but it's easy when you're on the east side of Woodward to shoot westward again without stopping.

Still, at least every six weeks I go to downtown Birmingham to have my hair cut (ah yes, also colored) by Jennifer Bussiere, who has been my stylist for about seven years.

And, until the last few months, that was the only regular stop I made in that city that could come under the label of "necessity."

But within the past year, my primary care doctor moved his offices up Woodward from Berkley to Old Woodward in Birmingham. And my facialist from Southfield moved to a downtown Birmingham salon.

These are new "necessities" that take me into that city. Indeed, Birmingham officials report a strong demand for office space and a shortage of space for one and two-person offices.

The reason for bringing this up is a recent interview I read with Richard Sennett, a leading sociologist and critic of urban development who teaches at New York University.

The key to success is to make downtowns vital "so that you need to be there, rather than that you'll have a good time there," said Sennett, who was in Ann Arbor last week to lecture at the University of Michigan.

Concentrating solely on shopping, dining and entertainment options leave cities more vulnerable to economic downturns, according to Sennett. He said successful downtowns incorporate necessities — such as schools, hospitals, city halls, post offices and jobs — alongside shopping and entertainment districts.

I thought immediately of Birmingham, the "downtown" for a number of our communities, with a library, city hall, police station, Community House, and park at its core. (Yes, moving the post office was a mistake.)

A significant amount of space, once designed for retail, has given way to financial institutions, law firms, architects and other businesses — including new restaurants and coffee houses.

Conversion of the Birmingham Theatre from a poorly attended live theater to an eight-screen film theater now generates street traffic at all hours of the day and night.

Now, more art galleries, antique shops, boutiques and stores featuring items for the home — today's necessities if you will — are moving into storefronts once devoted to apparel. Intown housing is on the rise. Empty storefronts in the Wabek Building are spoken for, according to



JUDITH DONER BERNE

Jim Weiner, president of Related Retail of Bloomfield Hills, which purchased the building several months back and which also owns the site of the old Crowley's store.

In fact, my very hair salon, is scheduled to move from the Wabek Building to a spot on Old Woodward. Twenty-five salons occupy downtown space. That's a lot of heads coming into town.

Meanwhile, the scenarios fly over the Crowley's property, vacant for a year. Jacobson's may consolidate into a single building — maybe abandoning its two stores to occupy the Crowley site. A mix of retail, restaurants, upscale condos and a movie theater — although not so large as the 16-screens Weiner originally announced — are possibilities to replace them. I was happy to read, that rather than compete with the Birmingham Theatre, the same owners, David and Carole Ilitch-Trepeck, might operate any new screens.

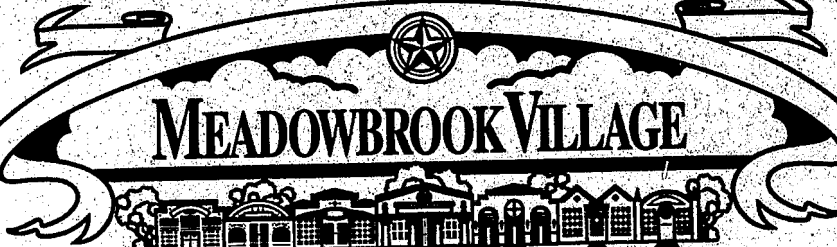
Meanwhile a new first-two-hours-free system is filling previously empty parking structures and reaping big profits. And, as just announced, curb-side baggie dispensers will be aimed at giving a short sidewalk life to doggie poo.

Birmingham's new direction and focus started before, but was certainly fueled by development of the two-fisted retail giant called Somerset.

It began with the hiring of a forward-thinking city manager — Tom Markus. It got a huge boost when business leaders like Larry Sherman successfully lobbied the Legislature to allow Birmingham to raise funds to market a downtown by assessing the businesses that operate there. Most recently, a new master plan was created by a nationally-recognized outside planner with local input.

No doubt Birmingham is still a city in transition. I can't help but think, however, that NYU Professor Sennett would award it high marks for its hard-won efforts to become a vital destination.


Judith Doner Berne, a West Bloomfield resident, is former managing editor of the Eccentric! Newspapers.



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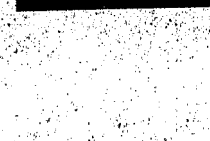
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Easter EVENTS



Easter MAGIC SHOW

Magician John Vittorelli brings his unique blend of magic and comedy to MeadowBrook Village to amaze and delight both youngsters and their parents. Free performances are scheduled for Saturday, March 28 at 11:00 am, 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm.



Easter Bunny PHOTOS

The Easter Bunny arrives on Saturday, March 28 at 11:00 am during John Vittorelli's first magic show of the day. Following the arrival, the Easter Bunny will be available for photos March 28 through April 11: Monday - Saturday, 11:00 am - 8:00 pm; Sunday, 12:00 - 5:00 pm

VISIT THE VILLAGE

OAKLAND DIGEST

Oakland Digest provides a summary of headline stories from around the county during the week leading up to March 26.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

Students get geography lesson: As part of a geography project, third-grade teacher Faye Heller and her students at Pine Lake Elementary School in the Bloomfield Hills School District participated in the "Peace Bird" project to see how many places around the world the carved bird would visit before winding up back at the school. The bird's travels included Miami; Green Bay, Wis.; Boston; Athens, Greece; Kuwait; Italy; and Savannah, Ga.

CLARKSTON

Singer releases CD: Gospel singer Gail Ellege recently released an inspirational compact disc "Boast in the Lord," which she composed after the murder of her pastor-husband Dan Ellege in California nearly six years ago. The CD can be purchased at Detroit-area Dickson's Book stores. For further information, call (248) 643-7444.

FARMINGTON

Crime survey reported: According to the annual public safety report, there were fewer serious crimes last year in Farmington than at any time since records started being kept in 1974 but, drunken driving arrests and larcenies from automobiles increased. Once again, there were no homicides in the city.

LAKE ORION

Students propose bill: About 60 students from Lake Orion's Stadium Elementary School attended a "House Agricultural Committee" hearing to propose a bill that would designate the morel mushroom as the state's official fungus. Still ahead is House approval and Governor Engler's signature.

NYC cop tells how community policing cut crime

New York City Police Deputy Inspector Edward Cannon will be the featured speaker at a roundtable discussion from 9-11 a.m. Wednesday, April 1, at the Guardian Security building in Southfield. Cannon will discuss community policing, which is credited with dramatically reducing crime rates in New York City.

Sponsored by Waste Management of Michigan and Guardian Security, the program also features associate director of the National Center for Community Policing at Michigan State University and former Lansing chief of police, Jerry Boles.

Members of the 8MBA include businesses, neighborhood groups, the 13 communities and three counties along Eight Mile and the Michigan Department of Transportation. The association, which strives to revitalize and promote the Eight Mile transportation business and residential corridor by linking the efforts of public and private sectors, serves 27 miles of road from I-94 to I-275.

Guardian Security is located at 20800 Southfield Road at Eight Mile. For more information and to RSVP by March 27, call (248) 559-8633.

Orchard Ridge hosts open house

Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus will host an open house for prospective students and the community from 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 2. Admission is free, and refreshments will be provided.

Entitled "The OCC Advantage," the event will spotlight campus facilities, resources and services, including the newly-renovated Community Activities/Physical Education Building, the Smith Theatre for the Performing Arts, and the Smith Theatre Art Gallery.

Representatives of campus departments will be on hand to answer questions. Guided tours will also be featured.

For further information call Marjorie Faulkner at (248) 471-5828.

The Orchard Ridge Campus is located at 27055 Orchard Lake Road, just south of I-696 in Farmington Hills.

OXFORD

Residents honored for heroic efforts: Oxford residents Kyle Lewkowicz, 6, and Jason Slann, a senior at Oxford High School, were recognized by the Oxford Emergency Safety Authority for their unselfish acts. Lewkowicz was recognized for knowing to dial 911 when his mom, Ann Marie Lewkowicz, was suffering from diabetic shock and Slann received kudos for administering the Heimlich maneuver on his classmate, Mike Davidson, who

was choking on a piece of candy.

ROCHESTER HILLS

Students win competition: Student teams from Van Hoosen Middle School, Hugger Elementary and Musson Elementary performed their way to a first place finish in the regional Odyssey of the Mind competition held at Rochester Adams High School. They'll compete in the state competition on April 25 at Central Michigan University.

SOUTHFIELD

City seeks public's opinion: The City of Southfield Community Relations Department's Neighborhood Center is asking residents: "What do you think of Southfield City Services?" at the annual Neighborhood Association Workshop, 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, April 4, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts. A continental breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m. Call the Neighborhood Center to RSVP, 354-4400.

TROY

Filing date nears: Anyone interested in running for one of three available seats on the Troy Board of Education must turn in their petition by 4 p.m. Monday, April 6. Those interested must be a registered voter in the school district and gather at least 25 signatures of voters in the Troy School District. Petition packets are available at the Administrative Center.

WEST BLOOMFIELD

Michigan State Lottery officials

are looking for two winners of the March 28, 1997 Big Game drawing. One of the tickets, which is worth \$150,000, was sold at the Arbor Drugs, located at 4299 Orchard Lake Road. The winning numbers were 1, 43, 47, 48, 50 and the Big Money Ball number was 17. The winners have until the close of business on Monday, March 30, to turn in their tickets and can claim prizes by calling (517) 335-5640.

— Compiled by staff writer Sara Callender

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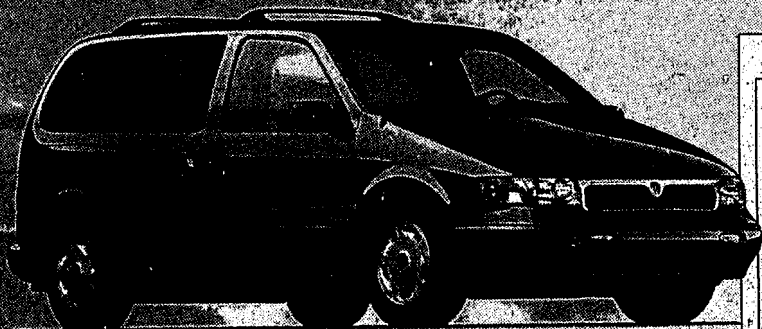
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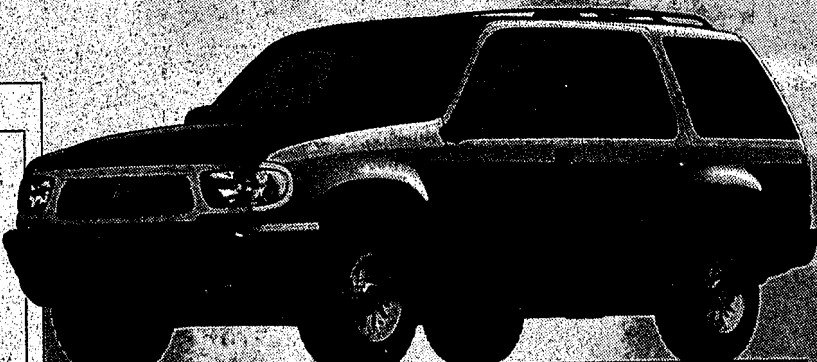
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Son's questions not so easy to answer lately

Why didn't God make unicorns?
How much damage could a unicorn do?

Regular readers of this column know that my son is a great purveyor of questions.

A long time ago — was it really, I wonder? — when he was about 2 1/2 years old and just beginning his verbal quest for knowledge, I decided to write his questions down and save them — never dreaming that they would soon total well into the hundreds.

Hundreds of questions. Hundreds of little paper scraps scurrying around my house.

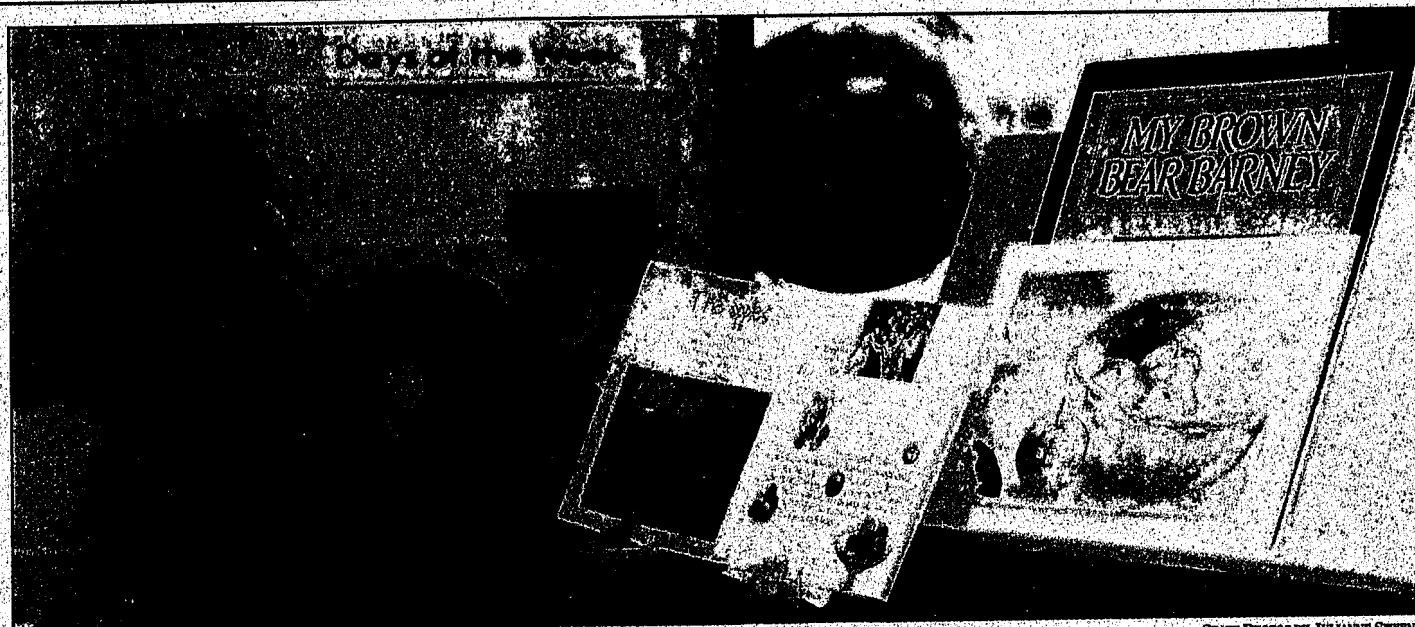
I also never dreamed they would cover every topic from "Why can't we live at the grocery store?" to "Why do we only have two hands?" to "Did you know it's possible to live on the planet Pluto?" to "How come criminals can go to heaven?"

I thought perhaps someday he would enjoy looking back at his own twists of curiosity.

For me, my son's questions constituted fodder for writing and more than a little food for thought. And I soon realized, as I struggled to provide him with honest answers, that I am all-too-frequently short on wisdom.

Sometimes honest answers are hard answers. Or painful answers. Or cumbersome answers.

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Art appreciation: Volunteers like Helen Bingham are teaching students at Springfield Plains Elementary in Clarkston about great artists and their places in history.

Art start

Kids meet the masters

BY JULIANNE SWEENEY
SPECIAL WRITER

Names like Chagall, Cassatt, Homer and Cezanne might not be as well-known as Washington and Columbus, but some artsy volunteers at Springfield Plains Elementary in Clarkston think these artists' stories are just as important.

Art Appreciation volunteers like Helen Bingham select an artist and prepare a presentation and an art project to share with students. During her presentation on French

Impressionist Paul Cezanne, she talks about the artist's place in history and how he used dots of color in his still-life paintings.

But what the kids like best is giving the art a try for themselves.

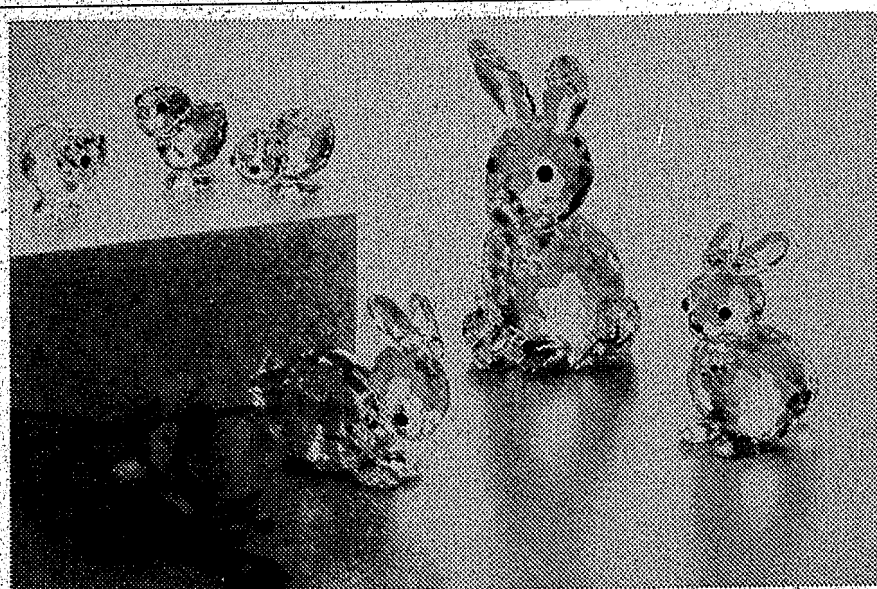
"It opens up new worlds to them," Bingham said. "When they do art, they can't do anything wrong, and that gives them confidence."

This is Bingham's third year as an Art Appreciation volunteer. She says exposing children to art helps them

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Art teacher: Helen Bingham interacts with students Gabrielle Grego and Amber Hendrix at Springfield Plains Elementary School in Clarkston.



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think creatively in other subjects as well. "History is a big part of it — even to open up the idea that there are more countries

than America," Bingham said. Bingham, who lives in Clarkston with her husband Tony and 8-year-old daughter Chrissie, is

one of six volunteers in the school's version of the nationally known Picture Lady Program. The group supplements the

school's regular art instruction and tries to acquaint students with different artists, styles or art forms. They each visit 10 different classrooms with their presentation. Springfield Plains is the only Clarkston public elementary school currently implementing the program.

Bingham, who describes herself as a "part-time artist and full-time mom," grew up in Eng-

land with a mother who taught art and father who liked to paint. She is a watercolor artist and likes sharing her talent with kids.

"I always tell my daughter, 'If you have an idea, do it,' that's what makes it fun," Bingham said.

The Picture Lady Program's philosophy is that art is such an

essential part of life that if volunteers do no more than give children an opportunity to appreciate great works of art and introduce them to the language of art, their objective has been met.

But Bingham takes her job a step further.

"I want to get them thinking," she said. "The more art the kids can be exposed to, the better."

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Some of my son's questions, due to their depth and importance, required me to get down on my knees and petition God for help. Though I admit that in some cases, without wanting to appear arrogant, I allowed myself to speak on God's behalf without seeking his advice.

"I didn't bother to trouble God with things like 'I wonder why they call that a booger?' — for example.

Instead, I let myself wing it, mother-style.

I have noticed lately, that in many ways my son's questions have lost their innocence. Now nearly age 11, developing some skepticism and hovering on the brink of puberty and the rigors of middle school, he asks me ever more frequently about human development and interactions, feelings and societal problems.

Problems like: "What did President Clinton do?" And "What is adultery?"

Only occasionally, will he interject questions like the ones above. Why didn't God make unicorns? and How much damage could a unicorn do?

They are questions that let me know he wants to stop the passage of time and continue to live in a child's world.

It was a dark Friday night after a big dinner when my son asked about unicorns.

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We were parked in our family van on a side street — his father having run into a grocery to buy ice cream — and a late winter snow that made it too cold to eat that ice cream was falling silently about us.

Who can know what prompted his thought?

In the darkness of the van, reflected against the color of street lights, my son's face appeared a golden-touched white circle indwelt by two dark brown spots.

The spots were big and they flashed sideways toward me as he asked his questions while leaning his slim body weight against an arm rest for support.

I chose to lean against an arm rest too. And to tell him that mankind was the creator of unicorns — God having given us the ability to imagine — and that God must have had his reasons for leaving it at that.

Real magic, I told my son, would have no place in a world where people fight for power and

lack self control.

But, he argued with me. The fact that unicorns wear only one horn each seemed proof enough to him that the animals couldn't possibly be a source of too much trouble.

And he suggested as an afterthought that if the horns were the problem, winged horses might have been the next best option.

Consider the fun, he said. And I have.

Over and over this week I have pictured unicorns in my mind. White unicorns romping in green open fields. Unicorns gentling nudging children along in their play.

A mother is left to do some questioning herself.

Where would unicorns live, I wonder. Would we tame them and tether them to fences? Would there be unicorn obedience classes and would they beg at the table? Would veterinarians care for unicorns? And would they purr?

How much damage could a unicorn do?

More or less than a president? More or less than a mother who sometimes wings it — and speaks on God's behalf?

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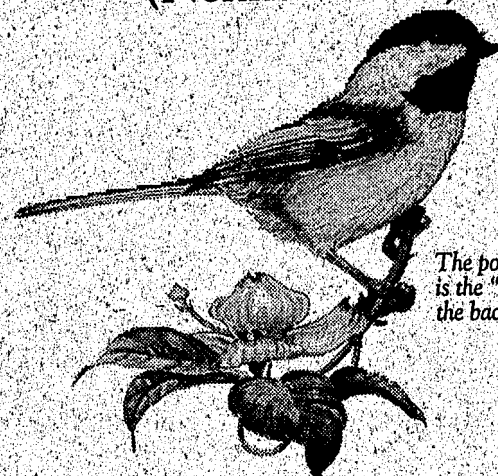
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The headwaters of this pristine stream are located in the northwest corner of the township in Bushman Lake, just north of Independence Oaks County Park.

The river flows through Independence Oaks Park, touches the corner of the Clintonwood Township Park and then goes under I-75 and M-15 to enter the Millpond in Clarkston.

The Clinton then proceeds on its way through numerous lakes and towns on its course to Lake St. Clair.

It is important to note that the Clinton River Headwaters area is one of the county-wide natural areas in Oakland County to be selected as worthy of inclusion in the DNR's statewide natural features inventory conducted in 1988.

That survey identified natural features that were deemed to represent near pristine areas of significant value to our natural heritage.

Recognizing the river's unique value, the Independence Land Conservancy (ILC) has long been interested in its protection.

In the riverine areas associated with the river and its feeder streams, you can find numerous wild flowers and plants along with willow trees, cedar and tamarack (or Eastern larch)

The rolling hills, scenic roads and lovely waters are why many of us choose to live here.

intermixed with various hardwoods such as beech and oak. It is interesting to note that the tamarack, rare in southern Michigan, is the only evergreen that sheds its needles in the winter.

The river also provides a haven for many types of wildlife and birds.

Wildlife includes raccoons, possum, deer, skunks, rabbits, fox, squirrels and the endangered Michigan Massasauga rattlesnake.

Birds found along the river include red-winged blackbirds, grouse, turkeys, hawks, blue heron, blue birds, woodcock or timberdoodles, and many small songbirds.

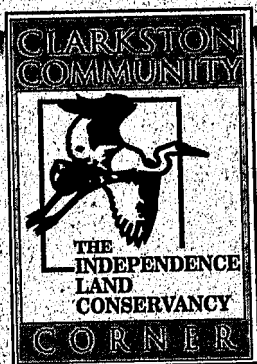
This river corridor is one of the few areas left in the township that can provide a greenway for wildlife.

Considering the river's ecosystem as it meanders north of I-75 as an especially important area we need to protect, the ILC has initiated meetings with many of the property owners.

The purpose of this effort is to discuss methods by which we can all insure that the river will remain in its present pristine state for all time.

The preservation of this area of the river will need the efforts of the township, the county park, the property owners along the river and the concerned citizens of the township.

The goal of the ILC is to protect



vide a continuous corridor of protected lands along the river working with all the property owners to develop options that will also satisfy their rights and interests.

Some of the various options that are being discussed include the granting of conservation easements, a registry program and a river association to keep all concerned parties informed and involved.

The intent of the conservancy efforts is to assure the long-term preservation of the natural features of the river and its wetlands.

The ILC has been working in Independence Township to save some of our natural areas for over 20 years.

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Today's 'sit coms' more like 'sex coms'

When my family watches television for some quiet time, it is often interrupted by a sigh of disgust coming from my direction. A few times lately, I have gotten up in the middle of a television show, proclaimed in disgust "Okay, that's enough. I have really had it with this" and walked over to the television and changed the channel. I would like to know where all the good situation comedy writers have gone. Lately it seems the phrase "sit-com" could be substituted with "sex-com." Writers of the past managed to keep us laughing without resorting to sexual innuendo. Why can't today's comedy writers accomplish the same task instead of constantly resorting to the easy way out?

As a parent, I'm extremely concerned about what the constant barrage of sex on television is doing to our youth. It is no wonder that teen pregnancy is on the rise across the nation. News reports of children in sixth and seventh grade experimenting with sex should not be surprising to us. If they have watched television at all, they have seen adults pop into bed with each other on an hourly, or half-hourly, basis nearly every day of their lives.

The evening programming gives us choices between shows where single people are jumping into bed together, females are trying to get each other into the sack, or married people are cheat-



ROCHELLE SMITH

ing on their partners. I'd like to know who the networks are trying to appeal to. Aren't the largest percentage of viewers families?

Thankfully, my kids don't watch much television. Normally the television is only on for about an hour while I'm fixing dinner and then is turned off until about 8 p.m. when we sit down as a family and watch a little TV before going to bed. It has become nearly impossible to find evening sit-coms that don't focus on sex. Now, what has become even more alarming is the fact that reruns of the evening sit-coms are being run at 5 and 6 p.m. when most parents are busy preparing dinner.

A couple years ago I was concerned when my kids watched "The Simpsons" while I was preparing dinner because I didn't like Bart Simpson's attitude and the gross type of humor used on the show. Now when my kids are watching television at that time, I rush into the

family room to make sure they are watching The Simpsons and not Seinfeld or some other show that treats sex like the only topic a sit-com can explore.

What happened to the writers of the good old family comedies like "The Dick Van Dyke Show," "I Love Lucy," "McHale's Navy," "Petticoat Junction" or "The Mary Tyler Moore Show?" Those writers knew how to make us laugh in a way we could enjoy with our children. I could probably count on one hand the shows on television today that accomplish that same brand of humor. In one two-hour period of time on a Thursday evening, I saw one show dealing with a girl cheating on her boyfriend by sleeping with a coworker, a show about a father who thought his son was gay while the son's coworker kept trying to get the father into bed, a show where two single people kept having sex even though the girl had to pay her friend \$50 each time it happened and a show about masturbation. It's frightening to think about what kind of psychological impact this is having on our children.

Years ago my husband and I decided that we didn't watch enough television to justify the nearly \$30 per month cable bill so we canceled our cable service. I thought that would limit the amount of smut being brought into my home. At this point I am considering having the cable hooked up again so we

will, at least, have the option of watching reruns of the old shows on Nick-elodeon. It's sad to think that we will have to watch shows that are 20 or 30 years old in order to keep our kids from becoming desensitized and losing sight of the fact that sex is not a way to amuse yourself.

Desensitization happens to everyone if they are exposed to something for long enough. Some of the things on television that once shocked me now seem mild in comparison to some of the even more outrageous things the writers are coming up with. At one time I felt uncomfortable watching a television show with my kids if the characters made a reference to sex; now I consider it a "family" show if only one reference is made.

I don't have any answers as to how we can keep our kids from becoming desensitized by sex on TV. I have explained to my kids that "this is only television. In real life people don't constantly jump into bed together." Due to recent developments, however, in my efforts to avoid sit-coms during our family viewing time, I won't be switching to the evening news.

Rochelle Smith, who lives in Clarkston, writes a column every other week in this space.

CMS choir students rate high

Teamwork and elbow grease allowed Clarkston Middle School choir students to attend the District Solo & Ensemble Festival. Five entries attended from CMS and all were given good musical advice.

Division I Ratings
Ensembles
Allegros-Courtney Taylor (8), Tori Lauzun (8), Danielle Canterbury (7), Heather Lauzun (7), Andrea Forst (7) and Katie Mack (8).

Treblemakers-Derek LaHousse (7), Charlie Kraut (7), Rachelle Melke (7), Andrea Hubbard (7), Andrea Aldrich (7), Heather Lauzun (7), Danielle Canterbury (7), Jessica Seaton (7) and Susan Smith (7).

Profundos-Aaron Brown (8), Jeff Steele (8), Scott Largent (8), Rachelle Melke (7), Courtney Taylor (8), Tori Lauzun (8), Jessica Seaton (7), Katie Mack (8) and Amber Beadles (8).

Solos
Heather Lauzun (7)
Tori Lauzun (8)



Charter Township of Springfield

NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD SECOND READING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Springfield will hold a SECOND READING at its regular meeting on April 9, 1998, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Township Hall, 650 Broadway, Davidsburg, Michigan, to consider the following proposed amendment to Zoning Ordinance No. 26.

TEXT AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE No. 26 Wireless Communication Facilities

An Ordinance to amend Article XVI of the Zoning Ordinance No. 26 of the Charter Township of Springfield for the purpose of providing regulations for the application, review, construction and maintenance of wireless communication facilities.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Article XVI of the Zoning Ordinance shall be amended by replacing Section 16.09-Public Communication and Public Utility Microwave Towers with the following:

Section 16.09. Wireless Communication Facilities

1. Purpose and Intent

It is the general purpose and intent of the Township to carry out the will of the United States Congress by authorizing communication facilities needed to operate wireless communication systems. However, it is the further purpose and intent of the Township to provide for such authorization in a manner which will retain the integrity of neighborhoods and the character, property values and aesthetic quality of the community at large. In fashioning and administering the provisions of this section, attempt has been made to balance these potentially competing interests:

a. Recognizing the number of providers authorized to establish and operate wireless communication services and coverage, it is the further purpose and intent of this Section to:

- (1) Facilitate adequate and efficient provision of sites for wireless communication facilities.
- (2) Establish predetermined districts or zones of the number, shape, and in the location, considered best for the establishment of wireless communication facilities, subject to applicable standards and conditions.

(3) Recognize that operation of a wireless communication system may require the establishment of facilities in locations not within the predetermined districts or zones. In such cases, it has been determined that it is likely that there will be greater adverse impact upon neighborhoods and areas within the community. Consequently, more stringent standards and conditions should apply to the review, approval and use of such facilities.

(4) Ensure that wireless communication facilities are situated in appropriate locations and relationships to other land uses, structures and buildings.

(5) Limit inappropriate physical and aesthetic overcrowding of land use activities and avoid adverse impact upon existing population, transportation systems, and other public services and facility needs.

(6) Promote the public health, safety and welfare.

(7) Provide for adequate information about plans for wireless communication facilities in order to permit the community to effectively plan for the location of such facilities.

(8) Minimize the adverse impacts of technological obsolescence of such facilities, including a requirement to remove unused and/or unnecessary facilities in a timely manner.

(9) Minimize the negative visual impact of wireless communication facilities on neighborhoods, community land marks, historic sites and buildings, natural beauty areas and public rights-of-way. This contemplates the establishment of as few structures as reasonably feasible, and the use of structures which are designed for compatibility, including the use of existing structures and the avoidance of lattice structures that are unnecessary, taking into consideration the purposes and intent of this section.

b. The Township Board finds that the presence of numerous tower structures, particularly if located within residential areas, would decrease the attractiveness and destroy the character and integrity of the community. This, in turn, would have an adverse impact upon property values. Therefore, it is necessary to minimize the adverse impact from the presence of numerous relatively tall tower structures having low architectural and other aesthetic appeal to most persons, recognizing that the absence of regulation would result in a material impediment to the maintenance and promotion of property values, and further recognizing that this economic component is an important part of the public health, safety and welfare.

c. To minimize the overall number of newly established locations for wireless communication facilities and Wireless Communication Support Structures within the community, and encourage the use of existing structures for Attached Wireless Communication Facility purposes, consistent with this section, each licensed provider of a wireless communication facility must, by law, be permitted to locate a facility in order to achieve the objectives promulgated by the United States Congress. However, particularly in light of the dramatic increase in the number of wireless communication facilities, it is hereby indicated to encourage the use of the change of structure and policy in dedicating to the Federal Communications Act of 1934, it is the policy of the Township that all tower structures, including Attached Wireless Communication Facilities and Wireless Communication Support Structures in the context of achieving the purposes and intent of this section, contained above, shall be subject to the following regulations:

on a facility owned or otherwise controlled by it, where co-location is feasible, the result will be that a new and unnecessary additional structure will be compelled, in direct violation of and in direct contradiction to the basic policy, intent and purpose of the Township.

2. Authorization

Subject to the standards and conditions set forth in subparagraph 3.a., below, wireless communication facilities shall be permitted uses in the following circumstances, and in the following districts:

a. In the following circumstances, a proposal to establish a new wireless communication facility shall be deemed a permitted use:

(1) An existing structure which will serve as an Attached Wireless Communication Facility where the existing structure is not, in the discretion of the Township, proposed to be either materially altered or materially changed in appearance.

(2) A proposed co-location upon an Attached Wireless Communication Facility which has been approved earlier by the Township.

(3) An existing structure which will serve as an Attached Wireless Communication Facility consisting of a utility pole located within a right-of-way, where the existing pole is not proposed to be modified in a manner which, in the discretion of the Township, would materially alter the structure and/or result in an impairment of sight lines or other safety interests.

(4) An existing Wireless Communication Support Structure established within a right-of-way having an existing width of more than 204 feet.

b. Districts:

(1) Wireless communication facilities shall be permitted principal uses in the following districts: C-2 General Business and M-1 Light Industrial.

(2) Subject to the standards and conditions set forth below, wireless communication facilities shall be authorized as special land uses within the following districts: C-1 Local Business.

(3) If it is demonstrated by an applicant that a wireless communication facility is required to be established outside of a district as identified in paragraphs a and b, above, in order to operate a wireless communication service, then, wireless communication facilities may be permitted elsewhere in the community as a special land use, subject to the criteria and standards of Sections 3 and 5, below.

3. General Regulations

a. Standards and Conditions Applicable to All Facilities

All applications for wireless communication facilities shall be reviewed in accordance with the following standards and conditions, and, if approved, shall be constructed and maintained in accordance with such standards and conditions. In addition, if the facility is approved, it shall be constructed and maintained with any additional conditions imposed by the Township Board in its discretion:

(1) Facilities shall not be demonstrably injurious to neighborhoods or otherwise detrimental to the public safety and welfare.

(2) Facilities shall be located and designed to be harmonious with the surrounding areas.

(3) Wireless communication facilities shall comply with applicable federal and state standards relative to the environmental effects of radio frequency emissions.

(4) Applicants shall demonstrate a justification for the proposed height of the structures and an evaluation of alternative designs which might result in lower heights.

(5) The following additional standards shall be met:

(a) The maximum height of the new or modified support structure and antenna shall be the minimum height demonstrated to be necessary for reasonable communication by the applicant (and by other entities to collocate on the structure). The accessory building contemplated to enclose such things as switching equipment shall be limited to the maximum height for accessory structures within the respective district.

(b) The setback of the support structure from any residential district shall be at least the height of the highest point of any structure on the premises. The setback of the support structure from any existing or proposed rights-of-way or other publicly traveled roads shall be no less than the height of the structure.

(c) Where the proposed new or modified support structure abuts a parcel of land zoned for a use other than residential, the minimum setback of the structures, and accessory structures, shall be half of the distance of the highest point of any structure on the premises. (See Paragraph 4.d. below)

(d) There shall be unobstructed access to the support structure for operation, maintenance, repair and inspection purposes, which may be provided through or over an easement. This access shall have a width and location determined by such factors as: the location of adjacent thoroughfares and traffic and circulation within the site; utilities needed to service the tower and any attendant facilities; the location of buildings and parking facilities; proximity to residential districts and minimizing disturbance to the natural landscape; and, the type of equipment which will need to access the site.

(e) The division of property for the purpose of locating a wireless communication facility is prohibited unless all zoning requirements and conditions are met.

(f) Where an attached wireless communication facility is proposed on a roof, appliance or cantilever on the building, it shall be designed, constructed, and maintained to be architecturally compatible with the principal building. The equipment enclosure may be located within the principal building or may be an accessory building. If proposed as an

accessory building, it shall conform with all district requirements for principal buildings, including yard setbacks.

(g) The Township Board upon recommendation of the Planning Commission shall, with respect to the color of the support structure and all accessory buildings, review and approve so as to minimize distraction, reduce visibility, maximize aesthetic appearance, and ensure compatibility with surroundings. It shall be the responsibility of the applicant to maintain the wireless communication facility in a neat and orderly condition.

(h) The support system shall be constructed in accordance with all applicable building codes and shall include the submission of a soils report from a geotechnical engineer, licensed in the State of Michigan. This soils report shall include soil borings and statements indicating the suitability of soil conditions for the proposed use. The requirements of the Federal Aviation Administration, Federal Communication Commission, and Michigan Aeronautics Commission shall be noted.

(i) A maintenance plan, and any applicable maintenance agreement, shall be presented and approved as part of the site plan for the proposed facility. Such plan shall be designed to ensure the long term, continuous maintenance to a reasonably prudent standard.

b. Standards and Conditions Applicable to Special Land Use Facilities

Applications for wireless communication facilities which may be approved as special land uses under subparagraph b of Section 2, above, shall be reviewed, and if approved, constructed and maintained, in accordance with the standards and conditions in section 3.a. and in accordance with the following standards (also see section 5 for special land uses).

(1) The applicant shall demonstrate the need for the proposed facility to be located as proposed based upon the presence of one or more of the following factors:

- (a) Proximity to an interstate or major thoroughfare.
- (b) Areas of population concentration.
- (c) Concentration of commercial, industrial, and/or other business centers.
- (d) Areas where signal interference has occurred due to tall buildings, masses of trees, or other obstructions.
- (e) Topography of the proposed facility location in relation to other facilities with which the proposed facility is to operate.
- (f) Other specifically identified reason creating facility need.

(2) The proposal shall be reviewed in conformity with the collocation requirements of this section.

4. Application Requirements

a. A site plan prepared in accordance with Section 18.07 shall be submitted, showing the location, size, screening and design of all buildings and structures, including fences, and the location and size of outdoor equipment, and the location, number, and species of proposed landscaping.

b. The site plan shall also include a detailed landscaping plan where the support structure is being placed at a location which is not otherwise developed, or where a developed area will be disturbed. The purpose of landscaping is to provide screening and aesthetic enhancement for the structure base, accessory buildings and enclosure. In all cases, there shall be shown on the plan, fencing which is required for protection of the support structure and security from children and other persons who may otherwise access the facilities.

c. The application shall include a signed certification by a State of Michigan licensed professional engineer with regard to the manner in which the proposed structure will fall, which certification will be utilized, along with other criteria such as applicable regulations for the district in question, in determining the appropriate setback to be required for the structure and other facilities.

d. The application shall include a description of security to be posted at the time of receiving a building permit for the facility to ensure removal of the facility when it has been abandoned or is no longer needed, as provided in section 7 below. In this regard, the security shall, at the election of the applicant, be in the form of: (1) cash; (2) letter of credit; or (3) an agreement in a form approved by the Township Attorney and recordable at the office of the Register of Deeds, establishing a promise of the applicant and owner of the property to timely remove the facility as required under this section of the ordinance, with the further provision that the applicant and owner shall be responsible for the payment of any costs and attorneys fees incurred by the community in securing removal.

e. The application shall include a map showing existing and known proposed wireless communication facilities within the Township, and further showing existing and known proposed wireless communication facilities within areas surrounding the borders of the Township in the location, and in the area, which are relevant in terms of potential collocation or in demonstrating the need for the proposed facility. If and to the extent the information in question is on file with the community, the applicant shall be required only to update as needed. Any proprietary information may be submitted with a request for confidentiality in connection with the development pursuant to MCL 15.243(f)(g). This ordinance shall serve as the promise to maintain confidentiality to the extent permitted by law. The request for confidentiality must be prominently stated in order to bring it to the attention of the community.

f. The applicant should include the name, address and phone number of the person to contact for engineering, maintenance and other notice purposes. This information shall be continuously updated during all times the facility is on the premises.

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CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Carry-outs available by calling 628-4763.

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

PLANNING A CULINARY PLOT

1:30 - 4 p.m., Independence Oaks Nature Center. Adult mini-class: Learn how to plan a simple culinary plot and how to add zest and flavor to your cooking with herbs. Come prepared to sample some herbal cuisine. Cost: \$10/person.

MONTH OF MARCH

MAPLE SUGARING

Weekends during March. Indian Springs Metropark. Learn about maple syrup and about maple trees followed by a hike out to tap one of the trees. Call to set up an appointment at 625-7280 or (800) 477-3192.

CLARKSTON FINE ARTS GALLERY

10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday. The gallery presents photographer Jeanette Charles, who will display images from Italy and Colorado as well as some of her nature photographs. Gallery is at 7151 North Main St., Clarkston. Call Nancy Vance at 625-8439.

CLASS REUNIONS

CLARKSTON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1946

The CHS class of '46 extends an invitation to classmates from other years, friends and relatives to join them for a "Michigan Reunion" June 12-14 in the Reno Hilton Hotel, Reno, Nevada. Jim Fosdick (Clarkston class

of 1946) has made all the arrangements, including dinner, special room rates and side trips. For more information call Marjorie Anderson Costello 623-1569 or Virginia Hall Everett 673-9756.

CLARKSTON HIGH SCHOOL 40 YEAR

The class of 1988 will hold their 10-year class reunion on Aug. 29. Still looking for classmates. Please contact Kelly (Saunders) Kanigowski at 922-9734. **CLARKSTON HIGH SCHOOL 20 YEAR** The class of 1978 will hold its 20-year class reunion July 25. Only 75 out of 500 classmates have been contacted. If you are a classmate or know someone who graduated in '78, please call Ann at (248) 620-0387.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

10 - 11 a.m., Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston. Informal discussion of interesting fiction and nonfiction led by Catherine Lobb. Book for April: "Stones from the River" by Ursula Hegi. Everyone welcome. No registration needed.

WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP

7 p.m. Informal sharing meeting. Topic: Stress and Grieving. Objective: To discuss how grieving affects your stress level and what can help. Facilitator: Christine Spencer, M.A., L.P.C., Director of Bereavement Services at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home. Walk-In, no registration. Free of charge. For men and women of all ages, recently widowed. Refreshments served. All area residents wel-

come. Any questions or if anyone would like to be on their mailing list, call the funeral home at 625-5231. Held at Independence Township Senior Center located in Clintonwood Park, 5980 Clarkston Road, Clarkston.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

MOVIE AND PIZZA NIGHT

6:30 - 9 p.m. For people with disabilities. Held at Independence Township Senior Center located in Clintonwood Park, 5980 Clarkston Road, Clarkston. Ages 12 & up. Join us for a movie on the big screen TV, lots of pizza, good friends and fun. Cost: \$4 per person resident, \$5 per person non-resident. Call 625-8231.

MONTHLY DANCE

6:30 - 10 p.m. Dance for people with disabilities. Held at the Troy Community Center, 3179 Livernois, Troy. If you would like to attend and need transportation or need additional information, contact Sharon at 625-8231. Independence Township Senior Center will provide a shuttle to and from the dance. There is a minimum of 3 participants in order to provide this service, please call one week in advance. Cost: \$5 per person.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

MARSHMALLOW DROP

11 a.m. 5980 Clarkston Road in Clintonwood Park. Have a great day in the park under the light rain of marshmallows. Kids ages 12 and under. Tickets are \$3 residents, \$5 non residents in advance and \$5 resident and \$7 non-residents on site. Call Independence Township Parks and

Recreation at 625-8223 for more information.

NSDAR MEETING

11:30 a.m. National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Sashabaw Plains Chapter will meet at Mr. B's Roadhouse, 6761 Dixie Highway at M-15 in Clarkston. Tour of the Davis House immediately following lunch. For additional information, call Nancy at 625-1519.

4TH ANNUAL PTA COUNCIL ROAD RALLY

5:30 p.m. This year's theme is "Sports." Meet at Clarkston High School parking lot. Proceeds to benefit Clarkston PTA Council Scholarship Fund, \$25 per person. Limit six persons per auto. To register, call Sally Hadden at 625-1490.

"OWI" TELL YOU ABOUT IT

7 p.m. Indian Springs Metropark. Everything you ever wanted to know about Michigan's owls and their adaptations, but thought you were too wise to ask, will be discussed during the indoor portion of this program. Then, head out into the night on a hike to try and call in these fascinating creatures. Reservations required. Call 625-7280 or 1-800-477-3192.

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

JR. GIRL SCOUTS: "FINDING YOUR WAY"

10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Indian Springs Metropark. Junior girl scouts who "find their way" out to the nature center can complete all the requirements for this badge. We'll practice on an indoor map and compass, then navigate an outdoor course. Sorry, no siblings, scouts and leaders only. Please dress for the weather. Reservations required. Call 625-7280 or 1-800-477-3192.

FOREVER PLAID

11:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. Macomb Center for the Performing Arts. This musical/comedy is getting rave reviews from every critic that has seen it. Trip will also include a buffet lunch at the Sweden House restaurant before the show. Transportation will be via deluxe motorcoach. Early reservations requested. Call Independence Township Senior Center 625-8231. \$43 resident, \$45 non-residents.

EGGSTRAVAGANZA- FAMILY FESTIVAL

1:30 - 4 p.m. Independence Oaks Nature Center. Chickens aren't the only ones who lay eggs—insects, reptiles, amphibians and fish do, too. This afternoon of family fun and "egg-formation" includes face painting, spring crafts for kids, a unique hike and more. Meet the Easter Bunny and enjoy the music of Marc Thomas. (Bring your camera.) Tickets are limited, visit the nature center on Sashabaw Road, 2 1/2 miles north of I-75 near Clarkston to purchase tickets in advance (closed Mondays). Cost \$3/person. Call 625-6473.

MOTHER DAUGHTER/FATHER SON BANQUET

3 p.m. American Legion Post No. 377. End of Mary Sue Street off Maybee Road. Meat will be furnished. Bring a dish to pass. Prizes will be awarded. Join us for a day of fun, fellowship and love. Special guest will attend. For information call Bea Hockey 678-2965.

MONDAY, APRIL 6

HOMESCHOOLERS' ORIENTEERING

11 a.m. Indian Springs Metropark. Homeschoolers interested in "finding themselves," and capable of tackling 4th-5th grade math, are invited to this nature center for this challenging and fun program. Siblings are welcome, but must remain quiet. The nature center will provide compasses. Reservations required. Call 625-7280 or 1-800-477-3192.

MONDAY & TUESDAY,

APRIL 6 & 7

BABYSITTING WORKSHOP

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston. Targeted at youth 11 years and up this twice yearly 2 session program offers information on emergency procedures (not including CPR), child development and entertaining young children. Attendance at both sessions is required. A certificate of completion is awarded. Space is limited and registration, beginning March 1, is required. Call 625-2212.

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

EASTER EGG HUNT

10:30 a.m. - noon. Knights of Columbus, 5660 Maybee Road, Clarkston. Meet the Easter Bunny and have a great time playing games and participating in fun activities. Take home a photo of you and the bunny. Ages 2-5. Space is limited. Register by April 3 by calling Independence Township Parks & Recreation at 625-8223. There will be no tickets sold on site. \$4 per resident, \$6 per non-resident.

AAUW MEETING

7:30 p.m. The annual branch meeting of the Pontiac-Waterford Area Branch of the American Association of University Women will be held at the carriage house of the Wisner home at the Oakland County Historical Society, 405 Oakland Avenue in Pontiac. The meeting will be followed by a tour of the Wisner home. For information call Kitty Daggy at 852-9073 or Susan Ritchey at 625-9467.

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

MATINEE VIDEO SERIES

1:230 p.m. Youth Activities Room, Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston. Visit some of the most isolated and rugged areas of the world when we travel to Tibet and go exploring the Himalayas, Nepal and Kashmir. See what is being done to protect the brilliant scenery and rich cultural heritage of these areas from encroachment. Refreshments provided. No registration needed. Free. 625-2212

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

SPRING SWING

7:30 p.m. Indian Springs Metropark. Experience spring's spectacle during a hike to search for woodcock, owls, and to listen to the tuning up of the frog symphony. If you would like to put these performers in the spotlight, you may bring along a flashlight. The act may include long periods of waiting and listening. Not recommended for the younger crowd. Registration required. Call 625-7280.

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g. The application shall include a copy of the lease agreement between the applicant and the property owner to verify terms of the agreement.

6. Special Requirements for Facilities Proposed to be Situated Outside Permitted Districts

For facilities proposed to be located outside of a district identified in section 2.a and 2.b., above, an application shall be reviewed and, if approved, facilities shall be constructed and maintained in accordance with the following additional standards and requirements, along with those in section 3:

- At the time of the submittal, the applicant shall demonstrate that a location within the permitted districts cannot reasonably meet the coverage and/or capacity needs of the applicant.
- Wireless communication facilities shall be of a design such as (without limitation) a steeple, bell tower, or the form which is compatible with the existing character of the proposed site, neighborhood and general area, as approved by the Township.
- In single-family residential neighborhoods, site locations outside of a district identified in Sections 2.a. and 2.b., above, may be permitted on the following sites, subject to application of all other standards contained in this section:

- Municipally owned site.
- Other governmentally owned site.
- Religious or other institutional site.
- Public park and other large permanent open space areas when compatible.
- Public or private school site.
- Other locations if none of the above is available.

6. Co-location

a. Feasibility of co-location: Co-location shall be deemed to be "feasible" for purposes of this section where all of the following are met:

- The wireless communication provider entity under consideration for co-location will undertake to pay market rent or other market compensation for co-location.
- The site on which co-location is being considered, taking into consideration reasonable modification or replacement of a facility, is able to provide structural support.
- The co-location being considered is technologically reasonable, e.g., the co-location will not result in unreasonable interference, given appropriate physical and other adjustment in relation to the structure, antennas, and the like.
- The height of the structure necessary for co-location will not be increased beyond a point deemed to be permissible by the Township, taking into consideration the several standards contained in parts 3 and 5 of this section, above.

b. Requirements for Co-location:

- A special land use permit for the construction and use of a new wireless communication facility shall not be granted unless and until the applicant demonstrates that a feasible co-location is not available for the coverage area and capacity needs.
- All new and modified wireless communication facilities shall be designed and constructed so as to accommodate co-location.
- The policy of the community is for co-location. Thus, if a party who owns or otherwise controls a facility shall fail or refuse to alter a structure so as to accommodate a proposed and otherwise feasible co-location, such facility shall thereupon and thereafter be deemed to be a nonconforming structure and use, and shall not be altered, expanded or extended in any respect.
- If a party who owns or otherwise controls a facility shall fail or refuse to permit a feasible co-location, and this requires the construction and/or use of a new facility, the party failing or refusing to permit a feasible co-location shall be deemed to be in direct violation and contradiction of the policy, intent and purpose of the Township, and, consequently such party shall take responsibility for the violation, and shall be prohibited from receiving approval for a new wireless communication support structure within the Township for a period of five years from the date of the failure or refusal to permit the co-location. Such a party may seek and obtain a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals if and to the limited extent the applicant demonstrates entitlement to variance relief which, in this context, shall mean a demonstration that enforcement of the five year prohibition would unreasonably discriminate among providers of functionally equivalent wireless communication services, or that such enforcement would have the effect of prohibiting the provision of personal wireless communication services.

c. Incentive

Review of an application for co-location, and review of an applicant for a permit for use of a facility permitted under paragraph 2.a., above, shall be expedited by the Township in the following manner: Wireless communication facilities permitted under paragraph 2.a., above may be reviewed administratively to expedite the review process. Those plans accepted by the Township for administrative review shall be submitted in accordance with Sections 3 and 4 above. Administrative review may be completed by the Township Supervisor, or other Township Staff as designated by the Supervisor. The Township Planner and/or Township

Engineer may be enlisted to assist in said administrative review.

7. Removal

a. A condition of every approval of a wireless communication facility shall be adequate provision for removal of all or part of the facility by users and owners upon the occurrence of one or more of the following events:

- When the facility has not been used for 180 days or more. For purposes of this section, the removal of antennas or other equipment from the facility, or the cessation of operations (transmission and/or reception of radio signals) shall be considered as the beginning of a period of non-use. The applicant shall notify the Township upon cessation of operations or removal of antenna.
- Six months after new technology is available at reasonable cost as determined by the Township Board, which permits the operation of the communication system without the requirement of the support structure.
- The situations in which removal of a facility is required, as set forth in paragraph 1 above, may be applied and limited to portions of a facility.
- Upon the occurrence of one or more of the events requiring removal, specified in paragraph 1 above, the property owner or persons who had used the facility shall immediately apply or secure the application for any required demolition or removal permits, and immediately proceed with and complete the demolition/removal, restoring the premises to an acceptable condition as reasonably determined by the Township.
- If the required removal of a facility or a portion thereof has not been lawfully completed within sixty (60) days of the applicable deadline, and after written notice, the Township may remove or secure the removal of the facility or required portions thereof, with its actual cost and reasonable administrative charge to be drawn or collected from the security posted at the time application was made for establishing the facility.

Amended only as specified above, the Zoning Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby ordered to take effect seven days after publication of adoption in a manner prescribed by law.

Amend Article II Section 2.00 as follows:

Definitions

The following definitions shall apply in the interpretation of this section:

- Wireless Communication Facilities** shall mean and include all structures and accessory facilities relating to the use of the radio frequency spectrum for the purpose of transmitting or receiving radio signals. This may include, but shall not be limited to, radio towers, television towers, telephone devices and exchanges, micro-waves relay towers, telephone transmission equipment building and commercial mobile radio service facilities. Not included within this definition are: citizen band radio facilities; short wave facilities; ham, amateur radio facilities; satellite dishes; and, governmental facilities which are subject to state or federal law or regulations which preempt municipal regulatory authority.
- Attached Wireless Communications Facilities** shall mean wireless communication facilities that are affixed to existing structures, such as existing buildings, towers, water tanks, utility poles, and the like. A wireless communication support structure proposed to be newly established shall not be included within this definition.
- Wireless Communication Support Structures** shall mean structures erected or modified to support wireless communication antennas. Support structures within this definition include, but shall not be limited to, monopoles, lattice towers, light poles, wood poles and guyed towers, or other structures which appear to be something other than a mere support structure.
- Co-location** shall mean the location by two or more wireless communication providers of wireless communication facilities on a common structure, tower, or building with the view toward reducing the overall number of structures required to support wireless communication antennas within the community.

Amend Article IX Section 9.02 as follows:

- Wireless communication facilities pursuant to Section 16.09 of this ordinance.

Amend Article X Section 10.01 as follows:

- Wireless communication facilities pursuant to Section 16.09 of this ordinance.

Amend Article XII Section 12.01 as follows:

- Wireless communications facilities pursuant to Section 16.09 of this ordinance.

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

NANCY STROLE, Clerk
Charter Township of Springfield

Published: March 26, 1998

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Charter Township of Springfield

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Springfield has received a request for Special Land Use from James Wilson 8920 Clarridge, Clarkston, MI. The request is to develop a 22 unit single family residential development (The Wooded Hills of Jamestown) on 38 acres utilizing the Cluster Housing provisions of the Springfield Township zoning ordinance. The property is located north of Clarridge and west of Kelly Lake Dr. Parcel I.D. #07-11-200-007, 008, 015, 016.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that oral and written comments on the Special Land Use request will be received at a PUBLIC HEARING to be held at the Regular Meeting of the Springfield Township Board on Thursday, April 9, 1998, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Township Hall, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, MI. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear comments on whether the property qualifies for Special Land Use under the Cluster Housing provisions of the ordinance.

Copies of the plans and other information may be reviewed at the office of the Springfield Township Clerk, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, MI during regular business hours. Written comments may be submitted to the Springfield Township Clerk, P.O. Box 1038, Davisburg, MI 48350 up until the time of the Public Hearing. Anyone needing a special accommodation should contact the Township Clerk at least two (2) business days in advance of the Hearing.

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SPECIAL WRITER

The Bharatiya Temple in Troy housed a unique, hands-on learning experience when presentations and panel discussions opened a door of understanding to a crowd as diverse as the conference itself.

The March 18 symposium entitled, "Religion and Schools: The Opportunities and Challenges of Religious Diversity in Public Schools," drew teams of administrators, educators, parents and students representing 18 of Oakland County's 28 school districts. Together, they explored the cultures, rituals and belief systems of their neighbors.

"People have different roles to play in the school," said David Gad-Hart of West Bloomfield, executive director of Bloomfield Hills-based Jewish Community Council of Metropolitan Detroit. "By bringing them together, we're able to expand the impact of the program. We're reaching people at all levels of the public school system in Oakland County."

The symposium began with a keynote address by David Adamany, president emeritus of Detroit-based Wayne State University. Morning sessions examined "The Constitution and Religious Diversity in the Schools" through presentations by representatives from the Buddhist, Chaldean, Hindu, Jehovah's Witness, Jewish, Mormon and Muslim communities. Topics ranged from dietary restrictions and modesty in dress to prayer rituals and holiday celebrations.

"For some school districts, diversity is a relatively new phenomenon," said Dr. James Geisler, superintendent of Walled Lake Public Schools. "The success in coping with the issue of diversity is in terms of accommodating students whose customs or religious backgrounds need to be dealt with sensitively in the school."

Student panelists brought the teenage perspective to light by discussing the daily challenges that clash with their own religious beliefs. Some students admitted feeling pressured by classmates who smoke, drink, watch R-rated movies or engage in casual sex. Others had difficulty making up lost assignments after missing school for religious observances.

This year, Nagla Fetouh, 17, of Troy, struggled with balancing religion and schoolwork when Ramadan, the Muslim month of fasting, fell during the week of finals. And sometimes she's asked to explain her style of dress.

"On the aspect of the head cover I wear, a lot of people regard it as oppression," said Fetouh, a senior at Troy High School. "I do it because I feel it's a way of presenting to people who I am ... Look at me for who I am and not for my body."

Panelists weren't the only teens who felt a need to share their views. With a Bible clutched in his hand, Aaron Wood of Bloomfield Hills rose from the audience on behalf of a group of his own.

"I noticed that Christians haven't been represented here and I felt a little bit left out," said Wood, a junior at Lahser High. "I want to learn about other religions, but I also would have liked to be represented in even a little segment of the program."

Wood is the leader of "The Rock," a non-denominational Bible session that meets at Lahser High School for 45 minutes before classes begin. Catholic teens from the Chaldean community, who were originally scheduled for the panel, were absent.

After a lunch offering a choice of cultural menus, the symposium continued with models of existing diversity programs facilitated by the Anti-Defamation League, Berkley High School, the Birmingham



Panelist: Troy High senior Nagla Fetouh talked about handling finals during Ramadan.

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Nagla Fetouh
—student

ham Public Schools, the Bloomfield Hills School District, the Detroit-based Interfaith Round Table of the National Conference and the West Bloomfield School District. A variety of religious and cultural handouts were free for the taking.

The concept for the daylong conference was developed through a collaborative effort of the Jewish Community Council of Metropolitan Detroit, the Interfaith Round Table of the National Conference and the Oakland County Schools Superintendents' Association.

"The Metro Detroit area is growing increasingly diverse. And if we're interested in the healthy development of our students, we must recognize that diversity as a strength," said Gary Doyle, superintendent of Bloomfield Public Schools. "It's part of preparing kids to live successfully in the 21st Century, particularly in this global economy."

Evaluations submitted by attendees will help in planning next year's religious diversity symposium.

Rabbi Marla Feldman, assistant director of Jewish Community Council of Metropolitan Detroit, is happy with the success of the conference, which has a waiting list for attendance. But her hopes are for a wider audience.

"The schools are the unique institutions in the community that bring together students from a multitude of backgrounds. They welcome assistance in dealing with issues raised and want to be sensitive to them," said Feldman. "One of the goals is that something like this will take place at the district level in their own school systems."

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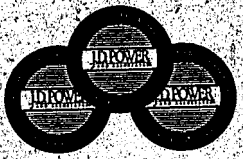
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Loss clouds good week for Wolves' star

Fife named Mr. Basketball in runaway vote

BY BRAD KADRACH
SPORTS EDITOR

When "Titanic" was named Best Picture at Monday's Oscar ceremonies, it ended what little suspense there was to the category.

And there was even less suspense at Monday's Michigan Mr. Basketball announcement.

Clarkston senior Dane Fife, the pre-season favorite, was handed the 18th Hal Schram Mr. Basketball Award Monday, capping a final season when the Wolves reached the state quarterfinals.

Fife, who guided his team to a 22-3 record, won by one of the largest margins of victory in the history of the award.

Fife outpointed Antonio Gates of Detroit Central 724-232. Voting is done by the members of the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan.

"It's a great honor to be on the same list as guys like Chris Webber, Shane Battier, Robert Traylor," said Fife, counting off names of previous winners. "I just played to the best of my ability, and it all just sort of happened."

Actually, he made it happen with his play. During the regular season, Fife shot 51 percent from the floor and averaged just over 26 points per game.

He also dished out seven assists and grabbed six rebounds per game while leading his team to the Oakland Activities Association Division I title.

In the playoffs, he has stepped his play up a notch. He had 34 points in a memorable win over Pontiac Central in the regional semifinal, then had 24 in the regional-title victory over Chippewa Valley. And he's done it all while wearing a harness on his left shoulder to combat the frequent separations he suffers.

It's happened at least three times this year, including during the 58-51 win over Pontiac Central.

"It's just something he's had to learn to play with," said Dan Fife, Dane's father and coach. "He can't even extend his (left) arm above his head, which makes it a lot more difficult."

The Mr. Basketball Award is another in a growing line of honors Fife has captured. He was recently named a McDonald's All-American.

He also made the Junior National team and will play in an all-star game during NCAA Final Four action in San Antonio.

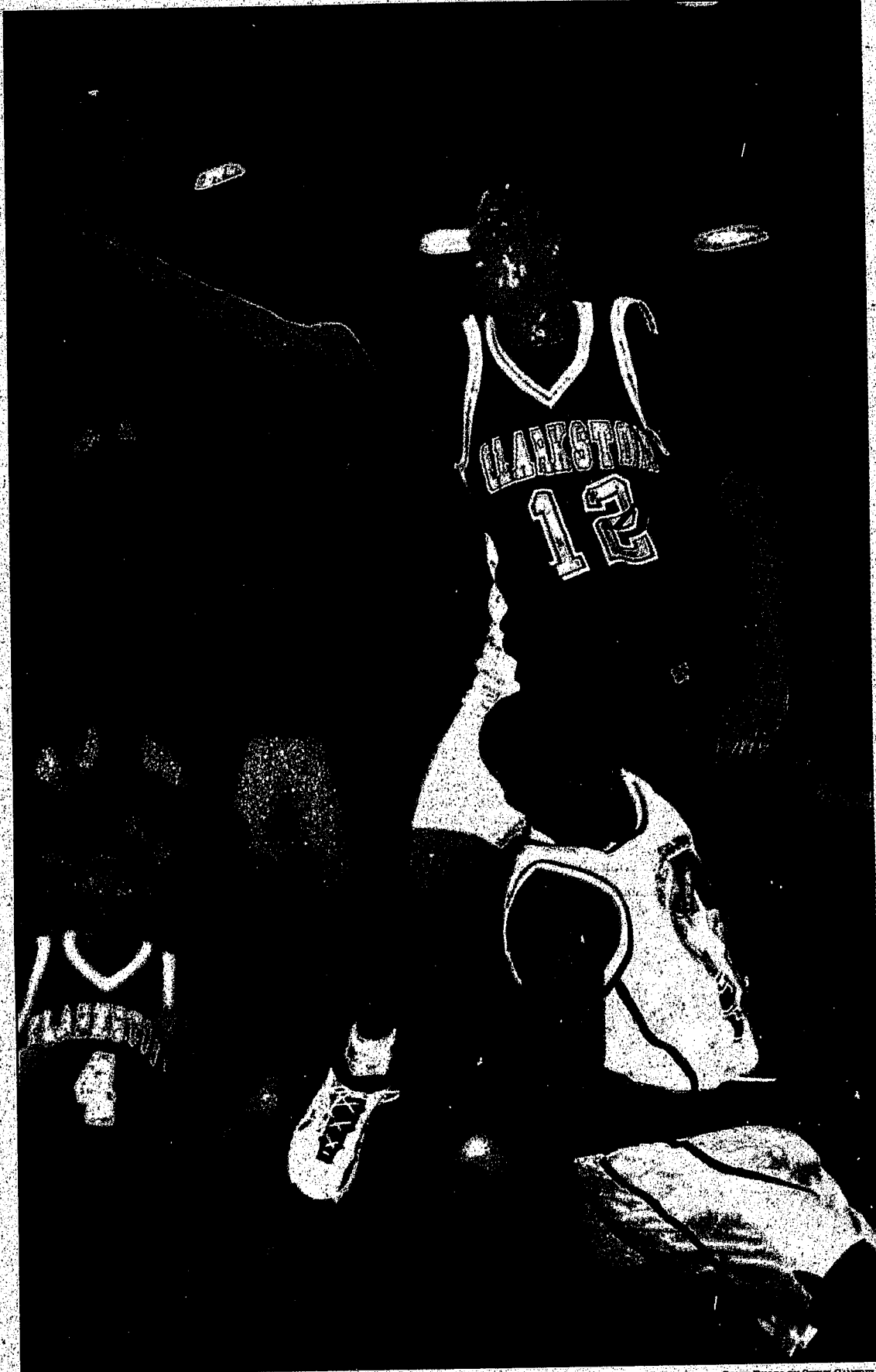
But he'd willingly have traded all that for his ultimate goal — a state title.

"Mr. Basketball is a great honor," he said. "But my major concern has always been bringing a state title home to Clarkston."

The Tally

(Balloting for the Hal Schram Mr. Basketball Award):

Dane Fife	724
Antonio Gates	232
T. Jackson	165
Charles Kage	121



Sky high: Clarkston's Dane Fife flies over Dante Darling of Detroit Central during the Trail Blazers' 55-53 win over the Wolves in Tuesday's Class A state quarterfinal at Ferndale. The loss came the day after Fife was named Michigan's Mr. Basketball.

■ Dane Fife finished nearly 500 points ahead of Antonio Gates in the Mr. Michigan balloting.

But Gates' Detroit Central team finished two points ahead of the Wolves in Tuesday's 55-53 state quarterfinal victory.

BY BRAD KADRACH
STAFF WRITER

When Clarkston met Detroit Central in a regular season game over the holidays, the Wolves needed a last-second 3-pointer from Mike Maitrott to prevail.

When the teams met again Tuesday in a Class A state quarterfinal, no such shot was forthcoming, and the result was a 55-53 loss to the Trail Blazers. The win advances Central to Friday's semifinal against Detroit Finney, which beat Cass Tech in another quarterfinal Tuesday.

"We got out of synch early," said Clarkston coach Dan Fife, whose Wolves closed out at 22-3. "Our game plan was to try and wear them down and get them tired, then win it at the end. I think they got tired, but while we were playing catchup I think we got tired, too."

Senior guard Dane Fife, one day after being named Mr. Basketball, hit a 3-pointer with 24 seconds left to pull the Wolves within three.

But Antonio Gates, who finished second to Fife in the Mr. Basketball balloting, hit a pair of free throws in the final 19 seconds to offset a 3-pointer by Dan Neubeck for the final margin.

The loss overshadowed a ferocious comeback effort by the Wolves, who trailed by as many as 11 points early in the third quarter after a layup by Central's Arie Smith. The Wolves then launched a 12-2 run, capped by an Angelo Taylor layup after a spectacular leaping catch of an errant Neubeck feed.

That basket, which counted for two of Taylor's 15 points, cut the Central lead to 37-36. But Gates, who finished with 19 points, picked off a Fife pass intended for Taylor and fed Martez Welch for a layup that started a 6-0 run for Central. Clarkston never got closer than four until the final seconds.

"We got it to one (point deficit), and I came down and through a bad pass," said Dane Fife, who finished with 28 points, including five 3-pointers. "That got it back to three and it all broke loose from there. I take the full blame for that."

The Wolves played much of the second quarter without Fife, who drew his third personal foul with 7:03 left in the first half. Clarkston trailed by five at the time, 14-9, and the Wolves were still within seven at halftime, with Fife spending nearly three minutes on the bench. That effort by the Wolves subs pleased their coach.

"There's no question Dane being in foul trouble hurt us," Dan Fife said. "But we hung in there. For him to be out of the lineup so much and us only to be down seven, we felt pretty good."

Clarkston took a 3-0 lead 10 seconds into the game when Justin Dionne

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Losing is unfamiliar ground, but Wolves prove it can be done with class

We teach our kids that winning isn't everything, that sportsmanship and effort and camaraderie and teamwork are the backbone of athletic participation.

Then we ask them to go out and try to win games, and when they don't, we don't always teach them how to accept the losing.

But that's exactly what was asked of Clarkston's basketball players Tuesday night, when they came up two points short of a berth in the state basketball semifinals, what would have been the Wolves' first venture that far into the tournament since 1980.

Granted, the Wolves haven't been asked much lately to respond to losing, because they've lost just a handful of games over senior guard Dane Fife's four seasons. So a little

foot stomping and hand wringing would have been in order after Tuesday's 55-53 loss to Detroit Central. It may have even been understandable.

But the Wolves went out exactly the way their coach would have it.

With class. No taunting. No finger pointing. No trash talking. No "you were lucky," or "the refs gave it to you." Clarkston played 32 minutes of high-pressure basketball and simply came up short. As much as we talk about winning not being everything, they keep score for a reason. There has to be a winner, and there has to be a loser.

Tuesday night, it was Clarkston's turn to be the latter. And at least they did it with aplomb.

"I have one regret — we didn't win the game," Dane Fife said after the loss. "I want people to remember that our teams played hard, that we were tough to beat."

They were on this night when the Trail Blazers — still burning from a 51-50 defeat in December

■ All I ever want is for people to think our kids play hard, play smart and they win with class and lose with class.

Dan Fife
—Clarkston coach

in a game in which Mike Maitrott hit a buzzer-beating 3-pointer for Clarkston — couldn't put the Wolves away early, even with Fife spending nearly half of the second quarter on the bench with three fouls.

The biggest lead Central was able to build was 11 points, and the Wolves had cut it to seven at halftime. Clarkston eventually pulled within one, 37-36, on a layup by Angelo Taylor, who made a spectacular leaping catch of a high pass from Dan Neubeck.

But then Fife, who the day before beat Central's Antonio Gates by nearly 500 points to win the Mr. Basketball award, made the biggest mistake of the night, throwing away a pass that

led to a 6-0 Central run that essentially put the game away. The Wolves never got closer than four until the final seconds.

Fife, who has hauled in his share of the acclaim this season, stood there like a man after the game and took the blame for the loss.

"We got it to one and then I came down and through a bad pass," he said. "That got (Central's lead) to three and it all broke loose from there. I take full blame for that."

While it was commendable for Fife to acknowledge his foibles, there was no need. He's a teenager, and he's allowed to make mistakes. That he's taking responsibility for them is a sign he has grown up under his father's tutelage.

The rest of the Wolves grew up right along with him. Justin Dionne, one game removed from a spectacular 15-point effort in which he hit five — count them — five 3-pointers in the regional final against Chippewa Valley, couldn't get a shot to fall Tues-

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Emotionally drained: Clarkston's Mike Maitrott (left) and Justin Dionne react after the Wolves' 55-53 loss to Detroit Central in Tuesday's Class A state quarterfinal. It was Clarkston's third quarterfinal defeat in four seasons.

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buried a 3-pointer from the top of the key. It would be the Wolves' only lead. Central got four points from Gates and scored Clarkston 11-4 the rest of the quarter. A 12-4 burst from Central to the second quarter put the Trail Blazers up 29-11.

Fife came back on the floor and immediately drained a 3-pointer to stop the bleed. But the Blazers went into a stall and Clarkston could only get within five by halftime.

There were crucial mistakes down the stretch, and you can't do that," Dan Fife said. "It was kind of a funny game, and we won one like it the first time."

The quarterfinal loss was Clarkston's third in Dane Fife's four seasons, but he left the court feeling like his team did what it could.

"I think it was a case of (Central) being the better team (Tuesday)," the senior point guard said. "I don't think we have anything to be mad about. We gave it all we had."

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day, finishing with just three points.

Likewise, Mike Maitrott and Dan Neubeck were off a bit with their outside shots, although both hit key triples down the stretch to keep Clarkston close. The Central defense had a lot to do with the misses.

"I thought our kids rushed it," Dan Fife agreed. "But they (Central) will do that to you. I don't want to take anything away from them."

Nor from his own kids, who put forth a tremendous effort to stay in the game early, then position themselves to win it late. Central hit key shots late and held off the Wolves, and there's no shame in that.

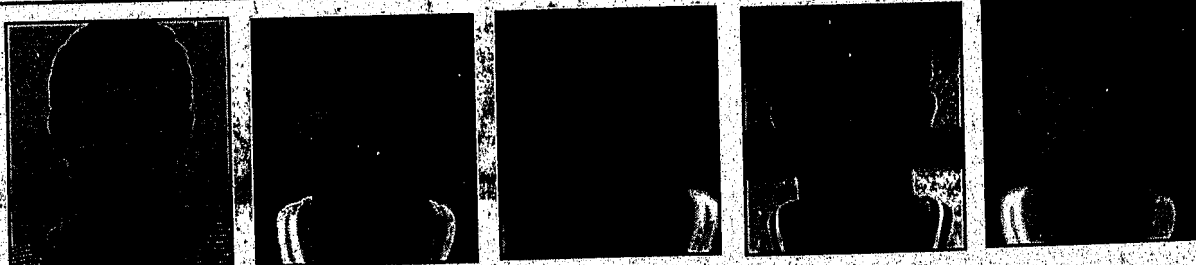
"All I ever want is for people to think our kids play hard, play smart and they win with class and lose with class," Dan Fife said. "I'm proud to be a part of that."

As well he should be.

CORRECTION

Sports editor Brad Kadrich's column in the Sunday Clarkston Eccentric should have said Clarkston has reached the state quarterfinals three times in senior guard Dane Fife's four-year career.

The Wolves lost to Detroit Pershing in the quarterfinals when Fife was a freshman, and to Southfield-Lathrup during his freshman season. Detroit Central eliminated the Wolves Tuesday.



Cage greats: (From left): Ryan Smith, Lake Orion; Dane Fife, Clarkston; Angelo Taylor, Clarkston; John Pleasant, Oxford; Justin Dionne, Clarkston.

Caged: '98 Eccentric All-North Oakland team put talent to good use to gain basketball success

BY BRAD KADRICH
SPORTS EDITOR

They can shoot, they can pass, they can rebound and they can defend. That's why they're members of the 1998 Eccentric All-North Oakland prep basketball team.

The five players combined to score about 70 points and pull down about 30 rebounds per game.

Here's a look at the 1998 squad:

Dane Fife, senior, Clarkston — A "no-brainer" choice after pulling in the Michigan Mr. Basketball award and leading his team to the state quarterfinals.

Fife, a four-year varsity starter for the Wolves, will end his career this weekend as the school's all-time leading scorer.

He averaged 26 points, seven assists and six rebounds per game during the regular season, and picked up his playing level a notch when the state tournament rolled around.

Fife led Clarkston to an Oakland Activities Association Division I title, a regional final win over Chippewa Valley and a quarterfinal victory Tuesday over Detroit Central.

"Dane has had a great season," said Clarkston coach Dan Fife, who doubles as Dane's father. "I think he did a good job dealing with the pressures and keeping focused on what was important, re-injuring the shoulder and fighting through that, and just being the competitor that he is, and an outstanding leader."

Ryan Smith, senior, Lake Orion — A 6-foot-5 center, Smith was an offensive focal point and a defensive force for the Dragons this season.

His best games came against Rochester Adams, when he scored 29

points, grabbed 22 rebounds and had 12 blocked shots.

Against Oak Park, in his final regular season home game, he tossed in 28 points, grabbed 20 rebounds and blocked six shots.

He finished with 100 rebounds, 40 blocked shots and 255 points. Smith also hit 43 percent of his 3-point attempts.

"For our team, he was a force inside," Dragon coach Dave Collins said.

"I think everyone that played us had double coverage on him because of his inside ability. He's one of the quickest kids on the team. For a kid his size, he can really run the floor."

"He had an excellent year for us."

Angelo Taylor, senior, Clarkston — Taylor, who transferred to Clarkston from Pontiac Northern before the year started, took some time to find his niche with the Wolves. Once he did, he really took off.

Taylor provided an inside presence to complement the ability of Fife. He was an outstanding rebounder and, once he was comfortable in the Clarkston system, a reliable scorer.

He fit in nicely with the rest of the team, and with the people in Clarkston.

The fans took immediately to his style of play and his occasional thunderous dunks.

"What he's accomplished this year is really remarkable," Dan Fife said. "He came into a new system and was felt overwhelmed on and off the court, and he dealt with it very well. He made it easy for our players and for our community to accept him."

"The fans have responded to him because he's always got a smile on his face. He doesn't have an attitude.

He just plays the game."

John Pleasant, senior, Oxford — In an inconsistent season, Pleasant blossomed into the Wildcats' most consistent player.

The senior point guard was Oxford's leading scorer and assist man, and was one of their toughest defenders.

His Wildcats didn't win much, but Pleasant, the team's captain, wouldn't let the Wildcats stop playing hard.

"Johnny gave it everything he had every night," interim coach Jesse Heck said. "There were times frankly when it would have been easy for him to quit, but he was still diving for balls, sacrificing his body, and playing as hard as he could."

Justin Dionne, senior, Clarkston — As much as anyone, Dionne's role was altered when Taylor joined the Wolves, and Dionne took full advantage.

The 6-foot-7 front-liner, who spent much of his time in the post last year, moved outside this season and flourished.

The Wolves took advantage of his passing ability to exploit Taylor in the low post, and Dionne also gave Clarkston yet another outside threat with his jump shot.

Dionne had an outstanding game in the regional final against Chippewa Valley, draining five 3-pointers as the Wolves rolled to a 60-42 win.

"Justin has had an outstanding

1998 All-North Oakland Boys' Basketball Team

First Team		
Player	School	Yr
Dane Fife	Clarkston	Sr
Angelo Taylor	Clarkston	Sr
Ryan Smith	Lake Orion	Sr
John Pleasant	Oxford	Sr
Justin Dionne	Clarkston	Sr
Second Team		
Darren Teasley	Lake Orion	Jr
Mike Maitrott	Clarkston	Sr
Josh Jolly	Oxford	Jr
Dan Neubeck	Clarkston	Sr
Eric Tucson	Lake Orion	Sr

season," Dan Fife said. "He has fulfilled his role, worked hard and done everything we asked."



Inside presence: Angelo Taylor became a force this season.

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Al Harrington	F	6'03"	Little, NJ	St. Edwards
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NAME	POS	HT	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL
Antonio Guma	F	6'03"	Detroit, MI	Central
Clarence Givert	G	6'02"	Fort Lauderdale, FL	Dillard
Rashard Lewis	C	6'10"	Houston, TX	Alief Elsik
Michael Miller	F	6'03"	Mitchell, SD	Mitchell Senior
Joel Pryzbilla	C	7'03"	Monticello, MN	Monticello
Terrill Ricks	C	6'03"	Detroit, MI	Detroit Finney
Frank Williams	F	6'03"	Peoria, IL	Peoria
Lance Williams	F	6'03"	Chicago, IL	Julian
Minerch Young	C	6'03"	Cleveland, TN	Cleveland
Ray Young	C	6'03"	Oakland, CA	St. Joseph Notre Dame

Clarkston ready to hit the track running

BY DAN STICKRADT
STAFF WRITER

While many boys track and field powerhouses throughout Oakland County are entering a season of rebuilding with many question marks, Clarkston seems to know the answers and the Wolves are gearing up for a repeat performance.

Clarkston was a perfect 6-0 in dual meets last season en route to the overall Oakland Activities Association Division II crown, and this year the Wolves could be even better.

Although the loss of Chris Evans — who placed second last season at the Class A state meet in the 110-meter hurdles and is now competing at Harvard — will take its toll, Clarkston will boast plenty of talent, balance and

depth. Numbers have grown to 80 athletes so far, up from last year's team of 55 athletes. And, according to veteran head coach Walt Wyniemo, that could be a very good sign.

"Our team is a lot bigger this year," said Wyniemo, now in his 19th season at Clarkston. "And with those numbers alone we should be a competitive team, especially in dual meets."

The Wolves were very good in dual meets last year but didn't boast a large quantity of athletes who consistently challenged for top honors at invitational meets.

This year that could change, especially in the distance events, where a sophomore-laden contingent is ready to take the lead. Sophomores David Sage, Matt Haver and Dan Burke are all coming off successful cross-country seasons and are slated for a prosperous campaign.

Senior Scott Watson, junior Chris Himburg and sophomore Chris Weber should also fit into the mix and help out with the distance relays.

"We have some young kids in the distance events, but most of them had successful seasons in cross-country and have built up some confidence," said Wyniemo.

The Wolves could also have a very talented contingent in the hurdles events with eight individuals hoping to reach the scoring column at meets.

Senior Curt Brewer and Brent Bergkoetter are the veterans of this group, which also includes senior Eric Veit, junior Nick Holland and sophomore Paul Tinetti. Three freshmen — Codi Senkyr, Matt Evans, the legacy to Chris Evans, and

Pat Davis — also hope to make an impact.

"We have a lot of hurdlers, which is always a plus," offered Wyniemo. "You can never have too many hurdlers."

Senior Jeff Long looks to lead the Wolves in the sprints with the help of classmate Marc Venegoni — a member of the Wolves' state quarterfinalist basketball team — juniors Rick Williams and Brent Deuel, sophomore Mike Renda, and freshman prospect Adam Gebus.

In the middle distance events, junior Matt Baker, seniors Jon Burklow and Marty Fahey, and sophomores Brent Quantz and Kevin Breen should shoulder most of the load.

"We have plenty of sprinters who I think we can count on," said Wyniemo. "As for the middle distance kids, I think we have some quality kids. We should be able to put together four decent relays."

Clarkston has plenty of depth in just about every event, especially in the shot put and discus, where a plethora of individuals are ready to "throw" the distance.

Long is the top talent amongst the weightmen, but juniors Ron Tolbert, Dave Schavers, Steve Bradford and Corey Preston, sophomore Eric Bauer and freshman candidate Matt Kutchev could also provide some points.

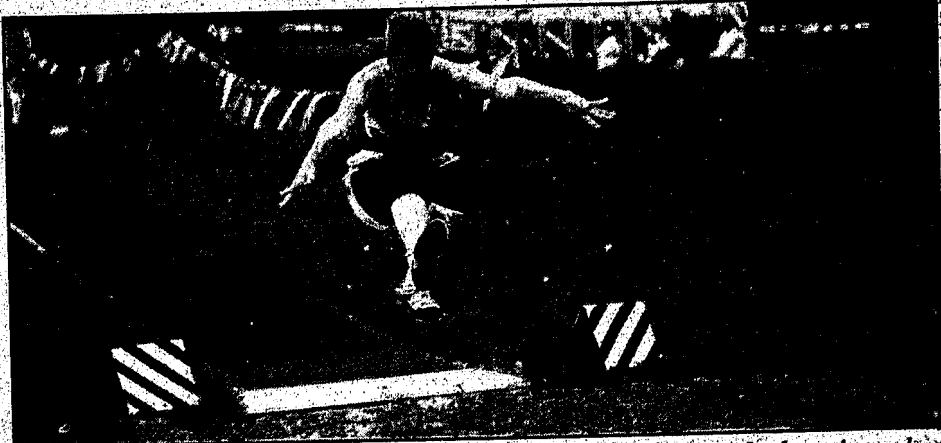
Vengoni, Bream, Williams, Renda and Gebus will look to clear the marker in the long jump, but the high jump is where Wyniemo seems stumped.

"We look really strong in each of the field events except for the high jump," he said. "I'm hoping that with 80 kids we can find a couple of kids who can help us out in that area."

With one of the largest teams in the county, Wyniemo is hoping that his talented contingent can keep the Wolves near the top of the charts.

"Things are looking up in the right direction," he said. "Now, if we can remain healthy and keep working hard, we should be able to reach our goals."

It's all in the numbers and the odds of repeating look very promising.



High flyer: Clarkston's Lauren Bogart picked up some points in the long jump last year, and coach Gordie Richardson is counting on her for points again this season.

Girls look to keep dynasty alive

BY DAN STICKRADT
STAFF WRITER

If you're looking for a dynasty in the sport of girls track and field, you needn't look any further than your own back yard.

Clarkston can annually be found inside the top 10 in Oakland County — in many years, inside the top 20 at the Class A state meet — and they are nearly unbeatable in league competition.

In fact, they have been unbeatable in recent years. During the past 14 seasons, the Wolves have not lost a dual meet in league competition, winning 11 titles in the now-defunct Greater Oakland Activities League and three more in the Oakland Activities Association Division II during that span.

The last time the Wolves — who were 6-0 last spring — lost a league dual meet, Ronald Reagan was president and we were enjoying the sounds of Men at Work, The Police and Irene Cara. It was the spring of 1983, to be exact.

"We haven't lost in 14 seasons and that's quite an accomplishment," said veteran coach Gordie Richardson. "We have been blessed with a lot of very talented and hard working girls

throughout the years."

Some point to the Wolves as possibility of having a down year, but with a great tradition, several key athletes back in uniform and close to 60 girls on the team, Richardson's squad should be fine and once again in the hunt for an unprecedented 15th straight league championship.

"I think the girls are looking forward to it," said Richardson. "We should have some depth in just about every event and we have a very large freshman class that should eventually help us out."

There are 18 ninth-graders on the roster to start, and although Richardson didn't want to single any of them out, he said there should be a few quality prospects in the bunch.

"It seems like there are always four or five (freshmen) that can help out," he said. "But to start the season, we will look for our key veterans to carry the load until the young kids develop."

Perhaps the most notable veteran is senior distance ace Megan Plante, who can run any event from the 400 to the 3200 meters. Plante was a state qualifier in both the 800 and 3200-meter relay events a year ago.

"She'll be looked to as one of

our leaders and possible top point scorer," boasted Richardson of Plante.

Joining Plante on the distance crew will be junior Jennifer Rooding, another member of the Wolves' state-qualifying 3200-meter relay unit last year, and junior Melissa Lukkens.

Senior Erica Holman is the top sprinter, although she'll be pushed by senior Gretchen Pitser, junior Lauren Bogart and sophomore Nicole Fisher, who will also help out in the middle distance events.

"Our top athletes should all do well this season and I'm hoping that some of our younger kids can step right in and help us out," said Richardson.

Some of the underclassmen that hope to make an impact include sophomore Rachel Uchman, who will be the Wolves' top high jumper and a key sprinter, and sophomore hurdler Brittan Brewer.

Another athlete to watch will be versatile junior Michelle Wilson, who also looks to help out in the hurdles, long jump and sprint relays.

"We have had a lot of success over the years and the girls kind of want to perpetuate that success," added Richardson.



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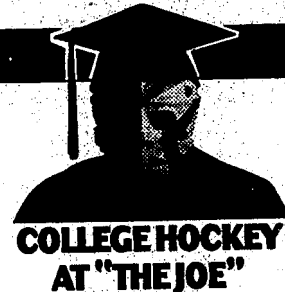
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Needed for our Livonia office. Must have dental experience. Command a plus. Great hours and benefits. Call: Chris: (313) 427-2222

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Northville office seeks receptionist with front desk experience in all phases of patient management. (248) 343-9335

\$16 AN HOUR
Childcare Dental Assistant. Experienced assistant wanted for 6-8 week temporary position in Bloomfield. (248) 945-9831

506 Help Wanted - Medical

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE CLERK
needed for our Livonia office. Excellent benefit package. Must have long term care, Medicare, Medicaid & Blue Cross experience. Self-motivated individual. Fax or phone application. Elena Kiriak, Middlebelt Health Care Center, 14500 Middlebelt Rd., Livonia, MI 48154. (Just N. of I-96) EOE

CENAs
We are seeking high energy, positive team players work 3-11:30pm and 11:30am-7:00pm. Excellent opportunity for growth. Competitive wage and benefits. Call Barbara at (248) 674-9292 or stop in at: Canterbury Health Care, 5601 Hatchery, Waterford

CHIROPRACTIC ASSISTANT
Looking for a sweet, spirited, optimistic, nonjudgmental person with loyal, creative abilities for a 40 hour per week plus job, with a happy bunch of chiropractic family. Looking for a problem solver who knows or is willing to learn front desk & assisting with insurance billing. (313) 728-8100

HOME HEALTH AIDES
For private duty home health care. Must be experienced, dependable, and have reliable transportation. We offer: Flexible scheduling. Shift differentials. Mileage reimbursement. Benefit package for full time. To apply, please call: United Home Care Services, 15712 Farmington Rd., Livonia (Two blocks N. of I-96). (248) 423-9250

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CLERICAL OFFICE ASSISTANT
Growing Acute Care healthcare organization, located at Domino's Farms, seeks a full time clerical office assistant for their Insurance Department. Successful candidate will be detail oriented and have good phone, clerical and organizational skills. A strong commitment to customer service, interpersonal skills and computer experience is also required. Preference given to candidates with prior insurance experience.

If you desire to work in a professional team-oriented environment and receive a competitive compensation package, send a cover letter, resume and salary expectations to: HR/IR, Box 454, Ann Arbor, MI 48106 or FAX: 313-997-2569

CNA's
Full time Days & Afternoons. Apply in person: Marygrove Manor, 15475 Middlebelt, 313-427-9175

DENTAL HYGIENIST
Livonia. Excellent salary or commission. BCBS. Paid holidays. Profit sharing. Full or part time. Call Ann at: (248) 777-1242

DENTAL RECEPTIONIST
Bloomfield Hills. Experience required. (248) 335-4427

DERMATOLOGY
RN, LPN or MEDICAL ASSISTANT. Experienced only. Excellent benefits. Full time. Plymouth/Ann Arbor. Norms: (313) 996-9763

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LPN
Full time, part time, afternoons. Need a Change? Tired of large skilled care facilities? TRY US! We have a beautiful downtown Northville. Excellent wages, with benefits available. Call (248) 348-5145

MEDICAL ASSISTANTS
We have several full time openings for Medical Assistants experienced in Venipuncture, EKG's & injections. Many of our jobs become "temp to hire" opportunities. If you are looking for flexibility, opportunity & competitive salary call Marnel at Tempco Medical to schedule an interview. 248-356-1334

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MEDICAL PLACEMENTS
Temporary & Temp to Perm positions for:

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- Phlebotomists
- Medical Receptionists
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- Medical Transcriptionists
- Radiologic Technologists
- Medical Clerical/Secretarial

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OPTOMETRIST - full or part time. Flexible hours. Excellent salary, benefits package. TPA license preferred. Call Bob: (313) 665-5600

PEDIATRIC CARDIOLOGIST
office seeks part-time position. Excellent opportunity. Experience. Call Lori after 1pm at 248-335-8500

PHARMACIST - FULL TIME
Team. Care Pharmacy. Benefits. Afternoon shift. 12-20 PM. 11745 Ross Park Blvd. Detroit, MI 48206 or fax to 313-888-5588

PHARMACY INPUT TECHNICIAN
Team Care Pharmacy. Benefits. Full time. 12 hours. 12000 W. Warren. S. Taylor 313-513-7228

PHARMACY TECHNICIAN
Full and part-time, weekdays only. Seeking energetic, motivated individual for professional pharmacy. Farmington Hills. (248) 489-1573

502 Help Wanted - Office Clerical

RECEPTIONIST
Smith Barney needs part-time Receptionist in Bloomfield Hills office. Must have excellent communication skills. Send resume to: Smith Barney, Attn: Carol, 1701 N. Woodward, Suite 200, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304. EOE M/F/D/V

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for W. Bloomfield accounting firm. Pleasant phone voice, computer skills and word processing experience necessary. Send resume to: P.O. Box 3236, Southfield, MI 48037.

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Must know WORD 97, use of excel, and have experience in word processing. Excellent benefits. Send resume to: P.O. Box 3236, Southfield, MI 48037.

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APPOINTMENT / FINANCE MANAGER
For our progressive dental team. Friendly, pleasant, self-starter with ability to handle multiple tasks. Top pay and monthly bonuses for a person who can put results to work. Call West Bloomfield: 248-981-1440

CHAIRSIDE ASSISTANT
Looking for a fresh start? We are a team oriented office seeking an experienced dental assistant. Qualifications must include active chairside experience, ability to handle multiple tasks, good communication skills, and willingness to learn. Excellent compensation. \$10.00-\$11.00/hr. 4 day work week with no weekends and excellent benefits. Please call or interview and we will send a message or fax resume to: 313-453-0487

DENTAL ASSISTANT
Experienced person to work full time in quality oriented Royal Oak office. Benefits. Call: (248) 543-0770

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UNIT SECRETARY
Nursing Dept.
Center for Dermatology and Plastic Surgery
P. Robertson, RN
43500 Garfield Rd., Suite 100
Clinton Twp., MI 48038
or Fax to: 810-289-2548

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For Hostess and Wait Staff for full time dining at Little Italy Restaurant in Northville. 248-348-0575

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Now hiring experienced personnel for all positions.
Please apply Mon-Fri, 2-5pm:
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Wait Staff/DJ's
Nights only for Frankie's. Full or part-time. Call: 248-348-0575

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Full time, day shift, M-F, good benefits. \$7.00 hour. Excellent benefits. Westland area. (313) 482-5115

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CASHIERS & LINE COOKS
• BUSSESS •
Full & part-time. Benefits. Plaza Del (248) 356-2310

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COOK - Dishwashers - Wait Staff
Hiring for all positions at conference center in Troy. (248) 679-4609

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COOK
Full & Part-Time
Wait Staff
Apply in person: CHATTERS, 7840 N. Wayne Rd., Westland.

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COOK - PART TIME
Semi-weekly. Flexible. Excellent experience necessary. Apply in person. 1915 Baldwin Rd.
An Equal Opportunity Employer

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COOKS
The Original Pancake House in Birmingham wants good cooks who wish to receive pay with benefits (Blue Cross, Blue Shield, vacation pay, etc.) to apply Mon-Fri, 2-5pm. Call: 248-348-0575

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COOK WANTED
Full-time. Must be experienced. Very fast grill. Apply in person: Sandy's By The Beach, Redford Twp. (313) 534-0333

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9:30hour, full & part-time, nights. • WAIT STAFF - DAYS
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We are accepting applications for:
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Must be fully experienced with food preparation and customer service. Competitive wages. Send resumes to: Box #2782
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Seeking hard-working, enthusiastic people for new retirement community in Plymouth. Experience in all aspects of food service a requirement. Excellent benefits including health insurance & 401k. Send resume to:
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Apply in person at Farwell & Friends, 8051 Middlebelt, Westland, MI 48185.

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NOW HIRING Waitstaff, Bartender, Line Cook, Dishwasher, Fast paced, good pay, Friendly atmosphere.
Call Denise (248) 348-4004

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RESTAURANT/BAR
Help wanted. All positions, opening soon. Apply in person: Crown's Nest Bar & Grill, 6168 Canton Center, Canton (734) 459-4020

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ROCKY'S (Northville) now hiring Day Waitstaff, all Kitchen positions, bus help, full & part-time bartender. Apply in person between 8am-11am & 2pm-5pm Mon-Fri. Competitive wages, flexible hrs, paid vacations. 41122 N. Seven Mile, W. of Haggerty.

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SHORT ORDER COOK
Hours approximately 5am-2pm Mon-Fri. Income based on sales. Average earnings between \$325-\$400 per week plus benefits. Call: American Catering (734) 625-3555

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NOW HIRING:
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Full & part-time. Excellent benefits. Unique Restaurant Corporation. Apply in person: 17600 W. 13 Mile, at Southfield Rd., Birmingham. 248-647-7747

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WAITSTAFF AM/PM shifts
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Days or afternoons. Full or part-time. Excellent working conditions. \$5.50 hour. RAMI'S, 7020 N. Wayne (south of Warren) (734) 641-0510

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Part-time evenings. Royal Oak. Call after 2:30pm: (248) 399-1440

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Michigan's premier Deli/Restaurant is now interviewing. Call going candidates for 2 rewarding waitstaff positions. No experience necessary. Send resume to: 6673 Orchard Lake Rd., West Bloomfield (248) 655-6622

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Successful Wayne County retail chain is seeking an individual with chain jewelry sales experience to manage the jewelry counter in a fast paced environment. Ideal candidates will have supervisory experience in a retail setting. Preferred candidates will be highly personable and service oriented with excellent communication skills. Salary commensurate with experience. Excellent benefits. Please send resume & salary requirements in confidence to Job #335-MGR2, P.O. Box 307, Southfield, MI 48037 or Fax 248-352-0110 (please reference job #335-MGR2).

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Are you free May 4 thru Oct 31 for a full time position in an upscale gift shop? Live in Mackinaw Island private community. Dependable, experienced sales personnel. Retirees welcome. March 27 deadline. To forward a resume with salary history and education to: LaGarde, P.O. Box 316, Wyandotte, MI 48192

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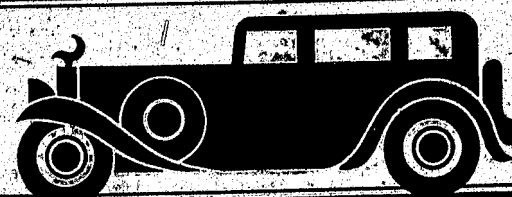
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Step on stompers



ROBERT M. MEISNER

Q. I live in a first-floor condominium. I politely ask the family above me to remove their shoes when they come in, but they stomp as opposed to walk. They are heavy walkers and argue quite a bit among themselves and the daughters have been basically uncooperative. What recourse do I have to get them to cooperate?

A. Unfortunately, my association is run by people who do not have a very strong personality or influence. The unit owner above me is outspoken, rude and loud at the meetings, and people try to avoid her.

There is probably a provision in your condominium documents with respect to excessive noise and/or a provision that indicates that no co-owner or occupant shall do anything that will unreasonably disturb the use and enjoyment of the unit by others.

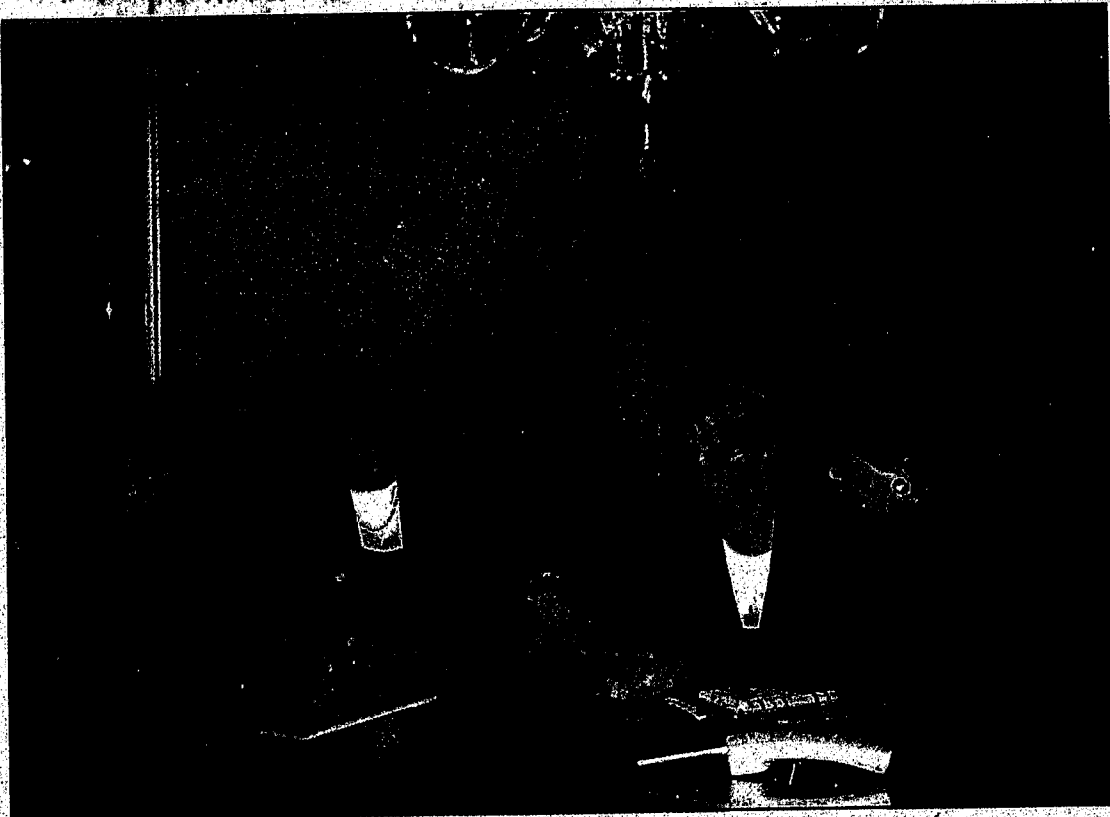
While these clauses are generally vague, they do give you some recourse to pursue a co-owner or occupant of a unit who is outrageously disrespectful of the rights of other co-owners.

There isn't much that the association can do about the solidness of the building except to rebuild, which is unlikely. You may wish to consider consulting with an acoustical engineer to determine ways in which you can lessen the noise from your neighbors upstairs.

If you can't get cooperation from your neighbor, you may wish to hire an attorney to write the neighbor upstairs as well as write the association demanding that it take action against the neighbor upstairs.

If you are the only resident with this problem, you may have to go to court.

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Team approach: Linda Rea, second from left, makes a point during a get-together with her personal sales group, which includes Paula Rea-Johnston, Pete Johnston, Beth Kleehammer and Mary Ann Marchand.

Assistants make the team

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

How did the relatively new concept of personal assistants for real estate agents evolve?

Mary Ann Marchand, personal assistant to Linda Rea, a \$32 million sales producer last year at Real Estate One in Troy, explains with a story.

"Actually, this happens quite a lot. I was in Shelby Township on a new construction site. Linda was in Rochester. A gentleman called her on her pager and had to see a house right away.

"I was 10 minutes away. Linda immediately called me. I dashed over. I showed the gentleman the house and set up a second meeting with Linda for him when he fell in love with it. Linda got there and sold him.

"I kept the plate spinning until she could get there to take over," Marchand said.

Rea, a Realtor for 25 years, figured she needed help about 4-1/2 years ago.

"I developed a support staff because an agent can't be everywhere. Most salespeople should be in the field doing what they do best — listing, selling and negotiating," she said.

"I liken it to a professional doctor. If he were trying to answer the phone and prepare medication all at the same time, he wouldn't do as good a job," Rea said.

Nancy Austin, a Realtor for 15 years, most recently with Coldwell Banker Preferred in Plymouth, said she seemed to be stuck at \$3-1/2 million sales annually until she hired an assistant.

"I think you have to have an assistant if you want good production, income and a life," she said. "I think you're more efficient. Time spent on paperwork can be spent with people listing and selling houses."

Austin said she did close to \$5 million in business last year.

Sandy Crider works as an assistant for Austin and Kathy Barker. "The more I can do for them, the more time they have to sell," Crider said.

Most agents with assistants make listing presentations, do showings and present purchase offers themselves.

Assistants generally do support work such as putting listings on the computer, advertising, ordering title work, following through on the mortgage process and making update phone calls.

Many assistants are licensed agents, too, and for good reason.

"An unlicensed assistant can put up signs and lock boxes, deliver materials, go to the cleaners for you, balance your checkbook," Rea said. "They can't show houses, can't review contracts, can't give out real estate information or state an opinion."

Independent agents who sell are paid on commission. Assistants who work for agents usually are paid a salary or an hourly rate.

Most assistants worked independently before becoming an assistant. Crider and Marchand are licensed.

"I did plan on selling and really did it for a short time and found it wasn't for me," Crider said.

"As an assistant, I don't work evenings, don't work weekends, don't work holidays. And I have a steady paycheck. I like real estate. I really enjoy it. Every deal is a little different. You meet different people."

"I tried real estate on my own," Marchand said. "Quite honestly, I feel that just because someone has a license doesn't mean they can sell real estate."

"My strong point is in administration. I was a financial manager, assistant to the president in a private company. I'm better at paperwork, problem solving, getting the transaction to closing," Marchand said.

"Linda can do paperwork. I can do selling. But Linda could sell ice cubes to Eskimos. You take the best talent people have. That's what teamwork is all about. Someone is the pitcher, someone is the catcher, someone plays first base," Marchand said.

Jerry Goodwin and his partner, Sally Nielson, Realtors with REMAX Today in Clarkston, use their assistant, Janet

Long, to work exclusively with buyers.

The partners concentrate on selling but get involved with all of their clients at both ends of the transaction, Goodwin said. They had sales of \$13-14 million last year.

"Real estate is getting more complex," Goodwin said. "Buyers and sellers are more astute, looking for more services. If you have a little more depth in the operation, you have more to offer."

Long, also a licensed agent, appreciates the opportunity to concentrate on what she likes best.

"I thought, 'wonderful, we can all make a lot of money each person doing their point of expertise,'" she said. "I enjoy taking people out and finding them a house. I enjoy looking at houses myself. Everyone has their strength and weakness. Why not concentrate on your strength?"

Agents highly value their assistants.

"If you have a day you're not physically doing well, nothing has to stop," Rea said. "If a closing takes place and you're showing someone else a house, it's very important to be in two places at one time. She (Marchand) can fill in for me."

Beth Kleehammer, who coordinates new home sales, and Pete Johnston, who's being trained as a buyer's specialist, also are on Rea's team. So is Paula Rea-Johnston, Rea's daughter and Pete's wife, who coordinates PR activities.

"They also keep my life balanced," Rea said.

"We're in each other's head," Marchand said. "You really need to know what the other person is thinking and hand it to them before they ask for it."

"With the way technology is advancing, more people are becoming more educated," she said. "They want answers, precisely, quickly, with maximum efficiency."

"To give specialized and quicker services, agents will need someone there to assist them, especially if they do \$30 million in business a year," Marchand said.

Active building

Here are the top dozen metropolitan areas for residential permits issued during 1997. Preliminary figures include houses, condos and apartment units.

	Total permits	Change from '96
Atlanta	49,504	+3
Dallas/Ft. Worth	44,013	+19
Phoenix	42,978	+9
Chicago	35,482	+9
Houston	32,451	+35
Las Vegas	30,744	+5
Washington, D.C.	30,249	+3
San Francisco Bay	26,662	+24
Puget Sound, Wash.	25,986	+47
Detroit	24,760	-8
Denver	24,728	+13
Miami/Ft. Lauderdale	22,768	+18

Source: NAHB Housing Markets
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Biggie challenges all players



DAVID M. MULLY

This week's column is excerpted from Real Estate Confronts Reality by Tom Dooley, Stefan Swanepoel and Michael Abelson. (\$24.95) Real Estate Education Co., 155 N. Wacker Dr., Chicago IL 60606.

Has the real estate industry retaliated through real estate giant HFS? "The mortgage industry is horrible," says John Snodgrass. "It is a complex process, and it should not be. HFS intends to make a significant improvement to the mortgage process," he adds. These are not idle claims. When the recent acquisition of PHH Inc., together with the earlier acquisition of The Home Mortgage Network, HFS is already one of the largest lenders in the nation and is the first group to have sufficient market share in both industries to be able to implement a meaningful program.

So while the playing field is being prepared for the battle over who gets to be the consumer first, the homebuying procedure will, hopefully, continue to improve. The transaction approval time should continue to come down significantly, from days to hours, or even minutes, and closings could take place within days. Documentation should become easier to complete, and meaningful preapproval or even instant loan commitments should be available in the not-too-distant future.

Both the primary and secondary mortgage lending markets, however, face a much larger challenge than the growing involvement from real estate practitioners. As new technology opens new avenues of increased efficiency, the secondary mortgage market seems to be poised to bypass the primary lenders and real estate practitioners to become the point of first and, maybe, only contact.

Both mortgage resellers Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae are making substantial profits from the mortgage industry. They realize that they, although indirectly, already control the mortgage market. Although their current charter does allow direct access, at this stage they can require players to follow their standards and technology innovations. Innovations such as the Automated Loan Prospector from Freddie Mac and the Desktop Originator and the Underwriter from Fannie Mae are already available. These personal computer-based software programs organize borrower information qualifying the borrower for the loan, perform the underwriting tasks and then prepare the necessary documentation. One has to wonder whether they need the primary market and whether it is just a question of time before they go directly to the consumer.

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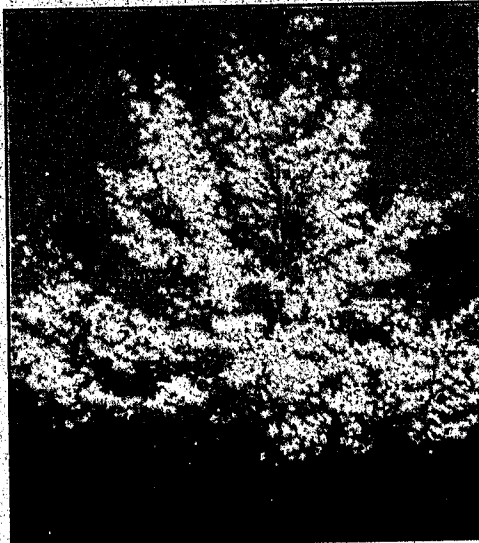
The free trees are part of the non-profit's Trees for America campaign.

"White flowering dogwoods will add year-round beauty to your home and neighborhood," said John Rosenow, the foundation's president. "Dogwoods have showy spring flowers, scarlet autumn foliage and red berries which attract songbirds all winter."

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting through March 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The 6-to-12 inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free.

Members also receive a subscription to Arbor Day, the foundation's monthly publication, and the Tree Book with information about tree planting and care.

To become a member, send a \$10 contribution to Ten Free Dogwood Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, Neb. 68410.



HOMES SOLD IN OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric's area residential real estate closings recorded March 23 & 24 at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office and compiled by Advertising That Works, a Bloomfield Township company. Each track deed and mortgage recordings in southeastern Michigan. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.	6206 Pine Needle Dr. \$230,000 7547 Ridge Valley Dr. \$75,000 Commerce Township 6320 Bridge Trl W. \$272,000 3215 Edgewood Park Ct. \$155,000 4045 Forest Edge Dr. \$259,000 3705 Gullwood. \$312,000 8144 Mario St. \$203,000 1600 Cabone St. \$132,000 6060 Turnberry. \$435,000 45590 W Pontiac Trl. \$126,000 8273 Woodspur Dr. \$235,000 Daviesburg 6648 Country Lane Dr. \$211,000 Farmington 36872 Brittany Hill Dr. \$180,000 34201 Conroy Ct. \$180,000 23101 Farmington Rd. \$178,000 31200 Grand River Ave. \$168,000 31831 Grand River #4. \$36,000	23255 Hawthorne St. \$88,000 Farmington Hills 31170 Applewood Ln. \$230,000 29356 Breezeview. \$151,000 21615 Cadillac St. \$145,000 36950 Fox Gin. \$92,000 28574 Greythorne Trl. \$181,000 32811 Heatherstone Rd. \$172,000 21518 Jacksonville St. \$114,000 29318 Laurel Dr. \$125,000 29601 Overwood Ave. \$85,000 26289 Pillsbury St. \$165,000 29584 Pipers Ln. \$210,000 32211 Red Clover Rd. \$168,000 30123 S Stockton Dr. \$159,000 24815 Springbrook Dr. \$195,000 29314 Stillwater. \$293,000 30028 W 12 Mile # 35. \$54,000 28420 W 8 Mile # 205. \$46,000	Franklin 30425 S Greenbrier Rd. \$315,000 Keego Harbor 3011 Orchard Lake Rd. \$80,000 Lake Orion 675 Credition St. \$136,000 2417 Holland St. \$156,000 3803 Keelaf Rd. \$239,000 1250 Nekomis St. \$354,000 188 Overlake Dr. \$256,000 2206 Pine Harbor Ln. \$256,000 540 W Clarkson Rd. \$140,000 Novi 45643 Addington Ln. \$305,000 45667 Addington Ln. \$301,000 23781 Brookmoor Park. \$358,000 42784 Brookstone Dr. \$268,000 125 Burlingame Dr. \$170,000 22403 Cranbrook Dr. \$113,000 23078 Cranbrook Ln. \$89,000	25983 Creek Xing. \$208,000 25100 Delmont Dr. \$224,000 45335 Dunbarton Dr. \$225,000 30798 Golden Rdg. \$233,000 40500 Gullford. \$174,000 25887 Junction. \$174,000 23504 N Rockledge. \$93,000 24045 Wintergreen Cir. \$406,000 Oakland Township 4777 Green Meadow Ln. \$534,000 2874 Plum Creek Dr. \$105,000 Onton Township 3416 Regency St. \$135,000 Oxford 1854 Deer Path Trl. \$78,000 7 Pleasant St. \$118,000 Rochester 4359 Clear Creek Dr. \$235,000 1132 Hemlock Dr. \$208,000 738 Loggers Cir. \$385,000	810 Plate St. Unit 208. \$39,000 274 Wyngate Dr. \$524,000 Rochester Hills 628 Ashley Cir E. \$158,000 240 Bowdoinhill. \$198,000 3527 Cedar Shake Dr. \$559,000 2855 Dearborn Ave. \$127,000 745 Dressler Ln. \$152,000 814 Francis St. \$180,000 1290 Harding Ave. \$187,000 722 Keats Dr. \$216,000 483 Misty Brook Ln. \$259,000 3637 Nesting Rdg. \$340,000 2484 Pleasant View Dr. \$269,000 348 Silvervale Dr. \$268,000 2501 Tower Hill Ln. \$288,000 1890 Wetherfield Ct. \$253,000 Southfield 28107 Berkshire Dr. \$138,000 30782 Brentwood St. \$129,000	29530 Chelmsford Rd. \$134,000 24185 Evergreen Rd. \$93,000 22810 Kenwyck Dr. \$195,000 24701 Lake Ln. \$128,000 18677 Nadel Dr. \$58,000 23505 Plumbrooke Dr. \$140,000 19900 Saxton Ave. \$100,000 15563 Shelley St. \$150,000 5000 Town Ctr. \$83,000 23788 Village House Dr. \$170,000 29115 Village Road Dr. \$102,000 21266 W 9 Mile Rd. \$89,000 21048 Wakeston St. \$54,000 30045 Willowbrook Dr. \$101 \$93,000 Sylvan Lake 1845 Lakeland Ave. \$109,000 Troy 3843 Amvil Dr. \$150,000 1743 Brentwood Dr. \$143,000 2830 Chermwood Dr. \$220,000	2238 Cumberland Dr. \$173,000 2679 E Square Lake Rd. \$80,000 2706 English Dr. \$193,000 3929 Gullwick Dr. \$287,000 558 Hidden Ridge Dr. \$184,000 6822 High Oaks Dr. \$243,000 6558 John Rd. \$295,000 2828 Manorwood Dr. \$297,000 4309 Renae Dr. \$307,000 2696 Roundtree Dr. \$78,000 2870 Roundtree Dr. \$94,000 1834 Wilmet Dr. \$208,000 Walled Lake 108 Chastnut Rdg. \$218,000 1780 Dicker Rd. \$215,000 1233 Green Vista Ct. \$187,000 307 Ryan Ct. \$218,000 West Bloomfield 7306 Colchester Ln. \$382,000 6565 Crest Top Dr. \$555,000	7198 Danbrooke. \$156,000 2948 Greenbrook Ln. \$216,000 7533 Greenway Ln. \$277,000 1592 Huntwood Park. \$208,000 6908 Indian Creek Dr. \$200,000 7998 Lawrence. \$137,000 6967 Marick Ct. \$383,000 2790 Parkwick Ct. \$257,000 6285 S Timberwood Dr. \$250,000 6316 S Timberwood Dr. \$258,000 7352 Silver Leaf Ln. \$285,000 2505 W Blimfield Oaks. \$214,000 White Lake 9031 Funston St. \$79,000 8868 Sharon Dr. \$172,000 8743 Townsend Dr. \$245,000 Wolverine Lake 2325 Darnell St. \$192,000
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Alfred Girardot, a Realtor with Prudential Chamberlain-Stiehl in Troy, recently obtained his associate broker license.

Girardot, who also lives in Troy, has acquired the professional designation of Graduate Realtors Institute. He's also certified by Prudential as a home marketing and home finding specialist.

Steve Branstner, AIA of Rochester Hills, has formed the architectural firm of Steven T. Branstner P.C., Architecture & Planning.

He has more than 20 years experience with health care, commercial, higher education, religious and research facilities. Previously, Branst-

ner was director of architecture at SHG in Detroit.

Brian M. Colando has been promoted to managing editor of the construction project information group for the Construction Association of Michigan headquartered in Bloomfield Hills.

Colando, who lives in Rochester Hills, attended Eastern Michigan University.

Steven G. Gordon, president and CEO of Signature Associates, a commercial brokerage in Southfield, has been appointed to the 11-member North American Board of Directors for ONCOR International, a real estate network.

Gordon, a 20-year veteran in the industry, belongs to the Society of Industrial and Office Realtors and serves on the board of Eastern Michi-

gan University.

Real Estate One recognized nearly 400 sales associates recently during its annual awards ceremony.

Linda Rea, Troy, won top honors for all company sales associate of the year, listing unit leader, listing volume leader and North-east Division sales associate of the year.

Bob Ogg and Karen Wilson, Troy, were recognized all company sales team of the year. Melanie Bishop, Farmington Hills/West Bloomfield, West Division sales associate of the year; and Mohammed "Mike" Fayz, Dearborn, all company sales unit leader and Midwest Division sales associate of the year.

The Century 21 Associates offices have announced their top-producing agents.

The Elite Masters in Rochester Hills include Holly Hohnholt, Rosalie Iwig, Robert Katner, Charles William David, Susan Jaracz, Shelly Schellenberg, Dianne Mitchell, Ed Olewski, Claudia Murawski, Mary Day, Jessie Tucker, Melvin Schmidt, Marie Stoico and Kathy Coon.

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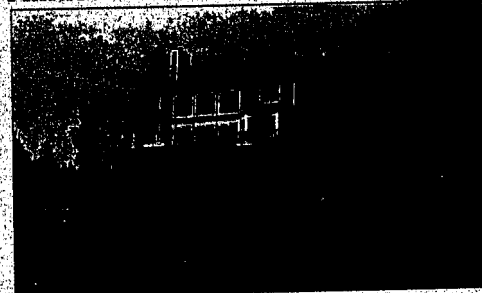
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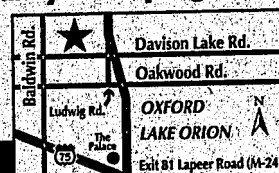
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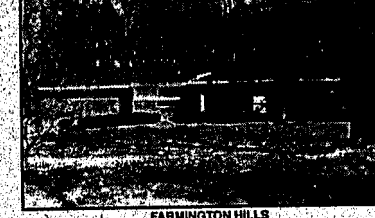
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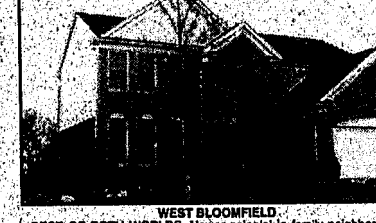
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MR. AND MRS. CLEAN LIVE HERE. Three bedroom home in exemplary West Bloomfield school district. Fabulous master bedroom (22x12) updates include newer floor, countertops, vinyl windows, newer roof. \$1,200 credit for A/C also home warranty. \$179,900 (COB97BEV) 248-626-8000



GORGEOUS!! Contemporary - open condo 2500 sq. ft. A real beauty in great area!! Features, bleached oak floors, some neutral carpeting, off white formica kitchen, formal dining room, library, 2 car attached garage and more!! \$234,900. (COB69WAT) 248-626-8000



PENTHOUSE WATERFRONT CONDO Luxurious lakefront living, 2 bedroom, 2 bath with loads of closet and extra storage plus 2 car garage. Heated pool, awesome sunsets, lots of ceramic start living your dream. \$189,900 (COB60ISL) 248-626-8000



LOCATION LOCATION. Sylvan Lake brick tri-level, 2 car attached garage, hardwood in living room, and dining area. Great fireplace in lower level, doorwall to patio. Immediate possession, great potential. \$149,900 (COB05SHE) 248-626-8000



BETTER THAN NEW TUDOR. Distinctive very clean and very spacious. Immediate occupancy. 2163 sq. ft. Park-like backyard adjacent to 20 acre commons. \$229,900 (COB20MEA) 248-626-8000



LAKEFRONT PENINSULA! Steel seawall on one side of lot, borders private canal leading to beautiful sandy beach front on Lake Louise. Large cedar deck on front & back, 2 sheds, 2 car garage, 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, sprinkler system, priced to sell at \$169,900 (19LAK) 248-620-7200



YOU'LL FALL IN LOVE with this cozy Royal Oak bungalow! Move-in condition in Shrine/Northwood area. 200' deep lot. New windows, vinyl siding and roof. Full basement, refinished oak floors, copper plumbing. Built-ins. Bay window. \$134,900 (13CHE) 248-280-4777



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VINSETTA PARK SUBDIVISION. Three bedrooms, 1 1/2 bath colonial with partly finished basement and oversized 25x25 garage. Formal dining room, central air and more. \$152,900 (27CED) 248-280-4777



GREAT ROYAL OAK BUNGALOW featuring fresh paint, newer carpeting, a wonderful natural fireplace and hardwood floors (under carpet). Updates since '96 include: copper plumbing, windows, hot water heater, bathroom tub and surround, front porch. \$131,900 (35EDI) 248-280-4777



STATELY COLONIAL in desirable Shrine/Adams area. Beautiful new white kitchen. Living room with fireplace, formal dining room, large family room overlooks beautiful yard. Spacious bedrooms. \$198,500 (45ABE) 248-280-4777



CLARKSTON RANCH CONDO!! Located near I-75 and Clintonwood Park. Features 2 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, full basement, 2 car attached garage. English flavor complex sits on a hillside with water falls. A must to see! Priced at \$162,900 (77COD) 248-620-7200



PERFECTION - just move in all updates done; windows '97, kitchen '94, roof '96, doors '96, carpet '94, finished basement and 2 1/2 car garage. \$125,900 (263MAS) 248-349-6800



SPECTACULAR VIEWS of woods, meadows, pond and sunsets on 2.6 acres of tranquility. 2,976 sq. ft. plus finished walkout. 5 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths. 1552 Millford Rd. \$324,900 (155MIL) 248-349-6800



WALLED LAKE. Lovely 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath condo. Built in 1995 and just a short walk from Walled Lake. Full basement, attached garage with direct entry. 1st floor laundry, fireplace in great room, cathedral ceilings. (523WIN) 248-349-6800



TWO BEDROOM, 2 bath, 1200 sq. ft., 1984 entry level condo w/walkout to patio overlooking Cass Lake and pool. End unit in mint condition. 1 car detached garage. Lots of storage in basement. Boat slip available. \$136,900 (355POR) 248-349-6800



FIVE BEDROOM and updates galore!! This is a very special home. 2 full baths, split plan, new roof, furnace, central air, water heater. Neutral and clean. All for only \$185,900. (377WEN) 248-349-6800



GREAT COUNTRY HOME on 3.9 acres. Have it all here with new kitchen, huge master suite, finished rec room, in-ground pool & workout area. Up to 2 horses allowed! (121ROS) 248-349-6800



NEWLY BUILT & ready to move-in. 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath located in finest area of Northville. Northville schools. Home is priced below market value. (171HIL) 248-349-6800



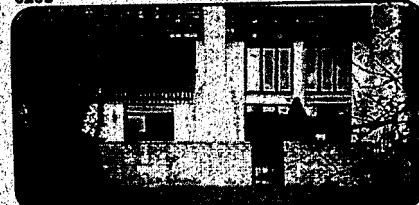
BEAUTIFUL CUSTOM 2 STORY. All the extra touches, 6 panel doors, corian topped island in kitchen w/cherry all wood cabinets, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, woodburner in living room. Finished basement w/extra tall ceiling, attached 2 car garage. Priced to sell at \$269,900 248-280-4777



CONDO CHARM. Enjoy nature on the Paint Creek Trail. Minimum of 1 year lease, this condo has a finished basement with all appliances. Non-smoker preferred. \$1,200 mo. (OE15HIV) 248-299-6200



MUST SEE! Beautiful 1 1/2 story w/ cathedral ceiling & open floor plan. 1st floor master bedroom w/whirlpool tub. Hardwood floors in gourmet kitchen and foyer. Large bedrooms upstairs. Walk-in closets. Private yard. \$349,900 (OE19IN) 248-299-6200



EVERYTHING YOU'VE WANTED. Neat touches! Easy-to-love, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths condo. Nicely decorated that will satisfy everyone. Walk to downtown Rochester. Home warranty package. Finished basement. Patio, balconies, community swimming pool. \$184,900 (OE12OA) 248-299-6200



STEAL THIS ONE! Large (1800 sq. ft.), 3 bedroom colonial w/2 1/2 baths on a 1 acre lot. 1997 updates: large deck, front door, exterior/interior painting throughout, professionally landscaped. Central air, glass block basement windows, carpet throughout, air cleaner. \$186,200 (OE95GI) 248-299-6200



WITH SUCH NICE FEATURES. Build great memories in this engaging home. Close to everything. Decorator pluses, ample storage space, 3 bedrooms, ceramic tile bath, modern kitchen, central heat/air. This brick ranch is immaculate. Pro-yard-scape. \$152,000 (OE18REO) 248-299-6200



MOVE-IN TODAY. Don't miss the potential of this property. Nearly new, alternative to condo living (no dues!). 3 bedrooms, a preferred main-level laundry, modern kitchen, tile flooring. Custom upgrades, central air, close to schools. \$124,900 (OE5HART) 248-299-6200



RESTRAINED OPULENCE! Stately light & airy, two-story colonial with superb comforts. Aluminum/brick, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 bath home. Foyer, curved staircase, fine master suite, family room, walk-in closets, modern kitchen, gas heat & deck. \$259,900 (OE30LEX) 248-299-6200



GREAT WATERFORD LOCATION! Close to shopping, nice starter home w/huge master bedrooms, central air, fenced in backyard, cute deck to enjoy. Newer hot water heater, updated kitchen, kitchen appliances included. Great starter home or rental property! \$67,900 (11HOL) 248-620-7200

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GREAT SYLVAN LAKEFRONT! Fabulous 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath lakeside contemporary. Designed for lakeviews from the inside out. Vaulted ceilings - skylites, custom finished through out. \$383,900 (20BEE) 363-1200



LATHRUP VILLAGE Beautiful 3 bedroom Brick Bungalow featuring large living room. Well maintained interior. Central air. Basement B-dried all around and guaranteed transferable. \$141,900 (66BLA) 524-1600.



WEST BLOOMFIELD - Magnificent lakefront estate w/breathtaking views! Gracious 8000 sq. ft. home perfect for entertaining! HW floors, formal Living and Dining Rooms, Master bedroom, walkout lower level kitchen. 2 1/2 acres. \$2,390,000 (85MID) 642-8100



A CHARMER! SEE THIS CONTEMPORARY Upper-tier home perfect for parties. 1 1/2 story on full acre, walkout, 2718 sq. ft., four bedroom, beautiful kitchen. \$364,900 (48MIS) 363-1200



TROY 3 bedroom Ranch home with 2 full baths. First floor laundry. Finished basement with full bath & kitchen. Hardwood floors, one Year Home Warranty! \$194,900 (03ALT) 524-1600.



FRANKLIN - Fabulous 4400 sq. ft. modular contemporary on beautiful acre setting offers 4 bedroom, 4 bath, 2 lavatories and an unbelievable master bedroom suite. 3 car garage. Builder is owner. \$559,900 (50ROS) 642-8100



CAPTIVATING COLONIAL Beautifully appointed 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home, master bedroom w/jacuzzi, cathedral ceiling, 2 VIC. Two story foyer, 1st floor laundry, Central air, fireplace, family room, large lot. \$258,500 (65GRE) 363-1200



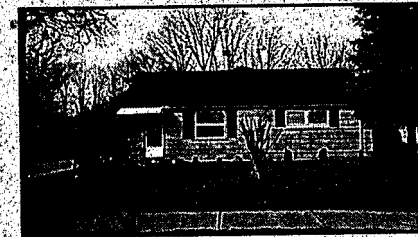
TROY 4 bedroom colonial with 2 1/2 baths. Totally updated kitchen with all appliances. Formal dining room. First floor laundry. Family room with natural fireplace. Large deck. Immediate possession. \$174,900 (51MIL) 524-1600



BLOOMFIELD - 1875 sq. ft. ranch offers 3 bedroom, 2 bath, living room, family room, white formica kitchen on acre lot overlooking Walnut Lake beach and lake privileges. \$339,900 (95LON) 642-8100



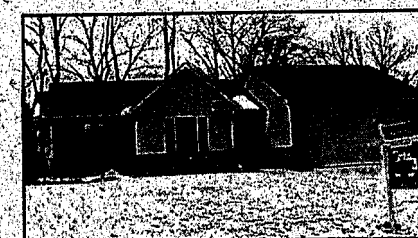
WATERFRONT QUAD LEVEL Panoramic views from two doorwalls, four bedrooms, two baths, hardwood floors, newer carpet access the all sports lake. \$219,900 (14HUL) 363-1200



TROY 4 bedroom Ranch home with many updates thru-out. Furnace, central air, windows, carpet, drywall and 2 full baths. Totally painted. Park and Elementary Schools behind home. Home Warranty! \$144,900 (65VAN) 524-1600.



BLOOMFIELD - Spectacular Lakefront condo offers 4-5 bedrooms, 3 1/2 bath, living room, family room, library, 1st floor master bedroom, formica kitchen, finished walkout and 3 car garage. \$514,900 (06WAB) 642-8100



PICTURE PERFECT RANCH Open soft contemporary ranch - Commerce, beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch features great room w/fireplace, central air, first floor laundry, super sharp. \$195,900 (13BUS) 363-1200



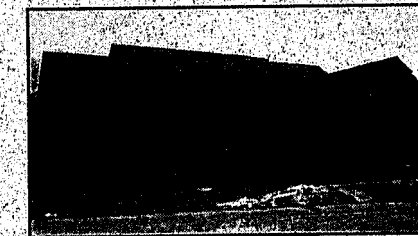
ATTRACTIVE move in condition 4 bedroom colonial. Updates include roof, white kitchen, windows, hardwood floors, set on cul-de-sac near I-75 and M-59. Home Warranty. Corp. excl. \$244,900 (84HID) 652-8000



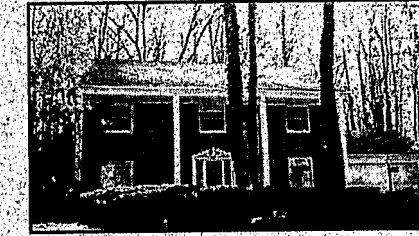
WEST BLOOMFIELD - Desirable ranch detached condo with loft and finished lower level walkout. Private wooded site. Light, bright condo offers newer carpet, some newer paint, master bedroom w/jacuzzi tub, and so much more! \$354,900 (10HER) 642-8100



UPDATED CHARMER IN WIXOM Over 1 acres. Walled Lake Schools, first floor laundry, 2 full baths, city sewer, make this older 4 bedroom a must see! \$163,900 (25MAP) 363-1200



GORGEOUS detached condo! On premium lot backing to woods. Completely neutral thru out, great room, w/cathedral ceiling & 2 sided marble fireplace. Sunny kitchen w/cathedral ceiling & nook w/doorwall to deck. Large master suite w/jacuzzi and doorwall to deck. \$249,900 (71FAI) 652-8000.



WONDERFUL HOME on secluded treed lot in Colony Park. Custom Oak kitchen w/island, family room w/fireplace & built-ins, screened in porch, 2 brick patios, large rooms, large closets, mint condition!! (28OAK) \$329,900 626-8800



TROY 3 bedroom Bungalow on quiet country sized lot. New windows, carpet, blinds and furnace within last year. large 3 season enclosed breezeway. Open Living room and Dining room area. Troy schools home Warranty! \$131,900 (03HAR) 524-1600.



COUNTRY CLUB atmosphere overlooking Indianwood Golf Club. Marino Pointe Estates. Gourmet kitchen w/white bay cabinets, sunny garden breakfast area, large master suite designer bath. 2-way fireplace, great room w/2nd floor bridge and curved oak staircase. \$348,900 (82LAK) 652-8000



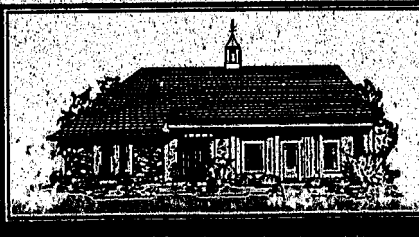
MOVE IN CONDITION. 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, colonial. Well located in sub. Finished basement, w/sauna & stall shower. Updates include roof, central air, hot water heater, dishwasher, hood. Award winning West Bloomfield School District. (56WAR) \$229,000 626-8800



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ALMOST NEW home in great family sub with sidewalks. Very neutral and transferee perfect. Large center island kitchen. Master bedroom with two closets and private bath. First floor laundry. \$249,900 (29WIL) 652-8000



W. BLOOMFIELD - New construction! 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial w/beautiful view. Fabulous floor plan. Foyer is open to 2nd floor. Master bedroom w/huge walk-in closet & master bath. 1st floor laundry. (16STA) \$259,900 626-8800



FARMINGTON HILLS - Updated in white, walkout basement, 3,000 sq. ft., 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath. (35MUE) \$300,000 626-8800

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HILLS OF OAKLAND Extensive wood flooring, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 lavs. Stunning living & dining room, both w/bays & excellent wood trim plus, 4 fireplaces. Master bath w/jacuzzi tub, shower. Finished walk out. Inground pool. \$774,900 (81WEL) 652-8000



TROY 4 bedroom tudor located on a Cul-De-Sac lot. Great room with fireplace. Wet bar, study. First floor laundry. Master bedroom with bath & walk-in closet. one Year Home Warranty! \$289,900 (26MOU) 524-1600.

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COMMERCE - Sharp 3 bedroom brick ranch. On estate size corner lot. Professionally remodeled in 97, ceramic 1 1/2 baths, finished basement. New carpet, hot water heater, well, pump, shingles. \$159,900 (01ROB) 363-1200



VERSATILE STYLING Enjoy the extras in this 3-bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home. Brick and wood styling, big yard, family room with fireplace, 1759 sq. ft. \$154,900 (90SHO) 363-1200



WEST BLOOMFIELD - Very clean & well maintained 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 story contemporary. Large rooms & full basement, 2,300 & sq. ft., 2 decks, central air, all appliances. \$249,900 (63KIE) 363-1200



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ROYAL OAK - Charming 1915 American four square on almost one acre of beautifully landscaped property. Oak floors and moldings, beveled glass doors, cove nine foot ceilings, 2 sunrooms. \$289,900 (24MOU) 642-8100



BLOOMFIELD HILLS - Large wooded lot with inground pool. 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, hardwood floors, 2 fireplaces, newer siding, roof, gutters, electrical. Bay windows in living room, side entrance garage and circular drive-way. \$259,900 (06NOR) 642-8100



ROCHESTER HILLS - Stunning 2 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath townhouse condo offers fireplace, full basement, one car attached garage, freshly decorated. Move-in condition. \$129,900 (54PAI) 642-8100



BIRMINGHAM - Charming 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath bungalow. Family room w/vaulted ceilings. Darling kitchen w/breakfast bar. Cozy master bedroom w/2 skylights and sound system. Finished lower level w/half bath and lots of storage. \$189,500 (70BIR) 642-8100



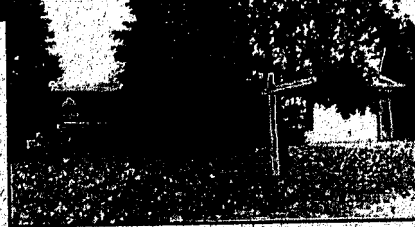
SITTING ON 1.34 acres. In the Walled Lake (Central High) School district is this exciting contemporary ranch w/4 bedroom, 2,300 sq. ft. finished basement, attached garage, cul-de-sac & Commerce lake privileges. \$249,900 (62WHI) 363-1200



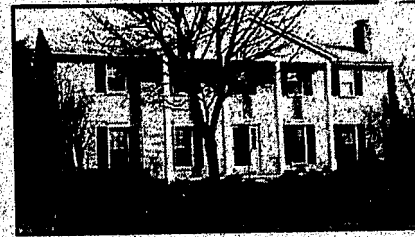
FARMINGTON - Two bedroom ranch with two baths, updated kitchen, shingles, furnace, 26 & 28 garage, three acres with pond on both sides. \$149,500 (67BOG) 363-1200



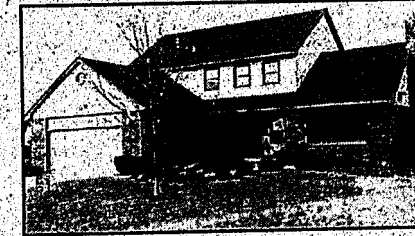
PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP Enjoy the convenience of this park area, 4 bedroom, 2 bath, tri-level on 1.45 acres, security system, needs work, family room, deck. \$129,900 (49ECK) 363-1200



TROY 3 bedroom ranch home with 2 1/2 baths. First floor laundry, family room with fireplace. Finished basement. 2 car attached garage. Troy schools. \$194,900 (58HUB) 524-1600.



TROY 4 bedroom Colonial with 2 1/2 baths, family room with wood stove. 2nd floor laundry. Central air. newer windows thru-out. Two master bedrooms. Troy Schools. \$257,755 (56BER) 524-1600.



TROY 4 bedroom colonial with master bedroom on 1st and 2nd floor. Great room with fireplace. 3 1/2 baths. Central air. Security system, walk-in closets in all bedrooms. Kitchen appliances, many extra features. \$284,500 (45KNI) 524-1600



GREAT BLOOMFIELD RANCH on beautiful park-like setting. 4 bedrooms and 2 1/2 baths, 2 fireplaces. Finished basement. Many updates thru-out. \$285,000 (35CAR) 524-1600.



ROCHESTER HILLS Sharp colonial well maintained. Oak wood floors throughout foyer & kitchen. Partially finished basement. Bay window. California closet organizers. Great deck. Sprinklers, air conditioning, security system. Landscaped. On a cul-de-sac! \$187,900 (64BOL) 652-8000



ROCHESTER HILLS - Three bedroom brick colonial. Great curb appeal, private backyard with patio & BBQ. Neutral decor, family room with gas fireplace. Central air. \$189,900 (86CHA) 652-8000



ALL SPORTS Woodhull lakefront! Skylights, cathedral ceiling, loft, sunroom, atrium, cedar deck, finished walk out w/sunken hot tub. 4 baths, 2 natural fireplaces. Professional landscaping, gazebo, dock, seawall. Home Warranty. Clarkston schools. \$369,900 (07MAJ) 652-8000



NEUTRAL family home-great Rochester sub, neighborhood school. Newer carpeting and ceramic, kitchen appliances. 4 large bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, family room, fireplace, extra storage 2 1/2 garage. Home Warranty. \$219,000 (51STO) 652-8000



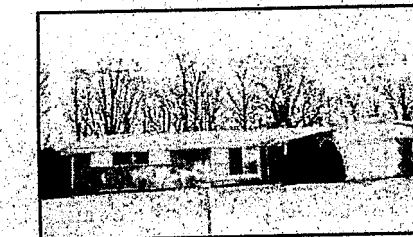
ROCHESTER HILLS Lovely large home w/very open floor plan-spacious island kitchen. Formal dining room, large family room with fireplace & wet bar. Finished lower level, central air & sprinklers. Nice yard w/fruit trees. Close to Oakland University, I-75, M-59 & Chrysler Tech Center. \$234,900 (95PLU) 652-8000



COMMERCE - Why buy new when you can buy this home for \$230,000, completely finished. 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, 2 car attached garage. Walled Lake schools. City water and sewers. Must see! Won't last long. (21STO) 626-8800



FARMINGTON HILLS - 4 bedroom, colonial, new kitchen, hardwood floors, full basement. (28BRA) \$184,900 626-8800



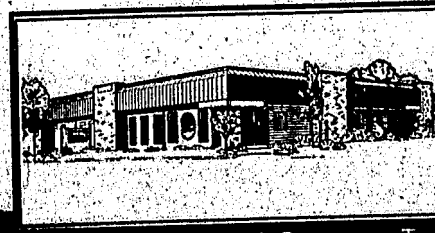
FARMINGTON HILLS - Northern Farmington Hills. Ranch with walk-out finished basement. 3 bedrooms, 3 full baths plus, lavatory, hardwood floors. Newer euro style kitchen. Park like backyard, backs to stream. Deck & hot tub. (32SPR) \$219,000 626-8800



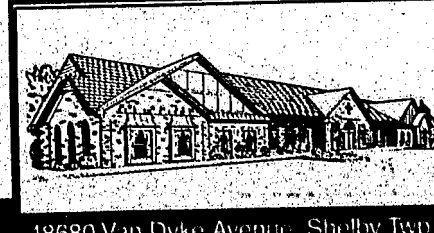
FARMINGTON - Move in Condition hard to find ranch. 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths, 2 car attached garage, finished basement, newer kitchen (94') fireplace, update too numerous to mention. Updated landscaping, you'll be surprised when you stop inside - open airy floor plan. (32CLO) \$169,900 626-8800



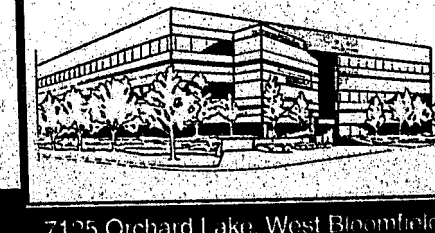
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 5014 Greenview (S. of Commerce Rd., W. of Bogue Lake Rd.)
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 Beautiful Cape Cod with huge 1st floor master, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, white kitchen cabinets, hardwood floors and library with vaulted ceiling. \$259,900. Call Mary Louie, (734) 453-8700.

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303 Open Houses
 CLARKSTON Open Sun, 1-4pm. Immaculate 3 bedroom, brick ranch on wooded lot in popular "Birdland" sub. \$169,000. 524 Knapfield, off Mayfield, E. of Dixie. 248-825-6236

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 Outstanding Bloomfield home with recent renovation and extensive updates. Spacious and open for gracious entertaining and fine family living. High ceilings and walls of glass. Stunning master suite with his and hers baths, whirlpool tub and sauna. Additional bedrooms with private baths. Pretty wooded setting. Ask about inclusive waterfront lot. Plan to see 3800 MYSTIC VALLEY DR. (N. of Long Lake & W. of Telegraph). \$719,000. (MYS90)

CLASSIFIED WORKS

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 10515 Elgin, Brick Colonial in the middle of the woods. 3 bed room, 1 1/2 baths, beautiful family room, finished basement. \$255,000. (248) 648-1053

303 Open Houses
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ORION TOWNSHIP
 Open Sunday 1-4pm
 3716 Rolling Hills Road (W. of Baldwin, E. of Mayfield)
 Beautiful 3-4 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths, brick colonial, 2 car garage, separate shower, air, sprinklers, deck & landscaped. Sub pool, tennis, club, pond, walkway. \$259,900. Call Mary Louie, (734) 453-8700.

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ROYAL OAK - Totally updated 3 bedroom
 Colonial, near Beaumont. \$225,000. Open Sun, 1-5pm. 3614 Millbrook. (248) 858-4549

305 Birmingham/Bloomfield
 BEVERLY HILLS - 5 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, built 2700 sq. ft., quad open floor plan, immaculate, Birmingham schools. \$289,900. (248) 646-1944

BEVERLY HILLS - Beautiful 3 bedroom
 ranch, family room, w/2-way fireplace, fenced yard, \$149,200. 16737 Kinkaid, (248) 229-0228

BIRMINGHAM - near town. Updated, 3 bedroom
 ranch. White, island kitchen. Move-In! \$310,000. 15737 Kinkaid, (248) 647-4174

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BIRMINGHAM - 4 bedroom colonial
 2 1/2 baths, large family room, updated kitchen, 1st floor laundry, mint condition. \$399,000. 399 Landmark, (248) 645-5158

306 Brighton
 SPACIOUS 3 bedroom, ranch w/2-way fireplace, 1700 sq. ft. built in 1972 offers many updated features. Approximately 3/4 acre lot w/irrigated pool, sunroom, hot tub in a great sub. Great location for commuters in any direction. Open House, Sun March 29, 8:00-5:00. Call Mary Louie, (734) 453-8700.

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 2 1/2 bath, built 1994, new carpet, hardwood floors, large lot, \$269,900. (810) 227-7429

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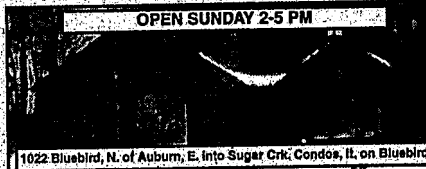
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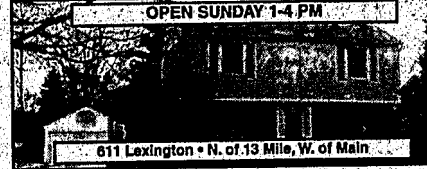
HUNTINGTON WOODS
 • This classic 1920's custom designed 3 bedroom
 Tudor was built w/ quality craftsmanship throughout.
 • Fieldstone fireplace in living room, updated kitchen
 • Hardwood floors, extensive decking & spacious yard
 \$349,900 547-2000 812588



OPEN SUNDAY 2-5 PM

1022 Bluebird, N. of Auburn, E. into Sugar Ck. Condos, IL on Bluebird

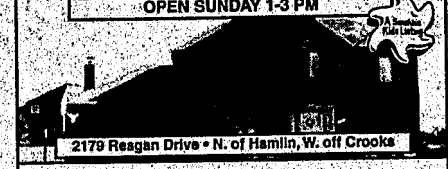
ROCHESTER HILLS - SITE CONDO
 • Imagine yourself in this great condo on wooded lot
 • Cheery open floor plan and cathedral ceilings in living
 and dining rooms. Cozy family room w/ gas fireplace
 • 1st floor master suite w/ full bath & door to deck
 \$259,900-\$299,876 689-8900



OPEN SUNDAY 1-4 PM

611 Lexington • N. of 13 Mile, W. of Main

ROYAL OAK - CLASSIC & FANTASTIC
 • This center entry Colonial is in a great location
 • Family room has pegged flooring & beamed ceilings
 with a wonderful view of large back yard
 • Knotty pine rec room, screened porch off dining room!
 \$309,000 547-2000 2504451



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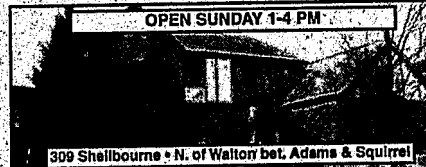
2179 Reagan Drive • N. of Hamlin, W. off Crooks

ROCHESTER HILLS "WOODS"
 • "Perfection Plus" A home with warmth and charm
 • Four large bedrooms, 2.5 baths, open kitchen and family
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 • Picturesque sub. Super Investment. Save \$20,000
 \$279,900 689-8900



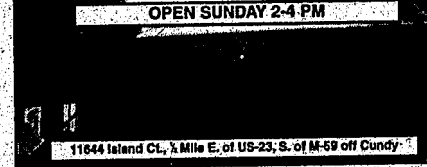
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WEST BLOOMFIELD
 • Traditional Colonial w/ arch entry to first fl family room
 • Den w/ custom brick & wet bar w/ cherry cabinetry
 • French doors lead to private study. Huge kitchen
 • Formal living & dining rooms. Hardwood floors & more.
 \$239,000 651-4400 812788



OPEN SUNDAY 1-4 PM

ROCHESTER HILLS - LOTS OF SPACE
 • Great 4 bedroom Tudor w/ lots of wood flooring fea-
 tures beautiful entry w/ curved stairway
 • Huge kitchen/family room areas w/ beamed ceilings
 • Extra large master with 2 walk-in closets
 \$289,800 651-8850



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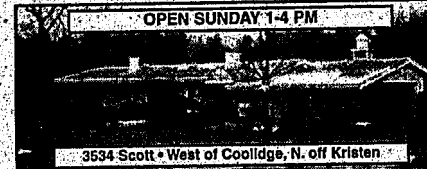
11644 Island Ct., 1/2 Mile E. of US-23, S. of M-59 off Cundy

HARTLAND - DON'T MISS THIS ONE!
 • The time is now to enjoy the fireplace on cold nights!
 • Master bedroom offers double closet & master bath
 • Newer furnace and central air, all appliances stay
 • Lots of storage, door to patio
 \$138,500 629-0680 ext. 150 01980629



OPEN SUNDAY 1-3 PM

FARMINGTON HILLS - EYE CATCHER
 • Updated Colonial just minutes away from everything
 • 2,930 sq. ft. w/ fire flt family room & dining room
 • Newer roof, exterior paint, water heater & more.
 • Swim club is just around the corner! Call for details.
 \$284,500 628-9100 815774



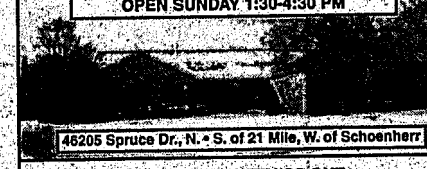
OPEN SUNDAY 1-4 PM

TROY - NEAT AS NEW
 • Lovely maintained home featuring four bedrooms.
 • Fabulous updated kitchen w/ Corian countertops
 • Two full and 2 half baths. Elementary and Middle school
 within walking distance!
 \$250,000 (248) 641-1660 806192



OPEN SUNDAY 1:30-4:30 PM

LOCATION, CHARM & VALUE
 • Neutral decor sets the tone for this newer Colonial.
 • 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, whirlpool tub in master suit
 • Hardwood & ceramic floors, all appliances included
 • Adams Ridge sub, close to Chrysler & GM Tech Centers
 \$249,900 646-6000 814546



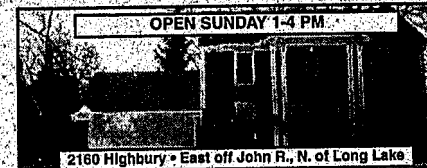
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SHELBY - DON'T MISS OUT
 • Outstanding ranch in prestigious Cedar Lake sub
 • Hardwood floors in kitchen & large, fire flt family room
 • Over 2,500 sq. ft., walk-in pantry, 14"x16" mud room
 • Gorgeous park-like yard with patio and shed.
 \$238,900 (248) 651-4400 803518



OPEN SUNDAY 1-4 PM

FARMINGTON HILLS - COMPLETELY UPDATED
 • Updated 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath Contemporary on the
 cul-de-sac backing to park & commons area
 • Gourmet kitchen w/ Corian counters & many extras
 • French doors, wood floors, high ceilings. Beautiful!
 \$215,000 851-4400 806967



OPEN SUNDAY 1-4 PM

TROY - RARE FIND
 • Hard to find four bedroom, 2.5 bath Colonial with quality
 updates and situated in a great location
 • Spacious bedrooms, Oak kitchen, newer roof & more
 • Cedar fenced treed site with large deck.
 \$214,900 (248) 641-1660



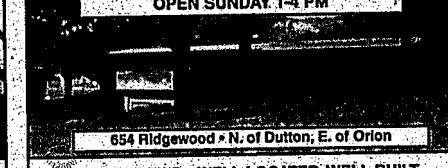
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TROY RANCH CONDO
 • The best location in Wattles Creek-private end unit
 • 2 bedrooms, full basement, 2 baths, double carport
 • Sparkling custom white kitchen, built-in appliances
 • Beautiful development has pool, tennis, clubhouse
 \$129,900 689-8900



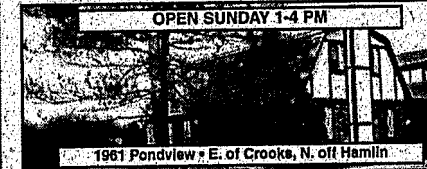
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ROYAL OAK - AVOID SPRING RUSH
 • Start the new year off in this 4 bedroom colonial
 • Features breakfast, family and dining rooms
 • Fenced corner lot, conveniently located, great view
 • Seller will consider offers between
 \$190,000-\$230,000 689-8900 774429



OPEN SUNDAY 1-4 PM

OAKLAND TWP. - WELL LOCATED, WELL BUILT
 • Super 4 bedroom ranch offers large family room with
 fireplace, paneling in maple & beamed ceiling
 • Mostly hardwood floors, 20x20 sun porch, 1.5 baths
 • Siding new in 96, 2 car garage 7 security system
 \$182,900 651-8850 760392



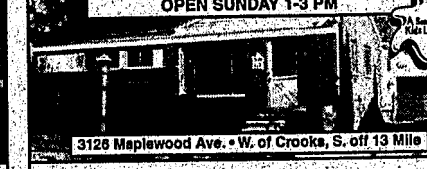
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ROCHESTER HILLS - CONDO
 • This newly renovated end unit condo in Streamwood
 Estates offers spacious yard & no shared walls
 • New formica laminate foyer, dining & kitchen floors
 • Huge great room w/ oak mantled gas log fireplace
 \$160,000 651-8850 814359



OPEN SUNDAY 1-3 PM

ROYAL OAK - CHARMING CAPE COD
 • Meticulous Cape Cod offers plenty of space
 • Three bedrooms, hardwood floors, 1.5 baths
 • Updated, freshly painted kitchen, cedar closets
 • Neat & clean. Garage, porch on extra wide lot.
 \$154,500 689-8900



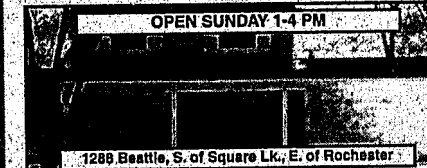
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NORTH ROYAL OAK RANCH - ENJOY!
 • Very comfortable and clean! Wood floor in master
 bedroom & living room. Two additional bedrooms.
 • Cozy family room w/ pot belly stove & Pella windows.
 • Dining area overlooks custom deck, 2 car garage
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These tips will help save energy



JOE GAGNON

Continued from last week, energy saving tips for your kitchen stove.

Use the self-cleaning feature on your oven very sparingly since it is very energy consuming. Ovens with a self-clean

feature are better insulated and use less energy (if you don't use the feature) than those without it.

Check the oven temperature with a thermometer to make sure the dial is accurate and that you're not wasting energy.

Check the seal of oven gaskets and replace them if they leak heat into the room.

Never set the oven temperature to a higher setting than you'll use later. (The oven won't get hot any faster.)

Cook several dishes of whole meats in the oven at the same time. Cook potatoes and vegetables next to meats rather than on the surface burners. Bake desserts at the same time.

Foods requiring slightly different temperatures can be cooked together by putting them into the oven a few minutes earlier or later than other foods.

If many pans are being prepared in the oven at the same time, allow 15-30 minutes extra for them to cook.

Arrange casserole dinners on the same day as your neighbor. Take turns using one oven.

Bake in large batches, cook in larger than meal quantities and freeze a portion for later use.

Bake things one after the other.

Get an extra set of cookie sheets so you can fill them and have them ready to put in the oven when the first batch comes out.

Don't "peek." Instead, cook by time and temperature and don't open the oven door. Use a meat thermometer when roasting to prevent over or under cooking and excess shrinkage.

When roasting a chicken or turkey, put it in a greased brown grocery bag. This eliminates the need for basting it. (Thus, there is no need to open the oven door.)

If your range has two ovens, use the smaller oven whenever possible.

Learn to use retained oven heat. For many foods, you can turn off the heat

■ Use the self-cleaning feature on your oven very sparingly since it is very energy consuming. Ovens with a self-clean feature are better insulated and use less energy (if you don't use the feature) than those without it.

control 15 minutes before it is done and it will still cook. For baking cakes, cookies or bread, you can turn the oven off a few minutes early.

Use low temperatures when baking in glass or ceramic utensils. They absorb heat and baking is faster.

Preheat your oven only for baked goods. It is generally not necessary to preheat the oven for meats, casseroles etc. Load immediately when preheated temperatures have been achieved. Preheating is unnecessary for broiling.

When possible, use low temperatures for roasting.

Do your baking and roasting in the early morning or at night when there is not as much of a demand on the electrical load.

Stagger the pans instead of putting one above the other.

Stay tuned next week - storing and freezing in the refrigerator coming up.

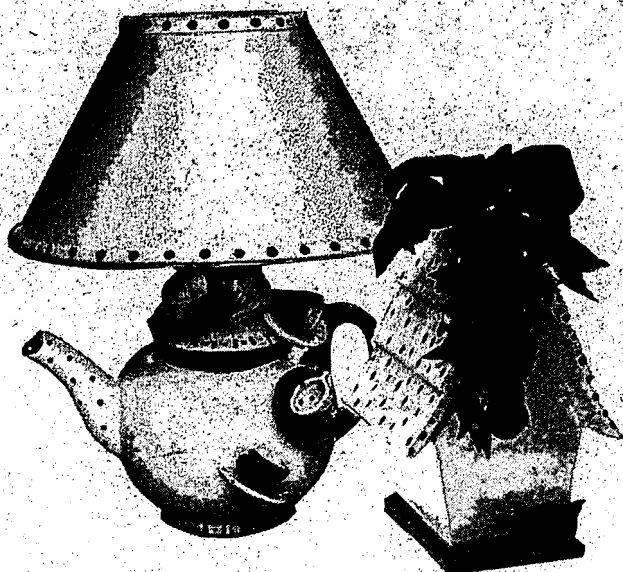
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garden spot

Books help with gardening decisions



MARTY FIGLEY

The following books will help in many ways with gardening decisions.

"Growing Conifers: Four-season Plants" (Brooklyn Botanic Garden, \$9.95) is an excellent guide to selecting and growing these ver-

satile plants.

The text very clearly explains their differences and how to site them in the garden so their usefulness and beauty can be enjoyed. You will find conifers for any garden situation.

The encyclopedic section provides the following information: native habitat, hardiness zones, garden use, how to grow, and lists cultivars and related species. Pests and diseases that affect them are also included. Excellent, concise information. Bright colorful photos

illustrate their growing habits.

Another BBG book in this 21st Century Gardening Series, "Easy Compost: The Secret to Great Soil and Spectacular Plants" (\$9.95), takes the mystery out of the process.

We all know the benefits of compost and this book shows that good "black gold" can be achieved with as little or as much work as one chooses to do. The do's and don'ts are spelled out, bins, thermometers and other helpful products are discussed, although "A good fork for turning your compost is probably the first tool you should buy — and could be the last." In other words, you don't need to be a rocket scientist to make good compost.

"Breaking Ground: Portraits of 10 Garden Designers," Page Dickey, photographs by Erica Lennard (Artisan, \$45), is an important account of garden designers and their work in the United States and abroad. Each practices good, solid design principles and then carries artistic ideas to great heights with inno-



Book look:
Relax with a good gardening book.
Photo by Marty Figley.

vative and sometimes humorous surprises.

"Slowly, subtly, an awareness of our fragile environment, and a sensitivity to the natural landscape and its ecological limits, is coloring the creative process of building gardens," Dickey writes.

She then graphically explains how the designers have created the gardens with this in mind with casual as well as formal designs. Lennard's 200 outstanding photographs beautifully illustrate the results. Sketches and garden plans by the designers are a bonus. In the afterword, Dickey relates how she will use her new-found knowledge to transform her personal garden.

"Dirr's Hardy Trees and Shrubs: An Illustrated Encyclopedia" Michael Dirr (Timber Press, \$69.95), is excellent. His "Manual of Woody Landscape Plants" is the reference book of choice by many professionals and amateurs, and this book is bound to be the same.

From *Abeliophyllum* (Korean Abeliophyllum, White Forsythia) to *Zenobia pulverulenta* (Dusty Zenobia), Dirr describes the best woody plants adapted to cooler climates, especially those suit-

able for Hardiness Zones 3 to 6, although many will grow in Zones 7 and 8.

His photographs are outstanding and clearly show growth habit and other interesting details of more than 500 species including flower, fruit, bark and fall color. In addition, 700 cultivars and varieties are described (often illustrated).

"The Gardener's Guide to Growing Peonies," Martin Page (Timber Press, \$29.95), is a thorough account of the history, horticultural and garden uses of the flower.

Readers will find that there are peonies suitable for rock gardens, borders, woodlands, specimens and that some continue into fall with color. More than 600 species and cultivars are highlighted, with tree peonies and the fairly new Itoh Hybrids featured.

All horticultural information necessary to grow these well-loved plants is included as is the latest in hybridization developments. Color photographs show the diverse shapes and wonderful colors of the blooms.

Potted plants need special soil

BY LEE REICH
The Associated Press

Potted plants — including garden transplants and houseplants — grow poorly in garden soil, even good garden soil, if used alone. What these plants need is potting soil, whose basic ingredients might include some garden soil along with mineral aggregate and organic matter.

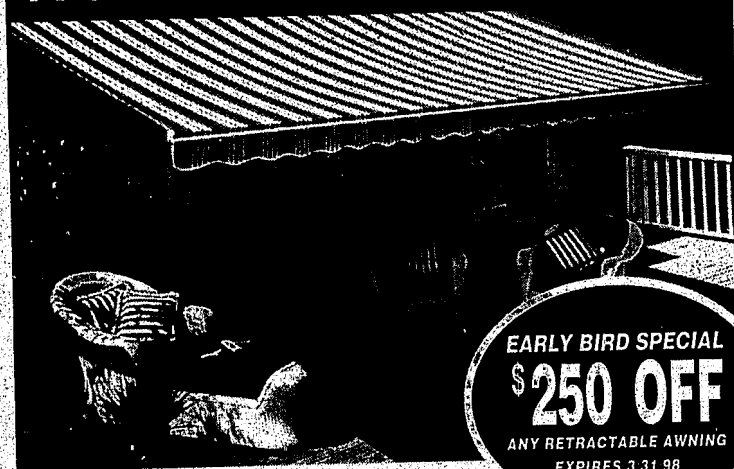
Mineral aggregates keep potting soils well aerated, and also ensure that water flows readily into the mix, through it,

and out the bottom of the container. Mineral aggregates include vermiculite, a type of mica, and perlite, a volcanic rock that has been "popped" at high temperatures. Both are lightweight materials available at garden centers.

Use sand as mineral aggregate when you need a potting soil with more weight — for example, to keep a top-heavy jade plant from toppling. Potting mixes made with sand are also good for cacti and other succulents because they stay drier than those made with perlite.

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focus on photography

Look at photographs to learn more



MONTE NAGLER

So you've developed an interest in photography and just spent a few hundred dollars on a new camera with all the latest features. You've even bought a good "how to" book, maybe even taken a class, and you're getting an understanding of the fundamental mechanics of photography.

If so, you're off to a good start, and you should feel positive about your photographic growth thus far. But there is another important area of stimulation that unfortunately too few photographers pursue.

I refer to this as the area of "looking at pictures."

You can gain a tremendous amount of knowledge by looking closely at photographs. Museum and gallery personnel are eager to help you and answer your questions.

Study photographs carefully. Look for things such as composition, how the photographer uses light, and how he performs in the darkroom. Look "into" the picture — see what the photographer is feeling and what he's trying to say.

Did you know you can learn a lot about a photographer by closely studying his work? Look at the magnificent landscapes and vibrant print quality of an Ansel Adams photograph or the simple subtleties of an Imogen Cunningham still life. You'll learn a great deal.

Plants

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or vermiculite. Use sand with large size particles, sold as "quartz builders" sand.

Organic matter in potting soils holds water in reserve for plants. Good choices here include peat and sphagnum mosses.

Potting soils have been developed that are made with any real garden soil. These mixes are sold commercially, but you can make one yourself by sieving together equal volumes of peat moss and perlite. Add one-half cup of dolomitic limestone, 1 tablespoon of 28 percent superphosphate (or 2 tablespoons of bone meal), and one-half cup of 5-10-5 fertilizer to each bushel of final mix.

Even if you buy potting soil, keep some type of mineral aggregate and organic material on hand. If the mix

Yes, Sur: Monte Nagler is always emphasizing the importance of looking at photographs. This new picture of California's famed Big Sur coast hangs proudly with many others in his home.

Also, your appreciation of photography will be enhanced and your own photographic growth stimulated.

Begin collecting books. Not just "how to" books, but photography picture books. Study the works of the masters. Learn technique and style. Photography books are an inexpensive way to have and enjoy many photographs.

Consider investing in photographic prints. There are many outstanding, young photographers whose work can be bought at very reasonable prices. Even the works of many well-known photographers can be obtained at prices less than you might think.

Photography can be a handsome investment. But first and foremost, any purchase should be based primarily on your enjoyment and love of the print.

Being a complete photographer means much more than learning proper operation of your camera. It includes developing the skill and art and appreciation of looking at pictures.

When you find yourself truly enjoying pictures, learning from pictures, and being inspired by pictures, you'll know your photographic growth is becoming well rounded, and you'll find yourself heading in new, exciting directions.

seems too dense, or if it is for a succulent plant, add extra aggregate. Begonias and African violets like constantly moist soil, so add extra peat moss or other organic matter to their potting soils.

Traditional potting mixes contain real garden soil. Make up this mix by combining equal parts garden soil, peat moss, perlite, and compost. Supplement the nutrients in the garden soil and compost by adding, for each 8 gallons of potting soil, a cup of lime and a half-cup each of bone meal and cottonseed meal. Mix thoroughly, then rub the mix through a one-half-inch sieve.

If you include compost or garden soil in your potting mix, you may have to pasteurize it. Fill a baking pan with potting soil, bury a potato in it, and bake in a medium hot oven. When the potato is

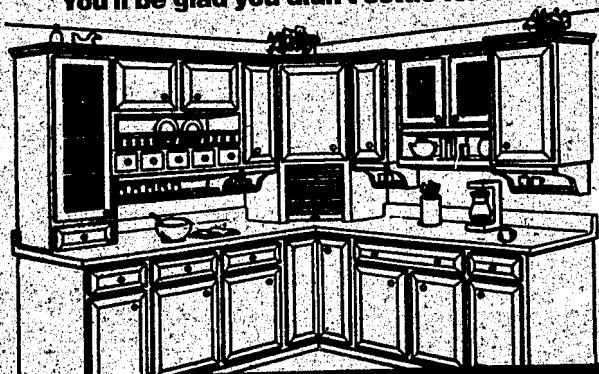


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Dress up a card for any occasion



LISA LUCKOW-HEALY

When you care enough to send the very best thoughts or wishes to a friend or loved one, a Hallmark greeting card may come to mind. Often the most meaningful and appreciated greetings aren't the ones you buy in your favorite card shop. The wishes that win the most raves are quite frequently those your family conjures up.

Your opinion of your own create-a-card attempt at a Monet knock-off leaves you cold, while your child's handprint on a folded piece of construction paper with her barely legible printed name inside the makeshift card wins rave reviews with Grandma and Grandpa. You throw in the towel, vowing to take up finger-painting to your heart's content.

As your child grows, she naturally thinks a sloppy handprint on a piece of

construction paper isn't an acceptable greeting card alternative. She may assume you will select a store-bought card on your next run to the card shop or challenge her creative streak and graduate to artistic mosaics or freehand sketches.

If you are experiencing some insecurity with your own creativity, especially when your family always turns to you for ideas, have no fear. There are dozens of idea books and patterns on the market to help stimulate your thinking cap.

Make the first step in the greeting card process easy. A quick trip to your local art supply or stationery store will give you the opportunity to buy pre-cut, pre-folded, boxed blank cards and envelopes. Select from a variety of paper colors, or choose a neutral color such as white or beige that is useful for any occasion.

Dress the card for the occasion. If your daughter is in need of a card for a friend's birthday party, mutually decide on the design suitable for that friend. Is a grouping of balloons tied together with a ribbon more appropriate than

colorful party hat shapes scattered on the front of the card among makeshift confetti?

To put a colorful twist on the balloon design, start by creating a balloon template from lightweight cardboard stock. Scale the size of your balloon to the size of your blank card. Eight balloons in a grouping creates a nicely arranged cluster.

Cut out your template. Gather old fabric scraps or colorful papers (available at the art supply or stationery store). Using your template, trace the shape onto the fabric or paper stock. Cut out your balloon shapes. Using a glue stick or fabric glue, arrange your balloons in your cluster on the front of the card, lapping one over the other as desired.

Using a marker, draw strings from each balloon to a predetermined meeting point, then slightly flare the strings out from that point downward to create the small bit of excess string you might typically see hanging from a group of gathered balloons.

■ The most meaningful and appreciated greetings are quite frequently the ones your family conjures up.

Create a small bow to attach to the balloon strings' meeting point with a piece of yarn or ribbon that corresponds to your balloons' color combination. Glue the bow to the string meeting point.

If you are up to the challenge of making your card more elaborate, you can buy fabric paint that matches your balloon colors at your local craft store and trace the outline of each balloon with the paint. This adds nice highlights and a finishing touch. Allow the paint to dry according to the instructions on the bottle.

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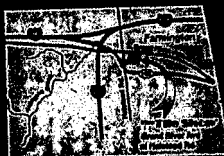
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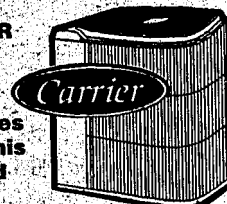
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Now that your family has stimulated its creative juices, you may want to consider carrying over this design to the gift wrap.

Buy brown packaging paper in the office supply section of your local store or colorful mural paper at your art supply store. Wrap the gift. Perform the same steps you did for your greeting card. If you wish to put the balloon cluster in more than one area on the top of the package, remember to cut out balloon duplicates.

Your balloon design can also easily be transferred to a plain, paper-handle gift bag.

This is just one of many ideas your family can create on its own. You can use this card concept to create templates for birthday cakes, baby carriages (shower or birth announcement), flowers (get well or "just because" cards), party hats, dump trucks, sports cars or whatever your heart desires and is age appropriate.

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interior motives

Simplicity can be difficult



NAOMI STONE
LEVY

One of Webster's definitions of simplicity is "freedom from pretense or guile." Aptly said!

If there is anything pretentious about a residence or office it loses my vote. Now you will understand why I always err on the side of less is more. Many people think that the more one piles into a space the more distinguished it gets. Not so.

The most difficult achievement in designing a wonderful interior is not to over-decorate. Select whatever you consider the room's most important feature. Enlarge on that.

For example, the windows may be outstanding. If you use a great fabric and hang the draperies from rods that are also a feature, be sure you underplay

every other thing in the room. If the windows are innocuous, try very simple curtaining, and allow the furniture and accessories to dominate the space.

Does that explain simplicity? I am trying to say that each detail shouldn't be fighting for importance. There may be some very beautiful architectural detail. Give that its due. Paint colors are critical, especially paint color on the wood trim, door and window frames, also chair rails and baseboards. In colonial days it was customary to paint trim in a dusky colonial blue or red, or stain the wood any number of ways - maple, oak or walnut.

Hanging pictures or photographs should be done simply. If the frames are hung perpendicularly it is always handsome to stack them, one above the other. If horizontally they should be level, not staggered. It is never wrong to keep the frames alike, or at least similar in mats and frames.

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I hope I have made it clear that one cannot be overly simple. Allow each venue to speak for itself.

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Cutting edge: Club notes paper dolls

BY MARY KLEMIC
At Home Editor

Paper dolls are no paper tigers. These renderings of movie stars, comic strip characters and other fictional and non-fictional people have a true, special power. They are works of art, signs of the times. They are especially appreciated by members of the Paper Dolls Queens and Kings of Metro Detroit.

"The art of paper dolls - what a fine art," said Larry



Artist at work: Larry Bassin of West Bloomfield draws his own paper dolls for mail-order requests. Photo by Jerry S. Mendoza.



Familiar face: Shirley Temple was one of the many celebrities made into paper dolls. Staff photo by John Stormzand.

Bassin of West Bloomfield, one of the 20 members of the group. "I sit in awe."

"I loved paper dolls as a child," said Virginia Crossley of Rochester, another member.

"(Through them) you could be anything you wanted to be."

Jean Polus of Rochester Hills, who organized the club with Joyce Moyano of Centerline in 1985, has a basement full of paper dolls of all sizes and eras, as well as dollhouses and other related items.

Visiting with club members brings up names that sound familiar to anyone over the age of 30: Betsy McCall, Lettie Lane, Betty Bonnet, Dixie Dugan, Katy Keene, for example. It also presents Sonja Henie, Joan Crawford, Shirley Temple and other stars in a different medium - paper, not film.

"All these clothes," Moyano said, turning the pages of a doll book.

The clothes and accessories for the dolls are wonderful indeed, and so are the tiny drawings that often adorn spaces between them on the pages. Uncut dolls are the most valued by collectors.

Activities

The club was named in honor of Queen Holden, a popular paper doll artist of the 1930s and 1940s whose work is highly prized. After two male artists joined the group, "Kings" was added to its name.

About half of the members are talented artists. Most of the membership also collects dolls, dollhouses, magazines, books, antiques and various objects.

The members come from a wide area of communities, including Clarkston, Allen Park, Berkley, Clinton Township, Eastpointe, Ferndale, Grosse Pointe, Oakland Township, Royal Oak and Shelby Township.

Club meetings take place once a month and feature announcements such as the newest commercial paper dolls or special finds, snacks, and a program, discussion or workshop. Some of the get-togethers have a theme. Members take turns hosting meetings and bringing treats. Guests may attend. (Another club, the 10-member Paper Doll Court, is more involved in museum and exhibit work.)

"We have such a fun time together," Crossley said.

The Paper Doll Queens and Kings of Metro Detroit has presented regional paper doll parties - one is being planned for Ohio in April - and will have an area library exhibit in November. It hosted the 22nd national convention of paper doll artists and collectors in Troy in 1996. Local clubs do the planning of these conventions on a volunteer basis.

History

Paper dolls first appeared in France in the 1780s. They were toys for adults then. With the mass produc-

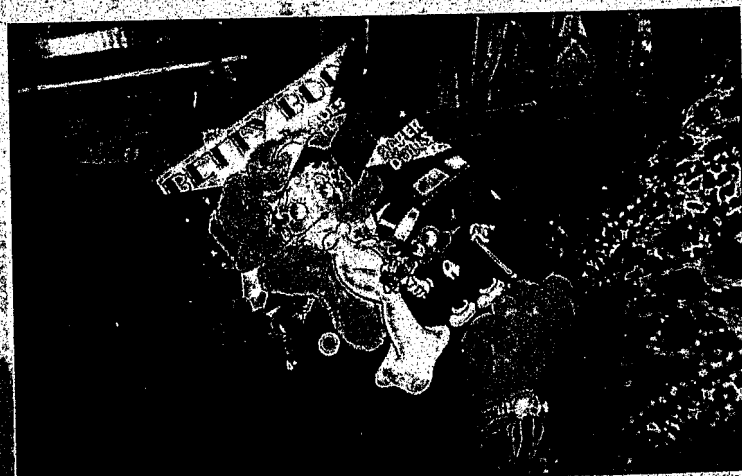
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On the cover:

Rochester Hills resident Jean Polus of the Paper Doll Queens and Kings of Metro Detroit poses with one of the larger dolls in her collection. Staff photo by John Stormzand.



Cutting together: Virginia Crossley of Rochester (left), Joyce Moyano of Centerline and Jean Polus share the enjoyment of paper dolls. Staff photo by John Stormzand.



Different medium: Betty Boop started in paper as well as on screen. Staff photo by John Stormzand.

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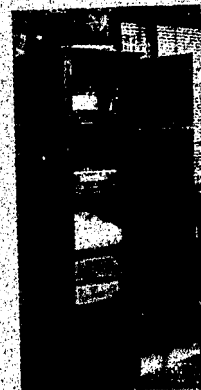
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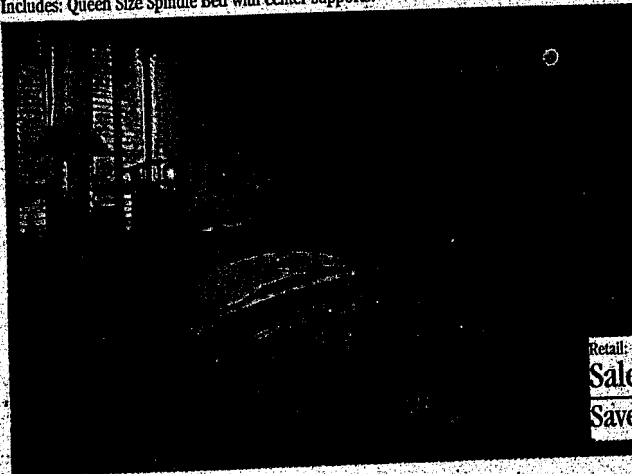
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PAPER DOLLS

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tion of paper they became toys for children, but also showed what was expected of youngsters. A set in early 19th century England was a moral tale. In Germany the dolls were to be cut out neatly by children playing quietly.

Paper dolls were going strong in the 1920s through 1940s. Among the favorites were storybook and comic strip characters, real-life princesses, and such celebrities as movie stars and the Dionne quintuplets.

The dolls could be included with products, sold through mail order, or appear in magazines and along the bottom of the Sunday comics. The development of plastics and television hurt the interest in paper dolls.

"Barbie came along and she was three-dimensional," Polus said.

But the artistry of paper dolls is still in force. Two

Chicago women, the Jones Sisters, who make doll clothes out of wallpaper, and Tom Tierney, whose books appear in catalogs and stores, are examples. The Original Paper Doll Artists Guild publishes a national magazine out of Maine.

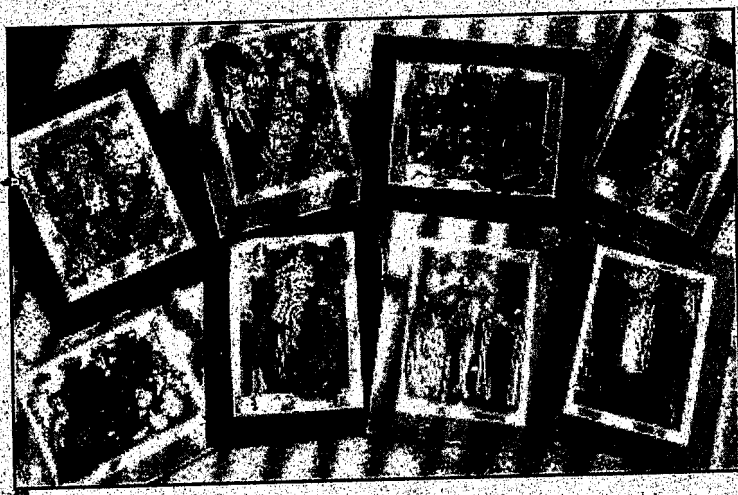
Bassin is one of the paper doll artists in the club. He draws for the OPDAG publication, and makes his own paper dolls for mail-order requests from across the country.

Bassin's paper dolls, with their vibrantly colored outfits, have a 1920s to 1950s look and have individual personalities. They include exotic Rio, strong-willed Beverly and lively Christina. Bassin writes a descriptive poem for each.

"Paper is such an ephemeral thing," he said.

"The medium is fugitive. It's going to fade in time."

The medium of paper dolls may fade, but not the admiration and enjoyment by such devotees as these. For information on the club, call Moyano at (810) 756-8324 or Crossley at (248) 651-3203.



Artistic: Here are some of the paper doll characters by Larry Bassin of West Bloomfield (above, right), one of the artists who are among the members of the Paper Doll Queens and Kings of Metro Detroit. Photos by Jerry S. Mendoza.

Collection: Joyce Moyano examines some of a collection. Staff photo by John Stormzand.



Succulent plants are interesting to have around the home

BY LEE REICH
AP Special Features

Succulent is a broad name for any plant with fleshy stems or leaves. Many have interesting, sometimes grotesque, shapes. Some have surprisingly bright flowers.

Succulents other than cacti are represented by only a few plant families, one of which is the orpine family. One orpine is the jade plant, a shrub native to the dry, sunny regions of Africa. As a houseplant, the jade plant develops into a beautiful little tree.

Kalanchoe is another orpine, a plant notable for salmon-red flowers and an unusual way of multiplying. Small plantlets growing along the edges of the leaves periodically drop off to make

new plants. Hence another name for the plant: mother-of-thousands.

Sedums, also in the orpine family, include the familiar hens-and-chicks. Another sedum is burro's tail, its stems hidden beneath braids of thick, fleshy leaves. The weight of the leaves pulls down the stem so that the plant cascades from the edges of hanging planters or, in its native Mexican habitat, from rocky crevices or sunny canyon walls.

The spurge family is another plant family with succulent members. With its spines, thick stem and lack of leaves, milk-stumped euphorbia — named for the milky line down its stem — could be mistaken for a cactus. Crown-of-thorns, aside from its beautiful pink flowers, is another spurge armed with spines as

fierce as those of any cactus.

The lily family is a third plant family with many succulent members. You have seen hand lotions and shampoos made from aloe, a plant cultivated for centuries for decoration and medicine. The sap of this plant is supposed to be good ointment for burns. Just slice off a piece of a leaf and rub the oozing sap on your skin.

Yet another succulent lily is the pony-tail palm, or elephant-foot tree. Its stem, brown and ballooning out at soil level, tapers to a narrow trunk that is capped by a fountain of straplike leaves.

Mother-in-law's tongue, also called snake plant, is a lily with pointed, fleshy leaves rising in a clump a-foot or more high. This plant tolerates just about any abuse. The only way to kill this plant is

with deliberate drowning.

An asset and a caution with regard to succulents as houseplants is the way they can survive without water. If you remember to water your plants only when you are driving in your car, or if you want a living plant that needs water only slightly more than a plastic plant, then succulents are for you.

One watering every couple of months in winter, and a couple of times a month in summer, is usually sufficient. If you are the type of gardener with a constant urge to water your houseplants, you will drown any succulent.

When repotting a succulent, use a potting soil that drains water quickly. Provide this by adding equal amounts of sand or perlite to any mix you use for other types of plants.

at home calendar

Send information about programs, classes, receptions and other events in Wayne and Oakland counties related to the home and garden to: Mary Klemic, At Home Editor, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009; fax (248) 644-1314.

■ Blossoms presents a hands-on workshop, "Decorating a Spring Wreath With Silk Flowers," 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26, at Blossoms Floral Design Studio, 33866 Woodward at Adams in Birmingham. Fee is \$15, materials additional. Class members will receive a 15-percent discount on all materials used to make their wreaths and on any item bought in the retail store that evening. Free off-street parking; refreshments will be served. Register in person at the studio or at Blossoms Home Store, 175 W. Maple in Birmingham, or by calling customer service at (248) 644-4411 (press option 1).

■ The Frank H. Boos Gallery, 420 Enterprise Court in Bloomfield Hills, will have an auction 6 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, April 1-2. A three-day preview will take place noon to 8 p.m. Friday and Monday, March 27 and 30, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 31. Call (248) 332-1500. A collection of Orientalia, silver, glassware, contemporary and antique furniture, paintings, porcelain,

pottery, Richard Avedon silver prints, and jewelry will be among the items.

■ The Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club will meet 10 a.m. Friday, March 27, at Meadow Brook Hall on the Oakland University campus, off Adams in Rochester. Non-member donation \$3. Jim Mackinder, president of the Hardy Plant Society and owner of Gardening Naturally, a totally organic/natural landscaping company based in Troy, will give a slide presentation, "Waking Up the Garden."

■ Lladro artisan Maria José Bustos-Lopez of Valencia, Spain, will visit the third floor Collector's Gallery of Hudson's at the Somerset Collection, Big Beaver Road and Coolidge in Troy, 1-3 p.m. Sunday, March 29. Bustos-Lopez will demonstrate the art of creating the handmade and handpainted porcelain flowers that grace Lladro figurines. Hudson's at Somerset is one of only 12 stores on her national tour.

■ The Metro Detroit Hosta Society will meet 7 p.m. Monday, March 30, at Congregational Church of Birmingham, at the southwest corner of Woodward and Cranbrook Road in Bloomfield Hills. Guest fee \$3. Call Jan at (248) 642-1619 or Jim at (313) 822-3345 for information. Stuart Asch of the American Hosta Society will give a slide presentation, "Hosta in the Landscape."

■ English Gardens conducts free seminars on various gardening topics. The next topic - 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, at the West Bloomfield store, 6370 Orchard Lake Road, north of Maple - is "Growing Beautiful Roses" by Dick Schmidt. Call (248) 851-7506.

■ Join in a "Storybook Spring" 4-6 p.m. Thursday, April 2, on the third floor Beatrix Potter Shop of Hudson's at the Somerset Collection, Big Beaver Road and Coolidge in Troy, as Royal Doulton china presents Jemima Puddle-Duck. She will make friends while a storyteller shares the tales of Beatrix Potter's lovable character, Peter Rabbit.

■ Peggy Karr will be at gardenviews, 202 W. Main in Northville, to etch her signature on any of your pieces in a trunk show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 28. gardenviews will show a complete collection of her works, among them platters and serving bowls of all sizes and designs, including new introductions. A complete selection of Karr's glasstop tables will also be featured. Call (248) 380-8881.

■ Anton Anderssen, host of the TV program "Native American Magazine," will lecture about butterfly gardening Saturday, March 28, at Novi Community Education, 25345 Taft. Call (248) 449-1206. Anderssen, a Cherokee, will explain which plants are irresistible to

butterflies, and how American Indians used those same plants for some fascinating practical purposes.

■ A Gardener's Fair, the Ann Arbor Flower & Garden Show, will take place 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 26-28, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Road in Ann Arbor. Gates will close one hour before the show ends each day. Advance tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for youths (ages 13-17), \$3 for children (ages 4-12) and free for age 3 and under. Gate admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for ages 13-17, \$3 for ages 4-12 and \$3 for age 3 and under. Senior Day tickets are \$8. The show will feature lectures, demonstrations, a marketplace and a cafe. To get to the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, take I-94 west from Detroit to Exit 181-A (US-12). Take US-12 west for eight miles into downtown Saline, turn right at North Ann Arbor Street and go 3.3 miles. The grounds will be on your right. Free on-site parking will be available. A complimentary shuttle bus will run every 15 minutes from the southeast entrance of the Briarwood Mall. Use the I-94 State

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Speakers' subjects at A Gardener's Fair cover a lot of ground

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Speakers Thursday are Scott Kunst, "Antique Bulbs for Gardens Old and New," noon to 1 p.m.; Darragh Weisman, "A Fresh Look at Eden: Improving Your Garden," 2-3 p.m.; Cassandra Danz (a.k.a. "Mrs. Greenthumbs"), "Flowers That Bloom Throughout the Season," 4-5 p.m.; and Jim Wilkins, "Gardening in the Shade and Loving It," 7-8 p.m.

Danz's new book, "Mrs. Greenthumbs Plows Ahead," will be available for purchase, which she will sign.

At Home columnist Marty Figley will be part of a panel to discuss "How to Bring Your Garden Into the 21st Century," along with Chris Bradley of WXYZ-TV, Dean Krauskopf of WJR-AM, Janet Macunovich of The Detroit News and

WXYZ-AM, and Joanne Nesbit of the University of Michigan News and Info Service, 7-8 p.m. Friday.

Also Friday, speakers are Irish Beckjord, "Those Wild and Wonderful Natives: Learning Them, Using Them and Loving Them," 10-11 a.m.; Cindy Klement, "Medicinal Plants and Their Historical Uses," noon to 1 p.m.; Christa Suggs, "Spish Splash: Water Gardening," 2-3 p.m.; and Janet Macunovich, "Best Foot Forward: Ideas for Entrance Gardens," 4-5 p.m.

Saturday speakers are David Baker, "The Mixed Perennial Border: A Dirt Gardener's Approach," 10-11 a.m.; Kathy Melmoth, "Shade Gardening with Perennials and Trees," 2-3 p.m.; Annie Hannan, "Vines, Ground Covers, Annuals: Complements to Your Perennial Garden," 4-5 p.m.; and Sharon Lovejoy, "From Cottages to Castles: A Bouquet of Inspirational Garden Designs," 7-8 p.m.

A panel featuring Wendy Cole of Michigan State University, Gary Hannan of Eastern Michigan University and David Michener, Mike Palmer and Marvin Pettway of the UM will discuss "Damage in the Garden: Pests, Disease and Plant Problems" noon to 1 p.m. Saturday.

Speakers Sunday are Laura Coit,

"Choice Perennials and Charming Volunteers," 11 a.m. to noon; and Cynthia Gibson, "The Roots of Style: The Impact of Gardens on Interior Design," 3-4 p.m. Coit and co-author Marty Hair will sign copies of their book, "Michigan Gardener's Guide."

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Street Exit 177. For shuttle information and show details, call (313) 998-7002.

■ The Do-It-Yourself Center, 3746 Cottontail Lane in Shelby Township, offers a variety of home decorating classes. Call (810) 739-6319. Scheduled sessions include "Faux Finishes" Wednesday, April 1.

■ The adult education program of the Matthaei Botanical Gardens presents many different classes, including "Landscape Design," two Wednesdays, April 1 and 8; and "Spring into Propagation," two Thursdays, April 2 and 16. Call (734) 998-7061 for fees and other information.

■ Learn to make a fitted slipcover for a side chair or simple armchair in a six-session class beginning Thursday, April 2, at Haberman Fabrics, 117 W. Fourth in Royal Oak. Bring your chair, and a helper to get it up the stairs, to the first class. The chair will remain in the classroom until the last session. Decorative fabric won't be needed until the third session. Call (248) 541-0010 for registration and information.

■ The city of St. Clair Shores will present "Springposium '98" 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at South Lake High School Auditorium, on Nine Mile between Harper and Jefferson, 1/2-mile east of I-94. Tickets are \$4 for St. Clair Shores residents and businesses, \$6 for others. Call (810) 447-3389. Scheduled programs are "How We Rescued Our Marsh" by Friends of Point Rosa Marsh, 9:45 a.m.; a Lake St. Clair Forum with state Rep. William Callahan, ecologist Ronald Griffiths and St. Clair Shores water superintendent Don Hubler, 10-

Advance tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for youths (ages 13-17), \$3 for children (ages 4-12) and free for age 3 and under. Gate admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for ages 13-17, \$3 for ages 4-12 and \$3 for age 3 and under. Senior Days are Thursday-Friday; Senior Day tickets are \$8.

11:15 a.m.; "Let's Talk Ozone Action!" by SEMCOG program coordinator Eve Pidgeon; 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.; "Seed Starting" by Richard Tuttle of Saguaro Rare Plant Nursery, 12:30-1:15 p.m.; and "Landscape Design" by Pam Palachek, 1:30-2:15 p.m. Also featured will be children's workshops 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., lunch available 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., refreshments, and exhibits and vendors.

■ Michigan State University's soil nutrient testing service will be available to home gardeners Saturday, March 28, through Saturday, April 11. Cost is \$10 per sample. The service, which provides a written report useful for selecting fertilizers, is offered by local garden supply stores in cooperation with the Southeastern Oakland County Resource Recovery Authority. Before sampling your soil, pick up a pink flier at C.G. Wilkop Landscape Inc. of Troy, any Damman Hardware store, any English Gardens store, Maskill True Value Hardware of Birmingham, Telly's Greenhouse and Garden Center in Troy or Uncle Luke's Feed Store of Troy. For other participating retailers or more information, call SOCRRA at (248) 288-5150.

■ The Yaw Gallery of Birmingham and Habatat Galleries of Pontiac will be among the exhibitors at the International Exposition of Sculpture, Objects and Functional Art, taking place April 9-12 in New York City. Activities before and during the event include artist presentations and demonstrations, lectures and tours. Call (800) 563-7632 for information and registration materials, or e-mail SOFA1@aol.com or www.sofaexpo.com

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It is recommended that the treats be used in conjunction with an oral hygiene program that includes regular tooth brushing.

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St. JON has published a free booklet called "Tartar Control For Cats" that shows how even the fussiest feline can be taught to accept and eventually enjoy this ritual.

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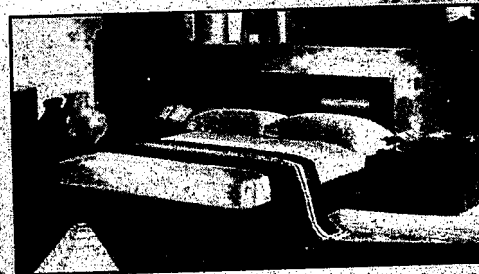
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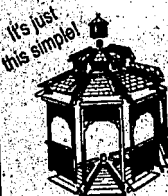
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Waffling we will go – here's how



RUTH MOSSOK-JOHNSTON

Waffle irons are plentiful out in the culinary marketplace. And just how many of you who own one of these practical morning appliances have not only lost the manufacturers' directions but also the recipes?

Without embarrassment, I top the list! A Mickey Mouse Waffle Iron was an absolute must at my house – after all, when my son Jordan was a young child, he had a "Mickey" collection, and making Mickey waffles was going to really spur on his morning appetite ... wrong. Years later, Jordan is still not a breakfast eater – but I do use the cute waffle iron for breakfast food functions, overnight guests, or an unusual chocolate dessert accompaniment for homemade ice cream.

Waffle Iron Collectors, Breakfast Af-

cionados, and Kitchen Appliance Junkies unite – pick up the new paperback version of "WAFFLES: From Morning to Midnight" by Dorie Greenspan, published by William Morrow & Co. (\$15). You may find Dorie's name a familiar one – she was the author on the book "Baking With Julia" (as in Julia Child). This nifty collection of 100 recipes includes waffles, waffle toppings, dips and spreads. It also eliminates the problem of the lost recipe book enclosed in your waffle box!

If planning a power breakfast, a brunch with friends, or a late night get-together after the show – waffles would be the perfect fit. Have everyone bring their own waffle iron and recipe – serve a buffet with a variety of waffles. Make sure the flavors are different and compliment one another.

Some Waffle Topping Ideas:

- Chocolate nut spread (make sure no one is allergic to nuts!)
- Cheese spread.
- Chantilly cream – fresh whipping cream whipped with vanilla and powdered sugar

dered sugar

■ Homemade peanut butter (make sure no one is allergic to nuts!)

■ For savory waffles try some laban (heavy strained yogurt homemade or prepared – the prepared version is found in ethnic markets or specialty food shops)

For a "sweet ending" top with whipped cream and shaved chocolate.

■ Lemon curd (homemade or prepared)

- Cinnamon sugar
- Spoon fruits and fruit butters
- Sour cream and chopped chives
- A big scoop of homemade yogurt or ice cream
- Fresh seasonal fruit
- Flavored cream cheese
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- Hommous on a parsley flavored waffle

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■ A fruit coulis (pureed fruits) – or a combination – placed in squirt bottles and drizzled over the waffles.

■ Custard – sweet or savory

Make sure you add sweet toppings to plain or savory waffles that will compliment the flavors.

The following recipe is from "WAFFLES: From Morning to Midnight"

SMOKED SALMON AND DILL WAFFLES

Makes about six 6 1/2-inch round waffles

4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) unsalted butter

1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour

2 teaspoons double-acting baking powder

1 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

2 cups milk

2 large eggs

3 ounces Nova-Scotia-style smoked salmon

1 medium-size red onion, peeled and finely diced

1/4 cup snipped fresh dill

Optional:

Softened cream cheese and finely chopped scallions or creme fraiche (or sour cream) and salmon caviar for topping.

Preheat your waffle iron. If you want to hold the finished waffles until serving time, preheat your oven to 200 degrees F.

Melt the butter; reserve. In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder, salt and pepper. In another bowl, whisk together the milk and eggs until well blended. Pour the liquid ingredients over the dry ingredients and whisk gently to combine. Fold in the salmon, onion, dill and melted butter.

Lightly butter or spray the grids of your iron, if needed. Brush or spray the grids again only if subsequent waffles stick.

Spoon out 1/2 cup of batter (or the amount recommended by your waffle's manufacturer) onto the hot iron. Spread the batter evenly over the grids with a metal spatula or wooden spoon, stopping right before the edge. Close the lid and bake until golden and crisp. Serve immediately or keep the waffles in a single layer on a rack in the preheated oven while you make the rest of the batch.

Serving: Have fun with these. Serve them with either a scoop of cream cheese and a sprinkling of chopped scallions or a generous spoonful of creme fraiche (or sour cream) and some salmon caviar when you're looking to make a splash.



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Company awarded for breathing life into air quality

Planterra Tropical Greenhouses Inc., 7315 Drake in West Bloomfield, is four for four in 1997 national and local awards competitions, president Larry Pliska has announced.

"Nationally, our designs for the Somerset North Collection and LDM Technologies captured the 'Distinction' and 'Merit' awards, respectively, in the 28th annual Environmental Improvement Awards, sponsored by the Associated Landscape Contractors of America," Pliska said.

"Our goal was to enhance the close relationship between architecture and landscape by featuring an elegant ambiance of architectural details, in addition to showing off the form, texture and color of the individual plants."

In the category of Interior Landscape Installation, Planterra won "Gold" and "Design" awards for its work at LDM Technologies from the Metropolitan Detroit Landscape Association's 1997 Environmental Improvements Awards.

Entries were judged in several areas including design, site development, quality of construction, plant material used, creativity, first impression and overall appearance.

"These awards are extremely gratifying in that they reward landscape contracting professionals who execute quality landscaping projects and recognize corporations that underwrite such work. By sponsoring these types of environmental awards, both the ALCA and MDLA have increased public awareness of environmental improvements through quality landscaping."

Improving indoor air quality through the use of foliage in interiorscape design has been proven to reduce the effect of today's modern phenomenon known as "Sick Building Syndrome."

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration, in conjunction with the ALCA, jointly founded the Foliage for Clean Air Council in 1988 to study the effectiveness of specific houseplants in eliminating at least three priority pollutants: formaldehyde, benzene and trichloroethylene (TCE).

"These pollutants can be found in

practically all indoor environments. Benzene and TCE are found in inks, paints and varnishes and are known to irritate the skin and eyes while TCE, in particular, was pronounced by the National Cancer Institute as a potent liver carcinogen.

Formaldehyde, which is found in wood and wood-related products, attacks the mucous membranes of the eyes, nose and throat, and through prolonged exposure can lead to asthma.

NASA's interest in indoor pollution arose in anticipation of extended manned flight.

By using the natural process of photosynthesis in which plants convert carbon dioxide into oxygen, and then filtering the indoor air through activated carbon surrounding the plant's roots, numerous toxic chemicals like formaldehyde are eliminated from the air.

"When you consider that a single spider plant can naturally clean and refresh an average 1,800-square foot space, it seems only logical to incorporate this knowledge into a building air maintenance system," Pliska said.

Among Planterra's clients are The Galleria and First Center Office Plaza in Southfield; the Embassy Suites, Marriott Hotels and award-winning Somerset Collection in Troy; and The Gardens Mall in Palm Beach, Fla.

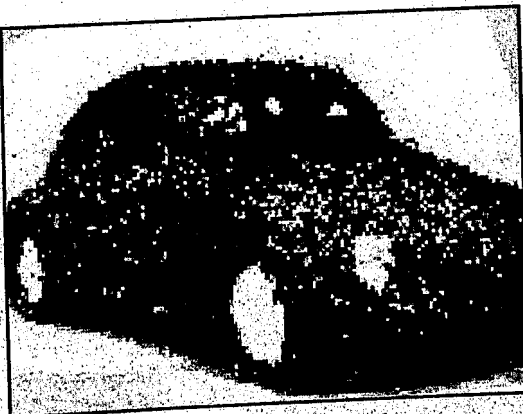
Planterra was established 24 years ago and has grown to become Michigan's largest environmental interiorscape company. Its specialties include interior landscape design, installation and horticultural services for both corporate facilities and residential homeowners.

"We were recently asked by Volkswagen of America to create a life-size topiary version of their famous Beetle, in honor of the car's 1998 reintroduction.

"I put my lead designer, Karen Small, and her staff on the project and in four days - utilizing a substantial amount of replica English Ivy - the car was completed. The topiary Beetle is on display at the Volkswagen Museum located at the company's technical facility in Auburn Hills."

Green Beetle:

Planterra Tropical Greenhouses Inc. created this life-size topiary version of the Volkswagen Beetle. The topiary is in the Volkswagen Museum in Auburn Hills.



The Somerset Collection Presents March 1st - April 11th



Enjoy a breathtaking array of beautiful flowers and plants from many of the area's most respected growers and designers. Receive informative tips from professionals on gardening, interior decorating and travel. Along with entertainment from the Children's Theatre of Michigan and cabaret performances from local jazz and R&B artists, this year's Home & Garden Collection offers excitement for all.

Schedule of Events: MARCH 29-APRIL 4:

Children's Theatre Of Michigan
Sunday, March 29-1:00 p.m.
and 3:00 p.m. (North)

Presents the magical performance of
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What's New In Outdoor Lighting
Monday, March 30-7:00 p.m. (North)
Presented by Moonlit Lighting

Guide To Tree And Shrub Planting
Tuesday, March 31-1:00 p.m. (South)
Presented by Torre & Bruglio

Children's Theatre Of Michigan
Tuesday, March 31-11:30 a.m.
3:30, 5:30 p.m. (North)

Presents the magical performance of
"The World Beyond the Garden Wall"

Children's Theatre Of Michigan
Wednesday, April 1-11:30 a.m.
3:30, 5:30 p.m. (North)

Presents the magical performance of
"The World Beyond the Garden Wall"

English Style Decorating
Wednesday, April 1-7:00 p.m. (South)
Presented by The Michigan Design Center

Children's Theatre Of Michigan
Thursday, April 2-11:30 a.m.,
3:30, 5:30 p.m. (North)

Presents the magical performance of
"The World Beyond the Garden Wall"

Cabaret Night With Kimmie Horne
Thursday, April 2-7:00 p.m. (South)
Presented by V-98.7FM Smooth Jazz

Children's Theatre Of Michigan
Friday, April 3-11:30 a.m.
3:30, 5:30 p.m. (North)

Presents the magical performance of
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Friday, April 3-1:00 p.m. (South)
Presented by William Doyle Galleries of New York

How To Work With An Interior Designer
Friday, April 3-7:00 p.m. (South)
Presented by The Michigan Design Center

Children's Theatre Of Michigan
Saturday, April 4-11:30 a.m.
3:30, 5:30 p.m. (North)

Presents the magical performance of
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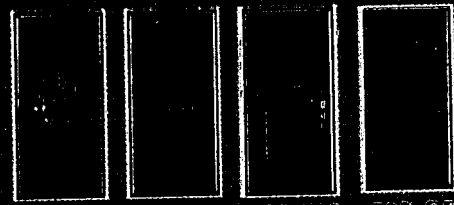
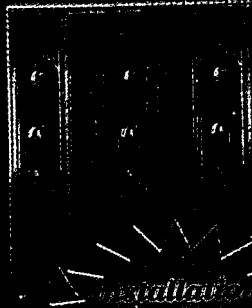
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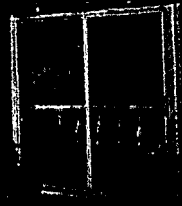
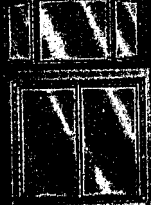
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FRIDAY



Sandy (Olivia Newton-John) and Danny (John Travolta) star in the 20th anniversary re-release of the blockbuster musical "Grease," opening today at metro Detroit movie theaters.

SATURDAY



Eisenhower Dance Ensemble presents "Power and Passion," 8 p.m. at Macomb Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets \$16, adults; \$14, students/seniors, call (810) 286-2222, or (248) 645-6666.

SUNDAY



Guest conductor Robert Bernhardt leads the Detroit Symphony Orchestra in "Opera Pops," 3 p.m. at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. Tickets \$42 to \$17, call (313) 576-5111.



Hot Tip: Illusionist David Copperfield takes audiences on a journey through the history and wonder of the "Art of Magic" with "Dreams and Nightmares" Friday-Sunday, March 27-29, at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Eight performances, tickets \$29-\$46.50, call (248) 493-1515, (313) 983-6600 for show times and information.



On tour, Manley Pope and Simone in a scene from the national touring company of "Rent."

Musical helps producer pay the

RENT

BY HUGH GALLAGHER • STAFF WRITER



Jeffrey Seller

Jeffrey Seller was in the sixth grade when an inspiring teacher named Peggy Shively introduced him to theater. He's never been the same since, despite the fact the teacher moved away over that summer and "deserted" him.

Ms. Shively was performing with Stagecrafters (then in Clawson) at the time and the enterprising 11-year-old Seller called them up and asked if he could audition for a play. His role in the "adult" mystery, "Speak of Murder," was the first step toward a highly successful theater career.

Seller returns triumphant to metro Detroit April 8 when a touring company of "Rent" opens at the Fisher Theatre. Seller is one of "Rent's" producers. He has guided the hit musical from its inception by Jonathan Larson, through Larson's tragic death just before the off-Broadway opening to its surprising Broadway success.

The affusive producer has known what he wanted to do for a long time, even as far back as his days with the Stagecrafters' Ragamuffin youth theater group.

"I started being interested in who picks the play, who sells the tickets, who designs the posters. I was already starting to do the role of producer on a small scale," Seller said. All of this has contributed to me becoming a Broadway producer.

Seller continued his interest in theater with the Ridgedale Players, at Oak Park High School and at the University of Michigan. But he didn't major in theater.

"I knew I would be in theater my whole life, but I wanted to study politics as an academic pursuit," Seller said. "Politics is my avocation. I'm a politics buff."

Politics plays a major role in being a producer. The producer picks the play, assembles the creative staff, raises the money, conceives and executes the advertising and, sometimes, even takes a hand in helping shape the production.

"The producer's job is promoting, selecting, P.T. Barnum, but it's also the nurturer. You nurture the artist to give the artist what he needs to develop his potential. To nurture the artist you create the circumstances the artist needs to survive and then rock what the artist makes," Seller said.

Seller graduated from U-M in 1986 and moved to New York City where he joined National Artists Management Co. and became a theatrical booker. In 1991 he started his own booking company with

Kevin McCollum, The Booking Office. His first work as a producer was "The Real Live Brady Bunch," and touring companies of "West Side Story" and "Man of La Mancha."

Then came "Rent."

"Rent" is a musical based on Puccini's opera "La Boheme," with the setting changed from the garrets of Paris to New York's Lower East Side.

"I went to see Jonathan Larson's rock monologue, 'Tick...Tick...Boom.' I didn't know Jonathan at the time, but I was interested in the idea of a rock monologue, the juxtaposition of those ideas," Seller said.

The monologue, said Seller, was an emotional review of Larson's life as a 30-year-old man in

Please see RENT, E2

Singer/songwriter Rick Monroe will be performing at these Border Books:

- 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 31 - 34300 Woodward Ave., Birmingham, (248) 263-0005
- 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 1 - 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, (248) 737-0110
- 8 p.m. Saturday, April 4, 4422 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills, (248) 852-0568

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Songwriter shares 'Legends'

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

Rick Monroe loves playing music, for the sake of music, and he'll be in metro Detroit next week playing cuts from his newly released debut CD "Legends Diner."

Visualize a diner late at night, the coffee's not fresh, but stale, it's been there awhile, sitting, like the people. They're all human ghosts that no one cares to know. Convicted of a dream they're sentenced to keep doing time.

His music has been described as "Blue Jean rock 'n' roll, hot Southern bluesy rock, and sometimes heart-touching soul." One critic said listening to Monroe is like "shaking hands with an old friend."

So what are you? I ask. He laughs, and says it happens all the time. People want to know what his demographics are; they want to describe a style. You can feel the shrug as he answers in a telephone interview from Minnesota, one stop on a national tour of radio stations that began in January.

"Little kids love it, I have a wide range of listeners, I speak from the heart, and people relate to that. I'm a big Jimmy Reed fan. I like blues, but some of my songs have a rock/country feeling. My music depends on my mood - happy, sad, blue, country, rock. It's not linear. I never thought it out."

He met at a recording studio for a three-day jam session with Matt Laug on drums, Lance Morrison on bass (both of whom worked on Alanis Morissette's "Jagged Little Pill"), and Keith Howland (lead guitarist for Chicago). "The first day we knocked out four songs. The next day four more. It just happened. I literally would start playing a song, the guys would pick it up, we'd run through it twice and lay it down, then move on to the next one."

Monroe plays and speaks from his heart. He was born in Clearwater, Fla., and grew up listening to Jim Croce and James Taylor, but lived in a lot of places including England, Kansas and Connecticut. Hollywood, Calif., is his home, but "I have a gypsy soul," he says. "I've lived in my house four days this year."

A poet and musician, Monroe doesn't separate the two. He wants people to feel his music, and they do.

"After the concerts people will remember the lyrics. It touches them."

Please see LEGENDS, E2

COLLEGE THEATER

Students line up for 'A Chorus Line'

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

For Radio City Rockette Denise Caston of Clarkston performing on "A Chorus Line," was the perfect next step.

"It's great," she said. "My goal is to work on voice training and acting to be more marketable. If I go to an audition and they say 'can you stand on your head and sing Hallelujah Chorus, I'll be able to do it.'"

In "A Chorus Line," continuing through March 29 at Oakland University's Varner Recital Hall, Caston plays Mary, a dance coach.

"It's overwhelming. There's so much talent," she said. "I'm honored to be surrounded by so many talented people."

Caston will audition for the Rockettes on April 8, and hopes to return to the Fox Theatre this year.

ON STAGE
"A Chorus Line" 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 28-29; 2 p.m. Sunday, March 29, Varner Recital Hall stage, Oakland University, Rochester. Tickets: \$12 general, \$10 seniors, \$8 students, (248) 370-3913

"They must listen to Christmas music all year," she said about the people conducting auditions. While she dreams of a performing arts career, Caston has an alter ego - computer engineer, just in case things don't work out.

"A Chorus Line," part of OU's "Festival of Arts Saluting the Twentieth Century," celebrates the

1970s. This production by the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance features a cast of 26 students.

"We have a long, expansive stage that augments the kick line," said Kim Fletcher of the university. "We've got solid singing and dancing professionals. We're so lucky they chose this program."

Michael Gillespie, Oakland University's associate professor of theater, is directing with choreography by Gregory Patterson, associate professor of dance, and Meadow Brook Estate director Paul Moran as music director.

"It brings all our forces together for one event," said Gillespie. "Aside from being one of the most popular musicals ever written, it captures the 1970s, the 'Me Generation' and the attempt of indi-

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Musical: The director Zach (Steven Price) coaches a chorus line hopeful, Cassie (Meaghan Hurley) in "A Chorus Line."

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New York City dealing with relationships, work, creative desires and losing friends to AIDS. These are also the elements of "Rent," which focuses on a group of artistically creative young people, gay and straight, who deal with the many trials and tribulations of living in New York City and trying to find a place and also struggling with drug addiction and HIV/AIDS.

"Jonathan's work made me feel something," Seller said. "I was 25 and he was telling my story, and I didn't even know him. I love 'Rent' and I did it because I loved it. I hoped others would love it, too. And they have."

Seller described Larson as a man with a towering exuberance for the arts and a mission to bring younger people into live theater.

On Jan. 25, 1996, Jonathan Larson died of an aortic aneurysm, just hours before the dress rehearsal off-Broadway of "Rent," and just 10 days before

'Rent' swept all major theater awards, including the 1996 Tony for Best Musical and became the seventh musical drama to win the Pulitzer Prize.

his 36th birthday.

"It was probably the worst grief I ever felt. I lost my grand- parents, but I never lost a temporary friend like that, I never lost a friend in such a shocking way," Seller said.

"Rent" was originally produced at the nonprofit New York Theatre Workshop and then commercially off-Broadway. Originally Larson and Seller and his two co-producers saw the rock musical as strictly off-Broadway.

"When we saw it in performance, in front of an audience, I said it feels like a Broadway musical. It was big - big in feelings, big in character, big in music," Seller said.

Seller's assessment proved right. The play moved to Broadway in April, 1996, to rave reviews and sold-out audiences and, along with "Bring in 'da Noise, Bring in 'da Funk," has helped bring young people back to theater.

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Seller is currently overseeing four companies of "Rent" and planning London and Sydney productions. He is also importing an Argentine musical for Broadway opening in spring and beginning work on a new musical.



JOAN MARCUS

Musical: The Company in a scene from "Rent," the Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award-musical written by Jonathan Larson.

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viduals to say here I am, to get out of the crowd. It's about the individual finding their niche in society, and the difficulty of the arts, and discipline of dance."

Originally directed and choreographed by Michael Bennett, "A Chorus Line," which takes a behind-the-scenes look at chorus dancers auditioning for a part in

a Broadway musical, played on Broadway 6,137 consecutive times, surpassed only by "Cats" in 1997. Music by Marvin Hamlisch and lyrics by Edward Kleban make this a truly memorable show.

Gillespie says this is one of the strongest musical casts he's ever put together. Gaston isn't the

only student with professional experience; cast members have spent summers performing at Disney World, Cedar Point and Universal Studios.

David Havasi of Rochester who portrays Mike, has worked as a performer in the summer at Disney World and Universal Studios.

A sophomore, Mike is a role David always wanted to play. "I've been dancing since I was in eighth grade," he said. "I thought dancing was only for girls. My mom had to practically drag me to a hip hop dance class at a studio. It was so much fun, and all guys. I said 'I love this' and found out that guys can dance,

and be manly too. It was a great revelation."

Eighth grade was also when Havasi joined the choir, and learned singing isn't just for nerds.

Like the character Mike who sings - "I Can Do That" - David is preparing for a career in the

arts, doing modeling on the side. "A Chorus Line" is wonderful, it's great," he said. "It's all about people discovering where they're at, where they come from and where they're going. Like us in college."

This "Chorus Line" will be set in the 1990s, and there's a surprise ending.

AT THE GALLERIES

GALLERY EXHIBITS (OPENINGS)

WYLAND GALLERIES

April 2 - Lighthouse photographer Thomas J. Atkins. Through April 30. 280 Merrill Street, Birmingham; (248) 723-9220.

CRAIG GALLERY

April 3 - Grand Opening, featured artist: Lyle Morris. 810 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale; (248) 7156.

DECORATIVE ADDITIONS

STUDIO/GALLERY

April 3 - 6:30 p.m., "The Photography of Frank Andrae." 725 S. Adams Road, Birmingham. For information, (248) 540-2465.

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April 4 - 6 p.m., "Michigan Metalsmithing: 50th Year Anniversary," a juried exhibit. Through April 25. Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham; (248) 644-0866.

LAWRENCE STREET GALLERY

April 4 - 7 p.m., "New Works/Oil," excursions from an artist's journal by Fran Wolok. Through April 25. 6 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 334-6716.

MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART

April 4 - 7 p.m., "Documenta USA," an exhibit based on an open invitation of artists to show their works in any medium. No work will be refused. Actual showing schedule from 8-9:40 p.m. 23 @ Lawrence Street, Pontiac; (248) 334-6038.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

MOORE'S GALLERY

Through March 22 - "The Children of Mozambique," paintings by Terry Roy. 304 Hamilton Row, Birmingham; (248) 647-4662.

NETWORK GALLERY

Through March 26 - "Sewings," an exhibit of sewn fabric collages by D. Guerrero-Macia. 7 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac; (248) 334-3911.

THE END OF ART

Through March 27 - An exhibit that mourns the death of painting. Museum of Contemporary Art, 23 W. Lawrence, Pontiac; (248) 334-6038.

SOUTHFIELD CENTRE FOR THE ARTS

Through March 27 - Works of members from the South Oakland Art Association. Hours: 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday. 24350 Southfield Road, just south of 10 Mile Road; (248) 424-9022.

UZELAC GALLERY

Through March 27 - Geometric abstract paintings and serigraphs of Marko Spalatin. 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 332-5257.

HABITAT GALLERIES

Through March 28 - Glass sculptures by Richard Rittler and Stephen Powell. 7 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac; (248) 333-2060.

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they know them from first listen.

"Day by Day," the initial single from "Legends Diner," was a Top 40 track on the Gavin Adult Contemporary Charts. "Life Goes On In L.A." is climbing the charts.

With the music part figured out, Monroe is learning about the business "day by day."

"Legends Diner" is the first release on Monroe's independent label, Divorce Records. "I


get a realistic view of what it takes to get a record done this way," he said. "Not only writing it, but seeing it all the way through, from production to packaging, to getting it in stores and out to the public. It's great knowing that something that came from my head can get on the radio and that people take the time not only to buy it, but send letters, faxes and e-mails."

Divorce was a name he thought of while going through a

divorce. "It's severing the old to make way for the new, because with every ending there's a beginning," he said.


"At Borders, you'll just see 'Me and my acoustic I,' said Monroe. Michigan is the first stop on a bookstore tour that will take him to Texas and California.

"It's a song showcase, and set up nicely," he said. "People are there to study, the audience will listen. It's real direct, not loud like a club."



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THEATER

Meadow Brook's murder adventure takes a few missteps

"Murder By Misadventure" runs through April 12 at Meadow Brook Theatre, Wilson Hall, Oakland University campus, Rochester Hills. Evening shows 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 6:30 p.m. Sundays; matinees 2 p.m. Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays. Tickets: \$18-\$32; (248) 377-3300.
BY FRANK PROVENZANO
STAFF WRITER

Waiting for the curtain to go up on Meadow Brook Theatre's current production is the first in

a long line of misnomers.

A more appropriate metaphor would be "tuning in."

For its utterly checkerboard-like maneuverings and superficiality, "Murder By Misadventure" is the type of prime-time drama for the boob tube, fitting alongside formulaic TV hits like "Murder, She Wrote" and "Colombo."

As a theatrical whodunit, "Murder By Misadventure" is tirelessly clever, if not altogether loopy. (Happily, there are no

insipid commercial breaks.)

Audiences who like to follow along with the well-timed clues, twists and turns and an all-too-apparent murder plot won't likely be disappointed.

Anyone who expects more like authenticity and originality — might leave scratching their heads, wondering if they've just seen a rerun.

The bourgeois, luxurious London flat of Harry Kent is a place for a bevy of clues, apparent poltergeist and a level of alcoholic imbibing not seen since the celebration of the end of Prohibition.

Once again, Meadow Brook's Peter Hicks has succeeded in designing a set that creates the illusion of entering another world.

The misadventure involves

■ Once again, Meadow Brook's Peter Hicks has succeeded in designing a set that creates the illusion of entering another world.

Harry, a partner in an award-winning television writing team. Harry (Thomas Mahard) is the nuts-and-bolts pragmatist. Meanwhile, his partner, Paul (John Seibert), is flowing with creative ideas and a blood-alcohol level that would kill a moose. When Harry wants to split up, Paul threatens blackmail. Harry's response: "I guess I'll have to kill him."

At nearly every turn, Edward Taylor's script doesn't miss a chance for an easy laugh. Harry's wife (Denise Dailey

McCauley) responds, "There must be laws against murder."

Once it's clear that committing an undetectable murder is the game, the plot resembles the story Paul has recently conceived for a made-for-TV mystery.

As he showed in Meadow Brook's last production, "What the Butler Saw," Seibert not only has outstanding comedic timing, but an enduring appeal.

While Seibert displays a talent to shift gears, the rest of the cast, including inspector Egan (Paul Hopper) often times gets

stuck in an exasperated, frantic tone.

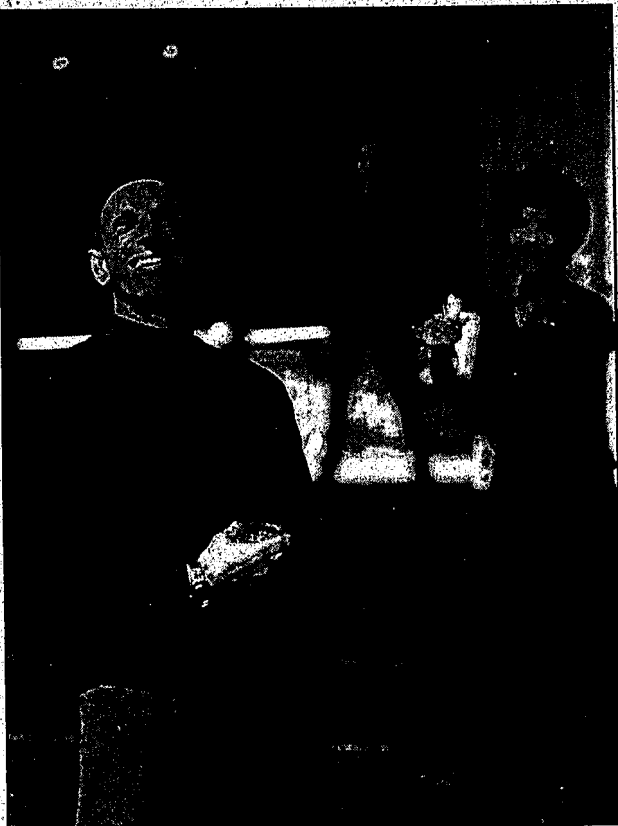
Too often, the portrayals are thinly disguised cut-outs borrowed from television crime dramas.

Invariably, the characters are so intent on pouring and throwing back glasses of Scotch that it seems that the story is only an excuse between drinks.

Light-hearted whodunits have become a staple for mainstream theater audiences. And on many levels, "Murder By Misadventure" delivers a few belly laughs, and a pleasing closure to an easy conundrum.

But as a piece of contemporary theater, "Murder By Misadventure" feels more like calisthenics than compelling live theater.

While the laughs are easy, "Murder By Misadventure" seems much too perfunctory.



It's murder: Thomas D. Mahard (left to right), John Seibert and Denise Dailey McCauley are featured in Meadow Brook Theatre's production of "Murder by Misadventure."

'Lend Me A Tenor' enjoyable night at opera

Stagecrafters presents "Lend Me A Tenor" continues through Sunday, April 5, Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. Tickets \$10-\$12, call (248) 541-6430. Performances 8 p.m. Thursday, March 26; Fridays & Saturdays through April 4; 7 p.m. Sunday, March 29; 2 p.m. Sunday, April 5.
BY JON KATZ
SPECIAL WRITER

Let's begin with a point of fact and a point of observation.

Point of fact: Ken Ludwig's "Lend Me A Tenor" is neither a musical nor an opera; at least, no more than is the Marx Brothers' "A Night at the Opera," and almost as fun.

Point of observation; it's awfully hard to put on a bad production of "Lend Me A Tenor." Ludwig has stocked his script with so many assorted gags — puns, spit takes, physical shtick, mistaken identities — that only someone who's found a way to lose money in the stock market lately could walk away an unhappy camper.

Stagecrafters' version certainly works for and gets its laughs. Set in 1934 Cleveland, "Tenor" is a screwball comedy about a hapless assistant for the city's opera company, hopelessly in love with the boss' daughter, who gets his big chance to sing "Othello" when the Pavarotti-type star becomes indisposed.

Max the gopher (Will Rodges) is a hefty mix of Seinfeld's Newman, Flounder from "Animal House" and Matt Foley, the motivational speaker created by the late Chris Farley. He's put in charge of baby-sitting Tito (Il Stupendo) Merelli (Steven Tokarski), when the famous singer comes into town for the big one-nighter. Saunders, the company's manic director (Gregg Watkins), so nervous that he eats the wax fruit, tells Max to "do whatever you have to" to make sure that Tito gets his rest and doesn't miss the performance.

Tito gets his rest, all right, and soon there's one-too-many Moors in full Venetian costume and burnt cork make-up running around Cleveland, and the two-

room hotel suite.

Rodgers makes a first-class nebbish. Encouraged by Tito to keep saying "I'm a Max — I sing GOOOD," he carries off the deception, but finds that wearing someone else's mask will only get you so far, and it's not far enough.

Tokarski's Il Stupendo starts off more like the Pillsbury Doughboy, but grows on you with his strong voice and nice timing in the frenetic second act.

When Watkins as Saunders is speaking, you may want to close your eyes and imagine the smooth, mellow-toned actor in a radio drama. Unfortunately, his character is supposed to be this close to over-the-edge, and he's not nearly there. Keep the pitch where it is, but speed it up several notches and give us some physical sense that the guy's already got a bed booked at the Home for Crazy Impresarios.

Debby Dworkin is a cutesy Maggie, Saunders' daughter and the object of Max's affection. She's got a girlish crush on Tito, with whom she'd like to have that one premarital fling, and carries off the moment when she believes that her fling has been successfully flung.

Nancy DeRita makes the most of her two scenes as Tito's jealously suffering wife Maria, the Italian spitfire. Nevertheless, there's still room to grow within the part; Maria should make El Nino seem like a gentle breeze by comparison.

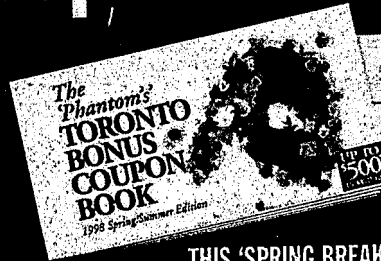
Rob Chrenko adds to the fun as a singing bellhop. Deborah Landis-Sigler does the Margaret Dumont opera matron to a tee. And Sandra Marselle, as the company's aggressive soprano, has the show's best line: "Never trust a man in tights."

Director Mel Janney wisely sticks to what works — nonstop farce — and the crew would be advised to keep all six doors on the handsome set well-oiled.

A few traditional highlights were omitted including the "leaning on the wall" bit and the pre-curtain call, mile-a-minute reprise of the entire show. But it's a good "Tenor" after all, and you'll enjoy a night at this opera.



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THEATER

CAPITOL THEATRE

"Artistic License," the Windsor Feminist Theatre's fifth annual Director's Project Play Festival, 8 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, March 26-29, at the theater, 121 University Ave. W., Windsor. Donations accepted, (519) 253-8065 or <http://www.mnsl.net/~capitol/capitol@mnsl.net>

MEADOW BOOK THEATRE

"Murder By Misadventure," a mystery-writing duo plots the perfect murder, through April 12, at the theater at Oakland University, Walton and Squirrel boulevards, Rochester. 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays (\$22), 2 p.m. Wednesdays (\$22), 8 p.m. Fridays (\$26.50), 2 p.m. Saturdays (\$22), 8 p.m. Saturdays (\$32), 8 p.m. Saturdays (\$32), 2 p.m. Sundays (\$22), and 6:30 p.m. Sundays (\$26.50). Students, seniors and group discounts available. (248) 377-3300

PLOWSHARES THEATRE CO.

"A Raisin in the Sun," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays and 6 p.m. Sundays through April 5, Museum of African American History's Dr. Charles H. Wright Theatre, 315 E. Warren (at Brush), Detroit, \$15-18, with discounts available for Plowshares subscribers, MAAH members, students with ID, and seniors ages 60 and older. (313) 872-0279

PURPLE ROSE THEATRE COMPANY

"Book of Days," by Lanford Wilson, previews Thursday, April 2-Thursday, April 9 (\$15-\$20), and regular run Friday-Sunday, April 10-May 24 (\$20-\$25), at the theater, 137 Park St., Chelsea. Special benefit performance 8 p.m. Saturday, April 11 (\$500). (734) 475-7902

OPERA

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

With Conductor Robert Bernhardt, soprano Nancy Davis Booth, mezzo-soprano Hillary Nicholson, tenor Douglas Ahlstedt and baritone Nicholas Loren, performing a variety of songs from operas including "La Bohème," "The Barber of Seville," and "Rigoletto," 8 p.m. Thursday, March 26, 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 27-28, and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 29, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$17-\$60. (313) 576-5111 or <http://www.detroitssymphony.com>

COLLEGE

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

"Moon Over Buffalo," by Ken Ludwig, in a dinner-theater format: 6:30 p.m. dinner and 8 p.m. show, Friday-Saturday, March 27-28 (\$49), and as a show only, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 27-28 (\$8), at the college, 18600 Haggerty Road (between Six and Seven Mile roads), Livonia. (313) 462-4409

U-D THEATRE COMPANY

"A Lie of the Mind," by Sam Shepard, through Sunday, April 5, at the McAuley Theatre on the Outer Drive campus of University of Detroit-Mercy. 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays. \$10-\$8 seniors and students. (313) 993-1130

U-M MUSKET

The University of Michigan's student-run musical theatre group presents "Pippin," a '70s pop/rock musical about the son of Charlemagne and his search for satisfaction in life. 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 27-28, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 29, Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher, Ann Arbor. \$12-\$7 students. (734) 764-0450

U-M SCHOOL OF MUSIC, OPERA THEATRE

"The Turn of the Screw," based on the ghost story by Henry James, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 26-28, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 29, Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. \$14 and \$18, \$7 students. (734) 764-0450

WASHTENAW COMMUNITY COLLEGE

"Finian's Rainbow," directed by Tony Award-winning Judy Dow Rumlhart, and a set by Broadway set designer Paul Kelly, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 2-4, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 5, at the college, 4800 E. Huron River Dr., Ann Arbor. \$12 and \$15, \$5 and \$7 for students. (734) 973-3625

WSU HILBERY THEATRE

"A Woman of No Importance," by Oscar Wilde, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 26, and Friday-Saturday, April 3-4, "Two Gentlemen of Verona," by William Shakespeare, 8 p.m. Friday, March 27, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, March 28, 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, and 8 p.m. Thursday, April 2, "Of Mice and Men," by John Steinbeck, 10 a.m. student matinee Tuesday, March 31, at the theater, 4743 Cass Ave. on the Wayne State University, Detroit. (313) 577-2972

WSU STUDIO THEATRE

"Speed the Plow," by David Mamet, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 2-4, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 5, at the theater below the Hilberry Theatre, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATRE

CHURCH OF THE DIVINE CHILD

"Anything Goes," the musical, 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 27-28, and April 2-4, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 29, and April 3, at the church, 4001 N. Shady Lane (west of Telegraph Road, south of Ford Road), Dearborn. \$15-50 adults and children with ID. \$45-50 seniors and children. (313) 562-4650

WASHTENAW COMMUNITY COLLEGE

"The Zoo Story," by Edward Albee, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 27-28, and 6 p.m. Sunday, March 29, University of Michigan-Dearborn, 600 E. Michigan Ave., Dearborn. \$5. (734) 767-3400

NORTH ROSELAND PARK PLAYERS

"Congo on a Mule," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 27-28, at the theater



Magie show: Illusionist David Copperfield takes audiences on a journey through the history and wonder of the "Art of Magic," with "Dreams and Nightmares" Friday-Sunday, March 27-29, at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Eight performances, tickets \$29-\$46.50, call (248) 433-1515/(313) 983-6611 for show times and information.

Friday, March 27, at the theater 18845

SRO PRODUCTIONS

"The Sunshine Boys," by Neil Simon, Friday-Sunday, March 27-29, Burgh Site, on Civic Center Dr., between Berg and Lahser roads, Southfield. (248) 827-0701

STAGECRAFTERS

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THAT BROADWAY BEAT

A musical revue featuring songs from "Evita," "Ragtime," "Chicago," and "La Cage Aux Folles," Saturday, March 28, at the Wunderground Theatre, 110 S. Main St. (above ACE Hardware), Royal Oak. \$10. (248) 541-1763

DINNER THEATRE

GENITRI'S HOLE-IN-THE-WALL

"Trial By Error," live interactive comedy dinner theater, through June at the restaurant, 108 E. Main St., Northville. \$39.95 includes seven-course dinner of soup, bread, pasta, antipasto salad, baked chicken, Italian sausage, Italian steak, vegetables and dessert, the show, tax and tip. (248) 349-0522

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

JUNIOR THEATRE

"Heldi," 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 26-27, and 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 28, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 29, Ann Arbor Civic Theatre, 2275 Platt Road, Ann Arbor. \$5 for children and students through high school, \$6 adults. (734) 994-2300

MARQUIS THEATRE

"Charlotte's Web," 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, March 28, and April 4, 18 and 25, and Sundays, March 29, and April 5, 18 and 26, and Monday-Friday, April 13-17, at the theater, 135 E. Main St., Northville. \$6.50. Children ages 3 and younger will not be admitted. (248) 349-8110

MILLENNIUM YOUTH THEATRE CO.

"The Brementown Musicians," a staged adaptation of the Brothers Grimm fairy tale, 10:30 a.m. Saturdays March 21 and 28, at the center, 15600 J.L. Hudson Dr., Southfield. \$5-\$4 groups of 10 or more. (248) 552-1225

PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS

"The Wizard of Oz," Saturdays and Sundays through Saturday, April 11, Historic Players Club, 3321 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit. Noon lunch and 1 p.m. show Saturdays, and 1 p.m. lunch and 2 p.m. show Sundays. \$7.50 includes lunch. (810) 662-8118

SPECIAL EVENTS

CANTON PROJECT ARTS

Spotlights the arts with two events, a performance by Empatheatre, an improvisational theater troupe from Ann Arbor, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 28, and the opening of "She Be Mix," a touring fine arts and fine crafts exhibition by women artists of African-American, Asian-American, Hispanic-American, and Native American ancestry, precedes Empatheatre's performance with an artist reception at 8 p.m. opening ceremony follows at 7 p.m. at the Summit on the Park, 48000 Summit Parkways (west of Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill), Canton. Empatheatre tickets \$40 for the night free. (734) 397-6450

CERAMIC COLLEXPLO

Neon to 6 p.m. Friday, April 3, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 4, and 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, April 5, Gibraltar Trade Center, 15525 Ranch Road, Taylor. Open competition entries accepted between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Thursday, April 2, at the TAC entrance. (248) 223-8655/(734) 287-2000

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MICHIGAN COMMUNITY MUSIC ASSOCIATION MUSIC AWARDS

7-11 p.m. Monday, March 30, Daisy Duke's, 450 Merriman Road, Westland. (734) 728-5562

INDO-PAK CULTURAL EVENT

Fashion show exhibiting breathtaking elegant dresses, display of arts and crafts, authentic mouth-watering finger foods, noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 28, at the International Academy, 1020 E. Square Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. Free. (248) 645-4820

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With more than 500 cats and kittens competing for international national awards, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, March 28-29, Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Dr., Novi. \$7 adults, \$5 seniors, \$5 youths ages 5-12, benefits the Michigan Anti-Cruelty Society, The Morris Animal Foundation and The Michigan Humane Society. (734) 654-2302

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The pre-K through 8th grade parent cooperative school hosts a silent and live auction featuring a raffle of two-year Expedition lease, vacations, autographed items, Princess Beanie Baby, NASCAR driving, balloon ride, large screen TV, and more, 5 p.m. Saturday, March 28, at Laurel Manor, Livonia. \$55 includes dinner, drinks, hors d'oeuvres. (734) 420-3331

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10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 29, Clawson Knights of Columbus Hall, 870 N. Main St., 1/2 mile north of 14 Mile Road, 1 1/2 miles west of Oakland Mall, Clawson. \$3. (248) 546-4527

ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY TARTAN BALL

Featuring The St. Andrew's Pipe Band, Scottish ballroom dancers, and a special performance by the Plymouth Players Guild with a Celtic Mystery Drama, 6 p.m. cocktails followed by 7 p.m. dinner Saturday, April 4, The Meeting House, 499 Main St. (at Ann Arbor Trail), Plymouth. \$45, reservations by Friday, March 26, (248) 349-1831/(734) 454-7689, or <http://www.detroitscots.com>

SPORTS CARD SHOW

Noon to 9 p.m. Friday, March 27, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, March 28, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, March 29, Gibraltar Trade Center, 15525 Ranch Road, Taylor. (734) 287-2000

GREENBERG'S TRAIN DOLLHOUSE

TOY SHOW

Featuring model railroad, die cast, action figures, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 4, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 5, Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Dr., Novi. \$2 children and \$3 adults. (248) 348-5500/(408) 795-7457

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At the 45th annual Michigan Wildlife Art Festival featured 60 nationally acclaimed wildlife and environmental artists, 49

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Pavilion, 26000 Evergreen Road,

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EASTER

BREAKFAST WITH THE BUNNY

Southfield's 11th annual pancake and sausage breakfast with the Easter Bunny, for Southfield residents (fourth grade and younger) and non-residents with children attending Southfield Schools, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at the Southfield Civic Center Pavilion, 26000 Evergreen Road (between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads), Southfield. \$5 children; \$10 non-resident children; \$3 accompanying adult. Register in person at Southfield Parks and Recreation by April 1. Entry by ticket only. (248) 354-5180

EASTER EGG HUNT

The fourth annual hunt begins with a children's musical program by Marc Thomas, 1,000 eggs (stuffed with candy and coupons for prizes) will be hidden around the cemetery office and mausoleum grounds, 1 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at the Acacia Park Cemetery, 31300 Southfield Road (north of 13 Mile Road), Beverly Hills. (248) 646-4228/(313) 564-5310

SWIECONKA

A Polish Easter breakfast with a performance of Polish Dance Suites, noon Sunday, April 5, American Legion 5111 Post, 23850 Military Road, Dearborn Heights. \$16, reservation deadline March 28, (734) 981-4365/(313) 791-2832

FAMILY EVENTS

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA TINY TOTS SERIES

"Fancy Footwork," featuring conductor, Yehui Wang, narrator and host Rheda Becker, and the Pointe Repertory Dancers performing a musical version of "Goldilocks and the Three Bears," 10:15 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. Saturday, March 28, Birmingham Seaholm High School, 2436 W. Lincoln St., Birmingham. \$10. (313) 576-5111 or <http://www.detroitssymphony.com>

FRED PENNER

Saturday, April 4, concert at Meadow Brook Theatre, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester, cancelled. Refunds at point of purchase. (248) 377-3300

JON ROSS'S "WITNESS THE MAGIC" SHOW

2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at the club, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. \$7.50, \$5 children. All ages. (810) 465-5154

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Presents close-up magic at your table, 6-9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 27-28, and 5:30-8:30 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at Roger's Roost Restaurant, 3362 Schuylert, Sterling Heights. Free. (810) 979-7550

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With rides and games: Friday-Sunday, April 3-5, Gibraltar Trade Center, 15525 Ranch Road, Taylor. 3-11 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, 3 p.m. to midnight Fridays, noon to midnight Saturdays-Sundays. (734) 287-2000

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Performing "Beethoven's Contemporary" program, 4 p.m. Sunday, March 29, Rackham Auditorium, Rackham Building, 915 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. \$16-\$30. All ages. (800) 224-1229 or <http://www.annarbormusic.org>

ATLANTIS ENSEMBLE

8 p.m. Monday, March 30, Kerrytown

Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann

Arbor. \$25 rows 1-5; \$15 rows 3-5, \$10

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With Conductor Robert Bernhardt, soprano Nancy Davis Booth and tenor Douglas Ahlstedt, as part of "Opera Pops" featuring selections from Mozart's "The Magic Flute," Verdi's "Un di se ben rammentato," and Puccini's "Nessun dorma," 8 p.m. Thursday, March 26, 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 27-28, and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 29, Orchestra Hall, Detroit. With Conductor Donald Runnicles and pianist Elder Nebolsin, 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, April 3, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 4, \$17-\$60. (313) 576-5111 or <http://www.detroitssymphony.com>

FARMINGTON COMMUNITY BAND

Spring Symphony concert originally scheduled for March 22 will be held 3 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at Harrison High School, 29995 W. 12 Mile Road (between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake roads), Farmington Hills. \$3, \$2 students and available at the door, senior citizens free. (734) 261-2202/(248) 489-3412 or <http://www.mystery.com/fcb>

MARINERS' CHURCH OF DETROIT

Presents a series of organ concerts with Kenneth Sweetman and Kevin Bysma playing the music of Bach, Brahms, Franck, and Pachelbel during Lent, 12:35 p.m. Thursdays, March 26 and April 2, following 12:10 services, 170 E. Jefferson, Detroit. Free parking in Ford Auditorium Underground Garage at the median of Jefferson Avenue at the foot of Woodward Avenue. (313) 259-2206

URSULA OPENS

Pianist performs a "Beethoven's Contemporary" program, 8 p.m. Friday, March 27, Rackham Auditorium, Rackham Building, 915 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. \$16-\$30. (800) 224-1229 or <http://www.ursula.org>

OWAIN PHYFE

As part of "garb night," 9 p.m. to midnight Thursday, March 26, O'Mara's Restaurant, 2555 W. 12 Mile Road, Berkley. Free. 21 and older. (248) 399-6750

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

"Double Your Pleasure" concert featuring father and son pianists Joseph and Michael Gurt performing Poulenc's "Concerto for Two Pianos in D Major," 8 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at the Novi High School Auditorium, 24064 Taft Road, Novi. \$12, \$10 seniors/college students, \$6 children K-12th grade. (734) 451-2112, Afterglow at Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River, Farmington Hills.

UNIVERSITY OF WINDSOR'S WIND ENSEMBLE AND CONCERT BAND

"Soundnation" show features music by Stravinsky, Barnes and Vaughan Williams, Capitol Theatre's Pentastar Playhouse, 121 University Ave., West, Windsor, Ontario, Canada. \$10, \$6 seniors and students (Canadian) (519) 253-7729 or <http://www.mnsl.net/~capitol>

WARREN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

With sopranos Ellen Chikering, Jan Albright and Barbara Wiltje, 7 p.m. Sunday, March 29, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. \$17, \$15 seniors, \$5 children ages 12 and younger, \$13 groups of five or more. (810) 754-2950

POPS/SWING

BIG SANDY AND HIS FLY RITE BOYS

With Swingin' Demons and Starlight Drifters, 8 p.m. Friday, April 3, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. \$8 in advance. 18 and older. (swing) (248) 333-2362 or <http://www.961melt.com>

IMPERIAL SWING ORCHESTRA

9 p.m. Friday, March 27, and Friday, April 3, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge, 21 and older; 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 28, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge, 19 and older. (swing) (734) 485-5050/(734) 99

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WORLD MUSIC

THE ARTICLES

9 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (Jamaican Jazz/ska) (248) 543-4300

PACO DE LUCIA AND HIS FLAMENCO SEXTET
8 p.m. Saturday, March 28, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. \$20-\$30. (800) 221-1229 or http://www.ums.org

MARTIN HAYES AND DENNIS CAHILL
Irish fiddler and guitarist perform 8 p.m. Saturday, March 28, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$15. All ages. (Irish) (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

IMMUNITY
10 p.m. Friday, March 27, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (reggae) (248) 349-9110

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

LISA HUNTER

9 p.m. to midnight Friday, March 27, LoneStar Coffee, 207 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages; Hosts open mic night. 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 29, Gargoyles Coffeehouse, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. All ages. (acoustic folk/pop) (248) 642-2233/(734) 745-9790

JAMES KEELAGHAN
With Vance Gilbert, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 2, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451

MICHAEL KRIEGER
8 p.m. Friday, March 27, Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington, 23501 Halsted Road (between Grand River Avenue and 11 Mile Road), Farmington. \$8, \$4 seniors and students. (248) 542-5732

JAN KRIST
10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 27-28, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older. 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (folk) (313) 861-8101/(248) 544-1141

DEL MCCOURRY BAND
With RFD Boys, 8 p.m. Friday, March 27, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$13.50. All ages. (bluegrass) (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

CHARLIE MOSBROOK
8-10 p.m. Saturday, March 28, Espresso Royale Caffe, 214 Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 668-1838

BILL STAINES
7:30-10 p.m. Thursday, March 26, Off-The-Wall Acoustic Coffeehouse at St. William parish hall, 531 Common, Walled Lake. \$10, \$20 family, \$7.50 student. (248) 624-1421

POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD

AURORA LEVINS MORALES
Brings the program, "Remedios: Medicine Stories from the Lives of Puerto Rican Women and Our Kin," 1 p.m. Sunday, March 29, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$5. All ages. (734) 998-7080

DANCE

ALVIN AILEY AMERICAN DANCE THEATER
Tuesday-Sunday, March 31-April 5, Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. (313) 874-7850

ANN ARBOR COUNCIL FOR TRADITIONAL MUSIC AND DANCE'S INTERNATIONAL DANCE AND DINNER
An afternoon of international dancing, and live music and dance instruction by Galatia (2:40-3 p.m.), and a homemade community dinner of Eastern European food (4:30-6 p.m.), Sunday, March 29, Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road (1/4 mile south of I-94), Ann Arbor. \$12. Reservations by Friday, March 20. (248) 698-9527 or rbantle@bizserve.com

DANCE ENSEMBLE WEST
"Dance Collection-1998" with performances by the company's senior and junior divisions, 3 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at the Plymouth Canton High School's Little Theater, 8415 N. Canton Center Road (at Joy Road), Canton. \$9. (734) 420-4430

MICHAEL FLATLEY'S LORD OF THE DANCE
8 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, March 31-April 3, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, April 4, and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sunday, April 5, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10-\$60. All ages. (313) 983-6611

P.N.A. CENTENNIAL DANCERS
The 18th annual extravaganza dance recital with the Polish Centennial Dancers, the Radomian Polish Folk Dance Ensemble, and The Emil Zepalski Band, 2 p.m. Sunday, March 29, Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt Road, Livonia. \$6 in advance, \$7. (734) 453-7161

STRETS: POPCITY
8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 3-4, Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor. \$15-\$35. (800) 221-1229 or http://www.ums.org

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY DANCE COMPANY
Presents "Rebounding," the 69th annual spring concert of dance, featuring choreography by Garth Fagan, Eva Power and Linda Cleveland Simmons, Fagan choreographed the Broadway musical "The Lion King," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 27-28, at the Bonstelle Theater, on campus.

Detroit. \$8 students/advanced sales, \$10 at the door. (313) 577-4273

COMEDY

JD'S ENTERTAINMENT CENTER
Open mic comedy night with MaryAnn DeMoss and Ernie Douglas "The Acoustic Terminator," 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, at the club, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (810) 465-5154

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB
Vic DiBietto, Derek Richards and Joey Blejaska, Thursday, March 26 (free). and Friday-Saturday, March 27-28 (\$12); Joey Kola and Joey Blejaska, Thursday, April 2 (free), and Friday-Saturday, April 3-4 (\$14), at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. Thursdays, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 8 p.m. Sundays for new talent/Third Level Improv. (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S
Joe Dellon, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 27-28 (\$12). \$24.95 dinner show package, and 7 p.m. Sunday, March 29 (\$10, \$20.95 dinner show package), and 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 3-4 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner show package), 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE
Claudia Sherman, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26 (free), 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 27-28 (\$10), at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

SECOND CITY
"Down River Dance," 8 p.m. Wednesdays (\$10), Thursdays (\$10) and Sundays (\$10), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays (\$17.50) and Saturdays (\$19.50), through spring, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 965-2222

SUZANNE WESTENHOEFER
7:30 p.m. Friday, April 3, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$17.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM/SOCIETY
"Remembering Downtown Hudson's" exhibit, a nostalgic look at what made the Hudson's downtown Detroit store an icon of the city's prosperous era, runs through December; "A Community Between Two Worlds: Arab Americans in Greater Detroit," exhibit focusing on Arab Americans and their daily life after settling in the Detroit area, runs through the end of September, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER
IMAX movies showing indefinitely include: "Super Speedway," 10 a.m. and 11:10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays; and "Special Effects," 12:20 p.m. and 1:20 p.m. Mondays-Fridays; at the museum, 5020 John R (at Warren Road), Detroit. \$6.75 for adults, \$4.75 for youths 3-17, and seniors 60 and older, includes one screening of an IMAX film, a visit to the Exhibit Floor, a live science demonstration in the Discovery Theatre and a short laser presentation. \$2.50 for each additional IMAX movie. Discounts available to groups to 10 or more. Hours are: 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays-Fridays and 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. (313) 577-8400 or http://www.sciencedetroit.org

HENRY FORD MUSEUM AND GREEN-FIELD VILLAGE
"Family Fun Month" featuring hands-on activities such as a family radio show where they can produce and perform a radio play, classic cartoons and/or serials as part of "Automobile in American Life" exhibit's drive-in theater, "Making Do and Having Fun" with puppet-making, shadow puppetry, cat's cradle and paper airplane-making, and "Take a Trip Down Memory Lane" treasure hunt, weekends throughout March at the complex, 20900 Oakwood Boulevard (at Village Road, just west of the Southfield Freeway, south of Michigan Avenue), Dearborn. \$12.50 adults, \$11.50 seniors 62 and older, \$6.25 for kids ages 5-12, and free for children younger than 5 and members. Group rates available. Museum open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. daily. (313) 271-1620

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY
"A Communion of the Spirits: African-American Quilters, Preservers and Their Stories" exhibits featuring 175 photographs of varying sizes, a selection of the surveyed quilts, interpretive panels, and a limited amount of other artwork related to the quilters, through Sunday, June 7. The exhibit features area quilters and celebrity quilters such as Maya Angelou, Rosa Parks, Bernice Johnson Reagon, Faith Ringgold, Sonia Sanchez and Alice Walker. "The Life and Times of Paul Robeson" exhibition featuring records, photographs and paintings on loan from private citizens and from the collection of the MAAH, runs through Tuesday, June 30, at the museum, 315 E. Warren Ave. (at Brush Street), Detroit. Museum hours 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays-Sundays. \$3 for adults and \$2 for children aged 12 and younger. (313) 494-5800

POPULAR MUSIC

THE ALLIGATORS

10 p.m. Saturday, March 28, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 349-9110

AUSTIN LOUNGE LIZARDS
8 p.m. Sunday, March 29, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12.50. All ages. (goofball acoustic quintet) (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

JOCELYN B AND THE DETROIT STREET PLAYERS
9 p.m. Saturday, March 28, Soup Kitchen Saloon, 1585 Franklin St. (at Orleans), Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 259-2643

GEORGE BEDARD AND THE KINPINS
9 p.m. Friday, March 27, Soup Kitchen Saloon, 1585 Franklin St. (at Orleans), Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rockabilly) (313) 259-2643

BUGS BEDDOW BAND
9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, April 3-4, Bachelor's, 1967 Cass Lake Road, Keego Harbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 682-2295

NORMA JEAN BELL AND THE ALL STARS
9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays through June 27, Bacal Abracci, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. Free. All ages. (variety) (248) 253-1300

BENNY AND THE JETS
9 p.m. Sundays through April 26, Buck's Place, 23845 W. Warren Road (one block east of Telegraph Road), Dearborn Heights. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 274-6005 or http://members.tripod.com/~BennyJet/

BETTER DAYS
10 p.m. Saturday, March 28, Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. 10 p.m. Thursday, April 2, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 332-HOWL/(248) 349-9110

BIZER BROTHERS
9:30 p.m. 1:30 a.m. Friday, March 27-Saturday, March 28, Pages, 23621 Farmington Road, Farmington. Free. 21 and older. (pop) (248) 477-0099

BLACK FUZZ
10 p.m. Thursday, April 2, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (alternative rock) (734) 421-2250

BLUE CAT WITH KEN MURPHY
9 p.m. Thursday, April 2, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (blues) (248) 644-4800

BLUE-EYED SOUL
With Son of Adam, 9 p.m. Thursday, April 2, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (rock) (734) 485-5050

BLUE RAYS
9 p.m. Friday, April 3, Soup Kitchen Saloon, 1585 Franklin St. (at Orleans), Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 259-2643

BRIDGE
9 p.m. Thursday, March 26, Thursday, April 2-Saturday, April 4, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford. \$3. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 533-4477

BROKEN TOYS
9 p.m. Thursday, March 26, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 543-4300

BRUTAL TRUTH
With Solient Green, 6 p.m. Friday, March 27, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8 in advance. All ages. (rock) (313) 961-MELT

BUBALUBA
With Six Foot Something, 10 p.m. Friday, March 27, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 334-9292

BUZZOVEN
9 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, Heidelberg, 215 N. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (metal) (734) 663-7758

CHISEL BROS. WITH THORNETTA DAVIS
9 p.m. Friday, April 3, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (734) 451-1213

MARC COHN
With Kacy Crowley, 7 p.m. Thursday, April 2, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. \$22.50 in advance. 18 and older. (pop) (248) 332-2362 or http://www.961melt.com

THE COWS
With Vaz and The Plumb Bobs, 9 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$7 in advance. All ages. (punk) (313) 833-P00L or MajeStick@aol.com

DETROIT BLUES BAND
9 p.m. Thursday, March 26, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

BIG JOHN DICKERSON AND BLUE CHAMBER
9 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, Soup Kitchen Saloon, 1585 Franklin St. (at Orleans), Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 259-2643

JOHN DOE
With Verbow, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8 in advance. All ages. (rock) (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com

DUNGBEATLES
10 p.m. Saturday, March 28, Mount Chaleit, 4745 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 549-2929

THE REV. MARC FALCONBERRY
10 p.m. Friday, April 3, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (734) 421-2250

FOOLISH MORTALS
10 p.m. Friday, April 3, Kodiak Grill, 45660 Mound Road, Utica. Cover charge. 21 and older. (alternative rock)

(810) 731-1750

JULIE FOUNTAIN
8 p.m. Friday, April 3, Coffee Studio, 600 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Free. All ages. (acoustic) (734) 416-9288

FRANKLIN STREET BLUES BAND
9 p.m. Friday, April 3, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (blues) (248) 644-4800

GRR
10 p.m. Friday, April 3, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 349-9110

GETAWAY CRUISER
With Velour 100 and Scratching Post, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (pop) (734) 996-8555

GOVERNMENT HONEY
9 p.m. Sundays in March and April, and Friday, March 27-Saturday, March 28, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford. \$3. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 533-4477

COREY HARRIS
9:30 p.m. Friday, April 3, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$10 in advance. 19 and older. (blues/rock) (734) 996-8555

THE HATCHETMAN
9 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 543-4300

HOWLING DIABLOS
With Gangster Fun and Seraphin, 5-8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 28, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$6 in advance. All ages; With 80 Cycle Hum featuring Dana from the Motor Dolls, Jake Smith from Brothers From Another Planet, Tom Harmon and Peder Seglund, both of Down with Hatred, and Brian Smith of Black Mail, and the Nathan Whitt Band, 9 p.m. Saturday, March 28, Magic Bag in Ferndale. \$6 in advance. 18 and older. (funk/rock) (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com

INCUBUS
With Ultra Spank and Forge, 7 p.m. Monday, March 30, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6 in advance. All ages. (rock) (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com

INSANE CLOWN POSSE
With Myzery and Twiztid, 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 3, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$12 and \$15. All ages. (rap) (313) 961-5451

IVY
With Steve Pöltz of the Rugburns, 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 3, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8 in advance. All ages. (pop) (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com

JILL JACK
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 27-28, Smitty's, Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (roots rock) (248) 652-1600

JIMMIE JACKSON AND THE BLUES CONNECTION
9 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (blues) (248) 644-4800

NIKKI JAMES AND THE FLAMETHROWERS
10 p.m. Friday, March 27, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Saturday, March 28, Kodiak Grill, 45660 Mound Road, Utica. \$2. 21 and older. (blues) (734) 421-2250/(810) 731-1750

MIKE KING BAND
10 p.m. Thursday, March 26, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older; 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 2, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (acoustic rock) (734) 421-2250/(248) 544-1141

KUNG FU DIESEL
10 p.m. Thursday, March 26, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older; 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 28, Bo's Bistro, 51 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. 21 and older. (rockabilly) (248) 349-9110/(248) 338-6200

LADY SUNSHINE AND THE X BAND
9 p.m. Saturday, March 28, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (734) 451-1213

"THE L.A.S.T. FESTIVAL"
With Red September, Acoustic Terminator, Culture Bandits, Motion Control, The Down Boyz, Rubber Soul, Seks, Cyber Trybe and The Ziffelz on the main stage, Juxtaposition Rubberband Timmy, Angle Aletha, Rhonda Parks, Bob the Singing Bass Player, Soulistic MCs and Jimmy Doom in the Iguana Lounge, art and poetry with John White, Jeff Hooking and Cindi St. Germain, and activists, vendors and music tables in the lobby around the bar, 6 p.m. Saturday, March 28, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. \$6. 18 and older. (810) 465-5154 or http://www.detroitmusic.com/statie

LEFTOVER SALMON
8 p.m. Sunday, March 29, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$15 in advance. 18 and older. (Deadhead) (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com

LIGHTNIN' CREOLE
10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 27-28, The Roadhouse, 24276 Hall Road, Clinton Township. \$2. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 463-7333

THE LOOK
10 p.m. Saturday, March 28, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older; 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 3-4, Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280 Union Lake Road, Commerce Township. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (734) 421-2250/(248) 360-7450

JIM MCCARTY AND MYSTERY TRAIN
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 27-28, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal

Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 543-4300

MEDICINE HAT
10 p.m. 2 a.m. Wednesdays in March and April, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 533-4477

MEPHISKAPHELES
With Beauty School Dropouts, 6 p.m. Friday, March 27, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$9 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com

MR. FREEDOM X
10 p.m. Friday, March 27, Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 332-HOWL

MISS BLISS
Celebrates release of CD with party and performance, and special guest American Mars, 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 27, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (pop) (734) 996-8555

RICK MONROE
8 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, Borders Books and Music, 34300 Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages; 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (singer/songwriter) (248) 203-0005/(248) 737-0110

ROBERT NOLL AND THE BLUES MISSION
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 27-28, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Sunday, March 29, Hamlin Pub, 741 S. Lapeer Road, Lake Orion. Cover charge. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, April 1-2, Longshots, 27189 Grand River Ave., Redford. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 581-3650/(248) 814-8109/(313) 533-9350

PAIN STATION
With Burner and Sounds Like, 9 p.m. Friday, April 3, JD's Entertainment Center, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock) (810) 465-5154

PAKISTANI TAMBOURINE
8:30 p.m. 12:30 a.m. Mondays in March and April, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 533-4477

STEVE PÖLTZ
Of the Rugburns, who co-wrote "You Were Meant For Me" with Jewel, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 2, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$6 in advance. 19 and older; With Ivy, 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 3, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8 in advance. All ages. (pop) (734) 996-8555/(313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com

ARCHER PREWITT
Keyboardist/guitarist for Sea and the Cake, performs with The Belts featuring former Revolting Cocks member Chris Connelly, 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$6 in advance. 18 and older. (rock) (313) 833-P00L or MajeStick@aol.com

Fastball takes the fast track on release of new album



CHRISTINA FUOCO

Fastball's sophomore album "All the Pain Money Can Buy" (Hollywood Records) debuted on the Billboard charts at No. 111 and singer/guitarist Miles Zuniga has already indulged.

"I actually immediately booked a plane. We played in Phoenix yesterday and we were going to drive to Austin right after," Zuniga explained during a phone conversation March 19.

"We have a full day of radio and promotion tomorrow and if we drove we'd be getting in at 11 or 12 tonight and just have to go to bed and give up on sleep. But when I saw we were at No. 111, I said 'I'm flying.' We were going to

pay for it but Hollywood offered." Sales of the album have been bolstered by the hit single "The Way," a snappy low-fi number that opens with the cracking and snapping of an old 45.

The song, Zuniga explains, speculates on what happened to an elderly couple from Texas who were reported missing when they didn't show up for a family reunion. The woman had Alzheimer's and the husband was partially paralyzed from a stroke.

"It's just Tony's (bassist/vocalist) idea of what might have happened. They may have just gotten tired of their jobs and decided to go in an RV and drove away. Maybe they went to renew their romance," Zuniga said of his songwriting partner's idea.

After Fastball finished recording the song, the Texas-based band found out that the couple's

car had been found at the bottom of a canyon near an old family vacation spot.

Dark lyrics are commonplace on "All the Pain Money Can Buy." "Fire Escape" explores the desire to have a casual relationship. "I don't wanna make you mad/I don't wanna meet your dad/I don't wanna be your dream come true," Zuniga sings.

An a more upbeat note, the Scalzo-penned "Warm Fuzzy Feeling" is an ode to Ben Kweller, the teenage lead singer of the fellow Texas band Radish who wore a Fastball T-shirt in his band's latest video.

The pop noir of "All the Pain Money Can Buy," however, offers undeniable hooks with the help of vintage-sounding keyboardist, odd time changes, horns and cellos.

"It's all about taking risks. This time out we were going for

something a little more expansive and a bit more mysterious. We didn't worry about what other people were going to think, we just wanted to make a personal statement with our music," Zuniga said.

That recording process was completely different than the one for "Make Your Mama Proud," its 1996 debut on Hollywood.

"We just tried to mess around with things and really use the studio and experiment. The first record we pretty much just went in and recorded it the way they were."

"This time we let the songs organically grow in the studio. That helped a lot. A song could go in any direction."

Zuniga cites that experimentation and his band's influences as reasons for the success of "All the Pain Money Can Buy."

"We try to write from our heart

and sometimes people can really relate. We're pretty 'old school.' We like rock 'n' roll. I don't mean alternative rock. I mean rock 'n' roll, like Elvis and Chuck Berry," he said.

"I love Chuck Berry. I try to emulate Chuck Berry and people influenced by him like Angus Young from AC/DC. I have a lot of respect for rock 'n' roll and where it comes from. We also listen to blues and country music and that really filters into the music."

Fastball is Zuniga and drummer Joey Shuffield's second foray into the major leagues. The duo formerly played in Big Car and Zuniga calls their experience with record companies "a nightmare."

"Everything that could go wrong did go wrong. I thought about maybe not playing music professionally anymore and just playing for fun."

All that changed when Zuniga traveled to Europe and played in the subway in Paris and at a bridge in Italy.

"That probably factored me into continuing to play music. I went to Europe and played on the street there, played in bars, anywhere I could play. I just realized that I really loved playing music so much that I should

keep doing it and not worry about if it was going anywhere."

Fastball is going somewhere. "The Way" went to No. 7 on Billboard's Modern Rock charts last week and the band is planning on touring through Christmas. After opening for Whiskeytown at the 7th House in Pontiac on Friday, March 27, Fastball will return to the area in June with Everclear and Marcy Playground.

Fastball opens for Whiskeytown at 8 p.m. Friday, March 27, at the 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Tickets are \$10 in advance for the 18 and older show. For more information, call (248) 335-8100 or visit <http://www.961melt.com>.

Fastball's website is <http://www.hollywoodrecords.com/fastball>.

Just a reminder that tickets for Janet Jackson and Usher, Friday, July 17, at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit go on sale Saturday, April 4, at all Ticketmaster outlets. Tickets are \$46, \$62.50 and \$75. For more information, call (313) 596-3200 or (248) 645-6666.

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Backstage Pass returns with the Friars

BACKSTAGE PASS



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Whew! Pledge is over, and viewers of and employees at Detroit Public Television can breathe a sigh of relief. The nasty business of the bottom line is done, and now we can go back to enjoying the fruits of our labor — and your generosity. Thanks to everyone who donated — with dollars, time and feedback. Detroit Public Television is truly a partnership. We can't do anything without you, the viewer.

And who would want to? Without viewers, broadcasters are the proverbial trees falling in the woods. It's the audience, stupid! So after a *Backstage Pass* pledge special that broke format and a week off the air to make way for special pledge programming, we're returning to regular airings with renewed vigor. That's right, no vim, just vigor. Nobody really knows what "vim" is, anyway.

Typical of our return to regularity (if not normalcy) our own Gerry Craig will take a *Backstage Pass* camera crew to Robert Kidd Gallery in Birmingham to see "The Master's Eye," an exhibition of work by contemporary artist Larry Rivers. Rivers' art often speaks to the absurdity of the very concept of art. Assessing his vocation, Rivers says, "I continually picture the artist as a minister without a parish or as some ludicrous opera singer, serious, with hand on breast, bellowing to an empty theater."

He may attempt to diminish the grandiosity that is too often part and parcel of the art world, but he's the real deal. As Princeton University Professor Sam Hunter writes, "In his career, Rivers has had, on occasion, to play many roles — realist, traditionalist, rebel, iconoclast and even buffoon. His art grew out of his life, to a degree unusual in contemporary art, and his own

immense personal vitality has sustained it." "The Master's Eye" runs through April 18 at the Robert Kidd Gallery.

Back home in the Detroit Public Television studio, we're hosting the unbridled fun of The Friars. The Friars is a vocal octet made up of members of the University of Michigan Men's Glee Club. The group is currently comprised of students Dante Mastri, Todd Claybaugh, Ryan Clarkson, Patrick Evoc, Jeff Hogg, Nate Pierantoni, Andrew Watchorn and Chris Jardis.

The boys sent us some interesting advance press. Listen to this: "The group took its name from a prestigious drinking society that flourished at the U of M in the early 1900s. The frothy beermark, the Friar trademark, pays tribute to the light-hearted spontaneity of each Friar performance." Exactly what is a "drinking society" and how do they become "prestigious"? And they have the audacity to call MSU a party school!

As anyone who has seen them perform can attest, the Friars create a party atmosphere at their shows. And they've brought the party all over. The past 40 years have seen the group at the White House, the Rose Bowl, the Miss Hawaii USA contest, the islands of the Caribbean, the Pirates of the Caribbean, Iguazu Falls, the beaches of Rio and the handicrafts fair in Santiago.

Closer to home, they also stay busy planning activities and singing for various campus organizations. Weekends are often spent performing for alumni or campus groups, with an occasional local business or social gathering thrown in. And, of course, they perform at Michigan football games. Over Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend, the Friars traveled to New York City to perform for an alumni club there, which marked the first off-campus alumni performance engage independently of the Men's Glee Club.

The Friars sing all types of music including barbershop, rock, pop, soul and country. Members of the group write and

arrange all of the music that the group performs. Many academic interests are reflected in this year's group, including engineering, archeology, communications and political science. The group rehearses twice a week for two hours — I guess that's whenever they're not busy maintaining their status as a venerable drinking society! The Friars

have a concert 8 p.m. Saturday, March 28 at Rackham Auditorium on the UM campus. They also have a CD available for sale called "Nice."

All that and more on the *Backstage Pass*, airing tonight at midnight, repeated Friday night at 7:30 p.m. on Detroit Public Television.

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