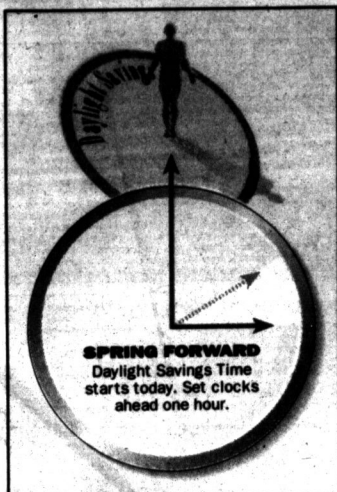


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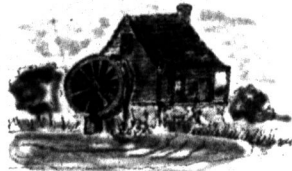
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### THE MILL POND

#### Details. Details. Details.

Sometimes, bad luck runs deeper — and faster — than water. Consider the hapless, but well-intentioned employee of an area car-detailing business who took a client's 1997 Bonneville to a local car wash for a cleaning. The car was mounted on the conveyor belt and sent through the washing process — without a driver. At the end of its wash, it took the high road and rear-ended the vehicle in front of it. Our hapless employee may be sorry, indeed, that he bailed out.

#### Up, Up and Away

Oakland County Commissioner Ruth Johnson (R-Holly) kicked off her campaign for the Michigan House of Representatives in Clarkston last Sunday with an eye on preserving the environment. She handed out 2,000 biodegradable blue and white balloons supplied by her two-person balloon committee.

#### Bearing With It

Aloysius the black bear makes for a stand-up, stand-out fixture at the Clarkston Animal Medical Center on M-15. He's very handsome, and effective, in his hunting gear. Maybe too effective. Employees of the center had to move him from in front of a window to a less visible spot in a corner. It seems that on more than one occasion, Aloysius was responsible for scaring the bejebeers out of somebody.

## Springfield's goal: Open space

Springfield Township officials are all on the same page when it comes to how they want new subdivisions to be developed. Paramount to them is preserving open space and highlighting the area's natural features.

Springfield Township officials have a good idea about how they would like their growing community to look: natural, rural and aesthetically pleasing. That consensus became readily apparent at a joint workshop between the board of trustees and planning commission Wednesday night. Led by township planner Dick Carlisle, the workshop focused on the clustering of homes and the preservation of open spaces.

Board members and commissioners agreed that they prefer buffered roads, secluded homes set back off roadways and developments that highlight — but don't damage — natural features. They came to their conclusions after evaluating the merits and drawbacks of four existing subdivisions in the township — Pebble Creek, Ridge Run, Pine Lake Forest and Ridge Point — which were

picked at random for discussion.

In Ridge Run, for example, the members liked the clustering, isolated entrance and large amount of open space. The entrance of Pebble Creek was also appreciated as was the attention to open space and the care of trees.

Supervisor Collin Walls felt Pine Lake Forest kept with the general character of the township and was pleased with the fact that homes line only one side of the streets.

Ridge Point found favor because of its feeling of spaciousness and the fact that it has a good view from every home.

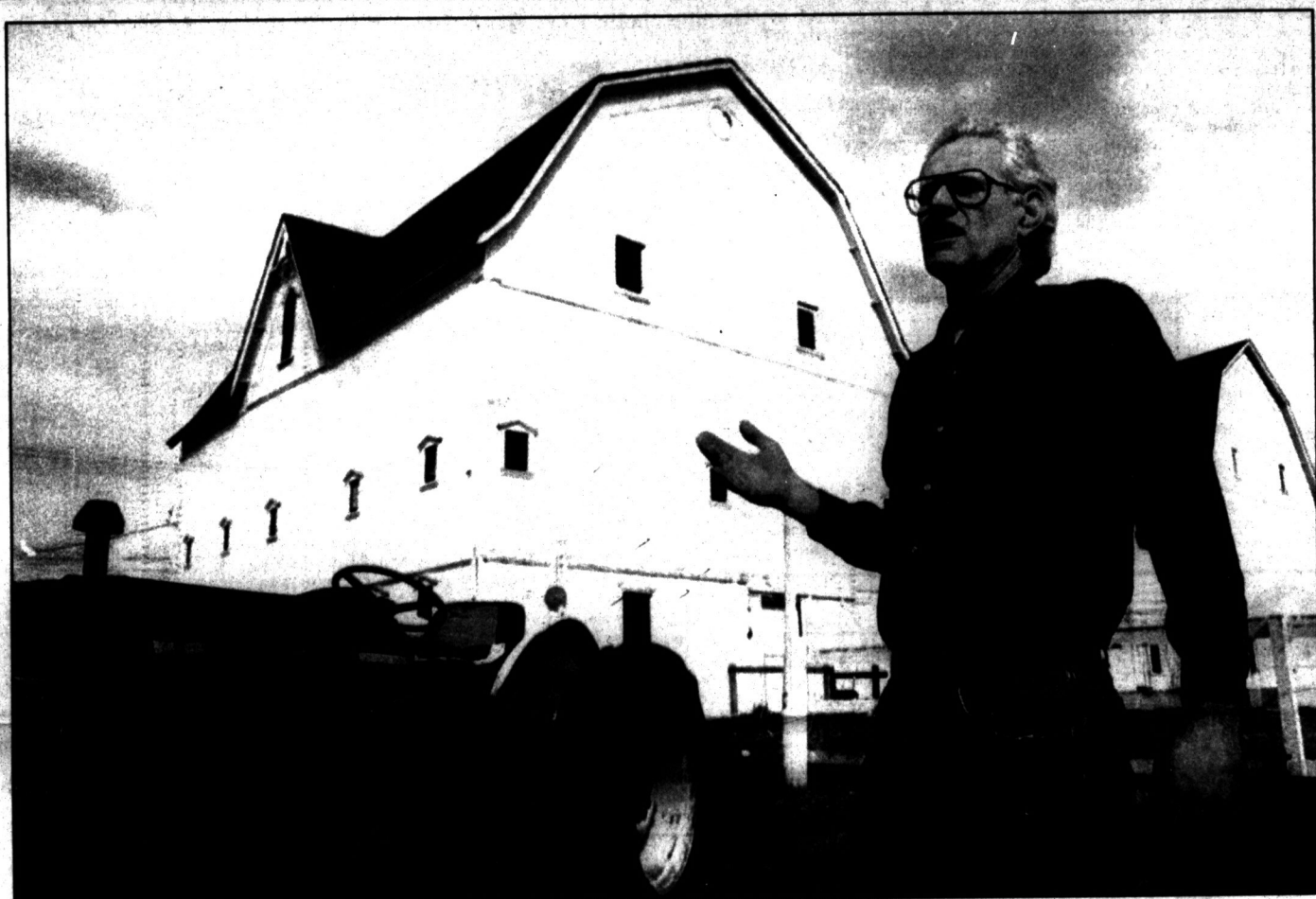
The trustees and commissioners

found a lack of nature paths, residential views restricted by neighboring homes and a lack of children's play areas in some of the subdivisions to be a drawback.

No formal action was taken at the workshop meeting.

"The majority of the people on the planning commission and township board have a goal ... to make sure the aesthetic quality of the community stays the same," said Supervisor Collin Walls Thursday. "Last night was to help us reconfirm how we thought individually and to learn how other members thought — to make sure that the

Please see **OPEN SPACE, A2**



Big barn: Robert Ellis talks about his historic Dutch barn, believed to be the biggest barn in Michigan.

## Ellis Farm

### Big barn began family dynasty

Norman James Ellis' seven-bedroom farmhouse built in 1883 dwarfed the family barn, and his neighbors teased him about it. "So he got that taken care of," explained 84-year-old Dorothy Ellis, the wife of Norman's great grandson, Norman James II.

A livestock trader traveling on business in New England in 1884, Norman James apparently stumbled upon a rather large barn and decided to have a similar one built on his farm in Michigan.

As the story goes, he immediately hired the barn's contractor and 30 Danish construction workers and, along with a large supply of wood, hauled the group by train to Michigan. The 47-foot-tall Dutch barn went up in 30 days.

Still considered by many to be the largest barn in the state, the structure's magnitude is difficult to imagine. Even Robert Ellis, the current owner and resident at the property at 9331 Dixie Highway in Springfield

Township, joked that "the place looks small from the outside."

The barn's roof is about 12,000 square feet. Storage capacity is about 12,000 bails of hay in the top half of the barn alone.

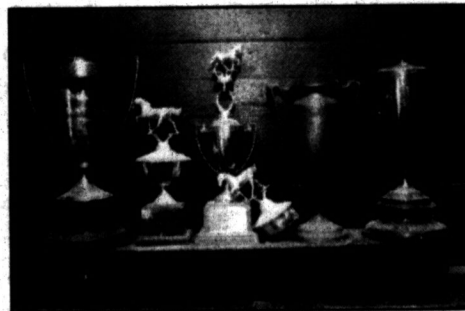
Massive wooden logs in the top half of the space, were used to literally reshape the barn when weather and weight warp it. A similar mechanism straightens the barn's walls. These structural characteristics are typical of Danish barns, which are known for their endurance.

Trap doors, located along the edges of the space, were used to feed the farm's livestock and toss hay down to the first floor, which is essentially a stable and indoor riding arena.

Today, the top floor's cavernous space is empty except for an antique horse buggy and turn-of-the-century sleigh used by Ellis family members for winter travel.

While Norman Ellis' decision to construct such a massive barn may

Please see **ELLIS FARM, A2**



Family dynasty: At left are trophies won by Ellis family horses; below is one of six upstairs bedrooms meant for an Ellis child.



## Australian ambassador to build goodwill among teens

At first Clarkston Middle School student Bobby Perna jumped for joy. Today, he has a few stomach butterflies.

"I don't know why. I guess just because I'm going half-way across the world without a parent or anything," the sixth-grader said of his impending, two-week trip to Australia.

Perna leaves June 17 for the Great Outback, where he and about 40 other students will serve as student ambassadors through the People to People Student Ambassador program.

Originally founded by President Eisenhower in 1956 to reduce geo-



Bobby Perna

graphical tension between the Eastern and Western regions of the world, the program is today run by a non-profit organization that seeks to promote awareness and understanding of different cultures.

While Perna has always hoped to visit Australia and is studying the country on the Internet, he expects the

culture to be much different from his own.

As a student ambassador, the 11-year-old will be based in Sydney, but make several excursions, including a trip to the Great Barrier Reef.

Also on his itinerary is a two-day stay with a group of aborigines, a wildlife and ecosystem survey led by a marine biologist and a tour of an Australian country farm.

Perna plans to keep a travel journal throughout his stay to help him write a report about his experience — a project that may earn him one high school credit point.

His role will be to represent the United States and speak to residents about his life as an American youth. "I'll tell them that we love to play sports and listen to music," said Perna, himself a hockey player.

"I will tell them about the Detroit Red Wings and that they won the Stanley Cup," he said. "And that in hockey, it's the biggest and best thing you can win."

But Perna also realizes his ambassadorship is an opportunity to create a positive image of American teenagers

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planning commission and the township board were all singing out of the same hymnal.

"The overall goals are almost exactly the same — that open space is the primary way we'd like to see development occur," Walls said.

While the workshop had been planned for several weeks, it was delayed until after a March 27 open space meeting featuring guest speaker Randall Arendt of the Natural Lands Trust, Walls noted. At their workshop, the trustees and commissioners — most of whom attended the open space meeting — alluded briefly to Arendt's comments.

Arendt, a nationally known open space and development authority, spoke before a full house of developers, planners and community officials from across Michigan at the Heather Highlands Golf Course off East Holly Road last Friday. The all-day event was put on by a variety of state- and county-wide planning and developing organizations.

Arendt told his audience that "a lot of hard work, a lot of tools and a lot of changing of thinking" would be required to preserve important vacant land, wood sites and nature areas throughout the United States. He did not speak specifically about Springfield.

He recommended clustering homes on narrow, long lots and not developing 3- to 10-acre parcels with single homes in their middle. Arendt said he did not consider that method of building to be a way of preserving land — even though it is popular with some home owners who like having land around them.

After the meeting, Walls said, "You can still find (places) in Oakland County that feel 5- to 10-acre parcels still protect agriculture" — but that method of development has not been encouraged in Springfield since 1973. There are homes in Springfield that are on acreage, though, he said.

Walls made a distinction

between developers and individual home owners, saying the open space guidelines apply to developers.

"(There is) no active intent that people wouldn't be able to have their three acres, their five acres," Walls said.

"What we encourage is that land development decisions are based on the land itself. Each parcel is unique and cannot possibly be looked at in a two-dimensional planning mechanism."

Trees, topography and natural features such as ponds and rivers need to be taken into consideration, Walls said.

Walls also said that while there is increasing development in Springfield, there has been no huge influx. "We have not been overwhelmed," he said, adding that most developers are agreeable to Springfield's desire to cluster homes.

"Part of the reason this (clustering) is a wonderful thing is, this is what the market says they need to sell anyway. It just means you put them closer together."

Arendt also spoke in favor of giving developers density "bonuses" of developable lots to get them to preserve sections of land.

At the Wednesday night workshop, Carlisle said he is opposed to density bonuses and their complicated formulas, as proposed by Arendt.

"You need a Ph.D. in mathematics to figure out all these formulas he was talking about," Carlisle said, recommending that Springfield consider giving bonuses only in unique circumstances.

The board members and commissioners, in turn, said they would favor limited bonuses that would help preserve historic structures and design quality.

"We might want to consider bonuses to truly get exemplary designs," Walls said.

"Maybe what we need to reflect better in our ordinances and our policies is a set of overriding principles," Carlisle said.



Historic photo: The seven-bedroom Ellis farmhouse was built in 1883 by a couple who wanted many children.

## Ellis Farm from page A1

have seemed impractical, even egotistical, time revealed the method behind the madness.

Ellis would return to Michigan from yet another business trip out East with a big surprise — a Percheron Ingomar horse imported from France. He reportedly paid \$2,000 for the animal and was the first to bring the European horse to Michigan, if not also the first to breed and sell it in the country.

"He came home with 50 cents in his pocket," said Dorothy Ellis of the extravagant purchase. But the investment proved to be a crossroads, destined a new operation on the farm and a family dynasty in the horse industry.

The Percheron-bred horses, which are unusually strong and wide-backed, were sold as work horses to farmers throughout Michigan and to wealthy Detroiters for carriages and buggies.

Photographs of some of the farm's prize-winning horses still hang on the first floor of the barn around the corner from a tack room, where a host of antique saddles and other gear are stored.

The farm later became known

as the Ingomar Farm after the horses bred there.

Strangely, another unusual turn of events would insure the continuation of the Ellis family dynasty.

Norman Ellis and his wife, who had made six upstairs bedrooms in their Victorian-style farmhouse with the idea of having many children, were unable to conceive.

Cries coming from the front of the house on a cold February night, though, changed everything.

Opening the front door, the couple discovered a newborn baby boy tucked in a basket on their doorstep.

"At six months, they decided to keep him," Dorothy Ellis recalled. The baby was named Glen Norman Ellis. His son was Dorothy Ellis' husband.

"I'm sure that they must have known the Ellis family," Dorothy said of the parents who had left the newborn — a mystery that was never solved.

The baby wore a plain cotton gown, which current Ellis family members still treasure, and was wrapped in a blanket, she said.

### Building Memories

#### Ellis Farm

Current address: 7565 Highland Rd., Waterford, MI 48326

Year built: 1883

Original owner: Norman Ellis

Current owner: Robert Ellis

Architectural features: A Dutch Colonial style house, one of the largest in the nation and a Victorian-style farmhouse with seven bedrooms and hand-carved woodwork in the sitting room.

The baby boy would grow up to be a reputable trainer for Kentucky saddle horses, carrying on the family legacy and continuing to operate the farm.

In the late 1940s, a local horse owner and rider club in the area known as the Dixie Saddle Club was founded at the farm under Glenn Ellis, recalls area resident Sharlene Miller, who belonged to the club as a child.

"Mr. and Mrs. Ellis would let the club hold their annual horse show there," she said. With rows of box seats, tables and booths of food, a show announcer and grand opening ceremony, the annual show was a "big to-do" community event, Miller said.

"And Mr. Glenn Ellis would perform with his five-gaited

horse at the end of the show and it was always graceful and smooth," she said. "It was a great contrast to the more high-spirited horses in the show."

While 1997 was the first year horses were absent on the farm, vestiges of the family legacy abound.

Inside the farmhouse, an impressive arch of hand-carved beech and walnut still dominates Robert Ellis' living room. At the top of the arch is a wooden horseshoe that bears Norman James Ellis' initials.

Because the horseshoe hangs upside down, Robert Ellis, like his great grandfather, gets teased by neighbors and friends.

"Hey, Bob, you've got the horseshoe upside down," Robert imitated their jests. But just like any other Ellis eccentricity, there's a reason. "It points down," Robert said. "To keep the luck pouring down on the family."

## SEARS

The sale ending date of the Acer 226 MHz Pentium R II processor with MMX TM technology, #87118, with 14-in color monitor, #37771, and color printer, #88118, was incorrectly printed in our 4/5 national preprint as 4/18. The correct sale ending date is 4/8. We apologize for any inconvenience this error may have caused our customers.

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

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### Charter Township of Springfield

#### NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD will hold a PUBLIC HEARING at its regular meeting on Monday, April 20, 1998, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Township Hall, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, Michigan to consider the following:

Request by Stulberg Springfield L.L.C., 31866 Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills, MI 48334 to rezone 113.03 acres from R-1 (1.5 acre single family residential) to PUD (Planned Unit Development). The PUD proposed by the developer would include 113 single family homesites.

The property proposed for rezoning to PUD is located north of Rattles Lake Rd. and east of Dixie Highway. P.I. #07-03-401-002.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT information related to the rezoning request may be examined at the Clerk's Office, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, Michigan during regular business hours. Written comments may be submitted to the Springfield Township Clerk, P.O. Box 1038, Davisburg, Michigan 48350 until the time of the Public Hearing. Those persons needing a special accommodation at the meeting should contact the Clerk at least two (2) business days in advance.

NANCY STROLE, Clerk  
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# EPA proposes less costly cleanup of Woodland Trail

A "do-able" solution has been proposed for cleaning PCBs from soil at contaminated acreage on Woodland Trail in Springfield Township after 20 years of agonizing and calculating on the part of government officials and concerned residents.

The do-able solution, however, would leave some PCBs at the site — because the cleanup effort would not go as deep, or be as efficient as once anticipated — and would require that a 1-foot-deep cap of soil and a fence be applied to prevent people and animals from digging at the location.

People or animals could safely walk across the land after it's cleaned, but the ground could not be disturbed and no homes could be built on it if one of three new techniques is undertaken for cleanup, said Springfield Township Clerk Nancy Strole after a public hearing on proposed clean-up options Thursday night.

Nevertheless, representatives of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, which convened the public hearing, assured the audience that the site would be safe for children playing nearby, the public in general and would meet acceptable state standards for PCBs — a cancer-causing agent.

The three new techniques are being suggested because a previous decision to incinerate the contaminated soil on site has proved too costly — at \$34 million — and potentially dangerous to workers who would have had to dig down as far as 60 feet to retrieve contaminated soil. In addition, incineration can release emissions and dust into the air, which the EPA considers to be another drawback.

The three newly suggested techniques would cost \$3 million to \$12 million — depending on which is selected — and would be paid for by the 12 organizations believed to have contributed to the contamination in the 1960s. Many were automotive companies, which dumped oil, grease, paint, lead and solvent on the rear portion of private land that is about 20 acres in size. Of that 20, about five were considered contaminated. A toxic emergency was declared at the location in 1979.

About 35 residents and several township board members, along with state Rep. Tom Middleton (R-Clarkston) and Oakland County Commissioner Ruth Johnson, attended the public hearing to listen while representatives of the EPA outlined their proposal. A water pump-and-treat system is already in place to clean water at the location.

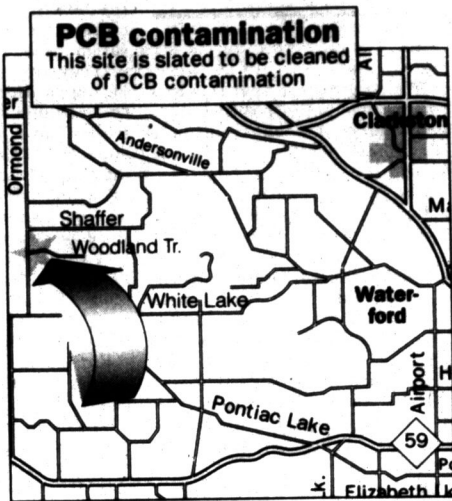
The public hearing was organized so that an amendment can be made to a document called the 1990 "record of decision." The ROD initially stated that the soil would be cleaned by incineration.

In place of incineration, the EPA recommends either soil washing, solvent extraction or low temperature thermal desorption. The three techniques, through varying processes done on site, remove PCBs from the soil and condense them into small waste products that can be taken off site to permitted landfills or incinerated off site.

According to Kevin Adler, remedial project manager for the EPA, the treated soils, under the ROD amendment, would then be returned to the earth, buried under a 1-foot layer of contaminant-free soil and then fenced in.

The original ROD agreement, had it been implemented, would have left the site entirely clean and allowed caretakers to "walk away" from it — meaning that there would be no danger.

The amendment, if adopted by the EPA, changes



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somewhat the allowable level of PCB remnants and the depth that would have to be treated. The 1-foot cap and a fence would be installed as a protective device to keep people off of it, Adler said. And it would have to be monitored by the responsible parties. The site would not be considered completely clean, though it would be considered safe.

While some residents expressed concern that trespassers could be a problem, all who spoke agreed they would like to see clean up begin and commended the local government officials and the EPA for their efforts.

Residents have until April 27 to submit written comments on the proposal to the EPA. After that, it is expected that EPA members will vote to approve the amendment.

The EPA would then contract with a company to clean the soil and, depending on the availability of the company and the type of cleaning undertaken, the process could take place between 1999 and 2001, Adler said. Ground-water cleaning is expected to go on as long as necessary.

Jack Kratzmeyer, associate environmental engineer with Arcadis Geraghty & Miller of Illinois, told the audience that the three techniques had been tested on soil from the Springfield site to see if they would be efficient.

"They have been shown to be effective, consistent with standards for the site," he said. "The extra step has been taken to take soil from Springfield and test that soil."

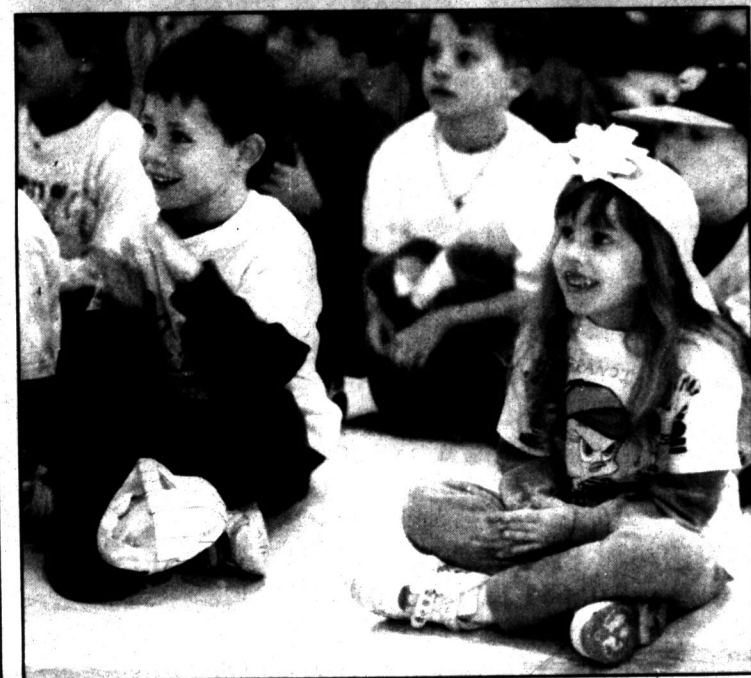
He took the audience through an explanation of each procedure and explained how the treated soil would be returned to its original location.

"Volume reduction (of the PCBs) — that's the goal of these technologies," he said. "Each of them have been able to achieve the cleanup standard."

"At some point, we just have to bite the bullet and let this thing go forward," said resident Chip Acey, who lives near the dump site. Acey was one of about six residents who stepped forward to encourage a beginning of the cleanup.

Resident Jim Carlton said, "I think it's a do-able thing."

## Pickin' and grinnin'



**Tuned In:** The Reno Brothers, a bluegrass band, performed for students Thursday at Clarkston Elementary. Above, from left, are Robin Reno, Ronnie Reno, Dale Reno and Don Reno. At left, from left, are students Dylan Wedieski and Brandi Lee.

## Indecent exposure charge unopposed

A 29-year-old, married Independence Township man pled no contest to three counts of indecent exposure, a one-year misdemeanor, at his trial in 52/2 District Court Friday.

The man appeared before District Court Judge Gerald McNally, who accepted the plea and set sentencing for 9 a.m. June 8. The man could receive up to one year in prison and/or a fine, according to Sgt. Michael Johnson of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department.

The three counts against the man stemmed from incidents that occurred in Brandon Township, Independence Township and the city of Clarkston on separate dates in January and February. In those incidents, the man allegedly exposed his genitals to teen-age girls.

Two Clarkston girls, 15-year-old Lindsay Russell and 14-year-old Leslie Bailey, who were baby-sitting younger children at

**'I can't think of a quicker way of being the victim of a serious beating.'**

Gerald McNally  
—Judge

the time they saw the suspect exposing himself from his vehicle, got a description of the man's appearance and his vehicle and a license plate number, leading to his arrest in early March.

Before accepting the man's plea, McNally listened to the outraged father of two sisters who were victimized by the man during separate incidents in Independence Township.

"I would like to state my reprehension," the father said, angrily addressing the suspect. The father, who did not want his name published to protect the identity of his daughters, asked McNally if he could legally distribute pamphlets about the sus-

pect and his actions around his neighborhood.

He told McNally the suspect lives near his family.

"I worry about the safety of the children in my neighborhood," the father said.

McNally told the father to seek the advice of an attorney on that matter and said the suspect would not have to register as a sex offender.

During the trial, in which the suspect did not speak except to tell McNally he is college educated and employed as an engineer, McNally advised him to continue seeking psychological treatment.

"I don't know what the problem is. You still have the opportunity to do something about it," McNally said, urging the man not to repeat his behavior. "I can't think of a quicker way of being the victim of a serious beating." The man is out on a \$3,000 personal bond pending his sentencing, Johnson said.

## POLICE NEWS

The following incidents were reported to police and fire agencies in Springfield and Independence townships and the city of Clarkston March 30-April 2.

### Springfield Police

#### Home Invasion

On April 1, jewelry was reported stolen from a residence on Harbortown.

### Independence Police

#### Thefts

On March 30, a purse was reported stolen from a restroom at Clarkston High School on Middle Lake Road.

On March 30, a purse was reported stolen from a locker at Clarkston High School on Middle Lake Road.

On March 31, a 1986 Nishiki bicycle was reported stolen from a residence on Maybee Road.

#### Under the Influence

On March 30, officers discovered a 17-year-old youth who was under the influence of alcohol at a site on Stickney Road. The youth registered a 0.09 on a Breathalyzer test and was taken to Oakland County Jail for detoxification.

### Independence Fire

Between March 30-April 2, firefighters responded to 12 calls. Among them were four personal-injury accidents, six medical runs and one building fire. They included:

On March 30, firefighters

assisted at a minor injury accident involving five vehicles at White Lake Road and Tappan Road.

On March 30, firefighters assisted a 9-month-old infant who fell down stairs in her walker at a residence on Allen Road. She was transported to Crittenton Hospital by ambulance.

### Clarkston Police

On March 31, officers stopped a vehicle in the area of Main Street and Washington for a speed violation. The Waterford driver was found to be under the influence of alcohol. He was arrested for drunk driving. He registered a 0.14 on a Breathalyzer. Bond was posted for the man. He is to appear in 52/2 District Court April 14.

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# Local need to decide fate of Clarkston ER

Longtime Clarkston doctor James O'Neill says a local emergency room, like the one proposed by Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital, is needed, but it's uncertain whether state government will agree.

The Pontiac-based hospital group's CEO and President Patrick C. Lamberti recently told the *Clarkston Eccentric* about new plans for a medical campus at Dixie Highway and White Lake Road in Independence Township that would include an emergency room, overnight observation unit and surgery center.

But like Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital's original plan to build a 112-bed hospital at the site, the free-standing facility would require POH to demonstrate community need to the Michigan

Department of Community Health. The permit granted for demonstrating adequate need is called a certificate of need.

Historically, Pontiac Osteopathic's application for the permit has been opposed by the health department and Gov. John Engler because of already low inpatient bed use in Oakland County.

"Obviously, we're hopeful POH can resolve their issues," said health department representative GERALYN LASHER. "We would hope that the proposal the hospital envisions meets (certificate of need) approval."

However, Lasher declined to comment in detail because the health department had not received any formal submissions from the hospital.

Likewise, Engler spokesman

**■ Dr. James O'Neill said there is a definite need for an emergency room in Clarkston — a growing community where residents currently drive at least 20 minutes for emergency care.**

John Truscott kept comments about the hospital's latest proposal general.

"What we need to see is whether there is need and whether the proposal would be meeting a demonstrated need," Truscott said.

The hospital's latest proposal, however, does reflect a recognition of Engler's concerns about rising health care costs for Michigan employers, he said. Expensive inpatient facilities, especially when vacant, raise the overall cost of health care in the

state.

"We do recognize that this is a compromise and a positive step, but whether it would result in a certificate of need, we do not know."

Ronald Styka, the assistant attorney general, public health division, who is handling the state's litigation over Pontiac Osteopathic's current certificate of need, said, "It's entirely possible that such a project could be approved. (The hospital's latest proposal is) a lot different from asking for hospital beds."

In contrast, O'Neill believes POH has a good shot at obtaining a certificate of need for the project.

There is a definite need for an emergency room in Clarkston — a growing community where residents currently drive at least 20

minutes for emergency care, he said.

Also, the hospital has an excellent bargaining position because of impending litigation involving the health department over its current certificate of need application, he said.

"They are in a very strong brokering position. ...I don't see why this couldn't happen, especially if they have a lot of community support," O'Neill said, speculating that the hospital might withdraw its current application as a way of encouraging approval of the emergency room facility.

"I think we need it," O'Neill said of the proposed emergency room. "I think that it will be the next stage in the continuum of what we're doing right now."

Rather than viewing such a project as a future threat to the facility O'Neill spearheaded, the \$12-million Mid-Oakland Medical Center across the street from Pontiac Osteopathic's property, the Clarkston area doctor sees his efforts as groundwork.

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what O'Neill calls "a critical mass" of patients and services.

Establishing this foundation — as well as the development of a multi-faceted medical campus like the hospital proposed — also "won't happen overnight," he said, estimating the community wouldn't see the peak of these changes for 10-12 years.

"And what we're doing right now is compatible with them. ...We're creating the 'critical mass' for them," O'Neill said.

"Ultimately, I want to see an emergency room out here. ...I'm not looking out for me. I'm looking out for the community."

## Springfield sponsors annual clean-up

Springfield Township will hold its annual Spring Clean-Up 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at Springfield Oaks Youth Activities Center, 12451 Andersonville Road, Davisburg.

Fees are \$1 per carload, \$5 per pickup truckload and \$10 per large truckload.

Fees for unmounted, rimless tires are \$1 each after the first four. Freon appliances are \$10 each. No farm tractor tires are allowed.

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For assistance with removal of junk vehicles or other information, call the township at 625-4802 or 634-3111.

## Ambassador from page A1

in the minds of Australians.

In fact, the interview process for the ambassador position seemed to ferret out whether Perna had good diplomacy and relationship skills, he said.

Perna was asked, for example, how he would handle disliking another teen. "I said I'd wanna learn to like him and just kind of be his friend," he said.

"I'm just really happy to be able to go and that they picked me," Perna added. "I think it will be very different. I think I'll learn a lot about their lifestyle and how they do everything."

But as far as representing the United States and students his age, he said, "I'll just be a real good person and not do anything that's not right."

**■ 'I'll just be a real good person and not do anything that's not right.'**

Bobby Perna

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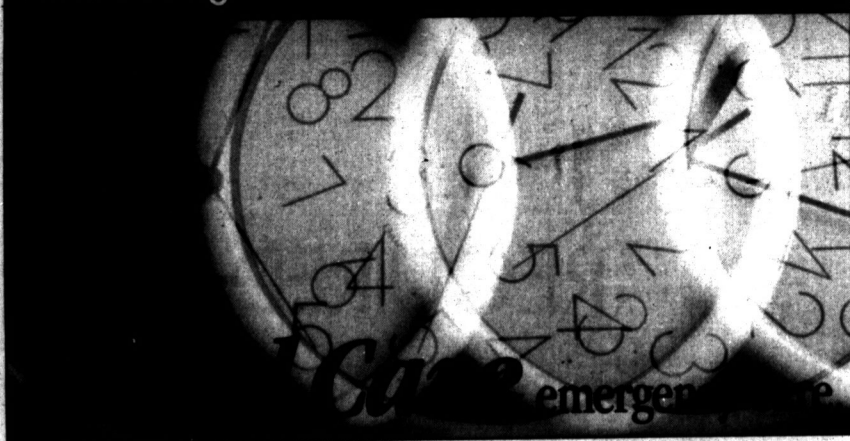
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## Barbie is star at club event

Barbie's got it all — looks, clothes, more than one great career, a steady boyfriend, cars, a dream home, etc. But more importantly, she has lots of friends or fans, depending on which word you prefer.

Hundreds of them expressed their affection for her by attending the ninth annual Grants a Wish Weekend convention and sale, which was held March 27-29 at the Livonia Marriott.

Sponsored by the Great Lakes Chapter of the Fashion Doll Collectors Club, the event raises money for Michigan charities. Last year it raised \$19,000 for Rainbow Connection, an organization that grants wishes to terminally ill children.

This year five charities will benefit: Gilda's House, which offers support to people living with cancer; Affirmations, to help it promote AIDS awareness; Simon's House, to help it buy an apartment building for single mothers who are HIV positive and their children; Christ Child, a residence for abused and neglected children; and the MSU Pure-Bred Dog Endowment.

### Something for everyone

"We usually have a line out the door and all the way around the building for the public sale, it's that popular," said club member Jennifer Dobb of Sterling Heights.

The event isn't just for women and girls. A number of men were there Friday, including club president Scott Crocker of Flint.

"I had G.I. Joes when I was a kid," he said, "and G.I. Joe needed a girlfriend, so I started collecting Barbies. I've been collecting them ever since."

### SHOPPING CENTERED



DONNA MULCAHY

One of the highlights of this year's event was the presence of Carol Spencer, chief designer of Barbie collector dolls and collectibles for Mattel Inc. Spencer, who has been designing Barbie fashions for Mattel for nearly 35 years, was guest speaker at the luncheon and designed a one-of-a-kind Barbie for the auction.

As a designer, she has lived and traveled all over the world. But her best job-related experience happened right here in Michigan, when she attended a collectors convention in 1982, she said.

"Until that time, I had no idea that people enjoyed my work," she said. "It was such a revelation to come and see the collectors and see how much they appreciated the clothes I designed." Spencer said she considers herself the "mother" of Barbie's baby sister, Kelly, a doll that came out three years ago.

"I never designed clothes for Kelly, but she was my concept," she said. She said she wanted to introduce nurturing play (caring for a small child) into Barbie's world. Giving Barbie a baby sister was just about the only way to do that, because even though you can find Barbie and Ken in wedding outfits, Mattel has never officially married them, she said.

To celebrate her 35th anniversary with Mattel, Spencer will host an on-line chat on Barbie's official computer Web site — [WWW.Barbie.com](http://WWW.Barbie.com) — from 6 to 7 p.m. EST on April 29. Everyone who is logged on will receive a special gift (something to print out) at the end of the chat session.

### Best bets

And if you have an old Barbie lying around and wonder if it's worth anything, here are some tips from Susan Manos of Warren, who has written several Barbie collectors' price guides and who co-founded the club in 1982:

- From 1959 until 1965, Barbie had molded plastic eyelashes that jutted out from her face and from 1966 until 1972, she had rooted eyelashes. If you have a Barbie like this, it may be worth something.

- Barbies made after 1972 have painted on eyelashes and generally are not worth anything unless they are in the original box.

- Don't get excited if the year 1968 is stamped on your Barbie's back. All Barbies made since then bear that stamp, because that is the year that the doll's twist and turn waist was invented.

For more information about the Great Lakes Chapter of the Fashion Doll Collectors' Club, call Kathleen Ding of Livonia at (734) 432-5146.

## Computer image helps women buy the right bra

By JUDITH HARRIS SOLOMON  
SPECIAL WRITER

In order to give a woman the best fit and silhouette in a brassiere, leading undergarment manufacturer Wacoal, sends a digital imaging machine to department stores for special events.

The Silhouette Analyzer offers a customer an intimate look at her



Sample of the Wacoal computer image.

profile in the form of a computer image.

Sandy Crump, Michigan sales representative for Wacoal, recently made an appearance at Hudson's Oakland Mall store in Troy with The Analyzer.

So in the name of research, this reporter decided to go through "The Wacoal Process."

Crump said every woman should visit her favorite lingerie department at least once a year to be measured and fit for a bra because breast size can change due to weight loss or gain, and due to hormone therapy. Combining the analyzer, a tape measure and her own expertise, Crump fits undergarments.

### Here's how it works:

First, I was ushered into a private fitting room and asked to remove my sweater. Then, while wearing the bra I had come in with, Crump used a tape measure to measure me in three different places. (Sorry, I don't think giving the actual numbers will enhance this story in any way.)

Then, I was asked to turn sideways. The Silhouette Analyzer's built-in computer immediately flashed my picture and then drew an outline of my shape which appeared on the private monitor screen.

When Crump fit me with two new bras, the Silhouette Analyzer drew two new silhouettes for comparison. (The analyzer can do three lines at a time.) It was amazing... or should I say uplifting?

I could literally see that the new bras, one in particular, made a big difference in my shape... so I decided to purchase one.

But Crump said one bra is not enough.

"Customers often wear the same bra everyday," she said. "However, you need three bras — one you wear, one in the laundry, and one that is 'resting' after it's been washed. You need 24 hours for Lycra to completely dry and go back to its natural shape and form."

Crump explained that a "measurement" is just that.

"It just puts us in the ballpark and tells us where to begin. Each bra runs different because of the design. Within the size, some will fit better than others and one or two will always be superior for your body frame."

Crump insists she loves her job.

"It's instant gratification when you work with a woman and make her look and feel so much better in her clothes. If the foundation isn't right, then our outer wear doesn't look the best that it can," she said.

Wacoal recently introduced a petite line of bras.

"It's not about size or weight," Crump said. "It's about proportion. These sizes range from a 30AA to a 36B."

This summer, Wacoal will introduce a full-figure seamless bra. Again, the line is not based on clothing size; it is based on cup size and will be for size D and up.

Also new, according to Shelly Hutson of Hudson's, are bras in velvet fabrics and soft colors. Intimate apparel is getting trendier.

"Whatever colors are big that season, we're seeing bras and pants in those colors, too," she said.

This spring, look for light purples, blues, greens and yellows.

Wacoal bra-fitting events utilizing the Silhouette Analyzer are scheduled at Saks Fifth Avenue in Troy on April 23 and 24, and at Jacobson's Birmingham store on May 28 and 29.

### Uplifting ideas

Did you know that eight out of 10 women wear the wrong bra size?

Shelley Hutson, selling manager for dresses and intimate apparel at Hudson's in the Oakland Mall, Troy, said, "Many of our guests have worn the same style and size bra for years, and it might no longer be the best for them."

Your clues are: if the back of the bra rides up too high, the straps are falling down, an underwire is poking you, or you're falling out of the sides."

Hutson says her sales people are all trained to fit bras. However, "if a guest would rather see a vendor specialist, we'll let them know when the next event is going to be."

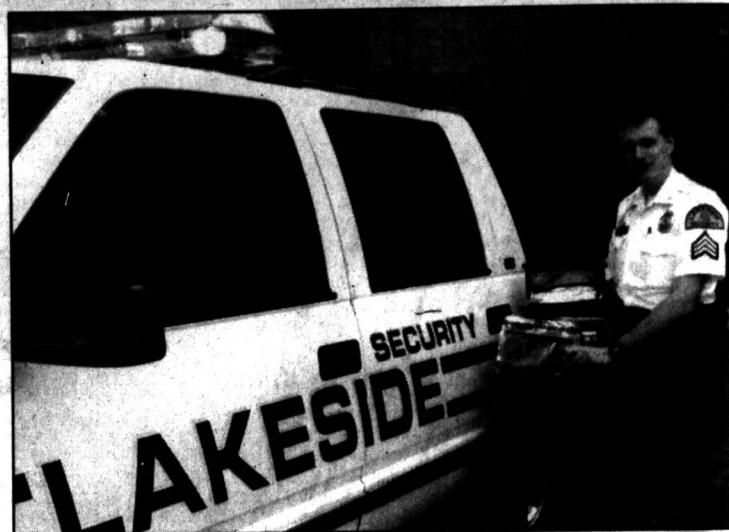


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Playing it safe: Lakeside security officer Scott Opalka holds a compact defibrillator for emergency situations at the mall.

## Heart machine is a lifesaver at mall



No one plans on having a heart attack at a shopping mall. But if you want to up your odds of surviving should it happen, pay attention to where you shop. Lakeside has become the first center to train its staff to use a heart defibrillator.

Lakeside Mall in Sterling Heights recently purchased a LIFEPAK@500 automated external defibrillator (AED) and has personnel trained to use it on the spot in the event that a shopper suffers cardiac arrest.

According to Physio-Control Corp., which manufactures this device, Lakeside may be just ahead of a national trend by offering this lifesaving capability at a shopping mall.

Physio-Control, based in Redmond, Wash., has already placed more than 7,500 of the units in the hands of police, firefighters, flight attendants and security officers in public venues everywhere from airports to casinos.

Last year, however, a four-year research project presented to the American Heart Association, found large shopping malls in Seattle ranked behind the airport and the county jail as the third most likely place to suffer a heart attack.

Every day, 1,000 Americans suffer cardiac arrest, and more than 95 percent of them die. In many cases, that's because life-saving defibrillators arrive too

late — if at all, according to the AHA.

Lakeside's new AED, a portable version of larger defibrillators found in ambulances and hospital emergency rooms, enables the center's trained security officers to administer on-the-spot defibrillation in the critical minutes before EMS help arrives.

"The cause of most heart attacks is an arrhythmia, or fibrillation," explains Harry Aretakis, M.D., medical director of the Macomb County EMS.

"The key to survival may depend on how rapidly you can defibrillate — or jump start — the heart back into its normal rhythm. If trained personnel can do that on the scene, a heart attack victim stands a greater chance of survival."

Defibrillation, which uses an electric shock to jolt a cardiac arrest victim back to life, is the only effective way to counteract two common causes of cardiac arrest, ventricular fibrillation, where the heart's electrical impulses become chaotic and ineffective, and ventricular tachycardia, a too-rapid and therefore ineffective heartbeat.

The portable defibrilla-

tor eliminates any chance for human error. The technician attaches the pads to the victim's chest and hits the "start" button. In seconds, the AED analyzes the victim's heart rhythm, determines whether defibrillation is advisable, verbally warns the technician to stand clear of the person and to press the button that activates the potentially life-saving shock.

Thirteen Lakeside security officers became licensed after completing 81 hours each in Medical First Responder (MFR) training, 20 hours of it dedicated to using the center's new defibrillator. The remainder of the training, which covers treatment for everything from seizures and diabetic comas to strokes and childbirth, means that Lakeside shoppers who need it will have trained assistance in a matter of seconds or minutes.

All of the center's remaining officers will eventually complete the training, which is the first level of instruction given to all EMS and EMT personnel.

Lakeside Center is on M-59 and Schoenherr in Sterling Heights.



## Hudson's style 'RENT' cast models fashion on the edge

Hudson's collection of Advanced Spring Fashions were presented by the cast members of RENT at the Majestic Theatre in Detroit on March 23.

The \$10,000 raised from the fashion party will be used by the Fancub Foundation for the Arts in support of educational programs for the arts in metro Detroit.

About 300 guests enjoyed viewing the hip collections from designers Cynthia Steffe, DKNY for Men, Lola, BCBG, CYNTHIA and Max Studio.

Show highlights included garments of crocheted lace, burnout jersey shirts, sheer net overlay jersey skirts, and colors like paprika, curry, Wedgewood blue, gold, and tones of green.

RENT opens at the Fisher Theater in Detroit on April 8. (Top left) Black T-shirt with white trim by Cheap & Chic, black red, white checked pants by Moschino Jeans. (Right) Camisole by Easel, blue miniskirt by Laundry. Chocolate three-button herringbone blazer, silk short T-shirt and drawstring trouser by DKNY for Men.

All available at Hudson's — Oakland, Somerset North and Twelve Oaks.



## Where can I find?

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

### What we found:

- Clearvue Glass Cleaner can be found at all Murray's Discount stores or through Karen Calka (734) 464-6720, a Stanley home products dealer.
- Yellow toilet tissue can be found at Danny's on Farmington in Livonia.
- Embroidery of names and other things on T-shirts can be ordered at Forest Place Alterations, in downtown Plymouth, or Middle Initial Monogram at Coolidge at 11 Mile, Berkley (248) 544-0886.
- Replacement tiles for the Scrabble game can be bought through Milton Bradley Co. Customer Service Department, 443 Shaker Road, East Longmeadow, MA 01028. It's \$5.50 for the standard edition, \$6.50 for the deluxe edition.
- For folks looking for the Travel Scrabble with magnetic board, try The WTVS Store of Knowledge at Somerset Collection, Troy. It has a plastic folding case, a game board with raised grid, a storage compartment to neatly tuck away wooden tiles and a cloth storage pouch. \$25.
- For movies try Movies Unlimited, (800) 466-8437. They have a million titles to choose from. *Lady and the Tramp* will be released in September.
- The cream dishes with a gold edge were spotted at Crate and Barrel, Somerset Collection South.
- We found the book *We help Daddy*, and a stereo for Kay.
- We're still looking for:
  - Directions to the game *Water Works* from the '70s for Judy.
  - Fred wants slide trays for a Sawyers Slide Projector #550R.
  - A Hamilton Beach Micro Mini Food Processor, "Chop Chop."
  - Popit Beads in white (pearl looking.) They plug into each other to lengthen and pop apart, for Trish.
  - Emily is looking for the 1938-40 Quiver yearbook from Pontiac High School.

- Jodie wants Old Diamond Fort cheese in 3 or 5 lb. rounds.
- Katherine is looking for stuffed bunnies, very shaggy, 14-16" tall by Russ for \$25.
- Connie wants small bagels "bagelettes," fresh or frozen.
- Lynda wants crystal stemware by Avon called Hummingbird from the early '90s.
- Anne is looking for Hot Salt from Texas Traditions.
- Keith is looking for an Old Vernor's Ginger Ale glass fountain dispenser.
- Angela is looking for a 10-inch bear sold at Target in 1996 at Christmas. It has red pajamas, Santa hat and rabbit slippers.
- Donna is looking for Fat Free Organic Milk, no pesticides.
- Susan wants Westmoreland milk glass ABC plate, a 7" collectible with a beaded edge.
- Gail is looking for a women's dress shoe in Peau De Soie size 9D.
- Angie from Rochester wants Coppertone #15, TanTone.
- Russ is looking for reproduction photos of old Detroit factories.
- Karen is looking for a small bud vase 6-8" in the shape of a fish, clear or colorful.
- Joanne is looking for an outdoor game called *Scram Ball*. It has different colored wrist bands, the ball has sides to it. It was out a few years ago.
- For Donna, Richard's Tea Bags.
- A curling iron with mist by Revlon or Clairol for Betsy.
- A set of CareBear twin sheets and cases for Julie Ann.
- Marcia wants a recording of *Jesus you're the center of my joy*, CD or cassette.
- Joyce is looking for Fiber Glass Magic sold by Magic American Chemical Corp., Cleveland, Ohio.
- Still seeking a diamond stylist for a Panasonic stereo SE 2015, made in the '70s.
- Donna needs 2-3 boxes of EHM Satinerna Sand II floor tile from ColorTile made in Brazil. 11 5/8 x 11 5/8 in size. A sun color.
- Joan wants doll clothes patterns for a Martha & George Washington handmade porcelain dolls.
- Patty wants Request designer blue jeans.

—Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

## Chinos

### A fashion classic returns to spring

BY COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Khakis or chinos, by any name, they're wardrobe essentials.

British Lieutenant Harry Lumsden could never be accused of being a slave to fashion back in 1846. Perhaps a slave to comfort, but not to fashion.

The resourceful soldier, based

in Punjab, India, where the sun was unforgiving, pitched his official red felt uniform in favor of something more suited to the oppressive climate. He pulled from his steamer trunk cool cotton pajamas and, taking a tip from the natives, dyed the natural cotton with tawny-colored plant extract called mazari. From that day on, Harry Lumsden would be best known as the inventor of khaki.

In 1884, khaki dye was patented in Manchester, England.

#### Foreign correspondents

The romance with khaki gained momentum at the turn of the century when foreign war correspondents donned these cool, durable and inconspicuous cotton pants for their dangerous work reporting in the trenches.

Years later, Teddy Roosevelt got hooked on khaki in the form of "safari" jackets that blended into the bush for his hunting expeditions to East Africa.

By the 1940's, Hollywood caught wind of this newest fashion statement that had become synonymous with adventure and courage and quickly added a manly khaki jacket to the wardrobes of romantic leads. Leading ladies also got into the act, with Greta Garbo, Marlene Dietrich and Katherine Hepburn sporting khakis on and off screen.

But it was in the fall of 1945 that khakis really made their transition into civilian life. Khakis, also called chinos, made from military cotton twill fabric, were seen that season on college campuses around the country as young men returned from the war. Chinos remained popular with the collegiate crowd throughout the 40's and well into the 50's.

In the 60's, women adopted chinos into their wardrobes and have continued to embrace them for comfort, versatility, and style.

Today, chinos are a seasonless staple that can be worn all year long.

The Spiegel catalog offers these ideas for dressing up or dressing down with chinos:

#### Dressing-up chinos

- Pair chinos with a brightly colored jacket and matching turtleneck for a pulled together

look for the office. Accessorize with high-heeled black oxfords.

- Team chinos with anything knit, especially knit jackets or the newest twinsets in lively colors. Knits travel well and offer seasonless comfort. Add a patent or leather belt, suede or velvet flats or ankle boots and you have a polished look.

- For a look that goes from the office to a weekend getaway, try adding a plaid blazer with a suede collar. Wear it with a rich foulard vest over a denim shirt, then just add chinos and you're ready to go.

- For a hip streetwise chinos look, consider a quilted black leather vest or shaped leather jacket. Wear either over a black turtleneck or a crisp white shirt and accessorize with black leather high-heeled ankle boots.

#### Dressing down chinos

- For weekends, chinos look great with oversized knit sweaters in complimentary shades such as ivory, bordeaux or brown. Add chunky suede loafers and a coordinating suede backpack or hobo bag.

- Sporty classics in All-American red, white and blue always look right with chinos. Spiegel offers a great American flag denim jacket by Polo Jeans Co.

- Big shirts provide a comfy, cozy way to dress down chinos. Opt for traditional plaid flannels.

- Chinos paired with leather bomber jackets and lace-up ankle boots recall the military roots of these new "everything pants."

- Corbin Seitz of Target provided this run-down of the pant styles for spring:

- **Carpenter:** Pants with a very wide, straight cut with a flat front. They often have a hoop on the side of the leg (to hold a hammer), as a carpenter's jeans would. Often have large back and front pockets, as well as the occasional side pockets.

- **Cargo:** Similar to carpenter pants but often with larger and lower side and front pockets.

- **Wide-leg:** Wide from the top of the leg to the bottom. A very oversized look.

- **Flare:** Not bell-bottoms, but close. Often low-waisted, flare a bit at the bottom. Sometimes called "boot-cut jeans". More popular with girls than guys.



Ernie Harwell

Baseball Hall of Fame announcer

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##### Thursday, April 16

2 p.m. at Bill Knapp's  
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##### Livonia

Wednesday, April 15  
9:30 a.m. at Bill Knapp's  
16995 S. Laurel Park Dr.

##### Rochester Hills

Wednesday, April 8  
Wednesday, April 22  
2 p.m. at Bill Knapp's  
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Wednesday, April 15  
2 p.m. at Bill Knapp's  
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**Feminine twist:** Chinos with a drawstring add a new dimension to the popular pant. These are \$21.99 at Target stores around town.



# Parent groups target Jerry Springer show

While the controversial talk show, Jerry Springer, has been moved back to its morning time slot, several Parent Teacher Association members would prefer the show be on when more parents can supervise what their children are watching.

Broadcast locally by WDIV Channel 4, the show was aired at 4 p.m., but on Thursday it was switched back to 10 a.m.

"I was thoroughly disgusted when WDIV put Springer on at 4 p.m., right when kids are coming home from school," Michigan PTA President Georgene Campbell said. The mother of two grown children, Campbell was the featured speaker at a press conference dealing with children and television on Thursday at the John W. English Administrative Center for Southfield Public Schools.

"This show features fist fights, violent arguments and blatant sexuality, none of which are appropriate for the children watching. The Jerry Springer Show is raunchy. It is trash. It is morally reprehensible garbage and it is in our homes because of WDIV. PTA is appalled that WDIV provided this freak show during prime afternoon child viewing time."

WDIV vice president of programming and promotion Henry Maldonado Friday said that the show cannot be moved to a late night television slot. Contractually, he said, it is a talk show for mornings or afternoons.

The show is being moved back to 10 a.m., effective Monday, after the Detroit station has had a chance to reconfigure its computers.

Grateful that the station moved the show back to the morning, Campbell said the 10 a.m. slot is only a temporary fix because within a few months, the children will be home for summer break.

But Maldonado doubted that the 10 a.m. time slot would be a problem.

"The show has been in the 10 a.m. time slot for seven years. In that time, without defending or attacking the show, there have been absolutely no complaints or criticism," he said. "The fact of the matter is that whatever damage (that could have occurred) I would have expected to happen by now."

Campbell, on behalf of parents, will be sending a letter to WDIV General Manager Alan Frank asking him to move the show to an adult viewing spot after prime time hours.

"The PTA doesn't support censorship and we are not asking that the show be canceled, we just can not ignore the extreme inappropriateness of The Jerry Springer Show for an audience composed of unchaperoned children," said Campbell. "We are only asking for stations to do the reasonable thing — the decent thing — and move the show to a time when children, particularly young children are not a ready audience."

Jerry Springer, which runs a viewer discretion warning prior to the show, is rated PG. A PG rating may include suggestive language, violence, mature dialogue or sexual topics.

The PTA is encouraging NBC to provide an age and content based system that alerts parents to the kind of material that a program contains by using a V for violence; S for sexual situations and nudity; L for coarse language; and D for suggestive dialogue.

"Just like the label of a soup can tells us the nutritional content for a child's growing body, age plus content TV ratings inform parents of the nutritional content of a TV show going into our children's impressionable minds," said Campbell. She was referring to an incident in Saginaw, when, after a fight broke out amongst some youngsters, other students watching the incident began chanting Springer's name. "The age and content based system allows parents — rather than the TV industry — to judge what program content is acceptable for their children."

Penny Shanks, state PTA vice president for legislative activities, said the show needs to be moved to late night TV so working parents can better monitor what their children are watching.

"For some reason, there is something about those kind of shows that make them appealing to kids," said Shanks, a mother of two children in the Clarkston School District. "They'll try to find it no matter when it is on but at least at night, the parents are more likely to be home."

Karen Miller, Southfield school board president, said that while the show does not portray normal, real-life occurrences, some students are still negatively influenced.

"I personally think a lot of the older

kids think it's all a big joke, but the show is still trash," said Miller, mother of two daughters attending Southfield-Lathrup High School.

The station received about 10 calls a day, about 100 e-mail messages during the controversial period and a few hundred letters, according to Maldonado. That's just a small number of the several million who watch the show, he added.

However, the concerns expressed about the 4 p.m. time slot for the show were confirmed by market research

which the station did. He added that the research was done because of the "language that was reasonable and intelligent" in the letters and e-mail he received.

"I developed relationships with people. . . There comments really had a tremendous impact, not in the final decision, but in the decision to do market research."

Maldonado added that he had taking those comments to meetings and had developed "some very nice friendships" from the commentary.

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*Georgene Campbell  
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## FOCUS ON WINE



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## LOOKING AHEAD

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Easter traditions: Mary Legnini bakes a sweet braided bread every Easter.

### Easter Basket Tradition

The custom of blessing Easter foods is an ancient tradition. Christians ask for God's blessing on the foods that will break their Lenten fast.

Every year, Deacon Jim Hensel of St. Theodore Church in Westland, explains the significance of Easter foods as he blesses baskets.

■ Eggs — Decorated eggs are a sign of hope and resurrection.

■ Pascha — Easter bread, a sweet, yeast bread rich in eggs and butter. Sometimes a cross of dough is placed on top encircled by a braid giving it a crowned effect, or Greek abbreviations for the name of Christ. The letters XB indicate the Slavonic for "Christ is Risen."

■ Sausage — Is indicative of God's favor and generosity. Sausage is an ethnic addition to enhance the celebration; its links remind us of the chains of death broken when Jesus arose.

■ Ham — Celebrates the freedom of the New Law, which came into effect through Jesus' resurrection, in distinction to the Old Law which forbade certain meats. Some people prefer lamb or veal.

■ Horseradish — Represents the bitter herbs prescribed in the original Passover meal as a reminder of the bitterness and harshness of life in Egypt. It reminds Christians of the bitterness and suffering of Christ which culminated in the resurrection.

■ Salt — Reminds us to flavor our dealings with others by the example of Christ.

■ Butter lamb — Butter, shaped into a lamb, reminds us of the goodness of Christ that we should have toward all things. Lamb is the ancient Passover food by whose blood the Israelites were saved. Jesus is the Christian Paschal (Passover) lamb by whose blood Christians are saved.

# Cherished Dishes

KEEP EASTER SPIRIT ALIVE

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Today is Palm Sunday — and the start of Holy Week for Christians preparing to celebrate Easter on April 12.

Mary Legnini and her husband Mario of Livonia live far away from their families in Johnson City and Binghamton, N.Y., but Easter is still a very special time.

Mary is of Czech-Slovak descent. Mario is Italian. "We both observe the traditions our parents brought with them from Czechoslovakia and Italy," she said. "It is good to hold on to our traditions — to keep the spirit alive."

After Mass, Mary will braid some of the blessed palms she brought from church, which celebrates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem where he was greeted by enthusiastic crowds who threw palm branches in his path.

Later that week, she'll make sweet braided Easter egg bread, following her mother's recipe. The braided bread symbolizes the crown of thorns placed on Jesus' head before he was crucified, an event commemorated during Good Friday services on April 10.

And, of course, "it wouldn't be Easter without ham and kielbasa," said Legnini.

On Holy Saturday she'll put a fine

linen cloth (or one with special meaning) in a basket, and fill it with kielbasa, sliced ham, decorated hard-cooked eggs, butter lamb, braided Easter bread, salt, and sometimes wine, and take it to her church, St. Theodore's in Westland, to be blessed.

The rest of the day will be spent cleaning and getting ready for Easter Sunday.

"On Easter morning the family puts on their new outfits and attends Easter celebration mass," said Legnini.

After Mass, Mary's family would enjoy a "short brunch" of blessed foods. It is a tradition she still celebrates.

The blessed hard-cooked eggs are peeled and sliced into quarters. Family members sprinkle them with blessed salt and wish everyone a Happy Easter, good health and happiness. Then they enjoy some of the other blessed foods — a slice of ham, piece of kielbasa with horseradish, and braided bread spread with butter. Mary grows horseradish in her garden. She cuts the root up fine and adds vinegar and other seasonings to make horseradish.

At 2 p.m. family and friends gather for the Easter celebration dinner. The table is spread with a fine linen table-

cloth, a candle lit and red wine poured. The head of the household holds up their class and announces the blessing — Happy Easter!

A typical Easter dinner includes baked ham decorated with fresh grapes and orange slices, kielbasa, vegetables, potatoes, and braided egg bread. Angel wings (a light pastry dusted with confectioners sugar) are served for dessert.

Mary might also include some of her husband's favorite Italian dishes such as sausage, roasted potatoes or ravioli. Because their families live in New York, Mary and Mario, who will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on Oct. 13, often invite friends and neighbors over for Easter dinner.

When Mario's cholesterol soared to 249, Mary changed the way she cooks, and they eat more fruits, vegetables and grains.

"We brought his cholesterol down to 198 in three months," she said. "When you maintain a healthy lifestyle, you feel better about yourself, and you're more alert."

Instead of ground beef, Mary now uses ground turkey in recipes. They

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## Passover diet restrictions challenge vegetarians

### LIVING BETTER SENSIBLY



BEVERLY PRICE

which holds the various symbols of Passover.

These symbolic foods include a shankbone, which commemorates the paschal lamb sacrifice of biblical times, parsley to celebrate spring, horseradish to remember the bitter times during Jewish slavery, and Charoset (a mixture of apples, nuts, wine and cinnamon) symbolizing the mortar made to hold together bricks Jews produced while enslaved in Egypt.

Passover comes in March or April every year. At this time, Jews hold a special ceremony in their home called a seder. The seder celebrates how and why the Jews won their freedom from Pharaoh, the king of Egypt.

Everyone gathers around the dinner table to recite the story of Passover. On the table sets a "seder plate," which holds the various symbols of Passover.

During the week of Passover, unleavened bread, "matzah," is eaten. No other leavened products may be eaten during Passover, including anything made with flour, corn, peas or beans. This is to signify the Jews fleeing from Egypt after winning their freedom. In their hurry, they did not have time to wait for bread to rise.

What is the significance behind corn, peas and beans? These may be used to make bread flour, which in turn uses a leavening process, so they are not allowed to be used during Passover. Actually, the only starch which may be used is potato and potato flour. They are the basis for many of the foods made during Passover.

An increasing number of Jews are turning to vegetarianism and finding ways to celebrate Passover while remaining consistent with Jewish law.

For example, a beet may be used in place of the shankbone on the seder plate. Many vegetarians who are Jewish see connections between the oppression suffered by their ancestors, and the cur-

rent status of many individuals who lack sufficient food and resources.

Vegetarian diets require much less land, water, and gasoline (as well as pesticides) and other resources, which can help reduce global hunger. Since the main theme of Passover is freedom, many vegetarians who are Jewish consider "slavery" of animals on modern farms.

A certain sector of Jews "Sephardim" (of Mediterranean descent) allow the use of rice and beans during Passover. This is because their cuisine is dependent on these foods.

So what is left to eat if you do not eat meat, chicken, fish, eggs or dairy? For Jews (including myself) whose steady diet consists of whole grains, beans (soy and the like), Passover becomes a very difficult holiday. Of course, you can subsist on potatoes, matzo, vegetables and fruits, but I guarantee that by the third day of Passover, you will be ready to throw in the towel.

Alan Goodman, executive director of Jewish Family Services, along with

many family members, is a vegetarian.

"I am having fun developing new traditions," he said. Each member of his family is responsible for bringing a dish to the dinner table at the seder. Some of these enticing dishes include carrot-ginger soup, matzo ball soup made with a "secret formula," colorful salads and sweet potatoes. Goodman now keeps Passover the Sephardic way — eating rice and beans (including soy products) to keep variety during Passover.

Be creative, explore the possibilities. Happy Passover and Easter to all!

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# Sweet bread, angel wings are Easter traditions

See related story on Taste front.

Recipes compliments of Mary Legnini. Blessing of Easter baskets will take place at noon Saturday, April 11 in the social hall at St. Theodore Church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

## BRAIDED EASTER BREAD

4 to 4 1/4 cups sifted all-purpose flour

3/4 cup milk, scalded

1 package active dry yeast, soft in 1/4 cup warm water (110 to 115°F). If using compressed yeast, soften 1 cake in 1/4 cup lukewarm water, (80 to 85°F)

1/3 cup sugar

1/3 cup butter

1 1/2 teaspoons salt

1 egg (well beaten)

1/2 cup raisins

1/2 cup blanched almonds, coarsely chopped

2 teaspoons grated lemon peel

1 teaspoon lemon juice

1 beaten egg (for glaze)

A baking sheet will be needed.

Measure and set aside 4 to 4 1/4 cups sifted all-purpose flour. Scald 3/4 cup milk. Meanwhile, soften yeast in water. Set aside.

Put into a large bowl, 1/3 cup sugar, 1/3 cup butter, 1 1/2 teaspoons salt. Immediately pour the scalded milk over the sugar, butter, salt mixture. When the milk mixture is lukewarm, stir and add

1/2 cup of the sifted flour, beating well until dough is smooth.

Stir in the softened yeast and add to dough, mixing well. Add about half of the remaining flour (2 cups) and beat until very smooth.

Beat 1 beaten egg, raisins, almonds, lemon peel and lemon juice into the mixture. Add remaining flour to make a soft dough. Then turn dough onto a lightly floured surface and let stand 5 to 10 minutes. Knead.

Form dough into a large ball and put it into a greased bowl. Turn dough to bring greased surface to top. Cover bowl with wax paper and towel and let stand in a warm place (about 80°F) until dough is doubled (about 1 to 1 1/2 hours).

Punch dough down with fist; pull edges of dough into center and turn dough completely over in bowl. Cover; let dough rise again until nearly doubled, (about 1 to 1 1/2 hours).

Turn dough out onto floured surface. Divide dough into halves. Roll each half with palms of hands into a strip 1 inch in diameter and about 26 inches long.

To braid, lay one strip horizontally on center of board, lay other strip vertically on top, crossing at the center of first strip. Grasp ends of horizontal strip and reverse positions. Do the same with the vertical strip. Repeat until all dough is braided.

Lightly grease baking sheet.

Place braided dough flat on bak-

ing sheet, tucking the ends under the braid. Brush with 1 egg, slightly beaten.

Let rise again 30 to 45 minutes; or until doubled.

Brush again with some of the beaten egg.

Bake at 350°F 30 to 45 minutes, or until golden brown. Remove bread and place on cooling rack. When cool, cut into 1/2-inch slices. Yield about 24 slices.

## ANGEL WINGS

About 20 minutes before deep-frying, fill a deep saucepan one-half to two-thirds full with vegetable oil for deep-frying.

Heat slowly to 365°F. When using an automatic deep-fryer, fol-

low manufacturer's directions for amount of fat and timing.

Meanwhile, sift together into a bowl

2 cups sifted all-purpose flour

1 tablespoon sugar

1/2 teaspoon salt

Make a well in center of dry ingredients and pour in a mixture of

3 egg yolks, slightly beaten

1/2 cup thick sour cream

1/2 teaspoon vanilla

Blend ingredients until all of the flour is moistened. Let dough rest 1 or 2 minutes. Turn dough out onto lightly floured surface and knead only until ingredients are well blended.

Shape dough into a smooth ball.

# Vegetarian Passover recipes festive way to celebrate

See related story on Taste front.

Recipes compliments of Annabel Cohen. Join Sharon Meyer and Beverly Price, registered dietitians, for their "Natural Alternatives to Standard Hormone Replacement Therapies" workshop, lecture, cooking demonstration, and taste testing 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays May 5 and May 19 at Living Better Sensibly in Farmington Hills. Cost is \$50, space limited, call (248) 539-9424 to register, or to find out about the "Vegetarian Extraganza" 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, May 13 at Orchard Lake Middle School. The cost is \$35.

## ROASTED EGGPLANT WITH

TOASTED MATZO AND ALMONDS

4 baby eggplant

3 matzo, broken, toasted in

350°F oven for 5-10 minutes

1/2 cup slivered or sliced almonds, toasted in 350°F oven for 5-10 minutes

1 roasted red pepper, diced small

1/2 cup slivered red onion

Handful fresh minced parsley

Balsamic vinegar to taste

Olive oil to drizzle

Salt and pepper to taste

Roast eggplant: Stab whole eggplant once or twice with a fork or knife. Place on cookie sheet and bake for 30 minutes (or more, until soft and cooked through) in a preheated 350°F oven. Let cool and slice lengthwise. May be grilled as well.

Arrange eggplant on individual plates or on a large serving platter. Divide matzo, almonds, pep-

per, onion over eggplant. Sprinkle with parsley. Drizzle vinegar and olive oil over all. Season to taste. May be served warm or cold. Makes eight eggplant halves.

## STUFFED ZUCCHINI BOATS

Stuffing:

2 tablespoons olive oil

1/2 cup red onion, minced

1 stalk celery, about 1/2 cup, chopped fine

1/2 cup pecans, chopped

3 matzo, crumbled

1 1/2 cups vegetable broth

2 tablespoons fresh dill or other herb

Salt and pepper to taste

4 zucchini

Prepare boats: Slice zucchini lengthwise and scoop out seeds with a teaspoon. Place on a cookie sheet.

Preheat oven to 350°F. Drizzle olive oil in a large skillet and heat over high heat. Sauté onion and celery until softened, about 3 minutes. Add pecans and cook about 1 minute more. Add matzo, broth, dill and seasoning. Cook, stirring, until the broth is absorbed and the mixture is soft. Divide the stuffing among the zucchini boats. Drizzle a little olive oil over boats and bake for 15 minutes or until the zucchini is softened and the stuffing is hot. Serve. Makes 8 boats.

## WINE POACHED PEARS

8 pears, peeled, bottom trimmed to flatten slightly

1 cup red or white wine (red will make pears pink)

1 cup sugar

1 lemon, sliced

2 cinnamon sticks

Water

Place pears, standing, in a large pot. Add wine and enough water to barely cover pears. Add remaining ingredients. Heat over high heat until the liquid begins to boil. Reduce heat and simmer pears for 1 hour or until softened. Let cool in poaching liquid. Store with some liquid. Serve warm or cold.

## HONEYED SWEET POTATOES

3 large sweet potatoes, cut into 1-inch chunks and boiled until soft, and drained

3/4 cup honey

1/4 cup balsamic vinegar

1 teaspoon cinnamon

Heat honey and vinegar in a large saucepan over high heat until mixture boils and runs clear.

Add cooked sweet potatoes and cinnamon and heat through. Serve hot with fresh whipped cream (optional). Makes 6 servings.

Can be served as an appetizer or side dish.

## FAVA BEANS WITH TOMATOES

1 large can Italian chopped tomatoes (seasoned)

3 cans (14-16 ounce) fava beans, drained (or make from dried fresh fava beans)

Handful parsley

Combine all ingredients in a large saucepan over medium heat. Cook, stirring occasionally, until hot. Serve. Makes 8-12 servings.

Cook's note: To make a soup, add vegetable broth or water. Adjust seasonings and serve.

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drink low-fat milk and use it in their coffee instead of cream.

"We use margarine instead of butter," said Mary. "And I cook with Pam. Instead of salami, I make my husband turkey sandwiches and always include two pieces of fruit in his lunch."

Many traditional Easter foods — scalloped potatoes, asparagus with hollandaise, quiches and tarts, are loaded with fat. Mary substitutes a low-fat margarine for butter when she makes her Easter bread.

"Tradition is good, so don't change the menu," said Kathy Stark, executive chef for the Troy-based HoneyBaked Ham Co. "Today, recipes can be easily adapted to reflect our more health-conscious attitude. The alternative lightened meal maintains all of the tradition, yet doesn't mask the flavor of vibrant foods with heavy butter or cream sauces."

In recipes that call for sour cream, use equal amounts of plain, low-fat yogurt instead. Use chicken broth in place of milk or cream for mashed potatoes, soups and sautéed vegetables. Try roasting vegetables instead of sautéing in butter.

To roast vegetables, place them in a roasting pan, coat with cooking spray and bake at 400°F for 20-30 minutes. Stark said tomatoes, asparagus or mushrooms are delicious when prepared this way.

"Let the ham stand," said Stark. "Surround the ham with lower-fat foods. Many people think that flavor must be sacrificed in favor of a healthier meal. That is not true. With a few easy tricks and some new staples stashed in your cupboard, you can begin to change the way you prepare meals."

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ifornia wine history at the same time.

### Merlot

While many of you choose merlot as red wine of choice, the wine in general, is beginning to take a rap. Many merlots, particularly those under \$20, are thin and lack flavor. Imports from Chile and Bulgaria at \$10 and under are not worth the money. Do you have to pay \$20 and more to get a really great merlot these days? Unfortunately, yes.

If you have to pay the price, you may as well get the best. Right at the top of our list is St. Francis, a winery in Sonoma County. Winemaker Tom Mackey is bullish on merlot.

"I'm not a proponent of blending another varietal, such as cabernet sauvignon or cabernet franc with merlot," he said. "If grapes come from a prime location for merlot, the wine will

have great color and will be packed with flavor."

The 1995 St. Francis Merlot \$26 is made half from estate vineyard grapes. The remainder comes from four vineyards in Sonoma Valley which Mackey said "match the flavor profile of the St. Francis estate." The unique feature of St. Francis' estate vineyard is the gravel outcropping that naturally reduces yields, concentrates fruit character and provides the right balance for merlot.

Warmer regions result in merlot with color deterioration and lighter body. Most of the time, these sites are also high-yielding. Great merlot is made from low-yielding vines. Low yields translate to great flavors and higher prices.

St. Francis has one of the few 100 percent merlots on the market, which illustrates that mer-

lot in this location offers a complete wine without the need to blend with other Bordeaux varietals. The only problem is its popularity which outstrips production. It is available in our market now.

### Passover wines

The Passover holiday begins at sundown Friday, April 10. Royal Wine Corp. has a variety of wines from California, Israel, France, Italy and Chile to help celebrate this festive and traditional holiday calling for kosher wines.

Under Royal's Baron Herzog label are several selections around \$7. For Passover Seder, Korbel Kosher Champagne is available for around \$12.

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

## Feast on potato kugel

AP — Kugel, or potato pudding, is a favorite Passover food. This version is from Weight Watchers.

### POTATO PUDDING (KUGEL)

1 1/4 pounds pared baking potatoes, thinly shredded and squeezed dry

1/2 cup grated onion

2 large eggs, lightly beaten

1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons matzo meal

1 teaspoon garlic powder

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

1/4 cup minced scallions

Preheat oven to 350 F. Spray a 13-by-9-inch baking pan with non-stick cooking spray; set aside.

In a large bowl, combine potatoes, onion and eggs. Stir in remaining ingredients and mix well; gently spoon into prepared pan. Bake 35-40 minutes, until browned around edges. Let stand 5 minutes before cutting into 12 equal pieces. Makes 12 servings.

Nutritional facts per serving: 70 cal., 1 g fat, 35 mg chol., 105 mg sodium, 13 g carbo., 3 g pro.

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## Tomkow creates a place for hope

A broad smile comes easily to Gwen Tomkow.

What would you expect from a woman whose swirling watercolor paintings and serene landscapes of northern Michigan have been called "happy Van Gogh's."

If people are distinguished by how they walk and talk, Tomkow of Farmington Hills is a perpetual emotional wave.

Her intent isn't to merely create dreamily pleasant compositions. She aims to create an inhabitable place.

"I want to give a peaceful experience (in my painting)," she said.

In the past several years, her work has been featured by *Watercolor USA*, and the annual hard-bound book "Splash," which spotlights the top 100 contemporary American watercolor artists.

Through early May, Tomkow's watercolors will be exhibited along the walls at Farmington Hills City Hall.

### Reverie and depth

Tomkow's delightful depictions of orchards, shorelines, sunsets and the harvest moon appear as cool compresses for an agitated mind or a disheveled heart.

And yes, her repertoire of images includes Van Gogh'sque haystacks and sunflowers.

But beneath the reverie-inducing landscapes, there's a melancholic current.

Typically painting from memory rather than photographic reference, Tomkow's swirling hues are born from a stark realization: peace grows from strife, and pleasure is on the other side of pain.

She has a simple explanation. "Part of being an only child is finding your own happy world," said Tomkow.

And part of growing up without siblings, she said, was always trying to please, especially when both parents were alcoholics. "You can't go on blaming other people for where you're at in your life. Sooner or later, you have to get over the things that happened when you were a kid."

For Tomkow, that meant overcoming her father's violent outbursts, and her mother's emotional meanderings. For years, Tomkow put her childhood into an emotional folder and filed it away.

Until, she realized, painting was her salvation.

### Sense of balance

In the mid 1970s, at an age when her friends were going through midlife crises, Tomkow was facing a life-threatening brain tumor.

"I made a decision right then to devote my life to my art," she said.

For the last two decades, she's traveled often to northwestern Michigan, recreating the sandy coastline and the endless rows of cherry trees.

Tomkow's rush of yellows, violets, reds and blues are not so much compositions to induce an escape from reality as much as to foster a sense of balance.

Working at a Van Gogh-like pace, she composes her watercolor paintings rapidly, often completing a "rough painting" in hours, then taking

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**Vistas:** The shoreline of northern Michigan is among the many familiar images in Gwen Tomkow's watercolors.



**Ambassador of glass:** Ferdinand Hampson, owner and director of Habatat Galleries has been in the forefront of the international glass movement. The annual Invitational at Habatat is the oldest and largest in the world.

## FRAGILE SENSIBILITIES

### International Glass Invitational explores traditional, innovative forms

Last year, Ferdinand Hampson and his staff at Habatat Galleries traveled to Mexico City for the opening of a highly anticipated exhibit at the Tamayo Museum.

Armed guards stood at the entrances. Apparently, there was a need to ensure that the long lines of people waiting outside wouldn't overrun the place named for one of Mexico's most famous 20th century painters, Rufino Tamayo.

Surely, it was just another case of the masses flocking to see the works of Monet, Renoir, Matisse or Picasso.

Not quite. Would you believe an international glass exhibit south of the border?

That exhibit curated by Hampson of West Bloomfield is yet another example of how he — as much as anyone in the world — has worked to elevate glass sculpture into an internationally accepted fine art.

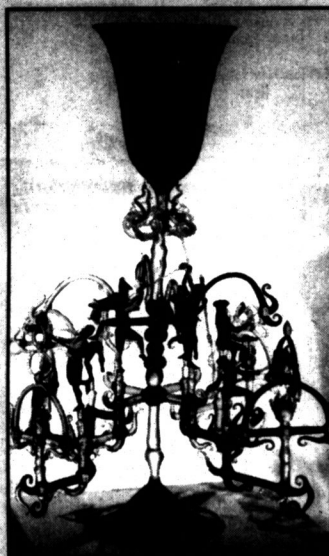
If there are doubters about the appeal of one of the world's oldest transparent materials, this month's 26th Annual International Glass Invitational at Hampson's Habatat Galleries in downtown Pontiac gives new meaning to "Fragile Handle With Care."

"For years 'glass' was somewhere between modern art and the decorative arts," said Hampson. "It always fell between the cracks."

Today, the cracks are barely noticeable.

"We carry on a dual continuum," said Hampson. "We document the history of glass, and we're part of the broader history of contemporary art."

The Invitational is the much-antic-



**Anatomy lessons:** The varied figurine sculptures of Italian artist Lucio Bubacco reflects a distinctive European style representing a delicate allegory.

ipated showcase exhibit that coincides with Michigan Glass Month, now in its 18th year.

To commemorate the artistic possibilities of glass, there are a range of special exhibits at galleries and museums throughout the region.

Many of the exhibits feature glass

blowing, stained glass, fused, painted and mosaic glass works. The commemorative exhibits are held from downriver to the northern suburbs, and from Toledo to Muskegon.

But without a doubt, Habatat's international feast featuring the works of 65 highly distinctive artists is the fertile furnace from which all other glass exhibits are derived.

Since moving to Pontiac from Southfield four years ago, Habatat has filled its expansive two-floor gallery with the work of a Who's Who of the glass artistry world.

Habatat boasts the largest — and most diverse — inventory of glass art in the world.

With locations in Chicago and Boca Raton along with arranging exhibits in Europe and Asia, Habatat is considered an ambassador of the art form, said Hampson.

This year's Invitational has attracted the work of internationally renowned artists Dale Chihuly, Stanislav Libensky, Lucio Bubacco, William Morris, Michael Pavlik and Mary Shaffer.

In abstract, geometric, figurative and Dali-like juxtapositions, these artists, in particular, demonstrate the versatility of a medium that resounds with a peculiar relevance in the age of virtual reality, appropriation and eclecticism.

"Fifteen years ago, every piece was blown," said Hampson. "But today, you can see that the work is more thought out and differentiated. The artists are getting stronger and more

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**Primitive minimal:** William Morris' blown glass sculptural series of bulls present myriad similarities between glass and other mediums.



**Balanced:** "Pillared" by Herb Babcock is a sculpture of glass, steel and stone demonstrates the mixed-media possibilities.

**What:** "26th Annual Invitational," a survey of international glass artistry of 65 of artists from 17 countries

**When:** Through May 3

**Where:** Habatat Galleries, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac, (248) 333-2060

**Hours:** 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, noon-5 p.m. Sunday, excluding Easter.

#### Michigan Glass Month Activities

■ "Ancient Glass: Reign of the Glass Lady," Donna Jacobs Gallery, 574 N. Old Woodward Avenue, Birmingham, (248) 540-1600. Through Sunday, May 3

■ "The Art of Acquisitions: Contemporary Glass from Collections in the Jewish Community," Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield, (248) 661-7641. Through Thursday, May 14

■ Original works by Michigan artists Harry Boyer, John Carney, Furnace Hot Glass, George Jewell, Bernie Merritt and others, Atrium Center Gallery, 109 N. Center, Northville, (248) 380-0470. Through April 30

■ "Masterworks of Contemporary Glass," Creative Arts Center, 47 Williams Street, Pontiac, (248) 333-7849. Through Sunday, April 26

■ "Interpretations in Glass," featuring work by Tom McGlauchlin, Stephen Hodder and Cissy McCaa, Uzelac Gallery, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac, (248) 332-5257. Through May 30

■ "A Glass Act '98," Gallery FunctionArt, 21 N. Saginaw, Pontiac, (248) 333-0333. Through Sunday, May 31

■ "North of the Border: Emerging and Established Canadian," Ariana Gallery, 119 S. Main Street, Royal Oak, (248) 546-8810. Through Thursday, April 30

■ "Glass and Its Fascination," Carol James Gallery, 301 S. Main, Royal Oak, (248) 541-6216. Through Saturday, May 2

## EXHIBITION

### Revealing the lasting presence behind a neglected urban landscape

A compelling urban landscape for Stephen Magsig should offer a sense of stability and order.

In an age of suburban sprawl, rapid commercial change and unraveling social order, a simple question comes to mind: Where's stability hiding?

In an impressive array of paintings, "Street Scenes," opening Thursday at the Lemberg Gallery in Birmingham, Magsig presents a mosaic of doorways, austere columns of historic buildings, street-level storefronts, vacant high rises, dilapidated tenements and seedy hotels.

Not exactly the first thing that comes to mind when searching for a thread of continuity in the quiltwork of history. But look again — and again.

At first glance Magsig's oil paintings resemble the haunting urban undertones of Edward Hooper, one of the greatest American realist painters of the century.

But the visions in "Street Scenes" are quite particular in defining a familiar place and time — contemporary Detroit.

"Whereas most people see the dilapidation of buildings, Stephen sees the details of city's past," said Darlene Carroll, director

**What:** "Street Scenes: New Paintings by Stephen Magsig"  
**When:** Opening 6 p.m. Thursday, April 9. Exhibit runs through Saturday, May 9.  
**Where:** Lemberg Gallery, 536 N. Old Woodward Avenue, Birmingham, (248) 642-6623  
**Hours:** 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday

of the Lemberg Gallery.

"He sees his paintings as portraits of buildings," she said.

Indeed, Magsig's paintings are as realistic as they are romantic. And though Magsig is ambivalent about comparisons to Hopper, he does share the great realist's vision to define the soulfulness of a milieu without slipping into sloppy social politics.

"Hopper had an empathy for his subjects," said Magsig of Ferndale. "There doesn't seem to be enough compassion in society. I'm interested in capturing a time and place without looking past what's there."

In the past two years, Magsig, 51, has gone from painting high rises, to a painter on the rise.

He's had two shows in New York City, an exhibit in Boston and a 10-year retrospective last January at the Meadowbrook

Gallery at Oakland University.

In addition, Magsig's commission work has increased steadily, including the recent assignments from a major law firm, and a commission from General Motors to paint their world headquarters on West Grand Boulevard.

"Stephen is a determined and disciplined painter," said Carroll. "He's definitely breaking out."

#### Emotional kinship

A week before the opening of "Street Scenes," Magsig was putting the finishing touches on a few of the 22 paintings in the show.

On most days, Magsig works from early evening until midnight. Usually after he completes his work as an illustrator for Skidmore & Inc.

Sitting in his second-floor studio along Woodward Avenue in Ferndale, Magsig isn't too impressed that he's located along the historic stretch of road that led many people away from Detroit.

The notion of documenting the sprawling

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**Urban soul:** "United Artists," an oil on linen, is one of 22 paintings by Stephen Magsig in an exhibit rooted in the urban experience.







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confident."

Several trends are striking in this year's Invitational, according to Hampson.

"There's an interest in traditional forms like vessels, there's an exploration in mixed-materials and in increasing scale," he said.

Among the 65 artists from 17 countries in the Invitational are three local artists: Herb Babcock, chair of the glass department at the Center for Creative Studies, Cristen Velliky, currently working a master's of fine art at Cranbrook Academy of

Art, and Albert Young, who also teaches at CCS.

### Opening up

While glass has been around since the Phoenician traders in 2500 BC, it has been stigmatized in the 20th century as a "pretty craft," said Hampson.

Apparently, critics wondered: Could a material most commonly used for utility purposes also have aesthetic value?

The recent history of glass artistry isn't too different from than the one-time estrangement of photography from the fine

arts.

It wasn't until Ansel Adams and others proved that "art" was as much about vision as technical proficiency that photography became widely recognized as a fine art.

Today, photography is arguably the most popular art form. Could glass be far behind? In the early 1980s, said Hampson, the future of glass became crystal clear. (Who could resist that pun?)

Finally, albeit reluctantly, critics and art historians began to recognize what collectors had

known for 30 years: glass sculpture not only complements natural light, but is an ideal medium in the age of optical illusions.

Twenty-six years ago, there were only a few invitational glass exhibits. And no one had put together an annual show until Hampson.

Today, there are signs that Hampson's ambassadorship has indeed opened the world to glass artistry.

In the last few years alone, there have been major glass exhibits at museums in Cleveland, Boston, Indianapolis and

Milwaukee.

Other positive signs abound. Hampson is encouraged that high-profile artists such as Robert Rauschenberg and Jasper Johns have explored glass in their work.

Meanwhile, Hampson has continued to document the year-to-year developments in glass artistry while spreading the word, setting up exhibits in western Europe, Japan and Taiwan.

"I figure we have five more years of opening the world to glass," said Hampson.

After that, he said, he expects programs in glass studies and regular venues for glass artists to be included at public museums, and in the fine art galleries around the world.

"I feel like I've fought the good fight," he said.

For the opening on Saturday, Hampson expected about 2,000 visitors. During the Invitational exhibit, which runs through May 3, he figures nearly five times that many will step lightly through Habatat Galleries.

Who knows? Maybe they'll have to call out the guards.

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scene north along Woodward doesn't interest him.

"Everything is sanitized in suburbia," he said. "I'm looking for diversity, not homogeneity."

Ten years ago, Magsig, joined a friend on a photo shoot of historic buildings in Detroit.

At the time, Magsig was painting abstraction. "I was looking for something more personal," he said.

He found an emotional kinship with the vacant downtown Hudson's building, the Michigan Train Station, the River Rouge Plant, the post-Civil War built homes in Brush Park, and the General Motors plant on Jefferson Avenue.

Then, he studied the shadowy buildings in the area of Grand Circus Park, Gratiot, Fort and Michigan Avenue, many of which were built at the turn of the century.

The epiphanies on that initial photo shoot provided the material for the 10-plus years of painting. And with recent trips to New York City, Magsig has

expanded his architectural references to include buildings and street scenes in the Big Apple.

Working from a photographic reference and an intricate grid system, Magsig "roughs in" the composition by drawing with a paint brush. Alternatively, he examines a color slide of the subject through an eyepiece, then lays in the color, working from dark to light.

Although many of his paintings depict the fine details of a building, it only takes Magsig a few days to complete finish a canvas. But efficiency shouldn't be mistaken for proficiency, he said.

"It's not how fast you paint but how often."

And Magsig seldom misses a chance to paint.

### Rootedness

Growing up on a farm in northern Ohio, Magsig recalled that rising early and working until sundown under the great rural skies cultivated a "sense of

things."

Including dedication to work. "Growing up on a farm, you didn't stop working until all the work was done. Whenever that was," he said.

While some of his friends have often talked about "becoming an artist" after they retire, Magsig is determined to recommit himself to his art each day.

He keeps a visual journal, and doesn't expect to wait for inspiration. Magsig's ambition requires a day-to-day commitment.

"Being an artist is about the journey," he said. "It's not something that you try to find time for."

Somewhat reluctant to describe his work, Magsig readily recites a quote from one of his favorite contemporary painters, Chuck Close: "Inspiration is for amateurs. I just work every day."

That kind of work ethic can have a stabilizing effect.

another several hours to fill in the details.

"I don't know where it comes from," she said of the inspiration and energy for her art.

But she knows where it leads.

Often, she tells her students at the beginning of class, "Close your eyes, we're going on a trip."

A paintbrush, she teaches, is like a passport.

Tomkow's current work, a path winding through a row of sunlit trees, is more mystical than her previous landscapes.

She holds up the work-in-progress, and wonders aloud

about what the painting represents.

"I want to show people that there's always a path that leads away from a place that's cold and lonely."

"There's always hope." And room for salvation.

## ART BEAT

### ONE PUBLIC FORUM TO DISCUSS BUILDING THE ARTS

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, in conjunction with the Farmington Festival of the Arts, will sponsor "Building Art From the Grassroots," a roundtable discussion with representatives from local art associations.

"Building Art From the Grassroots" is part of the Observer & Eccentric's series of roundtable discussions on the arts, culture and community.

The forum will run 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 2, as part of the Third Annual Festival of the Arts at the William Costick Activities Center, 28600 Eleven Mile Road, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads.

The festival runs from Sunday, April 26-Sunday, May 3.

The discussion will cover topics including art funding, showing the work of local artists and fostering partnerships among arts organizations.

The public will be given an opportunity to ask questions at the conclusion of the 90-minute discussion.

For information, call Sally LePla-Perry, Farmington Arts Coordinator, (248) 473-9583; Dave Varga, editor, Farmington Observer, (248) 477-5450; or (248) 901-2557.

### SPRING ART FAIR IN NOVI

The Fourth Annual Spring Sugarloaf Art Fair will be held Friday-Sunday, April 17-19 at the Novi Expo Center.

The show features 300 artists from 34 states and Canada.

Seven master craftspeople will be on hand for demonstrations of pottery, furniture making, iron forging, paper making, weaving and flameword bead making.

The Novi Expo Center is located off of Exit 162 off of I-96.

For information, (800) 210-9900.

### ECONOMIC IMPACT OF ART

The annual Art & Apples Festival in downtown Rochester, held in mid September, has a major impact on the local economy, according to a study by two Oakland University economists.

Professors Kevin Murphy and Ronald Tracy conducted an economic impact analysis of the 1997 Art & Apples Festival.

The study concluded that the two-day festival generated almost \$2.5-million in economic activity, and pumped more than \$1-million directly into the local restaurants, retailers and hotels.

### A PLACE & TIME TO WRITE

Writers of all skill levels can retreat into nature and composition at Cranbrook Schools' second annual "Retreat for Writers," from July 10-July 23.

The retreat includes sessions with more than two dozen authors of poetry, fiction, mem-

oirs, nonfiction, screenplays and children books.

Cost ranges from \$280-\$630 depending on the length of the sessions.

This year's participants include poet Mark Doty, children's author Elaine Greenstein, fiction author Joshua Henkin, poet Thomas Lux, screenwriter Bill Phillips and poet Gerald Stern.

A catalog of classes, teachers

biographies and registration information available at (248) 645-3492.

### LIST OF MICHIGAN ARTISTS

An updated 1998 listing of artists is now being compiled.

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# Health & Fitness

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## OAKLAND COUNTY HEALTHY LIVING

### OAC Triathlon

The Birmingham-based Oakland Athletic Club will conduct its First Annual OAC Triathlon on Saturday, April 18.

This is no ordinary triathlon, however. The event will consist of three different cardiovascular exercise performance challenges - Stairmaster, treadmills and bikes, in that order.

After a five-minute orientation, five people at a time will compete for 15 minutes and earn points according to the distance traveled in miles. There will be a mandatory five-minute break between each event and OAC trainers will supervise the racing.

Prizes will be awarded to first- and second-place finishers in the following combined age groups for women and men: 18-25; 26-35; 36-45; 46-55; 56-65 and 66-over.

The \$15 entry fee includes an OAC triathlon T-shirt and refreshments after racing. The entry deadline is Saturday, April 11. Call (248) 540-9596 for more information. The OAC is located at 355 South Old Woodward, Suite 290, in the Zaske Sarafa Financial Center.

The OAC is forming a team to ride in this year's 13th annual MS Bike Tour, a two-day bicycling adventure spanning 150 scenic miles in Michigan.

Each participant is required to turn in a minimum of \$150 in sponsor fees. OAC participants will be asked for an additional \$10 entry fee which goes toward a team T-shirt, water bottle and training advice from OAC Fitness Director Dana Mitchell Martin.

Special training rides are scheduled during the next few months; each participant will receive a suggested training schedule.

Interested parties should call Mitchell Martin at (248) 540-9596.

The OAC's third "Freedom From Smoking" clinic will be held Tuesdays from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., April 7 through May 19.

Call (248) 540-9596 for additional information.

### Reaching Higher

The spring session for Reaching Higher, a motivation and meditation course designed to help empower people to be the best they can be, will be held on Wednesdays beginning April 8.

Classes will run from 6:15 p.m.-10:15 p.m. at the Congregational Church of Birmingham, located at the corner of the Cranbrook Road and Woodward Avenue, spanning an eight-week period. A different topic will be covered each week, including Positive Life Choices, Overcoming Fears, and Forgiveness and Love.

For more information, call Sue Dahmann or Linda Hanniford at (810) 220-8812.

### Asthma discussion

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

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

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

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

### New breakthrough

Tasmar, the first drug developed that blocks one of the main enzymes linked to Parkinson's disease, is now available following successful clinical trials at institutions worldwide, including The Detroit Medical Center in Michigan.

The DMC was the only facility in the state to conduct clinical trials with the drug. Dr. Peter LeWitt, DMC neurologist, says this drug constitutes an important step in the treatment of Parkinson's disease.

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## Eick's efforts result in success

Steve Eick spent the last three ski seasons besieged by tests - tests of his character, dedication and commitment to become a member of the Pine Knob Ski Patrol. And he passed every one.

Eick, a Birmingham resident with a passion for skiing and simply being outdoors, recently became a Basic Patroller with the Clarkston-based unit and he's hard at work on advancing to Senior Patroller. But it wasn't easy.

"Not at all," Eick said. "Everyone was pre-warned about time commitments and on-the-hill training and things like that, but it just doesn't sink in at the time. But when you're training three to four days a week, it sinks in in a hurry."

The Pine Knob Ski Patrol is a registered unit of the National Ski Patrol, a non-profit, federally chartered organization founded in 1938 that has become the largest winter rescue organization in the world. It is composed of more than 28,500 members serving over 600 ski



Steve Eick

patrols including volunteer, paid, alpine, snowboard and nordic patrollers throughout the United States and certain military areas in Europe.

The Pine Knob Ski Patrol, which is a voluntary patrol in which the members provide their services without salary, is guided by the rules, regulations, policies, and ideals of the National Ski Patrol. It's mission is to provide skilled professional services to the Pine Knob Ski Area and the skiing public.

These services include the promo-

tion of ski safety and accident prevention, the administration of first aid to injured skiers, and the transportation of injured skiers off the ski slopes.

Eick's journey to become a Basic Patroller involved a comprehensive, 22-week first-aid class and a myriad of written exams and on-the-hill training sessions covering topics such as skiing certain types of terrain, toboggan handling and chair evacuation.

The 40-year-old Eick, a Birmingham Seaholm graduate, says he tried to make the experience as fun as possible. Eick is also a Pine Knob Ski Patrol Elected Board Representative.

"I've always loved to ski and be outdoors and I thought the next step for me was to get involved in the ski patrol," Eick said, "but I really wanted to enjoy it instead of it being a chore. I think I was able to do that

and I'm proud of the accomplishment.

"I'm looking forward to next (ski season)," he added. "The training was pretty intense, but I think it has to be that way. Some of the accidents can be life-threatening and you've got to be on the ball and have your head into the situation right away."

For more details on the Pine Knob Ski Patrol, check out its website at <http://host.pc.centuryinter.net/pksp>.

Steve Eick - Pine Knob Ski Patrol member

## Be on guard for unwanted grams of fat

TALK TO THE MIRROR



FLORINE MARK

Everyone is aware of the importance of healthy eating. We see advertisements everywhere for foods that are claimed to be "healthy," and business at health food stores is booming.

Healthy and low-fat are two very different things, however, which people often get confused. Some healthy foods are low in fat, but many are actually quite high in fat. These hidden fats make it difficult for you to control your calorie consumption and could sabotage an otherwise healthy diet.

Since fats have more than twice the calories per gram as proteins or carbohydrates, you may have a hard time losing weight if you aren't aware of hidden fats in your diet.

Don't presume a healthy food is low in fat. Read the label! This is the simplest solution when you're out shopping.

Things get a little trickier when you're at a restaurant or eating on the go. Avoid foods prepared in creamy sauces, if possible, or at least order meals with sauces and dressings on the side.

You may think eating a salad is a good choice if you're watching your weight, but it can be a dieter's worst enemy. If you lightly dip your salad into the dressing bite by bite, you'll end up saving yourself a lot of fat and still get the flavor. Just two tablespoons of some salad dressings can add 20 grams of fat to your "light lunch." Discard the fried croutons since they can elevate your salad closer to the hot fudge sundae zone where fat is concerned.

But you know you're always safe with pasta, right? Wrong. If the sauce looks creamy or white, chances are it contains whole milk, cream or cheese, which should raise a big red flag. Red sauces are usually a good bet but read the labels or ask the server if it's prepared with oil. Olive oil packs in 14 grams of fat per tablespoon.

Air-popped popcorn is a fabulous snack without all the butter and salt. If you're watching your waistline, however, don't even think about ordering popcorn at the movie theatre. A medium tub averages about 52 grams of fat. If you have to snack during the movie, you're better off munching on licorice, which isn't low in calories but is low-fat.

A healthy bran muffin might seem like a great breakfast for a dieter, but many muffins are quite fattening. Some contain about five grams of fat. If you stop at the convenience store and pick up an individually wrapped blueberry muffin, you may be surprised to find it has 29 grams of fat! You could eat almost a whole loaf of light bread to get the same amount of fat, although I do recommend portion control. A whole wheat English muffin with fruit spread is an excellent alternative that will provide lots of nutrition with only a couple of grams of fat.

Baked wheat crackers sound pretty healthy, but many contain about six grams of fat per serving. If you choose these over french fries it's a good choice, but there are plenty of other crunchy snacks like fresh vegetables and breakfast cereals that could provide better snacking options.

Another diet danger might be found at the deli counter. Delis often make sandwiches with more than twice the amount of meat that is considered a serving. Furthermore, the spreads and side dishes like potato salad and cole slaw are usually loaded with mayonnaise. A deli chicken salad sandwich typically hides 23 grams of fat, while a deli ham and cheese sandwich can have 62 grams of fat. My advice is substitute mustard for mayonnaise, choose lean meats, skip the side dishes and split the sandwich with a friend.

It's important to be aware of these hidden fats, whether you're trying to lose weight or simply eat healthy. The extra fat could increase cholesterol levels and the risk of heart disease. Don't let those fat grams lurk inside your next meal unbeknownst to you. Fat can't hide anymore now that you're aware of some of the pitfalls.

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

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

## Exercise proves helpful in battle against osteoporosis

Question: I'm 34 and I just found out that my 58-

year-old mother has been diagnosed with osteoporosis. She visited a doctor because she had some pain in her leg and foot. It turns out her foot was fractured. Finally, after many tests, she was informed of the diagnosis. I'm afraid that I will end up with the same disease; I heard that it is hereditary.

What can I do to prevent this from happening to me? Furthermore, is it OK for my mother to exercise? She seems to think that she should discontinue the workout program she just started. What do you think?

EXERCISING OPTIONS



MYRNA PARTRICH

Answer: First things first. Don't panic. I understand your concern about your mother's condition. Let me explain briefly what osteoporosis is, what causes it, and what we can do to help prevent it. With the proper "treatment" and prevention, the situation is not all gloom and doom. I promise!

Osteoporosis is a degenerative bone disease characterized by thinning, brittle and weakening bones. After the age of 50, 19 million women will be afflicted with osteoporosis. Every year 1.3 million fractures - mostly of the spine, wrist and hip - happen in part because of osteoporosis. It's a "silent" disease which means there are often no symptoms.

A fracture is frequently the first sign of the condition.

Who's at risk? Well, as women, we are four times more likely than men to develop osteoporosis, but there are other factors involved. They include excessive alcohol consumption, slight stature, inadequate calcium consumption, cigarette smoking, a sedentary lifestyle and early menopause.

Let me talk a little bit about early menopause. Menopause causes a reduction in the female hormone, which effectively protects the bone. When a woman goes through this change before age 45, she will probably be counseled by her doctor to take some kind of replacement estrogen. Refraining from smoking and other preventative measures - calcium supplements, for example - may be included in the prescription.

Speaking of calcium, when we were youngsters and told to drink milk because it would make our bones big and strong, that may have been only half the truth. According to a Cornell University study, nutritional biochemist Colin Campbell, Ph.D., says that osteoporosis levels in China are significantly lower than in the United States. In fact, the Chinese consume about half of the amount of calcium that Americans do. What's their secret?

Ninety percent of the protein that Chinese consume comes from plants - only 10 percent from animal sources. Americans, on the other hand, get 70 percent of their protein from animal sources, which may actually take calcium from the

body.

Let's talk exercise now. You asked if your mom should continue her workout plan. After her doctor's OK, I say absolutely! Exercise is probably one of the best "medicines" available; it's smart ingredient of prevention.

Most sedentary women who become more physically active will most likely increase the bone mass, according to Barbara Drinkwater, Ph.D., of the Seattle-based Pacific Medical Center. Although Drinkwater says the effects swimming have on bones is not known, swimming may be helpful to the arms and legs, but not the spine - the best activities for maintaining healthy bones are walking, race walking, aerobics or jogging.

Drinkwater also suggests that since the skeleton grows with these types of activity, try to remain active throughout the day. This is not only helps muscles and balance, but coordination as well, which can protect women from falls and help them remain independent.

See! It's really not bad. If both you and your mother start now, you can work (Did I say work?), I mean hope to enjoy better health and feel great in the process. So, ready, set ... Go!

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

## Is your problem allergies or a cold?

The milder-than-normal temperatures Michigan experienced this winter, due to El Nino, may wreak havoc for allergy sufferers this spring.

Some people may even find themselves suffering allergies for the first time in their lives, warns John Anderson, M.D., division head of Allergy and Clinical Immunology at Henry Ford Health System. But how do you know whether your problem is allergies or a cold?

"While the symptoms are not always cut-and-dry, some basic guidelines may help you distinguish allergies from a cold or sinus infection," Dr. Anderson said.

Guidelines for allergies include:

- mucus discharge from the nose tends to be clear.
  - no fever.
  - symptoms are more recurrent and more persistent over a several-week period.
  - symptoms are relieved by an over-the-counter antihistamine such as Benadryl or by a prescription antihistamine.
- Guidelines for the common cold include:
- nasal mucus is cloudy or discolored.
  - fever.

■ symptoms clear up in about one week

■ symptoms are responsive to an over-the-counter decongestant such as Sudafed.

In some cases, Dr. Anderson notes that a common cold may also lead to a sinus infection and allergic individuals are even more prone. A family physician can diagnose your problem and refer you to an allergy specialist, if necessary.

This year, spring allergy season will start earlier and last longer. The timing of symptom onset helps an allergy specialist determine the culprit. Trees will begin budding by the end of March and continue to bud through mid-May. Just about that time, grass allergies will set in and last through July.

Higher winter temperatures also mean that the mold count has been higher. A rainy spring could worsen problems for people with mold sensitivity. If you suffer from spring allergies, Dr. Anderson recommends that you limit the time you spend outdoors during peak pollen hours (5-10 a.m.); close windows in your house and car and use the air conditioning; minimize morning activity when pollen count is

higher; stay indoors on windy days because dust and pollen are blown about; don't hang sheets or clothing to dry outside; and minimize yardwork duties.

For more information about allergy remedies, contact the Henry Ford Hospital Allergy Clinic at (313) 876-3121.

WOMEN OF WELLNESS LECTURES

No matter what season of life you're in, it's never too late to improve your health. The "Women of Wellness" lectures can help.

The free lectures will take place 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 30 at the Henry Ford Medical Center - Livonia.

Sponsored by Henry Ford Health System, the lectures will highlight the following key health issues:

- Pre-menopausal and menopausal changes: Judy Dudum, M.D.
  - Cancer screening tests: Sylvia Simon, M.D.
  - Hormone replacement therapy: Geraldine Jackson, M.D.
  - Alternatives to hormone replacement therapy: Ghazala Burney, M.D.
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## Wolves hope vets can help climb to top



**In Clarkston lost one of its key pitchers, but returns a slew of veterans it hopes can lead it to the promised land in the Oakland Activities Association.**

**V**eteran leadership could key a run at the Oakland Activities Association Division I championship for the Clarkston softball team.

However, there are some concerns about the Wolves' pitching which could go a long way to determining how much success the squad achieves.

When healthy, senior pitcher Rachel Fuller should be one of the most overpowering throwers in the OAA, but Fuller is experiencing tendinitis in her throwing arm, which could limit her effectiveness this season.

Head coach Al Land said through Clarkston's first 10 games of the season, Fuller will throw a limited number of innings.

She is receiving medical treatment and Land's biggest concern is to make sure she doesn't injure her arm to a greater degree.

"We'll have to see how her stamina is and I'm not going to let her push it," Land said. "Weather conditions will play a factor, too, so I hope it's warm."

The Wolves graduated their number two pitcher from last year, Allison Prudhomme, along with two other seniors. They might have to rely heavily on the pitching of senior Sam Hardenburgh, who has little varsity experience on the mound but has been throwing well in practice.

"She's not overpowering but as long as she's around the plate, we have confidence in our defense," Land said. "With (Fuller's injury), she has really become an important part of our team."

In fact, Land expects this could be his best all-around defensive team in his eighth year at Clarkston. The Wolves should be particularly strong up the middle with four-year varsity starters in shortstop Tiffany Honey — who will play softball at Northwood next year — and speedy centerfielder Aimee Giroux. Those two will also provide some punch in the batting lineup.

Junior second baseman Mandie Harrison and catcher Corinne McIntyre also return to their starting positions and will be counted on for offensive production. Senior Carmen Lund will split time at first base and in the outfield.

"I have a veteran club coming back and that gives us a lot of confidence," Land said. "I expect a lot of leadership from that group of upperclassmen."

The roster will be rounded out by four

### Honey's late hit propels Wolves

When two teams get together and play a great game it is always enjoyable to watch. When one of the teams wins in the bottom of the seventh with two outs and the bases loaded, it's even more fun.

Clarkston did just that to Troy on Friday, winning 2-1 when Tiffany Honey shot a line drive into the gap in right-center field, scoring two runs to end the game. The game was an Oakland Activities Association Division I home win for the Wolves.

"That felt great," Honey said. "I was thinking, 'I've got the bases loaded and I've got to get a hit. (The win) gives us confidence and shows us what it feels like and what it takes to win.'"

The game was a pitchers duel throughout, with Rachel Fuller getting the win over the Colts' Marla Otterbacher.

"Tiffany was due to get a big hit," Clarkston assistant coach Al Giroux said. "That's exactly how we drew it up."

The Colts were leading 1-0 going into the bottom of the seventh when Clarkston designated hitter Mary Warchuck led off with a double to right. Mandie Harrison followed with

a walk to put runners on first and second. Sam Hardenburgh was safe on a fielder's choice when the catcher fielded her hit and fired late to third, where Warchuck beat the throw to load the bases with no outs.

Otterbacher struck out the next batter and got the next batter to bounce back to her, and she threw home for the force. That set the stage for Honey, who was hitless on the season before that at-bat.

The Wolves managed only three hits and just one runner reached second base until the seventh inning against Otterbacher. The Colts didn't fare much better, collecting just four hits in the game versus Fuller.

"We have a lot of talent and a lot of athleticism," Giroux said. "We're a young team that is going to take some time to develop. Our defense is going to be solid."

The Colts' run came in the fourth inning with Andrea Solomon leading off the inning with a single off Fuller's leg. Solomon stole second and scored on Wendi Kaufman's double to left-center field.

The Wolves play again Monday at Royal Oak Kimball. Game time is 4 p.m.

freshmen and two sophomores who will have to fill starting positions at third base and in the outfield. With five seniors on this year's team, Land said it is important for younger players to obtain some experience at the varsity level in preparation for next year.

"And they will get time to play," Land said. "Plus the experience they receive this year should help us down the road."

Last season the Wolves finished 22-12 and placed third in the OAA I. Land expects the division race to be wide open this year, even though Brandon has dominated play the last three seasons. Look for Brandon and Clarkston to compete with Rochester Adams and Waterford Kettering for the title.

In addition the remaining two teams in the division, Waterford Mott and Troy, are expected to be improved after fielding young squads a year ago.

"There's no real preseason favorite, although you'd have to go with Brandon until they get beat," Land said. "I really think it's going to be balanced. The top four teams probably will just be knocking each other off."

The non-conference schedule is also challenging with a number of games against Division II teams, which Land feels might have better pitching overall

this year. Clarkston plays Royal Oak Kimball, which has started the season 4-0, twice. They also match up with perennial powers Harper Woods Regina and Flint Kearsley in tournaments down the road.

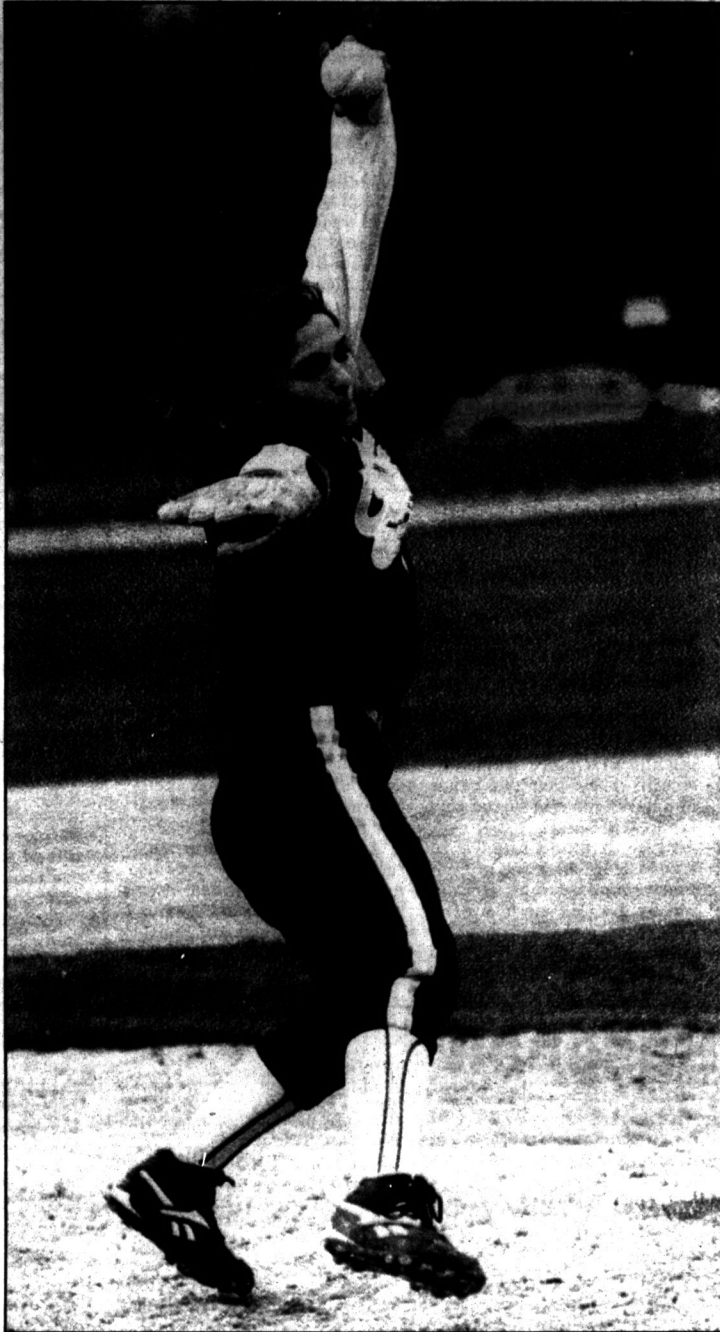
"Early on it could be a bit of a learning experience, especially with hitting," said Land. "We need quality at-bats and (Fuller) hasn't been able to throw batting practice, so it's tough."

One of the tournament highlights comes April 25-26 at a 32-team tournament in Rochester Hills pitting some of the area's top programs.

For now, the goal is to improve and get the pitching staff set. Land also wants to get his freshmen and sophomores some playing time early in the season to allow them to play over any nerves.

In six of the last seven years, the Wolves have won 20 or more games, and Land expects that success to continue this year. He is anxious to have the regular season start and hopes this spring brings better weather than the waterlogged conditions which were the norm in 1997.

"Our experience and work ethic is strong," Land said. "We just have a few questions which need to be answered."



**Fuller up:** Clarkston's Rachel Fuller got the win in a 2-1 victory over Troy Friday, one of many wins the Wolves hope the senior will pick up this year. Like all the other OAA Division I teams, the Wolves are trying to catch Brandon, the team that has dominated the division standings the last three seasons.

## Highlanders pounce on Wolves to claim cold-weather victory

After a season of disappointments and inconsistency, it appears the Rochester Adams baseball team has turned the boat around.

Well, that is the case if Friday's season opener is any indication.

Backed by a pair of two-run homers by junior Dan Czarnecki and a solid pitching performance by Kurt Anderson, the Highlanders rolled past host Clarkston 9-2 Friday in an Oakland Activities Association Division I contest at Clintwood Park.

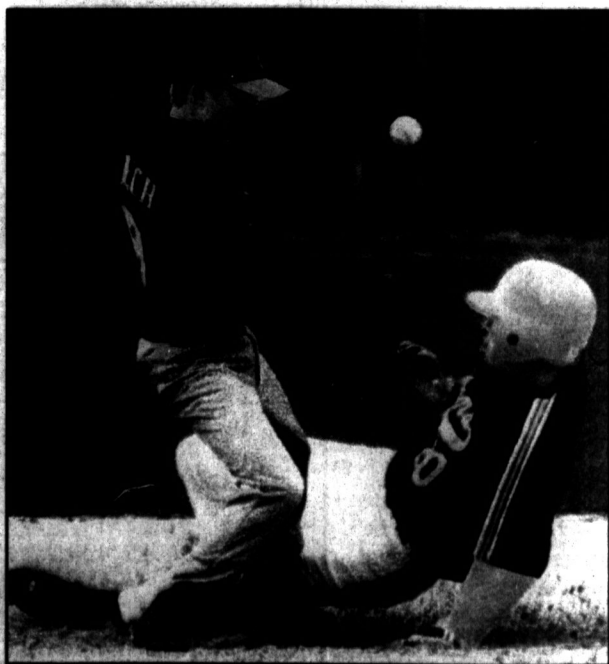
"We got a little bit of everything tonight," said Adams fifth-year coach Andy Lamkin, whose squad finished 12-21 last season after back-to-back appearances in the Class A state final. "We hit the ball well and we didn't make many mistakes in the field."

In fact, Adams (1-0, 1-0) looked nearly exceptional in the field, picking off three Clarkston baserunners to halt a pair of potential rallies.

"I think the cold weather affects the way we play," said Clarkston coach Roy Warner. "Our pitchers just didn't have it tonight and we made some mistakes (on the basepaths)."

Adams tagged Clarkston starter Josh Clark for 10 hits and seven runs before he was replaced in the sixth inning by sophomore Chris Mitchell, who surrendered one of the two round-trippers by Czarnecki in the seventh.

Meanwhile Anderson, a junior



**Safe trip:** Clarkston's Adam Leech tries to control the throw as Jason Daniels of Adams hits the dirt in Tuesday's 9-2 win over the Wolves.

right-hander, picked up his first varsity win for Adams, going four innings with three strikeouts against three hits and three walks.

With one out in the fourth and with the bases loaded, Anderson pitched his way out of a jam, getting Clarkston junior Adam Leech to bounce into a double-

play to end the inning.

"He did all right for his first time out," said Lamkin. "He was consistent and he got the job done."

Offensively, the Highlanders were just as consistent, scoring two runs in the first, one apiece

Please see **BASEBALL, C2**

## Falcons survive Wolves

Last-minute goal gives Rochester soccer win

Lynn Cuthbertson has been in a scoring slump, but the Rochester senior forward came through in the clutch Friday when her team needed her most.

Cuthbertson scored her first goal of the Falcons' four-game season — and her first goal since the 16th game of last season — at the 79:20 mark to lift Rochester past host Clarkston 1-0 in a thrilling Oakland Activities Association crossover match.

"It's tough because I've been in a slump and I haven't been able to shake it," said Cuthbertson, a four-year starter. "I'm just glad that I could help out tonight. It felt good."

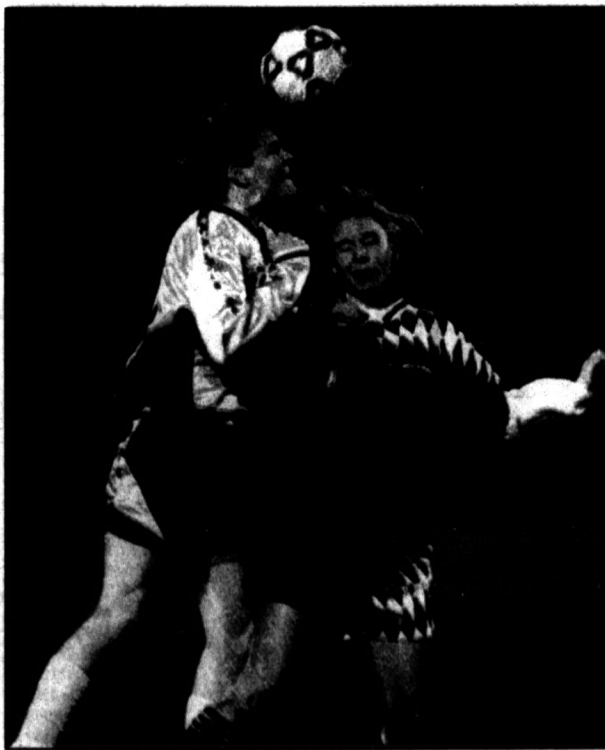
Cuthbertson volleyed in a corner kick from freshman sweeper Leah O'Melian, putting a quirk into Clarkston's defensive scheme that almost worked out to perfection.

"It would have been great to get out of here with a tie, the girls deserve it," said Clarkston coach Brian Fitzgerald. "I knew if we could hang with them, then we might have a chance."

Clarkston generated little offense throughout as Rochester carried play for nearly 90 percent of the game.

But the Wolves nearly struck first with 19 minutes left when senior forward Georgia Senkyr's 30-yard blast with the wind rang off the crossbar.

However, the rebound by freshman forward Sara Voss sailed harmlessly over the net and Clarkston failed to threaten the rest of the game.



**Better than one:** Clarkston's Georgina Senkyr (left) and Rochester's Kelly McDermott put their heads together during the Falcons' 1-0 win Friday night.

Rochester junior Heidi Schaefer turned aside 10 shots for her second straight shutout. "I can see it now, the headlines — Rochester survives Clarkston scare," said Rochester

coach Erick Pfeifer. "We just couldn't finish tonight and they sat back on defense, packed the box, and just waited for the

Please see **SOCCER, C3**



## Record set in county's 3-point, slam dunk fest

It was an amazing night of slamming and shooting the basketball for Eccentric-area competitors at Friday's annual Oakland County Slam Dunk/3 Point Contest held at Troy High.

Jon Poyer of Birmingham Brother Rice and Jason Ehlfeldt of Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest emerged as the county's new champions as they claimed the 3-point and slam titles, respectively.

"It's totally amazing," beamed Ehlfeldt, moments after throwing down a one-hander from the free-throw line to leap past the 11-man final field. "I just made sure I made my dunks and at the end knew I had to pull out something amazing."

Ehlfeldt, a senior, used his 6-foot-6 frame to pot all four dunk attempts and finish with a record-setting 176.5 total (out of 180) handed out from the six-judge panel. He needed it all as Oak Park's Robert Brown finished right on his heels with 175.8.

Tyrone Lewis of Ferndale placed third with 174.1. William McDonald of Pontiac Central was fourth with 173. Eric Easter of Birmingham Groves fifth with 164 and Mike Tuttle of Ortonville-Brandon sixth with 152.8.

"I didn't think I was going to make it to the second round," said Ehlfeldt, still shaking his head after accepting the first-place trophy. "I was in it the last two years and never thought I'd get this far."

Ehlfeldt found himself in second place after the preliminary round, trailing McDonald by 1.4. He made up the difference and then some by flipping the ball behind his

back and hammering down a two-handed slam.

Ehlfeldt brought the Northwest faithful to their feet moments later and gained county bragging rights when he potted his one-hander that began from the other side of midcourt.

Trevor Gaines (Farmington Harrison), Ron Austin (Brother Rice), Andrew Burt (Harrison), Stan Bodzick (Berkley) and Joe Finland (Bloomfield Hills Lahser) rounded out the slam dunk final field.

Poyer, a senior who is headed to the University of Chicago to play basketball, was one of 14 shooters from an original field of 49 to advance to the semifinal round of the 3-Point Shoot-Out.

In the semis, Poyer was the top scorer with 14 points to earn a spot in the championship round. However, he had to wait for an opponent as Walled Lake Western's Ben Dewar and Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes' Marc Summers were forced into an overtime shoot-out after tying for the second spot with 12 points.

The overtime shoot-out didn't solve anything as both players finished with 14 points. That tie forced a second shoot-out that Summers won, 12-8.

A rested Poyer took on Summers in the championship round. Although it was close, Poyer won, 13-11, thanks to three successful two-point final-ball makes. Summers hit just two of his five final balls.

"I was real tired after my round, so I can only imagine how tired Marc must have been after his. I have to give him credit for staying with me," said Poyer.

## Wolves' netters could still contend despite suffering graduation losses

If there is a question mark in this year's Oakland Activities Association Division II boys tennis race, it's most likely Clarkston.

The Wolves, who finished 6-4-1 last year - including 4-1 in the division, where they finished second behind Troy Athens - graduated seven players but return enough talent that could keep them in the upper echelon of the division.

"We could be that type of team that starts kind of slow but peaks for the league tournament," offered Clarkston coach Kevin Ortwine. "We have a lot of guys playing in different places this year and we have some new kids that need varsity experience. Once we get accustomed to that, then we should be competitive."

The Wolves, who lost both their No. 1 and No. 2 singles players and all of their No. 1 doubles unit, opened the season on March 27 with a 4-4 deadlock against Athens before falling to preseason favorite Berkley, 6-2, on Monday.

Still, Ortwine is confident about his team's chances to contend in Division II despite the 0-1-1 start.

"We tied Athens and they were the defending champs, and that's a nice start," said Ortwine. "The loss to Berkley was tough because we didn't play the best match. We hope to get them later in the season (at the league tournament)."

As for now, the Wolves hope that their current lineup will keep them within striking distance of the overall division title despite being a game-and-a-half out of first with three league matches to go - all which come after the Easter break.

Senior Jim Kyle and sophomore Pat Heber currently hold down the No. 1 and No. 2 singles positions after playing at No. 3 and No. 4, respectively, last season.

Junior Lorne Deacon earned the No. 3 slot and sophomore Brent Griffith is playing at the No. 4 singles position. Both played on various doubles teams a year ago.

"For Jim (Kyle) and Pat (Heber), just getting used to a little tougher competition is the only thing they need to do differently," said Ortwine. "But for

### Netters get first win

The Clarkston Wolves swept all four singles matches, and got the one doubles win they needed to post their first win of the season, a 5-3 Oakland Activities Association Division II victory over Royal Oak Kimball Thursday.

Clarkston's singles players actually had a fairly easy time of it, all of them winning in straight sets and none losing more than three games. Top singles player Jim Kyle beat K.C. Chambers 6-3, 6-2, while No. 2 singles player Pat Heber stopped Dave Fullerton 6-2, 6-1.

Lorne Deacon beat Kimball's Tom McLaughlin 6-2, 6-3 at No. 3 singles, while Brent Griffith beat Nick Moritz 6-3, 6-0 at No. 4.

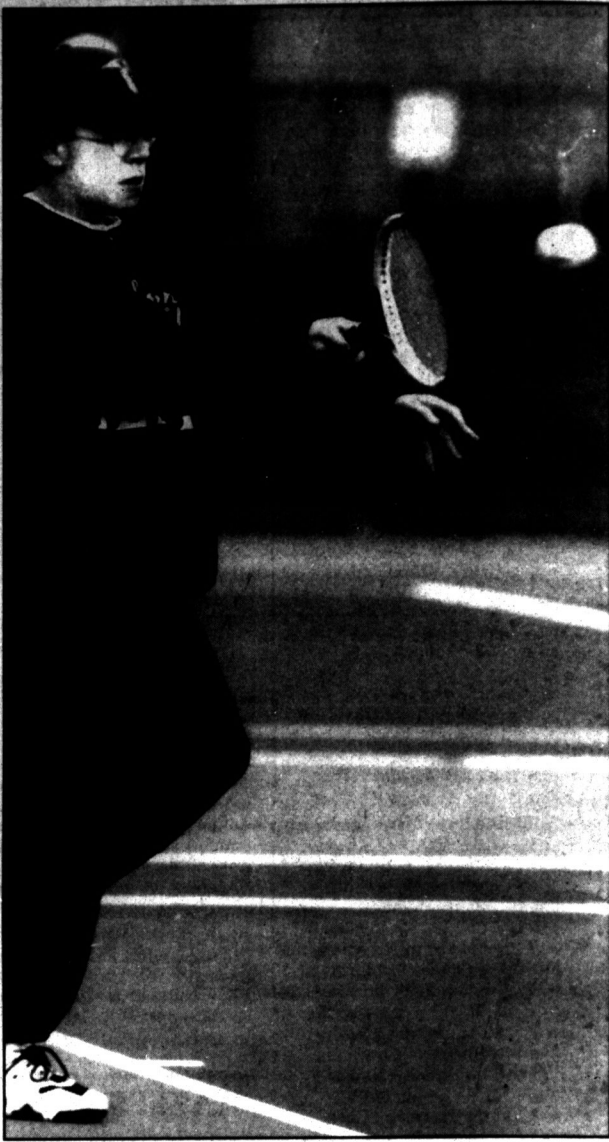
Dustin King and Nate Davidson teamed to get Clarkston the lone doubles victory it needed. The Wolves' No. 2 doubles pair beat Phil Rosiek and Sauruh Vhatanagu in a three-setter, 6-1, 5-7, 6-2.

The win evened Clarkston's record at 1-1-1. The Wolves are at Auburn Hills Avondale Monday, then host Lake Orion Wednesday. Play starts both days at 4 p.m.

(Deacon and Griffith), they have to get used to playing singles and covering the court by themselves. Going from doubles to singles is a big change."

In the doubles slots, senior Dave Trotman, who played at No. 2 doubles last year, is paired at No. 1 doubles with freshman prospect Scott Barnett, whom Ortwine calls "a pleasant surprise."

"Scott (Barnett) is one of those kids that came in and almost won a singles position," he continued. "He's a quality kid and by playing with Dave (Trotman), he will become a better player in a hurry. Playing along side with a senior will help."



**Return policy:** Clarkston's Pat Heber sends a shot back during his 6-2, 6-1 win over Dave Fullerton of Royal Oak Kimball Thursday.

Junior Nate Davidson and sophomore Dustin Kring are the No. 2 unit for the Wolves, while the tandem of senior Kevin Babcock and junior Jessie Kodrick (No. 3), and the unit of sophomore Blake Coe and promising freshman Matt Foley (No. 4), round out the doubles lineup for

Clarkston. "I think it will only a matter of time before our doubles players get used to playing with each other," said Ortwine. "Once that happens, we should be able to play with anyone in our league. "We're hoping for a very strong finish," he concluded.

## Baseball from page C1

in the second, third and fourth innings, and two apiece in the fifth and seventh innings.

All the offense the Wolves (1-2, 1-2) could muster was an RBI roundout by junior designated-sitter Nick Upchurch in the second, and an RBI single to center by junior second-baseman John Brallos in the fifth.

"We hit the ball all right at times, but most of the time it was right at people," said Warner. "(Adams) hit the ball really well and it seemed like they all dropped into the holes.

"We'll just have to rebound and see what happens on Mon-

day against Orchard Lake (St. Mary's)," he concluded.

For Adams, senior Matt Fox was 3-for-4 with an RBI and two stolen bases, Czarnecki was 2-for-4 with four RBI, senior Nat Bingham was 2-for-4 with a run scored, and senior Matt Fraser was 1-for-3, including a solo shot, for the Highlanders, who stole six bases total.

"I'm kind of surprised of the power (hitting) today," admitted Lamkin. "We'll hit some home runs this year, but not many. But to have three in the season opener - we'll take it."

## Soccer from page C1

counter (attack)."

Rochester came out a flurry to open the game, firing several shots at Clarkston sophomore goalkeeper Allison Barth. But Barth - who finished with 11 saves - was up to the task with fine defensive help from sophomore sweeper Katie Tripi.

"We played very well on defense," said Fitzgerald. "We sat back and we played them

just right on their long throw-ins and their (cornerkicks). And we caught them offside how many times?"

The Falcons outshot Clarkston 28-12 and held a 9-3 advantage on cornerkicks, but were constant victims of the Wolves' off-side trap, being whistled six times.

"I knew that they were good on set plays so we tried to stop

them," said Fitzgerald, whose team slipped to 0-4, including a pair of 1-0 losses. "We almost pulled it off."

Pfeifer moved O'Melian from sweeper to forward with 15 minutes to play to bolster the Falcons' attack and it paid dividends.

"I didn't want to move Leah (O'Melian) up there, but we had to do something," he said. "She

brought us a lot of energy up there and we started attacking better with her up front."

Rochester had several opportunities to score in the waning moments, but shots by junior forward Sarah Corna and O'Melian clanked off the crossbar, and senior midfielder Lisa Chutorash misfired on a pair of shots that sailed wide-left, setting up Cuthbertson's heroics.

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## The Week Ahead

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Below is a listing of all the variety athletic contests for the upcoming week for Clarkston, Clarkston Springfield Christian, Lake Orion, Lake Orion Islamic Baptist, Oxford, Oxford Christian, and Oxford Indianwood Christian high schools. To have your schedules appear here, send pertinent information to: Eccentric Sports Department, 790 S. Lapeer, Lake Orion, MI, 48362.

**Mon. April 6**  
Girls Soccer - Auburn Hills  
Oakland Christian at Oxford  
(4:30); Berkley at Clarkston  
(7:00); Birmingham Groves at  
Lake Orion (7:00);

Baseball - Lake Orion at  
Rochester (Borden Park, 4:00);  
Oxford at Goodrich (DH) (4:00);  
Softball - Troy at Lake  
Orion (4:00); Clarkston at Royal  
Oak Kimball (4:00);

Boys Tennis - Lake Orion at  
Southfield (4:00); Clarkston at  
Auburn Hills Avondale (4:15).

**Tues. April 7**  
Girls Soccer - Clarkston  
Springfield Christian Eagle  
Cup Invitational (4/5:30).

Baseball - Bloomfield Hills  
Indover at Oxford (4:00);  
Clarkston Springfield Christian  
at Troy Bethany Christian  
(4:30).

Softball - Bloomfield Hills  
Indover at Oxford (4:00).

Boys/Girls Track - Female  
at Clarkston (4:30); Lake  
Orion at Berkley (4:30); Oxford  
at Ortonville-Brandon (4:00).

**Wed. April 8**  
Girls Soccer - Rochester  
adams at Oxford (5:30); Clark-  
ton at Lake Orion (7:00);  
Baseball - Royal Oak Kim-  
ball at Lake Orion (DH) (4:00);  
Auburn Hills Avondale at  
Oxford (4:00);

Softball - Lake Orion at  
Waterford Kettering (4:00);  
Rochester at Clarkston (DH)  
(4:00);

**Thurs. April 9**  
Girls Soccer - Clarkston  
Springfield Christian Eagle  
Cup Invitational (4/5:30);

**Fri. April 10**  
No events scheduled

**Sat. April 11**  
No events scheduled

## ACTIVITIES

## SWAP MEET

The Oakland County Sports-  
men's Club will hold its annual  
Sportsman's Swap Meet, 10  
a.m.-4:30 p.m. on Saturday,  
April 26, at its clubhouse and  
grounds in Clarkston. Call (248)  
623-0444 for more information.

## CLASSES

## ROCK CLIMBING

Learn the basics of rock climb-  
ing during this course, which is  
offered by SOLAR and begins  
April 15. Call Jim Young at  
(610) 731-2504 for more infor-  
mation.

## DUCK &amp; GOOSE CALLING

West Bloomfield Community  
Education will offer a class in  
duck and goose calling begin-  
ning at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April  
27. Taught by noted waterfowl  
guide Lyman Burgess, the class  
will meet for one hour each  
week for four consecutive  
weeks, at the Orchard Lake  
Middle School. Registration fee  
is \$35. Call (248) 539-2290 for  
more information.

## ARCHERY

## JUNIOR OLYMPICS

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

## JUNIOR ARCHERS

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

## CLASSES

## YOUTH FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club  
will hold a Youth Fly Fishing  
School, 9a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday,  
April 4, at the Walled Lake Out-  
door Education Center. The  
school is open to youths age  
seven to 15 accompanied by a  
parent or adult guardian.  
Admission is \$5 and includes  
pizza, donuts, pop and hot

chocolate. Call Dale Ross (734)  
420-2233 or Tony Yuhas (248)  
478-7461 to register and for  
more information.

## HUNTER EDUCATION

Oakland County Sportsmen's  
Club will hold a hunter educa-  
tion class beginning Thursday,  
April 30, at its clubhouse in  
Clarkston. The class will meet  
6:30-9:30 p.m. on April 30, May  
4, 5, 6 and 7 as well as 9 a.m.-  
3:30 p.m. Saturday, May 9. Reg-  
istration fee is \$6 and partici-  
pants must be 12 years old by  
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ited. Call (248) 623-0444 for  
more information.

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education classes in the upcom-  
ing months at its clubhouse and  
grounds in Romulus. These  
classes will be taught by certi-  
fied instructors. Students must  
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Oct. 17-18 and Nov. 7-8. Cost is  
\$10.50 and includes lunch both  
days. To pre-register call (313)  
532-0285.

## CLUBS

## SOLAR

The School for Outdoor Leader-  
ship, Adventure and Recreation,  
a non-profit organization inter-  
ested in promoting the appreci-  
ation of outdoor activities,  
meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first  
Tuesday of each month at the  
Colony Hall in Southfield. Call  
(248) 988-6658 for more infor-  
mation.

## METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

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

## MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

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

## FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club  
meets 7:30 p.m. the first

Wednesday of each month at  
the Senior Citizen's Center in  
the Livonia Civic Center. Call  
Jim Kudej at (313) 591-0843 for  
more information.

## FISHING BUDDYS

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

## CLINTON VALLEY BASS

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

## BASS ASSOCIATION

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

## BANQUETS

## BIG GAME HUNTERS

The Michigan Big Game  
Hunter's Association will hold  
its 10th annual banquet and  
fund raiser beginning at 4 p.m.  
Sunday, April 26, at Laurel  
Manor Banquet Center in Liv-  
onia. Tickets are \$40 each in  
advance and \$350 for a table of  
10. Tickets will be \$50 at the  
door. To order tickets and for  
more information call (313) 513-  
7471.

## DUCKS UNLIMITED

The Birmingham-Bloomfield-  
Troy Chapter of Ducks Unlimited  
will hold its 21st annual  
Sportsman's Dinner on Wednes-  
day, May 13, at the San Marino  
Club in Troy.

## MEETINGS

## NRC

The monthly meeting of the  
state Natural Resource Com-  
mission will be Wednesday and  
Thursday, April 8-9, at the St.  
Joseph Hotel in St. Joseph.  
Persons who wish to address  
the commission or persons with  
disabilities needing accommoda-  
tions for effective participation  
should contact Teresa Golden at  
(517) 373-2352 a week in

advance.

## SEASON/DATES

## EXTENDED TROUT

The extended trout and salmon  
fishing season on designated  
streams is April 1-24.

## CATCH AND RELEASE

A special catch-and-release  
trout season runs April 1-24 on  
a designated section of the  
Huron River at the Proud Lake  
Recreation Area.

## SPEARS/BOWS

Spearing, hand netting and bow  
season for suckers, carp, gar  
and bowfin runs April 1-May 31  
on non-trout waters south of M-  
46

## SMELT

Smelt netting season runs  
through May 31 south of M-72  
and April 1-May 31 north of M-  
72.

SHOOTING  
RANGES

## BALD MOUNTAIN

Bald Mountain Recreation Area  
in Lake Orion has shotgun  
(skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-  
stand), rifle, pistol, and archery  
shooting facilities. Range hours  
are 10 a.m. to dusk on Wednes-  
days, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturdays  
and Sundays. In addition, the  
sporting clays course, trap &  
skeet shooting and archery  
ranges are open noon-dusk on  
Mondays and Tuesdays. Begin-  
ning in mid-April the rifle range  
will also be open noon-dusk on  
Mondays and Tuesdays. Bald  
Mountain is located at 1330  
Greenshield Rd., which is three  
miles north of the Palace of  
Auburn Hills off M-24. Call  
(248) 814-9193 for more infor-  
mation.

## PONTIAC LAKE

Pontiac Lake Recreation Area  
in Waterford has rifle, pistol,  
shotgun, and archery ranges.  
Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Wednesdays through Sundays.  
Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is  
located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call  
(248) 666-1020 for more infor-  
mation.

## ORTONVILLE RECREATION

Ortonville Recreation Area in  
Ortonville has rifle, pistol and

shotgun shooting facilities. The  
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located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call  
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mation

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COUNTY PARKS

## COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS

Advanced registration is  
required for all nature pro-  
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## EGGSTRAVAGANZA

An afternoon of egg-formation  
and family fun including face  
painting, crafts for kids and a  
short hike, begins at 1:30 p.m.  
Sunday at Independence Oaks.

## FEATHERS, FUN AND SCALES

Ages 6-8 will uncover the story  
of animals and their coverings  
through hands-on activities dur-  
ing this program, which begins  
at 1:30 p.m. each day on April  
15, 16 and 17.

## STATE PARKS

## STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS

Maybury State Park, Proud  
Lake Recreation Area, Bald  
Mountain Recreation Area,  
Highland Recreation Area and  
Island Lake Recreation Area  
offer nature interpretive pro-  
grams throughout the year. A  
state park motor vehicle permit  
is required for entry into all  
state parks and state recreation  
areas. For registration and  
additional information on the  
programs at Maybury call (810)  
349-8390. For programs at Bald  
Mountain call (810) 693-6767.  
For programs at Proud Lake  
and Highland call (810) 685-  
2433. For programs at Island  
Lake call (810) 229-7067.

## BIRDING AT HAVEN HILL

Take a stroll through the natu-  
ral areas of Highland Lake  
Recreation Area during this  
program, which begins at 9 a.m.  
Saturday, April 4.

## FROGS AND TOADS

Learn about frogs while taking  
a naturalist-led walk in search  
of wood and chorus frogs during  
this program, which begins at  
1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at  
Proud Lake.

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## 1999 Mercury Cougar: Wow!!!

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By Anne Fracassa  
Avanti NewsFeatures



BRAZELTON, Ga. — Its teeth and claws are bared and its back is hunched high, ready for attack. Quiet as a mouse, this aggressive-looking cat doesn't purr at all. Its roar must be worse than its bite.

Unless it's you who gets bit. And believe me, if you do get bit, it won't cost you a whole lot. But if this cat gets ahold of you, you won't — no, can't — get away.

Nope. Not talking about some African safari-type animal.

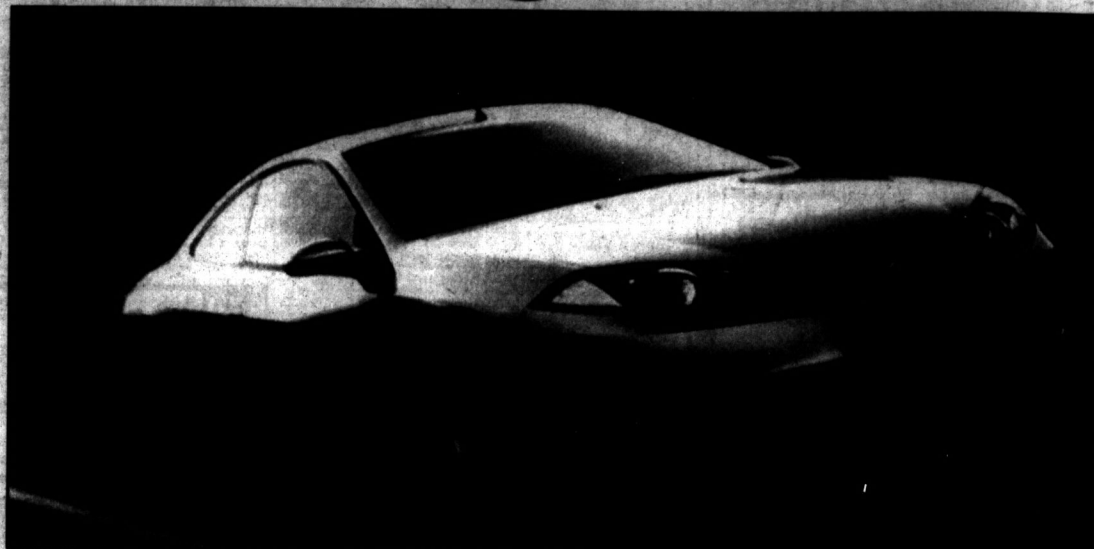
Kinda talking about an animal, though. Talking about the 1999 Mercury Cougar.

Let me sum it up in a word: BUY. And don't wait. They'll be snatched up like orphaned little kittens in a box on a street corner that says "free."

Finally, finally, the folks over at Lincoln-Mercury are waking up. This all-new Cougar is a beautiful sight to behold and it's affordable to anyone. There was a lot of hype about the Cougar during the two days I spent with it. Lots of talk about functionality, aggressiveness, dynamic look, ergonomics, comfort, safety and integrity.

I kept wondering about the price. Let's see, I thought, the old Cougar was between \$20,000 and \$25,000, if I can remember that far back (sometimes it's questionable!). This kitty's gonna cost a lot more. New styling, new assembly plant location, new everything. Somebody's gotta pay the freight, right?

So if you want to go to the end of this



The 1999 Cougar is responsive, yet comfortable; efficient, yet logical; stiff, yet very stable at any speed; functional, yet fun to drive; safety-conscious, yet inviting you to drive fast.

article, just to find out what the price is, go ahead. I won't fault you for your inquisitiveness.

But let me entice you a bit with the bones and joints and innerds of this Cougar before I spring the price on you.

First of all, this is an all-new offering for Lincoln-Mercury. This from a company that surprised the automotive industry a few months ago by throwing a tantrum behind closed doors, taking a bold stand, breaking away from daddy and running off to California.

This is the new Lincoln-Mercury. And this new Cougar is a darn good start. The Cougar is also the first product from the Ford 2000 team concept born in the early 1990s.

Let's start with the exterior of this aggressive-looking vehicle. Can we say "stand out in a crowd"? Both front and back styling is so fresh, so looking like the slits of the eyes of a cat. At every angle, you can see lines cutting through and ending just where they should to give it

an aerodynamic, flowing look.

Everything is in perfect balance.

Yep, the styling is radical. But very, very appealing. Very young. Very nice.

Slip inside and you'll find everything oriented toward the driver, everything logically placed, everything within easy reach.

The Cougar is a two-door front-wheel drive coupe that seats four. Get real. This is a sports car with a couple of seats in the back for show. Much like that of the previous Cougar. Or the 5.0-liter Mercury Capri.

But that's OK. We don't need to have back-seat passengers anyway. We'll have too much fun driving this Cougar to listen to what they're saying.

Talk about efficiency. The Cougar's a hatchback (thought we were through with those, didn't you?) and with the 50/50 split rear seats folded down you could probably come close to hauling all your worldly possessions in there. Even with the seats up, there's a lot of cargo

area to play with.

Under the hood you'll find a 2.0-liter 16-valve Zetec engine capable of 125 miles per hour. A better choice is the Duratec 2.5-liter 170-horsepower 24-valve dual overhead cam V6 with a top speed of 137 miles per hour.

And yes, it can go that fast. Easily.

The Cougar has more than 70 percent of its internal parts shared by the Contour/Mystique/Mondeo line. And 70 percent of the Contour/Mystique/Mondeo platform is in the Cougar.

But believe me, there are no other similarities. The Cougar is responsive, yet comfortable; efficient, yet logical; stiff, yet very stable at any speed; functional, yet fun to drive; safety-conscious, yet inviting you to drive fast.

WARNING: You could get lots of tickets in this thing. Especially if you choose one in head-turning red or black.

Built in the Detroit suburb of Flat Rock, on the same line with the Mazda

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26, the Cougar is much smaller than the previous generation. It's perfect size, though: not too big, not too small. Just right.

Mounted on all four paws are specially made Firestone Firehawk GTA-02 tires that promise long-wearing durability and wet, dry and snow traction like nothing else on the market.

The Cougar is exclusive to Mercury, by the way, so don't look for a cloned Thunderbird on daddy's new-car lot.

Everyone's jumping on the bandwagon and Mercury's no exception. What's surprising is that it's so soon. The Cougar can be outfitted with side airbags to further protect you and the front passenger in the event of a side impact collision. It's designed to keep your head upright and stable, preventing any serious neck injuries.

Another safety feature is the load-limiting safety belts that help eliminate chest injury and a semi-deformable steering column that helps reduce chest and facial injuries.

This is the standard equipment list: Power windows, power locks, trip computer, aluminum wheels, center console with storage, dual airbags, heated mirrors, power height-adjustable

seats, AM/FM cassette premium stereo, rear window defroster, micro-air filter, anti-theft system and floor mats.

Now how much would you pay?

For the inline 4-cylinder and manual transmission it'll cost you \$16,595.

Go ahead, I'll wait until you pick your chin up off the floor...

The I-4 with automatic costs \$17,410, the V6 manual costs \$18,495 and the V6 with the automatic is \$19,105.

Considering the competition costs thousands — I mean thousands — more, I think Mercury's got a winner here.

First time in a long time a Ford — ahem, Mercury — product has surprised me.

In dealer showrooms in mid-April.

I hope you get bit.

Write Anne Fracassa online at [avanti1054@aol.com](mailto:avanti1054@aol.com).

1999 Mercury Cougar  
Vehicle class: Two-door coupe.  
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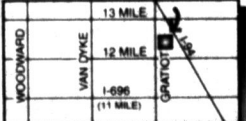
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**A. Excuse me??** Employers hire "recruiters like me" not only to facilitate interviews, but to make judgements about the skill and personality fit of candidates. I'm paid to get in your way so you don't waste my clients' time. For example, someone who isn't astute enough to see the folly in treating a sanctioned gatekeeper with disrespect would not be a good fit for any openings we have right now. We probably won't have anything for you next year, either.

Let's explore the subject of rudeness and what, if any, value it has in getting things done in employment or sales. What can we conclude about people who try to bludgeon their way to a desired result?

First, they usually overestimate their power. A product or person must first be perceived as having value before positive action takes place. You might consider yourself a world beater, a dynamo, and a rare catch. But until I'm convinced that you have something I want, you have no leverage at all.

It just so happens that "nice" is something I want. Smart employers don't view candidates simply as bundles of technical skills that can be successfully slotted into specific openings. Most jobs require a measure of interpersonal ability to get things done effectively. Bosses know that they might have to live with a new hire for a long time. They are often willing to compromise on certain requirements if an applicant has a good attitude. Technical people, in particular, sometimes seem to believe that educa-

tion or experience alone will carry the day. It won't.

Some candidates still underestimate the importance of making a positive first impression. We have had receptionists make remarks about applicants waiting in the lobby. "That man acted like he didn't want to bother with me." Last month, one receptionist said that an applicant swore and told her to hurry up. In the interview, the same person oozed cordiality. Clearly, people who hold others in such low regard aren't likely to be pleasant coworkers.

During my early training, I was occasionally tempted to tell employers or applicants where to get off. Fortunately, my old manager, Sigmund Pils, always posed the question: "What is to be gained by doing that?" Indeed, what is the likelihood of gaining anything from people who regard you as self-centered and heavy-handed? It might be a mercenary perspective, but being nice is simply pragmatic.

In sales and employment, if being pushy leads to a confrontation, the game is automatically lost. Of course, if you push me there won't be a confrontation. I won't push back. I'll just move on to someone else.

**Q. I have an extensive background in my industry. Should I downplay my qualifications to get my foot in the door? In past positions, I've been the one to do all the interviewing and hiring. Now the shoe is on the other foot and I feel lost.**

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**A. Employment professionals often talk about the air being "thinner at the top." The notion is that the number of available positions in any given industry or discipline is greatest in the mid-level salary ranges. Supposedly, it's a bell curve.**

I'm slowly coming to the conclusion that this graphic has limited meaning for job seekers on an individual basis. In the old days, I used to lecture senior managers about becoming psychologically entrenched at a certain dollar level. Reticence about "marching backward" was automatically equated with being egotistical. Where does it say, I would ask, that you have some sort of entitlement because you once occupied an upper perch in the corporate hierarchy?

It's obvious now, through older eyes, that many of these managers would be willing to take lower level positions, but they simply can't. I don't mean from a monetary standpoint, although that would hurt, too. Rather, the greater number of openings in the middle ranks doesn't translate proportionately into greater access for professionals whose careers have grown beyond these jobs. Why?

First, age discrimination. I'm not going to launch into an analysis or expose. It wouldn't do any good. Age discrimination exists big time, but dwelling on it only provides those who have been hurt with a rationalization. Strategizing is more important.

Next, many employers are reluctant to hire a cannon when a BB gun would suffice. The underlying concern is that a senior level person would be bored and want to move on after a short period of time. Or, a less seasoned boss might be afraid that a person who has run an entire division could second guess his decisions. When they say you are "overqualified" it means they are afraid of something.

In some cases, upper level candidates do lose the ability to perform successfully in lower level jobs. Being a sales manager is not the same as being a sales person. It's a different skill set. A controller is not simply an accountant times three. Employers might have some legitimate questions about a candidate's skills being rusty. An unstated concern

might have to do with a person's ability to stay enthusiastic about a job that could be viewed as a come down.

I think you might be able to go backward a little bit, but your primary access is within a band of positions centered not far from the level of your last one. Concentrate your efforts in this area. However, when interviewing for a lower level job:

Express enthusiasm for the tasks. Indicate that you are not "above" doing those things. With examples, describe any recent involvement in responsibilities that are similar to those the interviewer outlines. If possible, talk about how up-to-date your skills are.

Be quick to point out that being the boss is not your number one objective (unless it is). Put the interviewer at ease by suggesting that you still have a lot to learn. Tell an anecdote about some know-it-all who hired on with your old employer and upset the whole department. You are obviously not like that.

Try to get the interviewer to articulate any concerns. You can't deal with an objection until you get it out in the open. Use the ninth-person passive voice and say something like: "If the company (not necessarily you) had any concerns - just hypothetically - about bringing on someone like me - just speculating - what do you think that they could be?"

If you hear the word "overqualified" you should cock your head like a hound dog and ask "Overqualified?" Force the interviewer to define what it means so you can put it to rest.

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# About to be acquired? Don't panic

By Sheryl Silver  
Career Source

Working in a company that was acquired recently? Heard rumors of a pending acquisition? In either case, don't panic. Consultants who specialize in dealing with organizations undergoing change say such events don't necessarily spell disaster for the employees in the acquired organizations.

The subject of acquisitions came up recently as so many of the companies I called, for comments about employment issues, mentioned they had recently been acquired. Mike Townshend, a senior vice president of Manchester Partners International, a leading career and management consulting firm with offices nationwide, says "expect

more of the same in the future." Townshend, who delivers change management workshops for employees of acquired companies, among others, says the acquisition trend is likely to continue, and perhaps even accelerate in the financial services and information technology industries.

"In the information technology arena, where qualified technical staff are so difficult to find, I've recently heard of companies acquiring other companies as a recruiting tool," said Townshend. "They wanted the company's employees and felt acquiring the organization was as good a way to get them as any."

With the potential for more such events on the horizon, Townshend

offers some advice for employees concerned about the impact an acquisition might have on their careers. "Fear and panic are common responses by people working in acquired companies," he says. "They fear they're going to lose their jobs. There's also the uncertainty about what the new culture will be, the new management. Even if they didn't like the previous management, people are often still fearful and in need of reaching some sense of equilibrium."

There's a danger in panicking, says Townshend. "People give in to their fear and their behavior changes," he says. "They become preoccupied. Their productivity goes down and they lose their edge. What can happen as a result is

that their fear of job loss can become a self-fulfilling prophecy."

Townshend says it's important for people to remember that many employees experience an improvement in their situation after an acquisition. "The people who tend to prosper," he says, "are those who maintain or even improve their performance, because it is true, that after an acquisition, employees are often being watched by the new owners."

Townshend also notes that when and if jobs are eliminated after an acquisition, it's usually in the more mid to senior levels where the duplications take place. "You don't need two vice presidents of human resources, for example," he notes. Even for those more senior indi-

viduals potentially at risk, Townshend says panic is both unnecessary and unproductive. "Keep in mind when you first hear about an acquisition, such processes often take months to materialize," says Townshend. "Use the time to look at your related skills if you think you're vulnerable. See if there's any transferability of your skills to other areas."

Despite his upbeat viewpoint, Townshend tells people, "Hedge your bets. Don't bury your head in the sand. When you first hear about a pending acquisition, it's smart to start looking at your options both internally and externally, especially today when there are so many great jobs available throughout the economy."

When people explore all their alternatives, they end up feeling more satisfied and in control of their careers, says Townshend. "They sometimes find a better situation outside their company," he says. "And even for those who decide to stay with their current organizations, they tend to be happier with their decision." Rather than feeling they stayed out of desperation, Townshend says, "They feel they made an informed choice after exploring all their options."

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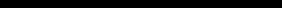
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Need now - full charge experienced bookkeeper for property management company in West Bloomfield. Computer experience a must. Knowledge of QuickBooks and Excel a plus. Flexible & punctual. Please mail resume: Box #2798  
Observer & Eclectic Newspapers  
Livonia, MI 48150

**BOOKKEEPER/RECEPTIONIST**  
IMPORT dealership in Plymouth is looking for a dependable individual with basic accounting knowledge. Full-time (40-44 hours/week). Candidate must present oneself with professional, pleasant, detail oriented self-starter, and a team player. Duties include AP/AR, Warranty, Cashier, Receptionist, Operator and misc. Clerical work. Benefits: Medical/Dental/HSA. Paid Vacation and Holidays. Mail or fax resume and salary requirements to:  
Jaguar of Plymouth  
Attn: Mrs. Gore  
200 W. Ann Arbor Rd.  
Plymouth, MI 48150  
(734) 207-8860

### 502 Help Wanted Office Clerical

**CLERICAL**  
Full-time position with growing company. Must have Microsoft computer application knowledge with good communication skills.  
Call: (248) 355-1910  
Or fax resume: (248) 355-9283

**CLERICAL**  
Light filling, typing, answering phones, full time, Female. 248-541-2256

**CLERICAL**  
Looking for a motivated & detail oriented individual with 21 program data entry, customer relations & various office procedures. Part time position (10am-3pm). Please call 734-545-7021 between 9 & 5 PM.

**CLERICAL OFFICE - Part / full-time**  
Landscape nursery. Courier sales. Computer experience helpful. Good phone skills. Non-smoking. Office. Orchard Lake & Telegraph area. Call Maryann: 248-332-3999

### 502 Help Wanted Office Clerical

**DATA ENTRY**  
Be a part of our growing team. Quest Diagnostics is currently seeking to fill the following positions:  
**DATA ENTRY OPERATOR**  
Livonia & Auburn Hills Facility  
Requires a minimum of 55-60WPM keyboarding skills.  
**BILLING COORDINATOR I**  
Auburn Hills Facility  
Requires a minimum of 55WPM. The successful candidate will make calls, research and client contacting.  
**CUSTOMER SERVICE REP**  
Auburn Hills Facility  
Requires a minimum of 45-50WPM keyboarding skills. Previous customer service experience desired.  
We offer competitive salaries & an excellent benefits plan. For immediate consideration please send resume to: application Mon-Thurs, 11AM-3PM (please come prepared for testing) at: Quest Diagnostics, 4444 Godinga Dr., Auburn Hills, MI 48324  
EOE M/F/D/V

**DATA ENTRY/Clerical duties**  
Needed immediately. Full-time, days, permanent position at a fast paced, team oriented office in Farmington Hills. Experience preferred, familiarity with medical bills helpful. Must be able to work independently and pass clerical test. Life, health, and dental benefits. Please contact:  
Shirley Abood/ReviewWorks  
PO Box 2728  
Farmington Hills, MI 48333  
Fax: (248) 488-1199  
EOE/MF/V

### 502 Help Wanted Office Clerical

**DATA ENTRY CLERK**  
Full-time, permanent position. \$8-\$9.50 an hour.  
Fax resume to: (248) 477-4604

**DATA ENTRY**  
Flagstar Bank has data entry positions available for motivated, hard working individuals. Typing, computer and good communication skills are required. There is opportunity to learn and advance in the mortgage industry. We offer an excellent benefit package. Call or send resume to: Sherry Platt, HRD, Flagstar Bank, 2600 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, 248-972-5050. Fax: (248) 336-9729  
Equal Opportunity Employer

### 502 Help Wanted Office Clerical

**Entry Level Position**  
Immediate full time entry level position with benefits. No experience necessary but typing skills required. Pay commensurate with experience.  
248-352-1311

**EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT**  
Troy, MI. We're looking for an executive assistant to support our CEO. The ideal candidate will be a customer oriented, detail oriented, self-starter with a proven ability to manage, organize, and coordinate. The following positions are available:  
• Customer Service Representative  
• Data Entry  
• Senior Data Entry/Accounting Assistant  
TITAN Insurance Company offers a competitive compensation package, career advancement and a high energy work environment. Interested candidates, please forward resume to: TITAN, c/o: HR, 21555 Melrose Ave, Suite 550, Troy, MI 48064; or Fax: 248-344-8121

### 502 Help Wanted Office Clerical

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**  
Plymouth auto supplier needs individual for purchasing and inventory. Must have strong computer skills. \$9-11/hr. plus benefits.  
PCS Group, Inc. (248) 340-9220  
Fax: (248) 340-2438, or 340-9222

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**  
Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint. Benefits. Matures \$11-12/hr.  
**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**  
Good grammar skills. Microsoft Word, Excel & PowerPoint. Some overtime. To \$25K.  
Call Michelle 810-447-9690 or fax 810-447-9698  
SNELLING PERSONNEL SERVICES

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**  
Livonia Family YMCA seeking experienced full time Administrative Assistant who is friendly in computer & communication skills. Minimum of 3 yrs. office experience required. Applications accepted thru April 17. Attn: Vicki Rainville, 14255 Stark Rd., Livonia, MI 48154.  
NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE.

### 502 Help Wanted Office Clerical

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**  
New openings in executive offices of international auto suppliers. Offices in Auburn Hills, Farmington and Detroit. Opening include long-term and even part time or evenings. Salary \$10.50-\$17.00/hr. Call Sara today.  
Farmington/Livonia 248-646-7861 248-473-2931

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS**  
Several permanent positions with the area top firm! Strong word processing, typing and previous experience in any of the following areas:  
Advertising, legal, automotive, engineering, medical, computer, purchasing or property management. All offer full benefits.  
**PERMANENT STAFF**  
248-737-5750 Fax 248-737-5878  
TROY.  
248-585-2720 Fax 248-585-2725

### 502 Help Wanted Office Clerical

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**  
University of Michigan School of Information/JSTOR  
Seeking energetic, enthusiastic, highly organized person to provide general office and clerical support for JSTOR, a dynamic, team-oriented organization affiliated with UM. Must be able to perform detailed work with high accuracy; strong technology background and experience with the World Wide Web highly desired. Will be responsible for daily office and accounts reconciliation. Strong interpersonal and problem-solving skills a must. JSTOR is a not-for-profit organization that digitizes the backfiles of academic journals for the internet. Send resume and cover letter to: SHERY PLATT, 301 E. LIBERTY, SUITE 301, ANN ARBOR, MI 48104-2282. REF POSITION #738-05224M

### 502 Help Wanted Office Clerical

**ASSISTANT**  
NeCom, one of the leading telecommunications companies, has a position open for an office assistant in its Livonia field office. This person must be detail oriented, a self-starter, and be able to work with little supervision. Bilingual/monolingual experience a plus. Please send resume to:  
NeCom, Attn: HR/MI  
1900 E. Dublin-Granville Rd., Columbus, OH 43229  
or FAX (614) 895-8942  
EOE M/F/D/V

### 502 Help Wanted Office Clerical

**ASSISTANT**  
Detroit Div. Supply Co., looking to fill a full time Accounting/Inside Sales position. Qualifications: Knowledge of bookkeeping & Computers. Good worth ethic. Salary based on experience. Send resume to: Box #2810  
Observer & Eclectic Newspapers  
36251 Schoolcraft Rd.  
Livonia, MI 48150

**CALL TODAY, WORK TOMORROW**  
Adecco has immediate openings for numerous temporary clerical assignments. We are seeking skilled individuals with previous office experience. Don't delay, call Adecco now & start working & earning.  
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THE EMPLOYMENT PEOPLE  
(248) 442-7800

### 502 Help Wanted Office Clerical

**CERTIFICATION CLERK**  
Farmington Hills technical society seeks self-starter, capable of assuming a wide variety of responsibilities, including grading and checking of certification exams with a minimum of 1 year experience. Excellent benefits, profit sharing, and a team player. Send resume to:  
Manager, Human Resources - CC  
ACI International  
P.O. Box 9060  
Farmington Hills, MI 48333-9060

### 502 Help Wanted Office Clerical

**CLERICAL**  
Typing & computer knowledge helpful. Immediate opening. Benefits. Fax resume to:  
(248) 642-0006  
ATTN: Kathy

**CLERICAL WORKERS**  
Westside openings for Secretaries and MS Office - \$10/hr. Data Entry Clerk - \$8/hr. Receptionist \$7/hr. & File Clerk - \$6/hr. Long-term career opportunities with great compensation.  
313-467-5450 FAX: 313-467-1638

**CLERKS & DATA ENTRY**  
1 year experience. MS Office, good typing skills. Salary commensurate with exp. All shifts \$24.00-25.50/hr. Fax resume to: (248) 258-5111

**CLOSING SECRETARY**  
For Plymouth Real Estate office. Needs excellent organizational and communications skills. Computer literate a must. Days 8:45 - 2:15 p.m. Call (734)455-6000 for interview.

### 502 Help Wanted Office Clerical

**COME ONE, COME ALL**  
Variety shops, great locations for experienced clerical professionals. Needing Computer knowledge helpful. Full and part-time available. STAFFING SPECIALISTS  
248-737-1711

**CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE**  
Retail, insurance, computer & pleasant personality required. Basic computer experience in Access, Word, Excel & WordPerfect. Must be able to work with little supervision. Call to Fisher Field 1237 E. West Maple Walked Lake 48390

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**CUSTOMER SERVICE REP**  
Do you like people? Multi-tasked or enter? Work well independently? A crazy? Do you have the job for you? Due to rapid growth, this national company is in need of a CSR in its Livonia office. We offer a competitive salary & a quick learner who can think on your feet, please send resume to: Experience Management, Inc. 26157 W. 8 Mile Rd. Livonia, MI 48152 or fax to (248) 471-6621  
EOE

**CUSTOMER SERVICE REP**  
Insurance Agency CSR. Excellent position for person with experience or college background. Good benefits & advancement potential. Please fax resume to: (248) 363-5746

**CUSTOMER SERVICE**  
Rapidly growing young company seeking energetic, forward thinking customer service/sales professional. Salary commensurate with experience. Commission plus benefits also. Fax resume to: 248-414-9951

### 502 Help Wanted Office Clerical

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**  
Smith Barney seeks Administrative Assistant in the Bloomfield Hills office. Successful candidates must be highly organized, have excellent computer skills & accurate typing. Experience in brokerage industry a plus. Send resume to: Smith Barney, Attn: Carol, 1701 N. Woodward, Farmington Hills, MI 48335 or fax to: 248-478-8488

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**  
Growing manufacturer seeks a motivated, detail-oriented individual to assist Sales Manager with corporate account responsibility. Strong administrative skills, computer experience & phone skills required. Competitive salary, bonus program, 401k & medical benefits. Send resume R.M.S.A. 6420 E 11 Mile Rd., Warren, MI 48091

### 502 Help Wanted Office Clerical

**ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE**  
The purpose of this ad is to get you to contact me.  
I don't know your name but I do know the sort of person you are. I know the level of skill you have and that you want a career. I know you want more training & when you call you'll be able to communicate effectively. We will discuss what you can expect from us as well as your salary and career opportunities. Above all, I know you have a driving ambition to be the best! This is a permanent position with a talented group of people. Please contact me at: Cherry Hill Heating & Cooling (313) 562-3595 or fax a resume to (313) 562-4182

### 502 Help Wanted Office Clerical

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**  
For busy independent school development office - full-time, year round. Requires experience with complex word processing & database management to support teachers & administrators. Must be high energy, people oriented, good communicator. Good benefits. Great working environment. Mail resume to: Development Director, Academy of the Sacred Heart, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

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**BILLING CLERK**  
Southfield - To work in WordPerfect and Excel. Temp to perm. Pay negotiable. Equal opportunity employer. Call: 248-737-4070

**ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR**  
Auburn Hills - Working in engineering department of large auto supplier. Must have strong computer skills in Word, Excel and Access. Temp to perm. Pay negotiable. Equal opportunity employer. Call: 248-737-4070

**ACCOUNTING CLERK**  
Troy - To handle receivable, collections and credits. 3 month assignment. Pay negotiable.

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**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**  
The Senior Environmental Employment Program has a position at the U.S. EPA Lab in Ann Arbor. Duties: Prepare letters, reports, memos, establish technical files, keeping appointment calendar. Required: AAS, H.S. graduate, knowledge of word processing, database program. Part-time 20 hrs. \$8.50 per hr. Plus benefits. Send Resume to: SEE Program, 9873 Packard Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48106. Attention: Mary Reilly  
248-399-3450  
SNELLING PERSONNEL SERVICES

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**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**  
For our progressive dental team. Friendly, people oriented, self-starter with ability to handle multiple tasks. Top pay and monthly bonuses for a person who can get results! Please call West Bloomfield 248-551-1440

**APPOINTMENT SETTERS**  
Strictly business-to-business - set appointments for sales representatives from qualified lead sources. Dealing strictly with professional people from major manufacturing companies. Excellent phone manner & prerequisite: Salary bonus and benefits. Call Sandi Monday and Tuesday, 8am-Noon 1-800-800-0450

### 502 Help Wanted Office Clerical

**APPROVAL CO.**  
In Birmingham Farms looking for Receptionist with excellent phone skills. Light data entry also required. \$8/hr. plus benefits. Also, looking for part time Data Entry Clerk. Evenings & Sats. \$7/hr. Call (248) 647-9650 ask for ext. 211

### 502 Help Wanted Office Clerical

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**  
National property management firm seeks team player with excellent communication and organizational skills. Applicant must be multi-task oriented, able to work in a fast paced environment & be computer literate. Excellent benefits. Resume with salary requirements to: Supervisor, 25900 Greenfield, Suite 326, Oak Park, MI 48237 or fax to 248-587-0622

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Seeking bright, detail-oriented self-starter for a multi-faceted position. Must have A/P, WordPerfect and Lotus experience. Must be computer literate & have strong communication skills. Will be working with both accounting & sales functions. Redford area. 5 years experience. Send resume and pay history to: C/S, P.O. Box 339663, Farmington Hills, MI 48333-9663

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## ASK THE EXPERT Change ceiling fan for summer

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**Q:** We have a two-story, contemporary home with a ceiling fan downstairs in the living room and another upstairs in the loft area. In the summer, we open the windows in the loft above the fan and run both fans so they blow air up and out the windows. In the winter, we run the fans down so they blow the warm air from the second floor down to the first floor. Recently I was told this is not the correct way to use the fans. Is it?

**A:** A ceiling fan is not intended to be used as a whole-house fan which is how you are using it during the summer. Whole-house fans are very effective, and if that's what you want, you should use a fan that is designed for that purpose.

Ceiling fans are designed to circulate air in a "closed" environment and should force air down during the summer.

Please see **QUERIES, E2**

Here is the correct locator map that should have run with the subdivision profile last week for Oakland Ridge Estates of Orion.

Vincent Building and the Irvine Group will build 53 houses there on an alternating basis. Prices start at \$279,900.



## Development offers lots of choices

The Villages of Crystal Lake actually is three distinct residential communities built by Talon Homes in cooperation with the city of Pontiac around a municipal golf course and small lake in Pontiac.

Buyers can select a detached condominium constructed by Talon from the ground up; a modular, detached condo factory built and assembled on site by Active Homes; or an attached condo unit to be built by Talon.

Floor plans and amenities vary according to the product. Prices start at \$102,900 for the modulars, \$111,900 for the attached condos and \$138,900 for stick-built condos.

"We brought in a professional research team," said Jay S. Turner of Talon Homes. "We wanted to hit different niches and obviously didn't want to compete with ourselves."

"In my opinion, it's the best value in metro Detroit, certainly in north Oakland County," Turner added. "You've got a building and development team with considerable experience and financial strength standing behind the product."

Villages of Crystal Lake runs along Golf Drive off Fairfax east of Telegraph. The community has a clear view of nearby downtown Pontiac. Both are selling points.

"It's a prime location for commuting to any area in metro Detroit," said Mary Parkes, sales representative. "It offers easy access to Telegraph, Woodward, I-75, M-59."

"Pine Knob is around here, the Pontiac Silverdome, the Palace," said Allan Brotman, also a sales representative.

"Pontiac has a very active downtown, entertainment district now," Parkes added. "A lot of events in warm-weather months are at the Phoenix Center."

Who's buying in the Villages of Crystal Lake?

"Every kind of people you can think of - singles, families, retirees," Parkes said.

"I've heard the comment they looked at a lot of homes in Oakland County and get the most bang for the buck here," Brotman said.

The Fairways, 80 detached site condominiums constructed by Talon, is almost sold out. Just a few spec models and a handful of lots remain.

Buyers can choose from five plans ranging in price from \$138,900 for a colonial of 1,628 square feet with four bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths to \$181,900



**The Greens:** This is an architectural rendering of how the attached townhouse condominiums will look at the Villages of Crystal Lake.

for a story-and-a-half with 2,330 square feet, four bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths.

All include at base price two-car garage, basement and dishwasher.

Two models have been built.

The Redwood, a story-and-a-half, contains a first-floor master with separate tub and shower, two-sink vanity, a walk-in closet and wall closet and compartmentalized commode.

The Redwood also features a den with cathedral ceiling, family room, dining room and first-floor laundry. Three bedrooms and a full bath are upstairs. Base price is \$181,900, the model with upgrades, \$230,000.

The Aspen, a ranch, showcases three bedrooms with a combination tub/shower in the master, a second full bath, family room with cathedral ceiling and dining area. Base price is \$142,900, the model as is, \$161,800.

Four floor plans are available for the modulars at the Lake Homes.

They range in price from \$102,900 for an 1,100-square-foot ranch with three bedrooms and two baths, to

\$129,900 for a raised ranch of 1,350 square feet with three bedrooms, two baths and an unfinished lower level of 756 square feet.

The model, the Thurston, a Cape Cod of 1,100 square feet, features a living room, kitchen/nook, two bedrooms and a bath on the main floor and an unfinished upper level of 660 square feet.

Vinyl siding is the standard exterior material on all modular houses. Base prices, \$9,500-\$10,500, and two-car garages, \$11,500-\$13,000, are extra.

Four floor plans are offered for the attached condos at the Greens. Three are townhouse style with a garage and 460 square feet of unfinished space at ground level, the main living area one level up and the bedrooms one level up from there.

Prices go from \$111,900 for an 1,175-square-foot unit with two bedrooms, bath and a half and single-car garage, to \$128,900 for 1,475 square feet with three bedrooms, 2-1/2 baths and two-car garage.

The fourth plan, a story-and-a-half on the end unit, features 1,550 square



feet, two bedrooms, 2-1/2 baths, loft and two-car garage for \$137,900.

Exterior materials include brick, vinyl siding and stone accents. The first of the attached condos is expected to be finished by July.

The Villages of Crystal Lake is serving.

Please see **HOMES, E2**

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cook with all new appliances, the sparkling new white kitchen will be a favorite spot to entice family and friends while you show off your culinary delights. For summer evening relaxing, head out to the newly screened back porch with ceramic tile floors. A gas grill is posted just outside for ease of grilling. From there, a new paver brick patio leads to the master bedroom. New French doors installed in all three bedrooms. Other recent renovations include a stylishly updated half bath with ceramic tile floors, new furnace, a newly paved driveway, new roof and a freshly painted exterior. Located off Middlebelt Road, you have easy access to shopping, business and highways. All this and more in a lake setting, awaits your call.

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and a wet bar has French doors leading to the Florida room, which is large and open, overlooking the landscaped private yard. And then there's the new kitchen... a dream, custom kitchen design, with hardwood floors, granite countertops, white raised wood cabinets and a hand-painted trim border. All new appliances and plenty of storage space make this large kitchen (20x13) and breakfast area (13x11) a joy to work in. The lower level has a large paneled recreation room with fireplace, new carpeting, an exercise room, a new full bath with steam shower, and a large laundry room. Upstairs there's a large master suite, plus 4 large bedrooms and two other full baths.

The lot, the location, the spaciousness of the home all make this home wonderful.

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# Central dormer, covered porch attractive from exterior

Double porch supports enhance the charm of the Richardson, a small, symmetrical Craftsman-style home with a central dormer. What draws your eye is the welcoming covered porch that spans the entire front.

No gaping garage door mars this home's curb appeal. Harking back to simpler times, the garage opens to the rear. If preferred, the garage could be reoriented to open on the side.

Formal rooms are on the left, everyday living areas on the right, and bedrooms upstairs. Kitchen and family room flow together.

Standing at the range, you can ladle soups and stews into waiting bowls lined up along the eating bar. And you can easily keep tabs on

homework, games, crafts or other happenings in the family room.

The large pantry boasts available storage space, and a door at the back of the kitchen provides direct access to the garage. With this arrangement you need never unload groceries in darkness, rain or snow again.

A small powder room and utilities hidden behind folding doors line the pass-through that connects kitchen to dining room. Glass doors in the dining room swing open to access a small patio. Both parlor and dining room are brightened by windows on two sides.

Three bedrooms and two bathrooms are upstairs, along with access to a storage space over the garage. The Richardson's master

suite is modest in size, but does have a walk-in closet and a bathroom with shower and dual vanity.

Secondary bedrooms share another bathroom. The front bedroom has a wider window, but the other bedroom is actually a little larger and has more closet space.

For a review plan, including scaled floor plans, elevations, section and artist's conception, send \$15 to Associated Designs, 1100 Jacobs Dr., Eugene, Ore. 97402. Please specify the Richardson 30-102 and include a return address when ordering. A catalog featuring over 250 home plans is available for \$12. For more information call (800) 634-0123.



## Edison offers storm tips

Thunderstorm season has arrived in Michigan, bringing with it the heavy rain, gusty winds and vivid lightning that sometimes can affect electric service to homes and businesses.

Although the utility has crews ready to restore service, customers play a role, too — staying safe around electricity when bad weather strikes. People who may encounter hazardous situations involving power lines should follow an important safety rule: Stay away from downed power lines and anything downed lines may be touching.

Fallen wires should be reported immediately to Detroit Edison by calling 1-800-477-4747 so that public safety teams can be dispatched to secure the area until crews can remove the hazard. Edison customers also may use the same "800" number to report power outages or receive restoration estimates using the utility's automated phone system features.

When severe weather happens, Edison recommends the following

tips when electrical service is interrupted:

■ Always be prepared for an emergency. A battery-operated or wind-up radio, fresh replacement batteries, a flashlight and candles, a first-aid kit, bottled water and non-perishable food should be kept in a central location.

■ Don't open refrigerators and freezers more often than absolutely necessary. A closed refrigerator will stay cold for 12 hours. Kept closed, a well-filled freezer will preserve food for two to three days. Partially thawed food or food that has ice crystals usually can be refrozen.

■ Turn off lights and unplug all appliances and sensitive electronic devices such as computers and compact disc players to prevent an electrical overload when power is restored. Leave one light switch on so you can tell when electric service returns.

■ During low-voltage conditions — when lights are dim and television pictures are smaller — shut off motor-driven appliances such as

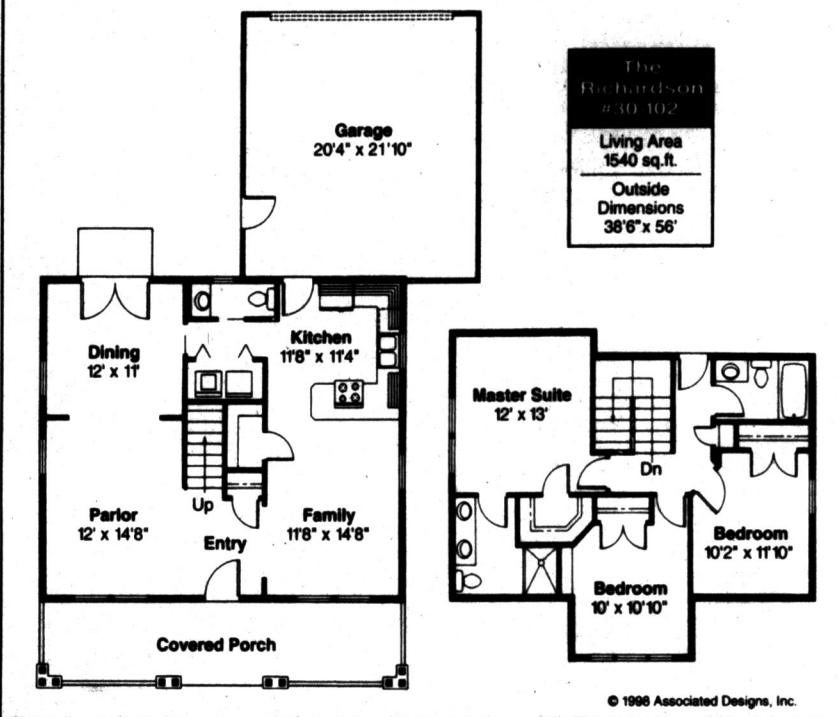
refrigerators to prevent overheating and possible damage. Sensitive electronic devices also should be unplugged.

■ Disconnect house circuits from Edison power lines if using a portable generator. Pull or switch to "off" the main fuses or circuit breakers to protect line crews working to restore service. This ensures that electricity is not being transmitted from your house electric system to electric lines while crews are working to restore your service.

■ Always operate generators outdoors and away from opened windows or vents to avoid dangerous buildup of toxic fumes indoors.

■ Stay out of flooded or damp basements or other areas if water is in contact with outlets, a furnace or any electrically operated appliance that is energized. The water or moisture may serve as a conductor of electricity. You could be electrocuted even if wearing rubber boots.

■ Listen to local radio stations for updates from Edison about electric service restoration efforts.



## Homes from page E1

viced by city water and sewers and is within the Pontiac school boundaries.

The property tax rate currently is \$46.66 per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation, half of market value. That means the

owners of \$112,000 residence there would pay about \$2,600 the first year.

Pontiac also levies a 1-

percent income tax for city residents. The association fee at Villages of Crystal Lake is \$25 per month at the Fairways, \$90 monthly

at the Greens and \$200 per year at the Lake Homes.

The sales office and models at the Villages of Crystal Lake, (248) 338-0303, are open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays, 1-6 p.m. weekends, closed Thursdays.

## Queries from page E1

mer. The downward airflow cools your skin as it moves over it. During the winter months, the fan should rotate so it produces an upward airflow.

During the winter, heated air rises toward the ceiling, and the cooled air settles toward the floor. Depending on the room size and shape, there could be a 15-degree difference between the floor and ceiling. Intuitively, people want the fan to pull warmer ceiling air down during the winter and vice versa during the summer.

The fan speed should be fast enough to break up stagnant air trapped in the corners and in the peaks of sloped and cathedral ceilings, but slow enough so it doesn't create a draft.

An easy way to determine whether the fan airflow is up or down is to look at the fan blades as they rotate. The blades are installed on a slight angle. If the leading edge of the blade (the edge facing the direction of rotation) is up, the airflow will be down. And when the leading edge is down, the airflow will be up.

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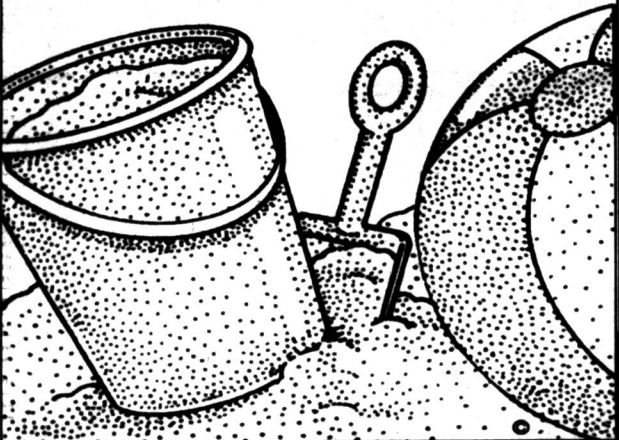
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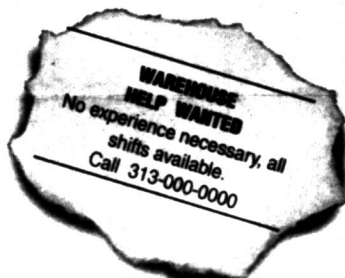
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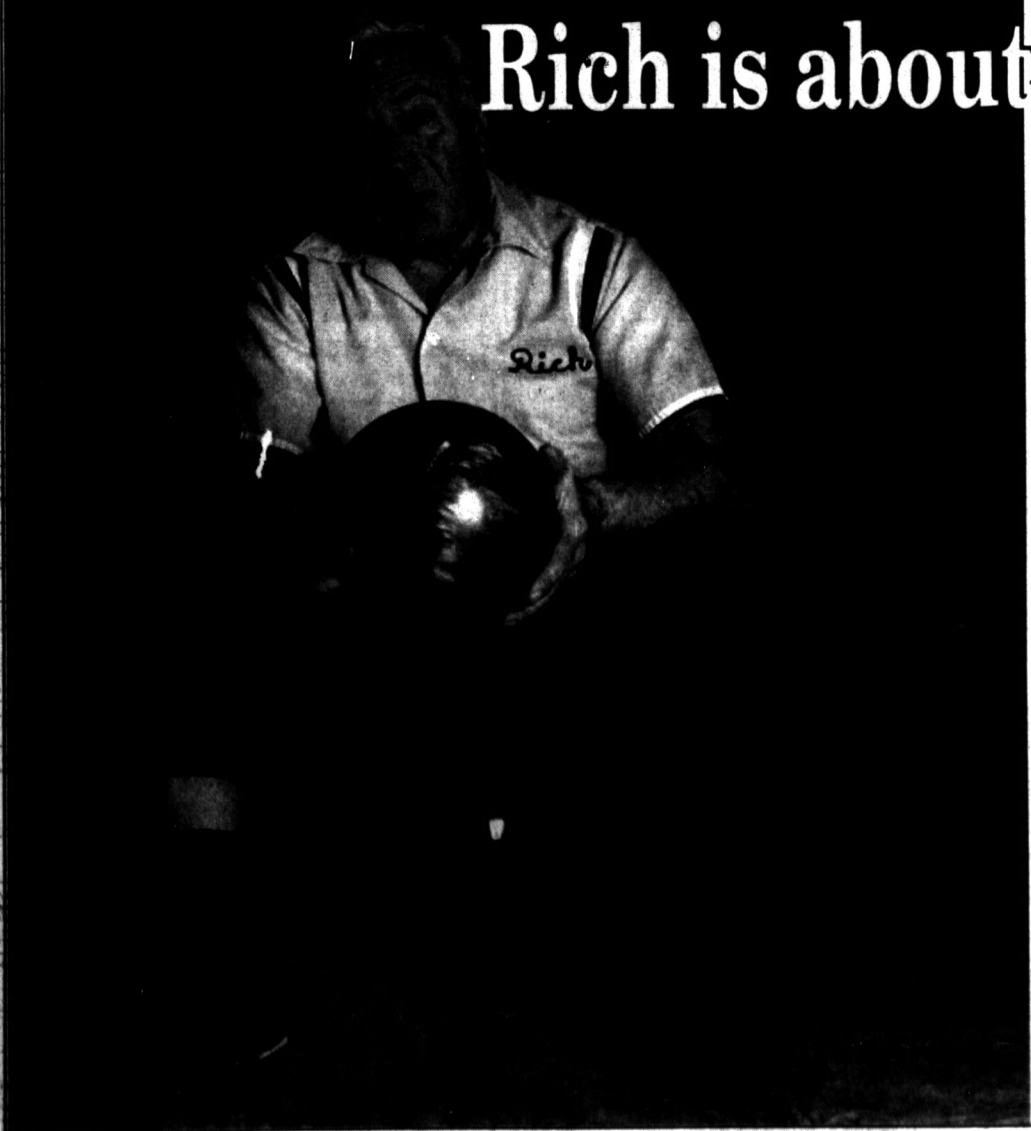


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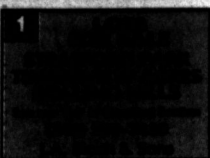
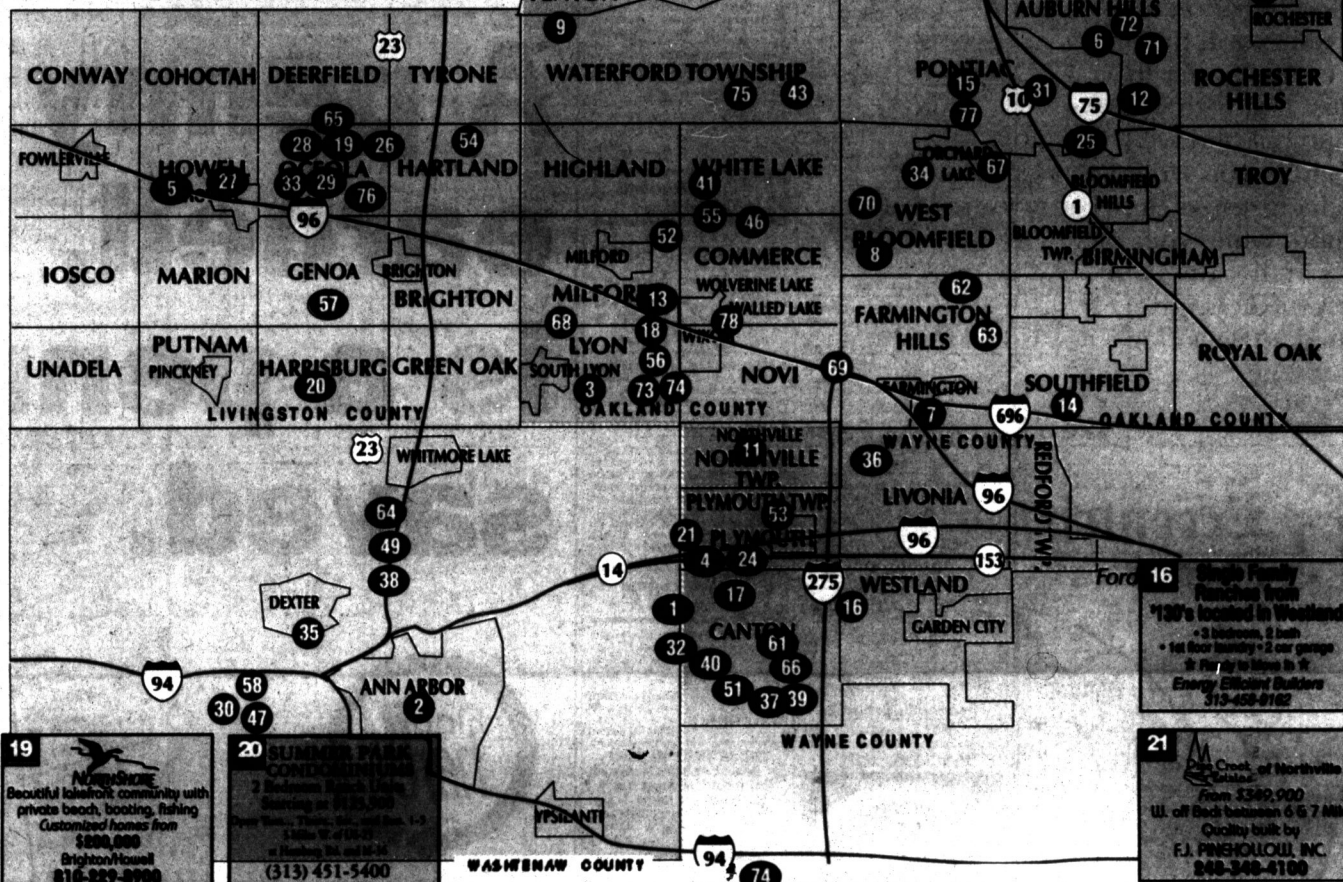
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