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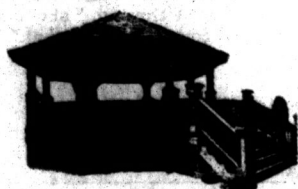
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After a long hiatus, we return to the letters of Civil War soldier Edgar Clark this week. Edgar is approaching the completion of his first year as a soldier. He has seen a few battles and has not been injured. He seems to have had more trouble battling bad food, difficult living conditions and homesickness. His letter dated June 16, 1863, is written to his wife Catherine and two daughters. His regiment is marching through Virginia.

"...We had had some hard marching the last few days. Yesterday was the worst of all. Our corps lost nearly 100 from sunstroke. They would be marching along and fall down dead. I stood it first-rate. I kept up with the company all day when nearly one half fell out from sore feet, sickness and tired out, but they have all come up this morning, mostly well but tired and sore. I wish you could see us now. You would think we was the dirtiest set you ever saw. We have not had rain enough since the 6th of May to lay the dust. We marched through woods, fields crops, road and every way that can be thought of to keep out of the dust....All I have had for breakfast is some hard crackers and some sweetened water and all that we have had on the march is coffee and sugar crackers and pork. The pork we do not have time to fry so we broil it on the coals on a stick whittled sharp. We have it pretty hard on a forced march, but it is all for one's country..."

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



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The Lord is
risen; he is
risen indeed!



Resurrection: Jesus, played by Steve Cronk of White Lake, comes out of the tomb in a dramatic recreation of Christ's resurrection during "No Other Name."

Church presents pageant of Jesus' resurrection

Members of Clarkston Free Methodist Church are rattling their church building's walls for the cause of God this Easter season in an elaborate holiday musical called "No Other Name."

The endeavor includes the work of 200 actors, singers, musicians and stage technicians under the direction of Mark Thompson.

They want people to know that Christ is risen, said Pastor Roger Allen, explaining the church mem-

bers' dedication to presenting the time-consuming production, which they have been preparing for weeks.

"Our reason for doing it is a gift to the community," he said from his church office on Winell Street. "To let people know that Jesus Christ is real and that he is alive and can give them real happiness and joy. We believe he brings meaning to life."

The church uses their musical program, an almost annual tradition, as

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Glorifying God: Amy Boose of Davisburg dances.

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New high school road to be paved

The street in front of Clarkston's new, state-of-the-art high school won't be paved with gold — but asphalt comes pretty close to it for some school officials.

Clarkston's school board unanimously approved Monday a \$1 million road improvement proposal from Independence Township that calls for the paving of Flemings Lake Road and a makeover of the Clarkston Road/Flemings Lake Road intersection, complete with a camera-oriented traffic signal.

Presenting the proposal to trustees, Clarkston schools' superintendent Al Roberts commended Independence Township and the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC). "I think the road commission and the township have really stepped to the plate on this issue," Roberts said. "The plan that has been put before you does represent an opportunity for the schools not only to be seen as good neighbors, but as

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No more pencils, no more books for retiring educator

He smiles and says that after 30 years, it's time for a change. He's covered a lot of ground. He's ready to do something else. He plans to keep busy.

But then a few minutes later, he mentions that the Beach Boys' classic, "Be True to Your School," puts a lump in his throat — and immediately after pointing that out, his eyes well up and he pauses momentarily.

It would be simple to conclude that after a long career in education, most principals and teachers would feel the same way hometown educator George White does about his impending retirement from Clarkston schools.

But to say that local people and the things they hold dear are simple, is to say that Clarkston's downtown clock is just an overgrown Timex. It's to say that a Clarkston High School football game is just a high school football

game. It's to say that bells chiming from the white colonial church on Waldon Road are just background noises to nearby walkers on a summer's evening.

It's to say that White, principal of North Seshabaw Elementary, is just another school employee who's going to bid farewell to a 30-year job in June.

But it's just not that simple.

From the time White entered kindergarten 47 years ago in the two-story building that is now part of Clarkston Middle School, he has spent only four years of his life away from Clarkston schools. And those were the years he attended Michigan State University to make the desk top leap from Clarkston student to Clarkston teacher.

A small-town start

In a recent interview, the 52-year-old

Please see **GEORGE WHITE, A2**



That's commitment: George White, who has spent nearly his entire life in Clarkston Community Schools — first as a student and then as an educator — is retiring after 30 years.

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educator described a school steeped in small-town familiarity, loyalty and informality — much like the rural community that surrounded a big chunk of it.

"I rode into school right in front of the wave of the post-war baby boom and started kindergarten in a building that housed kindergarten through 12th grade," White recalled. "There were still rural schools at that time. It was about that period — 1950, '51, '52 — that (superintendent) Dr. (Leslie) Greene came to town and his purpose was to consolidate those rural schools into Clarkston Community Schools. And that's what happened."

And with that centralization, came growth and new construction.

By the time White was ready for first grade, he could go across the street to a brand new Clarkston school — Clarkston Elementary. However, he pointed out that the school opened that year with only six classrooms — the six rooms that line the center hallway of the present-day building.

What White described as a close-knit school environment also seemed to be complemented by a familiar neighborhood network: He lived next-door to his elementary principal, Ruth Sharpe Purslow. The Clarkston educator remarked with pride that his parents and the Purslows still reside in those same neighborhood spots today.

The tightly-woven threads of quaint schools and local school people continued to form the fabric of White's childhood, he said. When his seventh-grade year

rolled around, he only had to traverse Walden Road again — to the place where he attended kindergarten. "The building that is now Clarkston Middle School housed grades 7 through 12 then," he said with a smile. "I spent seventh and eighth grade there. But the exciting thing was that in the fall of 1960, I was an incoming freshman in a brand-new Clarkston High School. "I was a member of the first class to go through all four years there."

The "new" CHS — a short walking distance from where White grew up and attended grades K-8 — housed a whopping 600 students in his freshman year, White pointed out.

More hometown links

Being true to his school, the young Clarkstonite became president of the CHS student council in his senior year. He graduated in 1964, went off to college for four years and then returned to the school as a first-year biology teacher.

The hometown connections remained intact. "I felt fortunate to be hired (for the job) by my high school principal, Milford Mason," White said. He remarked that Mason — another local resident — went on to become a 12-year superintendent for Clarkston schools.

After a seven-year teaching stint at CHS, White said he ventured over to Sashabaw Junior High School as an assistant principal under then S.JHS principal Gus Birtas — father of former professional baseball player and local developer Tim Birtas.

He served with other local



Science club: George White (left) was vice president of the science club when he was a junior at Clarkston High School, as this yearbook picture shows.

educators there for nine years.

Then he landed an elementary principalship at Pine Knob Elementary. White still describes that stint as one of the most rewarding of his career. "I fell in love with it," he said of his 7 1/2-year leadership role there. "It was the first time that I was a principal — where I had responsibility for the building. And the chemistry was real strong between the staff and me and we were able to get a lot accomplished. It was a good feeling."

And it was another environment filled with familiar faces and strong ties.

"My sixth-grade teacher at Clarkston Elementary was Joy McCurdy and when I became principal at Pine Knob, Joy was one of my teachers," White said with a chuckle. "So, there I was, the principal of a lady who once taught me. That was fun."

While the fun didn't exactly end after 7 1/2 years, it was sort of transferred to another location.

In a districtwide administrative shakeup, White was sent to North Sashabaw Elementary in January of 1991. He will end his career there in June after 6 1/2 years of leadership.

"I touched a lot of lives and hopefully, I made an impact," he said.

White recalled only one major disappointment during his many years on the job — that the high school bond proposal did not pass in time for his two sons to benefit from it. Mark and Mike White graduated from CHS in 1992 and 1995, respectively. After almost a decade of defeat, the bond issue passed in 1995. (Clarkston's new high school will open in August of 1998.)

But aside from that letdown, White said he had no regrets.

He philosophized that his retirement mirrors a transition that's occurring in the schools and, perhaps, in the community.

"I think as you get bigger, you lose something," White said. "As you get an influx of people who come from different backgrounds — while the influx brings in good

qualities — you also lose something in the way of familiarity and loyalty ... I think progress does bring gains, but there's a trade-off."

"I operated for five years at Pine Knob without having a policy book in my office — and never skipped a beat. It really didn't matter. Now, I've got two volumes of policy books, procedure books in my office — and they're always getting new pages in them. It all becomes so cumbersome. If you treat people right, you don't need a policy book. But then again, I guess you do need it for your own protection — and that's kind of a sad change for me."

White said he also holds some concerns that the district will lose irreplaceable human connections as it prepares for the future.

"We had a time in Clarkston when the vast majority of administrators were home-grown — brought up through the system," he explained. "But more recently, we've brought people in from the outside. And there needs to be a 'culturing' or familiarizing of the new people with what Clarkston is. At least they should be familiar with some of the things that have been important. I think it's going to be a challenge for the school organization to not lose touch with Clarkston's heritage."

When asked what he planned to do for the next 40 years, the Independence Township resident smiled and said, "I'll always be an advocate of Clarkston schools. I plan to continue living here. And I'll be working. I have too much energy not to be doing something. It's just going to be something different."

Would it be tough to walk away on that last day of school at North Sashabaw?

White paused. His blue eyes welled again. Then he managed a one-word reply:

"Yeah."

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done. I think the new high school is going to be fabulous ... I've read about the drainage problems near it and I look at that as growing pains — I think the board will take care of it. And I sympathize with the board over advertising at the high school. If I was a board member, I know I would struggle with the commercialism issue, too."

Hensley has resided in the township for 10 years. A member of Pine Knob Missionary Baptist Church, the candidate holds a bachelor's degree in management and an MBA with a concentration in finance from

Morehead State University in Kentucky. He is married to Pamela, an EDS systems analyst. Their daughter, Misty Dawn, will head to Albion College after she graduates this year from CHS, Hensley said.

Hughes, 53, is an eight-year school board veteran and a 1963 graduate of Clarkston High School. She has previously served as a PTO president and has volunteered for many years in the Clarkston school system. Hughes and her husband, James, have two sons, Scott — a 20-year-old student at Michigan State University, and Jason, a

17-year-old CHS pupil. The incumbent has lived in the township for 40 years.

In a recent interview, Hughes said she wanted to continue serving on the board to help guide construction of the district's new elementary school as well as its elementary and secondary renovation projects. "I've been involved for such a long time in trying to improve school facilities and bring about equity that I really want to see all of it through," she said. "I feel committed to do that."

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an outreach opportunity. Visitors are expected to come from outreach missions, the Free Methodist congregation, other churches and the public.

In years past, the church has filled its 400-seat sanctuary to standing-room-only capacity for each performance.

As of Tuesday, the church had 10 free tickets remaining for this

year's production. As of press time, productions were scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday — though seating was limited.

Two years ago, in an elaborate Easter musical that amazed observers, the church actor playing Christ was "raised from the dead" during a dramatic closing scene that featured fog and earth-moving vibrations.

Allen promises that Christ "will do something special" again this year — though he wouldn't spoil the surprise for observers and divulge the church's secrets.

"We think his ascension is tremendously important, and we're emphasizing that," Allen said.

(Actors and actresses playing major roles in the play include Taylor Klassen of Pontiac, 4 months, as Baby Jesus; Steve Cronk of White Lake as grown-up Jesus; Kris Klassen of Pontiac as Mary and Mark Peterson of Orionville as Joseph.)

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Cops warn about new 'rape drugs'

The onset of spring break should be a happy time for teenagers and other young adults, and so it is for most of them as they consider where they will go and how they will spend their free time. Warm spots. Beaches. Dances. Parties.

Unfortunately, in the 1990s, those same teens and young adults must also face the fact there are sinister people hitting the beaches and parties, too — sexual predators who sometimes have silent and even lethal weapons at their disposal.

Those weapons are Rohypnol and GHB, more commonly known as illegal "rape drugs."

The two drugs, when slipped separately into the drinks of unsuspecting victims, can render them unable to fend off attackers and unable to remember what happened. In addition, when combined with alcohol, they can become deadly, according to information from the Office of the Attorney General for the United States, which was supplied to the Eccentric by the Oakland County Sheriff's Department substation in Independence Township.

Soft drinks, beer, punch and alcoholic beverages can all act as disguises for the drugs, which can come in pill, powder or liquid form.

Close to home, a representative for the sheriff's substation and a local urgent care physician say they have not yet seen any cases where these drugs have been used in a rape, but they are cautioning teens and adults who expect to be on vacation, at large gatherings or at clubs to take care.

The drugs are a real threat, say Lt. Dale LaBair of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department and Dr. James O'Neill, M.D., who runs the Clarkston Ambulatory Care Center. The two urge revelers not to leave drinks unattended, even among crowds of people they think they know.

"I've not seen any patients with it," said O'Neill. "I'm aware of it. I don't think it's just hype. It's very real. It's a predator drug."

And LaBair agreed. "I know it's out there. We have not had any complaints in the township at all."

"(But) be careful," he continued, especially considering inexperienced teenagers who might be traveling away from home on spring break. "Be careful what you're getting and be careful what you're getting from strange people. There's a lot of real riff-raff. You're being targeted. There's a lot of predators who know this and who feed on this."

"Make sure you're watching out for each other."

O'Neill said people are less likely to be victimized at bars

and more likely to have the drugs placed in their drinks at lawn parties, beach parties or other gatherings where parties are on a first-name-only basis.

LaBair said parties should not over-indulge in alcoholic beverages for a variety of reasons, but he quickly added that if a person decides to have a drink, he or she should select a beverage in a can or bottle that can be more easily monitored.

"If you order a drink, order something you can control well," he said.

Literature supplied by the attorney general's office says Rohypnol and GHB, after they dissolve in a drink, are colorless and odorless and may be tasteless. As a victim is weakened by the drug, he/she becomes incapacitated and unable to resist an attacker. A victim may even lose consciousness.

The drugs can often leave their victims with amnesia about a rape, the literature adds. As supplied by the attorney general's office, the literature suggests people use the following common-sense approaches to protecting themselves:

- Don't drink beverages that you didn't open yourself.

- Don't share or exchange drinks with anyone.

- Don't take a drink from a punch bowl.

- Don't drink from a container that is being passed around.

- Bring your own drinks to parties.

- If someone offers you a drink from the bar at a club or a party, accompany the person to the bar to order your drink, watch the drink being poured and carry the drink yourself.

- Don't leave your drink unattended while talking, dancing, using the rest room or making a phone call.

- If you realize that your drink has been left unattended, discard it.

- Don't drink anything that has an unusual taste or appearance (salty taste, excessive foam, unexplained residue).

The literature also supplies telltale signs, which indicate a person has possibly been drugged:

- If you feel a lot more intoxicated than your usual response to the amount of alcohol you consumed.

- If you wake up very hung over, feeling "fuzzy," experiencing memory lapse and can't account for a period of time.

- If you feel as though someone had sex with you but you can't remember any or all of the incident.

People who suspect they may have been drugged should get to a safe place and seek the help of police or medical personnel, the literature says.

There's a new sheriff in town

After four-and-one-half years as commander of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department substation in Springfield Township, Sgt. Dale Miller, 42, has been transferred by Sheriff John Nichols to the position of day-time traffic coordinator at the sheriff's traffic bureau in the county complex in Pontiac.

Sgt. Pat Miles, who is being transferred from the Fugitive Apprehension Team, will replace Miller Saturday. Like Miller, Miles will oversee six deputies on three shifts in Springfield.

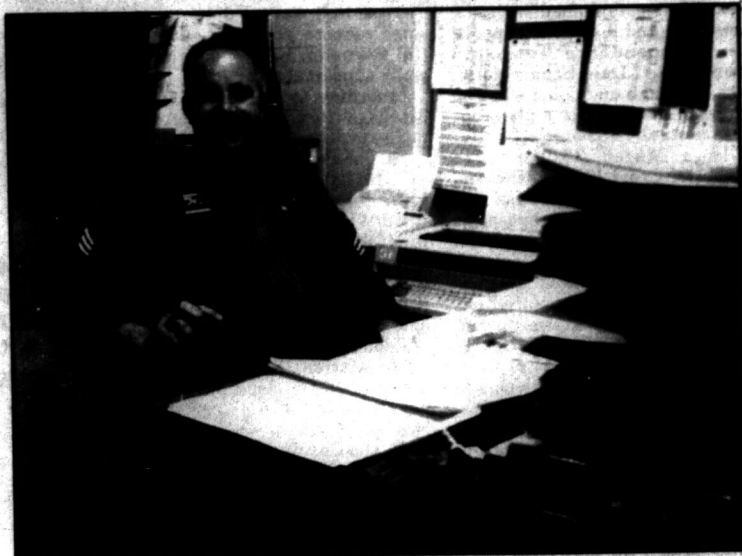
"(Miles' experience) is largely in investigation so he'll do very well up here," Miller said of his replacement. "The community is in good hands with Sgt. Miles."

While Miller had kind words for Miles, Springfield Supervisor Collin Walls had nothing but praise for Miller.

"He's going to be missed," Walls said on Monday, noting that there have been no big crime problems in the township during Miller's tenure. "We didn't have any big problems. He's welcome to the credit," Walls said.

Clerk Nancy Strole echoed Walls' comments. "He's been a community asset," she said.

Miller acknowledged the recent addition of officers in the township for making his job easier. "I think the addition of extra officers out here, which was not of my doing, was a great help to me and my officers," he said.



He's gone: Sgt. Dale Miller of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department is being transferred from the Springfield Township substation to the main headquarters in Pontiac.

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POLICE NEWS

The following incidents were reported to police and fire agencies in Springfield and Independence townships and the city of Clarkston April 1-6.

Springfield Police

Home Invasion

On April 1, a house on **Harbortowne** was illegally entered. It was not immediately known if anything was taken.

On April 2, a house on **Old Pond** was illegally entered. Jewelry was reported stolen.

On April 3, unknown persons reportedly attempted to illegally enter a residence on **Peaceful Valley**. It was not immediately known if anything was taken.

Vandalism

On April 2, a window was reported damaged on a vehicle parked on **Dixie Highway**.

On April 2, a vehicle was reported ransacked while parked on **Oak Meadows**. Nothing was reported stolen.

Theft

On April 3, a cell phone was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on **Dixie Highway**.

Independence Twp.

On April 2, a driver's window was reported broken out of a vehicle parked on **Mockingbird**.

On April 4, a window was reported damaged on a vehicle parked on **Clintonville Road**.

Thefts

On April 3, a briefcase and cell phone were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on **Warbler**.

On April 3, tools were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on **Allen Hill Court**.

On April 3, a video game was reported stolen from a residence on **Iroquois Court**.

On April 3, a cell phone was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on **Warbler**.

On April 4, radio equipment and a jacket were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on **Parview**.

On April 5, prescription drugs were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on **Waldon Road**.

Vandalism

On April 4, a car window was reported damaged while the vehicle was parked on **South River Road**.

Independence Fire

Between April 1-6, firefighters responded to 15 calls. Among them were eight medical runs, one vehicle fire, one grass fire and one fuel spill.

Clarkston Police

On April 6, officers responded to a traffic accident on Main Street near Clarkston Road. In that accident, a vehicle driven by an Ortonville man rear-ended a vehicle driven by a Waterford woman. The Ortonville man was cited for failure to stop.

On April 6, officers responded to a woman's complaint that a vehicle struck her vehicle while it was parked behind a business on Main Street. The driver of the vehicle causing the accident fled the scene.

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partners in the process ... I think it speaks to the trust that the board has established with the township and it certainly speaks to (Independence Township Supervisor) Dale Stuart going out on a limb and doing what he could to put together a plan that was mutually acceptable."

In a March 30 memo to Roberts, Craig Kahler, the district's director of business services, described the proposal as "a manageable mix of financial support from the road commission, Oakland County and the township." Kahler pointed out that the schools will end up contributing \$631,250 or "slightly more than 61 percent of total funding (45 percent of which will be spread out over a 10-year special assessment), which is a substantial sum but not unreasonable given the traffic load our activities will place on the infrastructure."

Roberts explained, however, that though the plan calls for "a special assessment district, that will not be a billing to our local residents. Those dollars will be picked up by the school district and by Independence Township." Independence Township trustees unanimously approved

their contribution to the road project Tuesday. However, Trustee Neil Wallace did express some concern about the idea of the township having to financially support the project.

According to Kahler's memo, details of the proposal's improvements include:

- intersection modifications at Clarkston Road/Flemings Lake Road and Walters Road/Waldon Road that would provide left-turn lanes, passing/deceleration lanes and camera-oriented traffic signals — as well as some paving at the entrance of Walters Road from Waldon Road.

- vertical realignment of Flemings Lake Road, ditching, development of an aggregate base and paving.

- the closing off of the north end of Almond Lane by a cul-de-sac.

- the relocation of Edison utility poles, as necessary.

School officials said they expected the bid process on road and drainage improvements to occur over the next two months, with construction starting around June 15. The entire project is slated to be finished by Aug. 31.

Pipe maker draws complaints

An ongoing battle between a group of Independence Township residents and the operators of a nearby pipe-making company is continuing.

Residents protested Premarc Corp.'s plans to expand at the March 26 Independence Township Planning Commission meeting, saying they are concerned about what the sewer pipe maker may be doing to the environment.

■ 'When I first moved here in 1990, there were so many frogs out here that they would shriek.'

Doug Burke
Independence Township resident

But John Colgrove, general manager of the Premarc site, said the company is not hurting the environment.

"The only thing coming off this site is rain water," said Colgrove, who recently gave the *Clarkston Eccentric* a tour of the Independence Township facility on White Lake Road.

Premarc does not, and never has, produced anything toxic at the site, he said. The com-

pany also cannot prevent rain water from traveling east on to Clement Road because of the property's natural slope, an elevation difference of up to 20 feet, he said.

Premarc is seeking permission to construct a 57,000-square-foot building, but planning commissioners tabled the proposal in light of residents' concerns and asked that additional environmental studies be done.

Colgrove stressed that the company isn't violating safety practices or environmental laws, saying, "I encourage (additional studies) because there's nothing to find here."

Premarc recently had its ground water and noise levels evaluated, but neither study uncovered problems.

Doug Burke, who lives on Hillcrest Road about 175 feet from Premarc's property and sleeps during the day because he works at night, believes noise levels at the site are unacceptable.

Colgrove noted that use of a cement-crushing machine was terminated immediately after nearby residents complained to Independence Township officials.

While empathetic of residents' concerns, planning commission Chairman Steve Board said, "I doubt very strongly that anything toxic is coming off the site. Needless to say, we need to find out what is happening and, needless to say, the residents say there is a drainage problem and we need to investigate that."

Residential opposition to Premarc operations is common where heavy industrial and



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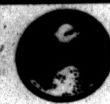
Parents to view health books

Clarkston Community Schools will host a public preview Monday, April 20, of new health education materials recommended for grades 4-7.

Books, instructional kits and videos will be on display at the Clarkston School Board office, 6389 Clarkston Road,

from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. prior to the school board meeting, scheduled for 7 p.m.

For more information, contact David Reschke, assistant superintendent for elementary school operations, at 625-4402.



Charter Township of Springfield

CORRECTION

In its April 5, 1998, publication the *Clarkston Eccentric* erroneously published a Notice of Public Hearing by the Springfield Township Planning Commission to consider an application by Stulberg Springfield L.L.C. at its April 20 meeting.

No public hearing will be held on April 20 regarding this application, nor has a date for a public hearing been set yet.

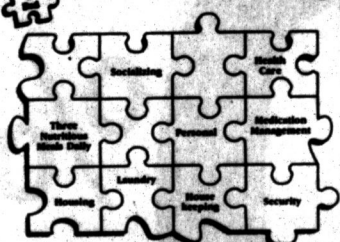
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Bill would let college juniors be substitute teachers

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

School districts would be able to hire college juniors as short-term substitutes under a bill headed the full state House of Representatives.

The House Education Committee reported it out April 1 on a 10-2 vote.

"I want the bill amended so that a candidate would have to be 'enrolled' in an approved teacher education program, not just 'admitted' to one," said Rep. Bob Brown, D-Deerborn Heights, who voted no.

"It's a technical thing, but important. I could be 'admitted' to a program and never have any intention of enrolling and finishing it," he said. "If I get it (the amendment), I'll vote yes on the bill."

Rep. Rose Bogardus, D-Davison and a former public school music teacher, also voted no. "This will degrade the quality of teaching. We should go the other way — provide incentives for teachers."

The current school code permits a school board to hire a substitute teacher with at least 90 semester hours of college credit (at the senior level). Purpose of House bill 5481 is to allow boards to hire subs with 60 hours credit (junior level).

Educators got the sponsor, Rep. Clyde LeTarte, R-Jackson, to amend it will these safeguards:

- The bill "sunset" (expires) in mid-2003.

- It covers kindergarten through grade 9 only.

- The district must first try to hire a sub with at least 90 credit hours.

- The person must be at least 21 years old.

- The person may be

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engaged for no more than two consecutive days in the same classroom.

■ The person "has been admitted to an approved teacher education program leading to a provisional teaching certificate."

Voting with the panel majority to report out the bill were Reps. Tom Middleton, R-Ortonville, and Penny Crissman, R-Rochester.

"It's a bad idea whose time has come," quipped Rep. James Agee, D-Muskegon, a former superintendent who voted yes reluctantly.

Agee wants to amend the bill to move the sunset forward to 2001 and to ask the Department of Education for a detailed plan to deal with substitute teachers.

In an earlier public hearing, Professor Michael Bretting, interim associate dean of education at Eastern Michigan University, opposed the bill because of the "admitted" provision.

Supporters included the Michigan Association of School Administrators and Oakland Intermediate School District. Opposed was the Michigan Federation of Teachers.

The Michigan Education Association supported the bill with amendments.

More gun control bills on the way

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Q. Now that the Legislature is taking spring break, bring us up to date. Is there another package of gun control bills rolling around in Lansing?

A. Sure, but let's get our terms straight. We're not talking about hunting rifles and shotguns. We're talking about pistols and permits to "carry a concealed weapon," or CCW.

Michigan's Constitution is stronger on gun ownership than the U.S. Constitution. The state constitution says: "Every person has a right to keep and bear arms for the defense of himself and the state."

Q. OK. Let's start with the Cropsey bill that was being argued two years ago.

A. It's dead. Rep. Alan Cropsey, R-DeWitt, proposed that Michigan do away with its 83 county gun boards that award CCW permits. He wanted Michigan to become a "shall issue" state — if you meet the qualifications, the state shall issue you a CCW permit.

Cropsey held that many county gun boards issued permits only to police officers and ex-cops, denying them, without reason, to others.

Gun owner groups were strongly in support, but the law enforcement caucus and others were vehemently opposed.

Q. Isn't Cropsey part of a new group ...?

A. Right. A bipartisan group of state representatives is pushing a package to create uniform standards for issuing a concealed weapons permit. It adopted the "shall issue" policy. You would be entitled to a CCW permit once you met a list of qualifications.

Q. And that was a pretty long list,

wasn't it?

A. All applicants must be at least 21 years old and be a resident of Michigan for more than a year (versus six months eligibility to vote).

It requires a 12-hour training course.

You may not have been convicted of a violent felony, felony, violent misdemeanor, or a misdemeanor which carries a potential sentence of more than a year in prison.

You may not have been acquitted of a crime by reason of insanity.

You may not be under a court order of legal incapacity or involuntary commitment.

If a cop suspects you of drinking while carrying a pistol, he can order a blood analysis. If you test 0.02 percent blood alcohol content (BAC), this would be reported to the county gun board, and your license could be revoked. By the way, 0.02 is one-fourth the BAC for drunk driving. In other words, the bill creates a "zero-tolerance" for drinking while carrying a concealed pistol. Wetters is sponsor of that bill.

One bill makes concealed weapons carried in violation of law subject to seizure and forfeiture.

Another would amend the Open Meetings Act to allow county gun boards to consider applicants' mental health, substance abuse and juvenile crime records behind closed doors.

Q. That's a pretty long list of hurdles. Will the gun owners buy that?

A. Some think Cropsey sold out. Others say he had to trim his sails to get any change.

Q. Any response from the Senate?

A. A big one. Newly-elected Sen. Dave Jaye, R-Macomb County, is chair of a newly-created Hunting, Fishing and Forestry Committee. His committee is considering these

bipartisan measures:

- Revamps the gun boards to put non-law enforcement people in a majority. The prosecutor and sheriff still would be on, but the State Police representative and township supervisor would be gone.

- The new members would be a person who teaches pistol safety but isn't a law enforcement officer; two others would represent the general public.

- Requires that gun boards conspicuously display time and location of CCW meetings. Gun boards must meet at least twice a month for four hours during the evening (SB 985, Loren Bennett, R-Canton).

- Requires Michigan to adopt Florida's CCW standards (SB 987, Jaye).

- Requires county to pay legal costs if a denied applicant wins approval on appeal (SB 984, Virgil Smith, D-Detroit).

- Limits police fee for processing fingerprints to \$5. Limits time to five business days, plus five-day extension. Requires police to pay applicant a \$10-per-day fine for processing delays (SB 970, John Cherry, D-Cllo).

- Requires Michigan to honor other states' CCW permits (SB 967, Art Miller, D-Macomb).

- Allows voter registration wherever hunting and fishing licenses are sold (Joel Gougeon, R-Bay City).

Bills being drafted in the Senate:

- Permits 18-year-olds to purchase pistols from either licensed dealers or other individuals (Jaye).

- Makes gun boards subject to the Administrative Procedures Act due process requirements.

Q. Any predictions?

A. A stalemate, with the House passing one package and the Senate another, is a distinct possibility.

OAKLAND DIGEST

BIRMINGHAM

City arrests increase: According to the department's annual 1997 report, Birmingham police arrested 760 adults in 1997, a 22 percent increase over 1996. There were a rise in assaults from 131 to 195 from 1996 to 1997 and the larceny figure climbed from 583 in 1996 to 826 last year.

CLARKSTON

Ambassador promotes different cultures: Clarkston sixth-grader Bobby Perna will head for Australia on June 17 where he and 40 other students will spend two weeks as student ambassadors through the People to People Student Ambassador program. His role will be to represent the U.S. and speak to residents about his life as an American youth.

LAKE ORION

Community supports resident: Several area business are promoting various fund-raisers in support of Robert Hutchinson, an Orion resident who was recently diagnosed with Hepatitis C. The disease requires a liver transplant, which costs around \$350,000. Activities include a nutrition and exercise seminar, a golf outing and a spaghetti dinner/sing-a-long. Call 814-8872 for more information.

OXFORD

Library bids are coming in: Bids have opened in Oxford Schools' search for a new collection for its future middle school's library. If approved, the new collection will be funded by the bond issue on the new middle school, currently under construction on North Oxford Road.

ROCHESTER

Student to compete in contest: Josh Hevron, a fifth grader at Holy Family Regional School in Rochester will represent Michigan at the international conference of Future Problem Solving Program held at the University of Michigan campus. Hevron will compete in the junior level, scenario writing category with his story about natural disasters that earned first place at the state bowl last month.

TROY

Road work underway: The Road Commission for Oakland County has begun construction to the 14 Mile and I-75 interchange. Expected to be completed by late summer, the work will begin at 7 p.m. weekday evenings and stop by 6 a.m. Construction will cause a lane shift on north-bound I-75 and, at night, there will be intermittent lane closures on 14 Mile.

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Hospitals jockey for position in Clarkston

Nearby hospital groups are vying for a spot in Clarkston in hopes of capitalizing on its booming population.

The evidence is an influx of hospital-affiliated clinics and expanded medical services.

"Everybody's moving in," said Anthony Aenlle, M.D., a local internist who recently bought the Clarkston Clinic and, in addition to expanding its medical services, moved it to the intersection of Dixie Highway and M-15, an area that is quickly becoming a health care hub.

Aenlle's facility is a stone's throw from the Mid-Oakland Medical Center where this month Clarkston physician James O'Neill, M.D., will open an urgent care and 24-hour emergency center.

At the same Independence Township intersection, Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital has proposed a comprehensive medical campus with an emergency room, assisted-living facility and ambulatory care center.

Hospital groups have been setting up satellite clinics and centers throughout metropolitan Detroit over the past decade in an effort to tap into communities removed from their primary facilities, but the trend has only recently hit the Clarkston area.

"There is a certain excitement about this market. But if you look at the health care system, there is keen competition so hospitals are vying for position," said POH's medical director Mark Kiffer, D.O., of POH's long-term thinking for the community and the general growth of medical services there.

Even Aenlle, who used to see patients by appointment only, has begun accepting walk-ins. He's also increased his hours of operation from four to seven days a week.

"I'm trying to increase the clinic's capabilities as far as services. Now that the population is starting to grow, I'm trying to create new avenues of care locally," Aenlle said.

Another addition to Aenlle's practice is a bone densitometry machine for osteoporosis screening. The machine will allow local residents to undergo

testing in the community, rather than having to travel to south Oakland County. And Aenlle will allow certified doctors in the community to use the machine for a fee.

But Aenlle's densitometry services won't be the only specialty services in town. Nor will he and O'Neill be the only doctors from which residents can choose a primary-care physician.

Pontiac-based North Oakland Medical Centers expects to offer residents a variety of local services within a few months, said JoAnn DiGiovanni, administrator for physician practices, North Oakland Medical Centers.

In addition to primary care and OB/GYN services, the group will offer full radiology services, CAT scans, minor surgery and surgical consultations.

Like Aenlle, their expansion is being combined with a relocation — from a Deer Lake Road clinic to the Mid-Oakland Medical Center. The hospital group's pediatrics clinic on Sashabaw Road will remain in its current location.

"We're anxious to get in," said DiGiovanni. "It's a growing community, and we consider it to be our future area."

Likewise, William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak and Genesys Health System, based in Flint, are trying to establish a local presence.

Beaumont has plans to open two primary care practices at Citation Drive and M-15 and expects to open one by late summer, said Colette Stimmell, Beaumont public affairs assistant.

Genesys has construction of a 9,000-square-foot medical facility on Waldon Road near Sashabaw under way and expects to open by mid-summer, said Genesys spokesman Mark Harris. The center will house six primary care physicians from Genesys including local family practitioner Shawn K. Conner, M.D., and rotate specialty physicians like cardiologists and neurologists based on demand.

Also hoping to get an edge on the specialists market, POH last month opened a family practice clinic on South Main, where primary care and specialty physicians will be on site.

By rotating medical specialists at the clinics, residents won't have to travel outside the community for such services, giving POH and Genesys a competitive edge over other hospitals.

"It is a way of being competitive and getting the market share for health care systems," Kiffer, of POH, said. "We're all aware of the increase in population growth in north Oakland County and what appears to be a family migration from the south to north."

"As those families move, they're going to need medical services, and so health care providers are going to position themselves accordingly," he said.

While such a rapid and competitive influx of health care facilities seems unsettling — not to mention threatening to existing physicians — both O'Neill and Aenlle said they welcome the changes.

"It's a nice blend," O'Neill said of the different medical centers popping up in Clarkston. And the community has long needed these services, he said.

And while the health care industry's appetite for Clarkston doesn't currently threaten to flood the community with facilities, that is a future concern,



Now this won't hurt a bit: Dr. Anthony Aenlle, who recently bought the Clarkston Clinic and moved it to the intersection of Dixie Highway and M-15, performs a demonstration on the bone densitometer, used to measure bone density.

O'Neill added.

"Right now, I think we're OK. Our population is growing ... The thing I hope doesn't happen is nine urgent care centers ... I think that the hospitals are in a turf fight to admit to their hospitals. And

they're more interested in what is in their benefit than what is in the benefit of the community. But they're going to have to work together. The economics of the future will necessitate that," he said. "We need to ask what the community needs."

New, expanded Clarkston medical services

WILLIAM BEAUMONT HOSPITAL

— plans to open two primary care practices at Citation Drive and M-15 with the first practice slated to open this summer.

NORTH OAKLAND MEDICAL CENTERS

— will relocate its Deer Lake Road office to the Mid-Oakland Medical Center at Dixie Highway and M-15 with expanded services that include full radiology, CAT scans, consultation for surgery and minor surgical procedures.

O'NEILL 24-HOUR CARE CLINIC

— James O'Neill, M.D., plans to open his urgent and 24-hour emergency care facility, staffed by physicians certified in emergency medicine, in the Mid-Oakland Medical Center at Dixie Highway and M-15 this month.

GENESYS HEALTH SYSTEM

— expects construction on its 9,000-square-foot medical facility at Waldon Road near Sashabaw to open by mid-summer and will offer primary and specialty care services.

PONTIAC OSTEOPATHIC HOSPITAL

— opened a new family practice clinic in March on South Main that accepts walk-in patients and rotates specialty physicians, like cardiologists and dermatologists, on demand.

CLARKSTON CLINIC

(Staff physicians affiliated with St. Joseph Mercy Hospital)
— moved to Dixie Highway and M-15 and expanded services to include walk-in services, bone densitometry examinations, urgent care and an on-site pharmacy.

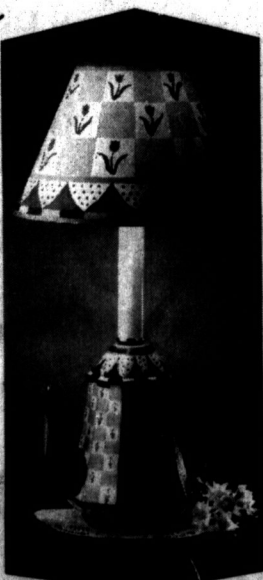


Getting crowded: This is the Mid-Oakland Medical Center at Dixie Highway and M-15, with the St. Joseph Mercy Medical Center as its chief tenant. Later this year the North Oakland Medical Centers will move in as well.

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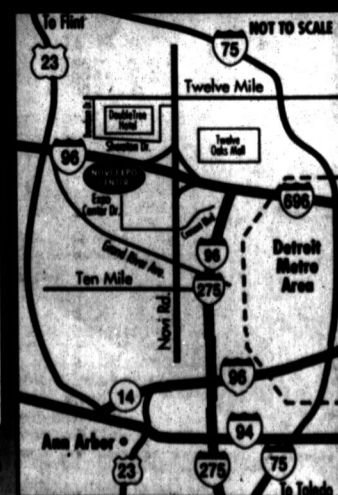
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OCC awaits new accreditation

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Oakland Community College is on its way to a 10-year accreditation despite some soft spots in its internal operations.

"The libraries, media center and individualized instruction center are exemplary with their materials, resources and support staff," said Arthur W. DeCabooter, chair of the 12-member North Central Association of Colleges and Schools visitation team.

DeCabooter, at the end of the group's three-day visit to OCC, Wednesday announced the next "comprehensive evaluation" of Michigan's largest community college would be in 2007-2008 — a sure sign his team will recommend accreditation for the longest possible time.

DeCabooter, president of Scottsdale Community College in Arizona, recommended a

"focus visit" in fall of 2002 to look at three "concerns." They are organizational stability, student outcomes assessment and institutional planning.

Among OCC's strengths, he said, are its "supportive environment for ESL (English as a Second Language) and international students" and "a business community that's very supportive."

The North Central team praised OCC's services to disabled students and "a faculty, staff and administration that are committed to student success and the institution."

And he made note of the property tax boost approved in mid-1995 by voters by saying the college has "significant funds for capital needs." The seven-year tax adds about \$35 million to boost the total budget to \$105 million.

He praised the OCC Foundation, "which works actively in

(the college's) behalf."

DeCabooter quickly outlined, without detail, what the team found as "concerns." Among them:

■ "The college is not demonstrating satisfactory progress on student outcome assessment."

■ The long-range planning process showed "a recurring pattern of failure."

■ "Students in low-enrollment career programs have difficulty finishing due to class cancellations."

■ "The lengthy transcript evaluation process is negatively impacting student success." This apparently refers to assessment of incoming students.

■ "Lack of organizational effectiveness as evidenced by defunded positions, unfilled positions, interim appointments and low morale." OCC Chancellor Richard Thompson has put a lid

on new jobs in an effort to keep operating costs down and use the extra voted money for capital needs.

■ "The college lacks a consistent faculty, staff and administrative evaluation process."

OCC has been the scene of infighting on its board of trustees. But the North Central team gave trustees credit for "seeing the need for collaboration and bringing in consultants" to teach teamwork.

DeCabooter said his team will finish its written report in three weeks, send a draft to Chancellor Thompson, and give OCC four weeks to respond. The North Central's staff will review the report. "It's an involved process, but it will take months," he said at the end of his 10-minute report.

5 file for OCC board

Including former Clarkston Superintendent Mel Vaara

Two challengers will take on three incumbents in the June 8 Oakland Community College election.

Mel Vaara, retired assistant superintendent of Clarkston school district, and Rochelle Heyniger, an OCC student from Rochester Hills, filed nominating petitions by the April 6 deadline.

So did three incumbents who will seek new six-year terms: Judith Wiser, a two-term veteran from West Bloomfield; Anne V. Scott of Royal Oak and Janice Simmons of Rochester Hills, both of whom are completing their

first terms.

Seven trustees serve staggered terms without pay. Terms of those elected this year will run from July 1, 1998, to June 30, 2004. The board meets monthly at 7 p.m., usually on the third Monday, at the Bee Center in Bloomfield Hills.

The board hires and evaluates the chancellor, the chief executive officer, sets the budget and tuition rates, and establishes college policies.

OCC elections are held at the same time and places as school board elections.

Filmmaker to speak at women's conference

The Womencenter at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus will present a conference for women entitled "A Call to Wholeness Emerging" on Saturday, May 2, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The event convenes in the campus' Tirrell Hall (Building J). Noted independent film-

maker Sue Marx is the conference keynote. She will speak on "Women and the Arts," and present several short videos.

An Academy and Emmy awards winner, Marx is president of Sue Marx Films, Inc., Woodbridge Video Productions, and Urban Communication Group.

The cost for the conference is \$35, including lunch. Pre-registration is suggested, and childcare will be available for ages two and a half and up, for an additional fee.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 1998

Unsung heroes Award nominations sought

Every day, individuals quietly work behind the scenes to make the Clarkston area a better place to live and work.

These individuals, without others noticing, work with youths, volunteer at Lighthouse of Clarkston and other non-profit groups and improve the quality of life in the community.

They unselfishly dedicate countless hours without being recognized. Since these individuals call no attention to themselves, few people know of their efforts.

The Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce would like to recognize six of these individuals during its 13th annual Michigan Week Community Awards Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 20.

But the chamber needs your help in finding the folks to honor. Nominations are being sought in six categories. The categories and their descriptions follow:

■ **Citizen of the Year** — An individual who has given their time, energy and talents to improve the Clarkston community. Last year's recipients were Dorothy and Jack Nicol, who collect day-old bread from grocery stores and deliver it to Lighthouse.

■ **Young Person of the Year** — Younger person (18 and younger) who has given their time, energy and talents to improve the community. Stephen J. Hyer Jr. won the award last year.

■ **Adult-Youth Volunteer** — An individ-

ual who has given their time, energy and talent in an ongoing volunteer capacity to help area young people. Past recipients include Sally Hadden and Sherry Regiani.

■ **Business Person of the Year** — A local business person who has contributed to the community to make it a better place to live and work. Marc Cooper, owner of Impressive Type, and Don Brose of Brose Electric won the award in the past.

■ **Property Beautification** — An individual or business that has significantly improved the appearance of their property, home or business. This award may be given to a new structure if it cleans up an eyesore or blighted area. Lewis E. Wint & Sons Funeral Home, Mr. B's Roadhouse and Clarkston Auto Wash are among past recipients.

■ **Community Preservation** — An individual, group or business that has made a significant contribution toward preserving the history of the community. Past recipients have included Dr. Thomas Stone of the Independence Land Conservancy.

If you know of someone deserving of any of these awards, send their name, the category for which you'd like to nominate them and why, and your name and phone number to: Michigan Week Community Awards, c/o Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, 5850 Lorac, Suite C, Clarkston MI 48346.

Nominations are due May 1. For more information, call the chamber at 625-8055.

LETTERS

Prayer can prevent tragedy

The lesson that the tragic shooting in Kentucky and Arkansas might teach and remind us all is that by judicial fiat the Supreme Court has removed prayer, religious symbolism and, in effect, the Judeo-Christian teachings from our schools.

Our nation was founded and our constitution was written by God-fearing ancestors, many who had fled religious persecution but wanted our nation founded under an almighty and merciful God with separation of church and state in governance only.

They certainly did not mean an absence of God and values in schools and the work place.

Our teachers and administrators in both public and private schools are a source of great values and moral integrity both as parents and community leaders; certainly our forefathers did not want those rich morals and values left on the doorstep of our schools.

If the president, attorney general, ministers, teachers, students and parents could weep, comfort and pray together publicly in a time of great sorrow and tragedy, how could it be that we could not come together in prayer and love daily every day and everywhere to prevent such great pain?

Dr. James O'Neill
Clarkston

Thanks for can donations

The Clarkston Community Task Force for Youth would like to thank the following local organizations and establishments for participation in the Change-for-Change '98 canister fund-raiser, which yielded \$420 for coalition activities.

The organizations and establishments are Auto Lab, Big Boy (Clarkston), Calvary Lutheran Church, Clarkston High School,

Cherry Bowl, Coach's Corner, Gregg's Gourmet Catering, Kroger's, Independence Township Hall, Independence Township Library, Olde Village Cafe, Powerhouse Gym, Rudy's, Sashabaw Country Market, Shell Station (Bluegrass) and Village Bake Shop.

Thanks to all in the community who participated by dropping coins into canisters as well as Dennis Barber, Kroger manager, for maximum placement of canisters, Mr. and Mrs. Greg Wilke and family for counting coins, Wendy Halsey for carrying a canister around to various meetings and Dennis Kaszeta for chairing this event.

The Clarkston Community Task Force for Youth is a community coalition of Oakland County encouraging positive youth development through building developmental assets and positive change in accepted community norms regarding substance abuse.

You can learn more about coalition activities, developmental assets and substance abuse prevention at our website:

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COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

Should malls be allowed to ban teens under age 16 on weekend nights without parents or other adults present?



"I would say no. Everybody working at a mall should have to deal with teenagers."

John Heffron
Clarkston



"I wouldn't allow my kids when they were under 16 to go. I think the law's a bit extreme. Parents need to know what kind of responsibilities their kids can make."

Paula Lytle
Independence
Township



"I don't agree with that. I think it's up to the parents."

Tom Tinetti
Independence
Township



"I believe that malls and private property owners should be able to have those sorts of restrictions. It's their property. They know what's best for their tenants and customers."

Jeff Gallant
Independence
Township

This question was asked at the post office on M-15.

Preserve minority admissions

Responding to an aggressive national campaign against affirmative action, California voters in 1996 passed Proposition 209, a law that banned use of race, sex, color or ethnicity as factors in university admissions.

Since then, the concern has been over what kind of impact the law would have on minorities seeking access to the state's public university system. According to data released last week, the impact is devastating.

The number of African Americans, Hispanics and Native Americans offered places in this year's freshman class at the University of California at Berkeley dropped 61 percent, compared to a year ago. Places offered minorities at UCLA fell 36 percent, and similar declines were reported at other campuses in the UC system.

University officials expect further declines this fall, when those few minority students actually accepted may decide to go to college out of state or at private universities.

The evidence from California is important to us here in Michigan, where the debate over affirmative action in university admissions is proceeding hot and heavy.

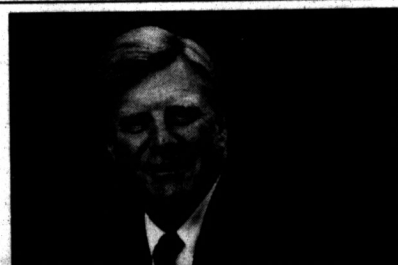
A conservative Washington-based legal advocacy outfit, Center for Individual Rights, alleges the University of Michigan is using unconstitutional race-based weighting in its admissions practices and has brought suit. A petition drive is under way to get a Prop 209-type affirmative action ban onto the ballot. Bills to the same effect have been introduced in the Legislature.

Should courts or the voters ban use of race, sex, color or ethnicity in university admissions decisions, I can see only two outcomes:

As in California, the first almost certainly would be to re-segregate the campuses of public universities in Michigan. What a sad and perverse outcome for our public higher education system where much progress has been made in eliminating segregation on campuses!

The second, oddly, would be to eliminate the use of academically-based factors (such as high school grade point average or standardized test results) in university admissions. Already, some people in California are arguing that ACT or SAT are intrinsically unfair to minorities and that, therefore, a fairer system would be to admit kids to college by lottery. What an equally sad outcome for a wonderful university like U-M, which has gained its international stature precisely by being highly selective in admissions!

One of the reasons I cherish serving on the U-M Board of Regents is my conviction that, when historians write the history of 20th century America, they will conclude that the signature contribution of our society has been the creation and support of seriously excellent public universities.



PHILIP POWER

The ultimate purpose of these public universities has always been to provide the widest possible access to higher education for the greatest diversity of students — rich and poor, urban and rural, majority and minority — but all capable of meeting high academic standards.

That is why it is so unfortunate to attempt to restrict great public universities from considering race and ethnicity in their admissions practices. Wouldn't it be odd if the job of making the full opportunity of America maximally available is left in the hands of the same private universities that not long ago were citadels of bias against blacks, quotas against Jews and snobism against folks who didn't live on the East Coast?

There will be a lot of argumentation about all of this, most of it couched in legalisms.

I find more compelling examples like that of Donald R. Deskins Jr., a professor of urban geography and sociology at U-M and an African-American. Raised in Brooklyn, Don served in the infantry in the Korean War. After his discharge in 1957, GI Bill in hand, Don had to decide where he was going to go to college.

He chose Michigan. Why? "I always saw Michigan as a place offering unlimited opportunity for all kinds of kids — blacks, middle class whites, poor whites, Jews, immigrants. Michigan was known as a place that was open to bright people from all over, a place where kids got a chance to show what they would do on their own."

Don played starting tackle on the football team; graduated with honors; eventually became a full professor; married and had three girls, respectively a physician, a lawyer and an electrical engineer.

Don Deskins is a living example of what public universities are all about in providing opportunity to the full diversity of our people and why they are so precious if our society is to truly offer opportunity to all.

Phil Power is chairman of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this newspaper. This column expresses his individual opinion, and not that of the university or its Board of Regents.

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POINTS OF VIEW

Taxing on ability to pay has drawbacks

I spent the weekend going through the annual battle of pulling my income tax information together in preparation for filing my tax return.

Figuring out your income tax in the United States is a complicated procedure, to say the least.

It doesn't take long to figure out what your income is; you get little slips of paper from the source. You spend most of your time figuring out what can be used to offset income to reduce your tax.

Reformers like to call this "looking for loopholes" among the very wealthy. In reality, these deductions and exemptions have more effect on what the poor pay or don't pay than the wealthy on a percentage basis.

The biggest single "loophole" in terms of cost to the government is the exemption per dependent, of which everyone takes advantage, but is being phased out for higher income

folks.

What disturbs me is that the American people have accepted the philosophy that taxes should be based on the "ability to pay." I have said many times in these columns that the problem with ability to pay is that those who have no ability to pay demand more services to be paid by those with the ability to pay, and there is no fairness or justice.

Eventually if you keep switching the tax burden, you will eliminate those with the ability to pay.

We end up getting more and more government for more and more taxes, but not necessarily better or more efficient government.

To show you that the ability to pay theory has no justification for taxes, just ask the politicians who advocate it if it should be applied in the marketplace.

Of course, they would rail against it because of consumers' rights; every-

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HANK HOGAN

I've always thought it would be interesting if our taxes were not withheld from our paychecks and we had to pay our taxes once a year in one lump sum. Think of how the working folk of America would react.

one must be treated fairly.

Ability to pay is more insidious. It takes away earned capital, which could be used to create or enlarge businesses, which would create new jobs.

America is the greatest country in the world, and it didn't get that way because of socialistic concepts. It was built on the principle of government of the people, by the people for the people. And it was built on the principle that capitalists produce jobs (even though that capitalism now seems like a dirty word.)

It was built on the principle that the person who worked the hardest got the biggest reward.

America is not a country of the very rich and very poor. It is a country of predominately middle class people. Because of our inheritance tax laws, it is a country of very little inherited wealth.

It is also a land of opportunity

where everyone has a chance to gain an education and to use his skills to become a success.

I've always thought it would be interesting if our taxes were not withheld from our paychecks and we had to pay our taxes once a year in one lump sum. Think of how the working folk of America would react. How many times do you hear a person say, "I don't pay taxes; I'm getting a refund?"

We have learned to take the attitude that our "take home" pay is our pay.

Why is it that every time we get tax "reform" from Washington, it ends up hurting the producers of the country?

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

Durant suit settlement no windfall for schools

Recent news about the Durant lawsuit settlement appears at first glance to be a windfall for school districts across the state.

A closer look reveals that the settlement is not likely to make us rich.

The lawsuit, started almost 20 years ago against the state of Michigan, sought to reimburse public school districts for special education programs mandated by the state but not funded.

This underfunding was found to violate the Headlee Amendment, which voters passed in 1978.

Although Clarkston was not a plaintiff in the case, the mandates affected our school system, and the settlement included restitution to our

district.

(We were plaintiffs in a similar lawsuit, and the Durant settlement is being used to close both cases.)

The good news is that we will receive half of the settlement in November, a lump sum of \$1.3 million.

The second half will be spread out over the next 10 years so the yearly payment will be about \$130,000 per year through 2008.

The bad news is that, while agreeing to repay public school districts for years of underfunding, the state simultaneously chose not to increase the annual foundation allowance (per pupil aid) for 1998-99.

That means our foundation allowance will remain unchanged



AL ROBERTS

The bad news is that, while agreeing to repay public school districts for years of underfunding, the state simultaneously chose not to increase the annual foundation allowance (per pupil aid) for 1998-99.

until 1999.

Prior to this change, our district was expecting about \$1 million in revenue growth.

In addition, this settlement offers no compensation for the 20 years of interest income lost to the district. It should be noted that these mandated programs have siphoned dollars away from general education and should have been in our district programs all along.

There are a number of restrictions on the ways in which public schools are allowed to spend the Durant settlement.

Essentially, the restrictions are the same as those imposed upon bond

money: building or remodeling; purchasing technology, equipment or textbooks; professional development for technology; instructional software; buses; security or reducing the district's debt.

Whatever is decided, Durant funds may not be used for operating purposes like salaries.

The settlement also requires a public hearing before June 30 to determine the best use of the money.

This hearing has been scheduled for 6 p.m. Monday, May 11, in the Administrative Offices, 6389 Clarkston Road.

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

The girls' tennis coach is a woman, and so is the boys'

Jan Esper says she was born 25 years too soon. As women's sports continue to gain momentum — Olympic gold in softball and hockey and the attention women's basketball is at last receiving — she rues that there were no women's sports teams back in the late '50s at her Dearborn high school.

"I loved sports," she says. "I had an older brother who was Mr. Jock of the whole school. I used to play football and basketball with him and his friends. I was laughed at."

But Esper, who is one of the smartest competitors with whom I've played league and team tennis, has made her own mark as a woman in sports.

That's because Esper is the only female in our area who is the head coach of both high school boys' and girls' teams — the tennis teams at Lahser High School in Bloomfield Hills.

And she's no Jan-come-lately at it. "When I started this over 20 years ago, I was the only one," she says. Esper remembers that the Groves boys' tennis team had a woman coach — Julie McKnight — for a couple of years during the '80s. With that exception, "Of all the boys' teams I play, I've never played any one with a woman coach."

This is how it came to be. It was the '70s and she had been coaching the West Bloomfield High School girls' and the East Hills Middle School boys' tennis teams for several years. In 1976, Bloomfield Hills' athletic director Norm Quinn asked her to coach the varsity boys' tennis team at Lahser.

Although it was unusual for a woman to coach a boys' varsity sport, Quinn said, "I never put it in the perspective of breaking ground. What I was looking for then — as I am today — is the most competent tennis coach I could find who would also relate very, very well to the kids. Jan was absolutely then and is absolutely now the most highly qualified person."

Esper gave up coaching the West Bloomfield girls' team in 1984 to spend more time with her own children.

During that time, she concentrated on the Lahser boys' team for several years, including while she had a son playing on it. Then, as her children moved on to college, she again began coaching girls' tennis — this time at Rochester High School.

When the coaching spot on the Lahser girls' team opened up a few years back, she consolidated her coaching at a single school.

And, she says with pride, tennis is one of the most successful sports at Lahser, consistently winning regional and state titles.

Esper is excited about the way women's team sports have come on.

And she has tremendous respect for University of Tennessee women's basketball coach Pat Summitt, who has taken the Lady Vols to an unprecedented three consecutive national championships. "I just applaud that coach," Esper says. "It had



JUDITH DONER BERNE

In Esper's judgment, girls are actually more difficult to coach than boys. She finds the boys more straight-forward. "Girls chat among themselves if they have a problem. A boy will come right up to me and tell me, 'You're wrong.'"

to be a tremendously hard job to get where she is. I think she could coach any boys' team."

In fact, in Esper's judgment, girls are actually more difficult to coach. She finds the boys more straight-forward.

"Girls chat among themselves if they have a problem. A boy will come right up to me and tell me, 'You're wrong.'"

Since I assisted her in coaching the West Bloomfield girls' team when one of my daughters was a player, I know first-hand the respect and affection her players hold for her.

It works both ways. "I was supposed to retire 10 years ago," she says. "But I get a group and I get attached."

Esper feels extremely lucky to be doing "something I love to do and that I'm pretty good at." Her teams are perennial regional winners and finish well at state tournaments.

She has been selected by her peers as the Eccentric area's tennis coach of the year three times. That adds up to one pretty good sportswoman. Think about it, Jan. Maybe you weren't born 25 years too soon after all.

Judith Doner Berne, a West Bloomfield resident, is former managing editor of the Eccentric Newspapers. You can comment on this column by calling (313)953-2047, Ext. 1997 or in a letter, e-mail or fax to the editor of this newspaper.

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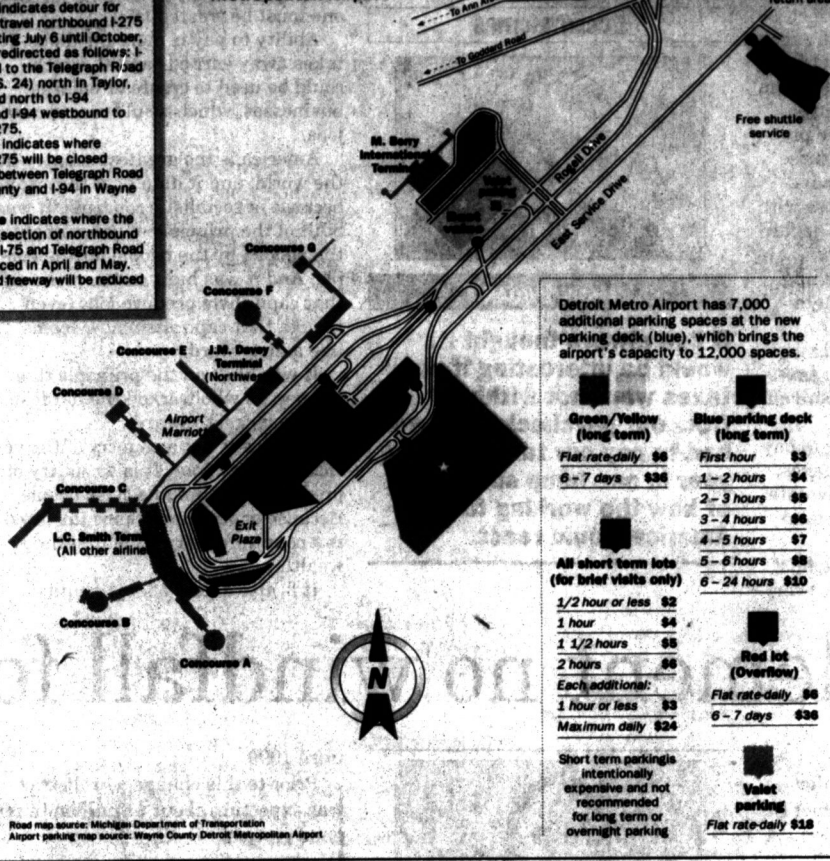
(A) Yellow line indicates sections of north and southbound I-275 between Northline and Five Mile (just south of I-94) to be resurfaced this spring and summer.

(B) Red line indicates detour for motorists who travel northbound I-275 from I-75. Starting July 6 until October, traffic will be redirected as follows: I-75 northbound to the Telegraph Road connector (U.S. 24) north in Taylor, Telegraph Road north to I-94 westbound, and I-94 westbound to northbound I-275.

(C) Blue line indicates where northbound I-275 will be closed starting July 6 between Telegraph Road in Monroe County and I-94 in Wayne County.

(D) Black line indicates where the southernmost section of northbound I-275 between I-75 and Telegraph Road will be resurfaced in April and May. The northbound freeway will be reduced to one lane.

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For the next two months, southbound I-275 between I-96 and I-94 will be reduced to one lane in some areas while concrete repairs take place. Contractors will begin closing lanes after 6 p.m. Friday and will have at least three lanes open to traffic by Monday morning.

"We are doing everything we can to minimize the traffic impact but fixing roads that carry high traffic will undoubtedly cause some inconvenience," Michigan Department of Transportation engineer John Sanford said.

Possible alternate routes for southwest Oakland County suburbs include Merriman and Middlebelt roads, which can take motorists directly to Metro Airport.

The I-275 construction projects, which will cost nearly \$45 million, are part of the \$1 billion Build Michigan II road and bridge repair program funded by the Michigan Transportation Fund.

Other work on the freeway is scheduled for later this spring

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John Sanford
—MDOT engineer

and summer including the following:

■ The southernmost section of northbound I-275 between I-75 and Telegraph Road will be resurfaced in April and May. The northbound freeway will be reduced to one lane.

■ Starting July 6, the northbound I-275 roadway from I-75 will be replaced. A detour will route drivers from I-75 to Telegraph Road to I-94 back to I-275.

Weather permitting, I-275 resurfacing projects will continue over the next five to eight months.

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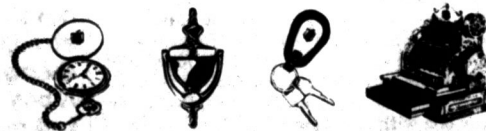
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ROCHELLE SMITH

We may be kooks, but we're healthy kooks

You're never too old to learn something new. I've studied many things during my life. Right now I'm studying to pass the PACE (Paralegal Advanced Competency Exam) exam. Many years ago, when I was employed at a life insurance company, I studied for and passed the LOMA (Life Office Management Association) exams. A couple years ago, my husband studied for and passed the Home Builder's exam and got his builder's license. On an ongoing basis, he studies for and passes the ASE (Automotive Service Excellence) exams to keep his master mechanic certification current.

Out of all the topics that have been studied in our house, the one topic that has made the most difference in our daily lives has been something that doesn't involve our jobs, our hobbies or any future projects in which we might become involved. It all started about five years ago when my oldest son was 7. He had always been my healthy one. My younger son was constantly catching whatever illness was going around, but my older son was never sick.

When he was 7, however, he was diagnosed with high cholesterol. I was shocked. How can an active 7-year-old have high cholesterol? He

Please see CHOLESTEROL, A13



Individual help: Aditya Chand works with teacher Kathy Tajima, who uses the Kumon math system.

Ah so

Japanese math helps these kids

BY LUCILLE KENNEDY
SPECIAL WRITER

Clarkston's Cedar Crest Academy is now home to a Kumon Math Tutoring Center.

The Kumon math system, begun in Osaka, Japan, in 1954 by concerned father Toru Kumon, relies on the theory that students perform a series of math problems in increasing difficulty — only advancing when 100 percent are correct.

Kathy Tajima has been instructing 20 students at Cedar Crest since July 1997. An accountant married to a Japanese man, Tajima says instructing here is her "link to Japan." She enjoys her students and the service she can provide to parents in the area.

Her six hours at the quiet center are busy. She corrects papers, gives advice and counsels parents. The children know instantly what their errors are and can correct them right away.

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Kumon way: Tajima's sons (from left) Ethan and Nathan enjoy learning math the Kumon way.

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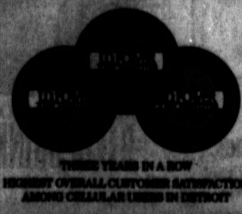
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CHURCH SERVICE & EASTER BREAKFAST
8 a.m., Mt. Hope Lutheran Church, 517 W. Walton Boulevard. Special Easter breakfast between 8 a.m. Communion Service and 10:30 a.m. service. Special Maundy Thursday Communion Service will be held at 7:30 p.m. Good Friday service will be at noon and 7:30 p.m. For additional information, call 335-9881. No charge. Everyone welcome.

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

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7:30 p.m., Indian Springs

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SATURDAY, APRIL 11

BROWNS "OUTDOOR ADVENTURE" TRY-IT

10 a.m. and 1 p.m., Indian Springs Metropark. Young adventure-seekers can bush-whack their way to the nature center and complete all of the requirements for this indoor and outdoor badge. Please bring along an old (as in, you really don't care what happens to it) weather-related item (hat, raincoat, mittens, boots, umbrellas, jacket, etc.). Registration required. Call 625-7280 or 1-800-477-3192.

BROWNS "ANIMAL" TRY-IT

10 a.m. and 1 p.m., Indian Springs Metropark. A fun way to complete all requirements for this "try-it" badge. Indoor discussion and exploration of some furry (and not-so-furry) friends followed by a nature hike. Dress for the weather. Registration required. Call 625-7280 or 1-800-477-3192.

Kumon math from page A11

Several parents spoke of the progress their children had made.

One Clarkston mother said her son, 9, has been coming since September when someone told them about the Kumon system. She's hoping his initial positive reaction will keep him learning. "It breaks down the work into smaller concepts ... Because of its multiple successes — that will work in his favor," she said.

Toru Kumon's theory of learning is based on respecting the individual's personal needs. Kumon said in literature about his program. "I want children to study the following way: Children start at a level which is just right for them. Those children who have strong skills can advance as much as they want; those with weaker skills can go back to a spot where they can comfortably work, and once they master this, they can move ahead. I believe this is education which truly respects individuality."

The Kumon system believes a student learns by steps and must succeed at each before progressing.

Several features are common to all Kumon instruction:

■ **Individualized Instruction** — Learning at the right level means no child will be turned off by difficult materials before he is ready to advance.

■ **Self Study** — A student can learn on his own and this is a skill easily translatable throughout the individual's life.

■ **Good Use of Time** — A student's work is measured against a standard completion time.

These facets of the program actively involve students in learning tasks.

"The students gain self confidence to tackle new problems, learn to concentrate, lengthen their attention spans and learn self reliance without damaging their natural desire to learn," according to the Kumon Institute of Education.



Now let me see: Student Elisa Dick does her classwork.

Proponents report the method gives students a solid background in the basic skills.

According to Matt Lupsha, assistant vice-president for Kumon North America, the method teaches children how to become life-long learners. "Our biggest success is in motivating children to excel. Kumon uses math or reading as a tool to draw out a child's full potential. It is much more important to teach them they have potential and they can learn independently and succeed at anything they try. Other benefits include better study habits, stronger concentration and a willingness to tackle new subjects and the motivation to learn."

The math program consists of 28 levels starting with counting and finishing with differential calculus. There are 10 worksheets for each level and 545 for the course. Students are tested and placed at the right level where they progress individually, testing and completing drills to master each concept. Emphasis is placed on bettering their own record.

A typical Kumon student stays with the program for 14-15 months, spending 15 minutes per subject per day on homework. A student visits the center two times per week for about 30 minutes where he hands in homework, corrects homework and leaves with new homework. He may need help from an instructor or play a learning game in the

■ Kathleen Beebe of Clarkston said her son Andrew, 9, has been coming since September when someone told them about the Kumon system.

center before leaving. Each student has an individual file where progress is recorded. Tuition runs \$70 per month per subject.

Lupsha wants to dispel the myth that Kumon centers are "cram schools." He says, in Japan, they cram much information into the Japanese child so he can pass a rigorous entrance exam ... but that is not what happens in Kumon centers.

"We make children practice. People might misunderstand that the work is timed. The students must keep track of start and finish time. We look at the accuracy and time spent to measure growth. Kumon students compete against themselves not others. We have a standard time which we refer to in private. We do not tell children to go faster and faster," he adds.

Instructors are at the heart of the Kumon success story.

"Instructors play a special role in motivating children to learn and achieve. Kumon instructors are local professionals who want to make a difference in education at the grass-roots level. Many are Kumon parents. They are a dedicated bunch of people," according to Lupsha.

In addition to the original math tutoring system, some U.S. Kumon centers now offer an English reading program based on the same system of progressive steps in learning.

A parent from the Clarkston center said her daughter had a positive experience in the Kumon reading program she attended in Waterford. The girl, 9, "made progress getting her thoughts on paper ... I saw her comprehension get better. It also teaches a child they need to read and follow directions."

Lupsha said the reading program, whose main goal is to develop reading comprehension, guides students through several skill levels. According to Institute materials, the English course goes through 17 levels starting with words moving gradually to sentence building, and paragraph construction. Analysis and summary skills are developed in the final steps.

"Oral reading is included ... both in the center and at home to confirm comprehension and understanding of the passages," said Lupsha. "The goal is reading comprehension and then they summarize and answer questions. The method relies more on the oral reading with feeling. They get confidence reading aloud to the instructor. Grammar, spelling, syntax and phonics are also emphasized."

The Kumon system has 2.5 million students in 30 countries and is even now moving into other instructional areas including German and French. They have also developed educational toys, flash cards and number boards.

For more information, call the Kumon information number at 1-800-abc-math, visit the Kumon web site at www.kumon.com or call the Kumon Clarkston Center at Cedar Crest at 625-6917.

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Locking up most addicts is expensive, ineffective

The tragedy of substance abuse has many faces: the loss of job, family, criminal conviction, and often, loss of a productive future.

Substance abuse costs society immeasurably. All too often it is the criminal justice system that is left to deal with the problem. As a result, over the past two decades our criminal justice system has grown tremendously. Since 1981, our state's prison population has increased from 13,180 to more than 42,000. Some of this growth is rightly due to locking up dangerous criminals for longer periods of time, the proper role for prisons. Much is not. Nor is the end in sight as the governor recently proposed expanding our prison system.

In 1995, fewer than 40 percent of the men and women incarcerated were committed for violent offenses. It is hard to say, however, the true cost of substance abuse to the criminal system or what percentage of people incarcerated are substance abusers. For example, if someone writes bad checks and is addicted to heroin, he or she is a drug addict

and a cheat, though the crime is retail fraud. Some have estimated that as many as 70 percent of criminal cases in some Michigan courts are drug-related.

On Jan. 8, the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University hosted a press conference and released "Behind Bars: Substance Abuse and America's Prison Population." The three-year study found that drug and alcohol abuse and addiction are implicated in the crimes and incarceration of 80 percent of the 1.7 million Americans languishing in jails.

As a state, we must face the realities of the situation: Locking up most substance abusers is expensive and ineffective. Political rhetoric often leads us astray on important issues such as these. Prison is for the most dangerous; the taxpayers ought not be burdened with paying for expensive prison warehousing for substance abusers if there are more effective and efficient options available.

There is good news. Many creative approaches are being tried. One hopeful program used

around the country, including a few Michigan counties, sets up drug courts for nonviolent substance abusers. Essentially, drug courts place substance abusers, typically first-time convicts, into structured, intensive, supervised treatment instead of prison. Any slip-ups and the person is sent to jail. Evidence to date indicates that drug courts are more effective, cheaper and even tougher on the substance abusers than our current system.

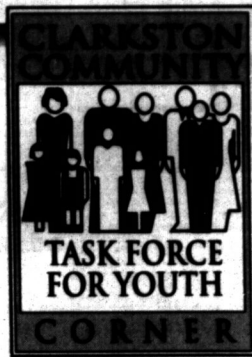
Such programs cost just a fraction of the prison alternative, protect public safety and greatly reduce recidivism. They are tougher because they require substance abusers to take responsibility for their actions and engage in intensive substance abuse treatment activities that focus on the re-working of a person's entire social structure. They address the root problem. In the traditional approach, the convict simply becomes part of the system and is usually placed on standard probation with insufficient real restrictions. Drug courts aim to get and keep people out of the system so they can become pro-

ductive parents, employees and taxpayers. This is effective law enforcement.

A note of caution: Drug courts are not the sole solution. We must remain tough on crime and intolerant of drug dealers while we become smarter in dealing with the problem. We must look into the faces of people who have had their lives and their futures "stolen" by chemicals that hijack the brain. We must encourage programs like drug courts that are more compassionate and more cost-effective. The only way, sadly, that our government and politicians will move in the direction of common sense is when citizens push them.

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

This column is shared by local community groups. Up next week: Habitat for Humanity.



Wish you were here



He won: Clarkstonite Melanie Contino (at left) represented husband Abraham (in photo) at a Red Wings practice that he won in a contest. Contino entered the contest when he used his American Express card at The Brewery. He also received two tickets to a Wings game.

PUBLIC NOTICE BUDGET HEARING ON PROPOSED 1998-99 BUDGET OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE FISCAL YEAR July 1, 1998 through June 30, 1999

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on April 20th, 1998 at 7:00 P.M. at the George A. Bee Administration Center, 2480 Opdyke Rd., Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, the Board of Trustees of Oakland Community College will hold a public hearing to consider the College's proposed 1998-1999 budget.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 1998-99 budget until after the public hearing. A copy of the proposed 1998-99 budget including the proposed property tax millage rate is available for public inspection during normal business hours at 2480 Opdyke Rd., Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of the hearing.

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was skinny, almost hyperactive and ate like a bird. From the very little that I knew about cholesterol, I just couldn't understand how this could have happened. After watching his diet carefully for several months and having him tested many more times, the cholesterol level did not budge. The doctor then recommended we see a dietitian. I was amazed at what I learned. When I thought I had been watching my family's cholesterol intake for months, I had actually been feeding them foods that would raise their cholesterol levels. The dietitian advised that peanut butter, which has no cholesterol, was loaded with saturated fat, which turns into cholesterol in the body. After the hour-long meeting with the dietitian, I craved more information. I started studying nutrition.

Like most families, ours was not getting enough fruits and vegetables. Since I am a lousy cook, we were eating a lot of "freezer-to-microwave" meals. I was buying foods based upon convenience and satisfying our taste buds but not our nutritional needs. Once I started studying nutrition, I realized how difficult it is to get all of the nutrients our bodies need in a day from the foods we eat. I also started realizing how many life-threatening ailments are affected by our diet.

The Nutrition Desk Reference states that studies suggest a cor-

relation between a high-fat diet and the incidence of certain types of cancer. According to a report in the Journal of the American Medical Association, researchers from Harvard University who followed more than 43,000 health professionals over six years found a 41 percent reduction in the risk of heart attack for men who ate a high-fiber diet. According to a study by researchers at Cornell University, the trace mineral selenium, over a 10-year study, reduced the incidence of lung, prostate and colon cancer. According to a study reported in Physiology & Behavior, there is a correlation between essential fatty acid deficiency and Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder in 3 to 5 percent of affected children.

I could go on quoting journals and researchers as to the importance of our diets, but the problem is implementing the knowledge into our lives. How do you get enough fiber, selenium, essential fatty acids, protein and nutrients into your family every day? The route I have chosen makes some think I'm a kook. We base our diet around all-natural food supplements (commonly referred to as vitamins). I'm not talking about the synthetic vitamins you buy at the local drug store but the all-natural vitamins made from natural food products. After studying all the information, I concluded that I

could not make sure my family stayed healthy by eating a balanced diet. We still try to eat well, and I still stress to my kids the importance of eating fruits and vegetables and the harm that can come from too much junk food, but as added insurance, they get a vitamin twice a day.

Since my husband and I are reaching the years where we are more susceptible to serious illness, we have added alfalfa, EPA, vitamin E, C, beta carotene and a protein supplement to the multivitamin. If we start feeling like we are catching something, we take echinacea and double up on the Vitamin C. Okay, at this point, if you are like many of the people I talk to, you are thinking, "This lady is a kook." Well, that may be, but my family and I are healthy kooks. We have been taking our food supplements since June 1995. It's been three years since anyone in our family has had the flu. My son's cholesterol levels are fine, and my boys have perfect attendance at school.

Even my youngest son, who could catch any disease that got within a mile of him, has not been sick. Of course, this doesn't mean we don't get calls from the school in the middle of the day. Last month, I received a call advising that he was at the school office complaining of an

ear ache and dizziness. When I picked him up and took him to the doctor, she checked him thoroughly and gave him a clean bill of health.

When she looked at his chart, she started laughing. The last time we had been there was exactly one year earlier, to the day, because he was complaining of the same thing and there was nothing wrong with him then either.

Three months before that we had been in for the same thing and, again, he was perfectly healthy. She suggested that he may be affected by the barometric pressure. Hmm, barometric pressure. Now that's something I know nothing about. Of course, if I started studying barometric pressure, someone might think I was a kook.

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School age childcare program seeking Assistants & Site Directors. Infant/Toddler program seeking Assistant Teachers & Pre-school childcare program seeking Teachers & Assistants. We are willing to work around school schedules. Contact MaryBeth 248-553-1909

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PAID SITE SUPERVISOR 18 or older. Supervisory/organizational skills. 35-40 hrs/week. \$5-\$10/hr. LIFEGUARD 17 yrs or older. Current Certification required. Full-time. \$9-\$9.50/hr. BUILDING SUPERVISORS 5 yrs & weekends. \$4 hrs/week. \$7/hr. Submit an application at the Novi Civic Center Parks and Recreation Dept., 45175 W. Van Mille, 248-347-0400. Immediate openings.

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to work on main maintenance crew. Benefits. Dewitt Concrete & Asphalt. (248)884-2500.

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CNC MACHINE Shop

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MANAGER: GALLAGHER BASSETT SERVICES

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Wolves open track slate with easy wins



Over the top: Clarkston's Heather Brown clears a hurdle during the Wolves' easy win over Ferndale Tuesday.

Eagles play role of sacrificial lamb as powerful Wolves get off quickly



■ Clarkston won nearly everything in sight and let opponents know its long winning streak won't be stopped easily by pounding Ferndale.

If Tuesday's results are any indication, Clarkston's long girls' track dual meet winning streak isn't about to end any time soon.

The Wolves won 15 of 16 events and cruised past Ferndale 116-12 in an Oakland Activities Association Division II meet at Clarkston. The Wolves (1-0) swept the top three spots in eight different events while routing the Eagles.

"They're a young team," Clarkston coach Gordie Richardson said of Ferndale. "These kinds of meets are good because we keep finding a couple of young kids we didn't know about who will help us."

The Wolves had several multiple winners. Megan Plante, the team's best distance runner, won the 800 in

2:28 and topped the 1600 in 5:42. Amanda Chicalas won both hurdle events, capturing the 100 in 18.07 and winning the 300 in 52.20. Britani Brewer and Heather Brown finished second and third, respectively, in both hurdle events.

Erica Holman won the 400 dash in 1:05 and took the 200 in 27.57. Lindsay Vincent (1:10) and Kelli Morton (1:11) were right behind her in the 400. Gretchen Pitser (28.68) was second in the 200, with Lauren Bogart finishing third in 29.12.

Bogart won the long jump with by leaping 14-feet-2 inches. Vincent was third at 12-10. Katie Jerge won the shot put with a toss of 29-1, followed by teammates Latisha Hawley (28-1) and Constance Webb (23-6). Hawley won the discus with

a throw of 98-8. Teammate Becky Friesen was second at 77-8.

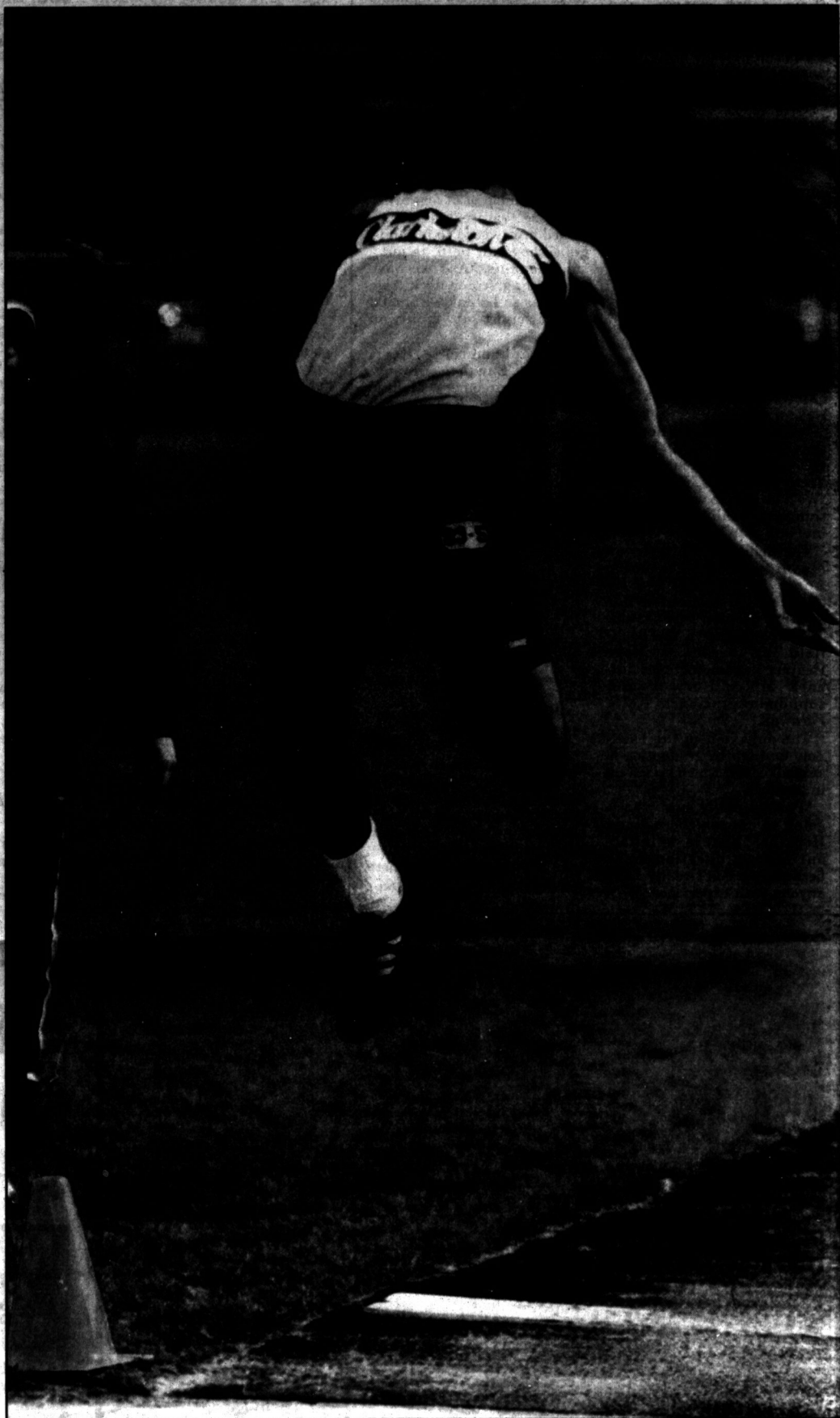
Holman cleared 4-10 to win the high jump, followed by Brewer Pitser (4-8) and Brewer (4-6). Emily Hogan won the 3200 in 13:38.62, with teammate Katie Bills finishing third at 14:07. Lindsay Brandt was second in the 100 at 13.36, with Bogart right behind her in third at 13.66.

The Wolves won all the relays. The team of Christina Rooding, Jenni Gifford, Krissy Robinson and Hogan took the 3200 relay in 11:10. The team of Holman, Rooding, Pitser and Nicole Fischer won the 800 relay in 1:54. Bogart, Rooding, Brandt and Chicalas teamed to win the 400 relay in 54.79. Rooding, Brandt, Fischer and Plante won the 1600 relay in 4:19.

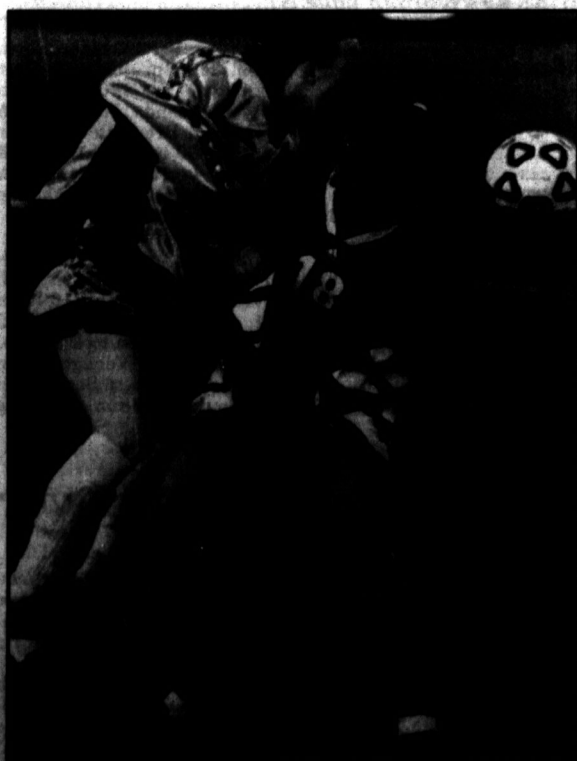
It was the kind of meet Richardson likes.

"We had an opportunity to run some kids in events maybe we hadn't had a chance to run them in," he

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High flyer: Ricky Williams lets loose with a long jump during Clarkston's win over Ferndale Tuesday.



Soccer slam: Clarkston's Jenny Bauer goes for the ball during Monday's 5-0 win over Berkley.

Kickers break through with 5 goals

One thing was certain about Monday night's soccer match between Clarkston and Berkley: someone was going to break a losing streak.

The Wolves made sure theirs would be the only losing streak broken, scoring less than two minutes into the game and cruising to a 5-0 victory over the Bears at Clarkston High School.

Five different players scored for the Wolves (1-4) who had found the net only twice in its first four games of the season. Head coach Brian Fitzgerald was pleased with the outcome, particularly the high number of shots on goal his team had.

"One of the differences today was that we finished well," Fitzgerald said. "In the first four games there were times we played well but just couldn't score."

Clarkston's first two goals came as a result of outstanding passing. Senior Jackie Tripi outworked the Bears' Shannon Groves for a loose ball and sent a perfect crossing pass to freshman Sara Voss, who dumped it into the open net at the 1:55 mark of the first half for a 1-0 lead. It was Voss' second goal of

the young season.

Georgia Senkyr sent a perfect corner kick with 12:45 left in the first half to the far end of the Berkley net and junior Jennifer Kerney tapped the ball into an open net for a 2-0 lead. Senkyr's corner was curving at an angle where it may actually have gone into the net even without Kerney's help.

The Wolves' first goal came after they spent nearly a minute scrambling on defense in their own end. As it turned out, Berkley was unable to sustain any serious pressure again for the remainder of the game.

Clarkston rarely let the Bears cross midfield in the final 25 minutes of the first half, and most of the times Berkley did mount some semblance of an attack, it came off a free kick. The Wolves just seemed quicker to the ball the entire night and used their speed to move around defenders.

At one point late in the first half, the Wolves forced Berkley to take eight goal kicks in a span of six minutes.

"It was nice to get ahead early and get a lead," said Fitzgerald. "It was a huge win, we really

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needed it. I hope this gets their confidence up because we'll need it for some of our next few games."

Clarkston, now 1-0 in the Oakland Activities Association Division I, played Lake Orion Wednesday on the road. The Dragons are undefeated and entered the game as one of the top teams in Oakland County. Lake Orion has proven itself to be aggressive thus far in 1998, using its size to intimidate some opponents.

But if Monday night was any sign of what is to come, Clarkston is not about to be intimidated by anyone. The Wolves played an aggressive style of soccer themselves, not allowing the Bears a good scoring chance the whole night.

The Wolves nearly took a 3-0 lead heading into the locker room, but Tripi ringed one off the cross-

bar from the top of the goalie box with three minutes to play.

It was more of the same in the second half as Clarkston recorded three shots on goal, two by Kerney, in the first three minutes. Junior midfielder Alaina Dodds, who used her speed on the outside all night, was tripped just inside the 18-yard line less than 10 minutes into the half, and Senkyr scored on the free kick.

At that point, Fitzgerald sent in a number of substitutions, allowing everyone on the squad to play, including backup goalkeeper Sarah Morgan. She and starter Allison Barth combined for the shutout.

Katy Piechura and Dodds added second-half goals for the Wolves. Berkley goalie Karen Scoles played well in net despite being under fire most of the night.

Fitzgerald also was pleased he was able to rest some of his regulars such as Senkyr, Voss, fullbacks Kara Bergkoetter and Meg Schroeder and others in preparation for the long regular season.

"It's good to have games like this," he said. "Hopefully the girls will continue to play hard because (the schedule) is tough."

Springfield kickers hope for sophomore success

As far as first-year programs go, the girls soccer team at Clarkston Springfield Christian was a complete success last year.

Playing a variety of Class D and small Christian schools, the inexperienced Eagles posted a promising 7-6-1 record in their debut season and advanced to the finals of the Michigan Association of Christian Schools state tournament before falling to Davison Faith Baptist, 3-0.

This year, coach Dennis Hopkins hopes Springfield can continue to enjoy similar success.

"Last year was kind of a surprise, finishing above five hundred in our first year," admitted Hopkins, a 1992 graduate of the school. "We didn't have much experience going into (the season), but we still did all right."

This season, Springfield welcomes back nine starters and 12 players total to their varsity roster of 20.

And Hopkins hopes that experience could go along way.

"It really helps knowing that a lot of the girls have a year of (high school) soccer under their belts," he offered. "We'll be able to work on some things we really couldn't get into last year."

The Eagles return their top player in 5-foot-11 senior Annie Armstrong, who is expected to return to her sweeper position this season. She'll be joined in the backfield by senior stopper Heather Vanaman, junior fullback Missy Hortack and sophomore fullback Kelly Fornwall.

The only void in the backfield unit left by graduation is at goalkeeper, which is still up in the air.

"I'm not really sure what's going to happen there," said Hopkins. "That is definitely our biggest question mark because we don't really have anyone with experience. We'll

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probably have to convert someone."

At the midfield and forward positions, the Eagles have plenty in stock. Senior Andrea Klemm, and juniors Stephanie Rankin and Missy Bowen — last season's leading scorer — return to the midfield, and senior Jennifer Fornwall and sophomore Liz Hamlin are slated to return at forward.

The Vanaman cousins — freshmen Hollie and Tiffany — have also shown tremendous potential and could also fit into the starting lineup either in the midfield or at forward.

"Those two freshmen have looked pretty good so far and I hope they can help us out," said Hopkins. "And we have our leading scorer back from last year so I think we should do all right up front on offense."

Six sophomores — Kerri Dockery, Sarah Robinson, Crystal Montgomery, Melissa Cruz, Ronde Brown and Amanda Vanaman — move up from the junior-varsity, and along with junior newcomers Elizabeth Clifton and Jennifer Miles, should help Springfield out on the depth chart.

"We have a lot of newcomers and it's hard to say who will do what and where," continued Hopkins. "But we only had 14 on varsity last year, so it will be a nice luxury to have a deep bench to use when needed."

Overall, Hopkins is just hoping that his teams gels into a cohesive unit.

"We're looking to come together more as team this year," added Hopkins, whose squad will host the first annual Eagle Cup Invitational April 7-9. "That year we spent a lot of time just coaching the basics of the game. This year, with a lot more experience, were hoping to try some more things."

Wolves' bats help upend St. Mary's, 9-8

Clarkston takes advantage of inexperienced Eaglet starter on way to easy baseball win

Clarkston baseball coach Roy Warner was hoping his team could record one win this week against a quality opponent before spring break got underway.

He got his wish Tuesday at the expense of Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

The Wolves scored five runs in the top of the first inning and held off a St. Mary's rally in the bottom of the seventh inning to squeak out a 9-8 non-league triumph over the host Eaglets.

"This was a very good win for us and at the right time," said Warner.

"We hit the ball pretty well, which is nice to see, and our pitchers did an all right job for the most part."

Sophomore Chris Mitchell picked up the win on the mound, going three innings and allowing only one earned run while scattering seven hits and recording a pair of strikeouts.

Senior Jerad Thomas recorded the save, allowing two runs in the bottom of the ninth before getting St. Mary's senior Matt Kazazek to bounce out to third with runners on first and second to end the game.

"We never gave up and we did a nice job coming back," said St. Mary's first-year coach Greg Kolb.

"But Clarkston is a Class A school and a solid ballclub and they were just a little bit better today."

St. Mary's (2-2) gave sophomore Tim Andrzejak his first career start and the Wolves (2-2) took advantage of his inexperience, scoring two runs in the

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first and three more in the second for a quick 5-0 lead.

"(Tim) is a young kid who has never pitched at the varsity level, so we weren't sure how he would do," said Kolb. "We have a big game coming up against (Dearborn) Divine Child, so I decided to play a bunch of younger guys."

With a younger lineup, the Eaglets still did not go quietly into the good night, scoring five runs in the second, capped by a two-run homer by senior John Gresehover.

St. Mary's also got a two-run round-tripper by senior Adam Stachurski in the seventh.

"We gave up all those unearned runs in the (second) and that kind of hurt a little," said Warner. "But otherwise, our pitchers got the ball over the plate and we were able to generate some offense today."

Mitchell was 2-for-3 with an RBI, and senior Josh Clark was 2-for-3 with a solo homer to lead Clarkston, which was scheduled to play at Rochester on Wednesday.

Stachurski paced St. Mary's by going 2-for-3 with three RBI, while Gresehover was 2-for-2 with two RBI and a run scored for the Eaglets.



Winding up: Clarkston's Chris Mitchell gets ready to deliver one to the plate during the Wolves' 9-8 win over Orchard Lake St. Mary's Tuesday. Mitchell also went 3-for-3 with two RBI.

Dragons can't hang with top-ranked Falcons

With Lake Orion starting six sophomores and one freshman, and Rochester holding a No. 5 national ranking by USA Today, their first meeting on the base-

ball diamond this season was nothing more than a dose of baptism under fire.

The host Falcons scored six runs in the bottom of the first — chasing Lake Orion sophomore starter Mike Crawford before there were two outs — and never

looked back as they rolled to a convincing 14-2, five-inning Oakland Activities Association Division I triumph Monday over the Dragons at Borden Park in Rochester Hills.

"They are a very young team, so this was just your average day for us," said Rochester coach Bob Dieters. "We just went out there and did what we needed to do."

Senior right-hander Mike Bennion picked up his second win of the season on the mound, going all five innings with three strikeouts. Bennion retired the first eight batters he faced, scattering three hits total and allowing only four baserunners.

Still, despite the lopsided loss, Lake Orion coach Dave Collins was impressed with his young team's play.

"We did some things out there that I liked," he said. "We hit Bennion hard at times, and he's one of the best pitchers in the county and a Division I kid. And they scored a lot of their runs after one of our (fielding) mistakes. Things could have been a lot closer had we not made a couple of mistakes at key times."

A single up the middle by

senior Andrew Good to start the game ignited the rout for Rochester, as Bennion added an RBI single, senior Ryan Brown had a two-run single, junior John Handley smacked a two-run double, and senior Tim Frankhouse had a two-out single that gave the Falcons a 6-0 cushion to start.

Rochester also added eight more runs — five of which were unearned — in the bottom of the fourth inning, sparked by junior Brett Wattles' deep fly to center, which was dropped, allowing three more runs to score.

"We know we can hit the ball and that it's going to take a very good pitcher to beat us," said Dieters. "And Bennion got the ball over the plate and the guys in the field did the rest."

Lake Orion — which did not have a base runner until there were two out in the third when sophomore Paul King reached base on a throwing error — scored both of its runs in the fourth. Steve Seargeant scored on an RBI double by Tim Clouse, who scored off junior Jamie Trimm's RBI single on the next pitch to close out the scoring for the Dragons.

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said. "We can tinker with line-ups to find out what we can do better."

The boys

Clarkston's boys had nearly as easy a time with the Eagles as the girls did, beating Ferndale 104-24. The Wolves won 13 of 16 events in opening the season in style.

The Wolves won three of the four field events. Jeff Long won the shot put with a throw of 43-feet-4. Clint Powell won the discus with a toss of 134-1, and Marc Venegoni won the long jump handily, flying 20-5 3/4.

Clarkston also won three of

four relays. Brett Quantz, Kevin Breen, Jon Burklow and Matt Baker won the 3200 relay in 8:40. Mike Renda, Powell, Adam Gebus and Brent Bergkoetter won the 800 relay in 1:36. And Curt Brewer, Burklow, Breen and Powell combined to take the 1600 relay in 3:39.

Nick Holland won the 110 hurdles in 15.9, while Brewer captured the 300 hurdles in 43.6. David Sage won the 1600 in 4:41, and Burklow won the 400 dash in 53.3. Breen took the 800 run in 2:07 and Venegoni won the 200 dash in 24.3. Sage added a win in the 3200 run, capturing it in 10:07.

Oxford hammers Andover

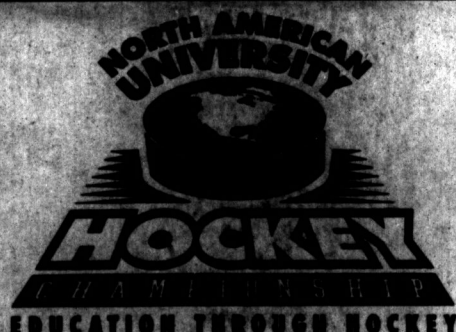
It doesn't happen often, but when it does the Oxford Wildcats take advantage of it.

The Wildcats took advantage of an undermanned, outgunned Bloomfield Hills Andover squad Tuesday, hammering the Barons 17-2 in a non-league prep softball game at Seymour Lake Township Park.

It was Oxford's first win after opening the season Monday with a doubleheader loss to Goodrich

Monday. Julie Prince pitched three shutout innings to continue her strong start and got the win. Stacey Winkelman finished up with two good innings.

Leadoff hitter Sarah Katich led the offensive attack with a 3-for-4 performance. She also scored twice. Adrienne "Pipes" Lemieux had two hits, and Kim Welter had a base-loaded triple in an eight-run first.



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Outdoor Calendar

ACTIVITIES

SWAP MEET

The Oakland County Sportsmen'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.

ARCHERY

LEAGUES FORMING

Several archery leagues are forming at the Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston. There will be a MAA target league on Monday mornings (beginning May 4), 3D leagues on Tuesday mornings and Tuesday nights (beginning May 5), and Wednesday nights (beginning May 6) and field & hunter leagues Thursday mornings and evenings (starting April 30). All leagues are 12 weeks long. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

JUNIOR OLYMPICS

The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

JUNIOR ARCHERS

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

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 Livonia. 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 Wednesday, May 13, at the San Marino Club in Troy.

CLASSES

ROCK CLIMBING

Learn the basics of rock climbing during this course, which is offered by SOLAR and begins April 15. Call Jim Young at (810) 731-2504 for more information.

DUCK & GOOSE CALLING

West Bloomfield Community Education will offer a class in duck and goose calling beginning 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.

TWILIGHT TRAVELS

Learn about creatures that become active after dark during this evening walk, which will be held Saturday, April 25 at the University of Michigan Dearborn. Call (313) 593-5338 for more information.

HUNTER EDUCATION

Oakland County Sportsmen's Club will hold a hunter education 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. Registration fee is \$6 and participants must be 12 years old by Dec. 31, 1998. Class size is limited. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

MORE HUNTER EDUCATION

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

CLUBS

SOLAR

The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation, a non-profit organization interested in promoting the apprecia-

tion of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

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

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

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

FOUR SEASONS

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

SEASON/DATES

EXTENDED TROUT

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

LICENSES

The 1997-98 fishing and hunting licenses expired March 31.

CATCH AND RELEASE

A special catch-and-release trout season runs through April 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 through May 31 on non-trout waters south of M-46.

PIKE

Pike season opens April 25 on inland lakes in the Lower Peninsula.

SMELT

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

STURGEON

Sturgeon season ends April 30 on the Great Lakes and connecting waters.

TURKEY

The spring turkey season runs April 20-May 31 by special permit in designated areas only.

TROUT

Trout season opens April 25.

WALLEYE

Walleye and sauger season opens April 25 on inland waters in the Lower Peninsula.

MUSKIE

Muskie season opens April 25 on inland waters in the Lower

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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 Wednesdays, 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. Beginning in mid-April the rifle range will also be open noon-dusk on Mondays and Tuesdays. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenfield Rd., which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

ORTONVILLE RECREATION

Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (248) 693-6767 for more information.

TOURNAMENTS

SALMON STAKES

The 20th annual River Crab Salmon Stakes benefit fishing tournament will be held Saturday, May 2, in St. Clair. Proceeds from the tournament will be used to support the Blue

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

BIRD IN THE HAND

Examine the ecology of migratory birds during this program, which begins at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 18, at Independence Oaks.

PARK CLEANUP

Celebrate Earth Day by volunteering to enhance the beauty of Orion oaks on Saturday, April 25. From 9 a.m.-4 p.m. volunteers will plant seedlings and saplings, clear debris from inside the park, construct docks and make trail improvements. Volunteers should meet at the Baldwin Road entrance and lunch will be provided. Call (248) 391-0110.

FREE WOOD CHIPS

Free wood chips, from the Oakland County Parks Christmas tree recycling program, will be available on Saturday, April 25 at the Clarkston Road entrance. Individuals are asked to provide their own shovels and to load the chips by hand. No motorized equipment is allowed and no commercial haulers. Additional wood chip dates are scheduled for May 23, June 27, July 25, August 29, Sept. 26 and Oct. 31.

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STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS

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

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DNR program aims at goose problem

In a continuing effort to control the nuisance Giant Canada goose problem in urban areas of Oakland and Macomb counties, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources is experimenting with a radical, albeit somewhat controversial, program.

Later this month, volunteers - many being supplied by the Humane Society of the United States - will head out into goose habitat areas and replace real goose eggs with artificial ones. The idea is to fool the hens into staying on the nest until, biologically, it's too late to lay any more eggs this spring.

"This is strictly an experimental deal in a very limited area," said Pete Squibb, waterfowl specialist with the DNR. "This is only taking place at sites that have filed petitions with us to remove nuisance geese. Overall there are 110 sites in southeastern Michigan and we anticipate that 15 or 20 sites will go through with this."

Squibb is quick to caution that geese are protected under federal law and disturbing a nest is a federal offense.

"The last thing we want is for people to start doing this all over the place," he said. "Geese are protected birds and this is being done under special federal and state permits."

Squibb assured hunters that they have nothing to worry about, even though the Humane Society of the United States is one of the biggest anti-hunting organizations around. Hunting opportunities will not be affected by this program.

"I don't see a potential problem with the HSUS that the hunting fraternity should be concerned about," said Squibb. "We do not want the program to go beyond urban areas where birds can not be hunted. It's a very limited program and is strictly an experimental deal."

Squibb went as far as to praise the HSUS for its interest in the program.

"HSUS expressed a very keen interest in the problem," he said. "We have some philosophical dif-

ferences but they were willing to put their differences aside and offered to help us find trained volunteers to facilitate the program. This is the first time someone wanted to sit down and look at the problem. The problem is that we have too many geese in urban areas where we can't hunt them and we have to control them somehow."

The nuisance goose problem arose years ago when Giant Canada geese began inhabiting the state. The Giant's do not migrate like other species of geese. They prefer to reside in one location all year long. When flocks inhabit urban areas where they are not impacted by hunting, the flocks continue to grow until there is a problem with overpopulation.

"The problem is that no one solution will work," said Squibb, who has been involved with nuisance geese problems for 25 years. "These birds are in areas where hunting is not allowed, so that won't work. As far as trapping and relocating some of the birds, we will continue to do that. We'll move about 4,000-4,500 birds from Oakland County alone. We've pretty much filled all the places we can move them to. Some will go to Iowa and some to the western UP, but our bucket is full and spilling over."

Michigan is currently the number one state in the nation in terms of goose harvest, according to Squibb. Michigan hunters take between 150,000 and 170,000 geese annually and approximately 100,000 of those birds are the resident Giant Canada geese.

Southern Michigan has two special hunts along with the regular goose season. The daily limit is one goose per day during the regular season when migrant geese are passing through the state. During the special seasons, early September and in January when the majority of the flock is made up of the resident Giant Canada geese, the bag limit is raised to five per day in an effort to control the population.



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 A dynamic, premier and nationally ranked marketing firm seeks a bookkeeper to oversee the accounting function. The candidate should have experience in billings, payables, receivables, financial statements, overseeing payroll, administering insurance and maintaining the company's books. College education is preferred. Please send your resume to: Schmitt & Company, P.C., 27777 Franklin Road, #1200, Southfield, MI 48034

BOOKKEEPER
 Entry Level, Part-time. Full time/benefits. Call 248-477-4604

BOOKKEEPER
 For property management firm in Farmington Hills. Must be well organized, detail oriented & experienced in computerized accounting cycle. EOE. Fax resume & salary request to: (248) 477-4604

BOOKKEEPER
 Full charge experienced bookkeeper for 1 person office. Computer experience required. Knowledge of Quickbook preferred. Please send resume to: 36251 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI 48150

BOOKKEEPER
 Livonia distributor. Part-time flexible hours - days only. Computer based accounting. Fax resume to: Easy Design at: (313) 422-3248

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CERTIFICATION CLERK
 Farmington Hills technical society seeks self-starter, capable of assuming a wide variety of responsibilities including grading and checking of certification exams, compilation of test scores and information packets, professional meetings, etc. Excellent benefits. Windows/Word/Perfect skills very helpful. Manager, Human Resources - CC Farmington Hills, MI 48333-9080

CHRISTIAN PERSON with a pleasant personality to serve as receptionist, maintain school records, keep tuition records, and general clerical work, and operate computer with Windows/MS Office. Send resume to: 36251 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI 48150

CLAIMS SPECIALIST
 National firm with local office seeks individuals with strong written/oral communication skills. Duties include claims processing, adjusting, and customer service. Send resume to: 36251 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI 48150

CLERICAL
 ACO Hardware is looking for a self-starter with excellent communication skills and good computer skills, good typing skills, and a strong organizational ability. We offer a competitive salary, excellent benefits package, and flexible full-time hours. Please send resume to: ACO Hardware, ATTN: HR Director, Farmington Hills, MI 48335-2704 or FAX 248-615-2698

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CUSTOMER SERVICE
 Full-time plus benefits to perform customer service, data entry, processing & office functions. Keyboard speed & accuracy desirable. Send resume to: 36251 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI 48150

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 International automotive manufacturer is adding to customer service staff. Experience in retail and resolving a wide variety of customer issues required. Great training! Long term assignment. Starting salary to \$10.00/hr. No sales. Auburn Hills, Southfield and Troy. Call Colleen today. Farmington/Livonia 248-645-7861 248-673-2931

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DATA ENTRY
 Manufacturers Representative in Plymouth is looking for a Data Entry person for a busy sales office. Computer experience and accuracy is a must. Some customer service will be involved. Good benefits. Fax resume only to: 724-634-6144

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 Rapidly expanding Southfield Claims Adjuster position. Requires some entry person for entry level position. Some experience required. Pharmacy clerical experience helpful. Must be detail oriented, self-motivated & able to interact with customers & coworkers. Excellent benefits. Send resume with salary requirements to: 36251 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI 48150

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HOT JOBS OF THE WEEK
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 Production level (minimum 7000 keys per hour) for Livonia, Plymouth, Canton, Farmington Hills, and Novi areas.

RECEPTIONIST
 Many Temp-to-Hire and long term openings available for 6 mo. Experience or more with or without computer skills.

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 MS Word, Excel and PowerPoint skills are very much in demand! Temp-to-Hire and long term openings available.

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 If you have experience, like people, and are computer literate-WE HAVE JOBS!!!

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 Immediate position available in litigation. Experience required; good typing skills; speed required; working knowledge of Word Perfect 5.1. Excellent pay & benefits for qualified individuals. Send resume to: Laura Combs - Howard & Howard 1400 N. Woodward Ave., Suite 101, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304 or FAX to 248-645-1508

LEGAL SECRETARY
 Legal experience helpful, but not mandatory. Must know WordPerfect, handle pressure, work fast, and be organized. Call Judy at 248-645-1700 or fax 248-645-8205

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 Southfield personal injury law firm seeks experienced Secretary with personal experience. Fast paced, busy office. Send resume to: 24472 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield, MI 48075 Attn: Sherri

LEGAL SECRETARY
 The law firm of FIEGER, FIEGER & SCHWARTZ, a 10-attorney, 30-employee law firm is seeking to hire a legal secretary for high-level legal work. Must have good typing skills, grammar & proofreading abilities. Must send resume to: 19300 W. 10 Mile, Southfield, MI 48075 Fax (248) 355-5148 Tel (248) 355-5555

LEGAL SECRETARY
 With minimum 3 years experience in legal office. Must be detail oriented. Non-smoker. (248) 855-5090 or Fax resume: (248) 932-4009

LEGAL SECRETARY
 wanted for Bloomfield Hills law firm. Minimum of 3 years legal secretarial experience. Knowledge of WordPerfect 6.1 for Windows required; good interpersonal skills, grammar & proofreading abilities a must. Send resume to: Cooke, Goetz, Rogers & Lutz, P.C., 36700 Woodward Ave., Suite 101, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304-0929 or via fax: (248) 842-1676

McGill Multimedia, Inc.
 a leading multimedia development company, has an immediate opening for an

ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR
 for its Detroit office. Experience with MS-Office, particularly Word and Excel, is required, along with a pleasant telephone voice, good organizational skills, and the ability to work in a fast-paced environment. Please e-mail, fax or forward your resume by April 15, 1998 to: Technical Project Manager, McGill Multimedia, Inc., 5807 West Maple Road, Suite 175, West Bloomfield, MI 48222 Fax: (248) 737-4458 E-mail: mgmultimedia@mcgill.com

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SECRETARIAL
Immediate Opening
Livonia Area
\$20K

National Home Improvement Company seeks professional secretary with experience in all clerical aspects. Responsibilities will include assisting our installation managers with the processing of incoming contracts, receivables, filing, answering phones, processing subcontractors, order entry and customer service related to the installation of siding, roofs, basins and gutters. Personal Demeanor & Positive Attitude a must. Major medical, dental, vision, 401K & vacation.

To schedule a personal interview contact Sheila at 1-800-488-6817 or fax resume to 313-553-0810. Call weekdays 9 am - 4 pm.

SECRETARY
Established Birmingham law firm seeks dependable full-time secretary with excellent computer, telephone and organizational skills. Must be proficient in WordPerfect (DOS and Windows) and Word 87 (Windows). Location experience preferred. Competitive salary and benefits package. Fax your resume to: (248) 942-7557.

SECRETARY
For Farmington Hills Corporate Office planning attorney. WordPerfect 6.1. Personal Demeanor & Positive Attitude a must. Fax resume to: (248) 594-1869.

SECRETARY
FOR insurance defense law firm; Southfield Town Center. Great benefit package plus tuition reimbursement. Salary commensurate with experience. Fax resume: Leslie McFarland, (248) 945-3315.

SECRETARY
Part-time for small financial planning office in Farmington Hills. Must be dependable, sharp as a tack, proficient with organizational skills, computer experience & a sense of humor. Call today: 248-737-3777.

SECRETARY
NEEDED full-time for busy insurance agency in Northville. Please call: (248) 945-8990.

SECRETARY
Oakland CPA firm has a full-time position for well organized & dependable secretary, statistical typing skills, prior CPA firm experience preferred. Please send resume and requirements to: Box 82854, Observer & Electronic Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI 48150.

SECRETARY POSITIONS
Advertising Work with creative professionals in the client service department of international agency.

Executive. Openings with major international financial services firm in Farmington and Southfield.

Automotive. Expanding major supplier has new long term openings. Temp to perm opportunity. \$10-15/hr. Transportation. Administrative assistant openings in Troy, Farmington Hills, Taylor and Southfield.

Attention and evening opportunities for secretaries in Detroit. Free, protected parking. \$10.00-\$11.00/hr. Call Sally for appointment today: Farmington/Livonia Birmingham 484-473-2531 248-646-7681

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SECRETARY/RECEPTIONIST
Full time, Mon-Fri. Medical, Dental, 401K. Please apply in person at: Harold's Frame Shop, Inc., 23099 W. 8 Mile Rd., Farmington, MI 48340.

SECRETARY/RECEPTIONIST
Full-Time needed in fast paced Bloomfield Hills firm. Estate Planning experience a plus. Windows/Outlook experience necessary. Full benefits & salary commensurate with experience. Fax resume: 248-447-4727.

SECRETARY/Sales Support
Livonia based company has opening for a Secretary to support sales staff. Must have knowledge of Windows 95 based computer programs, especially WordPerfect 6.1. 30 knowledge helpful. The 24-32 hours per week are flexible with no weekends or evenings. Please send resume & salary requirements to: Secretary/Sales Support 34119 Auty Ct., Livonia, MI 48150 or fax to 734-427-0886.

SECRETARY
With general office and word processing skills for immediate, full-time employment. Must have excellent interpersonal skills and enjoy working with both staff and members. Salary commensurate with experience. Send resume to: Terrence Shier Shalom 3599 Walnut Lake Rd., West Bloomfield, MI 48323 Attn: Jan Cross, Office Mgr.

SECRETARY/WORD PROCESSOR
Full-time position in fast paced, pleasant working environment. Strong WordPerfect for Windows 6.1 or 6.0 skills required. Responsibilities include filing, errand running and other misc. tasks. Need self-starter with office and organizational experience. Pleasant non-managerial position. Office hours 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Some overtime may be required. Send resume to: McKenna Associates, Inc., 32055 W. Twelve Mile, Suite 155, Farmington Hills, MI 48334 or FAX to: (248) 553-0588 EOE.

Service Department Office Administrator
Organized, detailed oriented, self-starter individual who is very strong with Microsoft Word and Excel, Word Perfect and Unix. Immediate Opening to qualified applicants. Full benefits. Send resume to: 26555 Glenbrook Dr., Southfield, MI 48075 or call: (248) 357-8401.

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Legal Secretary after 2-1-98. We are looking for an experienced professional in the client service department of international agency. Send resume to: Box 82843, Observer & Electronic Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI 48150.

TELEMARKETERS & OFFICE MANAGER
\$6-8/hr. based on experience plus full benefits. (313) 591-9009.

TITLE COMPAN/ CLOSING SECRETARY
For fast-paced office. Immediate opening. Excellent salary and benefits. Organizational skills and good math aptitude required. Fax resume to: (248) 642-0006, ATTN: Kathy.

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WORD PROCESSOR/ GENERAL CLERICAL
For small office. Professional in Microsoft office required. Secondary duties may include filing, mail and phone. Forward resume to: KB ARCADIS Gentry & Miller, 41511 Eleven Mile Rd., Novi, MI 48240.

WORD PROCESSOR
with excellent spelling, typing, grammar & transcription skills needed for medium size law firm. Must be experienced in Microsoft Word, Windows 95. Legal knowledge a must. Call Linda 248-248-5960.

CONVEYOR ESTIMATOR
10 years experience in conveyor or automation design. Auto Cad helpful. Please send resume to: PO Box 1008, Wixom, MI 48393.

QUALITY ENGINEER
Quality Engineer needed for international OEM Tier 1 supplier. Customer contact with clients, manufacturing interfaces with production facilities, engineering, and suppliers. Requires B.S. and 2-3 years experience & quality management experience. Please send resume & salary history to: Box 82841, Observer & Electronic Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI 48150.

ACE DENTAL HYGIENIST - For Farmington Hills Implant & prosthodontics office. Good salary. Part-time weekdays & (2) 1/2 Saturdays. Incentive & referral program. Location pay with office and organizational experience. Pleasant non-managerial position. Office hours 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Some overtime may be required. Send resume to: McKenna Associates, Inc., 32055 W. Twelve Mile, Suite 155, Farmington Hills, MI 48334 or FAX to: (248) 553-0588 EOE.

ASSISTANT
FRIENDLY & quality oriented Livonia dental specialty office is looking to add a dental assistant. If you are experienced in 4-hand dentistry, self-starter, mature, dependable & enthusiastic call Ann: (734) 427-6200.

DENTAL ASSISTANT
Minimum 2 years experience. Mon-Thurs. 12-5PM. Sat. 9-2PM. Wages and benefits commensurate with experience and ability. Livonia area. (734) 425-7010.

DENTAL ASSISTANT full-time
for Southfield office, 1yr experience. Team oriented. 248-443-5110.

DENTAL ASSISTANT
Livonia dental office is seeking experienced dental assistant. Dental Assistant to join our staff full time. Weekdays only. Salary & benefits commensurate with experience. (734) 522-7313.

DENTAL ASSISTANT
needed. We train right person. (248) 628-5810.

DENTAL ASSISTANT
Mon-Thurs. 9-5. 2-5. No experience necessary. Salary negotiable. N. Livonia office. (248) 471-0795.

DENTAL ASSISTANT
Experience preferred, but will train. 3/4 Days. Pleasant office. (734) 729-1180.

DENTAL ASSISTANT
Full time position with happy, energetic team. Garden City / Livonia. (734) 421-9420.

DENTAL ASSISTANT
A friendly Livonia office needs energetic, experienced, energetic, experienced dental assistant. Full or Part-time available. 734-291-3636.

DENTAL ASSISTANT
No experience necessary but must possess the enthusiasm needed to "hustle" on the line for a new & challenging career! Full time-Livonia office. Call Laura: (734) 261-9443.

DENTAL ASSISTANT
Seeking a RDA or expanded duty assistant 35-38 hours per week. If you are experienced, dependable, energetic, friendly, we want to meet you. Please send resume to: Box 85911 c/o The South Lyon Herald, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178.

DENTAL ASSISTANT
Experience necessary. Call after 4pm: (313) 663-9616.

DENTAL ASSISTANT
needed in Garden City office for 1 or 2 Saturdays per month. Top pay. Friendly office. Call (734) 421-5200.

DENTAL ASSISTANT
Wanted office is looking for full time experienced, enthusiastic team player to join our staff. Great salary & working conditions. Call today! (810) 751-2900.

DENTAL BUSINESS ASSISTANT
Are you enthusiastic, caring and dependable? Do you have excellent communication skills? If you have experience with computer, dental office, insurance and accounts receivable AND you would enjoy working with a Dr. who appreciates staff, please send resume to: Box 85912 c/o The South Lyon Herald, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178.

DENTAL HYGIENIST
for Southfield dental office, hygiene assistant provided. 248-443-5110.

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Fridays (8am-1pm) for friendly, pleasant, experienced dental assistant. Excellent salary, excellent benefits, excellent working conditions, with ideal soft-tissue program. (248) 248-4210.

DENTAL HYGIENIST
Livonia office looking for hygienist to provide quality care for our patients. Mon. - Thurs. 9-5. (313) 422-0800.

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Seeking a health-oriented, enthusiastic hygienist to provide exceptional care for our patients. Must enjoy and excel at both routine and periodontal care. Please send resume to: Box 85910 c/o The South Lyon Herald, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178.

DENTAL HYGIENIST
Needed one day a week for friendly Canton office. Call: 734-454-0818.

DENTAL HYGIENIST
Thurs. 1-4. DENTAL ASSISTANT/RECEPTIONIST - Tue, Wed. & Fri. 9-5 & Thurs. 1-4. Please call Laura: (734) 485-2510.

DENTAL HYGIENIST
Friendly family practice, full or part-time. Supportive staff. No evenings. Salary negotiable. Days: 248-547-3322; Even: 248-855-0073.

DENTAL INSURANCE SECRETARY
Part-time. Full-time. Experience only. Southfield area. Call Marie: 248-552-7782.

DENTAL RECEPTIONIST - Experienced
Hours: Tues. - Wed. Thurs. - Fri. 9-5. Southfield area. Call Marie: 248-552-7782.

DENTAL RECEPTIONIST
High quality, step-of-the-art specialty practice has opening for additional receptionist. Must be a self-starter, organized person for full-time. Front desk position. Dental experience necessary. No evenings or weekends. Call: (248) 251-1102.

DENTAL RECEPTIONIST
Part-time for Farmington Hills. Flexible hours. We train right person. Call Ann: (313) 485-0227.

DENTAL RECEPTIONIST - Part-time
Dental Hygienist - Full-time. For new dental office. Call David: 248-552-7782.

HYGIENIST
Full time position in Garden City office. Call David: 248-552-7782.

504 Help Wanted-Dental

Dental Service Technician
Full time needed for Metro-Detroit area. Experience desired but willing to train. Must be experienced, dependable, and have reliable transportation. We offer: • Flexible scheduling • Shift work • Paid vacation • Mileage reimbursement • Benefit package for full time

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FARMINGTON DENTAL Practice
is looking for a highly motivated front staff person, with exceptional skills. We offer employment in an exciting office on the cutting edge of dentistry with long term highly skilled staff in a friendly, professional office. Excellent benefits & competitive wage. (248) 474-4600.

HELP - beloved hygienist
returning to N. Carolina. Looking for experienced hygienist with needs of perio patients. Must be experienced in Microsoft Word. 248-645-2998 or 248-542-3140.

ORTHODONTIC ASSISTANT - Orthodontic office
Part-time, Afternoons, 12 to 20 hours. Will train. Livonia area. Call Charlotte 248-442-8885.

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

AESTHETICIAN - Experienced
returning to N. Carolina. Looking for experienced hygienist with needs of perio patients. Must be experienced in Microsoft Word. 248-645-2998 or 248-542-3140.

APPOINTMENT SCHEDULER & receptionist
needed for Ophthalmology office in computer expert in William Beaumont Medical Office Building. Royal Oak. Prefer individual with medical office computer experience, however would consider individual who has had experience in a similar type office setting. Submit resume to: Box 82774, Observer & Electronic Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI 48150.

ATTENTION NOW HIRING
MEDICAL ASSISTANT, LPN, RN, & RECEPTIONIST NEEDED. For busy OB/GYN office. Must have recent OB/GYN experience. Full-time position. 248-801-0289.

AUDIOLOGY HEARING AID TECH
needed for hearing aid service. Dearborn area. Fax 313-562-4590.

BILLER
Full time for experienced medical biller. Must have 3-5 years experience in a large internal medicine practice and offer a competitive salary with a great benefit package. Troy area. (248) 628-5810.

BILLER - MEDICAL
Expanding Medical Center in Royal Oak seeking an experienced, motivated biller with computer & benefit package. Fax resume to: 248-288-0044.

CENA
We are seeking energetic, positive team players to work 3-11:30pm and 11-7:30pm shift. Excellent opportunity for full or part-time position. Excellent benefits. Call Barb Lasky at (248) 674-9292 or stop in at: Cariberry Health Care 5601 Hatcher, Waterford.

CENTRAL SUPPLY CLERK
Knowledge of Inventory (Resource or ORBIT systems), Windows 95, Telen Scanner, Medical/Nursing supplies (receiving and distribution) and billing background. Experience in Central Supply, preferably long term care. Contact: Judy Wilson 734-728-6100 or apply in person: Westland Convalescent Center 36137 W. Warren, Westland, MI 48185.

CNA / HHA / RN / LPN
Great Pay & Benefits • Live-ins needed also • Immediate openings • Days, Afternoons & Nights • Oakland, Macomb & Wayne Clys • Home care & facility staffing • Home care 1/2 or full shifts • CareFirst Staffing Home Health 248-745-9700

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

CNA's - LPN's
Needed immediately for Detroit, Dearborn Heights, Novi, Belleville, Westland & Warren. Call Nurse Team: (248) 477-2820.

DATA ENTRY
ICD - 9 MEDICAL BILLERS. Unique opportunities to be paid for your experience. Long term, or temp to perm. openings with diversified service companies. Excellent opportunity to use your experience. Call Mary today. Farmington/Livonia Birmingham 248-473-2531 248-646-7681.

DENTAL HYGIENIST
needed in Garden City office for 1 or 2 Saturdays per month. Top pay. Friendly office. Call (734) 421-5200.

DIETETIC TECH
Huron Valley - Sinai Hospital, a member of the Detroit Medical Center, has an immediate Part Time, afternoon (2-5 hours per week) position available for a Dietetic Tech. This position must work every other weekend.

Responsibilities include overseeing the patient and cafeteria food service. Must have a minimum of 2 years experience and an Associate's Degree in Dietetics or related field, registration eligible or registration with American Dietetic Association. One - two years experience in a hospital setting is preferred.

Please reference Ad #WDC04055080 on your resume and sendfax to Bernice Kaminski: 248-473-2531.

DMC EMPLOYMENT CENTER
3740 John R, Detroit, MI 48201. 313-562-7447. Equal Opportunity Employer.

DIRECTOR OF NURSING RN
For a successful nursing home. Must be a registered nurse, 10 years experience. Must be able to lead & motivate staff. Fax resume to: Sally Seaton, BSN, Corporate Director, 248-552-7782.

EXCELLENT JOB opportunity
for self-motivated individual. Long term care. Experience a plus. Great benefit package. 248-473-2531.

MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST
Experienced, needed for evening & weekend hours, full time. Livonia area. Call: (313) 459-4489.

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Full-time, VERY BUSY family practice. Phone, typing, computer, etc. Experience necessary. 248-473-2531.

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LICENSED NURSE
Part time - Full time with all shifts at our dynamic health care facility. Ideal candidate will be positive and friendly for the distinguished health care facility. Position offers wonderful benefits, educational reimbursement and had opportunity for advancement. Apply in person at: 5601 Hatcher, Waterford. Or call (248) 574-9292.

MANAGER - experienced
for medical clinic. Salary range \$400 to \$600 per week depending on experience. Also biller with medical billing experience. Call Time (734) 425-3200.

MEDICAL ASSISTANT & RECEPTIONIST
Experienced preferred. Part & full-time positions available. Berkeley. 248-844-2293.

MEDICAL ASSISTANT
Some typing, 24 hours a week, (248) 655-0220.

MEDICAL ASSISTANT/LPN for busy
Novi internist. Excellent benefits. Call Karen: (248) 476-0250.

MEDICAL ASSISTANT
Livonia office specializing in weight loss. Full time. Duties: injections, blood draws, vitals. 313-422-8040.

MEDICAL ASSISTANT / LAB TECH
For busy pro-choice physicians' office. Livonia looking for medical assistant. (248) 443-0239.

NURSES AIDE
for busy Pediatric medical office, 13 Mile/Southfield. Great pay & benefits. Full or part-time. Call: (248) 628-5810.

MEDICAL ASSISTANTS
we have several full time and various part time openings for Medical Assistants experienced in Veni Puncture, EKG's & injections. Many of our jobs become permanent. If you are looking for flexibility, opportunity & competitive salary call Michelle at Tempo Medical to schedule an interview 248-356-1334.

MEDICAL ASSISTANT
Experienced, full-time. Busy doctors office in Southfield. Call: (248) 424-8356.

MEDICAL ASSISTANT & Receptionist
Plymouth medical office looking for full or part-time position. Please fax resume to 734-455-9405 or call 455-5050.

MEDICAL BILLER
Experience required. Full-time. Busy doctors office in Southfield. Call: (248) 424-8356.

MEDICAL BILLER
Livonia based Medical Equipment Company seeking full time responsible individual for Medical Billing & Accounts Receivable. Computer skills & billing background. D.M.E. Software preferred but not necessary. Candidate must be detail oriented, motivated and organized. Please send resume with salary history to: Metro Medical Equipment, Inc. (248) 552-7782.

MEDICAL BILLER/RECEPTIONIST
Southfield. Experience required. Managed Care and Medical Computer a plus. Call: 313-455-9405, Fax: 248-354-3653.

MEDICAL BILLER/RECEPTIONIST
Full time for busy ophthalmology office in Southfield. Experience necessary. Please send resume to: Observer & Electronic Newspapers 36251 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI 48150.

MEDICAL BILLERS - Busi
Ophthalmic practice seeking full time position for experienced medical billers. Conscientious or knowledge of computer billing necessary. Call (248) 333-2961.

MEDICAL BILLING SPECIALIST
Are you a detail-oriented individual who is looking for a challenging career? We are seeking a detail-oriented individual who has full time claims follow-up positions for an experienced individual who you will be a great asset to our organization. We offer competitive wages & benefits! Send your resume and salary requirements to: (248) 333-2961.

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Full time. Experience preferred. Troy area. Good salary & benefits. Free call: (248) 362-2216.

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RECEPTIONIST

710 Estate Sales

ANNOUNCING Two Great Sales!
By Everything Goes
81, Fri-Sat, April 10-11, 10-4
5000 Pop Valley Rd.
Bloomfield Hills
S. of Lake Park, W. of Laker
ESTATE HOME, QUALITY!
Pace dining table, 6 alt. dining
chairs • Peace cocktail table •
Wicker World parson table set •
sofa, cocktail table & pair wing
chairs • room size Thonet rug •
chaise longue • sectional sofa •
table & 4 kind chairs • 9 piece
bedroom set • leather sofa •
writing desk • bookcase • chair &
ottoman • wall unit • exercise chair
• 4 arm sofa • 4 chairs • metal
sculpture • good artwork •
camera equipment • lots of
household items • 11 piece
Brown Jordan patio set • ProCor
freedoms • exercise, sports & golf
• electronics • old radios & more!

62, Sat-Sun, April 11-12, 10-4
1366 S. Lapeer Road
Oxford Mills Plaza, Oxford
W. of Lapeer Rd (M54) between
Hawthorn & Driveway Rd (take 1-
75 north to M54 (Lapeer Rd), go
N. approx 8 miles on left side.
RADIO SHACK STORE
TOTAL LIQUIDATION SALE!
Train equipment • model kits •
pent models • remote models •
model gas engines • plane kits •
hobby • computer • phone • cal-
culator • video • cable & satellite
equipment • speakers • stereo •
portable radios • TVs • CDs • TV
VCR combos • car radio & alarm
• CB • calculators • clocks • com-
puter equipment • tons of elec-
tronics • hardware • testing
equipment • security system • all
kinds • and wall • shelving •
showcases • displays • and golf
• electronics • 248-855-0553, 248-851-5050

713 Moving Sales

APRIL 9, 9, 10, 9-3pm. 1700 Mor-
rison Blvd. between Laker & Morton
Taylor, S. of Ford, Truitt, Christmas
decorations, dresser, some furniture,
couches, truck top, patio furniture &
much more.

BIG LIVONIA Moving Sale - 29801
Greenland (W. of Middlebelt, N. of S.
Mile) Fri-Sun, Apr. 10-12, 9-5pm.
BIRMINGHAM - Bedroom set, rose-
wood sofa, chaise longue, organ,
chest, tables, lamps, 13" TV, Fri-Sat,
10-4, 1188 Westpark, 1 block N. of
14 Mile, 1 block W. of Southfield.
BIRMINGHAM - New Maytag port-
able dishwasher \$400. Microwave
oven, \$100; 2 air conditioners, \$200,
\$100; new king size mattress, \$400.
Must take by 4-13. (248) 723-1922

BLOOMFIELD - Must sell entire
household of like new furniture, lawn
tools & appliances. 248-737-0285

CANTON/MIAMI, lawn equipment &
misc. items, April 10, 17, 18,
8am-3, 44081 Candlewood, N.
Warren, S. Joy, off Morton Taylor

COMMERCIAL - Moving Out Of State
Everything Must Go! 4710 Jumbo
(near South), W. of Dearborn/S
of Commerce. (248) 363-8993

LAZY BOY Sofas, chair, love seat,
dining room table & 6 chairs, big
screen tv, side tables, bedroom set,
other couches (like new)
(248) 683-5661

LIVONIA - 5 piece Bassett cherry
wood dining set. Stove-almost new,
almond, Tappan. (734) 432-0333

NOVI - Fri & Sat, 9-6, Maple of Novi
condos, 41834 Canterbury, N. of 13
Mile/Novi Rd. Furniture, kitchen
items, baby items, exercise/appliances,
toys, etc. 248-469-0523

ROCHESTER HILLS all things like
new. Settee, laptop, wicker, like
new, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995,
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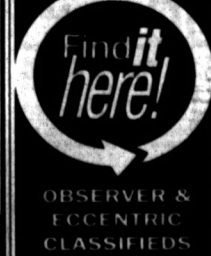
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REAL ESTATE QUERIES



Q. What are new homes selling for near Las Vegas?

Major developers were advertising 2,000-square-foot homes in the low \$100,000s. One developer is offering 3,000-square-foot homes from \$150,000 and ranch homes with 2,000-2,700 square feet ranging from the low \$160,000s.

Another developer advertised three to five bedrooms of up to 2,900 square feet from \$129,000 and three to six bedrooms of up to 3,300 square feet from \$148,000.

A number of developers are willing to buy down the interest rate and pass the savings on to their customers. Other developers I know of were willing to give discounts the off list price.

You will also see some familiar names of developers from Michigan.

Q. During the winter, I attended an open house and fell on the ice in front of the home. The Realtor had advertised the house for viewing in a local paper. Can I sue the real estate person for negligence in not removing ice that was buried under the snow?

It depends upon whether the Realtor took reasonable steps to remove ice and snow. If the Realtor was in a position to accept control of the home, there may well be liability based upon a recent court of appeals decision.

The court said anyone who invites people onto a piece of property "must take reasonable steps within a reasonable time to diminish these hazards to invitees."

But the court also referred to Michigan's weather ... "during the winter months, that the forces of nature assert and reassert themselves on a regular basis producing hazards from ice and snow."

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Third generation: J. Lee Wilbanks is a third generation Realtor in his family to service the home buying and selling needs of Grace Kirk, pictured here, and husband, Dick.

Generations of Realtors

When it came time for Dick and Grace Kirk to sell their Redford home, they knew exactly whom they wanted.

J. Lee Wilbanks of Realty Professionals got the call because his family had a multi-generation connection to the Kirks.

Lee's grandfather, James W. Wilbanks Sr., now deceased, helped the young couple buy their first house in Redford in 1962. Grandpa Wilbanks also sold that house when the Kirks moved out-of-state a couple of years later.

Lee's father, Jim Jr., helped the Kirks buy and sell houses in Dearborn Heights, New Boston and Redford after Jim Sr.'s retirement when the couple returned to Michigan.

With Jim Jr.'s retirement, it's now Lee's turn.

"They're three of a kind," Grace said. "They're just honest, sincere, hard-working people. They're the old school. Their word is fact."

It's rare that three generations of a single family have the opportunity to serve the same client in any kind of business relationship.

"I think it's probably the best honor you can have, and it makes you more determined that everything goes right, there's no surprises," Lee said of referrals, the lifeblood of a successful Realtor.

Lee, who started off as a mortgage loan officer, has been in the business for 19 years.

"My grandpa was a big lister. My dad was a big seller," he said. "I'm somewhere in between. I've got the best of both worlds."

What did he learn from his relatives?

"Patience and honesty," Lee said.

'They're three of a kind. They're just honest, sincere, hard-working people. They're the old school. Their word is fact.'

"They taught me real early that a lot of times, if you do somebody right, it might not reap anything off the bat, but five or 10 years down the line, it comes back to you tenfold."

Jim Jr., was in the business for 37 years and loved doing the deal.

"The only thing I know is it takes a lot of hard work," he said. "You have to be available when the people are available. If you give them service and treat them right, they'll come back."

Tom Tedesco, broker at RE/MAX Showcase Homes in Birmingham, also is a third-generation Realtor.

His mother, Susan, is still active as owner of the franchise. Tom's grandfather, Bill Buckley, now deceased, was a Realtor for 20 years.

"My big kick is working with buyers, finding out what they like and seeing the excitement in taking them through each step to closing," Tom said.

Persistence is what Tom said he most learned from both his mother and grandpa.

And what made a big impression on Susan from Bill that she's tried to pass along to Tom?

"Integrity," Susan said. "I love that word. That kind of speaks to all of it. Of all the things my dad taught, that was the one (big) thing."

All three Tedescos had referrals from but never worked for a common client through the years, Tom said.

Leta M. Kekich, a Realtor with RE/MAX 100 in Novi, followed her father, Sandy Blakeman, in the business, and her son, Brandon, an owner of RE/MAX Properties in Riverview, has followed her.

"Honest and integrity - my dad let me know immediately when I went in the business - he raised me that way - those two things made him successful in his referrals," Leta said. "A very strong work ethic is another thing my father taught me."

"They said to work hard and good things will come, and they have," Brandon said. "There's a lot of hard work. It's easy to be complacent."

Brandon illustrates what makes him feel good about the business with a story.

"I had an awful meeting in our regional office. My pager went off 30 times. I walked in the door and there was a handwritten letter and a gift certificate from a client thanking me for straightening out a water escrow. That makes you feel good, keeps you going."

Blakeman, 77, said he's enjoyed watching his daughter and grandson succeed in a business he enjoyed for 19 years.

"They were both very sociable. They both liked to reach out and do things for people. This gave them an opportunity. It's a way to make new friends and hold on to old friends."

Blakeman's key to success? "If you just put your mind to it, that you're not in it as much to make money as to help people, you always make it."

Give your home a stitch in time

(NAPS) - The best way to make sure that your plumbing, heating and cooling systems are performing as they should is to start at the bottom and work your way up. Your whole-house audit should start early in the spring, begin in the basement and include the following:

■ Sump pumps do not need much maintenance but you should keep the sump pit debris-free by scooping out the sediment at the bottom of the 30-inch deep pit.

■ Air conditioners - This system works best when checked by a professional before each cooling season. But there are some things you can do to prepare the indoor and outdoor parts of your system: Trim away any shrubbery that might have grown too close to the outdoor unit. Wash down

the outdoor coil with a garden hose to remove any accumulated debris. Change the filter.

Since it's more cost efficient to have a professional check both the heating and cooling system at the same time, now's the time to give your heating system a check.

■ Furnaces or Boilers - Although it's the largest energy user in the home, most people don't think about their furnace or boiler unless it stops running. A good rule of thumb is to consider replacing your furnace or boiler if it is more than 20 years old and had been experiencing minor breakdowns.

■ If your water heater is ten to 15 years old, it will need to be replaced soon. Experts at the National Association of Plumbing-Heating-Cooling

Contractors suggest that the average family of four needs a 50-gallon unit to insure fast recovery of hot water.

■ Fix all leaky faucets and fixtures. A leaky faucet can waste 1,000 gallons of water every month. Remember to check your toilets as well. If you can hear the water running into the closet bowl after the toilet is flushed, some part of the toilet is out of order.

When hiring a professional, look for the NAPHCC logo.

For a free brochure on how to hire a professional plumbing-heating-cooling contractor, write to the National Association of Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors, Dept. NAPS, P.O. Box 6908, Falls Church, Virginia 22040; or call 1-800-533-7694.

Employment status

Here are total non-farm employment estimates for selected metropolitan areas as of last December and percentage increase from the previous year.

	Jobs in Millions	% Increase
NYC/Long Island	5.2	1.8
Chicago	4.5	1.7
LA/Long Beach	3.9	1.8
San Francisco Bay	3.3	2.5
Boston	3.0	2.5
Detroit	2.6	2.5
Dallas/Ft. Worth	2.5	4.3
Houston	2.1	3.6
Atlanta	2.0	4.0
Puget Sound, Wash.	1.7	4.8
Minneapolis	1.6	2.2
Miami	1.6	2.9
Phoenix	1.5	6.7
Denver	1.2	2.4
Las Vegas	0.7	5.5

Source: U.S. Housing Markets

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Find lender before you shop for home

MORTGAGE SEARCH



DAVID C. MULLY

The following information was provided by Able Mortgage Group. You may contact them for further information at (800) 610-4041.

How's this for an impossible scenario. A couple mentions they've decided to buy a home to someone they've recently met, who responds, "I know someone who has a really nice home for sale that would be perfect for you."

The couple then buys it on the spot - without even looking at another home. Of course, it's ridiculous. Nobody makes such an important purchase based on a slender piece of advice.

Except when it comes to mortgages, because that's exactly how most homebuyers go about getting theirs. They base their selection on the recommendation of one person and don't shop around.

Yet, today you have more options in financing your home than ever because more lenders are competing for your business more intensely than ever.

Any financial consultant, or anyone with a calculator, for that matter, can show you that what may seem like a small difference in terms of a mortgage can add up to hundreds or thousands of dollars over the life of a loan.

And how well those seemingly small differences are explained to you makes all the difference in the world in getting the best mortgage.

That's why it pays to select your mortgage lender and your mortgage as carefully as you select the home you're going to buy with that mortgage.

Many experts recommend you choose a lender before you begin seriously looking for a home because having an established relationship with a mortgage lender (and perhaps a conditional or locked-in loan commitment) makes you more attractive to most sellers.

Making the right choice for you involves more than simply finding the lowest rate.

You should follow these eight basic steps:

1. Start by looking at lenders. Begin by drawing up a list of prospective lenders. If you're already working with a Realtor, he or she can probably give you several names. But don't stop with one lender or one source of advice. Ask people you know who are also in the market or have recently bought a home or refinanced.

Speak with people who've worked with mortgage lenders and can give you advice based on experience. You can also look for lenders advertising in your newspaper's real estate or business section, or look in the Yellow Pages under mortgages.

My next column will discuss the steps to select a mortgage and lender.

David Mully is president of Mortgage Search, a company that offers consulting services to homeowners. He also writes articles for mortgage industry publications and is a member of the National Association of Real Estate Editors. To contact him, call 1-800-531-0026 ext. 227 or mail him at P.O. Box 485, Novi MI 48376.

HOMES SOLD IN OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded March 18 - 20 at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office, and compiled by Advertising That Works, a Bloomfield Township company that tracks deed and mortgage recordings in southeastern Michigan. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Auburn Hills
2790 Auburn Rd \$120,000
4489 Northern Ct \$337,000
2344 Hampstead Rd \$125,000
633 Provincetown Rd \$120,000

Clarkston
6693 Andersonville Rd \$88,000
4840 Clinton Dr \$210,000
9602 Dymall \$114,000

Eastland
6582 Horncliff Ct \$195,000
6836 Hubbard Cir \$249,000
5836 May Sue \$107,000
7339 Oakstone Dr \$262,000
6808 Pond View Rd \$185,000
6583 Ridgeway Dr \$185,000
9177 Softwater Woods \$302,000
6970 Tappan Ct \$126,000
8065 Woodview Rd \$395,000

Farmington Hills
5344 Bridge Trl E \$303,000
3871 Cheryl Rd \$133,000
1841 Dogwood Trl \$266,000
2260 Fairgrove Ct \$242,000
2275 Fairgrove Ct \$252,000
3940 Forest Edge Dr \$237,000
4786 Juniper Dr \$290,000
2611 Kingstone Dr \$91,000
2620 Massena St \$125,000
6695 Oakside Ave \$136,000
3815 Vanstone Dr \$172,000
405 W Beechdale St \$51,000

Livonia
9137 Winterville Dr \$170,000
8208 Woodguy Dr \$218,000

Northville
10182 Creekwood Trl \$85,000
10650 King Rd \$230,000
5180 Ormond Rd \$120,000

Plymouth
24184 Farmington Rd \$172,000
31831 Grand River # 9 \$37,000
32718 Grand River # 8 \$52,000
32339 Leelanau \$141,000
33911 Macomb St \$210,000

Rochester Hills
27220 Arden Park Cir \$165,000
28901 Birchcrest Way \$132,000
33850 Colfax St \$100,000
31160 Country Way \$135,000
29916 Green Acres \$296,000
28555 Heatherbrook Ct \$296,000
26281 Holly Hill Dr \$190,000
24441 Lakeland St \$205,000
22061 Lancrest Ct \$206,000
22121 Lancrest Ct \$202,000

Westland
32403 Newtwood St \$179,000
27678 Old Colony St \$342,000
23509 N Rockledge \$176,000
43225 Sandstone Dr \$288,000
46011 W 9 Mile Rd \$950,000
24089 Westmont Dr \$328,000
45750 Willingham Dr \$318,000
23955 Wintergreen Cir \$381,000
44831 Yorkshire Dr \$165,000

Westland
3929 Chayenne Ct \$200,000
1607 Deer Path Trl \$129,000
108 Howland Pines Dr \$50,000
50 Pearl St \$122,000
721 Woodleigh Way \$165,000

Westland
1867 Beaver Creek Dr \$271,000
1987 Beaver Creek Dr \$259,000
250 Beechview Dr \$233,000
1033 Bloomview Cir \$247,000
4439 Boxwood Ct \$96,000
878 Loggers Cir \$80,000

Westland
5040 Orion Rd \$200,000
433 Revold Dr \$142,000

Westland
3541 Alida Ave \$84,000
1867 Blue Grass Dr \$386,000
1127 Brunswick \$337,000
1189 Brunswick \$343,000
516 Buttercup Dr \$234,000
1353 Christian Hills Dr \$161,000
1370 Crescent Ln \$130,000
3510 Heron Ridge Dr \$410,000
3705 Heron Ridge Dr \$418,000
1624 Huntington Ct \$162,000
551 Misty Brook Ln \$301,000
632 Pioneer Dr \$223,000
406 Rolling Green Cir S \$180,000
2736 Roseview Dr \$154,000
1211 Valley Stream Dr \$240,000
1692 W Auburn Rd \$42,000

Westland
20311 Alhambra St \$138,000
18901 Bainbridge Dr \$162,000
25785 Code Rd \$80,000

Westland
30832 Fairfax St \$189,000
30840 Grosvenor Ct \$139,000
16262 Harden Cir \$154,000
19500 Jeanette St \$105,000
19266 Melrose Ave \$135,000
21218 Midway Ave \$106,000
29933 Rambling Rd \$144,000
25239 Southfield Rd \$115,000
29885 Spring Hill Dr \$115,000

Westland
2565 Athens Dr \$144,000
2147 Babcock Dr \$280,000
2924 Borden Dr \$134,000
1345 Boyd Dr \$128,000
1244 Cambria Dr \$89,000
371 Falling Brook Dr \$279,000
1811 Farmbrook Dr \$182,000
6784 Granger Dr \$336,000
2456 Hampton Dr \$246,000
4873 Hubbard Dr \$177,000
65 Lowell Dr \$204,000
2076 Newburgh Dr \$174,000
2232 Oakwood Dr \$254,000

Westland
1600 Bolton Dr \$172,000
1574 Dover Hl N \$95,000
1596 Wimbledon Dr \$96,000
1596 Wimbledon Dr \$96,000

Westland
4070 Crystal St \$149,000
6551 Duffield St \$126,000
6772 Edgewood Ave \$126,000
7120 Elder Ct S \$465,000
3566 Fieldview Ave \$187,000
2944 Greenbrook Ln \$276,000
6953 Merrick Ct \$409,000
6351 Northfield Dr \$275,000
3635 Oakleaf Dr \$272,000
2015 Orchard Ct \$223,000
6637 Pine Eagle Ln \$190,000
5480 Pond Bluff \$264,000
6085 Pontiac Trl \$201,000
5199 Shenandoah Ct \$370,000
7160 Willow Oak Dr \$205,000
4674 Woodbine Cir \$321,000

Westland
8636 Newport Dr \$292,000
441 Rosario Ln \$332,000

Westland
1650 Connecticut St \$139,000

MOVERS AND SHAKERS

This column highlights promotions, transfers, hirings, awards won and other news within the real estate, construction, architecture and mortgage communities.

Send a brief summary including town of residency and black and white photo to Real Estate Movers and Shakers, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, 48150.

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Bill Bubniak has been named senior vice president at the Farman Group, a commercial real estate company based in Southfield. His area of concentration is investment sales.

Bubniak is a certified public accountant and an attorney. He's worked with the firm for 10 years and lives in Bingham Farms.

Michael Kalil has been named vice president at the Farman Group. He heads the company's development services department.

Kalil resides in Bloomfield Hills and has been affiliated with Farman for five years.

Belinda Lopez of Countrywide Home Loans, Livonia, has been named Affiliate of the Year by the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors.

H. Conny Dub of Matuszewski Dub Realtors, Dearborn, was recognized as having the longest-standing membership with 53 years in the business.

Betty Bjarnesen of the Michigan Group, Livonia, received the member of the Year Award from the Women's Council of Realtors.

Ronald Mrozek has been named president at Huntington Construction, a subsidiary of the Farman Group. He's responsible for day-to-day activities of the company.

Mrozek, a Sterling Heights resident, has been associated with Farman since 1978.

Tim Jones has been named senior vice president at Huntington Construction. He's been with the firm for 15 years and lives in Commerce Township.

The Farman Group also announces two other appointments.

Bob Frank, a Livonia resident, has been named vice president. He's responsible for industrial real estate brokerage.

Andrew Gutman, who lives in Southfield, has been promoted to vice president from senior financial analyst.

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RE MANAGEMENT

The Institute of Real Estate Management Michigan Chapter 5 hosts a breakfast/program, "How to Motivate, Delegate and Apply Your Leadership Skills," 8 a.m. Wednesday, April 15, at the Westin Southfield-Detroit, 1500 Town Center, Southfield.

Speaker: Mark Nichols, an instructor of Dale Carnegie courses.

Price, including breakfast, is \$12 for members, \$17 for non-members. To register, call Bea King at (248) 615-3885.

INVESTORS ASSN.

The Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland presents a dinner/seminar, "Buying and Selling on Lease Options," 7 p.m. Friday, April 17, at the Royal Oak American Legion Hall, 1815 Rochester Road.

Dinner is \$14 for everyone. The seminar at 8 p.m. is free for members, \$10 for non-members. Call for reservations by April 14 at (800) 747-6742.

REMODELING WORKSHOPS

Livonia Community Education and Oakland Builders Institute sponsor a basement remodeling workshop 6:30-9:30 p.m. Mondays, April 20-May 4, and a kitchen remodeling workshop 6:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, April 22 through May

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Both are scheduled for Riley Middle School, 15555 Henry Ruff, Livonia. Price for both is \$65, plus a \$10 textbook fee for the kitchen workshop, \$8 for the basement workshop. To register, call (313) 523-9277.

SELLING SEMINAR

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan and its Sales & Marketing Council presents a class, "Enhance Your Success Factor with Super-Charged Selling," 5:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, at the Northfield Hilton, 5500 Crooks, Troy. Price is \$25 for SMC members, \$40 for BIA and Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$50 for non-members. To register, call (248) 737-4477.

ENERGY SEMINAR

Detroit Edison and Home Building Workshops sponsor a free seminar on energy-efficient techniques and geothermal heating and cooling systems 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 25, at the Edison office, 26802 Northwestern, Southfield. To register, call (800) 833-2786.

BUILD OWN HOME

The Center for Lifelong Learning at Henry Ford Community College presents a class, "How to Build Your Own Home," 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays, April 25-May 16 at the Dearborn Heights Campus, Ann Arbor Trail between Outer Drive and Warren.

Topics include reading blueprints, building codes, permits, estimating cost of materials and concrete/masonry.

Cost is \$195 for Dearborn School District residents, \$215 for non-residents.

To register, call (313) 730-5964.

ETKIN CONSTRUCTION

A.J. Etkin Construction of Farmington Hills was named construction manager for the St. John Hospital-Macomb Center replacement facility in Harrison Township.

The new 120,000 square foot building will contain inpatient beds, operating rooms, emergency room, diagnostics, outpatient services and physician offices.

OFFICE HONORED

Coldwell Banker Professionals of Clarkston was named to the prestigious Chairman's Circle for sales performance in the top 5 percent of all Coldwell Banker companies nationwide.

Coldwell Banker Professionals also was the number one office last year for closed outgoing referrals among all franchisees.

CAI WEB SITE

The Community Associations Institute World Wide Web site, <http://www.caionline.org>, has been named a World-Class Web site by the American Society of Association Executives.

CAI serves as an educational/lobbying organization for condominium, cooperative and homeowner associations.

RE/MAX DESIGNATED

RE/MAX has been identified by Entrepreneur magazine as number 28 in the top 30 fastest growing franchises and as the fastest growing real estate franchise.

The analysis also listed RE/MAX in the 27th position out of 500 franchises surveyed.

Book guides you if you are a general contractor wannabe

Do you have the right stuff to act as your own general contractor in the construction or remodeling of your house?

Here are 10 leading qualifications as presented by Mark A. Smith, author of "The Owner-Builder Book: How You Can Save More than \$100,000 in the Construction of

Your Custom Home."

1. You come to the job each day to fire people if needed. This consists of being clear about what you expect and holding subcontractors accountable for it.

You are writing the check. You are in power. You stage your payments so that you

can pay for performance to date and release the subcontractor, if necessary. You put your foot down if needed.

2. You are somewhat familiar with construction. You have interest in the subject of building and some aptitude and are willing to learn. You talk the talk of the business.

This can be learned from building shows on television, from builder magazines to which you can subscribe, from interviewing subcontractors and from observing projects.

Even though you may not perform a given trade, you can talk about it knowledgeably. However, overemphasis on building knowledge can actually interfere with the exercise of good planning and management, your principal tools.

3. You communicate well. You make clear your expectations and make certain they are understood.

You can talk to all kinds of people. You can win loyalty and build relationships with the team. You are capable of making endless phone

calls to check on things.

4. You pay patient attention to detail. Winston Churchill, who liked to lay brick on his English country estate and also was a competent oil painter said, "Genius is the capacity for taking infinite pains."

The tiny details done right add up to a distinctly superior house. The owner-builder must be prepared to take the time to see that things are done right.

5. You have job flexibility. Either you or your spouse need to spend four hours a day or more on site during construction.

Many construction lenders interview their applicants about the circumstances of their employment to ensure this flexibility.

6. You have determination and problem-solving ability. You don't lie down at the appearance of the first knotty problem. There are several every week during construction. You will stick with them until they're solved.

7. You are financially motivated.

Parkinson's Law is that work expands to fill the time allotted to it. A corollary is that a construction budget expands to the borrowing limit of the owner.

If your limit is low, you will be more ingenious in finding ways to meet it.

8. You are organized. If not in general, at least for this project, you are organized to a fault. You will tend to the agreements, paperwork, schedule and budget tirelessly.

9. You are a good shopper. You can tell differences in quality, can find bargains and won't overspend on anything.

10. You are a good student. You watch well and learn quickly. You can get answers to your questions.

For a free copy of the special report, "100 Ideas to Make Your New Home Save Money or Effort," or a copy of "The Owner-Builder Book ...," at the introductory postpaid price of \$24.95, call toll free at (888) 333-2845.

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30-year, fixed-rate mortgages rise this week

WASHINGTON (AP) - The average rate on 30-year fixed-rate mortgages rose to 7.15 percent this week, Freddie Mac, the mortgage company, said.

The increase, from 7.08 percent the week before, brings the average near a four-month high of 7.19 percent, reached at the start of March. It had hit a four-year low of 6.89 percent in mid-January as investors transferred money from Asia to the United States.

Fifteen-year mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, averaged 6.79 percent this week, up from 6.69 percent last week and the highest since early March.

On one-year adjustable-rate mortgages, lenders were asking an average initial rate of 5.68 percent, down from a nine-month high of 5.70 percent.

The rates do not include add-on fees known as points.

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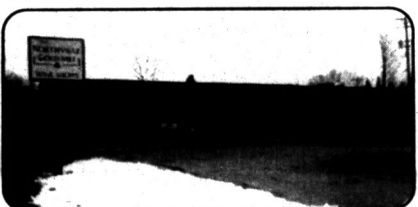
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BEAUTIFUL 3 BEDROOM ranch in Willbrook Sub, large corner lot, upgraded kitchen, newer carpeting, patio and garage door, excellent Novi Schools, affordable, get here soon. (409MAL) 248-349-6800



PRIME LOCATION in Northville with acreage (splitable 4 acres). Home has many updates, walk-out lower level. Beautiful setting. \$529,900-negotiable. (191BEC) 248-349-6800



PRIME LOCATION IN NORTHVILLE! Surrounded by a residential area, this 3,500 sq. ft. brick building with ample parking is perfect for a private practice or office! (680EIG) 248-349-6800



OVER 1,200 SQ. FT. in this super clean Livonia bungalow! Home is situated on a double lot with mature trees, fully fenced backyard, 2 1/2 car garage and a brick paver patio for entertaining. Home boasts a huge master bedroom, new vinyl windows, central air plus MUCH MORE! (184FLO) 248-349-6800



FIVE BEDROOMS AND UPDATES GALORE!! This is a very special home. 2 full baths, split plan, new roof, furnace, central air, water heater. Neutral and clean. All for only \$185,900 (377WEN) 248-349-6800



2 ACRES ON LAKE for under \$220,000. S. Lyon. walkout basement and 2 car attached garage and built in 1991. No updates needed, just move in and enjoy. 1st floor laundry, air conditioning, deck and dock. (522TWE) Call 248-349-6800



WATERFRONT TUDOR! This Orion Twp. home features 3 bedrooms, study, exercise room, 2 fireplaces, 2 story foyer, circular stairway, new oak kitchen, larger pine treed lot, basement, extra large garage and one year Home Warranty. Enjoy all sports Lake Orion. Priced at \$329,900 (32PWH) 620-7200



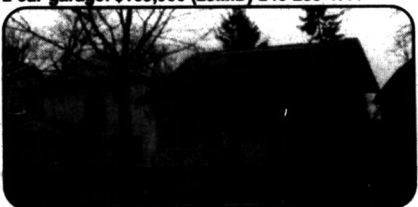
FOUR BEDROOM, 2 1/2 BATH COLONIAL featuring a master bedroom suite. Great room and family room. Hardwood floors in foyer. Professionally landscaped yard. \$259,900 (55NOR) 248-280-4777



WELL UPDATED THREE BEDROOM RANCH with family room. New furnace, central air, hot water heater, roof, siding and more. New carpet and new kitchen floor. Great open floor plan. \$134,900 (13DET) 248-280-4777



COZY AND CLEAN TWO BEDROOM BRICK RANCH. Den could be 3rd bedroom. Wonderful natural fireplace in living room, with coved ceilings, hardwood floors under carpet. Neutral colors. Home is set back with a very private lot and large 2 car garage. \$109,900 (25MID) 248-280-4777



SPACIOUS 1920's BUNGALOW. Cape Cod in north Ferndale. Great potential, needs TLC. New vinyl siding, roof, copper plumbing. Three bedrooms, formal dining room, enclosed porch. Over 1,350 sq. ft. Great price. \$84,500 (66LEW) 248-280-4777



LOCATION! LOCATION! LOCATION! Three bedroom oversized bungalow with partly finished basement and 2 car garage. 1 1/2 baths, hardwood flooring and wet plaster walls. New roof, appliances stay. (05CAT) 248-280-4777



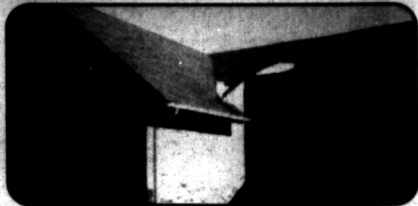
UPDATED OAK PARK RANCH offers three bedrooms, one car garage. Newer carpet, furnace, electrical, kitchen and bath. All appliances included. \$64,900 (21FER) 248-280-4777



PRIME NORTHWEST FERDALE COLONIAL with fireplace in living room, large formal dining room, sunroom, den on 1st floor. Freshly painted neutral shades, updated bath, mudroom off kitchen. Beautiful wood trim. Beautiful block of vintage homes. \$164,900 (16WOO) 248-280-4777



CLARKSTON SCHOOLS! Move-in condition 2 bedroom home. New kitchen, ceramic floors, carpeting, furnace and much more. This one will go fast! Call for the details. One year Home Warranty! Priced to sell at \$108,000. (93VIL) 620-7200



END UNIT RANCH CONDO features exciting great room with marble fireplace and cathedral ceiling. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, library, dining room with door-wall to wood deck. "Westbrook Condo" swimming pool, tennis court, and West Bloomfield schools. \$199,900 (COB82WES) 248-626-8000



DON'T MISS THIS ONE! 4 bedroom home with 1st floor bedroom or home office. Updated kitchen and baths, formal dining room, central air, newer vinyl windows. \$139,900 (COB44INK) 248-626-8000



MR. AND MRS. CLEAN LIVE HERE. Walking distance to nearby places of worship, exemplary West Bloomfield schools. Fabulous master (22x12), updates include newer floor, vinyl windows, newer roof. \$1,200.00 credit for AC. Home Warranty. Seller motivated!! \$179,900 (COB97BEV) 248-626-8000



GORGEOUS!! Contemporary open condo, 2,500 sq. ft. a real beauty in great area!! Features bleached oak floors, some neutral carpeting, off white formica kitchen, formal dining room, library, 2 car attached garage and more!! \$234,900 (COB69WAT) 248-626-8000



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



DREAMS DO COME TRUE. Elegant transitional in Beach Forest. 2 story foyer, open flowing floor plan. 5 bedroom, 4 full/half bath, finished basement. Numerous appointments, private lot. \$1,140,000 (COB70HAV) 248-626-8000



WAKE UP AND SMELL THE COFFEE! This fine 6 bedroom home has it all, walkout with 3 bedrooms all with windows and full bath walkout leads to quiet wetlands. 1st floor master has walk-in closet and deluxe full bath. \$399,900 (COB55WAL) 248-626-8000



GRAND BLANC SUPER SHARP! Ready to move into this 4 bedroom, 2 bath home offers extensive decking, above ground pool, 2 car attached garage, new kitchen, finished basement plumbed for wet bar. Priced to sell at only \$135,900 (60HOM) 620-7200



MUST SEE! Beautiful 1 1/2 story with cathedral ceiling and open floor plan. 1st floor master bedroom with whirlpool tub. Hardwood floors in gourmet kitchen and foyer. Large bedrooms upstairs. Walk-in closets. Private yard. \$349,900 (OE19IN) 248-299-6200



EVERYTHING YOU'VE WANTED. Neat touches! Easy-to-love, 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath condo, nicely decorated, that will satisfy everyone. Walk to downtown Rochester. Home Warranty package. Finished basement. Patio, balconies, community swimming pool. \$184,900 (OE12OA) 248-299-6200



OAKBROOK EAST. Two bedroom condo. Located in popular Rochester Hills complex. Sliding door-walls lead to back and front decks. Small balcony off master bedroom. Club house and swimming. \$114,000 (OE14OAKB) 248-299-6200

JUST LISTED!

GREAT ROOM RANCH. Tastefully decorated, this 3 bedroom ranch has a great room with 2 car garage, 1st floor laundry, fireplace, central air, security alarm and hardwood floors. Stove, refrigerator and dishwasher stay! \$192,500 (OE88DA) 248-299-6200



WITH SUCH NICE FEATURES. Build great memories in this engaging home. Close to everything. Decorator pluses, ample storage space, 3 bedrooms, ceramic tile bath, modern kitchen, central heat/air. This brick ranch is immaculate. Pro-landscape. \$149,900 (OE18REO) 248-299-6200

JUST LISTED!

MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME! Extra large lot. Near schools-shops. Easy commute. A bright and sunny Florida room, hardwood flooring, 3 bedrooms, a handy dine-in kitchen, new furnace. Patio, city utilities and water. PLUS wood windows. \$119,900 (OE35DE) 248-299-6200



JUST LISTED!

BACKS TO WOODS. Large 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath ranch features living and dining rooms. Large kitchen with eating area. Family room with fireplace. Finished basement. Heated Florida room has beautiful lake view. Large deck, and in-ground pool! \$249,900 (OE27RO) 248-299-6200



MAGNIFICENT REED HILLTOP CUSTOM CONTEMPORARY! Breathtaking views of lake. Cathedral ceilings throughout. Master suite with French doors, walk-in closet, Jacuzzi tub, great room with 2 doorways to cedar decking. Gourmet kitchen, finished walkout. \$299,900 (36DOR) 620-7200

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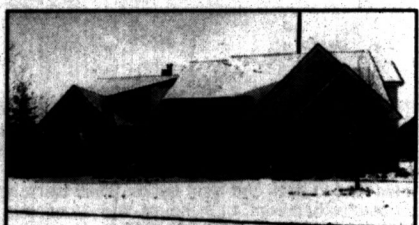
BLOOMFIELD HILLS - Contemporary home w/fieldstone/cedar design in Echo Park. 2200 sq. ft. walkout, 3700 sq. ft. on 1st and 2nd level. 5 bedroom, 4 1/2 bath, living room, family room, library, white Formica kitchen, acre wooded setting overlooking Minnow Lake. Walkout lower level. \$799,900 (61COP) 642-8100



FRANKLIN - 1750 sq. ft. Ranch on 2/3 acre lot in Franklin. 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, living room w/fireplace and cathedral ceiling, family room w/fireplace, dining room, library, newer kitchen, gas forced air, C/A, and updated roof. \$218,900 (66GRE) 642-8100



BLOOMFIELD HILLS - Golfer's delight. Oakland Hills 8th green, 9th fairway is your backyard! 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, family room, living room, greenhouse, 3 car garage. All on a beautifully manicured lot overlooking the golf course. \$375,000 (34MAP) 642-8100



WEST BLOOMFIELD - Fabulous 2 story contemporary w/3600 sq. ft. and dynamite 1st floor master suite, great room w/fireplace, library, terrific formica kitchen. \$449,900 (83ROY) 642-8100



WEST BLOOMFIELD - 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 story home with 2 1/2 baths. Library, 1st floor master suite, basement. Professionally landscaped yard, wooded lot. \$349,900 (70WAT) 524-1600



TROY - 3 bedroom Ranch home, living room with fireplace. Master bedroom with half bath. 2 car attached garage. Home Warranty! \$129,900 (21STI) 524-1600



TROY - 4 bedroom Ranch home with many updates throughout. 2 full baths. Totally painted. Park and elementary school behind house. Home Warranty! \$144,900 (65VAN) 524-1600



TROY - 3 bedroom Ranch home with 2 1/2 baths. First floor laundry. Family room with fireplace. Finished basement. 2 car attached garage. \$194,999 (58HUB) 524-1600



TROY BRICK RANCH with 3 bedrooms. Central air. Updated kitchen. Basement. Lawn sprinklers. Troy schools. Immediate Occupancy! \$179,900 (54GAT) 524-1600



MAGNIFICENT - 4 bedroom Troy Colonial. 2 1/2 baths. Family room with wood stove. 2 car garage. First floor laundry. Central air. Newer windows throughout. Great gardens. \$257,755 (56BER) 524-1600



EXTREMELY NEAT & CLEAN 4 bedroom brick/aluminum colonial. Family room with natural fireplace and wet bar. Finished basement, neutral decor, C/A, sprinklers. Private backyard. \$219,000 (40STO) 248-652-8000



WING LAKE views and beach frontage lot. Designer contemporary, treed lot, granite, customized cabinetry, vaulted ceilings, finished walkout, air, sprinklers, 2 fireplaces, maple flooring. \$524,900 (74CAR) 652-8000



BRICK RANCH - Aluminum trim and Andersen windows. Step down living room w/fireplace. Formal dining room, finished walkout w/fireplace. Large deck overlooks 4.21 rolling treed acres. Pole barn w/horse stalls. Country living close to city. Home Warranty. \$273,900 (86NEW) 652-8000



FORMER MODEL - Only 2 years old, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, island kitchen, master bedroom w/2 closets and bath, full basement, wooded yard. \$247,900 (29WIL) 652-8000



COUNTRY RANCH nestled on rolling 3.70 acres of wooded property with 2 ponds. Home has many updates in this 3 bedroom brick ranch, including carpet, paint, appliances, windows and more. Home Warranty. \$142,500 (15BEL) 652-8000



4 BEDROOMS 2 1/2 bath Colonial, newer Troy high, deck, sprinkler, 1st floor laundry, newer exterior paint and water heater. \$245,000 (95WES) 248-626-8800



WONDERFUL HOME on secluded treed lot in Colony Park. Custom oak kitchen w/island, family room w/fireplace & built-ins, screened in porch, 2 brick patios, large rooms, large closets, mint condition!! \$299,900 (28OAK) 626-8800



YOU'RE RIGHT! It's that beautiful Cape Cod in Wood Creek Farms! This updated home offers a great room and family room w/vaulted ceilings, finished walkout basement and much more all on a fabulous 1 acre plus lot! An exceptional value at \$329,000 (29WEL) 248-626-8800



STATELY RED BRICK 5 BEDROOM home in desirable Green Valley Estates. Mint condition home w/finished basement. All neutral decor w/French doors. Professionally landscaped. Immediate possession. \$319,900 (37ASP) 248-626-8800



EXECUTIVE HOME in popular Troy sub near Somerset. 3 car garage, 3 1/2 baths, master suite w/jacuzzi and shower, alarm, sprinklers, central air, Troy schools. \$379,000 (08GLE) 652-8000



ROCHESTER HILLS - Large home w/very open floor plan, spacious island kitchen, formal dining room, large family room w/fireplace and wet bar. Finished lower level, C/A and sprinklers. Nice yard w/fruit trees. Close to Oakland University, I-75, M-59 & Chrysler Tech Center. \$234,900 (85PLU) 652-8000



BLOOMFIELD HILLS - Exclusive Bloomfield Hills Estate on over 3.3 acres of professionally manicured grounds. Over 12,000 sq. ft. of luxurious amenities. Very private. \$4,000,000. (00ORC) 642-8100



CONTEMPORARY LAKEFRONT - 4 bedrooms including outstanding master suite w/sitting room overlooking lake in Clarkston! Almost 2800 sq. ft. plus unfinished bonus room area. Attached garage and just 2 miles from I-75. \$429,900 (19NOR) 363-1200



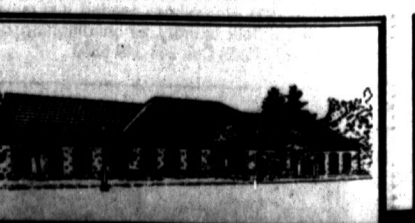
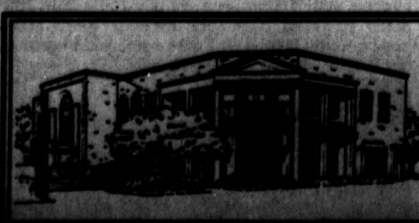
GREAT SYLVAN LAKEFRONT! Fabulous 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath lakeside contemporary. Designed for lakeviews from the inside out. Vaulted ceilings - skylites, custom finished throughout. \$383,900 (20BEE) 363-1200



UNIQUE MOVE-IN CONDITION - Colonial offering 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, Florida room, formal dining, large family room, oak floors, C/A, finished basement, 2+ garage, professionally landscaped, brick patio. \$204,900 (40GLE) 363-1200



PICTURE PERFECT RANCH - Open soft contemporary ranch - Commerce, beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch features great room w/fireplace, central air, 1st floor laundry, super sharp. \$195,900 (13BUS) 363-1200



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EXECUTIVE HOME - 3 fireplaces, soaring family room, study with judges paneling, hardwood floors, dual staircases, immaculate. \$529,000 (15PHE) 652-8000



4 BEDROOM, 4 bath, great room + fireplace + library, finished lower level w/kitchen-bath-office, 2 master suites, Birmingham schools, 1st floor laundry, 2 car attached garage & more. Built 1993, **HARD TO FIND-MUST SEE!** \$499,900 (29OAK) 248-626-8800

Century 21 Country



SPECTACULAR 4 bedroom colonial in preserve sub-popular Aspen 11 model-vaulted ceilings, 2 story foyer and family room, 9 ft. ceilings 1st floor, oak flooring, large open kitchen. Sub. offers sidewalks & pool. \$251,500 (58MTV) 652-8000



DETACHED CONDO on lot backing to woods. Neutral throughout, great room w/cathedral ceiling and 2 sided marble fire-place, sunny kitchen w/cathedral ceiling and nook w/doorwall to deck, family dining room, cozy hearth area, large master suite w/jacuzzi and walk-in closet. Over 2000 sq. ft.! \$249,900 (71FAI) 652-8000



NEW HOUSE UNDER CONSTRUCTION - 1 1/2 story house, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 1st floor laundry, 2 car attached garage, basement, city water and sewer, to be completed 10/97, pick your colors now!! \$154,900 (72KEE) 363-1200



NEW CONSTRUCTION RANCH - Under construction, 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch w/1st floor laundry, island kitchen, walk-in closet, great room w/fireplace. Buy now and pick colors. Estimated completion 3/98 - other models available in this new sub. \$154,900 (19REF) 363-1200



WEST BLOOMFIELD - 4000 sq. ft. Tobocman contemporary in Walnut Lake Hills. Lakeviews. Beach, boating and docking. Great room, den, fabulous kitchen, renovated 2nd floor w/3 of 4 bedrooms. 1st floor guest suite, finished basement. \$569,900 (95WEN) 642-8100



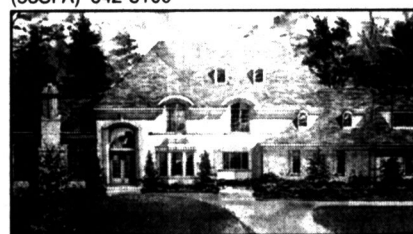
BLOOMFIELD HILLS - 3100 sq. ft. Quad in South Wabek. 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath, living room, family room, 2 fireplaces, redecorated, updated roof, new gas forced air, deck and located on private cul-de-sac. \$359,900 (61LAK) 642-8100



WEST BLOOMFIELD - WOW! Spacious upper Ranch w/open floor plan and views offers 2 bedroom, library, laundry on same floor, and appliances included! Decor is lite and brite. Curved staircase w/2 story foyer. 24 hour guardhouse. Immaculate! \$183,500 (13PEB) 642-8100



WEST BLOOMFIELD - 6000 + sq. ft. Contemporary on Pine Lake. Derosier designed. 5 bedroom, 4 1/2 bath, living room, family room, great room, spectacular master bedroom suite, dream kitchen, large yard, 3 fireplaces, 3 car garage. Bloomfield schools. \$1,790,000 (53SPA) 642-8100



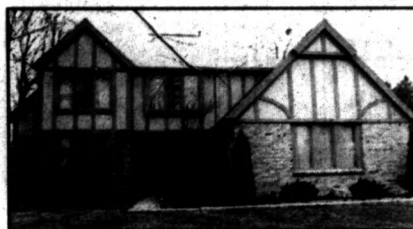
BLOOMFIELD HILLS - Building opportunity! 1.7 acre site to be part of exclusive gated 2 estate compound. Plans available for top-of-the-line 4900 sq. ft. brick residence (pictured above). \$295,000 site cost, approx. \$625,000 building cost for home, or bring your own architect. Please call! (64QUA) 642-8100



TROY - 4 bedroom Colonial with neutral decor. Fresh paint throughout. Many updates. Neutral carpet throughout. Newer windows, furnace, central air. Deck with canopy. Great location. \$164,900 (04ROO) 524-1600



TROY - 4 bedroom Colonial with 3 1/2 baths. Central air. Great room with gas fireplace. First floor laundry. Kitchen appliances included. Extra wide doors. Many more features. \$279,500 (45KNI) 524-1600



SPECTACULAR TUDOR - Located in Troy with 4 bedrooms. 2 1/2 baths. Oak kitchen cabinets. Intercom security system, wet bar and fireplace in great room. One year home warranty! \$289,900 (26 MOU) 524-1600



TROY - 3 bedroom ranch home with central air. Newer vinyl siding, windows, storm doors, paint and carpet. Security system. Large deck. 2 car garage. Immediate occupancy. \$136,900 (95WAT) 524-1600



TROY - 4 bedroom brick ranch with many updates. Refinished counter tops in kitchen. Central air. Newer carpeting. Cedar deck, Malibu lites. Inground pool in fenced private backyard. \$220,000 (70DAY) 524-1600



TROY - Stunning contemporary with soaring ceilings in the great room. Two master bedroom suites with private baths. 35. in all. Professionally finished basement. First floor laundry. Much more! \$203,900 (37FAI) 524-1600



GREAT LOCATION in Meadowbrook Glens, 4 bedroom, 2 bath, finished basement, refinished hardwood floors, newer air conditioning, furnace, hot water heater, carpet, & deck off dining room, open & airy living room with fireplace. Novi Schools. Good condition. \$169,900 (24KNO) (248) 626-8800



COMPLETELY FINISHED. Why buy new when you can buy this home for \$230,000. 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 2 car attached garage. Walled Lake schools, city water & sewer. Must see, won't last long! \$230,000 (21STO) (248) 626-8800



BLOOMFIELD HILLS - Totally renovated 4 bedroom ranch on beautiful lot! Gorgeous kitchen, 1st floor laundry, fireplace, attached garage. Immaculate! \$229,900 (30BER) (248) 626-8800



ALMOST 2 YEARS YOUNG - 1st floor master suite, luxury bath, walkout, lot wooded and much, much more! \$359,900 (40KIN) (248) 626-8800



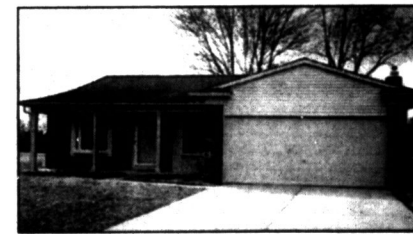
WEST BLOOMFIELD-Charming 2 story colonial, Birmingham Schools. 4 bedrooms, 2.5 bath, living, family & dining room. Bf family room w/fireplace, garage & basement. Newer cabinets & many updates. Master with bath & walk-in closet. Hardwood floors. A must see! \$234,500 (39BLA) (248) 626-8800



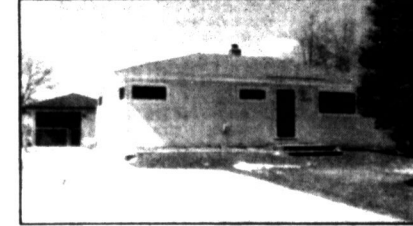
COMMERCE LAKEFRONT 2 bedroom cottage with 70' of frontage. Updated ranch has living room with fireplace, eat-in kitchen with doorwall & room to expand. Move in or tear down! \$154,900 (03VOL) 363-1200



LOCATION-LOCATION! Gorgeous tri-level with Union Lake boat & dock privileges. Lovely yard-large lot. Freshly painted, natural fireplace. \$153,900 (60GLI) 363-1200



PERFECT-SEE IT-BUY IT! Sharp 3 bedroom ranch with master bath. Full basement, garage in popular Waterford Meadows Sub. Hurry-won't last! \$142,900 (74MEA) 363-1200



WEST BLOOMFIELD RANCH 3 bedroom finished walkout basement. 5 acre country setting. Updates galore! New bath, central air, kitchen, finished rec room & 3rd bedroom in basement. Clean & shows beautifully. \$139,900 (52PET) 363-1200



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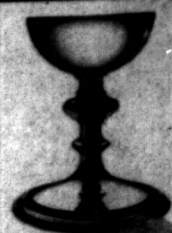


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TROY - BREATHTAKING

- Sharp brick & cedar Contemporary in Beach Forest
- First floor master suite, three fireplaces plus library
- Wrap around deck covers back of the home
- Professionally decorated. Finished walkout!

\$699,000 (248) 646-4024 Ask For: Colleen Hood



A TRUE TEN

- Brick site condo on gorgeous wooded lot in Orchard Lake with gourmet kitchen
- Elegant, neutral decor; lots of marble, ceramic floors
- Fabulous master suite, great room & library

\$533,900 (248) 646-6000 RU460



TROY - MERIHILL ACRES

- Make yourself at home in this 4 bedroom Colonial
- Oak kitchen with hardwood floor, fire-lit family room
- Library/study, 1st floor laundry, separate dining
- Cul-de-sac lot with brick paver patio. 3 car garage

\$440,000 (248) 646-4024 Ask For: Colleen Hood



ROCHESTER - QUALITY HOME

- The "Mt. Vernon" model home! Traditional design with 9 ft. first floor ceilings and leaded glass vestibule entry
- Three fireplaces, island kitchen, gorgeous moldings
- Finished lower level with full bath. Prestigious area!

\$439,900 (248) 656-4400 ST170



BLOOMFIELD - TASTEFUL TUDOR

- Make yourself at home in this four bedroom Tudor
- Enjoy the firelit great room with beamed, cathedral ceilings and first floor master suite with whirlpool tub
- Discover the light & bright neutral decor and much more

\$322,500 (248) 646-6000 OA101



FARMINGTON HILLS - GORGEOUS SURROUNDINGS

- This four bedroom brick and wood two story home is located on a premium woodland preserve lot
- Hardwood flooring, split foyer, island kitchen
- Two-way fireplace between library & den, private master

\$309,900 (248) 626-9100 GL379



ROCHESTER HILLS

- Charming Tudor with landscaped courtyard and deck
- Spacious rooms, firelit family room, large dining room
- High ceilings, wet bar, bay and bow windows
- Master suite with extra deep closet

\$291,500 (248) 851-4400 SA310



TROY - FIRST FLOOR MASTER

- Best buy in the area! 4 bedroom, 2.5 baths, library
- Sparkling home has warmth, charm & elegance
- New carpeting, kitchen flooring, freshly painted
- Full basement, sprinklers, alarm, treed lot, 2.5 car garage

\$279,900 (248) 689-8900 TI467



ROCHESTER - BRING THE FAMILY

- This is a true family home in a beautiful neighborhood
- Hardwood floors in all 4 bedrooms, many updates
- Enjoy your private yard with 3 year old pool and screened porch. Walking distance to town

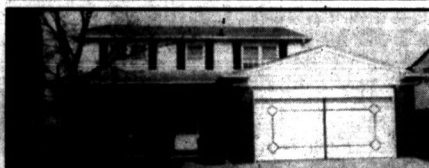
\$250,000 (248) 651-8850 GR104 818582



LIVONIA

- Builder's model ranch features open floor plan
- Great room and dining room with vaulted ceilings
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Home shows open your eyes



JOE GAGNON

I have just spent four wonderful days sitting at the radio booth at the Home Improvement Show.

This is the last of the spring time shows which help consumers make decisions about what will be done around their home this year. My involvement with the past three shows was an eye-opener for consumers who stood around and watched the live broadcast of the Appliance Doctor.

To the thousands of people I met, I would like to thank all of you for the kind words and the questions you asked. In my quest for knowledge about major appliances, you provided much information that I can use now and in the future. Later this month I will be attending a convention in Chicago where every appliance manufacturer will be present, and you can be sure that I will pass on many of your comment.

The most increasing complaint I heard about was the expense and short life of touch pad controls on appliances. One consumer told me of the service man who spent three hours calling to find a replacement board for his expensive range. This part was the last one in captivity and because of this fact, the cost went up three fold. I have heard the rumor that the old-fashioned timers may be coming back to appliances and I'll prove that to be true or false with my visit to Chicago.

Another big problem seems to be the washing machine which vibrates all over the laundry room floor. With the high speed spin cycle on washers today, I still continue to stay what I have for years, "The only place for a washer is a cement floor."

In the past two weeks I have spent two days on the road with my oldest son Shawn doing service calls on appliances. One of the calls was on a dishwasher which was just over a year old. I want to tell you that this dishwasher was the cheapest, biggest piece of junk I've ever seen. The whole problem was caused by not scraping the food etc. off the dishes and the poor consumer believing that this thing was a disposer as well as a dishwasher.

Two of the service calls were to

■ The most increasing complaint I heard about was the expense and short life of touch pad controls on appliances.

inspect clothes dryers which had caught fire. Both had plastic vent lines which were clogged with lint. A refrigerator 12 years old had a dirty condenser that the homeowner had never cleaned. It's amazing folks, the number of service calls which could be prevented with a little maintenance. In most of these service calls I went on, the consumer does not listen to the radio show or read the newspaper. The many people who asked me dryer questions at the home shows are still using plastic vent lines and they as well read or listen to the Appliance Doctor. There is a message here, and I just don't know how to reach everybody when I feel it's so necessary. I NEED YOUR HELP.

I don't need ratings, the show is more than successful. This newspaper column is doing quite well. I need your help in telling people about what you hear and read. I want you to open the window and scream your head off, "Listen to the Appliance Doctor, and read his column - he's trying to save your money and your life!"

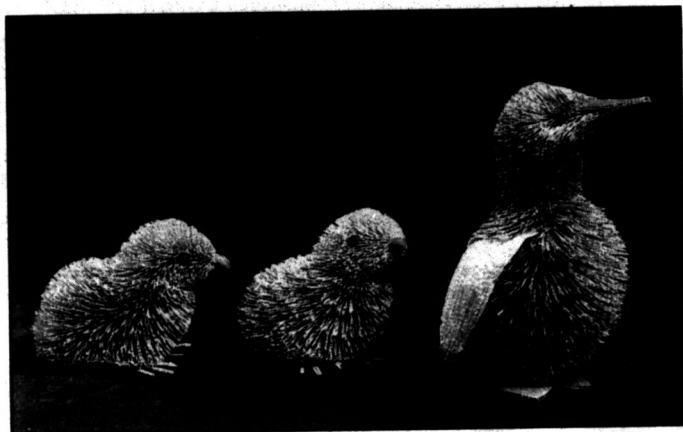
I saw this sort of scene in a movie once and it worked.

The home shows and appearances that I do every year teach me the importance of making contact with homeowners. I know that I help a lot of people, the that's not good enough for me. I want every person in the whole wide world to know that major appliances need care and attention. If not, they become expensive to repair, expensive to purchase and can be dangerous to operate. I hope to see you before next year's home improvement shows. Meanwhile, stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon, the Appliance Doctor, will answer your questions about maintaining and repairing large appliances. Gagnon is president of Carmack Appliances in Garden City and does a weekly radio program on WJR-AM. He is author of "First Aid from the Appliance Doctor," available at area bookstores. He can be reached at 313-873-9789.

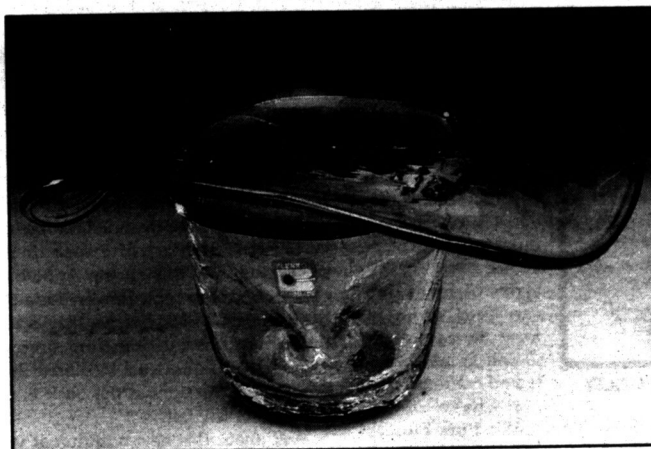


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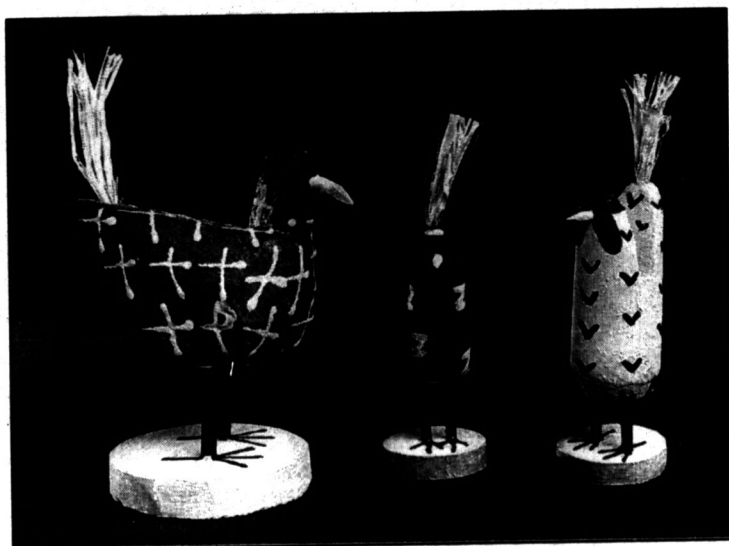
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Hats off!

Here's the topper: Place your flower arrangements in this handblown, artistic hat vase from Blenko. This lime crystal vase can be turned over and used as a centerpiece on a kitchen table. It is offered in a variety of colors for \$44.97 at Wells Freight & Cargo in Birmingham. Call (248) 642-4642.



Chic chickens

Yolk art: Well, they're no spring chickens - wait a minute, yes they are! These delightful spring chickens were hand-carved, then painted in bright colors. Displayed on a wooden circular base with wood shavings for tail feathers, each piece of chicken folk art has a personality as distinct as the American Indian artist who created it. The small, medium and large chicken folk art pieces retail for \$5, \$6.50 and \$16 respectively at Native West, 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. Call (734) 455-8838.



Easter parade

Spring setting: This Easter-themed pottery is ideal for the young and young at heart. Plates and mugs are available, with each piece featuring one of four springtime critters: a lamb, chick, duck or bunny. The mug retails for \$5.95, and the plates for \$6.95 each at Gabriela's, 322 S. Main in Plymouth. Call (734) 455-8884.

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garden spot

Roses rise to meet any situation



MARTY FIGLEY

Roses are the favorite flower in the United States, and I suppose over much of the world. There are many types of roses one can find to meet most any garden situation to add beauty and excitement.

I have been growing the spectacular Pink Flower Carpet roses for several years and am pleased with the prolific blooms and ease of care. The deep pink color is an eye-catcher in my garden. Low growing, they're just right growing beside our low deck. I haven't sprayed them at all and have only pruned them as needed to keep them in shape.

These roses only need water, fertilizer and a good cutback in late winter or early spring to keep them healthy and growing prolifically.

The Flower Carpet Ground Cover roses will do OK in semi-shade; four to five hours per day as opposed to more sun generally recommended for roses.

There is also a white rose in this series and new this spring Appleblossom, with deep pink flower buds that open to pastel pink flowers that lighten in hue with maturity during summer. This creates an unusual bicolored flowering effect throughout the bush that is noticed in early fall.

Ask about this new addition at your favorite nursery; it's the rose in the pink pot. To find the closest retail source, call (800) 580-5930.

Of course many people still love and spend much time tending to their grandifloras, hybrid teas, floribundas, miniatures, etc. I applaud this dedication, but at this time in my life I just don't have the time to give proper attention to roses that require much care.

Jan. 1 of this year I told you about the All-America Rose Selections winners. I



MARTY FIGLEY

Subject is roses: *This rose garden is a beauty. Lavender is used as a ground cover.*

hope many of you plan to use these beauties in your garden when warm

weather arrives. Our local nurseries should be "bursting at the seams" with all manner of roses this spring.

It is amazing what inexperienced gardeners do to new rose bushes. In that regard, and to eliminate possible mistakes, the AARS, a non-profit organization of rose growers and producers, has some suggestions about how to best care for the rose bush you plant. They are:

■ Roses need at least five or six hours of direct sun each day.

■ Good air movement is essential, but too much wind can damage foliage.

■ Water is essential to roses, but poor drainage can be fatal. Improve drainage with tilling or raised beds, if necessary.

■ Don't plant too close to large trees or shrubs that will compete for light, water and nutrients.

■ Always plant roses root side down, thorny side up. (Yes, roots up did happen! - Marty.)

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Make time for lectures at Birmingham Antiques Festival

If antique clocks have your interest, it's about time in a special way to learn more.

One of the scheduled lectures in this year's Birmingham Antiques Festival is "American and English Clocks," taking place 11 a.m. Sunday, April 26, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham. Ron Lotz of St. Louis, Mo., will be the speaker.

Tickets are \$15 per lecture, including general admission; coffee and bagels provided. Other topics are "Victorian Majolica: A Passionate Pursuit, Then and Now" by Linda Ketterling of Tole-

do, 9 a.m. Friday, April 24; "Alfred Beau: Quimper's Most Gifted Artist in 300 Years" by Blake Kemper of Shaker Heights, Ohio, 9 a.m. Saturday, April 25; and "Delft Tiles" by Evan Sommerfeld of Madison, Ind., 2 p.m. Saturday, April 25.

A grandfather's clock from around 1920 is on display at Knightsbridge Antiques, 42305 W. Seven Mile in Northville. The clock, appraised at \$5,000, will be one of the items featured on Channel 56's 30th Annual Auction Sunday, May 3. It is made of fumed oak and is dark in color.

Antiques show hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. April 24, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 25 and noon to 5 p.m. April 26.

Dealers from around the country will feature English and American formal and country furniture, silver, porcelain, paintings, prints, Quimper, Staffordshire, jewelry, pewter, clocks, wicker, linens, brass and accessories, among other items.

Admission is \$7 at the door. Call (248) 644-5832 for information on festival events.

This year's Birmingham Antiques Festival, the eighth annual, will kick off

with an exhibit of antique table settings Monday, April 20.

It will feature more than 20 area interior designers and antiques dealers who will create unusual table settings throughout The Community House, each with a special theme. Tickets can be bought in advance or at the door for \$20.

A preview, with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, will take place 6-9 p.m. Thursday, April 23. Tickets are \$125 and \$75.

A casual party, "Absolute Antiques," is scheduled 6-10 p.m. April 25. Tickets are \$25.

Figley from page 4

■ Remove plastic pots before planting.

If you are on the Internet you can go to <http://www.rose.org> for rose information from the AARS.

Siting roses is sometimes a challenge, but a good friend of mine had an area off her deck that presented a perfect place for a rose garden. It is a lavender/rose garden.

Fifty-six lavenders, *Lavendula "Munstead,"* were used for a ground cover

and the roses were systematically planted to create a pleasing design.

The 23 roses include old-fashioned fragrant ones, many David Austins and hybrid teas.

A path of white irregular flat stones dissects the garden and leads to a white birdbath. A winner!

It was a surprise to me to learn that many roses for the cut-flower trade are grown here in Michigan, according to Betty Haran, executive director of the

Allied Florists Association of Metropolitan Detroit.

In Macomb County alone, 13 acres of farmland are covered by glass year-round to grow roses.

Haran gives the following reasons for using Michigan-grown roses: They have a longer vase life; are delivered in water directly to wholesalers, vs. South and Central American roses, shipped dry. Roses are individually harvested and placed in cloth-carrying bundles to pre-

vent petal and leaf damage. Michigan greenhouses are lit 24 hours a day before major holidays to satisfy light requirements. So, ask your florist for Michigan-grown roses.

Marty Figley is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. You can leave her a message by dialing (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then her mailbox number, 1859. Her fax number is (248) 644-1314.



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Learn to 'read' photographs



MONTÉ NAGLER

Did you know that one of the best ways to improve your photography is by closely looking at the photographs of others?

Whether it's browsing through a gallery or leisurely thumbing through a good photography book, many benefits can be yours by a good, hard, critical look and analysis of the photographs.

It doesn't matter if you prefer landscapes, street scenes, abstracts, people pictures, color or black and white. The important thing is to start looking at pictures and to begin to understand not only what the photographer is trying to communicate but, more importantly, how he or she is doing it and what the picture is doing to you.

By tuning into your own emotions and asking yourself some important

questions as you "read" a photograph, you'll gain insight and technical skills that will certainly help you in making your own photographs.

Begin by asking what the subject or main theme of the photograph is. Does it move you and how do you respond to it? How do you suppose the photographer felt about it?

Study the lighting. Is it harsh or soft? What direction is it coming from and what time of day do you think it was? Ask yourself what might happen to the picture if the lighting were different.

What camera position was used - near or far, low angle or high? Why do you think the photographer used a particular camera position and what does it do for the picture? How might another camera location affect the photograph?

What lens do you think was used and why? Was it a wide angle, normal or perhaps a telephoto?

As you know, a lens' focal length and aperture greatly affect depth-of-field. Is there a lot of depth-of-field or little in



Read on: There's a lot to "read" in this Monte Nagler photograph and many questions you can ask yourself about it. Study it closely and see what answers you can come up with. This photograph is of McWay Falls, south of Carmel, Calif., unusual because it empties directly into the Pacific Ocean.

the picture? How would a change in depth-of-field alter the final image?

What about shutter speed - slow or fast? Is the subject blurred in motion or caught at the peak of the action? Look for use of filters or any other special effects, too.

Of course, you should study the composition carefully. How are the elements of the picture arranged and does it all make sense to you?

Is the photograph telling a story? If so, tune into your feelings of it. Try to interpret what the photographer is trying to say and what your responses are.

Monte Nagler is a fine art photographer based in Farmington Hills. You can leave him a message by dialing (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then his mailbox number, 1873. His fax number is (248) 644-1314.

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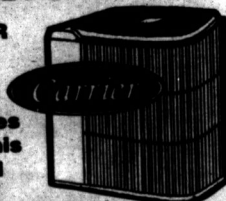
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If you, like many, had resolved to save more earnestly and to develop a money-saving income tax strategy by completing your home improvement in 1997, you can still make good on those promises.

By completing your home improvement project now, you can also greatly increase the value of your single most important investment — your home — and consolidate other payments to reduce your total monthly obligations.

How does all of this help you to save money on your 1997 income taxes? Great question. Interest that you pay on monthly revolving credit cards isn't tax deductible, nor is the interest you pay on installment loans tax deductible. But you may be able to deduct all of the interest from a home improvement loan. So basically, you get one loan that allows you to complete your remodeling project and to pay off your outstanding revolving and installment debt.

Taking this one step further, if you



have the same credit cards most people have, your interest rate is probably around 14 percent. So if the outstanding balances of all of your credit cards equal \$5,000, the annual interest you pay is approximately \$700. Mind you, \$700 that cannot be deducted from your income taxes.

Now, before you begin to feel overly confident because you have a lower paying bank card, take a look at what you are paying on your gasoline cards, department store cards and any other retail cards. If you average these cards together I believe that your confidence level may diminish.

To compound the situation, most credit card companies apply your payment first to any outstanding fees, then toward interest and finally toward the principle. But wait, you have to add on

the interest that you are paying on your car note. Consolidating that debt with your home improvement loan looking better, well, read on.

If you are disgruntled with the return you are getting on your investments, an improvement to your home will provide a solid return.

Examples (source: Remodeling): A new family room provides an average rate of return of 83 percent; a major kitchen overhaul has an average rate of return of 85 percent; a two-story wing, 85 percent; an extra bathroom, 89 percent; and the average rate of return for a minor kitchen makeover is a whopping 98 percent! Not bad when you consider the 2 to 6 percent paid on most savings accounts.

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"How?" you ask in amazement. Apply your monthly savings to the principle of your first mortgage; reduce total principle, reduce the interest payment and reduce the term.

Obviously the monthly savings will vary by individual, but a home improvement loan can unlock the door to your new addition and a whole lot more.

For more information on how you can afford your home improvement and to see how this could benefit your individual income tax situation, call me at Equitrust Mortgage Corporation at (800) 686-3788, Ext. 119.

Cynthia Carr, Equitrust Mortgage Corporation.

If you have home improvement questions, call the National Association of the Remodeling Industry at (517) 484-0039, or write NARI at 1026 N. Washington, Lansing 48906-4839.

Clarification

Part of the last paragraph of an article about potted plants in the March 26 At Home was inadvertently eliminated.

The paragraph should have read:

If you include compost or garden soil in your potting mix, you may have to pasteurize it to eliminate pests. Fill a

baking pan with potting soil, bury a potato in it, and bake in a medium hot oven. When the potato is baked, the soil is ready. Pasteurization isn't necessary if you use healthy garden soil, and compost that has decomposed sufficiently to eliminate pests.

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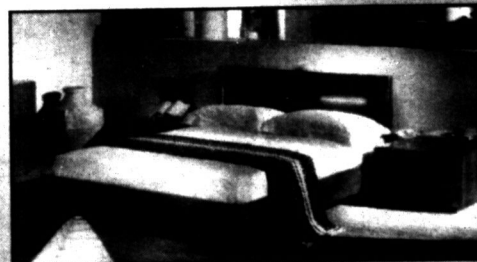


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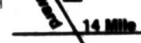
▲ "Ribalta" Slip covered sofa. Finally, the head rest becomes a part of the home. Up-or-down, everyone is comfortable on this sofa.



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Modern art: Expo has Cranbrook connection

What's in a name? If the names are Saarinen, Art Deco and modernism, design dynamics is one of the answers. And these names come together in a special way in the fifth annual Michigan Modernism Exposition, taking place Saturday-Sunday, April 25-26, at the Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen.

This year the Detroit Area Art Deco Society has joined with the Cranbrook Art Museum to highlight the work of renowned architect and designer Eiel Saarinen and textile designer Lela Saarinen during their residency at Cranbrook. Reproduction prototypes of objects and furniture from Saarinen House in Bloomfield Hills will be displayed in a booth at the exposition.

Eiel Saarinen was Cranbrook's resident architect 1925-50 and the first president of the art academy, 1932-46. The Saarinens designed the house and its furnishings and lived there.

"He was a key player (in modernism)," said Gregory Wittkopp, director of the Cranbrook Academy of Art Museum.

This is a special opportunity to see the Saarinen style. Viewers will be able to contact the reproduction company, Phipps and Sons of Lexington, Mich., to order reproductions.

The six featured objects are a dining room chair; a blue chair in Egyptian revival style with streamlined, geometric lines; a silver coffee and tea service with sphere-shaped pieces and round tray; a bronze torchiere patinated in dark green; a Kingswood School chair with tubular steel and upholstered seat; and one of the living room armchairs built by Tor Berglund, a cabinetmaker to the Swedish royal family who came to Cranbrook just to construct the armchairs, returning to Sweden afterward.

Eiel Saarinen designed the blue chair for his wife's studio and the other items for Saarinen House. The Kingswood chair was designed by Eero Saarinen.

DAADS will have exclusive sponsorship of the 1998 Saarinen House tour season, and is helping fund a reproduction of the Saarinen House living room rug so the original may be preserved.

"It's an interesting collaboration," Wittkopp said.

"I'm very excited about this participa-

tion with DAADS. It's unique in that this is an instance where DAADS is a non-profit organization and they are partners with another non-profit organization (Cranbrook) raising money to help support it."

Saarinen connection

The Saarinen name has distinctive connections to modernism.

Modernism design is free of ornamentation. Examples of modernism pieces are bleached wood coffee tables, black and chrome tables and lamps, trumpet lamps and tubular aluminum furniture. Among modernism designers are Frank Lloyd Wright, Louis Comfort Tiffany, Salvador Dali, Gustav Stickley, Herman Miller and Heywood Wakefield.

"I think Saarinen had a very long career that spans through many styles and periods," said Wittkopp, who researched and directed the Saarinen House restoration from 1988 through 1994, when it was made into a museum.

Rebelling against the dehumanization of the worker by the machine, English reformists William Morris and John Ruskin founded workshops and guilds at the end of the 19th century to elevate the status of the worker and the work. Stickley introduced these ideas, the principles of the Arts and Crafts movement, in the United States.

In his native Finland, Saarinen helped define the movement, creating his own styles as well as furthering work by such Arts and Crafts designers as Charles Rennie Mackintosh.

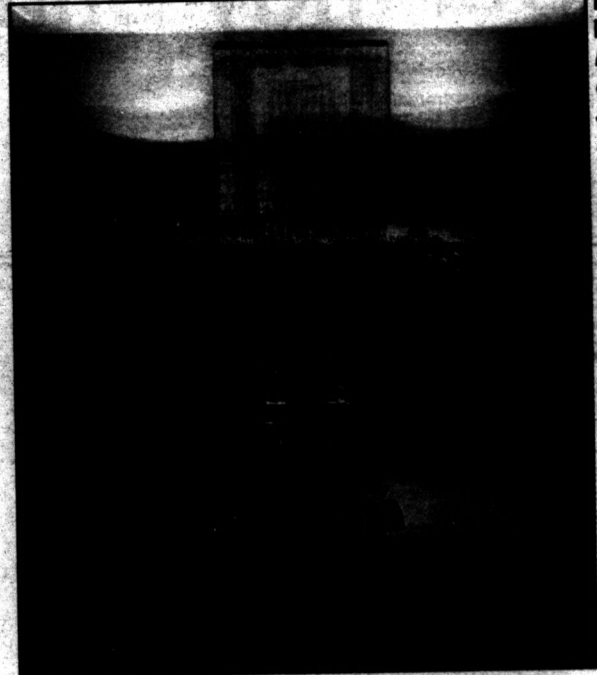
In France, the movement was more fanciful and called Art Nouveau. Tiffany brought Art Nouveau style to America. Branches of Art Nouveau in Europe were known as Jugendstil ("new style") and the Vienna Sezession.

After World War I, the Society of Artist Decorators in France promoted decorators through regular shows. "Les Exposition des Arts Decoratif et Industriels" in 1925 was so effective a showcase for French designers that "les arts deco," Art Deco, became the popular abbreviation for the style.

American designers returned from the 1925 exposition with a mandate: for the United States to attain the standards of style leaders Germany and France. This accomplishment was to be unveiled in a 1929 exposition.

Saarinen had been in the United States for less than five years when he was given the responsibility of not only designing a dining room for the show, but the entire exposition as well. He was working at Cranbrook with founder George Booth, a leading Arts and Crafts proponent.

Economic necessities of the Great Depression resulted in the Moderne movement, featuring tubular steel and glass, and advances in transportation resulted in the Streamline movement, with objects fashioned to resemble trains, planes and autos.



Modern living: The living room of the Saarinen House has this striking fireplace framed by two torchères. The fireplace irons are in the shape of peacocks.

Eero Saarinen and Charles Eames were young architects at the Cranbrook Academy of Art when they won top honors in a home furnishings competition at the Museum of Modern Art in New York in 1940. Their designs set the tone for style in the next two decades.

Rooms in Saarinen House, which opened in 1930, show a variety of styles: Vienna Sezession in some areas, Art Deco in the dining room, Moderne in the master bedroom.

Times to note

DAADS will have a preview party with hors d'oeuvres, wine and full bar and entertainment 7-10 p.m. Friday, April 24, at the Southfield Civic Center. Admission is \$60 in advance; call (248) 547-5716 for preview party ticket information. Tickets are available at the David Klein Gallery in Birmingham (call (248) 433-3700), Deco Doug in Royal Oak (call (248) 547-3330), Modernage in Pontiac (call (248) 745-0999), Knightsbridge Antique Mall in Northville (call (248) 344-7200) and Carol Grant Decorative Arts in Royal Oak (call (248) 398-1411).

Eighty prominent modernism merchants from across the country will show and sell at the Southfield exposition, the only one of its kind in Michigan.

Hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. April 25 and noon to 5 p.m. April 26. Admission is \$8 regular, \$7 with any ads or listings of the event, free for age 12 or under. One paid admission is good for both days of the show. Preview the event at M&M Enterprises' web site, www.antiquet.com/M&M.

"The 20th century (pieces) have really become more popular in the last couple of years," said Brian McKenzie, owner of Knightsbridge Antiques, 42305 W. Seven Mile. "It used to be antiques were over 100 years old."

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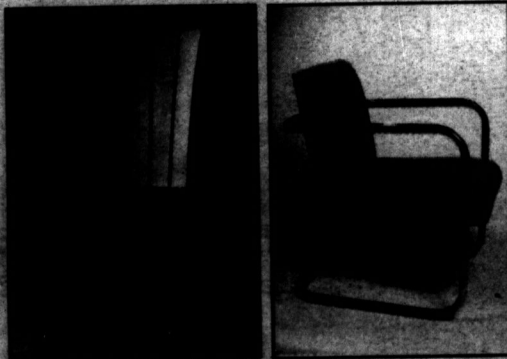
The dining room of the Saarinen House, built with a round motif and crowned with a silver light fixture.

Saarinen House blooms for special weekend

The weekend of this year's Michigan Modernism Exposition is special in other ways related to Cranbrook. Architecture and nature will come together in "A Saarinen Spring," a floral event at Saarinen House at the Cranbrook Art Museum in Bloomfield Hills 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days of the show, Saturday-Sunday, April 25-26.

Members of the Cranbrook House and Gardens Auxiliary, known for their award-winning displays, will create unusual floral arrangements for specific locations throughout the structure. Each arrangement will have a dialogue with the architecture in the house, including the dining room, living room, book room, studio spaces and master bedroom and bathroom. Docents will offer mini tours and historic explanations of the house museum. Especially for this weekend, the adjacent Miles House, also designed by Eiel Saarinen, will be open for viewing and feature an unusual art installation by Cranbrook Academy graduate Manuel Baez.

Tickets for A Saarinen Spring, available at Cranbrook Art Museum, 1221 N. Woodward, are \$7 for adults and \$5 for seniors and full-time students. Tickets include admission to the museum and Miles House. Proceeds from the event benefit the Saarinen House and the fund-raising activities of the Cranbrook House and Garden Auxiliary. Call (248) 645-3323 for information.



Have a seat: Above, left, is a Saarinen dining room chair and, right, a Kingswood School tubular steel and upholstered chair.

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Elegant Endings for Easter dinner



RUTH MOSSOK JOHNSTON

With Easter dinner approaching — menus are being set, table settings are being formulated, eggs (of all kinds) are being colored and stashed for the finding, centerpieces are being designed, and desserts are definitely being discussed

... perhaps ordered, or even, partially made.

Elegant Easter Endings seem to be the debate of the meal. If you are Jacques Torres (famous Pastry Chef of Le Cirque 2000 in New York and host of PBS Dessert Circus) wannabe this may be an easy task — not everyone has the talent, culinary education, or the time — some of you will be happy to find a delicious dessert at your local bakery or grocery store — some of you will venture out to find some really special desserts.

Legendary pastry chef Jacques Torres of Le Cirque 2000 (in New York City) is known for his quivering soufflés, crunchy/creamy Napoleons and light-as-air bomboloni (the ultimate hand-made doughnut) but has also written a brand new book "Dessert Circus: Extraordinary Desserts You Can Make at Home," along with Christina Wright and Kris Kruid, (published by William Morrow & Company, Inc., 1998, \$28 hardcover). This is the perfect cook's companion for special sweet endings.

Try his Roasted Pineapple recipe for Easter.

ROASTED PINEAPPLE

Yield: 8-10 servings

1 large pineapple (sweet, ripe pineapple with no bruises, or spots — one with top leaves that will come out easily when tugged and that has a real strong pineapple aroma)

1 cup vanilla sugar (see below)
5 vanilla beans

Ice Cream of your choice (homemade or prepared)

Directions:

To make vanilla sugar — place any cleaned, used vanilla beans on a baking sheet — and set aside until dry. Any amount of granulated sugar will do. With less sugar, the vanilla flavor will be stronger. Mix one vanilla bean with about 2 cup of sugar. When the beans are dry, place them in a food processor with the sugar and process on high speed until the vanilla and sugar appear to have the same texture, about 1 minute. pass the mixture through a fine-mesh sieve to remove any large pieces.

If you don't have a food processor, place the dried vanilla beans in some granulated sugar and store in an airtight container. Vanilla sugar will keep indefinitely if stored in an airtight container at room temperature.

Fill a nonreactive 6-quart heavy-bottomed saucepan with water and bring to a boil. While the water is heating, peel the pineapple (save the top for garnish,

if desired)

Torres technique — Use a serrated knife and cut off 3/4 inch from the top and bottom of the pineapple. Stand the pineapple upright on a cutting board and place the blade of the knife at a 45-degree angle, cut along the natural curve of the pineapple from top to bottom, slicing off the skin. Repeat this procedure, moving around the pineapple, until all of the skin is removed. Remove as many of the eyes as possible. You want the pineapple to look as clean and neat as possible since it will be presented whole. Roll the peeled pineapple in the vanilla sugar until it is well coated. Stand the pineapple on end and use the handle of a wooden spoon to pierce ten holes horizontally through the pineapple, making sure they are evenly spaced from top to bottom. The core of the pineapple is too hard to pierce, so poke holes just off center.

Use a sharp knife to slice the vanilla beans in half lengthwise. Insert one vanilla bean half into each hole in the pineapple. The final presentation will look nicer if you push the vanilla bean all the way through the pineapple so both ends are visible. Completely and thoroughly wrap the pineapple in five or six layer of plastic wrap. You want to make sure that no water can penetrate the plastic wrap. You can also use a zippered-top plastic bag, but be sure to remove all of the air from the bag before sealing it. Place the wrapped pineapple in the now-boiling water. Reduce the heat to low and allow the pineapple to simmer until it becomes slightly translucent and the color has darkened, about 1

hour. Do not let water return to a boil.

• About 10 minutes before the pineapple is ready, preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.

When the pineapple is ready, remove it from the saucepan. Hold the pineapple over an ovenproof nonreactive 4-quart saucepan and remove the plastic wrap, allowing any juice to drip into the pan. Be careful, it is very hot! Place the pineapple in the saucepan and bake until soft and slightly brown, 40 to 45 minutes. Baste it with its own juices every 5 to 10 minutes; this will help keep the pineapple moist.

Remove the saucepan from the oven. Place the roasted pineapple on a platter (reattach the top with wooden skewers). Serve while the pineapple is still hot — with ice cream or sorbet.

Ruth's Elegant Easter Ending Tips:

■ Make a pastel parfait — use ice cream, yogurt, sorbet or granita (all pastel in color) — layer with chocolate, whipped cream, caramel, or mousse and fresh fruits.

■ Transform a plain frosted layer cake to something decorative for the Easter holiday — decorate with sugared designs (found at cake shops and kitchen stores), jelly beans or small chocolates.

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Planning for a small vegetable garden

BY LEE REICH
The Associated Press

Even if you do not consider yourself much of a food gardener, consider growing a small plot of vegetables. A plot of a few square feet might just win you over to the enjoyment of biting into home-grown, juicy tomatoes, crisp lettuce, or supersweet corn. Here's a simple plan for a small garden that requires almost no time:

The garden needs sun, the more the better. And the closer the garden is to the back door, the more you will be drawn to it, whether to dash out to pick a few leaves of lettuce or to pull a wayward weed. Make the garden small, say 10 feet by 10 feet.

Soil preparation takes only a few minutes. First give the ground a light

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sprinkling of fertilizer and lime. Next, blanket the area with a five-sheet thickness of newspaper (black and white pages only) to smother weeds before rotting away. Finally, spread a 4-inch layer of leaves, wood chips, or compost to hide and keep the newspaper in place, and provide root run. That is it, you are finished with soil preparation.

Plant directly in the layer above the newspaper. If you need some soil — for

small seeds, for example — make a bed of potting soil right where you plant, then cover the seeds. Besides planting and harvest, your only other job will be to water once a week for an hour.

The planting plan is very simple: Divide the garden into four quadrants. Start the season in early spring with dwarf peas and lettuce in one of the southern quadrants. Plant peas and lettuce early because both enjoy cool weather. Sow the peas in rows 4-inches wide, scattering the seeds about an inch apart down and across the row.

The next wave of planting takes place after warm weather has settled. Buy tomato transplants and set them in one of the northern quadrants, with plants 2 and 3 feet apart, depending on whether you stake them or allow them to sprawl.

Plant corn and cucumber seeds at the

same time as tomato transplants. Corn grows tall, so give it the other northern quadrant. Plant groups of three seeds together, with groups spaced 1 foot apart each way. Cucumbers, preferably bushy varieties like Spacemaster and Bush Champion, get the final, southern quadrant.

Group six seeds in the center of the section. Once corn and cucumber seedlings are up and growing vigorously, carefully thin excess plants so each corn group has only one plant and each cucumber group has three plants.

Make your final planting in midsummer. Where? Pull out the peas and lettuce, and plant bush beans in their place. Although this garden will produce a limited amount of vegetables with a minimum amount of work, success may tempt you to expand next year.

Rustic furniture grows from twigs

L.J. Hawkins cultivates a beautiful and unusual branch of artistry from twigs.

The Livonia native makes mosaic twig furniture - rustic pieces bearing colorful, intricate designs and fitting in all kinds of settings, from cabins to city apartments.

The patterns are like wooden kaleidoscope combinations, with twigs in meticulous geometric arrangements. Hawkins finds, trims and nails the twigs, leaving them their natural color. Drawer pulls and legs may be of thicker sticks.

"It's a very enjoyable thing to do," Hawkins said.

"I've never had any formal training... When people try to explain the symmetry of my work I'm going like, 'OK.'"

Now living and working in Roscommon, Hawkins builds 50 different designs of furniture including beds, armoires, entertainment centers, grandfather and other clocks, desks, chests and sideboards. The largest item he has made so far was a sideboard measuring eight feet wide and six feet tall; the smallest, a variety of boxes.

Hawkins has been building the furniture since 1994. In that time he has made furnishings for the St. Regis executive suite at the Lake Placid Lodge in New York, The Quiet Moose in Petoskey and Toad Hall in New York, among other locations. He is designing the renovated Colden Cottage at Lake Placid next month.

His clients include "Renaissance Man" author Jim Bernstein of Plymouth, the niece of former Michigan governor George Romney and sportscaster Jim Price. Susan Sarandon and Tim Robbins stayed in a room Hawkins furnished in New York and asked for his number.

Hawkins has been featured on Home and Garden TV and "Michigan Magazine" on public TV, and in Colonial Homes and Log Home Living magazines. He will be filmed for an international TV program in January. Hawkins wrote a book, "How To Make Mosaic Twig Furniture," and is working on another.

Hawkins became interested in the art form visiting the Adirondacks. His girlfriend at that time wanted him to build a chest using that style.

"I started playing with it, and made a couple of chairs."

Hawkins researched the subject and continued working at it even while he had a 58-hour-a-week job as a grinder in a steel factory. After his furniture was carried - and sold - at Michigan Design Center in Troy and Gallery: FunctionArt in Pontiac, he decided to make the mosaic twig furniture full time.

"There are three people in the country that do this." (The other two are in the Adirondacks.)

Mosaic twig furniture came from Europe in the 1600s. Ernest Stowe, working around 1910, was one of its top craftsmen. The style was prized by GM magnate William Durant and others who built camps in New York.

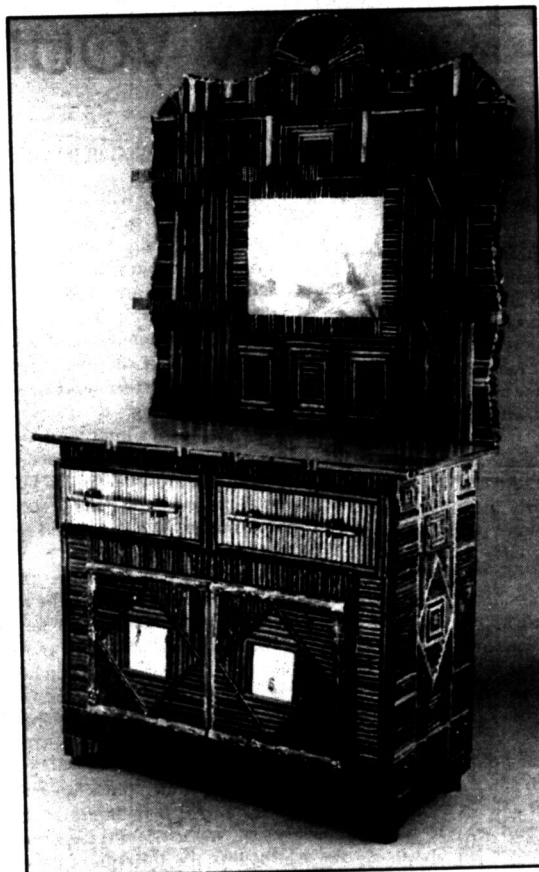
Hawkins may spend more than 100 work hours on a piece, not including finding the twigs. He will work with a client for custom pieces. His furniture has been placed alongside English antiques; he made a hall tree with antlers for an apartment in New York.

"Everybody's different. No matter the location, everyone has their own way of doing things."

The furnishings are durable. They may be cleaned with a blower, a feather duster or wood care products such as Pledge. The pieces range in price from \$250 for a box to \$6,000 for a bed.

Hawkins, who lives and works on the farm his family has owned for four generations, uses a variety of wood, including maple and dogwood. He still makes trips to southern Michigan to find twigs.

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Specialized branch: L.J. Hawkins makes a variety of mosaic twig furniture. He is one of three people in the country skilled in the art form.

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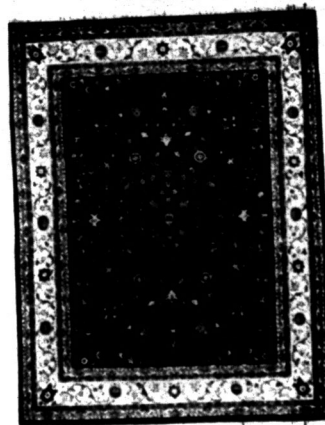


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How to grow your cactuses indoors

BY JAMES E. WALTERS
The Associated Press

To grow cactuses successfully indoors, select globular types such as the mammillarias, golden barrels, pin cushions and echinopsis. Avoid the columnar types such as saguaros and cereus, which require too much light.

While the globular types also need good light, they don't require as much. So they will adapt, grow and flower in a south-facing window where the larger types will at best exist.

Many of the smaller-growing cactus can be purchased in 2-inch pots for a few dollars, particularly in the Southwest. Move them to larger pots as they grow. They are pretty easy to care for and a lot of fun.

The larger cactuses also may be available in tiny pots but soon become unattractive and gangly indoors.

For a differing reason, avoid the bunny ears (*opuntia microdasys*). They have very irritating spines if touched. Most indoor growers will be most happy with cactus that flourish in no larger than a 6- to 8-inch pot.

If a collection is for sale in a small container, that's a good way to go. Designers of those arrangements usual-

ly have a nice eye. Expect to transplant eventually.

Flowers are possible within a year or so and some plants may be sold in bloom. Flowers last only a few days. If your plants flower periodically, your indoor light conditions are correct.

After proper selection, the trick to growing cactuses is watering and good drainage. Strange as it sounds, experts say more cactus are lost from underwatering than overwatering.

Growing medium is important. Soil from your yard, as with any type of container plant, is almost certain to be a headache. A good starting point is about half organic matter, 40 percent sand and 10 percent perlite, blended well.

Water must drain through the mixture. Fill a test pot to an inch of the top with your mix but without a plant; tamp the mix as usual and fill it with water. Unless water comes out of the grain hole within a minute or two, a cactus will slowly dry up and die in it. Add more sand and try another batch until it drains right.

To tell when to water, put a finger on the mixture and if it feels moist, it's probably OK. Water when it feels bone dry. In Phoenix the infrequent desert

rain is often used as a memory jogger to check the moisture level.

When a plant starts to grow, throwing out new spines or stems, encourage it with water and fertilizer. Include an all-purpose fertilizer with every other watering, applying about an eighth to one-quarter of the manufacturer's recommended dosage. Slow-release fertilizers also work but, again, use low amounts.

Even if labeled cactus mix, pure-organic potting soils are hard to wet and hard to dry. It's a good precaution to treat each new cactus as a bare-root plant, discarding the former growing medium. That insures the drainage is identical for all your cactuses; if there are hidden insects, they are discarded with the old mix. Before transplanting, loosen the root ball slightly to encourage the root system to expand.

To protect yourself against thorns, wrap sections of a newspaper to hold the top. Mealybugs are likely to be the main insect problem. A malathion or diazinon soil drench is one possibility. But many experts believe healthy plants are the best solution.

If outdoor planting is possible in your climate, remove a cactus from the

container it has been growing in and carefully knock most of the soil from the roots, so in effect it is a bare-root plant. Once the roots are exposed, set the cactus in a shady location for a few days to dry. This minimizes chances of rotting.

The planting hole should be large enough so the roots can be spread to their full length. Soil is then filled to the same level the plant was in the pot.

There are different theories on whether to place the plant on a small mound, level or in a small depression that will catch water. Generally, it depends on how you plan to water. If you never intend to water, a little depression is worthwhile. Botanical gardens usually plant flush to the surrounding surface since this looks more natural.

Wait a few days to water after outdoor planting and then, for the first year, apply once a month in summer and none in winter.

It's time to repot a cactus when it reaches a half inch or so from several sides of the pot. Sometimes a cactus is growing over the container sides in such fashion that it seems impossible to transplant it. If it's a Ming Dynasty vase, discard the cactus.

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Debate rages over wildlife photos

BY RICK SAMMON
The Associated Press

Manipulating wildlife photographs is not new. Photographers have been doing it for years, and it is continuing.

Perhaps the first change in "photo reality" came with the development of the telephoto lens, which brought the photographer, and the viewer, closer to the animal. Sometimes it seemed to be impossibly close.

Then came special effect and correction filters, which enhanced the color of an animal's skin, fur or feathers, as well as the surrounding area.

Another form of manipulation developed when some photographers began to create seemingly impossible pictures by sandwiching two images together — for example, a picture of a hawk and a picture of a brilliant setting sun for a dramatic wildlife sunset picture. Some critics called this "cheating" while others called it "creating." Sure, the scene could have happened. But did it?

Image creation and manipulation have also been going on in the darkroom for as long time. Different filters and papers are used for different effects; so is the technique of dodging and burning areas of a scene with the goal of fixing or creating one-of-a-kind images.

A more recent form of changing animal reality has come with the development of wildlife parks and reserves. In these protected areas, captive animals can be photographed much more easily than in the wild. At some centers, animals are baited or enticed to pose in a certain position or move in a certain pattern. Again, the question is asked: Are these photographs realistic?

All these different techniques of changing an image began to stir the emotions of serious wildlife photographers several years ago. Photographers began to ask: Is it fair to compare an all-natural picture to a picture that was set up or manipulated? And is it acceptable — to the public — to pass along a created image as a real picture?

Today, computers and computer imaging programs have brought image manipulation to a new level. The controversy over genuine and manipulated images has reached a new high. Why? Because even an amateur, with a fairly basic computer and imaging program, can manipulate a picture so expertly that many viewers, including some professional photographers, might think the picture is "for real."

So what's an honest photographer to do? And how is the public to know whether or not a photograph is real,

manipulated, enhanced or almost totally created on a computer screen?

There is an answer. The North American Nature Photography Association (NANPA), founded five years ago by wildlife photographer Frans Lanting and several other concerned photogra-

phers, says disclosure is the key.

Currently, NANPA is developing a list of symbols and credits to accompany published photographs so there will be no mistake about how a photograph was taken — or made.

Leaves feed next year's flowers

BY LEE REICH
For AP Special Features

The more leaves your amaryllis plant grew last year, the more colorful blossoms it had or has this year.

Once warm weather settles in, move your plant to a slightly shaded location outdoors. Throughout summer, keep the plant's soil moist and fertilize regularly.

Each year, your plant has to rest before it can flower again. In September, stop watering and fertilizing, and move your plant indoors to the basement or any other place that is cool and dry. Ignore the plant for two months.

A couple of months before you want flowers, bring the potted bulbs into a warm room. Light is unnecessary until the leaves appear, and they might appear before, after, or along with the

flower stalks. Water to get growth started, then increase the amount as growth progresses.

If your plant needs to be repotted, do it in late winter or early spring. Don't damage the roots. True, amaryllis bulbs often are sold rootless. These plants bloom beautifully their first season because the flower buds were pre-formed within the bulbs the previous season. But following bloom, such bulbs must put so much energy into new root production that they often do not start blooming regularly until two seasons after purchase.

Repot your amaryllis by teasing some of the old soil from among the roots, then set the bulb into a slightly larger pot. Because the bulb is prone to rotting, set only the bottom half in the soil, and use a potting soil that drains well.

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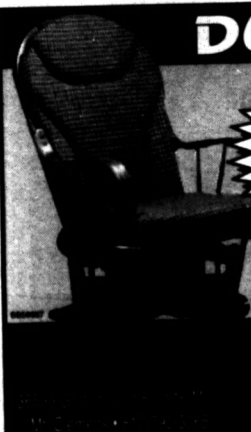
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Avoid the whine when you dine



LISA LUCKOW-HEALY

Prior to having children, couples can dine until their hearts content when and where they choose in a virtually hassle-free environment. They think that when they start having children, dining out is relatively non-existent. It doesn't have to be

because perception is not always reality.

When you start having children, you naturally think your dining days are over. One evening, after a rough day with baby and total chaos at the office, you brave the odds of what you perceive will be an utter disaster and venture out into the wide world of dining. Much to your surprise, the baby sleeps through the entire meal and you vow to make dining out part of your weekly repertoire.

One day, the second child arrives. You defy your own logic that says you may not be so lucky at the restaurant with two children. Much to your amaze-

ment, your toddler contentedly amuses himself amidst the plethora of Matchbox cars you continuously feel him while you infant snoozes through the clanging of plates and shuffling of silverware.

Times change. Your children grow into their fighting with each other years and those lazy days of dining are mere memories that seem too good to be true. Your dining attitude becomes one of reservation - not the kind that you make with the hostess by telephone. If you are not at a restaurant before the dinner rush on a weekday, forget it. You would rather opt for the drive-through window. Two young children and a wait list are like oil and water.

On a weekend, you consult the source list you have developed - the list of restaurants that can seat and serve fast. You tightly conceal it from the eyes of other parents who might take advantage of the hard work you put into top secret information.

To avoid the kids whining while you are dining, you conjure up a tactical approach to eating out. You sit down, order your meals the minute your server utters, "Can I get you something to

drink?" unload your toy bag (being careful to ration toys equally, reserving the most prized possessions for the ultimate whiner) and squeezes in as much adult conversation before one of the kids whines, "She's got my Stormtrooper!" or "He hit me!"

When was the last time you saw restaurant-style croutons torpedoed at a childless couple. How many times have you had to drag your kids out of the restaurant in your efforts to quell a temper tantrum?

Perhaps previous generations would have opted for the baby-sitter before dining out. But in an age where both parents work in many households, they opt to dine out with their children whom they have not seen all day. Restaurants all around have made that relatively easy for parents by catering to children. When your family chooses to dine out, it is a good idea to develop your own strategy for a pleasant dining experience. When you are fairly inexperienced at dining out with your children, it probably is not a good idea to venture into a restaurant when you have been invited for a special occasion such as a relative's birthday dinner. Dining out means you need to be prepared to leave with the kids if the circumstances dictate - not feel obligated to stay to sing Happy Birthday while your child screams and disrupts everyone else's meal.

Early diners tend to avoid whiners. By arriving at a restaurant before the rush, you can generally count on quick, reliable service and wait staff are attentive to your children.

Put a twist on the wait list. If you choose to chance a wait list, mentally prepare for it. Plan to take preschoolers outside to run up and down the sidewalk if the weather permits. Suggest to older children that they pack their Game Boy, Walkman or a good book. More importantly, interact with your children.

Catch up on what they did at school that day and what events they have coming up. Listen to your children. It may be one of the most opportune times to sit and talk without the distractions of home.

Whine and wine don't always mix. Once you have resigned yourself to the fact that wine, romance and whining do not go hand in hand, you can cancel family reservations at a fine dining restaurant and enjoy a casual family restaurant atmosphere. Although you may not always be able to hear yourselves at some restaurants that a high noise level can drown out your child's whining.

Make the cuisine pleasing. What food does your family enjoy? Does the dining establishment offer a children's menu? Will the restaurant accommodate menu substitutions? Give your child a choice from the menu rather than ordering for him all the time. Stick with what he likes. Trying something new should be an experiment you try at home first.

Entertain without the strain. You may find that the best forms of entertainment are found right at your fingertips on the restaurant table. Many times, the best form of entertainment is the box of crayons the hostess plops down on the table when you are seated. Amuse children with their crayons and coloring placemats or the paper tablecloth that invites young artists to invent new hues of color around their plates. You, too, may unleash the kid within when you see an unused crayon just waiting for you.

Lisa Luckow-Healy is a marketing consultant and freelance writer who regularly contributes to several parenting publications. To leave her a message from a touch-tone phone about how you celebrate family, call (313) 953-2047, then her mailbox number, 1903; or e-mail your suggestions to LiHealy@aol.com

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■ Bring merchandise into the "Make Your Own Basket Shop" noon to 3 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 9-11, at Hudson's at Oakland Mall in Troy, Twelve Oaks in Novi and the Somerset Collection in Troy to have an Easter basket made by a Marketplace expert.

■ English Gardens conducts free seminars on various gardening topics. The next topic - 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 15, at the West Bloomfield store, 6370 Orchard Lake Road, north of Maple - is "Gardening With Annuals For Color Impact" by Kevin Collins. Call (248) 851-7506.

■ The Lloyd Stage Outdoor Educa-

tion Center, 6685 Coolidge in Troy, presents a class for teens and adults, "Enjoying Kitchen Herbs," Saturday, April 25. Register by Saturday, April 18; call (248) 524-3567 for fees and other information. Add zip to your menus and beauty to your garden using kitchen herbs. Instructor Sue Halbach will share great ideas for planting and growing herbs in your garden, on your deck or on your window sill. She'll get you cooking with creative ideas for blending fresh herbs into salads and entrees, so come ready to sample. Participants will receive recipes and handouts, make a blended herb seasoning, and take home a small plant for their own kitchen herb garden.

■ Michigan State University's soil nutrient testing service is available to home gardeners through Saturday, April 11. Cost is \$10 per sample. The service, which provides a written report useful for selecting fertilizers, is offered by local garden supply stores

in cooperation with the Southeastern Oakland County Resource Recovery Authority. Before sampling your soil, pick up a pink flier at C.G. Wilkop Landscape Inc. of Troy, any Damman Hardware store, any English Gardens store, Maskill True Value Hardware of Birmingham, Telly's Greenhouse and Garden Center of Troy or Uncle Luke's Feed Store of Troy. For other participating retailers or more information, call SOCRRA at (248) 288-5150.

■ Gain ideas and information on the latest trends and products in home fashions at the free Super Saturday Seminars offered once a month at Haberman Fabrics, 117 W. Fourth in Royal Oak. In the next seminar, April 11, learn a creative valance idea that gives the look of an upholstered cornice board without the installation problems of one. Advance reservations are required; space is limited. Call (248) 541-0010.

■ The Do-It-Yourself Center, 3746 Cottontail Lane in Shelby Township, offers a variety of home decorating classes. Call (810) 739-6319. Scheduled sessions include "Hand Painting Fur-

niture" Tuesday, April 14; and "No Sew Drapes" Wednesday, April 15.

■ Learn the tricks for constructing "designer pillows" so they don't look homemade in a two-session class beginning Wednesday, April 15, at Haberman Fabrics, 117 W. Fourth in Royal Oak. Call (248) 541-0010 for registration and information.

■ Adopt a homeless dog or cat 1-4 p.m. every Saturday at Trainers Academy, 30581 Stephenson Highway, south of 13 Mile and across from Home Quarters in Madison Heights. The event is sponsored by the non-profit Top Dog & Cat Rescue Group. Call (248) 680-1426.

■ The Yaw Gallery of Birmingham and Habatat Galleries of Pontiac are among the exhibitors at the International Exposition of Sculpture, Objects and Functional Art, taking place Thursday-Sunday, April 9-12, in New York City. Activities before and during the event include artist presentations and demonstrations, lectures and tours. Call (800) 563-7632 for information, or e-mail SOFA1@aol.com or www.sofaexpo.com

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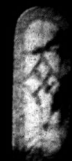
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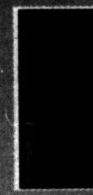
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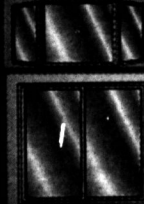
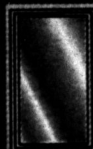
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FRIDAY



Felix Unger (Jack Lemmon, left) gestures pointedly at Oscar Madison (Walter Matthau) in "The Odd Couple II" opening today at metro Detroit movie theaters.

SATURDAY



Oakland University Department of Music, Theatre and Dance presents "Children Of A Lesser God," featuring Matt Hammond and Kimberly Lucius, 8 p.m., Varner Lab Theatre, on the campus in Rochester. Tickets \$10 with discounts for seniors and students, (248) 370-3013.

SUNDAY



"Rent" musical drama by Jonathan Larson continues at the Fisher Theatre, 3011 W. Grand Boulevard, Detroit. Performances 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$24-\$60, call (248) 645-6666.

HOT



Hot Tix: Royal Hanneford Circus comes to the Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Thursday, April 9-Sunday, April 12. Performances 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 9, 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 10, 10:30 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, April 11, and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday, April 12. Tickets \$12 and \$8 reserved, \$5 general admission, call (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com>



Swing your partner: Mary Leiger of Westland (left) and Ross Berman of Farmington Hills (right) have been taking lessons and swing dancing at the 24-Karat Club, formerly the Mosquito Club, in Westland for six weeks. Swing has become the rage within the last two years.

MUSIC FOR HEPCATS SWINGS INTO CLUBS

On an overcast afternoon, The Velvet Lounge in Pontiac is dark, empty and cool. Posters of the band Pulp, from "Brit Pop" night, sit on a bench and ripple like the ocean when the door is opened.

A mug with "hepcat" painted on it sits near the bar. Mirrors reflect the DJ booth from which music by Frank Sinatra, Royal Crown Revue and the Cherry Poppin' Daddies resound.

The evenings aren't so quiet and peaceful. Twentysomething young men donning slick suits and fedoras spin, dip and toss their dates, many of whom are wearing USO-era dresses. Cigar smoke battles with swing music to fill the room. Dripping in sweat, dancers constantly fuss with their hair to keep the pompadours in place.

"On Friday nights that area over there is filled with regulars," Velvet Lounge owner Rob Potter said of the seated area closest to the dance floor. "They usually don't come on Saturday because they're here four nights a week," he added with a laugh.

Thanks in part to the indie film "Swingers," swing music has been the rage. The punk-dominated Warped Tour tapped into the trend by including Royal Crown Revue, Jim Carrey's back-up band in "The Mask," on its tour. This year, selected Midwest dates

include Detroit's Atomic Fireballs.

This weekend, however, is probably the biggest for the swing scene with at least five scheduled shows. Big Bad Voodoo Daddy has two area appearances on Saturday at Borders in Ann Arbor and the Mill Street Entry in Pontiac.

The band, who appeared in the closing scenes of "Swingers" when star Jon Favreau dances with his new beau, is one act that is reaping the benefits of the trend. A fan of swing, Favreau "discovered" the band at The Derby in California.

"It's amazing the power that the movie actually has," said drummer and former Pontiac resident Kurt Sodergren. "Last night when we played in Washington, D.C., we played a 2,000-capacity venue and it sold out weeks in advance. That movie was a real break."

Katie Grand, a 17-year-old Canton resident who works at Repeat the Beat in Plymouth, said CDs by Big Bad Voodoo Daddy and the Mighty Blue Kings are easy sells to customers ages 19 and older.

Her sales skills are bolstered by the fact that she is a swing music fan who takes lessons at the 24-Karat Club in Westland.

"Have you ever swing danced? It's awesome. It's the happiest, funnest music. The funnest thing you can do is swing dance. You don't feel like you're in the '90s anymore."

Singer Ross Bon of the Chicago-based Mighty Blue

Kings said the popularity of swing has always lingered.

"I don't believe it ever went anywhere. There's just a new audience listening to it. As much as a trend comes, it goes out. I'm more concerned just about our own longevity," he explained.

The Mighty Blue Kings are a part of the diverse lineup of the "Kings of the Road Tour," which comes to the State Theatre in Detroit on Friday, April 10. The band is joined by the punkabilly act The Rev. Horton Heat and straight-up punkers Face to Face.

"We wanted to get out with these two bands so we could get to a new audience. We'd go out and play with Yanni if we had to. It's all about getting our music out to new people and letting people see what The Mighty Blue Kings are all about," said guitarist Gareth Best, whose band will record its debut for Sony Music's The Work Group this summer.

While the Mighty Blue Kings are trying to dodge the "swing" label, the Ann Arbor-based 11-piece Imperial Swing Orchestra saw the trend in early 1997 and went for it.

"The guitar player Chris Neal and a couple of his friends were talking about doing a band with a horn section. They were saying how swing is really popular on the west coast and how it was a trend right at the moment. They asked me if I wanted to

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UPCOMING SWING SHOWS

■ The Mighty Blue Kings open for The Rev. Horton Heat and Face to Face at 7 p.m. Friday, April 10, at the State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. For more information about the all-ages show, call (313) 961-5451 or visit <http://www.961melt.com>.

■ The Cherry Poppin' Daddies open for Los Fabulosos Cadillac on Friday, April 10, at St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Doors open at 6 p.m. for the all-ages show. Tickets are \$15 in advance. Call (313) 961-MELT or visit <http://www.961melt.com> for more information.

■ Big Bad Voodoo Daddy has two area appearances. It will perform a free show at Borders Books and Music, 612 E. Liberty St., in Ann Arbor during the afternoon of Saturday, April 11, and later that night at the Mill Street Entry below Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, in Pontiac.

Tickets for the Mill Street show are \$5 in advance for the 21 and older show. Doors open at 9 p.m. Call (248) 333-2362 or visit <http://www.961melt.com> for more information about the Pontiac show. Borders' phone number is (734) 688-7553.

■ Imperial Swing Orchestra has several local shows. It will perform during the afterparty for the Detroit Music Awards, 9 p.m. Friday, April 24, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets are \$10 in advance. (313) 961-5451. Other shows include: 9:30 p.m. Saturdays, May 9 and June 20, at the Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. (734) 996-8555; 9 p.m. Saturday, May 23, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 833-POOL; and 9 p.m. Saturdays July 18 and Aug. 29, at the Mill Street Entry below Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron St., Pontiac. (248) 333-2362 or <http://www.961melt.com>

■ The Atomic Fireballs will celebrate the release of its debut CD with an all-ages show Saturday, May 23, at The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Call (313) 961-MELT or visit <http://www.961melt.com> for more information.

■ The H-V-I Orchestra, who recently released the CD "In the Lounge," performs Thursdays at the Soup Kitchen Saloon, 1585 Franklin St. (at Orleans) in Detroit. (313) 259-2643, and Sundays at the Heidelberg, 215 N. Main St., Ann Arbor. (734) 663-7788.

■ Royal Crown Revue, the band featured in the Jim Carrey movie "The Mask," is expected to return to the area in June.

■ Phil Collins Big Band performs big band and swing versions of his and Genesis's hits on Monday, June 22, at Meadow Brook Music Festival, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. Ticket information soon. For more information, call (248) 377-0100.

■ The Brian Setzer Orchestra will perform at the Phoenix Plaza Amphitheatre, 10 Water St., Pontiac, on Saturday, July 11. Ticket information soon. For more information, visit <http://www.961melt.com>.

SWING DANCE LESSONS/NIGHTS

■ The Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor, hosts "Swing-a-billy" nights with DJ Del Villareal on Sundays. Dance lessons are held 8-9 p.m. with dancing afterward. There is a \$3 cover charge before 9 p.m. and \$5 afterward. (734) 996-8555

■ Beginner swing dance lessons are held from 8-10 p.m. Tuesdays, and intermediate and advanced lessons held from 8-10 p.m. Mondays at The Velvet Lounge, 29 S. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Dancers can practice at swing nights Friday and Saturday. (248) 334-7411

■ Swing and Latin dance is taught from 7:30-9:30 p.m. followed by an open dance 9:30 p.m. to close Wednesdays at Bacci Abracci's upstairs bar and ballroom, 40 W. Pike St., (the former location of the Ultimate Sports Bar), Pontiac. (248) 253-1300

■ DJ Sonny spins at JD's Entertainment Center's swing nights from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Wednesdays. Lessons are offered 8-10 p.m. at the club, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. The best dancing couple receives a \$100 prize. The bounty is increased to \$1,000 on Wednesday, April 29. Call (810) 465-5154 for more information.

■ The 24 Karat Club, formerly the Mosquito Club, 28949 Joy Road (between Middlebelt and Inkster roads) in Westland, offers swing dance lessons 8-10 p.m. and dancing afterward on Wednesdays. It is free and open to those 21 and older. Call (734) 513-5030 for more information.

■ Illusions Bar and Grill, in the former location of the Metro Musicafe, 326 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak, hosts salsa and swing night on Wednesdays. (248) 586-1313.

COMMUNITY THEATER

Farmington Players host barnraising party

Farmington Players invites you to join them for some "Laughter on the Ground Floor" April 18 as they scramble to raise money to build a new theater.

The benefit features a premier performance of Neil Simon's "Laughter on the 23rd Floor," opening at the theater April 24, hors d'oeuvres, silent auction, live music, and afterglow reception.

No building plans have been finalized, but the Players have begun discussion with Sunrise Assisted Living, Inc. of Fairfax, Va., which plans to build a senior assisted living facility on property next to the Players Barn on 12 Mile Road in Farmington Hills.

Farmington Players have called the white dairy barn home for 45 years, but it is in need of updating, and stands in the way of Sunrise's plans.

"In a planned unit development, the barn would be rebuilt on the other side of our property to allow

Farmington Players

What: "Laughter on the Ground Floor," a benefit for the Farmington Players Theater 6 p.m. Saturday, April 18.
Where: The Players Barn, 32332 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills.
Tickets: \$75, elegant attire, call (248) 553-2955.
■ Farmington Players presents Neil Simon's "Laughter on the 23rd Floor," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 24-25; May 1-2, May 8-9 and May 15-16; 2 p.m. Sunday, April 26, May 3, May 10 and 8 p.m. Thursday, May 14. Tickets \$8, call (248) 553-2955.

Sunrise room to build their facility," said Cynthia Tupper, president of Farmington Players. "Sunrise has proposed exchanging some land with us to allow room for their building and to improve our parking space."

The two organizations have discussed their

plans with the city, and site plans are being developed.

For the past year, the Farmington Players have been discussing the feasibility of either renovating their existing facility, or building a new one. The opportunity to work on a project with Sunrise is a recent and unexpected development.

"We don't want to go away from being a cozy community theater," said Tupper. Renovations of the current barn would be costly. "We would have to bring the entire building up to code," said Tupper. "We're not handicap accessible, you have to go up a fairly steep flight of stairs to the second floor. We don't have city water, or air conditioning. It would be very difficult to renovate, and it seems to make more sense to build."

An architect hired by the Farmington Players

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Playhouse: The Farmington Players have called this white dairy barn home for the past 45 years.

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play piano with them," said Tom Loncaric, the band leader and classically trained pianist.

John Bunkley and his band the Atomic Fireballs, on the other hand, weren't aware of the trend when they formed.

"I didn't know this was going on when the band got together. It was something that I thought was going to be completely different," said Bunkley, a 1987 Oakland University graduate. The Atomic Fireballs will release its debut CD in May.

Newcomers aside, the II V I Orchestra is the elder statesman of the genre having played together for 25 years.

"I couldn't believe it when I first started to notice that stuff. We've done the same thing since the early '70s. People have always liked it when they come to see it. Now, the whole thing is people of all ages are being more enthusiastic with it these days," said saxophone player David Swain, 44.

"It's wonderful to see all the people having a good time with it. Young people who are in peak physical condition and don't

know the steps are out there dancing. Some of the oldsters who have trouble getting up the stairs, once they hear the music they're showing the kids a thing or two. It makes the old folks look young and graceful, and it makes the young kids realize they have something to learn."

The schedule of the band - which includes trombonist Tony Lorts of Lake Orion, saxophonist Harry Demigian of Farmington Hills, and trumpeter Cary Heller of West Bloomfield - has only gotten busier since swing has moved into the mainstream.

"When we were the only kids on the block, we were sitting there kind of lonely. Now, the more the merrier. We're keeping busier now than there's 10 other bands like us in this area," Swain said.

Bringing it home

The Velvet Lounge's Potter, a Rochester resident and 1996 Oakland University graduate, is often credited with starting the swing music scene in the Detroit area.

A former bartender at the neighboring Industry nightclub, Potter brought swing music here after witnessing the genre's resurgence in cities like New York and Chicago. It was apparently a good hunch. He fielded 45 calls about dance lessons in one day. The Velvet Lounge will celebrate its second anniversary in May with the opening of a second-floor dance and bar area.

Since then swing nights have popped up all over the Detroit area. The Mosquito Club, what was the home of heavy metal music, baseball hats, jeans and flannels, switched over to The 24-Karat Club and a dress code. Abandoning live music, the new format includes swing on Wednesdays, and salsa and mambo on Thursdays. Swing nights bring in about 60-80 dancers, said owner John Anton.

JD's Macomb Theatre in downtown Mount Clemens forayed into swing at the end of February. Illusions in Royal Oak also adopted a swing night. The Velvet Lounge is still one of the biggest draws in town. Rochester Hills resident Kristin Mack, who



Learning to swing: Instructor Bobby Black formerly from Westland (left) demonstrates with Jennifer Miller of Taylor steps to swing dancing at the 24-Karat Club, formerly the Mosquito Club, in Westland. Swing has become the rage within the last two years.

enjoys a variety of music from swing to the Grateful Dead, was introduced to swing at the Velvet.

"Still, I am all over the place," Mack said about her musical tastes. "Some people are only into one thing - alternative or

indie or whatever their thing is. Swing just happens to be what I'm excited about right now."

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has designed a 250 seat barn shaped theater, with no obstructions for viewers. That's 77 more seats than the existing theater.

The new would have a bigger stage, orchestra space, more storage space, a bigger lobby and more bathrooms.

"We originally planned our fund-raiser with the idea of starting a building fund," said Tupper. "Sunrise Assisted Living, Inc. offered an opportunity we don't want to pass up."

"During 'Laughter on the

Ground Floor" benefit you can place your silent auction bid on a variety of items such as dinner at The Lark, Tribute, Too Chez, Marco's and Capitol Grill. There will be autographed sports memorabilia including a Grant Hill jersey, a couple of resort condo weekend packages, and a package to see the musical 'Chicago' in Toronto including travel and accommodations.

"Laughter on the 23rd Floor" is being directed by Brian Tupper, Cynthia's husband. The couple

met at Farmington Players.

"It's a nostalgic look back at the early days of TV," he said. "Comedy was supreme, and writers were the core of a program's success, they still are. For shows to succeed you have to have a core of good writers."

Neil Simon's "Laughter on the 23rd Floor," pays homage to Simon's early days in television when he worked as a junior joke-smith for Sid Caesar's "Your Show of Shows."

At that time, his coworkers

included Mel Brooks, Larry Gelbart, and Carl Reiner. The play is staged in 1953, and the "Red Scare" was going on, but the writers try to top each other with gags while competing for the attention of Max Prince (the Sid Caesar character).

"TV was a diversion," said Brian Tupper. "And this is a sneak peak behind the scenes. It's an ensemble show. All the characters have an equal amount of lines. They are melding nicely. Everyone carries

everyone."

This is not a show for kids, however. The script includes mature language, and there is smoking on stage. "This is basically a bunch of eccentric, creative guys who work 12-15 hour days, and practically live together. The one woman on the team uses salty language too. She is a good writer, who proves she's one of the guys."

For the Tupper and the other Farmington Players members, work is what they do so they can

play at the theater.

"This is fun stuff," said Brian Tupper. "It tests your creativity, it's very satisfying."

If the Farmington Players are successful in their fund-raising drive, and the city finalizes their plans, the barn will be torn down this summer.

"We're looking for a temporary home," said Brian Tupper. "It will take a year to build a new theater."

AT THE GALLERIES

BBA
April 17 - "Born in the BBA," artists nurtured by the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association who have achieved successful careers in the world of art. Featuring works by Barbara Dorchon, Todd Erickson, Thomas Humes, Carol Luc, Stephen Magsig, Gail Molly Mack, Claudia Shepard, Mary Brecht Stephenson, Christine Welsh. Through May 22. Opening reception 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 17. 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham; (248) 644-7904.

GALLERY BLU
Opens 7 p.m. Friday, April 17 - "Works by Lenore Gimpert." Through April 30. 568 N. Old Woodward Avenue, Birmingham; (248) 594-0472.

ISRAELI ART
Opens Friday, April 17 - "Expressions 1998," a contemporary Israeli art exhibit/sale. Continues through Sunday, April 26. Jewish Community Center,

6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield; (248) 661-1000.

ART LEADERS GALLERY
Through April 24 - "Third Annual Trunk Event," 300 nationally known artists offering 2000 works, from contemporary to traditional. 33216 W. 14 Mile Road, West Bloomfield; (248) 539-0260.

COMMUNITY ARTS GALLERY
Through April 10 - "1998 M.F.A. Graduate Thesis Art Exhibition, Part II." 150 Community Arts Building, Wayne State University, Detroit; (313) 577-2203.

HILBERRY GALLERY
Through April 11 - "Fairfield Porter: Paintings, Watercolors, and Drawings." 555 S. Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 642-8250.

CREATIVE RESOURCE
Through April 12 - "The Dark Sublime," recent paintings of Anton Weiss, and stone sculpture by Michigan artist Maureen Gray.

162 Old N. Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 647-3688.

MOORE'S GALLERY
Through April 13 - "Straight Ahead, Just Jazz," works by Joseph E. Grey II. Watercolors, line drawings and acrylics depicting many jazz greats. Artist reception 4 p.m. Sunday, March 29. 304 Hamilton Row, Birmingham; (248) 647-4662.

OAKLAND COUNTY GALLERY
Through April 17 - "Oakland County Parks Photo Exhibit." Executive Office Building, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac; (248) 858-0415.

KIDD GALLERY
Through April 18 - 6 p.m., "The Master's Eye," a collection of paintings and drawings by Larry Rivers. 107 Townsend Street, Birmingham; (248) 642-3909.

BBA
Through April 25 - 6 p.m., "Michigan Metalsmithing: 50th Year Anniversary," a juried exhibit. Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham; (248) 644-0866.

ELIZABETH STONE GALLERY
Through April 25 - "A Gallery of Stars," the books and art of Michigan Children's book authors and illustrators, featuring Margaret Hillert of Birmingham, Patricia Hooper of Bloomfield

Hills, Cyd Moore of Beverly Hills. 536 N. Old Woodward Avenue, Birmingham; (248) 647-7040.

HILL GALLERY
Through April 25 - "Jeane Highstein: Sculpture, Drawing." 407 W. Brown Street, Birmingham; (248) 540-9288.

LAWRENCE STREET GALLERY
Through April 25 - 7 p.m., "New Works/Oil," excursions from an artist's journal by Fran Wolok. 6 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 334-6716.

DAVID KLEIN GALLERY
Through April 25 - "New Paintings by James Del Grosso." 163 Townsend, Birmingham; (248) 433-3700.

SWANN GALLERY
Through April 25 - "The Human Connection," a figurative art exhibit of sculpture, paintings, ceramics and photography. 1250 Library Street, Detroit; (313) 965-4826.

ARIANA GALLERY
Through April 30 - 11th Annual Glass Show, "North of the Border," featuring Canadian artists. 119 S. Main, Royal Oak; (248) 546-8810.

SOUTHFIELD CENTRE FOR THE ARTS
Through April 30 - Works by Birmingham resident Bertha Cohen. 24350 Southfield Road,



Lyrical: A portrait of Duke Ellington is included in "Straight Ahead, Just Jazz," works by Joseph E. Grey II, through April 13 at Moore's Gallery, 304 Hamilton Row, Birmingham; (248) 647-4662.

south of 10 Mile Road; (248) 424-9022.

WYLAND GALLERIES
Through April 30 - Lighthouse photographer Thomas J. Atkins. 280 Merrill Street, Birmingham; (248) 723-9220.

G.R. N'NAMDI GALLERY

Through May 2 - "Richard Hunt: Sculptor." 161 Townsend, Birmingham; (248) 642-2700.

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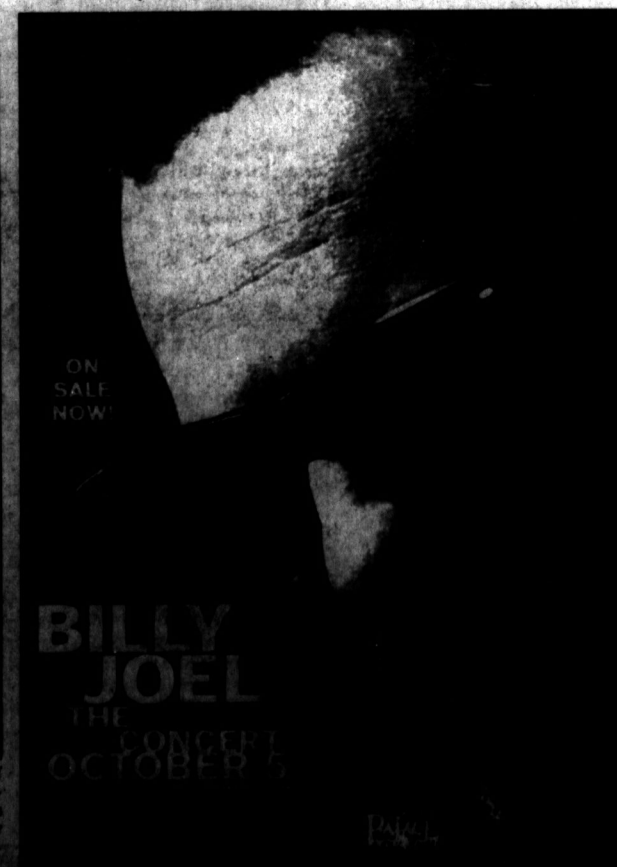
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SPECIAL EVENTS

Hanneford cat tamer gets excited taming wild ones

Big cats and little cats are a lot alike — "they could care less about me," said animal trainer Lance Ramos who is coming to the Palace of Auburn Hills this weekend with the Royal Hanneford Circus.

Ramos, 29, follows in the footsteps of his father, Manuel Ramos, and represents the sixth generation in his family of circus artists. His family is known as "The Great Ramos Family of Mexico," but Lance was born and raised in the United States.

He took over his uncle's cat act

when he was 16, but lions and tigers weren't exciting enough, so Lance added a few more big cats to his act.

During the Royal Hanneford Circus he performs in the ring with 11 big cats — two black leopards, two jaguars, two male lions, two Bengal tigers, two white tigers and a Tabby tiger.

"They all have different personalities," said Ramos. "They're natural enemies in the jungle and would kill each other if left alone in the ring."

Would they kill him?

"It's a high, it's exciting," said Ramos explaining why he's chosen this dangerous profession. "I want to see if I can control and present these animals and come out in one piece."

He's had his group of big cats together since February. So far, "it's been smooth sailing," he said. "They had one big fight. You can't read their minds. Everything is challenging. In the beginning of our act we do a pyramid where they sit up. They're about a foot apart from each other, and it's pretty tense."

While he's had plenty of close calls, Ramos said he's never been hurt by his cats. When they're not performing with the circus, Ramos runs them through the act once a day. He works with them one by one to teach them tricks, and gradually adds other cats. "They snarl and growl at each other," he said. "It gets a little rough."

Ramos tours with the circus for nine months, and is off December, January and February. Home is Riverview, Fla.

Besides the cats, Ramos also trains elephants and horses. He's an accomplished acrobat, bareback rider and teeterboard artist.

With the big cats he has to always be on his toes. "The cats don't feel remorse or love. I can pet them, and a couple of minutes later they'll try to bite me."

Elephants are different.

"Once they get to know you, you're fine," he said. "Elephants are very intelligent. They care about the person who takes care of them, and they're excited to see me. Elephants go through their routine fine."

It's the applause that makes this job gratifying. "It makes you smile when someone says you did a great job. It keeps me going."

Royal Hanneford Circus

When: Eight performances, Thursday-Sunday, April 9-12. Performances 7:30 p.m. Thursday; 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Friday; 10:30 a.m., 3 p.m., and 7 p.m. Saturday; 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday. Where: The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills.

Tickets: All seats opening night \$4. Tickets for Friday matinee are \$5. Children 12 and under, and seniors 65 and over will receive \$2 off \$12 and \$8 tickets for all shows except the April 9 performance and 11 a.m. April 10 performance. Call (248) 645-6666. Groups of 15 or more, can call (248) 377-0100.

To people who say it's cruel to train animals for the circus, Ramos says "animals in captivity live longer and are healthier. They don't have to worry about their next meal, they're beautiful animals and in good shape."

Showcasing animals in the circus "shows the public wild animals and what ability the animal has," said Ramos. "How agile they are and how you can teach them. People think we use them to make money. We live with them 24 hours a day. They're well cared for."

Married and the father of a boy who's 2, and daughter, 4 months, Ramos said he would like one of them to follow in his footsteps, but you never can tell.

He's looking forward to performing at the Palace. "Come out

and see it," he said. "You've probably never seen an act with so many cats."

This year, the Royal Hanneford Circus presents a tribute to the Old West in a circus rodeo featuring Turvey's Trick Riding and Roping and dozens of performers from around the globe.

Mark Karoly, the "King of Comedy," and The Karoly Riders will celebrate 300 years of equestrian excellence. Dania Kaseeva, "The Queen of the Hulu Hoops," returns with her husband, David Maas, the singing ringmaster, to present their astonishing magic. Miss Kimberly Smith, the youngest woman ever to be slung out of a canon, follows in her father's footsteps, Guinness Book of World Records holder David Smith.

Guitarist Charlie Hunter changes it up with vibes

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

It's a time of change for guitarist Charlie Hunter.

After fronting several well-received jazz albums featuring his 8-string guitar playing and funky saxophones, Hunter has opted for an airier sound on his new Bluenote album "The Return of the Candyman." Vibes have taken the place of the horns.

"I felt it was time to change it up," said Hunter, who sprinkles his speech with the lingo of jazz. "You can't do the same thing forever, you've got to change it up."

Hunter will front a trio of guitar, vibes and drums he calls Pound for Pound at Clutch Cargo's in Pontiac Tuesday, April 14.

Hunter grew up in Berkeley, Calif., and began playing guitar when he was 12. Though only 30, Hunter grew up listening to the pop music of the '60s and early '70s. He loved the soul sounds of Stevie Wonder and Marvin Gaye and went through a rock phase when he got turned on to the magic of Jimi Hendrix. Then he found jazz.

"I just came to a point where there was nowhere left to go musically," he said. "I started listening to Charlie Christian, Charlie Parker, John Coltrane. It changed my perspective, my whole world."

Hunter began with a standard six-string guitar and then began adding bass strings that allow him to maintain the bass line while simultaneously playing the lead.

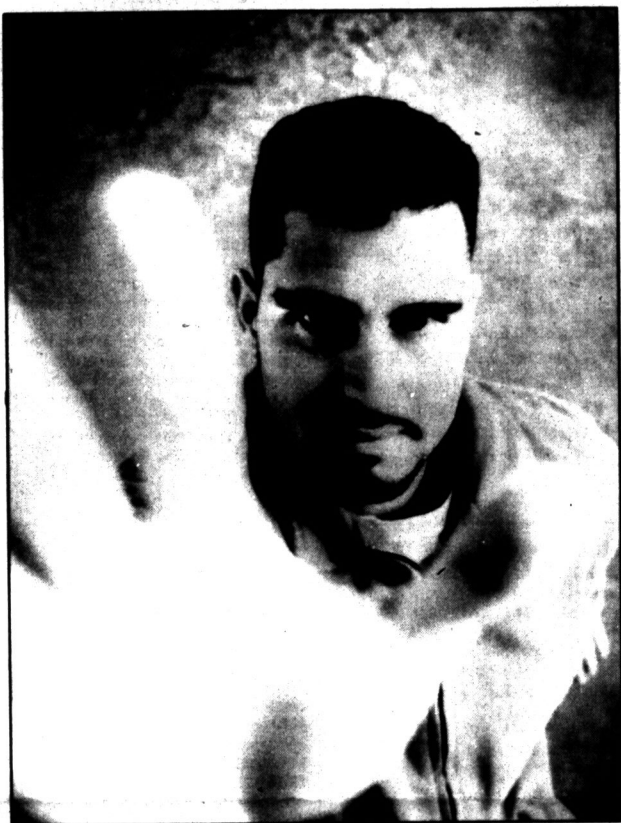
"I was playing a lot of thick strings, Joe Pass stuff," he said. "I added a seventh string and then an eighth string after hearing organ players."

On all of his albums, Hunter creates this almost spooky organ effect with his guitar. He said he uses a special speaker when recording to create the sound.

"Live I use a variety of cheapo boxed speakers to get the sound," he said.

The "sound" had been in support of strong sax players, at least since he left T.J. Kirk, an unusual combination of three guitars and one drummer. On "The Return of the Candyman," which features a clown out of Stephen King on the cover, Hunter allows himself a more equal interplay.

"I came up with the vibes, it was a trip to have the 8-string and vibes, see how it worked," he said. "I think it worked pretty well. I think people tend to like it a little more than the thing with horns. It doesn't attack the ears as much. Also there's more interaction. With the horns



Guitar man: Charlie Hunter plays an unusual 8-string guitar that allows him to play both bass line and lead.

What: Guitarist Charlie Hunter trio Pound for Pound, w/Galactic.
When: 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 14.
Where: Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron St., Pontiac.
Tickets: \$15 in advance. (248) 333-2362 or <http://www.961melt.com>

you're more support, which is OK, the horns make a lot of sound. But this is different, more of a chamber kind of vibe."

In a press release Hunter gives some other insight into his new sound: "I not only wanted to play in a more percussive setting this time out, but I also wanted to dig into new realms of tonality and timbre. Don't get me wrong, I love the horns, but I'd been doing that for so long that I wanted to go after something different. Above all I wanted to make a groove album which meant coming up with a strong rhythm section."

On the album Stefan Harris plays vibes. Hunter said Bluenote had "hipped" him to Harris. Hunter said he had been listening to Bobby Hutcherson, Milt Jackson and Steven Nelson and knew the sound he wanted.

Harris provides a dazzling, light improvisation against Hunter's strong guitar, fully accented guitar sound.

Hunter said Harris is fronting his own group and "too big" to be touring as his sideman.

At Clutch Cargo's, Monte Croft will play vibes and Willard Dyson will handle drums. Hunter said they will play a lot of numbers from the new album, including a lively cover of Steve Miller's "Fly Like An Eagle," and some new material they've been working on.

"We get to go in a lot of different directions in an evening," Hunter said. "It's a new thing for me."

Performing on the same bill with Hunter is Galactic a New Orleans based funk band with a big sound. Hunter said the combination has been well received.

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, memoirs, 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.

CREATIVE ARTIST GRANT APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Artists living and working in Michigan may apply for the 1999 Creative Artist Grant program administered by ArtServe Michigan. Application materials are now available to artists in all disciplines. Deadline to submit application: Tuesday, June 9, 1999.

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ART BEAT

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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.

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THEATER

DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE

"Scott Joplin," a musical play about the king of ragtime with music by Scott Joplin, through Sunday, May 24, at the theater 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. 8:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 3 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays. \$15. (313) 868-1347 or DetRepTh@aol.com

FISHER THEATRE

"Rent" continues through June 13 at the Fisher Theatre, 3011 W. Grand Boulevard, Detroit. Tickets \$60 to \$26, call (248) 645-6666. Seats in the front two rows of the orchestra will be made available for every performance for \$20. The \$20 tickets are available at the Fisher Theatre box office on the day of performance only, two hours before the show, and are available to anyone, cash only, with a limit of two tickets per person. Line ups begin no earlier than 6 a.m. and no line jumping or space saving. Enter the Fisher Building at the south entrance on West Grand Boulevard.

FOX THEATRE

"The Wizard of Oz," with Mickey Rooney as The Wizard, American Music Classics host Bob Dorian as Uncle Henry and the understudy to The Wizard, Eartha Kitt as the Wicked Witch of the West, and Jessica Grove as Dorothy, 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 10, 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays, April 11, 18 and 25, 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday, April 12, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 15, and Friday, April 17, 1 p.m., 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, April 19, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, and Thursday, April 23, 12:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, and Friday, April 24, and 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at the theater, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$45.50 (main floor and mezzanine), \$32.50 and \$17.50, with school and group discounts available. (248) 433-1515/(313) 596-3211

MEADOW BOOK THEATRE

"Murder By Misadventure," a mystery-writing duo plots the perfect murder, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 9 (\$22), 8 p.m. Friday, April 10 (\$26.50), 2 p.m. (\$22) and 8 p.m. (\$32) Saturday, April 11, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 12 (\$22); "Lost in Yonkers," Wednesday-Sunday, April 15-May 10, at the theater at Oakland University, Walton and Squirrel boulevards, Rochester. Previews 8 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, April 15-17 (\$18), regular run, 6 p.m. Saturday, April 18 (\$32); 2 p.m. Sundays April 19, May 3, and May 10 (\$22); 6:30 p.m. Sundays April 19, 26, and May 3 (\$26.50); 8 p.m. Tuesdays April 21, 28, May 5 (\$22); 2 p.m. Wednesdays April 22, 29, and May 6 (\$22); 8 p.m. Wednesdays April 22, 29, and May 6 (\$22); 8 p.m. Thursdays April 23, 30, and May 7 (\$22); 8 p.m. Fridays April 24, May 1, and May 8 (\$26.50); 2 p.m. Saturdays April 25, and May 9 (\$22); 8 p.m. Saturdays April 25, and May 9 (\$32); and 6 p.m. Saturday, May 2 (\$32). (248) 377-3300

MUSIC HALL CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

"Perilous Times," with Tommy Ford, tells the story of a man's life and decisions after his angel shows him the life of a man who lived almost 2,000 years ago, through Sunday, April 12, at the hall, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. 8 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday (\$16.50), 8 p.m. Thursday (\$19.50 and \$21.50), 8 p.m. Friday and Sunday (\$21.50 and \$24.50), 8 p.m. Saturday (\$21.50 and \$26.50), and 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday (\$21.50 and \$24.50). (313) 963-2366

PURPLE ROSE THEATRE COMPANY

"Book of Days," by Lanford Wilson, preview 8 p.m. Thursday, April 9 (\$15), and regular run Friday-Sunday, April 10-May 24 (\$20-\$25), at the theater, 137 Park St., Chelsea. Special benefit performance 8 p.m. Saturday, April 11 (\$500). (734) 475-7902

OPERA

WINDSOR LIGHT OPERA

"Fiddler on the Roof," featuring Nancy, Jody and Jenny Florkowski of Redford, and Rachel Cantor and Fred Wassermann, both of West Bloomfield, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, April 17-18 and 24-25, and 2 p.m. Sundays April 19 and 26, Chrysler Theatre in the Cleary International Centre, Windsor. \$20, \$18 seniors, students or groups of 20 or more (Canadian). (517) 974-6593

COLLEGE

OU VARNER LAB THEATRE

"Children of a Lesser God," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 9-11, and Friday-Saturday, April 17-18, Varner Lab Theatre, Varner Hall, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. \$10, \$8 seniors, \$5 students, 8 p.m. April 17 performance interpreted for the hearing impaired. (248) 370-3013

U-M MUSICAL THEATRE DEPARTMENT

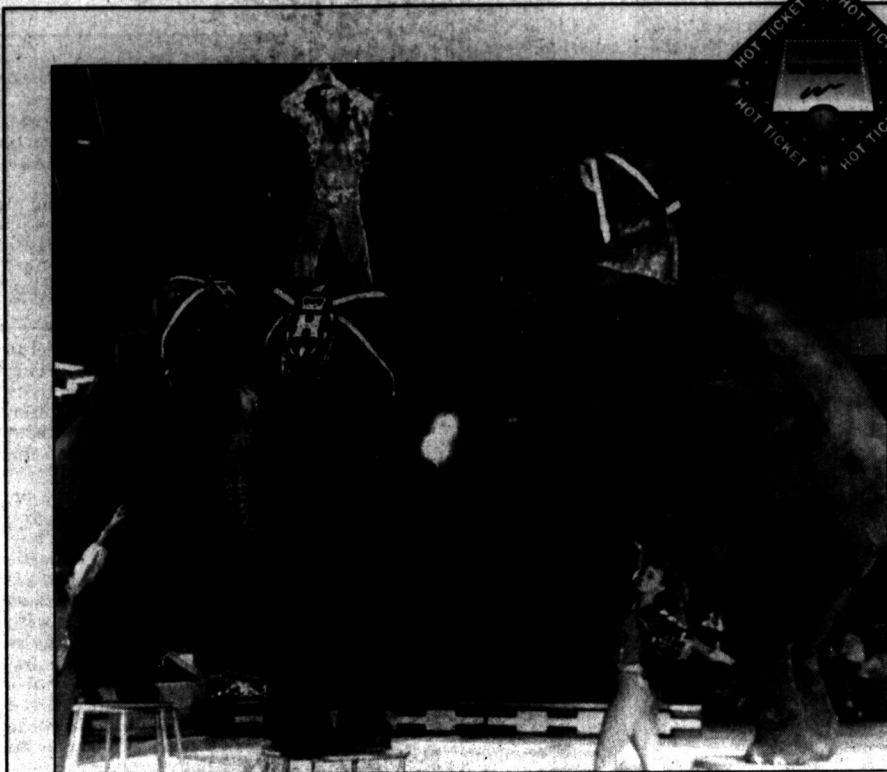
"West Side Story," 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 15, Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor. \$12 and \$10, \$6 students with ID. (734) 764-0450

U-M THEATRE

"Antigone," Sophocles' powerful Greek tragedy set in Kenya during the 1930s, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 9-11, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 12, at the Truist Theatre, inside the Frieze Building at State and Huron streets, Ann Arbor. \$14, \$7 students with ID. (734) 764-0450

WSU BONISTELLE THEATRE

"Cabaret," by Joe Masteroff, John Kander and Fred Ebb, 8 p.m. Friday-



Family event: The Royal Hanneford Circus features animal acts, clowns, acrobats and more, Thursday-Sunday, April 9-12 at The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. Performances 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 9, 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 10, 10:30 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, April 11, and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday, April 12. Tickets \$12 and \$8 reserved, \$5 general admission. Children ages 12 and younger, and seniors ages 65 and older receive \$2 off \$12 and \$8 tickets for all shows except 7:30 p.m. April 9, and 11 a.m. April 10 shows. Groups of 15 or more receive \$4 off all seats except 7:30 p.m. April 9 and 11 a.m. April 10 shows. Opening night tickets \$4. Friday matinee tickets \$5 (groups of 15 or more \$3). Free parking. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com

Saturday, April 17-18, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 19, at the theater, 3424 Woodward Ave., on the campus of Wayne State University, Detroit. (313) 577-2972

WSU HILBERRY THEATRE

"Three Sisters," by Anton Chekhov, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 10-11, and Thursday, April 16; "A Woman of No Importance," by Oscar Wilde, 8 p.m. Friday, April 17, at the theater, 4743 Cass Ave., on the Wayne State University campus, Detroit. (313) 577-2972

WSU STUDIO THEATRE

"Speed the Plow," by David Mamet, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 9-11, at the theater below the Hilberry, 4743 Cass Ave., on the Wayne State University campus, Detroit. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATER

ANN ARBOR CIVIC THEATRE

"The Merchant of Venice," by William Shakespeare, Thursday-Sunday, April 16-26, at the playhouse, 2275 Platt Road, Ann Arbor. 8 p.m., 2 p.m. Sundays. \$16, \$14 students and seniors. (734) 971-2228

HARTLAND PLAYERS

"The Foreigner," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, April 17-18 and 24-25, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 26, Hartland Music Hall, 3619 Avon Road, Hartland. \$8, \$7 students and seniors. (810) 220-3521

ROSEDALE COMMUNITY THEATRE

"The Odd Couple," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, April 17-18 and 24-25, and May 1-2, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at the Upstage Theater, 21728 Grand River Ave. (1/2 block east of Lahser Road), Detroit. \$10, with discounts for groups, seniors and students. (313) 532-4010

STAGECRAFTERS 2ND STAGE

"Extremities," a play which explores the impact of an attempted rape and its emotional aftermath for the intended victim, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, April 17-18 and 24-25, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 19, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette St., Royal Oak. 47, with discounts for groups of 25 or more. (248) 541-6430

TROY PLAYERS

"You're a Good Man Charlie Brown," based on the comic strip "Peanuts" by Charles M. Schulz, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturday, April 17-18, 24-25 and May 1-2, 2 p.m. Sundays April 19 and 26, and 2 p.m. Saturday, May 2, at the playhouse, 3179 Livernois (the old Troy High School), north of 16 Mile (Big Beaver), Troy. \$10, \$9 seniors/children under age 12, group rates available. (248) 879-1285

DINNER THEATER

GENITTY'S HOLE-IN-THE-WALL

"Trial By Error," live interactive comedy dinner theater, through June at the restaurant, 108 E. Main St., Northville. \$39.95 includes seven-course dinner of soup, bread, pasta, antipasto salad, baked chicken, Italian sausage, Italian steak, vegetables and dessert, the show, tax and tip. (248) 349-0522

JACKSONVILLE PRODUCTIONS

"Murder Italian Style Part 3," an audience participation murder-mystery comedy, 8:30 p.m. Saturdays through May 16, at Florelli's Restaurant, 26125 E. Huron River Dr., Flat Rock. \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door, includes din-

ner, show, tax and tip. Non-smoking dinner theater. (313) 782-1431

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

MARQUIS THEATRE

"Charlotte's Web," 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, April 18 and 25, and Sundays, April 19 and 26, and Monday-Friday, April 13-17, at the theater, 135 E. Main St., Northville. \$6.50. Children ages 3 and younger will not be admitted. (248) 349-8110

PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS

"The Wizard of Oz," Saturdays and Sundays through Saturday, April 11, Historic Players Club, 3321 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit. Noon lunch and 1 p.m. show Saturdays, and 1 p.m. lunch and 2 p.m. show Sundays. \$7.50 includes lunch. (810) 662-8118

SPECIAL EVENTS

AMERICAN CULTURES FESTIVAL

Featuring live cultural performances, displays, handouts and food, and booths displaying different artifacts and symbols of the Hispanic, American Indian, African-American, Chinese, Filipino, Polish and Italian cultures, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, April 9, Padoga Room, Student Center, Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. (313) 845-9628

COMPUTER AND TECHNOLOGY SHOW

With new and used computers, hardware including modems, printers, keyboards, CM-ROMs, scanners, shareware, and computer furniture, noon to 9 p.m. Friday, April 10, and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, April 11, Gibraltar Trade Center, 15525 Rancho Road, Taylor. (734) 287-2000

GUN AND KNIFE SHOW

With guns, rifles, hunting supplies, and ammo, noon to 9 p.m. Friday, April 17, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, April 18, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, April 19, Gibraltar Trade Center, 15525 Rancho Road, Taylor. (734) 287-2000

"MARTINIS AND MARGARITAS"

Tremors' spring cigar social with an all-you-can-eat gourmet hors d'oeuvres, sampling of Stoll flavored martinis, margaritas with Don Julio tequila, wine and two premium hand-rolled cigars of choice, and jazz, swing and retro lounge music, 5-8 p.m. Thursday, April 9, Tremors in the Holiday Inn, 17123 Laurel Park Dr., Livonia. \$25 in advance for men, \$20 in advance for ladies. (734) 462-2196

"ORIGINAL MONSTER RECORD AND CD SHOW"

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 11, The Elks Lodge, 325 W. Eisenhower Parkway, Ann Arbor. \$3, free for children ages 10 and younger. Patrons are allowed to carry in a small number of records to trade or sell. (734) 475-1006

FAMILY EVENTS

AMERICAN GIRLS TEA

2-4 p.m. Sundays, April 5 and 19, Mary Downing Cake Shops, 8036 N. Wayne Road, Westland. \$12 children, \$6 adults. (734) 281-3680

40th ANNIVERSARY

Magical entertainment by Baffling Bill, 1:30-2:15 p.m. Saturday, April 18, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24380 Southfield Road. \$3.25, \$2.50 per person groups of 10 or more. (248)

424-9022

MAGICIAN GORDON RUSS

Presents close-up magic at your table, 6-9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 10-11, and 5:30-8:30 p.m. Sunday, April 12, at Roger's Roost Restaurant, 3362 Schoenherr, Sterling Heights. Free. (810) 979-7550

WADE CARNIVAL

With rides and games, through Sunday, April 19, Gibraltar Trade Center, 15525 Rancho Road, Taylor. 3-11 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, 3 p.m. to midnight Fridays, noon to midnight Saturdays-Sundays. (734) 287-2000

BENEFITS

"UNDER THE BIG TOP" AUCTION

The Parents Club of Our Lady of Refuge School in Orchard Lake present an auction fundraiser of more than 500 items, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at Orchard Lake St. Mary's Dombrowski Field House, Orchard Lake. \$35 per person, \$25 per person by April 9, to fund a science lab for Our Lady of Refuge School. (248) 932-3237

RIDGEDALE PLAYERS

Musical Revue Dinner Theater, silent and live auction, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 18 at the playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake Road, Troy. Tickets \$15, call (248) 988-7049.

CLASSICAL

ABYSSINIAN STRING QUARTET

Performing Brahms' "String Quartet #2 in A minor, Opus 51 No. 2" and Shostakovich's "String Quartet #8 in C minor, Opus 110," and classical guitarist Geoffrey Esty, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 11, at the Fourth Avenue Gallery, 210 S. Fourth Ave. (between Liberty and Washington), in the Town Center Building, Ann Arbor. \$8 at the door. (734) 327-2041

"ALICE IN WONDERLAND - A MUSIC THEATER PIECE"

Composer Braxton Blake's work for mezzo soprano and two pianos is based on the stories of Alice Liddell, Lewis Carroll's inspiration for Alice in Wonderland, as she looks back on her childhood, Carroll, her family and other characters, many of whom are portrayed in the book, 8 p.m. Friday, April 17, Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$25 rows 1-2, \$15 rows 3-5, \$10 general admission. (734) 769-2999 or http://www.peus.com/kch

BIRMINGHAM MUSICALE

Scholarship winners perform 1 p.m. Thursday, April 9, Birmingham Community House, 360 S. Bates St., Birmingham. \$2 guest donation. (248) 475-5978

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

With conductor Neeme Jarvi and pianist Leif Ove Andnes performing Still's "Afro-American Symphony," Prokofiev's "Piano Concerto No. 3," and Schumann's "Symphony No. 3 ('Rhenish') and 'Symphony No. 2,'" 10:45 a.m. Friday, April 17, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 18, and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 19, at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave. (between Mack and Warren avenues), Detroit. \$17-\$60. (313) 576-5111

PIANIST EVGENY KISSIN

8 p.m. Monday, April 13, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. \$20-\$50, (800) 221-1229 or

http://www.ums.org

LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

"Good Friday" concert features the St. Genevieve Interdenominational Festival Choir performing Rutter's "Requiem," 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 10, at St. Genevieve Church, 29015 Jamison Ave., (one block south of Five Mile, east of Middlebelt), Livonia. \$12.50. (248) 645-6666/(734) 421-1111

OWAIN PHYFE

With the New World Renaissance Band, 9 p.m. to midnight Thursday, April 9, and as part of "Renaissance Night," 9 p.m. to midnight Thursday, April 16, O'Mara's, 2555 W. 12 Mile Road, Berkley. Free. 21 and older. (248) 399-6750

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Hosts their annual Pops Concert, an evening of dinner, silent and live auctions, and music from Broadway and the movies to raise money for the orchestra, 6 p.m. Friday, April 17, at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. \$45, \$25 children. Advance reservations needed. (734) 451-2112

POPS/SWING

BIG BAD VOODOO DADDY

As seen in the movie "Swingers," Saturday, April 11, Borders Books and Music, 612 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages; 8 p.m. Saturday, April 11, Mill Street Entry below Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. \$5 in advance. 21 and older. (swing) (734) 668-7553/(248) 333-2362 or http://www.961melt.com

AUDITIONS

B.W. PRODUCTIONS

Auditions for males and females ages 8 to adult for "When God Comes Down From Heaven," a semi-musical comedy gospel, 6-9 p.m. Friday, April 10, no experience necessary but a plus, training will be provided, at Bernath Auditorium, Wayne State University, 5155 Guillen Mall, between Warren and Second, Detroit. (313) 865-2375

CAPITOL THEATRE

Auditions for "Pump Boys and Dinettes," 6-9 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, April 14-16, at the theater, 121 University Ave. W., Windsor, Ontario. (519) 253-8065

DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE

Auditions for a male dancer to perform with the company March to May and Aug. 26 to May 1999, must be highly skilled in modern dance technique and improvisation and have training in ballet, auditions take place during company classes 9:30-11 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, at Central United Methodist Church, corner of Woodward and Adams, Detroit. (313) 965-3544

MICHIGAN THEATRE AND DANCE TROUPE

Open auditions now through August for dancers ages 16 and older, by appointment only 2 p.m. Saturdays. The performing arts company regularly appears year round. (248) 552-5001

SECOND CITY

Looking for actors to join Second City - Detroit's mainstage, touring, business or the new Children's Theatre improvisational casts. Actors can be non-equity or equity and should have extensive stage and performance experience. Strong writing skills, singing ability and an improvisational background are a plus. Auditions by appointment only, 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday, April 13, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 14, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call Julie Clement at (313) 965-2222 before Tuesday, April 7, for an appointment.

TROY COMMUNITY CHORUS

Seeks a chorus director for its new season beginning in September. Candidates must be available for Tuesday evening rehearsals from 7:30-9:30 p.m., two formal concerts in May and December, and various other local community engagements. Candidates should send their resume and salary requirements to the chorus, P.O. Box 165, Troy, MI 48099. (248) 879-0138

CHORAL

OU CHORUS/CHORALE

Sings songs of the '80s, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 9, Varner Recital Hall, Varner Hall, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. \$10, \$8 seniors, \$5 students. (248) 370-3013

OU COMMUNITY CHORUS

"Grand Choruses from the World of Opera" concert 8 p.m. Friday, April 17, Varner Recital Hall, Varner Hall, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. \$10, \$8 seniors, \$5 students. (248) 370-3013

"SHAPE NOTE SING"

With Glen Morningstar, featuring 19th century style of community church singing, 11 a.m. Sunday, April 12, the music room of Scarlett Middle School, 3300 Lorraine, Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 665-8863

JAZZ

SEAN BLACKMAN AND JOHN ARNOLD

10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 17-18, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older. ("Gypsy jazz") (313) 861-8101

CARNESIDE HALL JAZZ BAND

8 p.m. Friday, April 17, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave. (between Mack and Warren avenues), Detroit. \$13-\$60. (313) 576-5111

FREDDY COLE QUARTET

The brother of the late Nat "King" Cole performs 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 17-18, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$18. (734) 662-8310

JACK DRYDEN TRIO

8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, April 17, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (guitar/piano/bass trio) (248) 645-2150

ALEX GRAHAM QUARTET

8 p.m. Thursday, April 9, Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$15 rows 1-5, \$10 general admission, \$5 students. (734) 769-2999 or http://www.peus.com/kch

CHARLES GREENE

7:30-11:30 p.m. Fridays, April 10 and 17, and 6-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 15, O'Mara's, 2555 W. 12 Mile Road, Berkley. Free. 21 and older. (jazz pianist) (248) 399-6750

JOHNNY GRIFFIN QUARTET

8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, April 15-16, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

HEIDI HEPLER & MICHELE RAMO

8:30-10:30 p.m. Thursdays, at Java Master, 33214 W. 14 Mile Road (east of Farmington Road), West Bloomfield; 7-10 p.m. Fridays, at Cafe Cortina, 30715 W. 10 Mile Road, Farmington Hills; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, at Vic's Market, 42875 Grand River Ave., Novi. (248) 626-7393/(248) 474-3033/(248) 305-7333

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ing Jere Stormer, Vint and Mathilda, Jennifer Jean Smith, Richard Lawrence, Michael Wagner, and Liz Mombianco of Farmington, 7 p.m. Saturday, April 18, the U-Club in the Michigan Union, 530 S. State St., Ann Arbor. \$10, \$7 with 10 students/seniors, available at the door. (734) 763-3202/327-2041

DEE CARSTENSEN
7:30 p.m. Friday, April 17, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

JULIE FOUNTAIN
9-11 p.m. Friday April 17, at the Coffee Studio, 600 West Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. Free. The Coffee Studio is looking for musicians and poets to read their works and perform during Open Mic nights every Wednesday. Sign up time is 7:30 p.m. (734) 416-9288

JAN KRIST
10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 10-11, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Friday, April 17, Matt Brady's, 1820 E. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 861-8201/(248) 584-4242

ANNIE RAPID
7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 15, Borders Books and Music, 612 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (9734) 668-7100

SPECIAL CONSENSUS
With The RFD Boys, 8 p.m. Friday, April 10, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11, \$10 members, students, seniors. All ages. (bluegrass) (734) 761-1451

DANCE

ANN ARBOR DAWN DANCE WEEKEND
Three-day spring music and dance party featuring contras, swing, squares, Scandinavian, English country, Scottish, singing, jamming, and a concert by Jive at Five, Friday-Sunday, April 10-12, Scarlet Middle School, 3300 Lorraine, Ann Arbor. \$7-\$20. (734) 665-8863

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING
With the Ann Arbor Council for Traditional Music and Dance, callers Eric Arnold and Don Theyken, and music by David West and Donna Baird, 7-9:45 p.m. Tuesday, April 14, Chapel Hill Condominium clubhouse, 3350 Green Road (north of Plymouth Road), Ann Arbor. \$4. (734) 663-0744/(734) 662-5158

WOLVERINE SILVERSPUR DANCERS
7:30 p.m. to midnight Saturday, April 11, St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus Hall, 44425 Utica Road (west of Van Dyke Avenue), Utica. \$6 members, \$7 non-members. (313) 526-9432/(810) 573-4993

COMEDY

BIG RED'S COMEDY CLUB
Pete George and John McDonald, Friday-Saturday, April 10-11; Keith Ruff and Chris Spyer, Friday-Saturday, April 17-18, at the club in Mr. B's Roadhouse—Oxford, 595 N. Lapeer Road (M-24), Oxford. (9248) 628-6500

GREAT AMERICAN DINER AND COMEDY CLUB
Kevin Burke, Frank G. and Jim Hoke, 8 p.m. and 10:15 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 10-11, at the club, formerly known as Gadzooks, 9531 Highland Road (three miles west of Oakland Pontiac Airport), White Lake Township. \$5, \$18.95 dinner and show package, \$36 dinner and show package for two. (248) 698-2414

JD'S ENTERTAINMENT CENTER
Open mic night hosted by MaryAnn DeMoss and an acoustic jam session with Ernie Douglas "The Acoustic Terminator." 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 14, at the center, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (810) 465-5154

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB
Bill Hildebrandt and Joey Bielaska, 9 p.m. Friday, April 10, and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Saturday, April 11 (10); Leo Dufour, Tim Rowlands and Joey Bielaska, Thursday, April 16 (free), and Friday-Saturday, April 17-18 (\$12), at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. Thursdays, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 8 p.m. Sundays for new talent/Third Level improv. (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S
Alturo Shelton, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 9 (\$5), 9 p.m. Friday, April 10 (\$8, \$18.95 dinner show package), and 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturday, April 11 (\$10, \$20.95 dinner show package); Joe Piscopo, Friday-Sunday, April 17-19, cancelled; Bob Golub, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 16 (\$8, \$18.95 dinner show package), and 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 17-18, (\$12, \$24.95 dinner show package) at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE
Glen Super, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 9 (\$9), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 10-11 (\$12); Totally Unrehearsed Theatre, 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 15 (\$6); Chris Titus, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 16 (\$9), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 17-18 (\$12), at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE
Totally Unrehearsed Theatre and Spike Rizzo, Thursday-Saturday, April 9-11; Jeff Stillison and Tim Costello, Wednesday-Sunday, April 15-19, at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays (\$5), 8:30 p.m.

Wednesdays-Thursdays (\$6), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays (\$12), and 7:30 p.m. Sundays (\$6). Prices same unless otherwise noted. (248) 542-9900 or <http://www.come-dycastle.com>

SECOND CITY
"Down River Dance," 8 p.m. Wednesdays (\$10), Thursdays (\$10) and Sundays (\$10), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays (\$17.50) and Saturdays (\$19.50), through spring, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 965-2222

JOHN WITHERSPOON

As part of FM 98 WJLB's CoCo's House of Comedy, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 9, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. \$27.50 in advance. 21 and older. (248)

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM/SOCIETY

"Remembering Downtown Hudson's" exhibit, a nostalgic look at what made the Hudson's downtown Detroit store an icon of the city's prosperous era, runs through December; "A Community Between Two Worlds: Arab Americans in Greater Detroit," exhibit focusing on Arab Americans and their daily life after settling in the Detroit area, runs through the end of September, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER

IMAX movies showing indefinitely include: "Super Speedway," 10 a.m. and 11:10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays; and "Special Effects," 12:20 p.m. and 1:20 p.m. Mondays-Fridays; at the museum, 5020 John R. (at Warren Road), Detroit. \$6.75 for adults, \$4.75 for youths 3-17, and seniors 60 and older. Hours are: 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. (313) 577-8400 or <http://www.sciencedetroit.org>

GREENFIELD VILLAGE

American Girls Museum Program based on the character of Samantha Parkington, 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 9-10, and Monday-Friday April 13-17 at the village, Dearborn. \$40 includes light refreshments and the 2 hour and 45 minute-hour program. (313) 982-6180

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

"A Communion of the Spirits: African-American Quilters, Preservers and Their Stories" exhibits featuring 175 photographs of varying sizes, a selection of the surveyed quilts, interpretive panels, and a limited amount of other artwork related to the quilters, through Sunday, June 7, 315 E. Warren Ave. (at Brush Street), Detroit. Museum hours 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays-Sundays. \$3 for adults and \$2 for children aged 12 and younger. (313) 494-5800

POPULAR MUSIC

ALBERTA ADAMS

9 p.m. Friday, April 10, Soup Kitchen Saloon, 1585 Franklin St. (at Orleans), Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 259-2643

ALL HAIL ME

With Stun Gun, 9 p.m. Thursday, April 9, JD's Entertainment Center, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. \$6. 18 and older. (rock) (810) 465-5154

JOSLYN B. AND THE DETROIT STREET PLAYERS

9 p.m. Friday, April 10, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 543-4300

THE BANDITOS

9 p.m. Tuesday, April 14, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

JOHNNIE BASSETT AND THE BLUES INSURGENTS

9 p.m. Saturday, April 11, Soup Kitchen Saloon, 1585 Franklin St. (at Orleans), Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 259-2643

BUGS BEDDOW BAND

8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, April 10, Corradi's, 1090 Rochester Road, Troy. Free. 21 and older; 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, April 17-18, Bachelor's, 1967 Cass Lake Road, Keego Harbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 588-3471/(248) 682-2295 or <http://www.bugsbeddow.com>

NORMA JEAN BELL AND THE ALL STARS

9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays through June 27, Bacci Abbracci, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. Free. All ages. (variety) (248) 253-1300

BENNY AND THE JETS

9 p.m. Sundays in April, Buck's Place, 23845 W. Warren Road (one block east of Telegraph Road), Dearborn Heights. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 274-6005

BETTER DAYS

9:30 p.m. Friday, April 17, Bo's Bistro, 51 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 338-6200

BIG DAVE AND THE ULTRASONICS

9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 16, Karl's Cabin, 9779 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (jump blues) (734) 455-8450

THE BIZER BROTHERS

8 p.m. to midnight Fridays and Saturdays in April, The Rattlesnake Club, 300 River Place, Detroit. Free. All ages. (pop) (313) 567-4400

BLUE CAT

With Ken Murphy, 9 p.m. Friday, April 17, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

BLUE EYED SOUL

With Caustic Pop, 9 p.m. Friday, April 10, Rivertown Saloon, 1977 Woodbridge, Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock) (313) 567-6020

BLUE RAYS

9 p.m. Saturday, April 11, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (734) 445-1213

BLUE SUIT BLUES BAND

9 p.m. Saturday, April 11, Carriage House Blues Alley, 24200 Grand River Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Friday, April 17, Soup Kitchen Saloon, 1585 Franklin St. (at Orleans), Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 535-3440/(313) 259-2643

BONNE TEMPS ROULLE

With Leonard Moon, 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 17-18, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (R&B) (248) 652-1600

BRAN VAN 3000

7 p.m. Thursday, April 16, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8.50 in advance, \$10 at the door. All ages. (hip-hop/pop) (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com>

BRIDGE

9 p.m. Thursday, April 9, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford. \$3. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 533-4477

BUSTER'S BLUES BAND

10 p.m. Saturday, April 11, Mount Chalet, 4715 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues/funk) (248) 549-2929

CD3

With Almighty Groove, 9 p.m. Friday, April 17, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 334-9292

CHISEL BROS. WITH THORNETTA DAVIS

9 p.m. Thursday, April 9, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 543-4300

CLOWN POUNDERS

With Khaki Warriors, 9 p.m. Saturday, April 11, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 334-9292

DANNY COX

8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 9, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (acoustic rock) (248) 544-1141

CREED

With Cool for August and Samiam, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 14, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$16 in advance. All ages. (rock) (313) 961-5451 or <http://www.961melt.com>

C-TEC

With Rorschach Test, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 16, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8 in advance. All ages. (techno) (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com>

DAMON AND NAOMI

Formerly of Galaxie 500, perform with Masaki Batoh and Michio Kurihara of the band Ghoto, 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 13, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18-and older. (acoustic) (313) 832-2355

DETROIT COBRAS

With The Fells and The Hentchmen, 8 p.m. Sunday, April 12, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$6 in advance. 18 and older. (garage rock) (313) 833-P00L or MajeStickC@aol.com

DIVESPIRE

With Sunday Afternoon Trio and Nailing Betty, 9 p.m. Friday, April 10, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 334-9292

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7:30 p.m. Tuesday, and 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 16, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$20 in advance, \$23 day of show. All ages. (blues) (734) 761-1451

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8 p.m. Thursday, April 16, Carriage House Blues Alley, 24300 Grand River Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 535-3440

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9 p.m. Thursday, April 9, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

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With Slight Return, 9 p.m. Thursday, April 9, Peppi's, 3270 W. Huron St., Waterford. Cover charge. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Friday, April 17, Scalici's

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8 p.m. Friday, April 17, Coffee Studio, 600 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Free. All ages. (acoustic) (734) 416-9288

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9 p.m. Sundays in April, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford. \$3. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 533-4477

GRR

9:30 p.m. Saturday, April 11, Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280 Union Lake Road, Commerce Township. Free. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Sunday, April 12, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Thursday, April 16, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 360-7450/(248) 543-4300/(734) 421-2250

GYPSY TRIBE

10 p.m. Friday, April 17, Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 332-HOWL

JOHN HAMMOND AND LITTLE CHARLIE AND THE NIGHTCATS

7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 9, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$15 in advance, \$18 day of show. All ages. (blues) (734) 761-1800 or <http://www.99music.com>

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8 p.m. Friday, April 17, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$12 in advance. 18 and older. (rock) (248) 544-3030

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With Universal Stomp and 20 Dead Flower Children, 6 p.m. Friday, April 10, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6 in advance. All ages; With Blue Eyed Soul, 9 p.m. Friday, April 17, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. (funk/rock) (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> / (313) 832-2355

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With Jill Jack, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 9, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$7 in advance. 19 and older. (roots rock) (734) 996-8555

INCUBUS

With Ultra Spank, 7 p.m. Saturday, April 11, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6 in advance. All ages. (rock) (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com>

JILL JACK

With The Rivermen and Jo Serrapere, 8 p.m. Friday, April 10, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$6. 18 and older; 9 p.m. Wednesday, April 15, Captain Tony's, 30919 N. Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older. (roots rock) (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> / (248) 288-6388

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9 p.m. Tuesday, April 14, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (R&B/pop) (248) 543-4300

MIKE KING

With his band, 10 p.m. Saturday, April 11, The Lodge, 2442 Orchard Lake Road, Sylvan Lake. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 683-5458

MOVIES

Bruce Willis falls further in lame 'Mercury Rising'

TICKETS PLEASE



JOHN MONAGHAN

talk to strangers.

You sit through a movie like this with your mind racing. Who thinks up this kind of nonsense? Did they run out of buddy movie pairings? Was it produced by a Citizens with Disabilities organization? And, most importantly, didn't Willis learn after the last time?

Since taking to the big screen, he has been basically a one-note actor, with his smug, too-cool

In "Mercury Rising," Bruce Willis plays an undercover FBI agent who takes it upon himself to protect a young murder witness. The kid has autism and spends half of the movie kicking and screaming, saying he's not supposed to

approach to any and all situations. His lines usually arrive with a taunting scowl or a droopy-eyed smirk.

"Mercury Rising" begins with a puzzle book that nine-year-old Simon picks up and unravels — mazes, crosswords, and word searches prove a breeze for the boy. When he stares at a page of random letters and numbers, his mind kicks into high gear and, sure enough, you can hear his computer-like calculations on the soundtrack.

The hidden message says to dial an 800-number which connects him to a top secret government organization. The puzzle was the last safeguard to prove that a supercode could not be cracked and, by doing so, the boy and his family are placed in immediate danger.

Willis, who pops pills and flashes back to the needless deaths of teenage bank robbers, has various close calls in saving

the kid. Alec Baldwin, as the movie's uncaring villain, says the death of a "retarded kid" is a small price to pay for protecting national security.

The score, by John Barry, recalls the veteran composer's work on the James Bond soundtracks, not so much in the action scenes as in the slower, plot-driven passages. It doesn't really help the standard issue action situations, including gunfights in busy Chicago streets with a blandly cast assassin.

If not for all the profanity and the blood, this could be a Disney movie. It would make the plot points a lot easier to swallow, especially when Willis involves a young woman to help harbor the kid.

The dialogue is worse than usual, especially when bad guy Baldwin says, "I conduct business the way my wife says I cook: quick and tasteless."

In one scene, he and Willis —

an uninvited guest at a fancy dinner party — square off in the wine cellar. The ever-cocky Willis wrenches the corks off of priceless bottles of wine, takes a sip, makes a wry observation, and then smashes them to the floor.

While Willis looks tired but fairly robust, Baldwin is starting to take on the paunchiness of

middle age. This is especially evident in the climax, where the wind from the helicopter blades plasters his usually-perfect hair over his face, making him look even worse.

For awhile there it looked like Willis was gravitating toward roles better than this. But mem-

ories of "Pulp Fiction" and "Twelve Monkeys" grow dimmer with each idiotic action movie like "Mercury Rising."

John Monaghan welcomes your calls and comments. To leave John a voice mail message, dial (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1866.

SCREEN SCENE

A sampling of what's playing at alternative movie theaters across metro Detroit as reviewed by John Monaghan.

Classic Cinema Series — Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield. Call (248) 424-9022 for information. (\$3)

"The Stranger" (USA - 1947). 7 p.m. Friday, May 15. Orson Welles' most conventional film — made in the hopes of appeasing the studios who found his films too weird — is still a cut above the rest. Welles plays a Nazi criminal hiding out in a New England college town, chased by irascible Edward G. Robinson.

Detroit Film Theatre — Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. Call (313) 833-2323 for information (\$5.50; \$4.50 students/seniors)

"Love and Death on Long Island" (England - 1997). Fri-



Melodrama: Robin Tunney (Marcy) and Henry Thomas (Seth) in Bob Gosse's "Niagara Niagara."

day-Sunday, April 10-12 (call for showtimes). When a reclusive writer is persuaded to attend a stuffy movie premiere, he ends up instead at a screening of "Hotpants College II" and becomes obsessed with its hunky star (Jason Priestley).

"My Sex Life ... Or How I Got into an Argument" (France - 1996). 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 13. In this classically French story, a young Parisian's

obsession with women lands him in hopelessly intertwined relationships.

"Magic Bag" - 22918 Woodward, Ferndale. Call (248) 544-3030 for information. (\$2)

"Jackie Brown" (USA-1997). 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 9, and

Wednesday, April 15. Most were impressed by the performances (Robert DeNiro, Samuel Jackson, Bridget Fonda, Pam Grier and Robert Forster) but unmoved by the story, which went on forever and nowhere at the same time. Ultimately, the only thing you can say for director Quentin Tarantino is that he's not predictable.

Main Art Theatre — 118 N. Main (at 11 Mile Road), Royal Oak. Call (248) 542-0180 for information. (\$6.50; \$4 students/seniors and matinees; \$3 twilight)

"The Real Blonde" (USA - 1998). From Tom DiCillo, director of "Living in Oblivion," comes this romantic comedy set in New York City about a group of characters whose lives intertwine in the superficial world of fashion and entertainment. Matthew Modine and Daryl Hannah star.

"Niagara Niagara" (USA - 1998). Two misfits meet while shoplifting in this contemporary melodrama set in upstate New York.

"The Apostle" (USA - 1997). Robert Duvall's tour de force as a preacher who has a crisis of faith and thus tries to get his life back in order. Farrah Fawcett co-stars.

Star Southfield — 23555 West 12 Mile Road (near Northwest and Telegraph), Southfield. (\$7.50 \$5 adults; \$4.75 children/seniors before 6 p.m.)

"Mrs. Dalloway" (Britain - 1997). When a woman (Vanessa Redgrave) encounters a man she knew some 30 years earlier, it causes her to reevaluate the path her life has taken. Based on a novel by Virginia Woolf.

Windsor Film Theatre — 2135 Wyandotte Street, Windsor, Canada. Call (519) 254-FILM for information. (\$5.25 Canadian; \$4 U.S.)

"Underground" (France/Germany - 1995). 7 p.m. through Sunday, April 12. This Cannes prize winner reaches into the last 50 years of Yugoslavia's history as a man who goes underground during World War II and only surfaces in 1992.

"Succubus" (West Germany - 1967). 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 10-11. Perhaps the best from Jess Franco, director of European trash in the 1960s who takes an entertainingly Mod look at depravity.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, April 10

NEIL SIMON'S "THE GOOD COUPLE II"
Sequel to the 1968 comedy hit reunites Felix and Oscar. Stars Jack Lemmon, Walter Matthau.

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Sequel to the 1995 sci-fi thriller.

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Contemporary drama centers around a small-town woman who finds the courage to leave her past behind. Stars Ed Burns, Lauren Holly.

"MY GHOST"
Comedy about a third rate talent agent who discovers a seven foot seven-inch giant that he thinks could be his ticket to the top. Stars Billy Crystal, Kathleen Quinlan.

"CITY OF ANGELS"
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STREET SCENE

Bran Van 3000 looks forward to weird Detroit karma

James Di Salvio, the leader of Bran Van 3000, is anxious to come to Detroit.

"We've got this weird karma with Detroit. Sue Hynes did our logo and James Smolka did our photographs. I just met them in New York but they're from Detroit," the Montreal resident explained.

"I meet a lot of people from Detroit in Montreal too. It's kind of strange. I'm very anxious to go there. I feel very close to the city."

Di Salvio gets his chance Thursday, April 16, when Bran Van 3000 plays The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall in Detroit.

Bran Van 3000 shipped its debut album "Glee" to U.S. stores Tuesday, March 10. The album

was released last year on Audio-gram Records in Canada and already achieved gold status in that country.

Bran Van 3000 fans who own the Canadian version will have to make the trek back to the record store. Capitol Records has added three new tracks to the U.S. release — "Rainshine," "Carry On" and "Old School."

"Glee" is not only Bran Van 3000's debut album, but Di Salvio's first foray into music. Two years ago, Di Salvio was pursuing a career as a filmmaker and a music video director. On the side he was working as a DJ and remixing songs. Then the musical bug bit him.

So he took the money he made from directing a video for Branford Marsalis and bought studio

equipment to record "Glee."

Di Salvio recruited 20 Montreal musicians, producers, singers and rappers to work on "Glee" but whittled his permanent band down to eight — DJ/keyboardist "Electronic-Pierre" Bergen, vocalists Jayne Hill, Sara Johnston and Stephane Moraille, rapper Steve "Liquid" Hawley, bassist Gary McKenzie, guitarist Nick Hynes and drummer Rob Joannis.

His project has proved to be successful. The first single off "Glee," "Drinking in L.A.," has become a certified hit in Canada and on urban and alternative stations in the Detroit area.

"I can't complain about the reception," Di Salvio said during a recent phone conversation from the Capitol Records build-

ing in Hollywood.

"You do this little album just kind of for fun, almost as therapy, in the living rooms of all kinds of people. Then all of a sudden people are listening to it. It's really freaky."

"Glee" kicks off with a frenetic sampling of music and public service announcements, and leads into the low-fi, hip-hop track "Couch Surfer" which couples vocals with a kazoo. On "Drinking in L.A." he trades off vocals with the soulful Moraille. The latter part of the CD dips into pure pop on "Everywhere" and "Exactly Like Me," during which Johnston and Di Salvio are paired with violins and acoustic guitars.

Buried in the middle of the CD is a stripped-down cover of

Slade's "Cum on Feel the Noise" sang by Johnston, Hill and Moraille.

Nearly every pop genre is addressed on "Glee."

"I wanted to make a record that spanned all my loves. I have the theory that you do it (an album) as if it's your last record. As a DJ you make mix tapes for friends. If one of my friends was only into punk, I'd sneak other things on there. When you have to hold a bar for four or five hours, you get pretty good at pacing."

Now that Di Salvio has dabbled in music and filmmaking, his next venture will be in comic books.

"I never thought I'd make a record, so maybe I'll make a comic one day. I can't even draw

my own foot, but I don't know 'do re mi' and I pulled off a record."

• Lilith Fair and Levi's are hosting an "Acoustic Talent Search" Friday, April 24, at the Mill Street Lounge, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Contestants must submit a two-song demo before Thursday, April 16, to Ritual Inc./Lilith Contest, Attention: Maria Cukr, 431 E. Congress, Detroit, Mich., 48226. Female-fronted acoustic acts (three-piece maximum) are eligible. Finalists will be notified by phone and their names will be posted on the Ritual Inc. website at <http://www.961melt.com>. Runners up will win Levi's prize packages and Lilith Fair concert tickets. The winner will play this year's Lilith Fair show in Michigan.

Well-oiled machine keeps Backstage Pass humming along

BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

We at the Backstage Pass offices at Detroit Public Television are in the dog days of production. Oddly, that doesn't mean we're sleeping for about 22 hours a day and turning around three times before lying down. It means we're in the thick of the production season, a week-to-week grind of putting together programs that showcase the best of Detroit's visual and performing arts.

Just how does this well-oiled machine work? Well, let's use this week's show as an example for one of those "behind the scenes making of" specials.

Every week, we have a production meeting. The production meeting is attended by any and all Backstage Pass contributors. Of course, we all have other gigs (I do a little radio show), so not everyone can make it every week. Not a problem. Their ears are to the rail for new artists, venues and exhibits in the area.

Our stellar roster of genre hosts is the real strength of the show. They're all tops in their fields, and their experience spreads a wide net over area happenings. In the visual arts, we have long time area art critic and Cranbrook archivist Marsha Miro and the curator of the

Wildlife Interpretive Museum at the Detroit Zoo, Gerry Craig. In theater we have Blair Anderson from the Wayne State Theatre Department faculty and Gary Anderson, the producing artistic director of Plowshares Theatre. In film, we have Elliot Wilhelm, curator of film at the Detroit Institute of Arts and the director of the Detroit Film Theatre at the DIA. WDET's W. Kim Heron helps us out with jazz, along with Kim Hunter, who is also immersed in the spoken word scene. Peter Sparling takes time from his own company to keep us up on Detroit's dance scene. WDET's Nkenge Zola covers just about everything. Paul Russell covers classical music. Gary Graff helps me cover pop music and rock and Lex Kuhne is our eyes and ears in pop culture.

Now, the producers know what's coming up, because they practically live under the deluge of press releases, letters, and demos that are sent in every week by artists, venues, promotions people, press agents, managers and record labels.

For instance, last season W. Kim Heron mentioned that pianist Mr. B has been on a one-man crusade to preserve the art of boogie-woogie piano. A few years ago at Detroit's Montreaux jazz festival, Mr. B played with Detroit-area boogie blues piano legend Bob Seeley. The set was so hot it instantly became the stuff of legend. How about we bring these guys in?

Well, Mr. B doesn't gig in the area all that often; we kept miss-

ing him. Finally, we saw that he had put together a show at the Ark in Ann Arbor, "Mr. B's First Annual Boogie Blues Piano Orgy." The show boasts four of the world's top boogie and blues pianists, among them Mr. B and Bob Seeley. Backstage Pass music producer Ron Pangborn (himself one of the area's top musicians) invited them to the Detroit Public Television studio

to play. They agreed, finally fulfilling W. Kim Heron's suggestion of almost a year ago!

A few months ago, Marsha Miro told us the art world was buzzing about Jane Lackey, a former Cranbrook student who had just been appointed to head up the school's fiber department. The producers thought this had something to do with cereal until Marsha Miro explained that

fiber is one of the key material disciplines in art, and that Ms. Lackey was one of the best fiber artist going. When Marsha told us that the Sybaris in Royal Oak was exhibiting Ms. Lackey's work, we contacted the gallery about taping the work, and Marsha sat down to talk about it

with Jane. The result is a segment that informs and heightens one's appreciation of some beautiful, layered work.

We're also covering the hit musical "Rent." All this on Backstage Pass tonight at midnight, repeated Friday at 7:30 p.m. on Detroit Public Television.

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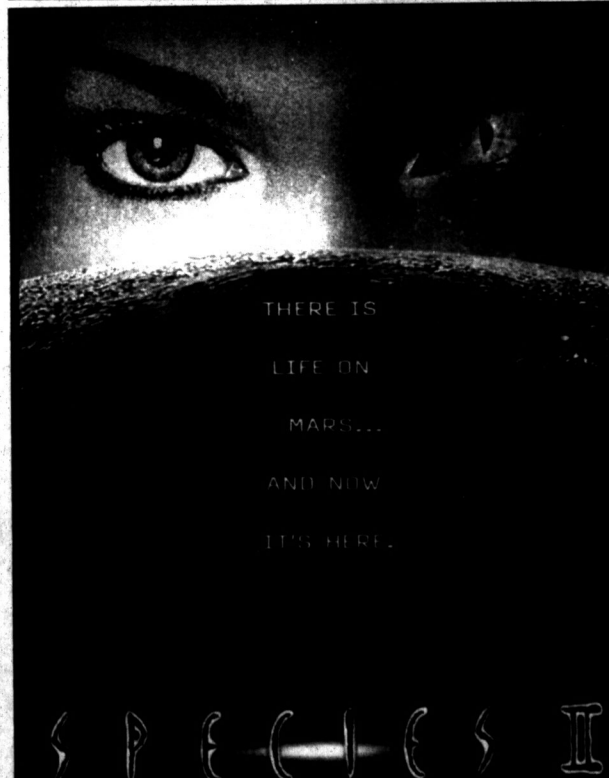
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DINING

Arriba puts emphasis on 'authentic'

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

"All places go through a lifecycle, some longer, some shorter. You fight to extend the lifecycle, stay in touch with people and the market," said Dennis Serras.

After 21 years, Ann Arbor's Maude's had run its cycle and Serras and his partners in Mainstreet Ventures had to decide what to do with the downtown Ann Arbor restaurant that had once been "the place for ribs."

In March Maude's became Arriba, a Mexican restaurant with an emphasis on "authentic."

"Maude's was here 21 years. It reached its lifecycle. It was successful and made money until the day we closed it," Serras said.

The first thought was to redo Maude's to help it fit into the ever-changing downtown Ann Arbor mix, which includes Mainstreet's other ventures Gratz's, Real Seafood and Palio's.

Maude's opened in 1977 as a "high-class" hamburger joint with specialty burgers at higher prices. Then the restaurant introduced baby back ribs and became a downtown mainstay.

"We were thinking of a Michigan theme with apples, Michigan cherries, something, but no one was real excited by it," Serras said.

Then someone suggested Mexican.

"We said Mexican and we didn't understand Mexican at all, I was thinking refried beans and cheese," Serras said.

Serras, Executive Chef Simon Pesusich and others hit the road to find out what Mexican food was all about. They went to Texas, Mexico and California.

"Then in La Jolla, someone told us about this hole in the wall," Serras said.

Here was a different kind of Mexican food - quesadillas made of masa into turnovers, boat-shaped masa cakes called sopas, a variety of chile sauces, unusual cheeses and no Monterey Jack. This was lighter, fresher than the Tex-Mex food served at chain Mexican restaurants.

The next step was to send Pesusich to Chicago.

Arriba

What: Mexican restaurant emphasizing authentic regional Mexican dishes.

Alcohol: yes

Cost: Entrees, \$6.95-\$13.95; appetizers, \$4.95-\$5.75; salads, \$2.95-\$8.75.

Where: 314 St. Fourth St., Ann Arbor

Reservations: For parties of six or more, (734)662-8485.

Hours: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday; 4-11 p.m. Saturday; 4-9 p.m. Sunday.

Credit: All major credit cards.

Chicago?

That's where Rick Bayless has been serving a variety of regional Mexican dishes at his Frontera Restaurant. Pesusich trained for several weeks at Bayless' restaurant and came away with a new respect for Mexican food. Bayless operates a haute-cuisine sister restaurant to Frontera, Topolobampo as well.

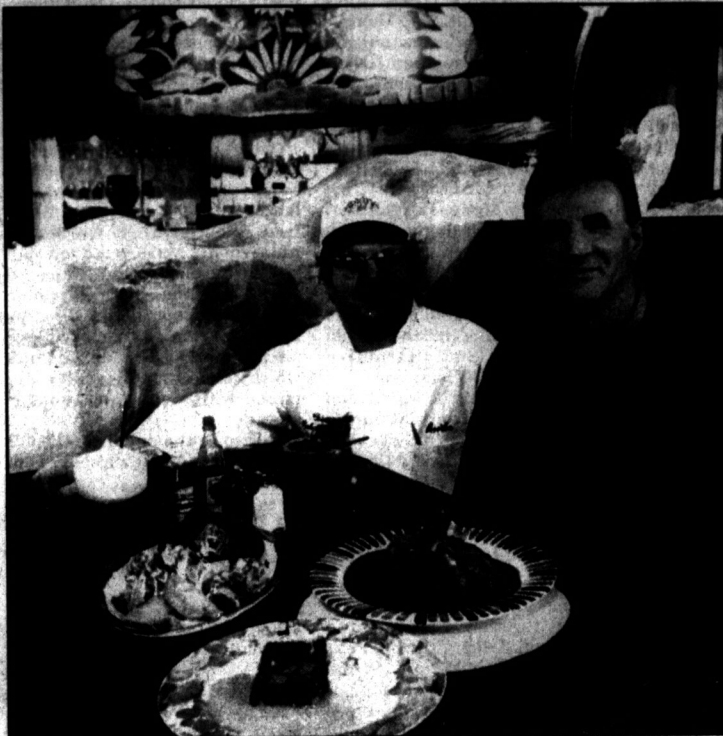
"The more I studied, the more excited I got. I stayed up to 4 or 5 in the morning reading about it and getting excited," Pesusich said.

The Arriba menu has been kept deliberately small, manageable with items that may have names similar to other area Mexican restaurants but are really very different. The one thing that is like other restaurants and is not "authentic" is three kinds of fajitas, those flaming, grilled, tortilla-wrapped sandwiches.

"That's the skeleton in our closet," Serras said.

But here, Pesusich has created a winner, fajitas made with portabella mushrooms. They are outselling the chicken and steak variety.

The other dishes provide taste surprises. Appetizers include such unusual items as quesadillas capitalinas, corn masa turnovers stuffed with chihuahua cheese, chile and guacamole; sopas rancheros, small corn masa boats with shredded beef and aged Mexican cheese;



and for a sampling of items entremeses surtido.

The specialties include a char-grilled chicken breast in a sauce of chile ancho and red wine with bacon and winter squash puree; garlic and spice rubbed shrimp chargrilled; and carne asada, marinated grilled top sirloin with guajillo chile sauce.

Tacos at Arriba are not like the traditional little corn chip sandwiches, as some disappointed customers discovered. For others the tacos de tinga de verduras, a vegetarian plate with zucchini, mushrooms and avocados was a pleasant surprise. The taquitos are crisp rolled tortillas with chicken and poblano chiles. Enchiladas feature chicken with a red mole sauce, the Mexican chocolate sauce used in many recipes.

Desserts include a flan, a chocolate bread pudding, a lime custard and, Pesusich's favorite, a rum raisin rice pudding.

Arriba has the usual offering of Mexican, domestic and imported beers, wines and margaritas.

"This is the most complex thing I've done here," said Pesusich. "It was strange and new to me. I've spent hours and hours getting ready to understand it."

In the weeks ahead Pesusich said he will be introducing a limited number of specials.

In addition to new food, Arriba needed a new look. Serras said they worked with a designer from Cincinnati to develop the eye-popping design with its emphasis on bright primary colors, Mexican artifacts and suggestions of Old Mexico.

"What we created was an illusion of what people may think it's like there. What is authentic is the colorfulness, bright reds and blues," Serras said.

Color is everywhere from

stripped snake sticks over the bar to a multi-colored fabric hanging suggesting chiles to green cactuses. At the center of everything is a plaster tree festooned with lanterns. The tree and the adobe shaped booths and clay patterned floor suggest a courtyard.

To add to the "illusion," a mariachi band strolls through Arriba 6:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday-Friday.

"We did this in three weeks and two days," Serras said. "We're at our best when we create things. We've never used a concept more than once. We've got seafood, northern Italian, Tuscan and now Mexican."

Next up for Mainstreet will be a high-end steakhouse next to Gratz's on Main Street later this

EATING OUT IN THE SUBURBS

Just in case you missed it, or lost the paper. Here are some of the restaurants we've recently visited:

Mountain King Chinese Restaurant - Where: 469 Old Woodward, Birmingham (248) 644-2913. Hours: 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday; until 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday; noon to 9 p.m. Sunday. Menu: Mandarin, Szechuan and Cantonese specialties served at lunch and dinner. Cost: Lunch specials \$5-\$6. Dinner \$5.50-\$11. Multi-course family dinners for 2-6 people \$21-\$60. Reservations: Accepted. Credit cards: All majors accepted.

Flying Fish Tavern - Where: 6480 Orchard Lake Road, (corner of Maple Road) West Bloomfield (248) 865-8888. Hours: 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday; 3 p.m. to midnight Sunday. Menu: Casual neighborhood family eatery serves comfort foods with special focus on fresh catches of the day. Cost: Appetizers and dinner salads \$4-8; sandwiches \$5.50-7; pastas \$7-9; big plates, specials \$9-15; desserts \$2-4. Reservations: For parties of six or more only. Credit cards: All majors accepted.

Wood-Ruff's - Where: 212 W. Sixth St., Royal Oak, (248) 586-1519. Hours: Monday through Saturday 4 p.m. to 2 a.m.; Sundays 4-9 p.m. Menu: Modern culinary twists on classics such as steaks, chops, duck and seafood served in a highly stylized, adult supper club atmosphere. Cost: Starters \$3-7. Entrees \$14-24 accompanied by salad, starch as appropriate and vegetable garnish. Reservations: Recommended. Credit cards: All majors accepted.

O'Grady's Irish Pub - 585 W. Big Beaver, Troy, (248) 524-4770. Open 11-2 a.m. Monday-Saturday; noon to 1 a.m. Sunday. Menu: Lots of variety including Irish specialties. Cost: Sandwiches \$6-\$8; Irish specialties \$10; chicken, seafood, beef and ribs \$8.50-\$15. Reservations: Not accepted. Credit cards: All majors accepted.

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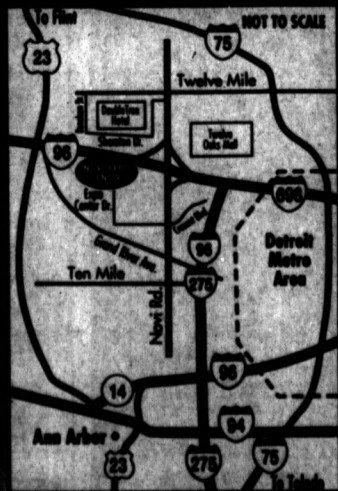
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