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TODAY

CLARKSTON HIGH
MEMORIES
HELP THEM LIVE ON

The end is near. Clarkston's existing high school will say good-bye to its last high school graduating class in June. But hopefully, the high school won't close an important chapter of its history without an appropriate farewell from those who knew it best.

That's why we're asking CHS graduates and CHS teachers — of yesterday and today — to send us one or more memories of your time at Clarkston High. We'll print those recollections in a June edition.

Mail, fax or e-mail your remembrances by Monday, May 18, to the Clarkston Eccentric, 7151 N. Main St., Suite 2, Clarkston, MI 48346. Our fax number is 625-5712, and our e-mail address is ksmith@oe.homecomm.net

Include your name, address, phone number and graduation/teaching year. For more information, call 625-1900.

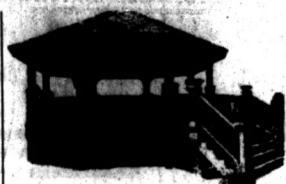
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VINTAGE



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August of 1863 brings a new job for Civil War soldier Edgar Clark. His regiment is shipped to New York to protect and maintain order at a draft site. War protesters often caused trouble at such sites in the North. His letter dated Aug. 23 reflects his happiness about his change of locale.

"My dear wife, I am happy to say we are landed safe in this harbor and on this island last night after a beautiful and pleasant passage on board a large government steamer. Though we had a pleasant passage, most of us were glad to get our feet on land once more. We are now encamped on some of the nicest places that we ever was in. This island (Governor's Island, NY) comprises about 40 acres in New York Harbor. Some very fine and costly residences — a very pleasant place generally.

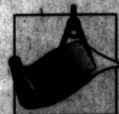
"When I stand outside our tent, I can count 25 or 30 vessels from all parts of the world. We were in the city of New York yesterday about four hours. It would take a man a week to go all through the city. We came here to help the government support the laws and uphold the Constitution of the U.S. We are going to protect government property from foes without and traitors within. We may stay here the remainder of the regiment's time. I hope so. I am tired of Old Virginia. Your husband, Edgar W. Clark."

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



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New school to reflect town's look



■ Clarkston's new elementary school will resemble the Greek Revival architecture of the historic homes along Main Street, according to architectural renderings submitted to the school board Monday.

Envision one of those grand, white-columned homes on Clarkston's Main Street and you'll pretty much have a mental picture of the entrance, style and color of Clarkston's new elementary school.

Clarkston's school board met Monday night to look at drawings of the new school's design as well as architectural renderings of renovations at Clarkston Elementary, North Sashabaw Elementary and Sashabaw Middle schools.

Those buildings comprise Phase I of the district's construction/renovation project, slated to begin in July and end in August of 1999. (Phase II schools — Andersonville, Bailey Lake, Pine Knob and Springfield Plains elementaries will greet work crews next summer and celebrate August 2000 completions.)

In a presentation to the board, Doug LaFerle, vice-president of Roy G.

French Associates Inc., told trustees that RGF architects designed Clarkston's new elementary school to reflect the Greek Revival architecture of the community's downtown. LaFerle said the firm's stylistic decision also stemmed from input by the district's construction/renovation committee — a panel of teachers and parents from school buildings throughout the district. Additionally, he pointed out that architects believed the school's classic design would mesh well with its "pastoral" Hubbard Road/M-15 location, a former horse farm.

"We wanted to come up with a school that would fit into the context of the

community," LaFerle said. "What's very impressive about Clarkston is the age and the amount of historic buildings that still remain in the downtown area. We thought that that was a very significant identifier for this area. There are very few downtowns that have maintained that kind of integrity for as long as Clarkston has ... Yet, outside of town, you still have this feeling of Midwestern rolling terrain farmland — and we wanted to capture a little bit of that."

LaFerle told trustees that architects easily decided on the school's design

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Feeding time: Wendy Adelson feeds sliced bread to her two pet camels, Lucas and Chaz, who eat foods similar to horses. Adelson intends to train her camels for riding and for show at children's birthday parties.

Camel collection

*Desert animals make great pets,
Clarkston-area owner learns*

One hump or two? Two. At least so far. Wendy Adelson, whose eight-acre Perfect Images Farm sits just off the corner of Oakhill and Perry Lake roads, bought her second camel, Chaz, only a few months after she purchased her first, Lucas, just over one year ago.

She felt sorry for Lucas, now 3½ years old, because he sort of, well, stood out and up from the crowd of horses, dogs and geese that grace her property. Besides, the horses were afraid of him, she says.

Lucas needed a buddy, a soulmate, a companion. Adelson reasoned, and so she purchased Chaz, 1½, from an owner in Little Rock, Ark. At somewhere between 500 and 600 pounds, the young Chaz looks fairly diminutive against Lucas' 6½-foot tall, 1,000-pound body.

"He's pretty heavy for a camel," says Adelson of

the pet she affectionately calls Luke; then she adds an afterthought: "For camels, they're good-looking."

Indeed, they are. The two animals, which Adelson says like to walk side-by-side with their heads held high at the same angle and their feet prancing identically, are a beautiful earthy brown, with curled head hair and slender, graceful legs.

Once he arrived at the farm, Chaz needed a name, which didn't come easily.

"Actually, the little one I wanted to name Norman," she says, thinking of her original preference for a moniker. "Everybody yelled at me. I wanted cool names."

"Normally, camels are named Omar. But I didn't want to name either one of them Omar."

Adelson, who had spent time around horses all her life, came to camels by way of a former college

job at the Four Bears Park in Utica. The owners there had camels, and they inspired her.

Adelson, who is a criminal justice graduate from Ferris State University and who works as a self-employed private detective, purchased the camels to appease her own dreams and to someday use for riding and for show with children.

"I'm going to use them for birthday parties and that kind of thing once they get trained," she says, laughing. "If you can get them to lay down and get on them, they're pretty much trained. The trick is getting a saddle."

Despite the fact that her horses were once frightened by Lucas, Adelson says the camels are very much like their equestrian counterparts. They

Please see **CAMELS, A4**

Hot trend: Coffee, conversation in Clarkston

Lisa Moloney, of Clarkston, habitually orders a double cappuccino with a shot of caramel. Her mother, Janie, likes to treat herself to a piece of chocolate.

Their indulgences occur about twice a week at the Union General Sweetshop Cafe in downtown Clarkston. If time allows, they sit at a window-side table in the homespun-style cafe, which has been open just over month, and talk.

"We just really enjoy going in there," Janie said. "It's real comfortable."

"It's really an asset to the area," Lisa added.

Likewise, Clarkston Middle School

students Julian Bailey, Derek Coatney and other members of a youth group from Clarkston United Methodist have fallen into the habit of congregating at the quaint, intimate cafe.

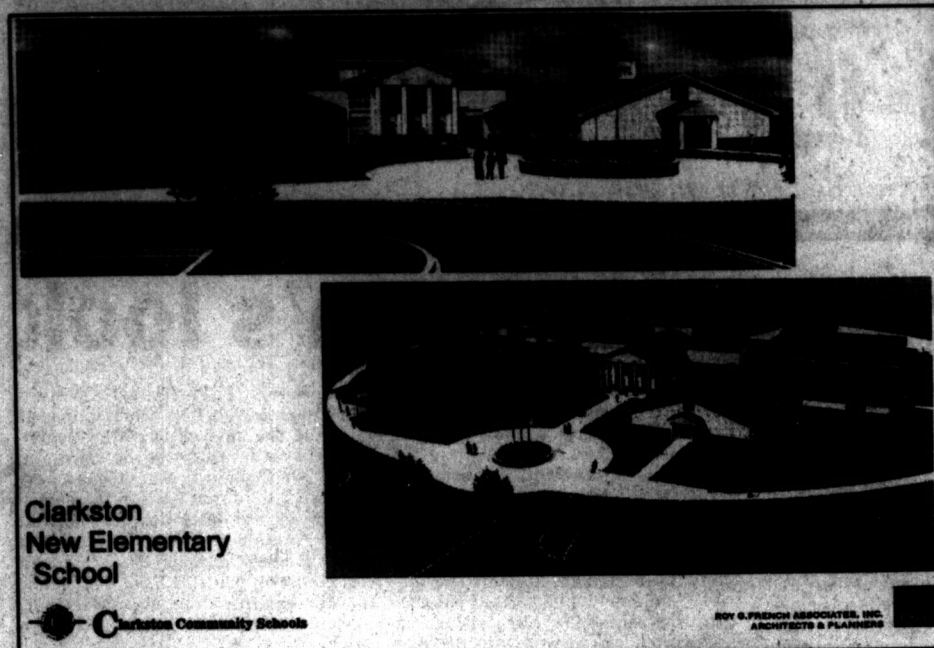
The group comes every Wednesday to socialize and have a treat after their church meetings.

Only one of the teens, Mike Ruggerio, orders coffee. Julian, Derek and the others consume a scoop of ice cream or another sundry.

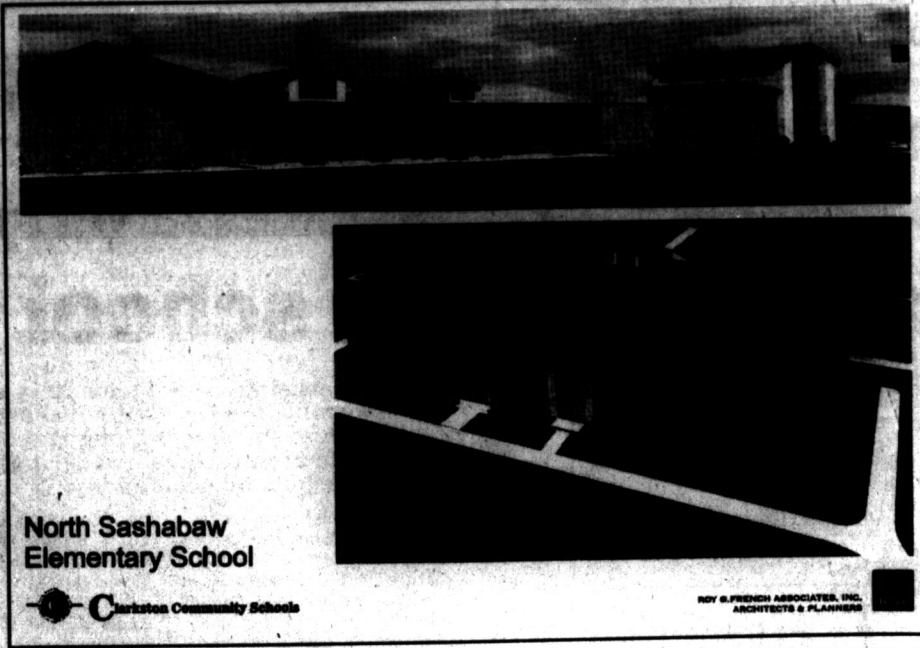
Apparently, though, Mike has really taken to the cappuccino and customarily orders it "if he has the money," his

Please see **COFFEE, A4**

Coffee cafe: Ann Stevenson hit the spot with Clarkston-area coffee drinkers when she opened her new cafe featuring specialty coffees and chocolates.

Clarkston
New Elementary
School

Clarkston Community Schools

ROY G. FRENCH ASSOCIATES, INC.
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Elementary School

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New school: The new Clarkston elementary school that will be built on M-15 will resemble the Greek Revival architecture found on Clarkston's Main Street. The white-bricked, green-roofed school will also mesh with the pastoral look of M-15.

North Sashabaw renovation: Architects propose to turn the front of North Sashabaw Elementary School, which sits close to Maybee Road, into the back of the school. The new front will face Sashabaw Middle School.

School designs from page A1

because of the predominance of Greek Revival architecture on Main Street.

"This is a very appropriate

style (for an elementary school) because in the early- to mid-1800s, it was the style of the new America," the RGF vice-presi-

dent said. "It was based on the democratic principles of the Greeks and Romans."

While the RGF representative said architects didn't want to copy the "architectural gems" of Clarkston's downtown, they did try to capture the feel of those dwellings. As a result, the school was drawn with a portico entrance, identified by a colonnade under a triangular pediment. And in keeping with that pristine vision, architects depicted the school in white concrete brick with a green roof. The RGF spokesman said he expects the new facility to go up in those

colors.

Inside the new building, however, modern influences will abound. The school will feature flexible spaces; lots of natural light; voice, video and computer technology; and a centrally located media center surrounded by attached grade-level "houses."

Clarkston and North Sashabaw elementaries are also expected to be transformed with traditional-looking exteriors and updated insides. However, in the North Sashabaw makeover, the front of the school — which currently faces Maybee Road — will become the back of the

school. North Sashabaw's new, pillared entrance will face Sashabaw Middle School. And the building's media center atrium will face Maybee Road.

As school board members oohed and aahed over the architects' computer-generated "virtual reality" renderings of the new elementary school and the two renovated elementaries, Clarkston schools' superintendent Al Roberts said he was pleased with the work thus far and excited about the expansion of teaching and learning opportunities at those buildings.

According to Craig Kahler, the district's director of business services, trustees will not officially approve the new elementary design and other Phase I sketches until sometime in June. However, Kahler said Tuesday that he didn't expect to see any significant changes to occur in the building plans "between now and then."

At Monday's meeting, Kahler expressed a similar confidence in the construction/renovation program. "I can't say enough about how well this process has gone so far," he said.

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Union lauds Clarkston schools for fine programs

Chalk up an honor for the Clarkston School District.

Six Clarkston programs were recognized for excellence May 5 by the Michigan Education Association during its third annual "Showcasing Public School Success" celebration.

Those standouts are:

■ **Choral/Instrumental "Double Majors"** at Clarkston Middle School — CMS teachers Danielle Blanchard and Julie Mathews coordinate the program, which allows interested seventh-graders to leave band practice one day a week to sight read and sing with the choir. As a result, students no longer have to choose between playing an instrument and singing.

■ **Technology Experiences in Music** at Clarkston Middle School — teacher Danielle Blanchard helps CMS students explore music composition and reading/performance skills through a piano keyboard and a computer lab in the choir room. Computer programs work in conjunction with the piano keyboard to enable students to learn computer skills while experiencing music in new, high-tech ways.

■ **The Link Program** at Sashabaw Middle School — SMS teacher Marjorie Russell directs the program, which links the school's general education students with its autistic pupils to foster self-esteem, respect, role-modeling and academic support.

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■ **Communications Arts Center** at Clarkston High School — CHS teacher Linda Denstaedt heads the effort, assisting students as they build on classroom activities, developing their own poetry, short stories, essays, films and art work for contests and publications.

■ **Vocational Exploration Class** at Clarkston High School — teacher Barbara Anderson helps CHS special education students learn about the world of work. Students receive unpaid on-the-job training at local businesses such as Hollywood Video, Food Town Supermarket and Tre's Hallmark as part of their high school day.

■ **Funshine** at Clarkston High School — teacher Linda Olechowski coordinates the licensed child-care/preschool program for 2 1/2 to 5-year-olds within CHS as part of the school's child development course. CHS students work as intern teachers there and plan activities to promote the physical, social, emotional and intellectual growth of the preschoolers.

CMS pupil's photography entry earns PTA award

Mark Jackson of Clarkston Middle School has won the Connie Ernst Award for his Reflections photography entry in the Michigan PTA Reflections Contest.

The Connie Ernst Award for best interpretation of theme recognizes a single entry across four categories and four age divisions.

This year's theme was "Wouldn't it be great if..."

Of the 10,000 students who participated in the Reflections competition statewide, 1,800 were state finalists.

All state finalists are part of the Connie Ernst Award selection, regardless of age group and/or category of entry.

There are four categories for Reflections competition: photography, original music composition, literature and visual

■ **The award will be presented to Mark at the Michigan PTA State Reflections Awards ceremony to be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 16, at the Lansing Center in Lansing.**

participate in enriching children's lives by supporting fine arts programs.

The award will be presented to Mark at the Michigan PTA State Reflections Awards ceremony to be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 16, at the Lansing Center in Lansing.

The awards ceremony is part of the PTA's annual state convention.

There is no cost for attending the awards ceremony.

Mark's entry also took first place in the middle school photography competition and has been entered into the National PTA Reflections finalist competition.

Notification on the National PTA awards placement will take place in early May.

Goose roundup will go forth, if necessary

Despite past controversy about goose roundups in Cranberry Lake Estates in Independence Township, the birds may be removed from the neighborhood this year.

Independence Township trustees voted 6-0 Tuesday to approve a resolution allowing the removal of geese from the area. Trustee Larry Rosso was absent from the meeting.

Although familiar issues surrounding the practice were discussed, no opposition was voiced by members of the public. Trustees also determined that any removed geese would not be euthanized.

"There was a concern whether we could guarantee their final destination," Independence Township Treasurer James Wenger said, addressing Jennifer L. Frederick, the Cranberry

Lake Estates Improvement Association board member who presented the roundup request.

Frederick said a representative of the Department of Natural Resources informed her that they did not plan to euthanize the birds, but did not specifically offer a "guarantee."

Frederick also said area geese would only be removed from the neighborhood "if the need arises."

A goose roundup did not take place in Cranberry Lakes Estate last year because the DNR determined that fewer than 23 geese resided in the area, Frederick said.

Similarly, a 1998 roundup would be dependent on whether a population threshold established by the DNR is exceeded, she said.

POLICE CALLS

The following incidents were reported to police and fire agencies in Springfield and Independence townships and the city of Clarkston April 30-May 4.

Springfield Police

Thefts

On April 29, a child's BMX bicycle was reported stolen from a residence on **Diane**.

On April 29, a cell phone and sunglasses were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on **Rattalee Lake Road**.

On April 29, radio equipment was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on **Andersonville Road**.

On April 30, amplifiers, tools and a cassette player were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on **Dixie Highway**.

On April 30, a cash box and three cell phones were reported stolen from a business on **Andersonville Road**.

On April 30, speakers and a cassette disc changer were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on **Dixie Highway**.

On April 30, \$150 was reported stolen from a business on **Sashabaw Road**.

On April 30, an all-terrain vehicle was reported stolen from a residence on **Tappon Drive**.

On April 30, cans of beer were reported stolen from a business on **North Easton**.

On April 30, camera equipment was reported stolen from a business on **Clintonville Road**.

On April 30, a cell phone was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on **Lancaster Hill**.

On May 3, a cell phone was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on **Springfield Court**.

On May 3, a purse was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on **Sleepy Hollow**.

On May 3, cassette discs and a cassette disc holder were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on **Parview**.

Vandalism

On May 2, a vehicle parked on **Parview** was illegally entered. A number of unspecified items

were reportedly stolen.

On May 2, a window was reported broken out of a vehicle parked on **Parview**. Nothing was taken.

On May 3, a BB was reportedly shot through a window of a car parked on **Bluewater**.

On May 3, a rock was reported thrown through a window of a vehicle parked on **Louise Court**.

On May 3, a window was reported broken out of a vehicle parked on **Dixie Highway**.

Possession of Marijuana

On May 1, a 16-year-old student was reported to have a marijuana cigarette in his possession while near Clarkston High School on **Middle Lake Road**. The teen was released to his father.

Independence Fire

Between April 30-May 4, firefighters assisted at 23 calls. Among them were 14 medical runs, two personal-injury accidents and one building fire.

On May 3, firefighters attended a basement fire at a home on **Paramus**. The fire was apparently caused by clothing piled too close to a water heater. The fire was extinguished with a portable extinguisher by a neighbor and the home was cleared of smoke.

On May 3, firefighters assisted an injured ball player at **Clintonwood Park** on **Clarkston Road**.

Clarkston Police

On May 1, a 28-year-old Lake Orion resident reported to police that someone had keyed the side of his car while it was parked behind a **South Main Street** business.

On May 2, officers stopped a vehicle on **Main Street** near **Miller Street** and the driver, a 37-year-old Clarkston man, was discovered to be driving with a suspended license. He was cited and released.

On May 3, officers responded to a report of family trouble at a residence on **Middle Lake Road**.

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enjoy traveling in a pack, are domestic in nature, and generally eat many of the same foods.

Adelson says she feeds her camels grain, hay and llama food that she purchases in Ortonville. They also enjoy grazing on grasses and weeds in their fenced-in pasture.

For a treat, Adelson gives them bread by the slice.

Adelson considers herself mostly a self-taught camel person, though breeders and those who market camels are good sources of advice for camel novices, Adelson says.

While trained camels can cost as much as \$10,000, untrained camels, such as the two Adelson purchased, run between \$3,000-\$7,000.

Lucas was purchased from an owner in Missouri. He had been imported from "the desert," Adelson says, and was in quarantine at the time to make sure he wasn't carrying any diseases. She did not disclose how much she paid for her animals.

Adelson says the camels are very smart and are somewhat more enjoyable than horses. Their camel quirks seem to entertain her, as do the passers-by who occasionally stop by her

Adelson says the camels are very much like their equestrian counterparts. They enjoy traveling in a pack, are domestic in nature, and generally eat many of the same foods.

farm to make sure that they are really seeing camels.

"They have absolutely no fly control," she says, noting their short, thin tails are unlike those of horses. "So they're always laying in the mud."

Lucas and Chaz also enjoy going for dips in a pond that adjoins their pasture.

"You can read all you want, but you learn more from the problems you actually have in real life," she says of how she has been gaining their confidence and mastering her camel-training technique. "I've learned most of it since I bought these. They're pretty neat to watch."

friends said. "He's always begging for it."

But if coffee hasn't entirely consumed Clarkston like it has other communities, its counterpart, the coffee house — a backdrop for reading and conversation — has certainly arrived.

"We had a guy in here yesterday who was doing hours and hours of work and getting coffee refills," said Ann Stevenson, who co-owns the Union General with husband Curt Catallo.

Feedback has ranged from "It's about time we have a place to meet" to "Now, I don't have to go all the way to Royal Oak to get a good cup of coffee," Stevenson said.

The cafe's country character, complete with a pantry of specialty foods — from jars of cherry butter to tins of Irish oatmeal — stands apart from its trendy predecessors in other communities.

"This is a little more homey," Stevenson said. "It's a little slower here."

A few storefronts south of the cafe, the Clarkston Village Bakeshop is selling more cappuccino than ever, according to store owners Stephanie and Eric Vo.

"We sell about three dozen cups a day," Eric said. "And more people are coming in and sitting down."

Although the couple sells most of its espresso drinks in take-out cups to customers on their way to work in the morning, the Voss are thinking about expanding the shop to accommodate more seating.



Sweetshop stop: Though they don't drink coffee yet, Derek Coatney and Julian Bailey enjoy meeting friends and eating sweets at the Union General Sweetshop Cafe.

"Especially Saturday and Sunday, I realize I don't have enough room," Eric said. "A lot of people want to sit down and enjoy their coffee."

Likewise, Stevenson plans to set up outdoor seating at the Union General in coming weeks.

Betsy Travis, an area resident for 30 years, said she's already bringing out-of-town visitors to the Union General for coffee and dessert. She also anticipates she'll regularly meet friends there for coffee.

"This is a gathering place," Travis said. "You say, 'I'm just going down to the Union General,' and everybody knows where to find you."

While meeting spots have always been important to communities, "I don't think they've always been here," she said.

And if Travis' predictions are correct, gathering at the Union General will catch on and set the stage for additional local coffee houses and other gathering places.

"Each one feeds the next," she said.

In fact, at least one additional cafe — an upscale New Orleans French Quarter coffee house — is being planned for the community.

To be located at Sashabaw Road near I-75 in Independence Township, the 2,400-square-foot cafe has been proposed by Detroit Vipers General Manager Rick Dudley, a local resident, and Viper Peter Ciavaglia.

Dudley, who loves coffee, "simply had the idea and thought that something like this was needed," said David Katz, the local architect charged with designing the cafe, which, like the Union General, will have a distinctive appearance, including an indoor water pond and fountain, and menu, including chicory coffee and French pastries.

"I enjoy good desserts and I enjoy good coffee and good conversation, and when I have such an opportunity ... this is the type of place I would like to go," said Katz.

"And there could always be competition," he said. "So that's why we're striving to do something unique and upscale."

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Report optimistic on county economy

Oakland County's economic climate is likely to continue growing for the remainder of this year and into 1999, according to the University of Michigan Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations.

But for the first time in almost a decade, the forecast includes a "tapering off" in the number of job opportunities, according to county Executive L. Brooks Patterson.

"It's still a very positive report," Patterson said this week as he prepared for the 13th annual Oakland County Economic Forecast Luncheon. "But some tapering off is expected," he said.

Patterson said Wednesday he has seen the forecast that will be presented in detail Friday at the Northfield Hilton in Troy by U-M researchers including economists George A. Fulton and Donald R. Grimes.

He declined to go into detail,



Brooks Patterson

but Patterson acknowledged what some businesses have discussed previously:

Oakland has plenty of jobs... perhaps too many.

"It's a dilemma presented by

"The good news is we have a lot of jobs. But the bad news is there aren't enough qualified people to fill them."

Brooks Patterson
—county executive

full employment," Patterson said. "The good news is we have a lot of jobs. But bad news is there aren't enough qualified people to fill them."

"That's not good, because when you can't fill the jobs, they tend to go somewhere else."

The annual luncheon is usually a standing-room-only affair, and this year's will be no exception, judging by early ticket sales. With a capacity of 700 people, early sales as of Tuesday exceeded 650.

While socializing and network-

ing are part of the fare, the big attraction is the U-M researchers who talk about their analysis and predictions — based on a number of economic indicators including interest rates, international exports, construction and job growth.

Over the last decade, the forecasts have had a high degree of accuracy. Over the last 12 years, the margin of error has been 1.4 percent, Fulton said Wednesday. Over the last five years, the error ratio was closer to .6 percent, he said.

Last year, the U-M forecasters called for economic growth approaching four percent — a prediction that seems very much on target, according to available figures. Fourth quarter data for 1997 isn't available yet, but Oakland's economic growth was about 3.7 percent, according to Marly Vickers, supervisor of marketing and research for the Oakland's department of devel-

opment and planning.

"We've obviously better," said Fulton, vividly remembers the first economic forecast in 1986. "We predicted growth at that time," he said, it was the first of many forecasts for growth.

The turnout was also memorable, he said. "We were expecting about 60 people, and nearly 200 turned out."

Garry Carley, vice chair of Standard Federal Bank, said he's looking forward to Friday's forecast, "because we always get the heartbeat of Oakland County's economic health."

Richard Thompson, chancellor of Oakland Community College, sees the economic forecast luncheon as a chance for the county to tell its economic story. "It's a good story," said Thompson. "And OCC is proud to be part of the county's economic infrastructure."

Students win honors from MADD

Students from Clarkston and Lake Orion were among the winners in the 1998 Mothers Against Drunk Driving Oakland County poster and essay contests.

First place poster winners, by age group, included: Marisa Ventura of Lanigan Elementary, Farmington Hills, grades 1-3; Anna Habash of Marian High School, Bloomfield Hills, grade 7-9 and Aaron Larson of the Oakland Technical Center, Clarkston, grades 10-12. John Schorsch of Clarkston High School received second place honors in the grade 10-12 category.

In the essay contest, Nikhil Gehani of Abbott Middle School, West Bloomfield, placed first in the grade 4-6 age group.

Other essay winners included: Shayna Schumer of O.E. Dunkel Middle School, Farmington Hills, second place, grade 7-9; Ashley Deacon, Andover High School, Bloomfield Hills, second place, grade 10-12; Chloe Canon of St. Joseph School, Lake Orion, third place, grade 7-9 and Michael Ellman of Andover High School, third place, grade 10-12.

Oakland courts undergo 'biggest change in century'

This is a busy and productive time for the Oakland Circuit Court, according to chief judge Edward Sosnick.

Besides reorganizing in January and forming the new Family Court Division — a restructuring some observers classified as the "biggest court change in more than a century" — the 17 circuit and four probate judges handled more cases with extremely limited resources, Sosnick was to expected say in the first-ever "State of the Court" address.

His 11-page address was scheduled to be delivered at today's regular meeting of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, the body that annually oversees the court budget.

According to an advanced copy of Sosnick's address, the courts have been busy indeed.

The Family Court Division — with 14 judges assigned — was perhaps the biggest and most time-consuming change, according to Sosnick. The restructuring was mandated by the state legislature in recognition of the importance of cases involving divorce, child neglect, custody matters and other considerations.

In recognition of that importance, Sosnick said the courts have initiated streamlined methods for processing divorce while emphasizing the importance of considering children at an early stage of the proceedings.

The parties in divorce are now required to exchange financial and other information earlier in the process, Sosnick said, something that allows the court of identify dysfunctional families so parents and

youngsters can get counseling or appropriate help to deal with problems such as substance abuse.

In recognition of the problems associated with family disputes, the Oakland Circuit Court initiated the state's first divorce education program — SMILE (Start Making It Livable for Everyone) — about eight years ago, the judge said. Its message is simple: "The greatest gift a parent can give to a child is the right to love both parents."

SMILE has been replicated in 32 Michigan counties and 17 other states, Sosnick said.

New laws on domestic violence and stalking have generated about

3,000 new cases annually in Oakland County, the judge said, some resulting in Personal Protection Orders.

More than 29,000 new cases were filed in 1997, according to Sosnick, which averaged out to 1,715 new cases for every judge.

Those filings included 7,080 new criminal cases, which the judge said is an increase of 321 cases, or about 4.7 percent, over the previous year.

While the judges and their staffs have been active, so has the Friend of the Court's office, said Sosnick.

One indication, he said, the \$150 million in support payments collected last year.

4-H clubs to raise money

Oakland County 4-H Clubs are joining with Habitat for Humanity to raise money to construct houses in the Pontiac area.

4-H youngsters will build Lego houses to call attention to the Habitat for Humanity program.

They seek sponsors to help them acquire Lego materials. For additional information, call (248) 858-0889.

Special dinner, service set

Jewish Federation's Rekindling Shabbat (Sabbath) Young Adult Task Force and YASS (Young Adult Shabbat Services) invite Jewish young adults 21-35 to a barbecue Sabbath dinner followed by services Friday, May 29, at Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills.

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Participants enjoyed the hands-on activities ranging from a TCI Cable display to line dancing and square dancing demonstrations, a wagon ride and a bake sale.

Information on raising beef, sheep, swine, rabbits, chickens and goats was available.

There was also a dog demonstration and handling clinic, a horse clinic and crafts in the exhibit hall.



Paint me: Above, from left, MacKenzie, Madison and Marrisra Hewerdine got their faces painted at Saturday's "4-H Discovery Day" at the Springfield Oaks Activity Center in Davisburg. At right, are a few of the fuzzy animals that were on hand for the children to marvel at.



Baaaaaack me up, good buddy: Above, Max Meirou found a new best friend at "4-H Discovery Days" in the Springfield Oaks Activity Center in Davisburg last Saturday. At left, Candi Cariveau paints a cow.

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For House retirees, there's life after Lansing

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

For 65 state representatives, it's the end of the road. Term limits, approved by voters in 1992, prohibit them from running again this year.

What did six or more years in Lansing mean to them? What advice would they give their replacements? What would they tell 21-year-olds considering a career in politics?

BARBARA DOBB, 48, R-Union Lake, of the West Bloomfield/Commerce Township-based 39th District, has served four two-year terms in the state House and heads her own CPA firm in West Bloomfield.

"We're seriously considering taking a run for the (15th District) Senate seat," she said. Dobb lost the Republican primary to Willis Bullard Jr. of Milford when the vacancy opened up two years ago and would have to face the incumbent in this year's primary.

"The whole political landscape is going to change under term limits. This will be our first election under term limits. The public will get a real wake-up call as to how far-reaching it is. It doesn't affect just those legislators who are term-limited, like myself.

"It's going to affect a lot of local races, a lot of staff here in Lansing. You're going to see changes in the type of legislation that comes out of the House and what types of coalitions are built."

Biggest accomplishment: "Absolutely, without a doubt, no question, Proposal A," the 1994



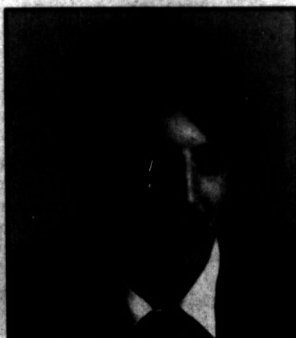
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Barbara Dobb
—State representative

amendments to the Michigan Constitution and school finance laws that replaced much of the school property tax with a higher sales tax. "I was one of the Team of 14 here in the House that put the framework for Proposal A together.

GREG KAZA, 37, R-Rochester Hills, of the Rochester Hills/Troy-based 42nd District, is the House's libertarian policy wonk. He has been a journalist, adjunct professor at Northwood University, vice president for policy research of the Mackinac Center, author and contributor to conservative publications. Elected to the state House in 1992, he considered running for U.S. representative this year but changed his mind.

"I'm going to be running sever-



'I can honestly say I've had no frustration in the Legislature.'

Greg Kaza
—State representative

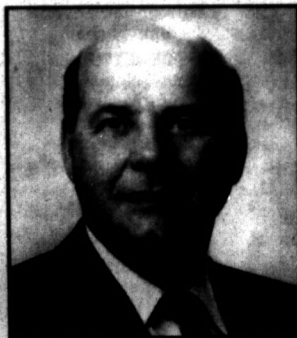
al (financial) limited partnerships, and I'm also going to be lecturing at several universities on economics and finance," he said.

"I know I'll be spending more time reading annual financial reports and less time reading state budgets."

"There's no chance of my becoming a lobbyist."

Proudest achievements: "The bill that amended the Freedom of Information Act (to allow non-court appeals of denials of public documents) and several bills awaiting action in the Senate to put the Legislature on-line."

Biggest disappointment: "I can honestly say I've had no frustration in the Legislature." Not even when he's on the short end of a 105-1 vote? "I don't take myself too seriously when that



Tom Middleton is challenging incumbent state Sen. Mat Dunaskiss in the 16th District GOP primary this year.

happens."

A reading list for new members: "Two things: The rules of the House and the powers of the Legislature in the Michigan Constitution. There are some people I serve with who haven't read the rules."

Advice to 21-year-olds considering service in the Legislature: "I've actually had this discussion recently. Be positive. Look for



'There's life outside the Legislature, and I'm looking forward to it.'

Penny Crissman
—State representative

growth experience. Be optimistic."

TOM MIDDLETON, 52, R-Ortonville, is closing eight years in the House from the northwest Oakland-based 46th District. He's challenging incumbent state Sen. Mat Dunaskiss in the 16th District GOP primary this year. He has been an owner and operator of dairy and crop farms

and was president of the Oxford school board.

"It'll be a real hard race. It will give people the choice they haven't had in some years. I plan to be talking to people in the district and have office hours."

Advice to successor: "Meet the people. There are 110 of us in the House. You can't be an expert on everything. You have to learn who has expertise in some areas."

PENNY CRISSMAN, 54, R-Rochester, of the Rochester/Lake Orion-based 45th District, was elected in 1992 after working in a law office, raising children and serving as councilman and mayor a total of seven years.

"I have a few options ... in the private sector," she said — nothing political. "I have mixed emotions about leaving the Legislature, something I'm very proud of. I will not miss the travel time, an hour and a half one way. There's life outside the Legislature, and I'm looking forward to it."

Advice to 21-year-olds considering a career in the Legislature: "Become active locally, serve on some local board or commission, running for office, working on a campaign for someone else."

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OAKLAND DIGEST

Oakland Digest provides a summary of headline stories from around the county during the week leading up to April 30.

BIRMINGHAM
Smoking crackdown: Police will soon begin strictly enforcing the city's ordinance banning teen smoking. Beginning at the May 28-31 Village Fair, police will be ticketing smokers under 18 without first issuing them a warning, as had been previously done.

CLARKSTON
New health center: The new \$12 million Mid-Oakland Medical center opens this week at Dixie Highway and M-16 in Independence Township. The three-floor, 120,000-square-foot facility includes specialists — a first for the community — as well as a cancer care center.

FARMINGTON
Here's the beef: Greene's, a long-time hamburger stand at 10 Mile

and Orchard Lake Road, and Dunleavy's Pub were judged to have the best burgers in Farmington in an unsentimental reader's poll. While Dunleavy's burgers may have been meatier, Greene's fans flipped for the white tile building's 2-ounce, 85-cent specials.

LAKE ORION
GM says no: A General Motors spokeswoman confirmed Orion township's anti-tax break policy was a factor in the automaker's decision to cancel a planned \$250 million expansion at its Orion Township plant. GM spokeswoman Janine Fruehan said concerns over production efficiency at the plant and shifting consumer demands also were factors in the company's decision.

OXFORD
Fire hall needed: Oxford Township fire officials say a Tuesday

fire confirms the need for a fire station in the township's southern end. The fire destroyed a garage and damaged a home on Squaw Lake. Fire officials said damage could have been reduced if there had been a station in the area.

ROCHESTER HILLS
New home: Home Depot has announced plans for retail and garden center behind the Winch-ester Mall shopping area at Rochester and Avon Roads. Though the 14.3 acre site still requires city council approval, the Rochester Hills planning commission gave it a preliminary go-ahead last week.

SOUTHFIELD
Art theft: Police are continuing their search for suspects in thefts of a Picasso etching and Rembrandt plate from Park West Gallery on Northwestern Highway. The Rembrandt plate

is estimated at \$100,000, the etching is appraised at \$40,000-\$50,000.

TROY
Bye, bye Jerry: The Troy chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Auld Lang Seinfeld party 7:30-10 p.m. tonight at Shield's of Troy, on Maple road, west of Crooks. Those who buy a pizza are invited to watch the final episode of the popular NBC comedy.

WEST BLOOMFIELD
Gateway to future: The Gateway Center, a collection of stores and restaurants planned for the corner of 14 Mile and Orchard Lake Road has received approval from the West Bloomfield wetlands board and planning commission. The 54-acre site is now headed to the city council for final approval.

OU researcher looks at infant blindness

An Oakland University professor is researching the genetic link to blindness among premature babies with the university's first grant from The March of Dimes.

The organization on April 21 awarded Barkur Shastry, associate professor, Biomedical Sciences, Eye Research Institute, \$140,000 for a two-year period. Shastry and clinicians at Beaumont Hospital are researching whether genetics are a factor in blindness among premature babies.

Of the 4,000 premature babies born in the United States annually, 700 go blind. The MOD is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the health of babies by reducing birth defects and infant mortality.

"This March of Dimes grant supports a very interesting project that needs research," said Venkat Reddy, ERI co-founder and distinguished professor, Biomedical Sciences. Reddy said the grant is extraordinary because the MOD funds research for birth defects but does not fund eye research very often. The MOD, Reddy adds, typically awards lower sums of \$10,000-\$20,000 for one year.

OU's Eye Research Institute, an independent academic unit of Oakland University, is a major center for ophthalmologic research. Since 1968, the faculty have received nearly \$30 million in research grant support from private and federal health agencies.

OAKLAND JOURNAL

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
Oakland University's Center for Business Excellence is holding professional development weekends May 15-17 and June 5-7. The weekends are geared toward CPAs and certified financial planners. There is a \$40-per-class fee. For a complete class list, or for more information, call (248) 370-3128.

WOOD CHIPS
Free wood chips are available for pick up every Saturday in May at Orion Oaks County Park. Those interested in picking up wood chips are advised to use the Clarkston Road entrance and to bring their own shovels, wheelbarrows and buckets. The program is not open to commercial haulers. Orion Oaks is in Orion Township. Additional information is available by calling (248) 858-0906.

OCC REGISTRATION
Final walk-in and telephone registration for Oakland Community College's spring 1998 semester is set for May 7-8. Registration hours are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday at the Auburn Hills campus, 2900 Featherstone, (248) 340-6572; the Highland Lakes campus, 7350 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford, (248) 360-3067; the

Orchard Ridge campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, (248) 471-7628 and the Royal Oak campus, 739 S. Washington, (248) 544-4990. Southfield campus students are advised to register at the Royal Oak campus. Classes begin May 11.

CLASS SAMPLER
Oakland Community College is holding an open house 4-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 20 at its Auburn Hills campus for high school students and their parents. The event allows prospective students to sample 20 minute lectures in a variety of classes. The campus is at 2900 Featherstone, near the Pontiac Silverdome. For more information, call (248) 340-6902.

SCIENCE DAY
Oakland Community College's second annual Science Day for Kids is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 16 at the Highland Lakes campus, 7350 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford. The program is designed for students 6-13 and their parents. Admission is \$12. Additional information is available by calling (248) 360-3186.

AGING ISSUES
The Wayne State University Continuing Education Program on Issues in Aging is scheduled for May 18-20 at the Management Education Center, Troy. The conference provides training for health and human services professionals. Events include: dementia, May 18; innovations in assessments and interventions, May 19 and advances in cancer care, May 20. Registration is \$95 for one

day, \$180 for two and \$265 for three. For additional details, call Janice Freytag at (313) 577-1180, or e-mail jfreytag@med.wayne.edu

ESTATE PLANNING
The Citizens Alliance for the Probate Court of Oakland County is sponsoring a series of free seminars on probate law and estate planning, in conjunction with a number of local senior citizen organizations. Seminars are scheduled for: 6:45-9:15 p.m. May 19 at the Oak Park Community Center, 14300 Oak Park Blvd. between Greenfield and Coolidge; 6:45-9:15 p.m. June 9 at the William Costick Activities Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 858-0950 for more information.

OCC BAND
The Oakland Community College Symphony Band will present its spring concert 8 p.m. May 8 in the Student Center Concert Arena of OCC's Highland Lakes Campus. The concert is free. OCC Highland Lakes is at 7350 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford. Additional information is available by calling (248) 879-6346.

WALSH REGISTRATION
Sign-ups for summer classes has begun at Walsh College. Students can register for classes at campuses in Troy, Novi, Clinton township and Port Huron. Summer classes run May 15 to July 27. Walsh offers degree programs in accounting, computer systems, finance, management and marketing. For more information, call (248) 689-8282.

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THURSDAY, MAY 7, 1998

Stop, go, stop, oooh! Traffic light frustrations mount

Sometimes little problems can be just as irritating as big problems. One little problem we find very irritating is the timing of the traffic lights at Sashabaw Road and I-75.

Sometimes, because of the way the lights function, motorists heading northbound on Sashabaw Road have to stop at Waldon Road and then again a few feet later at the light on the bridge going over I-75 where southbound I-75 traffic exits.

This is particularly annoying when traffic is light and no one is exiting I-75 at the southbound ramp. Such was the case about 5 p.m. Sunday when one of our staffers waited needlessly at the southbound ramp after having just stopped a few feet before that at Waldon Road.

We called the Road Commission for Oakland County and learned that the two bridge lights — the one at the southbound exit ramp and the one at the northbound exit ramp — flash yellow from 2 a.m. to 5:30 a.m. seven days a week. All other times, they operate red, yellow and green.

We understand the need to have the bridge lights operate red, yellow and green during rush hour during the week. Anyone who works north of Clarkston knows it would be dangerous to turn onto Sashabaw from I-75 on the drive home without a red light to stop the Sashabaw traffic.

But why can't the bridge lights simply flash

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yellow at all times on the weekend?

A spokesman for the road commission, which simply maintains the timing for the state, said he believes the bridge lights operate red, yellow and green on the weekends because of Pine Knob Music Theater. That makes sense to us during the summer when there is heavy concert traffic. But what about the rest of the weekends during the year when Pine Knob doesn't hold concerts?

The road commission is working to fix the timing of the light at the southbound exit ramp. According to the spokesman, that light sometimes gets out of step with the light at Waldon and the northbound exit ramp so that it flashes a different color than the other two. That will certainly help the situation if all three lights are green at the same time.

But we think the state ought to consider having the bridge lights flash yellow on non-summer weekends so that motorists don't have to stop needlessly.

Reign in young jet skiers

It will make waves with some young people, but we're glad to see that state legislators are getting serious about water safety by calling for more training among teen watercraft users.

As proposed and passed unanimously by the House recently, Bills 5426 and 4248 would require that personal watercraft drivers be at least 16 years old and would require those 16-19 to obtain boating safety certificates.

Youths 12-16 who already have boating safety certificates under their belts would be "grandfathered in" to the law and allowed to continue driving the vehicles as long as they obtained their certificates before the legislation is enacted.

The House bills are now before the Senate Transportation and Tourism Committee, awaiting action, while a similar bill, Senate Bill 865 is also being considered.

Representatives and senators hope that legislation will be agreed upon by both sides and enacted by May 22.

A boon to those who enjoy water sports, personal watercraft — which resemble motorcycles on water, maneuver best at high speeds and hold one to three riders — have become a bane to some folks who frequent Michigan's plentiful lakes and who say too many of their drivers are responsible for carelessness, unnecessary noise and, sometimes, tragedy.

State statistics from 1996 show that while personal watercraft accounted for 7 percent of registered boats in the state they also accounted for 49 percent of the deaths from water vehicle accidents — a disproportionately high number.

Rep. Tom Middleton (R-Clarkston) believes it's not so much inexperienced youth as it is a lack of education that contributes to the personal watercraft problems. He says that additional language included in the proposed bills, which would require anyone born after Dec.

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31, 1978, to successfully complete a boating safety class before operating a vehicle, will ultimately make all potential drivers, regardless of their ages, safe and smart.

Rep. Barbara Dobb (R-Commerce), whose district encompasses a number of popular lakes, agrees with Middleton and says even safety features on personal watercraft, such as the "kill switch" cannot prevent some tragedies when the drivers are young and inexperienced.

Dobb said she is willing to consider allowing 14-year-olds, in the company of adults who have certificates, to operate personal watercraft.

Some officials, including Lt. Berry Zeeman of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department Marine Division and Sen. Mat Dunaskiss (R-Lake Orion), contend that 12-16 year old drivers aren't the worst offenders — that 18- to 30-year-olds are. But we agree with Middleton's and Dobb's contention that the younger age group, when faced with a "panic situation," is the least likely to react with a quick, effective and responsible decision.

We understand the legislators' desire to regulate youthful drivers. But we also hope they will maintain language that will require older drivers to take boating safety classes.

There's a lot more than pleasure on the line.

Boating safety classes are available through the Oakland County Sheriff's Department Marine Division. Information may be obtained by calling (248) 391-0256.

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

Are you glad the Sportsplex is coming to the area and do you plan to use it?



'Yeah. I play hockey.'
Robert Sloan, 14
8th grade



'Yeah. I like it because I do roller hockey and basketball.'
Adam Groh, 14
8th grade



'Yes. I like to inline skate and ice skate.'
Janice Cryer, 14
8th grade



'Yes, because I like skating.'
Nicole Smith, 12
6th grade

This question was asked at Sashabaw Middle School off Maybee Road.

LETTERS

Article goes over 'big'

Wanted to drop you a note and compliment Jan Baker on the article she wrote on large families that appeared in Easter's paper.

Tim and I enjoyed the interview we had with Jan and were very pleased with the article she created. As we prepare to go "Birding" at Point Pelee in Canada in two weeks, Jan's journalistic reference to our family descending on the campground could not have been stated better. (Imagine the expression on the faces of fellow campers as we open the van door and hop out one after the other.) I'm happy to report we have never driven anyone away and, in fact, have received many compliments as to how quiet and well behaved the "brood" is. I liked the way Jan's article was written. We have received many compliments on the article as well as the creative picture which Steve Cantrell took of the family.

I'm not sure how often you receive positive feedback and thought you would like to hear what the word on the street is. Our compliments to both Jan and Steve.

Tim & Suzette Hart and family
Clarkston

Keep plan off ballot

There's a new voucher plan in the works. A group called School Choice Yes has a voucher plan that it would like us to have in Michigan. It's called the "Universal Tuition Tax Credit."

This credit would expand parental choice for K-12 students, a dollar-for-dollar credit could be claimed by any individual or corporation that pays a child's public or private school tuition up to \$3,000 per child. Sounds good so far. Now why wouldn't we want to sign a petition that would put this on the November ballot?

First of all, I do not want my tax dollars spent at private schools. I believe in public funds for public schools. The UTTC would undermine public education by reducing available funding from three major state sources (the individual income tax, the single business tax and the state education property tax) which help pay for public education. It would subsidize existing private schools, as well as financing new ones, at a time when a number of districts are having problems adjusting to the impact of Proposal A.

This proposal would fund schools with taxpayer dollars that do not open their doors to all children in the community, let alone all children in the state. If you are approached to sign this petition, please say no, thank you. Help to keep this back-door voucher plan off the ballot for all the children in our public schools.

Linda Bodnovits
Garden City

Back to the 3 Rs

Ever since our countrymen allowed the removal of prayer from our classrooms, our morality has dropped to the level of rodents.

Our schools are greatly responsible for the children committing violent crimes. I'm not talking about the dedicated teachers. They will always be there. Thank God for them.

I'm frustrated. Morality, decency, responsibility, respect and the ability to know right from wrong has gone by the wayside in educational systems throughout our country. This no longer is part of our educational system. Why? Doesn't this belong there? Are teachers afraid to teach?

As I look over the years, I looked up to our leaders. But what have our children got to look up to? Not our president. He didn't inhale! How about our Congress? They voted themselves the biggest fattest raise in history. Why? Doesn't this belong there? Are teachers afraid to teach?

But just try to correct the notch problem for those shorted on their Social Security checks, people born between 1917-1926. Rostenkowski would not allow the bill out of "his" committee to be voted on.

I'm a veteran of two wars — World War II and Korea. I'm wondering, was it all in vain? To save what? A country that spends and spends, gives and gives and gives to any foreign country to buy their love of us? They hate our guts and love our money.

The only thing I see is that our vets forgot what they fought for or are ashamed. How about freedom and pursuit of peace for all mankind? I am not compromising or abandoning my fundamental values. I vote!

Children who use guns were not educated to respect other people, and the lack of discipline can be reversed if parents and schools go back to the "three Rs" — Responsibility, Respect and Reunite. Our children are our future and doctors can help but it starts at home and in the schools!

Don't blame guns — I never saw a gun shoot anyone.

People kill people; they are the ones who need help.

George Strelczuk
Farmington

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POINTS OF VIEW

Advertising tells the stories behind products

I have heard it said that 80 percent of all advertising is wasted. This is primarily due to people who want to market something but haven't really figured out who their target buyers are so they over-advertise.

Then, of course, there are inexperienced marketers who don't know how to reach their target, and there are others who pick their medium based on price rather than effectiveness.

There are all kinds of advertising vehicles.

You think of direct mail, newspapers, radio and TV, but there is everything from refrigerator magnets, ads on grocery carts, Yellow Page ads and even your name on the gates on parking structure exits.

Direct mail is the most expensive,

yet considered the most effective. Again it is only effective if the right targets are selected.

There is newspaper advertising, but you have to decide if you want to be in the newsway part of the paper or the classifieds.

Then you have to decide if you want to use a core city paper or a suburban. Each has a niche and reaches different readers. Research says that suburban papers are more likely to be read cover to cover because they are smaller. Large dailies are read by section.

There are TV and radio. The time of day you select for your ad has to be geared to who watches when.

I used to think that radio was not as effective a medium because people couldn't write down your number

ECCENTRICITIES



HANK HOGAN

I've never figured out why anyone thought that a bunch of ugly lizards would convince me to try a beer named Bud.

while driving, but years ago I heard a Fisher Theater ad and called and bought tickets using my cell-phone.

Even after selecting the right medium or media, your ad has to be designed to attract attention or it will be wasted.

Often people put too much copy in their ad, confusing the intended target.

You are always dealing with the short attention span of human beings.

Ads must be memorable because intended buyers are flooded with many messages and won't remember yours if it doesn't stand out.

I've seen ads that don't include addresses, which always makes me suspicious that an out of town company is trying to appear local.

I also wonder about the ads that

contain material that has nothing to do with the product. Beer ads often lead me to drinking wine. I've never figured out why anyone thought that a bunch of ugly lizards would convince me to try a beer named Bud.

Critics often speak badly of advertising because they say it is exploitative. Yet it is a channel of information that tells a story. It may be a one-sided story, but it wouldn't be told otherwise.

If there weren't some form of advertising, how would the world know about new products?

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

65 state representatives can't run again this year

For a majority of the state House of Representatives - 65 out of 110 - time is up. Term limits, approved by the voters in 1992 and affirmed by the court this year, prohibit them from running again in August and November.

It's easy and, sometimes useful to poke fun at our legislators, especially the pompous ones that keep filling up my mailbox with press releases. But the fact is they work hard - probably harder than most of us - and they do care about their communities.

Tim Richard, the head of the HomeTown News Service that brings stories from Lansing to this newspaper, interviewed retiring legislators. What they said was thoughtful and, often, insightful. Here's a sampling that readers might want to clip out for comparison when candidates for the House come calling this fall:

TOM MIDDLETON, R-Ortonville, who is challenging incumbent Sen. Mat Dunaskiss in the GOP primary, advised his successor: "Meet the people. There are 110 of us in the House. You can't be an expert on everything.

You have to learn who has expertise in some areas. In some, you're going to have to depend on lobbyists. You're also going to have to learn whom you can trust. Some people will say anything to you, then not come true on their word."

BARBARA DOBB, R-Union Lake, who heads her own CPA firm in West Bloomfield and is thinking of running for the Senate, reflected on the consequences of term limits: "The whole political landscape is going to change under term limits. This will be our first election under term limits. The public will get a real wake-up call as to how far-reaching it is. You're going to see changes in the type of legislation that comes out of the House and what types of coalitions are built."

PENNY CRISSMAN, R-Rochester, who leaves the legislature with mixed feelings. "I will not miss the travel time, an hour and a half one way. But there is life outside the Legislature, and I'm looking forward to it." She says her biggest frustration was, "When I came in, you were expected to sit and listen (until gaining seniori-



PHILIP POWER

ty). But term limits came in. We had to convince them (the leadership) they no longer had the luxury of time in learning. We needed to be brought on board."

ALLAN L. CROSEY, R-DeWitt, best known for pushing gun ownership bills and representing fundamentalist Christians, advises his successor: "They need to have a well-rounded education, well-rounded life experience. Listen to the constituents and hear what they're really saying; hear the fear that's motivating their stand on an issue. A lot of times you can come to accommodations that both sides can agree on."

FRANK FITZGERALD, R-Grand Ledge, who is running for the Republican nomination for attorney general after six terms in the House, reflected on a reading list for a good legislator:

"There's not a single document or a book. One can to this job without being a political science major or a lawyer. Two documents a legislator should have the greatest familiarity with are the U.S. Constitution and the state Constitution. Beyond that, some general grounding in government, common sense and a knowledge of your people. Reading the local newspaper, honest, is the second most important."

GREG KAZA, R-Rochester Hills, the House's libertarian policy wonk, advised his successor: "Knock on a lot of doors - that's the most important factor. Make sure you don't hold grudges and go to as many events put on by members not only of your party but of the opposing party."

KIRK PROFFIT, D-Ypsilanti, advised 21-year-olds considering a career in the Legislature: "Live life to

the fullest every day. Understand people and what they want. We don't come here with the answers. We come as conduits, advocates and facilitators."

DEBORAH WHYMAN, R-Canton, is running for the Senate seat being vacated by Bob Geake. Her biggest disappointment: "Seeing adults act like kindergartners. We work on bills and all get very tired, and (some) return to the behavior they had when they were 5 years old - petty bickering, just generally childish."

Reflecting on the distilled experience of these retiring legislators makes me more than a little nervous about what's to come when the Legislature is dominated by the six-year term limit.

Phil Power is chairman of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this newspaper. He welcomes your comments, either by voice mail at (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1880, or by e-mail at ppower@cconline.com

Computers should help schools to teach curriculum

The other day our director of technology, Matt McCarty, mentioned to me he had just returned from a workshop where he spent the day with technology people from school districts across the state.

I was told many of his colleagues felt isolated in their positions, not "plugged in" to the rest of their district.

They did not feel any real connection to the educational side of the business.

He was quick to mention that the workshop gave him a true appreciation of Clarkston's dual approach, integrating technology with our instructional goals.

After all, if technology doesn't support what we are teaching, then what good is it?

Oh sure, we need computers and software programs to be more efficient with office record-keeping and finances.

But when we look at the supportive role technology can play in the classroom, the options are overwhelming!

I think our taxpayers will be glad to know that the district's curriculum council considers many options before recommending the purchase of computer programs.

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You can learn more about our technology plans at our Web site at <http://www.clarkston.k12.mi.us>.

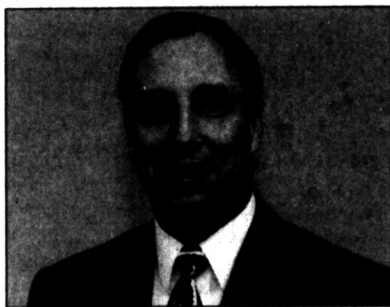
Just last week we added a "Tech News" link that features a newsletter from McCarty.

It relates the current process of upgrading district offices, offers information about virus hoaxes, and, if you are considering the purchase of a computer, you will want to see the information about our hardware standards, operating systems and productivity software.

Despite all of this good news, there are some obstacles we face.

Developing and maintaining a Web site is a time-consuming task.

Our dilemma is that the more we publish, the



AL ROBERTS

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more people expect!

We have many plans for expanding the site and look forward to the time when specific building information can be even more of a help to students and parents.

In the future we will provide homework information, link users to specific teachers and establish an intranet system for district employees.

We hope you'll be patient as our newest communications link continues to evolve.

In the meantime, providing our youngsters and employees with the tools they need to reach for the stars is a task that is well underway.

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

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Bill would let theaters jettison unruly patrons

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Catching up on crime and other bills in the Michigan Senate:

Guards empowered

Private security guards at theaters and arenas would be able to eject unruly patrons if a Senate-passed bill is enacted by the state House of Representatives.

"This would allow private security to remove people who are screaming, standing on chairs, fighting, spilling drinks," said Sen. Michael Bouchard, R-Birmingham, the former police officer who sponsored Senate Bill 995.

"Now they have to seek out police officers. Court decisions say they (places of public entertainment) have a duty to protect the public."

The guard could eject the unruly person from a theater, arena, circus, athletic grounds or

This would allow private security to remove people who are screaming, standing on chairs, fighting, spilling drinks.

Michael Bouchard
—State senator

any entertainment place with a seating capacity of 200, including a shopping center. The guard could not perform an arrest.

Bouchard's bill sailed through the Senate April 29 on a 30-6 vote but without debate. All area senators voted yes except Alma Wheeler Smith, D-Salem.

Bomb bills OK'd

Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township, won unanimous support for his pair of bills to prevent manufacture and use of weapons of mass destruction.

"Times have changed, and we need to address the very real threat of chemical, biological and radioactive weapons," said Peters. "My bill will give prose-

cutors the tools they need to deal with this new threat."

The package includes:

■SB 443, which makes it a crime to manufacture biological, chemical or radioactive substances, punishable by 15 years in prison. For property damage, the penalty would be 20 years; if injury to a person, 25 years; if serious impairment of a body function, life in prison; if death, a mandatory life sentence without probation.

If the bomber's target were "vulnerable" such as schools, churches, hospitals or other public buildings, 25 years would be attached. It would not apply to the military, law enforcement or a person using them on the job.

■SB 1011, which prohibits parole for prisoners sentenced to life in prison for use of explosives, chemical or biological weapons. The Senate Fiscal Agency couldn't estimate a total cost, but the cost for a single prisoner, assuming 50 years behind bars, would be \$900,000. Both bills go to the House.

Emergency aid

The Senate expanded the Good Samaritan law to provide immunity from liability for volunteers who treat emergency cases with an automated external defibrillator (AED).

Sponsored by Sen. Robert Geake, R-Northville, SB 1050 doesn't cover professionals called

on a 911 service. If passed by the House, Geake's bill would take effect July 1.

Current law provides Good Samaritan protection for persons who render CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) to another.

An AED is emergency equipment for heart cases. It provides an electrical shock to restore a normal heartbeat.

Geake argued down an amendment from Sen. Diane Byrum, D-Onondaga, who wanted to require owners of AEDs to make

instruction available to such users as security guards, airline attendants and movie theater managers.

"This flies in the face of the purpose of the bill," Geake said of Byrum's amendment. "It imposes a duty of instruction. Once we open the door to imposing a duty, we open the door to lawsuits — which is opposed to the purpose of the bill." The Byrum amendment lost in an unrecorded voice vote.

Refer to bill number when writing to your state representative, State Capitol, PO Box 30014, Lansing 48909.

Go, Go Godzilla

The Star Southfield Entertainment Centre presents the benefit "Gilda Meets Godzilla," Wednesday, May 20, a premiere screening of the new movie, "Godzilla." Proceeds benefit Gilda's Club Metro Detroit. The event begins at 6 p.m. with the movie showing at 7:30 p.m.

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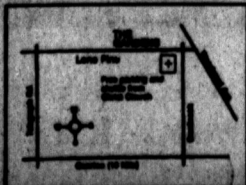
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS of the CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD will hold a meeting on Thursday, May 21, 1998 beginning at 8:00 P.M. at the Springfield Township Hall, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, Michigan, to hear the appeal of:
NEW BUSINESS:
1. Carey Koponen, 10195 Dixie Highway, Clarkston, MI, to permit the following variances: 1) a six (6) foot high fence in the front yard setback rather than the maximum permitted three (3) foot height and, 2) to allow a total of 3,572 s.f. of existing and proposed accessory structures rather than the maximum permitted 2,000 s.f. P.I. #07-10-226-004.
2. William D. Halsey, 10339 Big Lake Road, Davisburg, MI, to temporarily permit two (2) principal structures on a single lot. Only one (1) principal structure is permitted per lot. The applicant requests to live in an existing home while a new home is being constructed, after which the existing home will be demolished. P.I. #07-27-202-005.
3. Barry A. and Patricia J. Nebhut, 201 Squirrel Rd., #1104, Auburn Hills, MI, to appeal the denial of a building permit by the Township Building Inspector. The subject Building permit was denied based upon aesthetic compatibility in design and appearance with other residences in the area. The applicant alleges an error was made by the Building Inspector. Subject property is vacant, 6875 Meadow Valley Drive, P.I. 07-19-476-017.
4. Terry Kalso, 4866 Maggies Way, Clarkston, MI to allow the construction of a pole building with a 20 foot rear yard setback rather than the required 35 foot setback. P.I. 07-36-326-023.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the maps and variance requests may be examined at the Springfield Township Clerk's Office, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, Michigan, during regular office hours Monday through Friday until the date of the meeting. Anyone needing a special accommodation at the meeting should contact the Township Clerk at least two (2) business days in advance of the meeting.
NANCY STROLE, Clerk
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Memories of youth triggered by old songs

A few weeks ago, on a beautiful, sunny Saturday, I took a drive back in time. No, I didn't rent a "loaner," which turned out to be the time machine from "Back to the Future." I was driving my usual 1992 green Taurus station wagon. The vehicle that transported me back to the past was not as much a mechanical vessel as it was a mental one.

■ Within moments of turning on the radio, I was singing to the oldies.

It all started in mid-March when I received a call from my favorite cousin, informing me that she and her fiancé had finally set a date for their wedding and it was to be on April 18. I was thrilled and excited for them. When I checked the calendar, however, I realized that April 18 fell on the last Saturday of a 10-day vacation that had been planning for months. I had taken the week after Easter off work, and

Please see ROCHELLE, A15

Fishing reflects family values

■ Families who fish together stay together, according to Clarkston-area families who find that the sport helps to pass down values.

One of Paul and Eric Klemm's fishing expeditions — a father and son trolling for bass on a local lake on a hot summer day — had the makings of a rites of passage literary work.

Paul was demonstrating to his son the use of an advanced fishing technique. Eric was using the first fishing fly he had tied himself.

"It was only maybe three or four years ago," Eric said, recalling the particular outing on Maceday Lake near Independence Township.

"We were trolling along the drop-off and I had a huge hit ... I was reeling it in, and it fought more like a bluegill ... It turned out to be a whitefish. It was three and a quarter pounds, and that's really big for a whitefish."

The fish also turned out to be an award winner.

Eric and his father, of Independence Township, would later learn that it was the largest whitefish caught in Michigan that year, earning Eric a Master Angler Award from the Department of Natural Resources.

Eric, now 17, also vividly recalls his father's role in the triumph.

"He controlled the boat while this was happening and he had taken me to that particular spot," Eric explained. "I had never done that kind of fishing."

Eric's father was also close by, net in hand, when the powerful fish emerged from the water, still playing tug-of-war with the teenager.

Father and son then returned to shore and headed to Rudy's Market in downtown Clarkston to have the fish weighed.

"We were pretty excited," recalled Paul, who like Eric and his other two sons, Peter and Michael, started fish-



Catch a big one: Clarkston-area resident Craig Judd is giving a free talk about families and fishing from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, May 11, at the Independence Township Library.

ing at any early age. Paul also regularly fished with his own father and grandfather in Michigan.

"It's certainly a thrill for me to give the boys some tricks and tips that are successful," he said.

Even more touching is Eric's take on this ritualistic passing of the baton: "I've learned a lot from my Dad. He's

pretty much taught me everything I know."

But such a story wouldn't surprise Craig Judd, another Clarkston-area fishing buff who is giving a free talk about families and fishing from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, May 11, at the Inde-

■ 'Fishing advice is one of the few things that kids will listen intently to older people about.'

Craig Judd
—fishing expert

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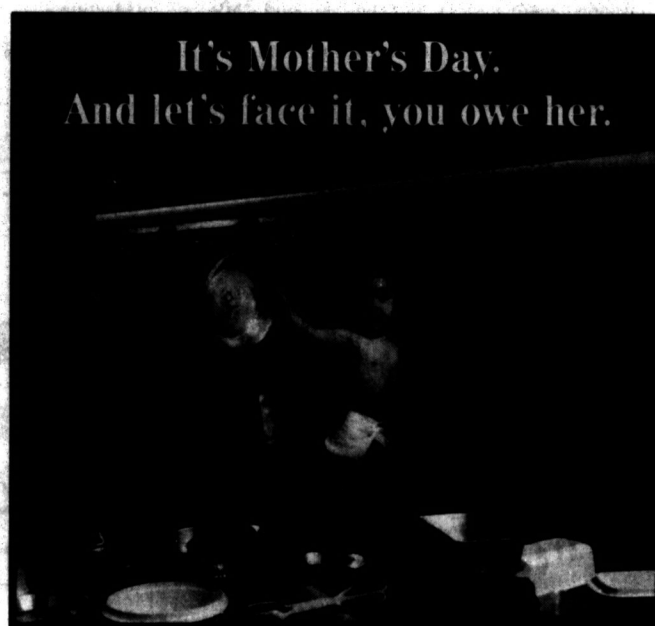
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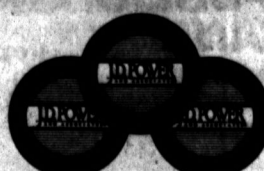
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MAY 7-9, 14-16

CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS

7:30 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road, Clarkston. "Rumors" by Neil Simon. The deputy mayor of New York City and his wife have invited four couples to celebrate their anniversary. Before the party begins, it is revealed that the host has shot himself (only wounded) and his wife is missing. His lawyer decides on a cover-up, which gets progressively difficult to sustain as the other guests arrive. Nobody can remember who told what to whom. Tickets are \$7-\$8 each. Call 625-8811.

THURSDAY, MAY 7

N.S.D.A.R. MEETING

11:30 a.m., National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution-Sashabaw Plains Chapter will meet. Call Nancy at 625-1519 for location and/or more information. Potluck lunch, please bring a dish to pass.

SWISS STEAK SUPPER

4:30-7 p.m. Seymour Lake United Methodist Church, Sashabaw at Seymour Lake Road in Brandon Township. Carry-outs available by calling 625-4763.

WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP

7 p.m. Informal sharing meeting. Topic: Loneliness. Objective: To discuss feelings that surround loneliness. Facilitator: Christine Spencer, M.A., L.P.C., director of bereavement services at Lewis

E. Wint & Son Funeral Home. Walk-In, no registration. Free of charge. For men and women of all ages recently widowed. Refreshments served. All area residents welcome. Any questions or if anyone would like to be on their mailing list, call the funeral home at 625-5231. Meeting is held at Independence Township Senior Center in Clintonwood Park on Clarkston Road in Clarkston.

THURSDAY - SUNDAY, MAY 7-10

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FRIDAY, MAY 8

MOTHER/SON DANCE

7-9 p.m. Clarkston Community Education Youth Enrichment Program is holding their annual dance at North Sashabaw Elementary School, 5290 Maybee Road, Clarkston. Cost: \$15/couple. Photo and refreshments included. For registration or additional information, call 674-3141.

MONTHLY DANCE

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

"LOST IN YONKERS"

11 a.m. - 4:45 p.m., Meadowbrook Theatre. Play written by Neil Simon is a wonderful, bittersweet comedy that was awarded four Tony Awards in

1991. Included is lunch at Bill Knapp's. Transportation will be via deluxe motorcoach. Early registration requested by calling Independence Township Senior Center at 625-8231. \$35 resident. \$37 non-resident.

SATURDAY, MAY 9

PEEK-A-BOO PASSERINES

7:30 a.m., Indian Springs Metropark. Jump out of bed, pour some coffee down your throat, grab the binoculars and meet us bright and early at the nature center for a quiet bird walk. Not recommended for "baby birds." Registration required. Call 625-7280 or 1-800-477-3192.

"PICTURE" YOURSELF ON THE "ROCKS"

1 p.m., Indian Springs Metropark. Enjoy a slide show about backpacking the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore Trail in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. We'll also share trip tips for those adventuresome folks who would like to hike this trail in its entirety, or simply sample a day's worth. Registration required. Call 625-7280 or 1-800-477-3192.

MOTHER'S DAY TEA

1:30 - 3 p.m. Independence Oaks Nature Center. Ages 4 and older and their mother or grandmother are invited to this very special "tea" in celebration of mothers everywhere—both wild and tame. Learn how wildlife moms care for their young, enjoy tea party snacks and make a Mother's Day gift. Tea party attire suggested; teddy bears are welcome. \$3 per person. Registration required. Call 625-6473.

CLARKSTON COMMUNITY BAND

3 p.m. Second annual spring concert "Swing Into Spring," will be presented at Clarkston's High School auditorium in conjunction with Independence Parks & Recreation. The free concert will feature selections from "The Music Man," George Gershwin, Ralph Vaughan Williams and Glen Miller. Other toe-tapping tunes include Bugler's "Holiday" performed by the band's impressive trumpet section, the Spanish flare of Amparito Roca, and maybe even a visit from one of the famous Muppets. The high school is at 6595 Middle Lake Road off Waldon Road in Clarkston.

HOWL AT THE MOON

7:30 p.m., Indian Springs Metropark. Young pups aged 5-10 will learn all about the clever coyote, and listen to some colorful coyote legends from around the country. We'll finish up with a hike and attempt to engage in some "howling" conversation. Reservations required. Call 625-7280 or 1-800-477-3192.

SUNDAY, MAY 10

SIXTY MINUTES WITH WILDFLOWERS

1:10, 2 & 2:30 p.m. Indian Springs Metropark. Investigate the exciting world of wildflowers with your co-anchor, Mom, during one of these special one-hour Mother's Day hikes. No registration necessary. Park is at 5200 Indian Trail off White Lake Road in White Lake.

MONDAY, MAY 11

MEMORIAL DAY PLANNING MEETING

7 p.m. Meeting to plan a Memorial Day Party in the Orient Restaurant. Owner of the restaurant, Binh Nguyen, will offer free dinners in appreciation to people who provide services to our community such as firefighters, police officers and repre-

sentatives of the armed services. Restaurant located at 1764 Ortonville Road (across from Shell Gas Station) in Brandon Township. For more information, call 627-4806.

GOIN' FISHIN' WITH CRAIG JUDD

7-8:30 p.m. Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston. Meet Craig Judd, local outdoorsman, sportsman and fishing enthusiast. Learn how to take the family on a great adventure outdoors in Michigan this spring and summer. Find out techniques, equipment and super locations for enjoying this sport and sharing it with friends and family. Michigan lakes offer a fine opportunity to explore fishing as a hobby and pastime to enrich relationships between adults and children.

MONDAY, MAY 11, THROUGH

MONDAY, JUNE 29

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Gallery hours 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. To celebrate their 20th anniversary, Michigan Association of Calligraphers is sponsoring this exhibit which consists of a juried exhibit of members' works as well as an invitational exhibit of work by instructors from around the country who have offered classes and workshops to members. The exhibit takes place at The Galleria, Oakland County Executive Offices, 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac. The public is also invited to an opening reception 6 - 8:30 p.m., Thursday, May 14. For additional information, call (248) 400-2839.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

SPRING PLANT SALE

The students in the Bio-Science/Horticulture program at Oakland Technical Center's Northwest Campus will be holding their 20th annual spring sale 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. The center is at 8211 Big Lake Road near Dixie Highway and I-75. The sale includes student-grown annuals, perennials, hanging baskets and various mixed baskets. For more information, call Scentiments at 625-5359.

THURSDAY, MAY 14

MATINEE VIDEO SERIES

1-2:30 p.m. Independence Township Library, Youth Activities Room, 6495 Clarkston Road. Familiar features of the New York City landscape and triumphs of American engineering are the subway system and the Brooklyn Bridge. In New York Underground and Brooklyn Bridge, learn the fascinating stories of how these marvels came to be built and their lasting significance throughout the 20th century. Refreshments provided. No registration needed. Free.

SATURDAY, MAY 16

JR. GIRL SCOUTS "SKY SEARCH"

10 a.m. & 1 p.m. Indian Springs Metropark. Bring a light or white-colored t-shirt (leaders, too) to this indoor program and learn all about what's "out there" while meeting all of the requirements for this badge. Sorry, due to limited "space" scouts and leaders only (no siblings please). Fee: \$1 per scout. Please pay by check. Registration required. Call 625-7280 or 1-800-477-3192.

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pendence Township Library.

"Fishing advice is one of the few things that kids will listen intently to older people about," said Judd. "They don't have to prove themselves on it. They're more interested in getting it, learning it."

In Judd's mind, too, fishing connects families and teaches family values. Patience, tolerance, humility, perseverance and honesty to name a few, he said.

Returning a 10-inch bass to the lake because state regulations mandate that only bass of 14 inches in length or more can be kept teaches honesty, Judd said, citing an example.

Humility, too, is reinforced time and time again by the sport, he said. "Fish humble you from the standpoint that you don't catch them all the time and that other people sometimes catch more and bigger ones than you do."

The sport's outdoor backdrop also sets the stage for a pleasant family outing; it dissolves ordinary day-to-day tensions that exist between family members, Judd said.

The virtues of fishing aside, Judd will also talk about involving all members of the family, including daughters and wives who aren't crazy about the sport, in the activity.

Judd, for instance, plans to have a picnic and take a bicycle ride after a morning of fishing as a way to incorporate his wife's interests.

"You have to work at it," he said. "It's an opportunity, just like everything else. You have to listen to everybody's needs and requests."

In addition to talking about how to obtain equipment, select a local fishing spot and get set for a summer outing, Judd will give a course in fishing techniques for beginners.

In all, anyone who attends will be ready to take up the sport, which is quite inexpensive, next weekend, Judd said.

Judd hopes they'll also be persuaded that fishing is an opportunity for families to be together, he said. "My most pleasant memories were of being with my father and fishing ... The pleasant thing was being with my Dad. Fishing was the activity that got us there."

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The economy is booming, and the stock market is breaking records, yet everyone isn't sharing in the prosperity. The gap between the rich and poor is growing steadily, and hunger is increasing in America. Nearly 35 million Americans live in hungry or "food insecure" households, according to the Tufts University Center on Hunger.

Although Oakland County has been named as one of the wealthiest counties in the nation, it is also home to this alarming trend. Thousands of Oakland County residents face poverty and hunger on a daily basis. Oakland County ranks 28th in the nation for population size with 1,083,592 residents. About 174,000 of these residents are considered low income and eligible for food distribution programs. According to the Oakland County Food Bank, an increase of food orders from various pantries, soup kitchens and other food distribution programs indicates a growing number of the hungry in Oakland County. In January alone, the Food Bank distributed 253,000 pounds of food.

The number of people seen at the Lighthouse Emergency Services food pantry is increasing and the struggle to keep up with demand is evident. Lighthouse delivered 82,000 units of services to low-income families in 1997, out of which 22,750 clients received food. From January through March of 1998, the Clarkston branch has provided more than 2,000 units of food

service in north Oakland County.

Hunger is an issue many of us are never faced with. Can you imagine the case of a young mother with three daughters forced to start a new life because her husband abandoned them? On her meager income, she could afford a small one bedroom flat but in order to make ends meet, her family ate the same three meals constantly: noodles, cereal, peanut butter and jelly. What a relief it was for her to come to Lighthouse and receive nutritious, balanced meals for her girls. The food we were able to provide not only kept her family healthy but freed up money she could now spend on other essentials.

You, your business, school or church group can take a proactive stance on this lingering national problem and join us on May 16 as Lighthouse takes the fight against hunger to heart at Hunger Walk '98. This 16th annual tradition is a fun-filled morning dedicated to ending hunger in Oakland County. It is a 3.5-mile walk through historic Pontiac which will benefit both the Clarkston and Pontiac branches. Registration starts at 9 a.m. with the walk beginning at 10 a.m. at the Lighthouse Pontiac Branch at 196 Orchard Lake Road.

Huel Perkins, news anchor from WJBK FOX2, will be the master of ceremonies.

Honorary co-chairs include Douglas Etkin of Etkin Equities; Thomas Kimble, director of GM



Philanthropic Administration; and Pontiac Mayor Walter Moore.

An official Hunger Walk T-shirt will be given to the first 400 walkers bringing in \$50 or more. The T-shirt sponsors include Bodytechniques Fitness Center, Buck Sales Promotion, Centerpoint Business Center, Coldwell Banker Professionals, Cranbrook Associates, Buckles & Buckles, First Federal of Michigan, John Bowman Chevrolet, John Carlo Inc., Merrill Lynch Auburn Hills, North Oakland Medical Center, Oakland Schools, Pontiac Oakland Town Hall, Ramco-Gershenson, Rotary Club of Pontiac, The Oakland Press, and the Zonta Club of Pontiac-North Oakland. Many thanks to these wonderful businesses for their generosity.

Hunger continues to be a problem in America, in Oakland County, and in our community. Take the fight against hunger to heart and participate in the Lighthouse Emergency Services Hunger Walk '98. For more information or to obtain a pledge form, call the Hunger Walk Hotline at (248) 745-4416.

This column is shared by local community groups. Up next week: Task Force for Youth.

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we were spending spring break at our cabin. April 18 was the day we were due to pick up and plant 100 seedlings we had ordered from the Antrim County Soil Conservation. I had no intention of missing my cousin's special day so it was decided that I would cut my vacation a little and travel back for the wedding festivities while my husband and kids stayed up north to plant trees.

With that decision behind me, I was looking forward to the wedding day. As it approached, however, I started becoming nervous about the long drive home by myself. I realized that I had never traveled to or from our cabin alone. My boys and I had driven to the cabin a few times without my husband, but I had never made the journey solo. Concerns of car trouble, bad weather, an accident or drowsiness all crept into my mind. After a cold, rainy week at the cabin, when the beautiful, sunny, warm Saturday morning arrived and I said goodbye to my family to start my journey home, although relieved by the wonderful weather, I was still a bit apprehensive. As I pulled out of the driveway, I turned on the radio for company. Although my car radio is usually set to the all-news station, I found an oldies channel from Traverse City and settled in for the long drive.

Within moments of turning on the radio, I was singing to the oldies. This is something I rarely get to do. For some reason, when traveling with my family, they always request that I not "ruin" the songs by singing with the radio. As I sang the old songs, the warm spring air flowing in the open windows swirled around the car like a time funnel carrying me back in time to the days when the songs weren't old, and neither was I. Before getting into the car I felt that surely, "One is the loneliest number," but within minutes, the music had "turned back the hands of time." After a week of rain and cold, the day was "like a heatwave."

Alone in the car, with my favorite tunes from decades gone by, it was easy to forget that I'm a middle-aged wife and mother. Belting out the songs to which I actually know the words made me feel like I was in my prime again. My prime was short-lived. Unlike many young women, I didn't blossom until after I had graduated from high school.

My days of turning heads were numbered in the lower digits, but driving down the road with the wind in my hair, carefree and independent, I

lapsed back to those days. Lost in memories of the days when I was young. The days before the extra baggage had crept onto my hips and thighs. The days when I could turn a head or two and not wonder if they were thinking, "Boy, has she let herself go."

Songs have a way of bringing back memories of moments and people long since forgotten. As I journeyed down I-75, I also journeyed down memory lane, which for me is a very selective boulevard. Only good memories are allowed. Listening to the songs of my youth and remembering days when I considered the words "You're so vain" to be a compliment made the hours pass so quickly, I was astounded when I saw the sign indicating that I was approaching the Zilwaukee Bridge. Momentarily I snapped back to reality, looked at the clock and realized I had been driving and day dreaming for two hours.

Reality didn't last long. Within a minute or two another great old song came on and made me "reminisce about the days of old and that old time rock 'n' roll." With each song I heard, "there's always something there to remind me" of the days of my youth. When I reached Clarkston, I was almost sorry the drive was over, but my little journey down memory lane left me with a feeling of joy. I'm glad I have some great memories of being young, and I'm glad my trip to the past was simply in my memory. I wouldn't want to actually go back to those days. The old cliché "Youth is wasted on the young" is too true. I wouldn't want to take the chance of going back and making a choice or a mistake that would change where I have ended up. I love being a wife and a mother and, occasionally, on a sunny Saturday, I'll love taking a drive down memory lane to relive those days of my prime. On those select sunny Saturdays, I'll remember that "it's my party," but I won't have any "rain drops falling on my head" because I'm "gonna go to the place that's the best," which is right back to reality, because, after all "something tells me I'm on to something good."

Rochelle Smith, who lives in Clarkston, is a freelance columnist.

B&W photography class offered

Paint Creek Center for the Arts offers four black and white photography workshops at its headquarters on 407 Pine St. in Rochester.

The first workshop occurs 7-9 p.m. Thursday, May 7, and 10

a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 9.

The second workshop occurs 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 16.

The third workshop occurs 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, May 19, and

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, May 21.

The fourth workshop occurs 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, June 2, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 6.

Fee is \$60 for members, \$67 for everyone else. Call 651-4110.

Community band performs Saturday

In conjunction with Independence Parks & Recreation, the Clarkston Community Band will hold its second annual spring concert, "Swing Into Spring," on Saturday, May 9, in Clarkston High School's auditorium.

Starting at 3 p.m., the free concert will feature selections from "The Music Man," George Gershwin, Ralph Vaughan Williams and Glen Miller. Other toe-tapping tunes include Bugler's "Holiday" performed by the band's trumpet section, the Spanish flare of Amparito Roca, and maybe even a visit from one of the famous Mup-

pets.

Directed by Jeanne Pierce, the Clarkston Community Band was formed in September 1997. The band, a non-profit organization, has 40 members ranging in ages from 15 to 80. Several family members belong to the group, including some husband and wife duos. If you're interested in joining the Clarkston Community Band or would like more information on how to become a sponsor, contact the Independence Township Parks and Recreation at (248) 625-8223 or Jeanne Pierce at (248) 625-3546.

ACHIEVERS

Lisa Herron, daughter of Judy and Glenn Herron of Clarkston, was named to the Kalamazoo College Dean's List for the winter 1998 quarter. To achieve the honor, students must earn a 3.5 grade point average or above on a scale of 4.0.

Michael Weinert, a Northwood University junior from Clarkston, was granted the Herbert and Elsa Ponting Foundation Scholarship(s) for the 1997-98 academic year.

Weinert is the son of Richard Weinert of Clearwater, Fla., and Lynda Fawcett of Clarkston.

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Values

Healthy communities create spiritually sound people

FOCUS ON THEOLOGY

In our northwest suburbs, there is an organization called the Coalition of Healthy Communities.

In reality, it is a coalition of coalitions that include such groups as the Birmingham Community Coalition and the Troy Community Coalition.

These coalitions were created to fight drug and alcohol abuse in our area.

Of course, drug and alcohol abuse cannot be eliminated until people develop healthy attitudes and pursue healthy lifestyles.

This is why the Coalition of Healthy Communities is so well named.

In a healthy community, drug abuse and alcohol abuse are not even options.

As I drive around our area, it is becoming increasingly obvious to me that we all need to work together to create healthy communities and healthy coalitions of communities.

This is made most real to me when I come upon a shrine that has been placed along the side of the road to memorialize friends, children and other loved ones who have been the victims of drunk drivers.

Perhaps you have noticed that these roadside memorials are increasing the point that you cannot go down a major road in Oakland County without coming upon one. I am starting to wonder if all our roadsides will have to become a continuous memorial to the dead before we start to really work together to stop the grief and suffering.

Thank God for such groups as the Coalition of Healthy Communities that are working to bring people to their senses and to restore a sense of community and well being.

As a minister, I am aware that healthy attitudes and lifestyles hardly ever arise until people also have a healthy spirit.

This is why our churches, our mosques, our synagogues and other faith-based communities are so important in creating healthy communities.

This is also why the most successful treatment programs for alcoholics and other drug abusers have been the 12-step programs such as Alcoholics Anonymous.

These programs are spiritually based and

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Lublin named president of WLCJ

Lisa Lublin of Bloomfield Hills will be installed as president of the Michigan branch of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism at 4:40 p.m. May 17 during the group's annual spring conference at Congregation Adat Shalom in Farmington Hills.

Lublin is past president of the Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Shalom in Oak Park and also served as membership vice president, financial and recording secretary, donor ad book and luncheon chairman of her sisterhood.

On the branch level, Lublin served as Torah Fund vice president, recording secretary,

co-editor of the Michigan Branch Line and a member of the spring conference committee.

In addition, she was vice chairman of the women's division of the Institute Day of the Jewish Federation of metro Detroit and was president of the "Welcome Wagon" in Oak Park.

Married 30 years to Lawrence, an oral surgeon and partner with Oakland Oral Surgery Associates, Lublin has two children.

The league also appointed new vice presidents, who will be installed at next week's meeting. They are: Judith

Leder of Farmington Hills, Debbie Balkin of Farmington Hills, Carol Tarica of West Bloomfield, Judie Blumenfeld of West Bloomfield, and Adelle Staller of Southfield.

Bernice Friedman of Bloomfield Hills was named treasurer. Secretaries Ann Emerson of Mt. Clemens, Beverly Yost of Farmington Hills, Rachel Maisel of Farmington Hills and Sherri Peller of Ann Arbor will be installed as secretaries.

The keynote address of the conference, themed "Our Beautiful Heritage," will be given by Janis Popp, the national consultant immediately following the installation of the officers.

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MEMORIAL CONCERT
The Birmingham Temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, is hosting its Dorian Samuels Memorial Concert at 8 p.m. on May 8. The free concert will highlight the music of George and Ira Gershwin.

Dorian Samuels was the temple's first music director and a composer of liturgical tunes. The temple's own music director, Maria Cimarelli, along with Alona Moon, Karl Schmidt, Mark Vondrak, Lawrence Picard and James Hohmeyer will provide the entertainment. For information, call (248) 477-1410.

DINNER/AUCTION
The Women's Society of Prince of Peace Catholic Church, 4300 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield, is

holding a dinner/auction at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12. The event features free spirited clothing and jewelry from Born to Shop in Rochester, the excitement of a silent auction and a gourmet dinner of chicken with artichokes, pasta, spring greens, dessert and wine. The cost is \$16 per person. For reservations, call (248) 681-9424, or mail checks to the church. Proceeds benefit the Leukemia Society of America.

TENTH ANNIVERSARY
Temple Shir Shalom, 3999 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield, begins the year-long celebration of its 10th anniversary on Friday, May 15, with a family service honoring the ushers that have served for the past 10 years. An Oneg Shabbat follows. On May 16, the Gala 10th Anniversary Dinner Dance features the music of Orthea Barnes and her band. On May 17, the celebration continues with a family picnic hosted by the Temple Sisterhood, Brotherhood, The Golden Branch, the Net and the Youth Group. For information, call (248) 737-8700.

ORTHODOX IN ISRAEL
Temple Beth El, 7400 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills, is hosting "Orthodox Power in Israel: What it Means for World Jewry" with columnist and author Ze'ev Chafets at 7 p.m. on Sunday, May 17. A man whom the New York Times has called the "Israeli Tocqueville" and whom Michigan hails as a native son, Chafets is noted for his incisive commentary on both American and Israeli society. Reservations are not necessary for the free program, which is underwritten by the Theodore and Mina Bargman Foundation. For information, call Barbara Grant at (248) 851-1100.

TEACHERS RECOGNIZED
Temple Israel, 5725 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield, will recognize its teaching staff and its contribution to Jewish education on Friday, May 29. Honor awards will be presented to Barbara Eskin, Joan Melnick, Carole Miller, Tziona Ragowsky and Alex Skoczylas for five years of service; Pearl Baum and Eileen Rodner for 10 years.

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Two temporary positions must be filled from Memorial Day to Labor Day to police the City's parks and sports facilities. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and in good physical condition.

Application should be made in person at Sylvan Lake City Hall, 620 Ingersoll Avenue (North of Orchard Lake Road at Middlebelt) between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Please submit application and resume by Friday, May 15, 1998.

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Ronda Brodsky, Gayle Hirsch, Sue Kaufman, Ruth Maroko and Judith Weinstein for 15 years; Zina Shaykhet for 20 years; Joanne Viviano for 25 years; Robert Lask and Sander Papo for 35 years; and Linda Brodsky for 40 years.

TEEN-LED SERVICE
Gong, Shir Tikvah, 3900 Northfield Parkway, Troy, will hold a Sabbath service written by teenage congregants at 7:45 p.m. on May 29. Leading the Atidah service will be Chris Cogswell of Huntington Woods, Shari and Jill Gross of Troy, Ken Kollin of Rochester Hills, Brian Kloc of Huntington Woods, Justin Racklin of Southfield, David Starr of Troy and Adam Witkow of Sterling Heights. For information, call (248) 619-9669.

WOMAN TO WOMAN
Lutheran Hour Ministries is airing a special edition of the weekly radio talk show, "Woman to Woman," at 5:30 p.m. on Sundays on WAAM, 1800. The 30-minute special, "To Mom, With Love," features Suzanne Douglas, star of the television sitcom, "The Parent Hood," and LaDonna Gatlin, the youngest sister of country music's famous Gatlin Brothers. Hosted by Phyllis Wallace, the program focuses on national celebrities whose intensely driven lives are impacted by their mothers. The program is also available in RealAudio on the Internet at <http://www.lhm.org/w2w>. Lutheran Hour Ministries is a service of the International Lutheran Laymen's League, an auxiliary of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and Lutheran Church-Canada. To learn about other Lutheran Hour Ministries programs, visit "Wired with the Word" at <http://www/lhm.org>.

PROJECT HEADS
Pearlena Bodzin and Robert Roth have been appointed co-chairs for the Torah writing project at Cong. B'nai Moshe, 6600 Drake Road, West Bloomfield. The project is being undertaken to honor the memory of Abram Rabinovitz, who devoted his life to Torah and served as the congregation's baal koray (Torah reader) for 45 years. Bodzin and Roth are past presidents of Cong. B'nai Moshe and currently serve on its board of directors.

NEW OFFICERS
Temple Kol Ami, 5085 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield, elected the following new officers and board members: Marc Willner, president; Lee Schottenfels, first vice president; Irving Yellin, second vice president; Shirley Rosenberg, third vice president; Karen Gutman, secretary; and Terry Hollander, treasurer. Elected board members include Debbi Chasnick, Cindy Faber, Lori Fidler, Diane Komorn, David Hirschland, Stuart Rotenberg and David Siegel. Continuing to serve on the board are Gary Eubanks, Myra Fisher, Jordan Isaacs, Jeff Kaplan, Andrea Liberman, Frida Markle, Larry Pepper and Naomi Tendler.

TENTH ANNIVERSARY
Temple Shir Shalom, 3999 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield, begins the year-long celebration of its 10th anniversary on Friday, May 15, with a family service honoring the ushers that have served for the past 10 years. An Oneg Shabbat follows. On May 16, the Gala 10th Anniversary Dinner Dance features the music of Orthea Barnes and her band. On May 17, the celebration continues with a family picnic hosted by the Temple Sisterhood, Brotherhood, The Golden Branch, the Net and the Youth Group. For information, call (248) 787-8700.

ORTHODOX IN ISRAEL
Temple Beth El, 7400 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills, is hosting "Orthodox Power in Israel: What it Means for World Jewry" with columnist and author Ze'ev Chafets at 7 p.m. on Sunday, May 17. A man whom the New York Times has called the "Israeli Teiguerville" and

whom Michigan hails as a native son, Chafets is noted for his incisive commentary on both American and Israeli society. Reservations are not necessary for the free program, which is underwritten by the Theodore and Mina Bargman Foundation. For information, call Barbara Grant at (248) 851-1100.

TEACHERS RECOGNIZED
Temple Israel, 5725 Walnut Lake Road, West

Bloomfield, will recognize its teaching staff and its contribution to Jewish education on Friday, May 29. Honor awards will be presented to Ronda Brodsky, Gayle Hirsch, Sue Kaufman, Ruth Maroko and Judith Weinstein for 15 years; Zina Shaykhet for 20 years; Joanne Viviano for 25 years; Robert Lask and Sander Papo for 35 years; and Linda Brodsky for 40 years.

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died, we will then know that their death was not in vain, as we sense new life being offered to those who remain.

For more information on the Coalition of Healthy Communities, call its office at 740-0431.

They will be more than willing to give you suggestions as to how you might become involved in the process of creating healthy communities.

The Rev. Allan Eickelmann is the senior minister of the Congregational Church on Birmingham.

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SPORTS SCENE

In-line skating

Independence Township Parks and Recreation offers a two-hour course designed to make in-line skating easy. The course teaches stopping techniques, several turns, hazard avoidance and skate tips, and is designed for beginning through advanced courses.

Both sessions take place at Clintonwood Park. Session I takes place May 30 from 10 a.m. to noon (for 6-11-year-olds) and May 31 from 1 to 3 p.m. (12-older). Session II takes place June 13 from 10 a.m. to noon (6-11) and 1 to 3 p.m. (12-older).

Cost is \$22 for residents, \$32 for non-residents. Call 625-8223 for more information.

Select soccer

Tryouts for all boys and girls select teams for the 1998/99 fall and spring season takes place at Clintonwood soccer fields June 22-26 from 5 to 9 p.m. Tryouts will be held for U-11 through U-19 girls and U-11 through U-14 boys.

There is no cost for tryouts, but there are player fees in addition to team fees if the player makes the team. Players must be from the Clarkston school district unless there are extenuating circumstances. Participants must pre-register with parks & rec by June 1.

Soccer camps

Independence Township Parks and Recreation hosts a week of soccer instruction July 27-31 at Clintonwood Park. Mini-camp for players ages 9-11 take place from 9 to 11 a.m. Cost is \$40 for residents, \$50 for non-residents. Full-day camp from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for players 10-14 cost \$40 for residents, \$50 for non-residents (half-day) or \$70 for residents, \$80 for non-residents (full-day).

Call 625-8223 for more details.

Hershey Track

The Hershey Track and Field local meet will be held June 20 at 10 a.m. for boys and girls ages 9-14. Winners of the local meet qualify for the state finals in Howell on Friday, July 10. Specific days and times of practices will be announced. Call parks & rec for details, 625-8223.

Horseback riding

Oxford Township Parks and Recreation sponsors horseback riding classes for riders ages 5 to adult at the Michigan Riding Academy, 835 Hummer Lake Road, Oxford.

The four-week sessions will be offered from April 21-May 15; May 18-June 12; and June 15-July 17. Classes are available Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 4 to 5 and 5 to 6 p.m., and on Saturdays from 9 to 10 a.m. and 2 to 3 p.m. cost is \$78 for residents, \$83 for non-residents 18-under, and \$88 for non-residents over 18 years old.

For more information call Oxford Township Parks and Recreation, 628-1720.

Track teams outdistance Berkley

n Like a broken record, Clarkston continues to pile up Oakland Activities Association Division II track victories, leaving just one question unanswered: Is there anyone who can stop the Wolves?

Two-thirds of the way through the prep track season, and the following question must be asked: Is there anyone in the OAA Division II that can beat Clarkston?

The Wolves made it five straight dual meet sweeps Tuesday, waltzing past host Berkley in convincing fashion. In the girls meet, the Wolves posted wins in 14 of 16 events and cruised

to a 105-23 decision, while their male counterparts dusted the Bears by a 97-30 count.

In the girls meet, the Wolves received wins from Latisha Hawley in the discus (100-6), Erica Holman in the high jump (4-8) and Rachel Uchman in the long jump (15-1) in the field events.

Michelle Wilson won the 110 hurdles (17.8), Brittani Brewer in the 300 hur-

dles (50.9), Uchman won the 100 (13.7) and 200 (28.1), Jennifer Rooding won the 400 (1:02.7), Liisa Lukens crossed first in the 800 (2:30.9), and Megan Plante won the 3200 (12:47) to round out the open event winners for the Wolves.

Clarkston (5-0, 5-0) also posted a clean sweep in the relays as they took the 400 relay (53.9), 800 relay (1:53.7), 1600 relay (4:11.3) and the 3200 relay (10:49.1) in decisive fashion.

It was the status quo in the boys meet as the Wolves were victorious in 13 events.

In the open events, Nick Holland

won the 110 hurdles (15.9), Curt Brewer won the 300 hurdles (41.8), Clint Powell took the 400 (52.8), Brett Quantz won the 800 (2:00.6), Dan Burke was the pack leader in the 1600 (4:49.1) and Dave Sage crossed first in the 3200 (9:59) for the Wolves.

Clarkston (5-0, 5-0) also won all four relays and had winners in three field events.

Jeff Long was tops in the shot put (41-9), Marc Venegoni took the long jump (19-8) and Powell won the discus (142-4), while the Wolves rolled to triumphs in the 400 relay (46.1), 800 relay (1:36.0), 1600 relay (3:41.2), and the 3200 relay (8:41.6).

Wolves, Dragons play deja vu

Talk about a case off deja vu.

The last time Lake Orion and Clarkston squared off in girls soccer, the two rivals walked off a soggy field of battle with a 2-2 tie.

The host Wolves and Lake Orion got a second chance at each other on Monday to garner bragging rights in North Oakland county — again in subpar weather conditions — but nothing was settled as the two had to settle for another 2-2 draw.

Georgia Senkyr scored twice for Clarkston, and Brook Poisson and Stephanie Giekere tallied for the Dragons.

"It's kind of weird, but the last time we played them at their place, Lake Orion dominated the first half and we did the second half. But today it was the opposite," said Clarkston coach Brian Fitzgerald. "We played really well in the first half, but they really took it to us in the second half."

The Dragons (7-3-3, 3-3-3) trailed 2-1 at halftime, but received the equalizer in the 55th minute from Giekere, a senior midfielder, who took a long pass from senior midfielder Lauren Thompson and beat Clarkston goalkeeper Sarah Morgan to the near side from 12 yards out.

'Sarah did a really good job against a really good team. That (breakaway) save really got us going.'

Brian Fitzgerald
—Wolves soccer coach

"We came out in the second half and really started to pressure them," said Lake Orion coach Paul Elder. "After we got that tying goal, we continued to pressure the net, but we just couldn't finish our opportunities. We controlled play though, which is something that we are starting to do with some consistency."

The lack of goal-scoring success could be attributed to the play of Clarkston's Morgan, a freshman who was making just her second start of the year, and junior fullback Kara Bergkoetter.

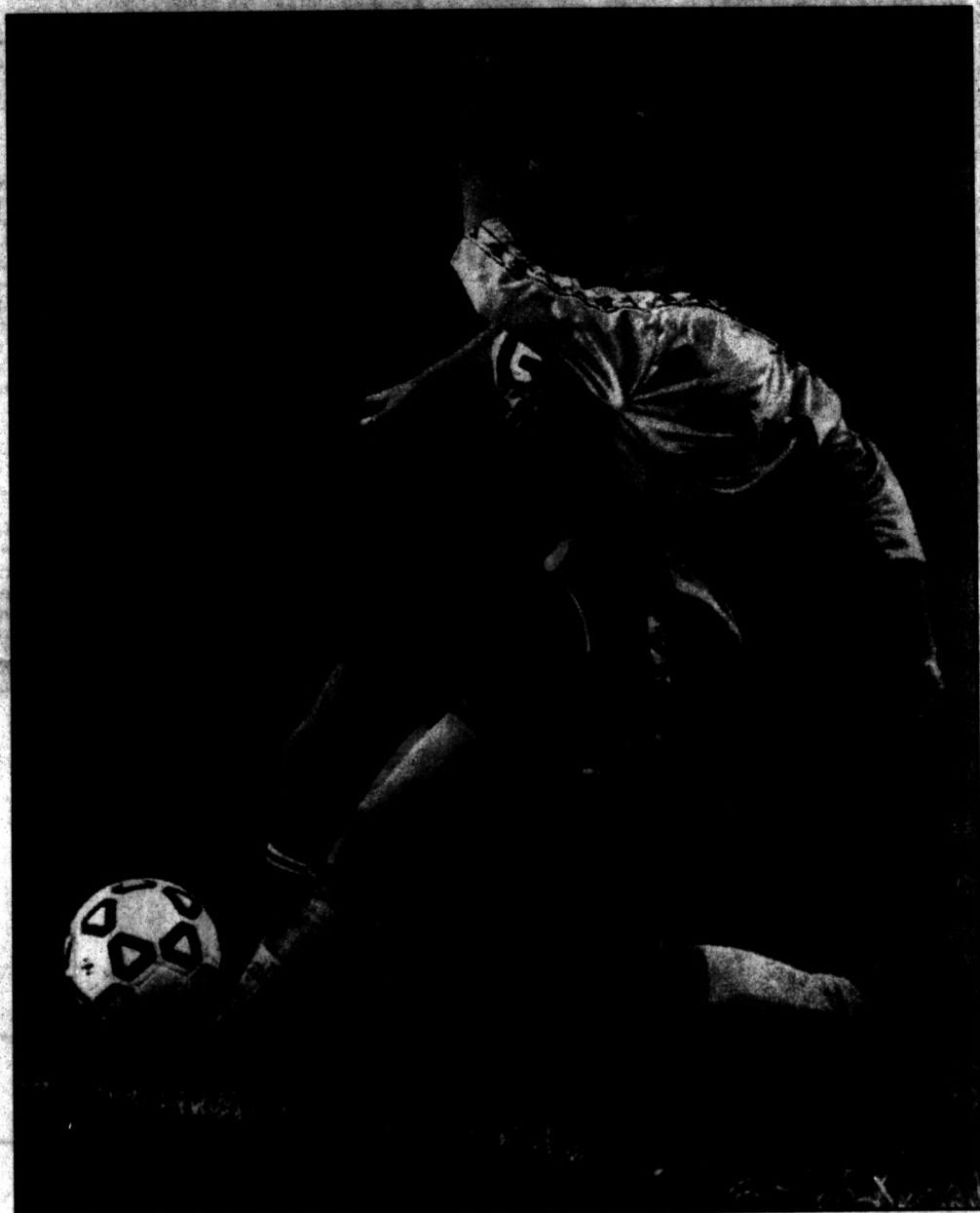
Morgan recorded 12 saves, including stopping a first-half breakaway on Orion's Mel Cunningham.

"Their goalie played a strong game," continued Elder. "She really kept them in the game in the second half."

The Dragons took a 1-0 lead in the 11th minute when junior forward Brook Poisson scored on a nice individual effort, picking up a loose ball inside the penalty area and beating Morgan (12 saves) to her right.

Lake Orion nearly added to that lead less

Please see **SOCCER, B3**



I'll take that: Clarkston's Jessica Thomas (foreground) chases down the ball before Kristi King of Lake Orion can get to it during the 2-2 tie the teams played Monday night. Georgia Senkyr scored both of Clarkston's goals.

Netters setting themselves up as league's darkhorse team

Mother Nature interrupts, forces Wolves to settle for 4-4 tie with Groves

The Clarkston tennis team just might be peaking at the most opportune time of the season.

They will find out today at the Oakland Activities Association Division II league meet. Clarkston (5-2-3, 2-1-2 OAA II) could be a darkhorse to capture the league meet, which counts for 50 percent of the regular season standings, based on their play in the past 10 days.

Head coach Kevin Ortwine said more consistent play from his doubles team combined with the Wolves' tough non-league schedule has made his squad a dangerous team as the season comes to a close.

"It took a little while for our doubles teams to come together because so many of them were inexperienced and had never played doubles before," Ortwine said. "In the last few weeks, they have been playing their best tennis of the year."

Clarkston tied Birmingham Groves 4-4 Tuesday in a non-league home

match which had originally been scheduled for Monday but was cut short due to rain. The Wolves were trailing 3-2 before the rains hit Monday, but the No. 2 doubles team of Dustin Kring and Nate Davidson, along with Kevin Babcock and Jesse Roderick at No. 3 doubles, posted three-set wins.

Clarkston's top singles player, Jim Kyle, had been coming off a 6-1 second set victory on Monday when the rains hit, and when play resumed on Tuesday, he was unable to get going, losing the match in the third set.

"The extra day really hurt him," said Ortwine. "He just couldn't get it going."

Jeff Lauhoff won at No. 2 singles, 6-3, 6-1, and the No. 4 doubles team of Blake Coe and Paul O'Connor were victorious, 6-4, 4-6, 6-2 on Monday. The Wolves lost in their number three and four singles matches, and the top doubles team of Dave Trollman and Scott

Please see **TENNIS, B3**



Back at ya: Clarkston's Dave Trollman returns a shot during his doubles match Monday against Birmingham Groves. The meet was interrupted by rain and, when it finished, Clarkston settled for a 4-4 tie.

Wolves salvage split with Cards Soccer from page B1

A day out of playing baseball games in the talent-laden Oakland Activities Association Division I is always a welcome commodity for the league's six schools. But the teams outside of the state's premier baseball conference look forward to playing the OAA's finest — and upsets are always waiting in the wings.

Davidson got its chance to play an OAA Division I contingent Tuesday evening and the host Cardinals were able to spring a 5-2 upset on the Wolves in the opening game of a doubleheader. The Wolves, however, turned the tables in the nightcap with an impressive 9-1 triumph.

In the opener, Davidson (9-5) took advantage of two Clarkston

throwing errors in the second inning — which led to three unearned runs in that frame — and pitcher Tyler Thompson went the distance on the mound to gain the win. The sophomore left-handed sidewinder silenced the Wolves' bats by allowing just five hits with three strikeouts.

Junior right-hander Spencer Hynes pitched a three-hitter with seven punchouts for Clarkston, but hurt his own cause with a pair of throwing errors, and settled for the loss.

"We simply did not play well at all," said Clarkston coach Roy Warner of his team's performance in the opener. "We only had (five) hits and our fielding was atrocious."

With two outs in the second, the floodgates opened for the Cardinals. Junior Luke Carney reached base on a throwing error and scored on classmate Dennis Beamer's RBI infield single. After a walk by junior Ty Brown, both Beamer and Brown scored when senior Scott Green reached base on another Clarkston throwing error.

The Cardinals also added a run in the fourth on a round-tripper by Brown and another in the sixth on an RBI single by Green.

Clarkston (9-5) received a solo shot from senior Josh Clark in the sixth and an RBI single by Hynes in the seventh.

"Josh's dinger was a nice hit, but that was one of the few bright spots for us," added Warner. "I guess that's just the way it goes sometimes."

In the nightcap, the Wolves seemed quite rejuvenated — especially senior southpaw Jared Thomas.

On the mound, Thomas (3-1) fanned 10 and allowed just four Davidson hits en route to the victory.

Thomas also added a pair of hits, including a two-run homer in the seventh, with three RBI. Clark also added two hits in the nightcap for the Wolves, who hosted top-ranked Rochester Wednesday.

than a minute later, but Morgan stopped Cunningham cold — a save which seemed to ignite Clarkston's offense.

Senkyr, a senior forward, notched her 11th goal of the season three minutes later on a breakaway. She then gave the Wolves (3-8-2, 3-3-2) the lead with 17 minutes remaining in the half when she knocked in a cross from Bergkoetter.

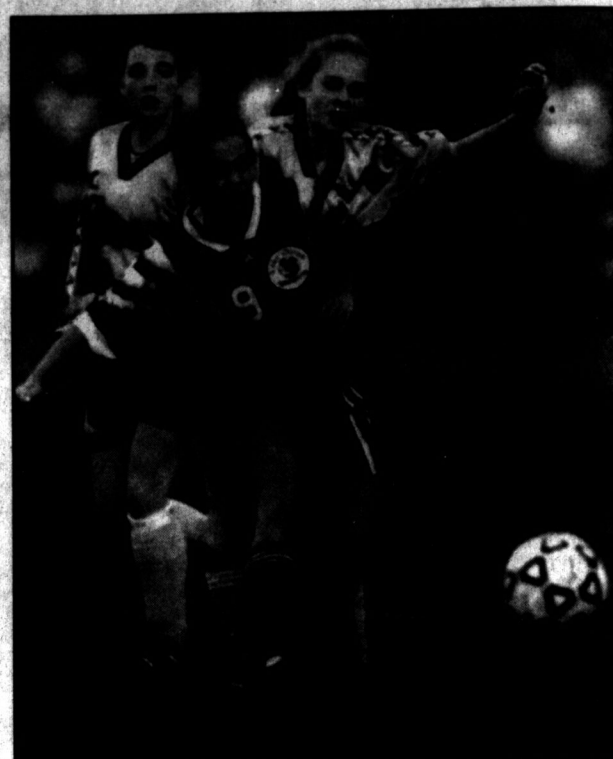
"Sarah did a really good job against a really good team. That (breakaway) save really got us going," praised Fitzgerald. "And Bergkoetter did a really nice job shutting down Mel Cunningham the rest of the way. She was really causing problems for us in the first 10 minutes."

Morgan continued to impress in the second half as she turned aside several quality scoring opportunities by the Dragons.

"Sarah is really starting to come into her own," added Fitzgerald. "She played a great game out there and is starting to show me that she deserves more playing time. She came up big tonight."

Bergkoetter did a really nice job on Mel Cunningham.

Brian Fitzgerald
—Clarkston coach



Out in front: Lake Orion's Lauren Thompson (19) beats Jennifer Kerney of Clarkston to the ball during the teams' 2-2 soccer tie Monday.



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Tennis from page B1

Barnett lost a tough two-set match, but Ortwine was pleased with his team's performance.

"It was a good tune-up for us," he said. "Tennis is different from other sports because when the court gets wet, it takes awhile to dry and we're not going to send the kids out there on a wet court. It's tough to finish the next day but the guys did a good job."

The Wolves won two of three matches last week, but the only loss came to one of the top squads in the state. Although Rochester, ranked eighth in Michigan in Division I, shut out Clarkston 8-0, Ortwine was impressed with the play of his No. 4 singles player, Brent Griffith, and the Wolves' Kring and

Davidson. Both of those matches went to three sets before the Falcons prevailed.

Before that match, the Wolves defeated Lapeer East, 5-2, and squeaked by Farmington 4-3 in two quality non-league wins. Against East, Kyle Lauhoff, Griffith and the doubles teams of Trollman/Barnett and King/Davidson all won their matches. Clarkston's only two losses came in three sets.

Against Farmington, Lauhoff, Griffith and Lorne Deacon at No. 3 singles won, along with the team of Babcock and Roderick.

Ortwine said the fact each of his starters contributed to victories during the week shows how balanced of a team Clarkston has become in the second half of the year. Even in some of the losses the Wolves have suffered

in doubles, Clarkston players have performed well and taken matches to three sets.

"Those guys are really playing together well," he said. "I figured by this time in the season they would start winning some matches."

Losing six players from last year's team and with only three seniors in the starting lineup, the Wolves are shooting for a victory in today's league meet at Royal Oak Kimball. Ortwine said his squad would have to perform above and beyond expectations, particularly considering their lack of experience, to advance to the state finals, but is pleased with the improvement he has seen throughout the year.

"This is our season right here," he said. "I think they're using (the meet) as a revenge factor. I

really expect us to contend (today). The guys know they can win all of their matches."

Ortwine plans to start his lineup he has the past few weeks, saying he has found the combination of players he was looking for at the start of the year. And if the Wolves continue to peak, they could make some noise at regionals May 15-16 at Troy High School.

In reality, the league championship is still up for grabs. Berkley and Auburn Hills Avondale were the top two teams during the pre-meet portion of the regular season, but the teams were generally quite balanced. Troy Athens, Royal Oak Kimball and Southfield-Lathrup also compete in OAA II.

"It's good to see these guys coming around," Ortwine said.

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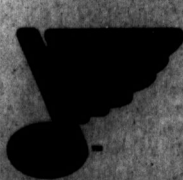
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Wolves demote Captains behind Fuller, youngsters

Clarkston picked up perhaps its biggest win of the softball season with a 5-4 win Monday at Waterford Kettering.

Rachel Fuller improved to 12-3 on the year as she pitched a complete game for the victory. The Captains scored four times in the bottom of the seventh inning to give the Wolves a scare, but Fuller retired the final Kettering batter on a bouncer back to the mound with the tying run on second base.

Tiffany Honey and Carmen Lund each had a pair of RBI and Amy Drew added four hits for the Wolves (15-5, 5-2 Oakland Activities Association Division I). With the victory, Clarkston pulled into a temporary second-place tie with Kettering, one game behind Brandon, whose first division loss of the season Monday dropped them to 6-1 in the league.

"We really received some timely clutch hits (Monday)," said Clarkston head coach Al Land. "Rachel pitched well and we

made the defensive plays we had to. Whoever was going to make more plays was going to win that game."

The Wolves jumped on the board first as catcher Corinne McIntyre drove in a run with a third-inning single. Honey belted a two-run homer in the fourth and Lund drove in a pair with a fifth-inning double.

Kettering came back to make it close in the seventh by virtue of good hitting combined with a couple of mental lapses by Clarkston fielders. Instead of getting the easy out, the Wolves attempted to complete difficult force plays, which Land said is appropriate earlier in the game, but not in the last inning with a slim lead.

"We gambled a bit, which isn't always bad," he said. "Because of that, I think the score was closer than the game actually went."

Coming into the game, the Captains were ranked among the state's best teams, but the Wolves, also in the top 10,

proved they could compete. The Wolves play Kettering in a doubleheader later in the season and still play against Brandon, another highly-regarded team in the state which beat Clarkston twice earlier in the season.

Of the Wolves' five losses, two others have come to Royal Oak Kimball and one to Lake Orion. Kimball and Brandon have combined to lose only a handful of games all season.

"We've had some tough games and our schedule gets tougher," Land said. "We've had some real quality losses and the girls have played well in those games. They are playing with a lot of confidence right now."

A big reason for the success Clarkston has enjoyed this year has been the play of its freshmen and sophomores, the unknown factor at the beginning of the season.

Land said freshman Mary Warchuck, who started the Wolves' hitting rally Monday with a double, has fit in well in

the designated hitter spot and has come up with some clutch hits.

"Hitting is contagious," Land said. "Mary is a big factor in our offense."

Land also pointed out the play of freshman Lindsey Simko and sophomore Melanie Arnold. Simko has been impressive on defense at second base and has shown to have a consistent eye at the plate. She is a contact hitter who is also capable of laying down a successful bunt.

Arnold is described by her coach as the fastest player on the team who has developed into a valuable contact hitter. She has been moved from ninth to first in the lineup based on her speed and the fact she has successfully learned how to put the ball in play batting left-handed, which gives her a couple of extra steps in an effort to beat throws to first.

"We've been asking her to slap the ball around and she can use her speed to get on base," said

Land, who also gave kudos to Tricia Brewer's hitting. "I knew at the beginning of the season that our veterans could play, but I've been really happy with the way some of our younger players have performed."

In addition, Sam Hardenburgh continues to throw well as the Wolves' second pitcher. Her effectiveness has allowed Fuller to rest in the second game of most doubleheaders.

Land said Hardenburgh has displayed an accurate fastball and a deceiving changeup, and calls her a very valuable contributor.

"I don't think Sam realizes how important she is to us," Land said.

The Wolves compete in a tournament this weekend in Royal Oak which will match some of the best squads in the area in a 16-team field.

Clarkston already knows it faces Harper Woods Regina and Royal Oak Kimball in its first two games. If they play well on Saturday the Wolves could return to compete for the tournament championship Sunday.

The only problem is Clarkston's prom is Friday night, meaning many of the players will not be well-rested.

As a result, Land isn't worried about winning as much as competing well and gaining further experience against top competition.

Outdoor Calendar

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.

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CLASSES

HUNTER EDUCATION

Oakland County Sportsman'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

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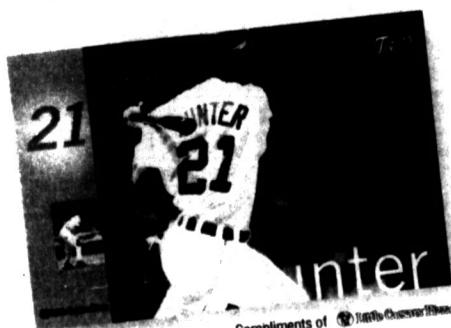
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What is a yield spread premium and is it legal?

REAL ESTATE QUERIES



ROBERT M. MEISNER

Q. I have heard something about the fact that lenders sometimes pay what is called a "yield spread" premium to a mortgage banker who arranges for a loan above the par interest rate. Is this legal? What good are these things to consumers?

A. In a recent decision from the U.S. District Court in Virginia, the

court agreed that payment of yield spread premiums, while being a common industry practice, was not protected by the statute's "safe harbor" for operating in "good faith."

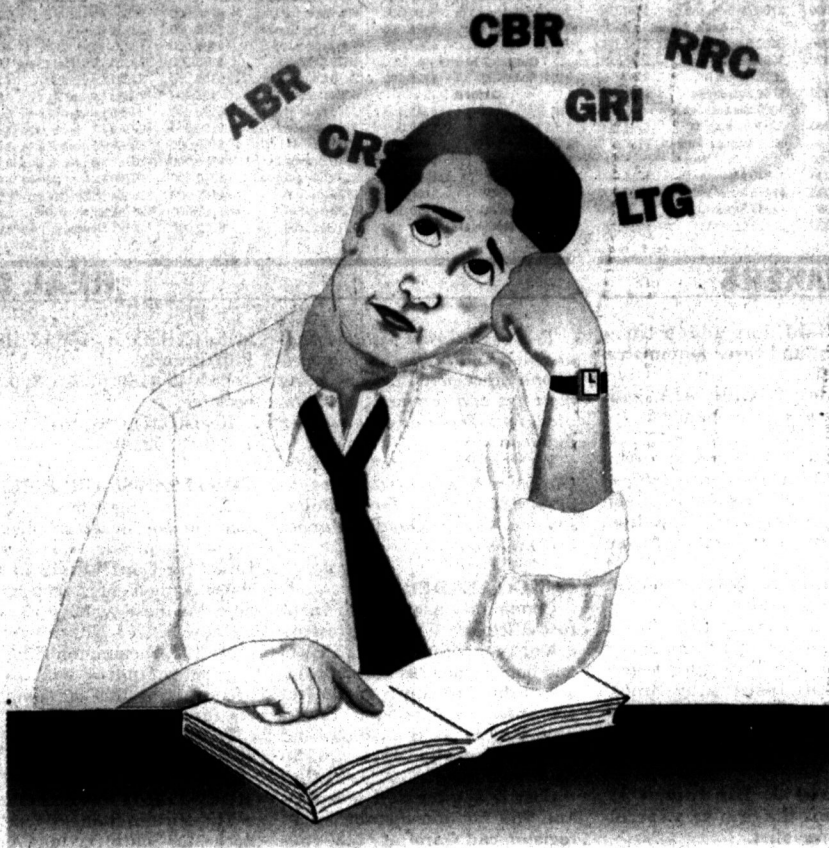
The court held that by their very nature, "yield spread premiums" are not compensation given for services actually performed by the broker. The court went on to say that it is unable to see what services are being provided to the consumer unless it is the provision of a bad deal.

On a motion by the defendant, the court dismissed a class action suit brought by several plaintiffs.

The court also has determined that the Department of Housing and Urban Development will be issuing regulations shortly about "yield spread premiums" and their use in placing mortgages.

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Lots of letters: The designations following a real estate agent's name indicate the advanced training undertaken to better serve clients and to gain a greater satisfaction from work.



HELEN FURCEAN/STAFF ARTIST

Going beyond the minimum

"I did it mainly for myself, so I know what's going on and to keep abreast of new trends."

Olena Drobot

associate broker with Ralph Manuel Associates West in Farmington Hills

Finding a good Realtor to help you sell or buy a house can be as easy as ABC. Or maybe GRI, CRS, CBR, ABR and LTG.

Professional designations, the capital letters after a name, indicate a level of education, experience and sales success acquired by Realtors beyond minimum state licensing requirements.

While there's no guarantee that more education results in better job performance, the more you know, the farther you generally go.

And Dick Vitale, the sports commentator and former basketball coach, is fond of saying that luck results when preparation and opportunity meet.

"Designations are extremely important," said Marge Rogus, marketing and training director for the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors.

"Knowledge is power. You want to help your clients and customers. Just because the minimum requirement is six hours of continuing education, who wants to stop at the minimum?"

"You want to offer as much as you can," Rogus added. "How to market and how to negotiate are two arts of the business."

Penny Trabbic, a Realtor with Max Brook in West Bloomfield, was a teacher before getting into real estate.

"I always felt the very best service you could do for anyone - whether you were a doctor, lawyer, teacher or in real estate - was to come to your profession as highly educated as you could possibly be," she said.

Trabbic is a Graduate Real Estate Institute (GRI), Certified Residential Specialist, Leadership Training Graduate and has Referral and Relocation Certification.

"You don't want to make your clients and customers a lab experiment," she said. "You want to bring some degree of experience before you start practicing."

All designations require a certain amount of class work and passing tests. The CRS also requires minimum service time and sales volume, the LTG actual leadership roles in the community and business.

Olena Drobot, an associate broker with Ralph Manuel Associates West in Farmington Hills, has exactly the same designations as Trabbic.

"It costs money. It takes time. A lot of people don't want to invest in themselves. They think as soon as they get their license, that's all they need."

"I did it mainly for myself, so I know what's going on and to keep abreast of new trends," Drobot said. "It reflects my professionalism and commitment to others. The agent who has designations is interested in expanding horizons, going with the business."

"A lot of people (clients) sense that when you work with them - that you are knowledgeable, experienced," Drobot added. "They don't feel as stressed."

That, in turn, leads to successful sales experiences and referrals.

Del Moore, a Realtor with Coldwell Banker Schweitzer in Birmingham, comes from the same perspective. She appreciates not only what designations mean, but how Realtors who have them seem to carry themselves professionally.

"You know more," she said. "When someone asks a question, you answer

from a position of knowledge rather than off the top of your head. I think sometimes people accept you more readily."

"When you get into real estate, all the real estate classes do is teach you how to pass the test, not sell real estate," Moore said. "I think you have to go further into it. I never wanted to be just mediocre."

Moore has acquired the GRI, CRS, LTG and RRC, as well as the Preview Property Specialist designation offered by Coldwell Banker.

"You do get things back," she said. "They bring in some wonderful seminars for the CRS. Also, through the CRS, I've been able to get a lot of different computer programs."

The Michigan Association of Realtors reports that about 13 percent of its 26,000 members have a GRI, less than three percent a CRS or Certified Residential Buyer.

Most larger real estate boards and associations offer classes on a regular basis leading to professional designations.

They range from two days for Accredited Buyer Representative up to 120 hours for GRI. Fees can go from \$175 for the ABR to about \$1,000 for the GRI.

"Designations teach vital skills that can help Realtors better manage all aspects of their lives and improve professional performance," said Karen Albers, director of education for the Birmingham Bloomfield Rochester South Oakland Association of Realtors.

"Designations bring the Realtor new opportunities and access to increased networking and industry trends," she added.

Rogus gets the last word.

"The public thinks all Realtors are on an equal playing ground when, in fact, there are different levels of accomplishment. A Realtor can seek by going after different designations."

Projected Volume

These states are projected by U.S. Housing Markets to be the top 10 in terms of houses and condominiums permitted this year.

	Number	% Change
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California	121,900	+11
North Carolina	78,500	+7
Georgia	74,000	+2
Arizona	62,100	+7
Michigan	47,400	-3
Ohio	47,000	+1
Illinois	45,400	-3
Virginia	44,600	-1

HELEN FURCEAN/STAFF ARTIST

More benefits of shopping for a home backwards

MORTGAGE SEARCH



DAVID C. MULLY

We left off this discussion last week by discussing the benefits of receiving either pre-qualification or pre-approval for your mortgage from your chosen lender. Either way you'll be in the enviable position of knowing how large a mortgage you can receive, so you can shop for your home with much greater confidence. You won't

end up settling for a less-desirable home than you can afford - or waste time looking at properties that are beyond your price range.

You'll also be able to negotiate your final deal with more confidence, knowing where your limits lie. With a pre-approved mortgage, your negotiating position is even stronger, because your deal is not contingent on a mortgage approval. To the seller, you offer the same advantages as a buyer paying in cash.

Another benefit: You'll make your search less stressful.

This benefit, experts say, is a little less tangible but no less important: peace of mind. Because in spite of the excitement, anticipation and occasional pleasant surprises, looking for and buying a home can be a nerve-wracking experience.

Should you make an offer on that contemporary you sort of liked? Should you have offered more? Did you offer too much? And what if they accept? Nothing can get rid of all the anxiety most of us experience as we make the biggest purchase of our lives. But having confidence in your financing - and a working relationship with a lender - can go a long way toward easing a worried mind.

That can make the whole process more enjoyable and less stressful. So unless you enjoy stress, listen to the people who know home buying best, and consider starting your search where you usually end it: in the office of a reputable mortgage lender.

Remember the three advantages of shopping for your mortgage before shopping for your home: expanding your financing options, negotiating your deal more confidently, and making your deal less stressful.

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Renter gets satisfaction guaranteed

Home Properties, a publicly held real estate investment trust that owns 17 apartment communities in southeastern Michigan, will offer all current and future tenants a money-back guarantee of satisfaction.

Known as the Pledge, this guarantee offers such promises as a 30-day trial period, a 24-hour response to maintenance requests and some flexible lease options to accommodate job transfers, job losses and health problems.

"Home Properties is proud to be the first apartment management company to go to such lengths to ensure the quality of life for residents and complete customer satisfaction regardless of unique individual needs," said Leslie Lewiston, regional manager.

"We have brought customer service to a new level," she added.

Home Properties in O&E communities include Charter Square and Canterbury Square in Troy, Fordham

Green and Pilgrim Village in Canton and Scotsdale in Westland.

Home Properties' pledge includes:

■ A response to maintenance requests and correction of any routine items within 24 hours or the next business day.

■ The ability of new tenants dissatisfied with their apartment for any reason to cancel the lease during the first 30 days without penalty.

■ Transfers to other available apartments within a community or to any other Home Properties community allowed at any time with a new 12-month lease.

■ Lease cancellations at any time with two full calendar months notice due to job transfer, job loss or illness.

Home Properties, which acquired the southeastern Michigan complexes last fall, developed its pledge for tenants in 1995 for apartments it owned in Rochester, N.Y.



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 This 2,700 sq. ft. 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home offers a dramatic 2 story foyer, library/den, formal living room & dining room with fireplace, large kitchen, full basement, side entry garage, and much more! \$279,900 (248) 600-0000

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NEW ON THE MARKET
 Many improvements on this 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath colonial. Family room with fireplace, attached garage, private yard, maintenance free exterior, new central air, newer vinyl windows and clean. Come see! \$169,900 (057UM)

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CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION
 Large 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home on great lot with mature trees. Features include: central air, family room with fireplace, and professionally finished basement. Exterior is freshly painted, and all appliances remain. \$169,900 (011CL)

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EXCEPTIONAL LOT
 Large 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home on great lot with mature trees. Features include: central air, family room with fireplace, and professionally finished basement. Exterior is freshly painted, and all appliances remain. \$169,900 (011CL)

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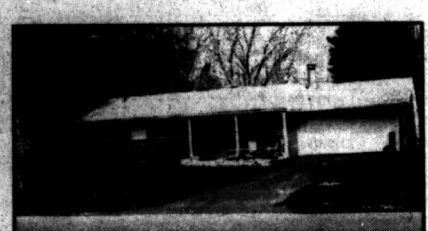
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FARMINGTON HILLS - Great Ranch with lots of updates. Farmington Hills Schools. Large lot, lots of trees. This home won't last Call Cheryl Today. \$149,900 (37CAR) 626-8800



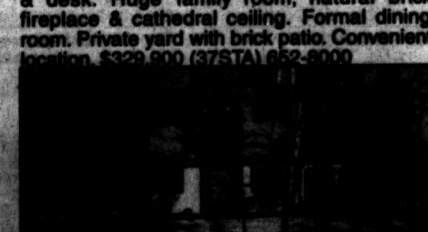
FARMINGTON HILLS - Kendallwood 3 bedroom Quad 2,000 sq. ft. living area \$175,000 (248)626-8800



NEUTRAL FAMILY HOME - Great Rochester sub, neighborhood school. Newer carpeting & ceramic, kitchen appliances. 4 large bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, family room, fireplace, extra storage 2 1/2 car garage. Home warranty. \$219,000 (51STO) 652-8000



LOVELY meadowbrook Valley Tudor. Large home. Hardwood in foyer & library with judges paneling. Large kitchen with 2 pantries, hutch & desk. Huge family room, natural brick fireplace & cathedral ceiling. Formal dining room. Private yard with brick patio. Convenient location. \$329,900 (37STA) 652-8000



1/2 OF AN ACRE of country charm in Rochester Hills! 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, full basement with finished office or 4th bedroom. Updated country kitchen. Huge front room with brick natural fireplace. Private master bath. Tastefully decorated & maintained. Home Warranty. (71SCH) 652-8000 \$169,800



ENJOY the proximity to downtown Rochester and the pleasures of hiking in the parks in this family sub. Excellent value 3 bedrooms 2 story colonial with sunny 3 season porch & skylights. Informal & formal rooms, brick fireplace. Oak kitchen cabinets & large master bedroom. \$173,700 (82WHI) 652-8000



BLOOMFIELD - Spacious Ranch offers 2,850 sq. ft. featuring 3 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, living room, family room, library, formal dining room, newer kitchen, roof, GFA and 4 fireplace's, finished basement. Great lot! \$387,500 (21LON) 642-8100



BLOOMFIELD - 2000 + sq. ft. home offers many updates including furnace, baths, kitchen flooring. Family room with fireplace, 3 bedrooms and more. Great treed lot! (59WIN) \$209,900 642-8100



ROYAL OAK - Almost everything has been done! Newer kitchen, windows, plumbing, and more. Hardwood floors, coved ceilings, finished basement, garage. Clean, clean clean! \$159,900. (08ENG) 642-8100



BLOOMFIELD HILLS - 2000 square ft. Condo in The Heathers on Golf Course with 1st floor master bedroom suite. Finished basement, living room with vaulted ceilings, 2 large bedrooms, and 2 car garage. \$369,900 (99UPP) 642-8100



BEVERLY HILLS - Charming 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath brick home in Georgetown Green. Living Room, Dining Room, Florida Room. Overlooks Rouge River. Great neighborhood! \$339,900 (83HIG) 642-8100



ROYAL OAK - Beautiful Bungalow home built in 1992 offers 3 bedrooms, Master Suite with walk in closet, wonderful eat-in Kitchen and a great deck! \$169,900 (62HAR) 642-8100



CONTEMPORARY LAKEFRONT - Four bedrooms including outstanding master suite with sitting room overlooking lake in Clarkston! Almost 2,800 sq. ft. plus unfinished bonus room area. Attached garage and just 2 miles from I-75. \$429,900 (19NOH) 363-1200



GREAT SYLVAN LAKEFRONT! - Fabulous 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 bath lakeside contemporary. Designed for lakeviews from the inside out. Vaulted ceilings - skylites, custom finished through out. \$378,000 (20BEE) 363-1200



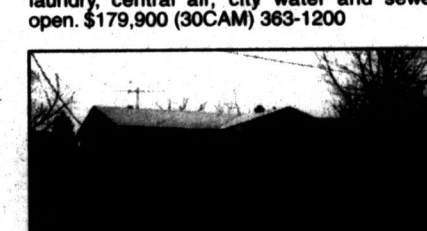
TRANSITIONAL 4 BEDROOM COLONIAL - 1/2 acre lot built in 94, many upgrades, 2 full baths, 2-1/2 baths, extra large 2 car garage, equestrian community. \$295,000 (47CAR) 363-1200



BEAUTIFUL TWO STORY HOME - Feature four bedrooms, two and a half baths, washed oak floors in foyer, hall and kitchen that offers double ovens and lots of counter space. Must See! \$264,500 (54CHR) 363-1200



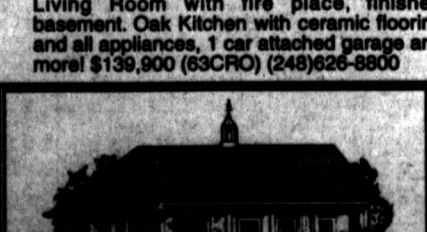
A CREEK RUNS THROUGH IT - Soft contemporary, 1 1/2 story, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, vaulted ceiling in Great Room, with gas fireplace, spacious kitchen/nook, 1 st floor laundry, central air, city water and sewer open. \$179,900 (30CAM) 363-1200



LAKEFRONT WALKOUT RANCH - Enjoy lake living this summer with 148' ft. lake frontage. Ranch with updates & finished walkout lower level with fireplace, 3 + bedrooms, 2 car garage. \$178,900 (40WAR) 363-1200



CLAWSON - Exceptional Value! Newer Townhouse Condo in pristine condition. Features include high vaulted ceilings in Living Room with fire place, finished basement. Oak Kitchen with ceramic flooring and all appliances, 1 car attached garage and more! \$139,900 (63CRO) (248)626-8800



BLOOMFIELD HILLS - Classic Colonial in Bloomfield Village. Grace and charm add to this well-appointed home with 4 fireplaces, hardwood floors, private yard, great Kitchen, Library, crown moldings.... and the list goes on! \$1,075,000 (33BRA) 642-8100

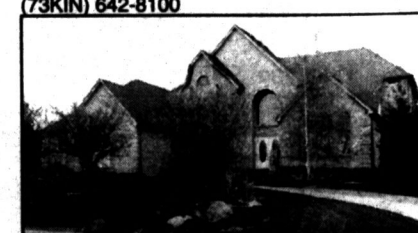


TROY - 4 bedroom 4 1/2 bath Tudor home. First floor master with whirlpool. 2nd floor private suite. Full size elevator. Finished lower level with bath. 3 car side entry garage. Built in 1994. \$539,900 (95RAM) 524-1600

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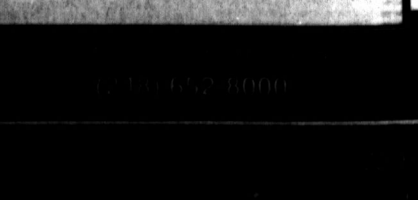
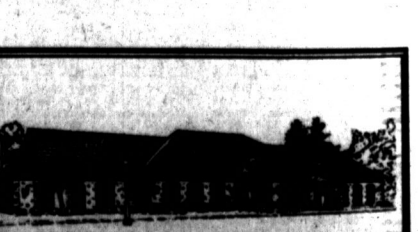
BLOOMFIELD HILLS - Exceptionally maintained home offers a beautiful lot with perennial garden and natural woods woven with paths and wildflowers. Master bedroom has natural fireplace, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths. Sprinkler system and security! \$394,500 (73KIN) 642-8100



TROY - Beach Forest 5 bedroom, 4 1/2 bath, brick Tudor. Premiere features include marble, ceramic, custom woodwork, leaded glass doors, gorgeous Kitchen with octagon breakfast nook and 1st floor master. Finished basement with great room, fireplace, kitchen, hot tub/jacuzzi. \$839,900 (59HAY) 642-8100



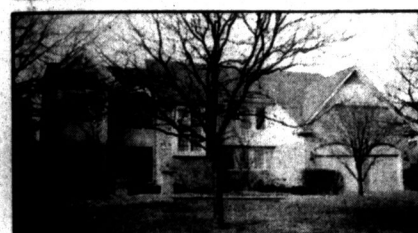
TROY - Colonial home sits on a beautiful large lot within the sub. 5 bedrooms, 3 baths. Family Room, fireplace in living room, 2 car attached garage. \$189,900 (12LON) 642-8100



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EXECUTIVE HOME - in Hills of Oakland, 5 bedrooms, 4 1/2 baths, 4 fireplaces, dual staircases, finished walkout with full, kitchen, bath and bedroom. Large lot. Hardwood floors throughout home. \$795,900 (03WEL) 652-8000



FARMINGTON HILLS - 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath, fantastic Colonial. Great Room with vaulted ceiling, library, finished lower level, secluded yard with inground pool. Wood floors, french doors, lots of windows & beautifully maintained. \$399,500 (29HARR) 626-8800

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FARMINGTON HILLS - Desirable Country Ridge Home Features 3,100 Sq. ft. with fieldstone fireplace, very large Family Room, Crown Mouldings, Vaulted Ceiling & Skylight. Outside Features are heavily wooded backyard with upper and lower deck. \$329,500 (31COU) (248)626-8800



SOUTHFIELD - Well maintained 3 bedroom Colonial with finished basement, updated Kitchen, Family Room with Fireplace. Close to Shopping Areas. \$129,900 (29BRE) (248)626-8800



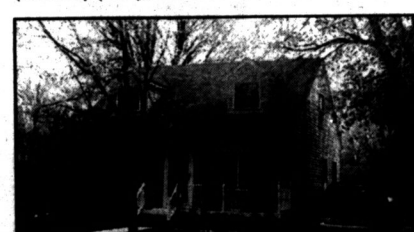
CANTON - 4 New Construction Spec Homes located in Canton's premiere Golf Course Community. Next door to Summit Community Center & Heritage Park. Huge luxurious Master Suite with fabulous Master bath, first floor laundry & side entry garage. \$292,900 (45GL) 248-626-8800



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ROCHESTER HILLS - Extremely neat & clean 4 bedroom brick aluminum colonial. Family room with natural fireplace and wet bar. Finished basement neutral decor, central air, sprinklers. Private backyard. \$212,000 (40STO) (248)652-8000



CHARMING IN-TOWN CAPE COD - four bedroom home, 2 full baths, full basement, eat-in kitchen, central air, deck, fenced backyard, built 1985, security system, 2 entry level bedrooms \$176,900 (59WOO) 652-8000



HILLS OF OAKLAND - Magnificent custom home. Extensive wood flooring. 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 lavs. Living room & dining room both with bays & wood trim plus fireplace in Living Room 4 fireplaces. Master bath w/jacuzzi tub, shower, 2 sinks. Finished walk out. Inground pool \$774,900 (81WEL) 652-8000



ONE OF A KIND - Four bedroom, Three and a half bath rambling home. Updated with total quality, skylights, 2 tiered deck, cathedral ceiling, wet bar plus a 30' x 50' heated bonus room and 0.47 acres. \$369,900 (34NEW) (248)652-8000



STATELY COLONIAL - on mature treed lot. ceramic foyer & kitchen. Family room with gas fireplace. Neutral decor, newer fiberglass roof with 25 year warranty. Fabulously landscaped yard with covered deck & brick pavers. Walk to Stoney Creek nature preserve. Roch schools. Move in condition. \$279,900 (01NOR) 652-8000



TROY - 3 bedroom Ranch home on 1.5 acre lot. 2 full baths. Many updates include new windows, new carpet & new roof. 2 fireplaces. Oversized garage with workshop. \$169,000 (75SQU) 524-1600



ORION TOWNSHIP - Very well maintained home inside & out. 3 bedrooms. 2 full baths. Central air. Nice deck. Just minutes walking to all sports lake. Home Warranty \$144,900 (OOHAR) 524-1600



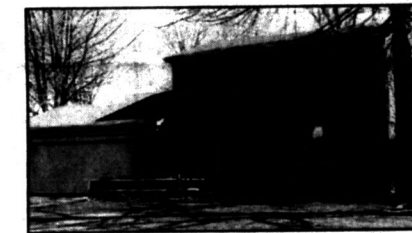
ROCHESTER HILLS - 4 bedroom Tudor/Colonial with 2 1/2 baths. Whirlpool in master bath. Huge deck with gazebo in back. Crown molding and numerous updates. \$249,900 (31AQU) 524-1600



ROYAL OAK - 3 bedroom Colonial with updated kitchen and powder room. Neutral decor. Hardwood floors in bedrooms and under carpet in living room and dining room. Living room with cove ceiling and fireplace. Home Warranty! \$179,900 (22SOU) 524-1600



TROY - Lakefront living in this 3 bedroom Ranch home located in Emerald Lakes Subdivision. 2 full baths. Finished basement. Enclosed sun porch. Lovely home! \$289,900 (47THR) 524-1600



THIS IS THE ONE! - Squeaky clean & beautifully updated 1600 sq. ft. colonial with 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, basement, pool. Brick fireplace, maintenance freebrick, vinyl exterior, GORGEOUS! \$169,900 (73GLA) 363-1200



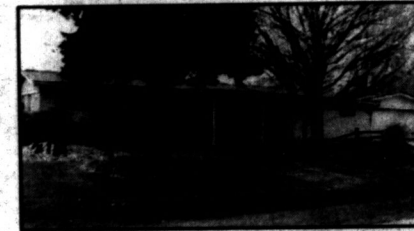
UPDATED CHARMER IN WIXOM - Over one acre, Walled Lake Schools, 1" floor laundry, second full bath, city sewer, make this older four bedroom a must see! \$163,900 (25MAP)363-1200



NEW CONSTRUCTION - Ready in spring, hottest spot in Waterford with 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths. Full basement and attached garage. Many amenities. \$149,950 (91BON) 363-1200



BLOOMFIELD HILL SCHOOLS - 3 bedroom brick ranch, basement & garage, on 1/2 acre lot plus in-ground pool. Hurry, this won't last. \$149,900 (87PAR) 363-1200



GREAT BUY, 3 POSSIBLE BEDROOMS - Nice family sub, 1600 sq. ft., 2 full bath updated, fenced in backyard and much more. \$139,900 (40BEV) 363-1200



HARD TO FIND RANCH - For the buyer that wants it all. 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, heated 2 car garage, walk out basement (unfinished). Large fenced yard, many updated and more. \$139,900 (61ARA)363-1200



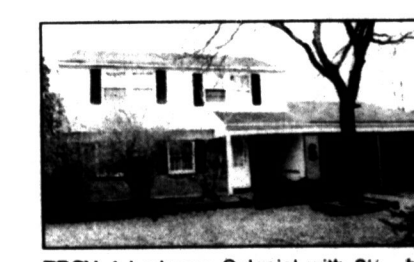
TROY - Four bedroom brick Ranch. Family room with fireplace and garden room. Beach Lakefront. Ceramic tiled kitchen and Dining area. Home Warranty! \$240,000 (44CRE) 524-1600



TROY - 4 bedroom Colonial with 2 1/2 baths. Many recent improvements. Anderson doorwalls in kitchen and family room. Troy Schools. Home backing to creek. \$178,900 (27BUT) 524-1600



TROY - 4 bedroom Tudor with 2 1/2 baths. Great room with fireplace and wet bar. First floor laundry. Deck. Security System with TV camera. Outside lighting. One Year Home Warranty! \$289,900 (26MOU) 524-1600



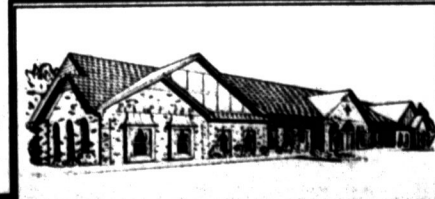
TROY 4 bedroom Colonial with 2 1/2 baths offers a totally updated kitchen with all appliances. Formal Dining room. First floor laundry. Family room with natural fireplace. Large deck. Immediate Possession. \$169,900 (51MIL) 524-1600



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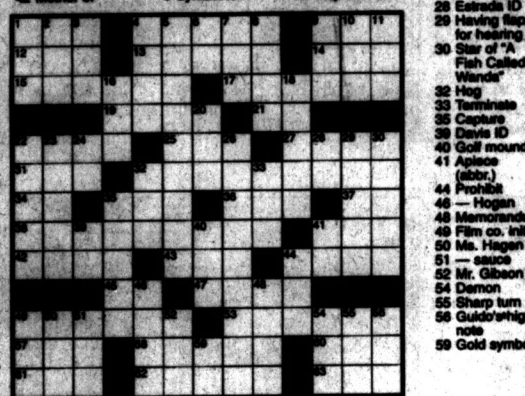
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BREATHING VIEW on the just reduced 2.5 acre lot, colonial with finished walk-out lower level with fireplace and spa room, great room with fireplace, full basement, finished attic, 2 car garage, close to schools, shopping, and parks. Call for details.

BY MILFORD HIGH
3 bed, 2 bath, 2 car garage, finished attic, 2 car garage, close to schools, shopping, and parks. Call for details.

323 Ending

BY OWNER, 207 Castledown Drive, 2,000 sq. ft., 3 bed, 2 bath, 2 car garage, finished attic, 2 car garage, close to schools, shopping, and parks. Call for details.

325 Ending

ABSOLUTE MINT
CALL DAN MULLAN
Price reduced on this spacious 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath, finished basement, 2 car garage, close to schools, shopping, and parks. Call for details.

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COUNTRY CHARMER
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Ability Mortgage	1-248-445-1500	7.0	2	7.412	6.75	2	7.4167	5.75	2
Aequi-Mutual Mortgage Corp.	1-248-289-8888	6.75	2	7.010	6.375	2	6.792	5.375	2
Ameriplus Mortgage Corp.	1-248-740-2323	7.125	0	7.19	6.75	25	6.88	6.25	0
Banc Mortgage Funding Group	1-248-569-8425	6.825	2	N/R	6.25	2	N/R	6.375	0
Buckner & Associates	1-248-423-8230	6.75	2	6.89	6.375	2	6.72	N/R	N/R
Cascade Financial	1-800-695-6510	6.875	2	7.105	6.50	2	6.87	5.625	2
Comerica	comerica.com 1-800-292-1300	7.0	1.875	7.32	6.75	1.75	7.01	6.0	1.875
Consumer One Financial	1-888-944-HOME	7.375	0	7.375	7.25	0	7.25	7.0	0
Dearborn Federal Savings Bank	1-313-565-3100	7.50	0	7.531	7.125	0	7.172	5.0	2
Fidelity National Mortgage	fidelity.com 1-800-251-5104	6.875	1	N/R	6.825	1	N/R	5.50	1
First Federal of Michigan	ffm.com 1-800-DIAL-FFM	7.0	2	7.237	6.5	2	6.876	4.75	2
First International Mortgage Corp.	1-248-540-1085	7.125	0	7.129	6.75	0	6.756	6.25	0
1st National Financial	1-800-261-0202	7.125	0	N/R	7.0	0	N/R	6.875	0
Franklin Mortgage Group	1-313-363-8000	6.75	2	7.02	6.375	2	6.81	5.625	1.5
GMAC Mortgage Corp.	gmcmortgage.com 1-800-984-4822	6.825	3	6.951	6.25	3	6.778	5.125	3
Great Northern Funding	greatnorthernfunding.com 1-248-608-LOAN	7.125	0	7.223	6.875	0	7.032	6.0	0
JMC Mortgage Corp.	1-248-489-4020	6.375	3.625	6.817	5.875	3.875	6.625	5.0	3.125
Kellum Mortgage Financial	kellumfinancial.com 1-888-4KELLUM	6.875	2	7.184	6.50	2	6.922	5.875	2
Mainstreet Mortgage	1-800-900-1313	7.125	0	7.18	6.875	0	6.90	5.25	1
North American Mortgage	namm.com 1-800-880-8990	6.875	2	7.102	6.50	2	6.865	5.375	2
Old Kent Mortgage Co.	1-800-782-8830	6.875	2	7.12	6.50	2	6.89	5.75	2
Realiti Funding Mortgage Corp.	1-888-355-FUND	6.5	2	6.71	6.25	2	6.58	5.0	2
Security National Mortgage	1-800-887-7862	7.0	0	7.11	6.75	0	6.84	6.125	0
Source One Mortgage	1-800-859-HOME	7.375	0	7.375	7.0	0	7.0	6.25	2
Standard Savings Corp.	1-248-258-9800	7.25	0	7.25	7.0	0	7.0	6.5	0
St. James Servicing Corp.	1-800-960-1820	7.125	0	7.15	6.875	0	7.02	4.75	3
Superior Financial Services Inc.	1-800-960-1820	7.125	0	7.15	6.875	0	7.02	4.75	3
World Wide Financial	1-800-807-9377	6.75	2	N/R	6.50	2	N/R	5.125	2

Rates as of May 4, 1998. N/R = not reported. Rates subject to change without notice. Source: David Mulvey Mortgage Search Services, Walled Lake. Lenders to participate contact David Mulvey at 1-248-688-6900 ext 227 or Email: morgearch@aol.com

325 Ending

PICTURE PERFECT!
All updated, 3 bedroom ranch with large eat-in kitchen, new ceramic tile, newer windows, doors, furnace and more. Super family room in basement and 2 car garage. Beautiful decor. \$112,500. Maureen Herron

327 Ending

CONTEMPORARY 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath, 3 acre lot, \$194,500. (248) 437-4379

328 Ending

BUILDERS OWN HOME in Crestwood Sub. Less than 1 year old. N. of E. off Beck. Fully landscaped. 3 1/2 baths. August occupancy. \$429,900. Pace Development. 248-348-8790

328 Ending

BY OWNER Impressive 2,800 sq. ft. Victorian home, walking distance to downtown. W. of Center N. of Main. 124 High St. \$429,900. (248) 344-4494.

329 Ending

IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY on this Sub. N. of E. off Shadelin. Walk to town. Starting in low \$400's. Spacious homes available. Pace Development. 248-348-8790

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COMMERCE

- This 4 bedroom Ranch sits on a large lakefront lot
- Formal dining room, two fireplaces, family room
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- Deck, fenced play area, sandy beach, all sports

\$720,000 (248) 651-4400 LA829



WATERFORD - CASS LAKE

- Stunning contemporary w/all amenities in Forest Bay
- Cass Lake community w/deeded boat slips and private beach on Gerundegut Bay, 5 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths
- Buyers with an eye for detail will appreciate this one

\$599,900 (248) 651-4400 IS442



BLOOMFIELD HILLS SCHOOLS - LUXURIOUS

- Beautiful comfortable and spacious walkout ranch
- Unique lower level designed to accommodate guests
- Gorgeous dining & living rooms, fireplace, large kitchen with both breakfast area & sitting room

\$599,000 (248) 647-6400 SH194



ROCHESTER HILLS - PREMIUM ELEVATION

- Popular Rookery Woods II - Soaring 2 story ceilings in foyer and great room
- Luxurious master suite features cathedral ceiling, bay window, w/2 person Jacuzzi, separate shower

\$475,000 (248) 689-8900 SL369



COMMERCE

- Dramatic Tudor with fabulous fire lit great room
- Master w/french doors leading to bath w/Jacuzzi
- Exercise & sitting room. Park-like setting. Lots of trees with gazebo. Beach & boat privileges.

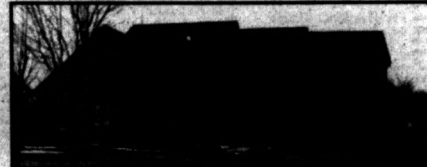
\$459,700 (248) 651-4400 LO357



WEST BLOOMFIELD PARADISE

- Picture perfect all sport lakefront home w/all amenities
- Six skylights let the sunshine in! Professional bar
- Jacuzzi, stone fireplace, plus deck, patio and dock
- Perfect home for indoor and outdoor entertaining

\$395,000 (248) 647-6400 C1237



FARMINGTON HILLS - LUXURIOUS LIVING

- This spectacular Contemporary w/3,674 sq. ft. features dramatic ceiling lines and marble foyer
- Sunlit kitchen & nook w/center island and built-ins
- Private first floor master w/jetted tub & extra shower

\$389,900 (248) 626-9100 EM369



OXFORD - CAN BE DUPLICATED FOR STATED PRICE

- A variety of homesites to choose from in prestigious Lake of Indianwood - Wooded & waterfront available
- Spacious 3,300 sq. ft. Tudor with 4 bedrooms
- Family room highlighted by fireplace, formal dining

\$389,900 (248) 626-9100 DE183



DOWNTOWN ROCHESTER NEAR

- Peaceful country living w/beautiful views from every room. Contemporary home on wooded lot w/pond
- Minutes away from Paint Creek Trail & downtown
- Great room w/skylights & gas fireplace

\$359,000 Ask For: Nancy Rittler 656-4420 EL396



BLOOMFIELD - GARDENER'S DREAM

- Beautiful brick ranch in a truly picturesque setting
- Three bedrooms & 3 full baths, formal dining room
- Fireplace in living room and family room w/wet bar
- Large screened porch overlooks private yard

\$358,000 (248) 647-6400 MA484



ROYAL OAK

- Appealing brick family home with four bedrooms
- Refinished hardwood floors, updated kitchen & bath
- Black marble fireplace in living room, Florida room
- Finished basement, 2 car garage, fenced yard

\$212,900 547-2000 CA410



ROCHESTER HILLS

- Charming Tudor w/landscaped courtyard & deck
- Spacious rooms, fire lit family room, large dining room
- High ceilings, wet-bar, bay and bow windows
- Master suite w/extra deep closet

\$289,900 (248) 651-4400 SA310



ROMEO - ACCENTED IN CHERRY

- Large fieldstone hearthstone fireplace in great room
- Cherry cabinetry throughout, beautiful year round sun room, Jacuzzi tub in master bath, 3 bedrooms
- All on scenic 2.5 acres high on a hill

\$259,900 Ask For: Susan Heacock 656-4402 HI777



ROCHESTER - CHARMING COLONIAL

- Sharp & neutral featuring 4 bedrooms, many updates
- Hardwood floors in bedrooms, den, foyer & kitchen
- Updated master & 1/2 bath, newer roof, central air
- Side entry 2 car garage. Walk to downtown!

\$254,900 (248) 656-4405 HE990



FARMINGTON HILLS - EYE CATCHER

- Updated Colonial just minutes away from everything
- 2,930 sq. ft. with fire lit family room & dining room
- Newer roof, exterior paint, w/er heater & more
- Swim club is just around the corner! Call for details.

\$254,500 (248) 626-9100 MU299



ROCHESTER HILLS - CLASSIC APPEAL

- This Colonial sits in desirable cul-de-sac location amidst natural beauty and absolute privacy
- Freshly painted w/updated kitchen, newer roof and completely remodeled master bath and lavatory

\$229,900 (248) 641-1660 DA902



FARMINGTON HILLS - CHARMING

- Three bedroom Colonial with plenty of charm
- Spotless w/oak floors & trim and many windows
- Neutral colors, lovely kitchen w/oak cabinetry
- Fire lit living room, 1st floor laundry, powder room

\$144,700 (248) 646-6000 OX211



ROYAL OAK - COMPLETELY UPDATED

- This updated bungalow is immaculate throughout!
- Three bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths and breakfast room
- Located in great neighborhood on tree lined street
- Walking distance to downtown, parks & schools!

\$150,000 (248) 647-6400 AL533



ROYAL OAK - CHARMING CAPE COD

- Meticulous Cape Cod offers plenty of space
- Three bedrooms, hardwood floors, 1 1/2 baths
- Updated, freshly painted kitchen, cedar closets
- Nest & clean, garage, porch on extra wide lot

\$149,900 (248) 689-8900 LA206



HUNTINGTON WOODS

- Well designed Contemporary home with lots of style
- Three bedrooms, 1st floor laundry and dining room
- Spacious family room has doorwall to 3 tiered deck
- Near tennis courts & park. Walk to downtown R.O.

\$144,900 (248) 647-6400 EL881



ROYAL OAK - WALK TO GOLF COURSE

- Enjoy city living in this brick ranch with 3 bedrooms
- Newer windows and hardwood floors throughout
- Jacuzzi tub in bathroom, finished basement w/bath
- Florida room overlooks large fenced yard w/BBQ grill

\$143,900 (248) 641-1660 EL462



WARREN - LIKE NEW

- Fabulous full brick ranch. Manicured landscaping w/mature trees. Spacious open kitchen/dining area
- Bonus family room, w/brick front natural fireplace
- Doorwall to patio. Very neat, very clean & maintained

\$139,850 (248) 689-8900 CH116



CLAWSON - VERY ROOMY

- Pride of ownership is evident throughout this home
- Two bedroom Bungalow w/large fire lit family room
- Most hardwood floors, large upper master suite
- Glass block windows in basement. Lots of storage.

\$135,000 (248) 689-8900 HU707



ROYAL OAK - SUPER LOCATION

- Great in-town house w/separate living quarters
- Second level has kitchen, living room & bedroom
- Lower level has living & dining rooms, kitchen & family room w/doorwall to covered patio. Fenced yard

\$132,900 Ask For: Maud Granzow 646-3091 CE525



ROYAL OAK - CONVENIENT LOCATION

- Three bedroom ranch located in North Royal Oak
- 13x12 living room, Florida room, spacious kitchen
- Sits on nice, deep lot in pleasant neighborhood
- Solid buy for first time buyers and all others!

\$128,900 (248) 641-1660 MI141



AUBURN HILLS - GREAT RANCH

- Aluminum 2 bedroom ranch on nice large lot
- Newer windows, siding and roof. Dining room
- Two car detached garage. Partly fenced yard
- Washer/dryer stay. Won't last long.

\$110,000 (248) 651-8850 BR380



OAKLAND - PRESTIGE!

- Stately home in Hills of Oakland boasts classic architecture, elegant features and fine craftsmanship
- Spacious gourmet kitchen with appliances overlooks grand deck with hot tub. Double staircase, bonus room

\$749,900 (248) 641-1660 WE587



SOUTHFIELD - ADORABLE AND AFFORDABLE

- This 2 bedroom condo is affordable, clean & updated
- New carpet, paint, countertops and refrigerator
- Storage available in basement, carport available
- Pool in complex. Close to shopping, schools & more!

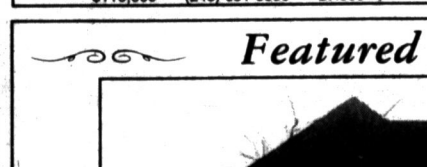
\$75,000 (248) 626-9100 TW186



PONTIAC - EASY ACCESS TO I-75

- Freshly painted & newly carpeted ranch
- Three bedrooms, kitchen & dining area
- Large living room, 2 car garage, paved street
- Great North Pontiac location. (ST127)

\$63,900 (248) 625-5700 ST127



BIRMINGHAM

- A steal of a deal in mint condition
- Newer windows, doorwall, carpeting, stove, refrigerator, bath and kitchen floors
- One bedroom plus study, deck.

\$59,800 (248) 647-6400 CH910



BIRMINGHAM - IN TOWN

- This Colonial in a great location has all the character of an older home w/all the luxuries of a modern home
- Updated kitchen, master suite with bath, sun deck
- Family room with fireplace, exercise room and hot tub

\$289,900 647-2000 WA880



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\$59,800 (248) 647-6400 CH910

Featured Fine Home



Troy - Contemporary Luxury

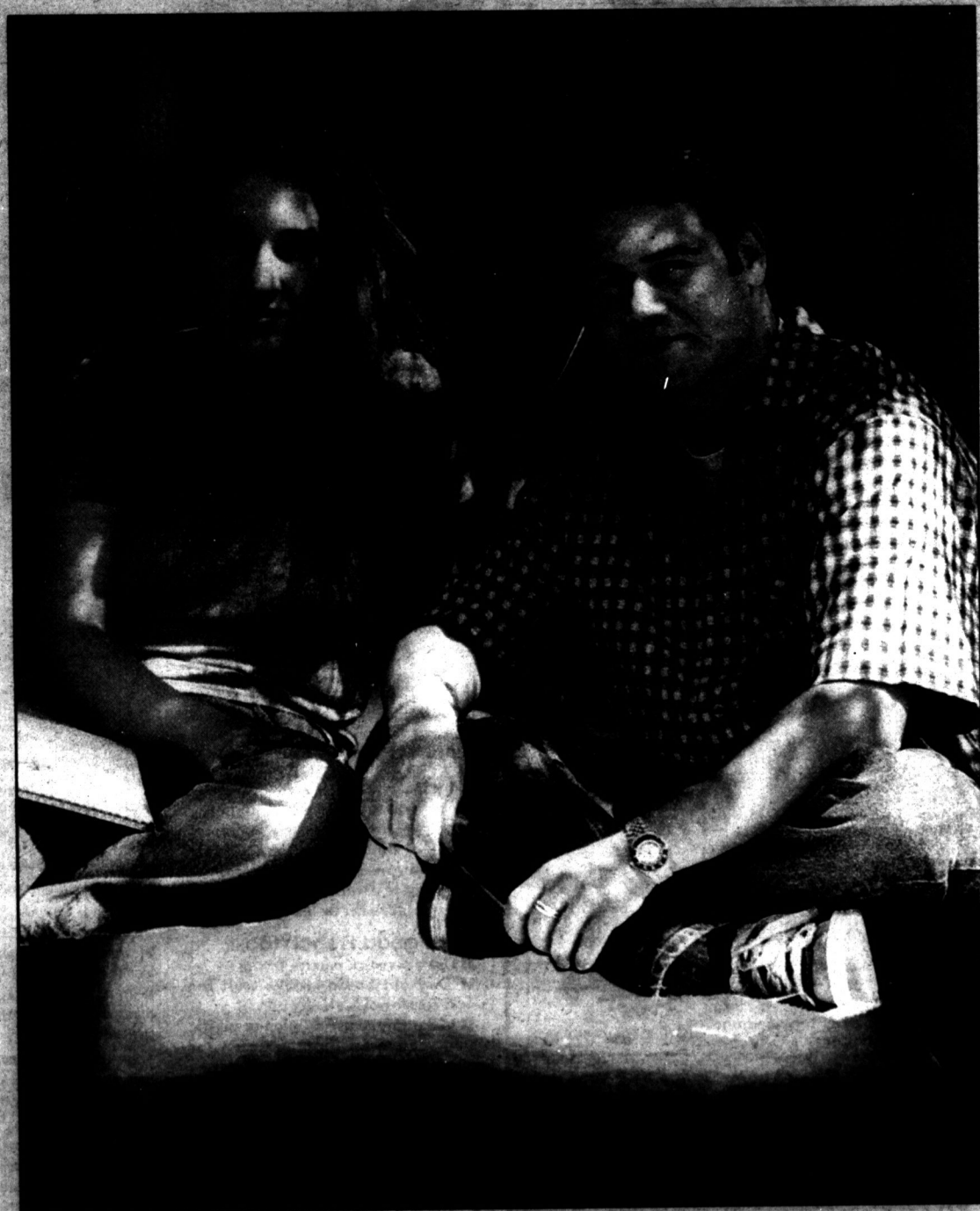
- Luxurious 3,258 sq. ft. first floor master
- Fabulous finished walkout provides unlimited entertainment options, wine cellar, exercise room
- Crisp, white kitchen w/granite tile, extensive windows
- Premium Oak River setting

\$499,900 (248) 641-1660 WH470

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inviting ideas

French Toast 101 for Mother's Day

includes comments and tips for beginners from author Marion Cunningham.

FRENCH TOAST

Yield: six slices

Ingredients:

3 eggs, slightly beaten
1/2 tablespoon salt
2 tablespoons sugar
1 cup milk
6 slices bread

Directions:

Mix the eggs, salt, sugar, and milk in a shallow dish or pie pan. Soak the bread in the mixture until soft, turning once. Cook on a hot, well-greased skillet or frying pan, turning to brown on each side.

RUM RAISIN FRENCH TOAST STRIPS

Yield: 4-6 servings (depending on portion size)

Ingredients:

1-pound raisin bread (pick one with lots of raisins)
1/2 cup sugar
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
8 extra large eggs
2 cups milk
1 cup good quality dark rum (use 2/3 for egg mixture - 1/3 to plump up additional raisins)
1 stick (8 tablespoons) unsalted butter or margarine
Dried raisins

Directions: Preheat oven to 200°F. (just to keep the finished strips warm) Cut raisin bread into 1-inch-thick slices. Combine sugar and cinnamon in small bowl. In shallow bowl, whisk together eggs, milk and 2/3 cup rum. In a small sauce pan, heat over low, the remaining rum and desired amount of raisins - plump the dried raisins and set aside.

Dip a few bread strips into egg mixture; let stand a minute or two. Melt 2 tablespoons butter in large non stick skillet over medium heat. Cook egg coated bread until golden brown (approximately) 4 minutes on each side.

Sprinkle 2 tablespoons cinnamon sugar over French toast, turning to coat on all sides. Cook until sugar melts, turning once, about 2 minutes.

Transfer French toast to baking sheet; keep warm in oven. Repeat with remaining bread, egg mixture, butter and cinnamon sugar in batches. Transfer French toast to plates and top with rum-plumped raisins.

Mother's Day should be a day to let the special woman in our life relax and enjoy the love and attention she so deserves. What to make for breakfast to really show Mom she is appreciated? How about French toast?

We also all know that French toast is made of bread dipped in scrambled egg (egg and milk), sautéed in butter or margarine until golden, then topped with syrup, powdered sugar, or fruit (sometimes even fresh fruit puree, depending on who knows how to puree).

OK men, take this idea and run with it - take the proverbial simple French toast and use some cool exotic bread (bread boutiques on every street corner offer varieties aplenty) - how about Zingerman's Chocolate Cherry, Sun dried Tomato and Semolina, or their delicious Cinnamon Raisin - you don't even have to drive to Ann Arbor these days - Zingerman's Bakehouse (734) 761-2095 is supplying many upscale groceries, mainstream groceries, and Nino Salvaggio stores (Strawberry Hills).

Top the Chocolate Cherry French Toast with powdered sugar, dollop some sour cream and salsa on the Sun Dried Tomato, or pour some rum flavored maple syrup on the Cinnamon Raisin (just add some high quality rum to your favorite pure maple syrup).

You could go one step further and actually make a loaf of signature bread in your trusty old bread machine (assuming that your female counterpart has one, or buy her one for Mother's Day and surprise her by using it first!) Then prepare a rather exotic sautéed toast to tantalize her taste buds.

Tips for good French toast:

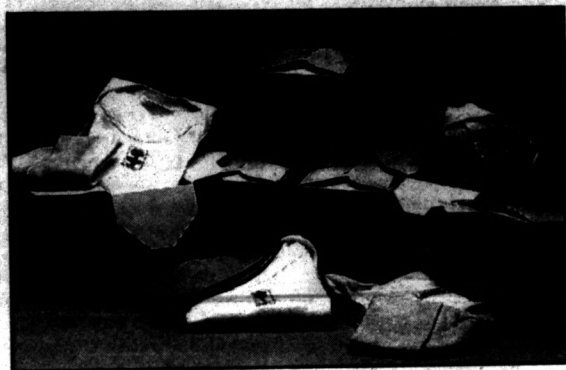
- Use a nonstick pan for frying.
- Day old bread works well for French Toast.
- Make sure to use a Teflon or plastic coated spatula for flipping over your French Toast.
- Have all the ingredients ready and available - to save time and chaos.

Make sure however you decide to make your French toast; that you don't leave the mess for Mom to clean up.

Here are some French toast recipes to try. This is a simple recipe from "The Fannie Farmer Cookbook," which



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Baby talk

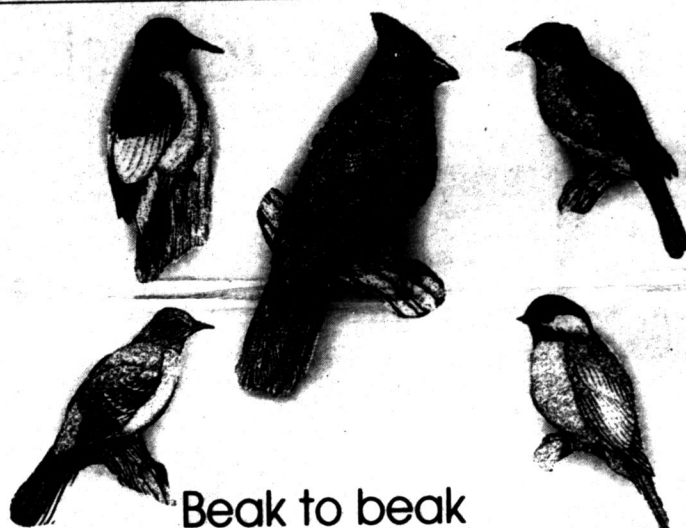
Clothes line: The Paige Stanton store, 32751 Franklin Road in Franklin, features a baby clothing line called "Baby Take Out." Each container box holds one pair of pants, a onesie with an embroidered flower or vegetable and a matching cap. The outfits are available in mint, yellow, white, blue and pink; the footprint on the container is the color of the outfit inside. Price is \$28.50. The items make great baby shower gifts. Call (248) 855-3286.



Blue notes

Singing the blues: This Mother's Day give Mom a gift that is filled with electric blue that can brighten up almost any room. These wondrous treasures can make Mom burst with joy while they give a cool look. They are available at In the Cards, at Laurel Park Place at Six Mile and Newburgh in Livonia. Shown here are a blue swirl picture frame, \$13.95; beaded candle lamp, \$42; dragonfly bud vase, \$10.50; and Plumeria candle, \$18.90. Call (734) 953-3788.

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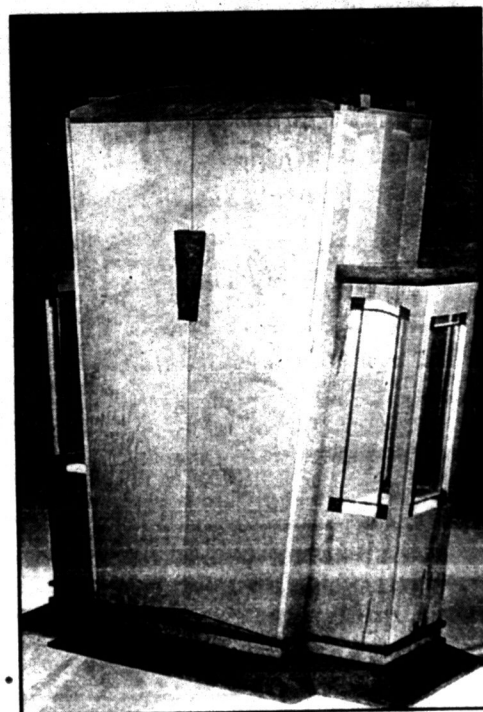
Beak to beak

Avian attraction: A Shady Business, 39670 14 Mile in Walled Lake, has a "tree" full of these Backyard Bird magnets, which are great for birdwatchers. Each bird is between 4 and 5 inches long and available for \$2.99. Call (248) 669-2440.

Art for the home

At the festival: This handmade wood furnishing by Laverne Schuring Jr. is among the works in a variety of media by 300 artists featured at the Birmingham Fine Art Festival, taking place 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 9, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday, May 10, in Shain Park and surrounding streets in downtown Birmingham. The event will also feature food, entertainment, activities and a student art show. Admission is free. Shain Park is at Bates and Merrill, east of Southfield Road between Maple and Lincoln. For information, call the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center at (248) 644-0866.





appliance doctor

Chicago trade show 'unbelievable'



JOE GAGNON

A few weeks ago I took my radio show on the road to the windy city of Chicago and we did our broadcast from the studios of WLS Radio. The reason for such an occurrence was to attend the National Kitchen and Bath Show at the McCormick Place and what a show it is. The city of Chicago was impressive enough with its streets packed with people on a Saturday afternoon, but the convention hall, folks, is unbelievable.

So magnificent in size and so beautiful to look at, it contained over 1,000 exhibitors of appliances and bathroom fixtures of all sorts. I saw a toilet plunger so different you might want to place it on the kitchen counter, it looks so good.

The new shower of the future has jets which spray about 10 parts of your body at the same time. A new electric range made in the image of a wood burning stove of the 1930s, solid as a rock. New washers made smaller and holding more clothes and using less water. The whole trip was three days of walking and visiting every booth in the place. The pins had some aching to the back muscles but all in all, it was very worthwhile.

In the past I have written about the noise level of today's dishwasher and how many homeowners are displeased to the point of leaving the kitchen when it operates. I've given my standard secret on making a dishwasher quiet and from the comments of many I know it works. In the area where the dishwasher will be built in, take some cork board and glue it to the underside of the kitchen counter. Glue it to the back wall, side board and everywhere you can place it. The difference is night and day.

I once did seminars in Cobo Hall for a period of nine days running and during these, I had a dishwasher hooked up and running directly behind me. Even with a microphone in my hand, the people in the audience could not hear it operating. The name of that dishwasher was "Askco" and it's an expensive model which is so quiet, people are buying it.

The American homeowner is proving to the industry that even though an appliance has a high price tag, they want that extra feature of quality. Look at the new Maytag "Neptune" washer which is so high priced I thought and wrote that it might never sell. Today the factory is working overtime to keep up with the demand. All of this and more, point out a trend that will become the way of the future in the appliance shopping industry. We want quality and quiet operation of our major home appliances and we'll pay the price to get it.

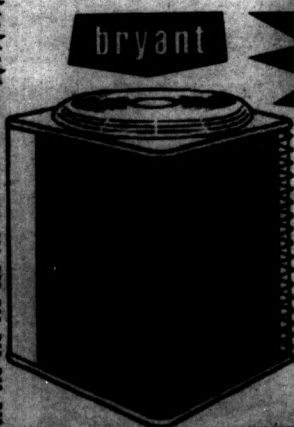
At the Chicago convention I bumped into Marty Hartunian of ABC Warehouse as he was shopping for new lines for his customers. He informed me that the executive vice president or Askco was a fellow named Steve Piro who had left Amana four years ago to take on this new position. I went over and introduced myself to Piro who gave me a big hug and wouldn't stop shaking my hand.

We talked and talked and big tears came to my eyes as I thought back to the early 1970s when the Amana Co. called me and said they were sending me this young former quarterback from Michigan State to be trained.

"You can have him for two years Joe, then we want him back."

Smart, handsome and built like a brick wall, I wondered what happened to him. He went far just like I knew he would, and I'm pleased with having gone to Chicago. I saw things, and I met new people in the industry. More to learn and more to do. Stay tuned.

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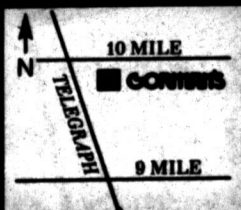
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Young designers have produced magic carpets in the ninth annual Hagopian Student Rug Design Competition.

Two sophomores at the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit wove cultural interpretations into their designs. The patterns have both grace and strength, a touch of mysticism along with the balance of geometry.

Dikea Katakis of St. Clair Shores and Jesse Stefani of Orchard Lake have been named winners in the competition. Entries were inspired by the Tibetan culture.

"The theme this year was to focus on Tibetan weaving and the unique characteristics created by their process of hand spinning and weaving," said Suzanne Hagopian of Hagopian World of Rugs.

Katakis, who is studying interior design, won first and third place. She was awarded a \$1,250 scholarship from Hagopian World of Rugs.

Her winning design will be transformed into a 6-by-9-foot handknotted rug. It is being commissioned in Nepal and will be unveiled at the CCS Student Exhibition Friday, May 15.

Stefani, who is studying industrial design, received a \$500 scholarship for second place and a \$100 scholarship for honorable mention.

"In the intriguing wardrobe of Tibetan culture, I found the helmet that monks wear to be very interesting," Katakis said.

"The fluidness of the curves in the helmet was extraordinary and elegant. Its style complements any head it is worn

on, as my rug would any room. The elegant shape that the rug holds creates a setting of grace and mystery."

Katakis' designs convey the soft curves of leaves or petals. Her first place entry has a smooth, flowing line around the wavy border and wavy shape. Her third place entry features four segments in two different shapes with similar forms placed diagonally from each other; the center resembles the center of a flower.

"This year I took more of a religious approach to it," said Stefani, an award recipient last year.

Stefani's second place entry features a segment of a wheel (from the wheel of Buddha) over a cluster of curving petals (from the lily for purity). His other design also displays petals - smaller forms in the four corners of a rectangle.

Entries were judged on three criteria: the feasibility that the design could be made into a decorative floor-covering, the marketability of the design, and the inventive or creative quality of the design.

Judges were Suzanne Hagopian, Jaime Rae Agney of CCS, Rick Carmody of Au Courant Interior Design and Heather Harthe of Hour magazine.

The CCS show opening, 6-9 p.m. May 15, offers the chance to view and buy works by art and design students before the exhibit is open to the public. It will feature live entertainment, drinks and hors d'oeuvres.

Tickets are \$35 in advance, \$40 at the door,

Creative carpets: Dikea Katakis of St. Clair Shores and Jesse Stefani of Orchard Lake, shown here and on the cover, look over their prize-winning rug designs. At lower left are Katakis' first (top) and third place designs; at lower right are Stefani's second place (top) and honorable mention designs.



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\$200 for the patrons' reception. The patrons' reception will take place 5-6 p.m. that day.

The CCS student show, displaying more than 2,500 works, will be open to the public May 16-31 (closed Memorial Day) at 201 E. Kirby in Detroit. Admission is free. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekends.

All works for sale will be marked with a price sticker. The pieces will remain exhibited throughout the show.

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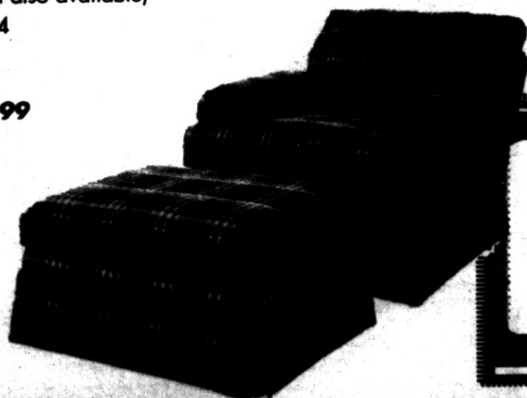
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Column gathers garden thoughts



MARTY FIGLEY

This column will be about a lot of different thoughts that I want to share, some rather unrelated, although they are all about our favorite subject: gardening.

This month beginning Saturday, May 9, the 1998 Oakland County master gardener fund-raising program, "Let's Go Gardening," starts. Master gardeners volunteer at local nurseries and garden centers to answer customers' home gardening questions 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Look for them at all Frank's stores, English Gardens in West Bloomfield and Glenda's Garden Center in Novi for the next four Saturdays.

Volunteers will also be at Auburn Oaks Garden Center in Rochester Hills from Saturday, May 16, through the

month, and Westborn Flower Market in Berkley the last two Saturdays.

These businesses make a donation of \$6 per volunteer hour to the County Extension office. Volunteers will be identified by an MG name badge, T-shirt, hat or vest. Be ready with your questions.

Congratulations to English Gardens, named the 1998 Specialty Retailer of the Year by the Noel Association, an organization that promotes the holiday decoration, permanent floral and trim-a-home industries.

Weed about it

I recently wrote a column about weeds. Two books that were of great help were "Controlling Weeds" (Ortho, 1989), which gives mechanical ways to control weed and suggests chemical control, and "The Gardener's Weed Book: Earth-safe Controls," Barbara Pleasant (Storey, 1996), which discourages the use of chemicals.

On this same subject, a new product,

Concern Weed Prevention Plus, is made of corn gluten meal. It is an effective pre-emergent weed killer that halts the germination of weed seeds from dandelion to crabgrass and is non-toxic. Iowa State University has been awarded two patents for its discovery and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has exempted it from herbicide regulation.

Necessary Organics of Roanoke, Va., is the maker of Concern Natural Garden products, including Weed Prevention Plus. You will find it in lawn and garden centers.

Something to shoot for

Fox Photo has announced its annual American Homes and Botanical Garden Photo Contest.

Walter Chandoha, a renowned photographer, spokesperson for the Fox contest, and Mark Kane, a photographer and executive garden editor of Better Homes and Gardens magazine, offer a variety of tips to improve your chances of winning.

The Best of Show cash prize of \$1,000 is something to "shoot" for. There are



Marty Figley

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An exclusive collection of pink impatiens, the "Accent Miracle Collection," will be available during this month to beautify your gardens and help fight breast cancer.

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When you buy a distinct container filled with the Accent Miracle Collection impatiens (marked with a plant tag from the John Henry Company), you will receive a free, sparkling pink, ribbon-shaped Swarovski crystal pin symbolizing breast cancer awareness.

Many local nurseries are participating; or call (888) 916-2000 to order seeds and the pin. On the Internet: www.goldseed.com or www.breastcancerinfo.com

Call me at (248) 644-2178 about my trip to the Spectacular Gardens of the Pacific Northwest next September. There

's still time to register!

GOODGARDEN TIPS

■ The Herb Society of America's big herb plant sale is 10 a.m. Saturday, May 9, at First United Methodist Church, Maple and Pleasant in Birmingham, with lots of good stuff.

■ The Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island will open for its 112th season Friday, May 8. New things are happening at this wonderful facility. Plan to visit this summer.

■ Plant seeds of *ageratum*, bachelor's buttons, Shirley poppy, sweet alyssum and sweet pea when the soil is dry enough.

■ Sow after danger of frost (usually May 10 here): cosmos, French marigolds, nasturtiums, nicotianas, some salvias, and dwarf sunflowers.

■ Al Gurley of Birmingham gives this tip for cleaning white plastic garden furniture: Add 1 cup chlorine bleach to a gallon of water and apply with a coarse bristle brush. Hose the furniture down. This is best done on an overcast day. Wear rubber gloves. Read the label. (Some people add liquid soap - M.F.)

You can leave Marty Figley a message by dialing (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then her mailbox number, 1859.

Cranbrook sale has items for all

By MARTY FIGLEY
Special Writer

It's time, once again, for the Cranbrook Gardens annual Spring Plant Sale, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, May 14, at 380 Lone Pine Road in Bloomfield Hills.

Free parking and shuttle service during the sale will be available from the Christ Church Cranbrook parking lot across from Cranbrook House and Gardens entrance.

Ready for your choosing are Michigan woodland wildflowers and ferns, herbs, geraniums, perennials, iris, monkshood, lady's mantle, pink poppies, hostas and other desirable plants. Indoor plants available include many orchids.

The boutique is filled with unusual handpainted goodies that have been lovingly created by Cranbrook House and Gardens Auxiliary members.

New this year is a children's corner.

A special sale of books by Ken Druse, gardening editor of *House Beautiful*,

will be available for purchase and Druse will be at the sale 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, May 14, to sign selections.

Many wonderful gardens are on the Cranbrook grounds, among them the Bog Garden cared for by Sharon Hansen and Sally Riemenschneider, co-chairmen, and their crew of faithful gardeners.

Bunnies, woodchucks, squirrels, chipmunks, butterflies, herons, geese, swans, ducks and frogs all live harmoniously in the Bog garden. Two large logs have been placed in the pond so the turtles, including two large snapping turtles, can bask in the sun to their hearts' content. The pond contains many fish.

It was found that the soil wasn't acidic enough to support true bog plants, but Hansen and Riemenschneider created a most picturesque place with their creative ideas.

Bulbs and wildflowers provide spring color; bright plants that butterflies prefer as well as wet meadow plants bloom in the summer, and asters, lobelias and other flowers grace the areas in the autumn.

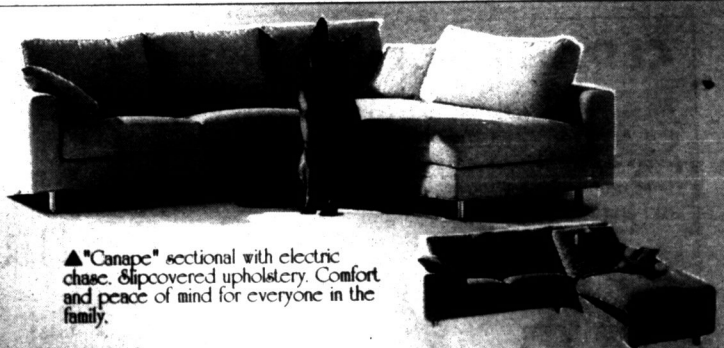


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Children generally gravitate to water, whether they are in the bathtub or at the beach. When your family engages in water play, there are a few rules to keep in mind.

Don't develop a false sense of security about your toddler in the kiddie pool. Accidents happen in even the shallowest water. Assuming you can lounge on a nearby chaise while your youngster

wades in wonder is inviting trouble.

Don't assume your child starts the new swim season as an Olympic hopeful if she hasn't been practicing her skills all winter. Jumping back into the pool, lake or ocean requires some refresher courses - by you or a qualified instructor - to help your child regain her skill level.

Unless your child is a certified lifeguard, make it a habit of getting in the water with her. Always be aware of what is going on in a pool or by the waterfront.

Never leave floating objects in the pool. They attract children of all ages. Small children and water toys are like magnets. When the youngsters are out of the water, they want what's in the water. They may lean into a pool and fall in while attempting to get a floating object.

Using a familiar rhyme with small children will help them remember what to do in the event they should fall into a pool, Sesame Street Parents Magazine said. It recommends teaching your child verses such as, "Humpty-Dumpty sat on the wall, Humpty-Dumpty had a great fall,

Humpty-Dumpty turned around and reached for the wall."

Keeping a watchful eye on children in the water is important - lifeguard or no lifeguard. Don't let a false sense of security hinder your good judgment about your child's safety in water wings or on an inflatable raft. These objects aren't designed to be lifesaving devices.

Children gravitate to the playground. It's a place where youngsters play and for parents to socialize, catch up on the morning paper or return messages via their cellular phones. Unfortunately, parents ask for trouble when they ignore playground safety in exchange for social hour.

Your local playground or neighbor's play gym can present many safety hazards you should be aware of before you permit your children to run off and swing, slide or climb.

Is the equipment rusty? Are there exposed screws or bolts, or loose parts that can cause minor to serious injury? Are there hard surfaces under play equipment instead of impact-absorbing surfaces such as rubber, wood chips, sand or gravel? Is your child too small

to go unsupervised on the equipment?

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■ The Metropolitan Detroit Preservation League will sponsor a lecture and tour of the Frank Lloyd Wright Affleck House in Bloomfield Hills Saturday, May 9. Gordon Bugbee, a noted architectural historian and faculty member of Lawrence Technological University, will provide the lecture and tour 10 a.m. to noon. Registration for the program is

\$12 (\$10 for league members) and is limited to 35 people. To register, call the league hotline at (810) 988-1017. Refreshments will be served after the event. The program is provided in cooperation with LTU.

■ Hudson's Marketplace culinary professionals will demonstrate ideas for serving tea, including the latest in tea accessories as well as tasty recipes and samples, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 9, in the Marketplace at all Hudson's stores.

■ Cranbrook Gardens, 380 Lone Pine Road in Bloomfield Hills, is open to the public. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$5 general, \$4 for seniors and students. Season passes are \$35 family, \$30 couple, \$25 individual. Guided walking tours are available for an additional \$1; advance reservations required. Mother's Day tours at Cranbrook House and Gardens will be available Sunday, May 10; guided house tours will take place 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. and continue every Sunday throughout the summer (a self-guided tour through the gardens is included in the \$10 Cranbrook House entry fee). Private tours of Cranbrook House and Gardens may be arranged all year by calling the Cranbrook House and Gardens Auxiliary at (248) 645-3147.

■ Hudson's Art & Custom Framing Studios will present their seventh annual art and custom framing 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, May 12-16, at Northland and Westland. Hundreds of beautiful art works from all over the world will be for exhibit and sale, framed and unframed.

■ The Troy Garden Club will have its monthly meeting noon to 3 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, at the Troy Community Center, 3179 Livernois, north of Big Beaver Road, with a luncheon featuring individually decorated centerpieces created with tea sets, and a fun and educational program with judges from the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association. Guests are encouraged to create and bring their own arrangement, which will be critiqued. Refreshments will be served at noon. Guest donation \$3. For information, call Barb at (248) 879-1393.

■ The Rochester Community House, 816 Ludlow, offers spring classes on many different topics. Call (248) 651-0622 for fees and other information; pre-registration is required. In "Personal Potpourri," Wednesday, May 13, learn the true art of potpourri crafting as you choose from a variety of herbs, spices, resins, dried flowers and pure essential oils to create potpourri to suit you.

■ Rose Fest '98 will take place 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, May 9-10, at Brickscape Gardens, on Brickscape Drive just north of Eight Mile and east of Novi Road. Pat Hibbard, president of the Roses West Rose Society, and several of the society's officers will be on hand 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday to give advice and chat about roses. Brickscape's new spring stock of more than 1,500 rose plants of 100 different varieties, and rose-related items will be featured. A preview reception for the Roses West Rose Society, Northville's two garden clubs and the Novi Garden Club, and anyone interested in joining the clubs, is scheduled 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 7; rose experts and a demonstration on arranging with roses will be featured. Call (248) 348-2500.

■ Treat yourself and Mom to the first blush of redbuds and the early nod of trillium noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 10, during the annual Mother's Day celebration of the Helen Smith Woodland Wildflower Garden at the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor. Admission is free. Enjoy guided tours, an art exhibit, a lecture/slide presentation, wildflower sales and afternoon tea. Call (734) 998-7061.

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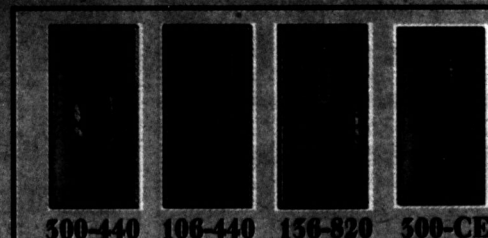


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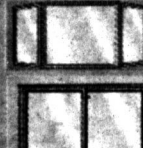


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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



The City of Southfield presents a Celebration Concert featuring Lou Rawls, 8 p.m. at Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road. Tickets \$30 and \$35, call (248) 645-6666, or (248) 354-4854.

SATURDAY



Tony O'Brien presents a Spring Concert with Lance Luce 8 p.m. at the Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road. They will perform solos and duets, from Broadway show tunes to classics, at the Redford's theater pipe organ. Tickets \$5, call (313) 534-1954 or (313) 537-2560.

SUNDAY



Parker Plague (left to right), Terry Heck and Adam Rochkind in "Lost in Yonkers" 2 p.m. at Meadow Brook Theatre, on the campus of Oakland University. Tickets \$22, call (248) 377-3300.

HOT



Hot Tix: Birmingham Fine Art Festival 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday in Shain Park, and adjacent streets in downtown Birmingham features line entertainment, and works by 300 artists from the U.S. and Canada including Richard Cohen who created this iridescent blue-lined bowl with golden yellow and white stripes. For more information, call (248) 644-0866.



Comedic opera: Ana Maria Martinez as Adina in "The Elixir of Love" at Michigan Opera Theatre. She is sharing this role with Janet Williams of Detroit.

Opera, a barrel full of laughs?

Well, that's not the first thing that comes to mind. Especially if you've seen any of the eviscerating Romantic operas that make you want to enroll in grief counseling and wail like a baby. But for the operatic light of heart, the Michigan Opera Theatre is offering a magic potion of its own, Donizetti's "The Elixir of Love," which premieres Saturday.

The opera is among the most popular comic operas, and comes as the second of MOT's three-opera spring season.

Once again, the familiar angelic soprano Janet Williams sings the lead female role. Williams, perhaps the most famous operatic star from Detroit, is currently with the Berlin Opera.

Along with Mozart, Donizetti has written several of the most performed comic operas in the repertoire. In addition to "The Elixir of Love," he composed "The Daughter of the Regiment," and "Don Pasquale."

"The characters are accessible and very contemporary," said David DiChiera, managing director of MOT. "Audiences are sympathetic (with the characters) throughout this opera."

Following MOT's critically acclaimed "Manon," and preceding the great American opera "Porgy and Bess" in their spring season, Donizetti's comedic opera offers the levity of one of today's sit-coms with some of the most recognizable operatic music.

"The Elixir of Love" is a classic comedic tale of misperception and rooting for the underdog. The story is based on the travails of a peasant named Nemorino, one of opera's most

What: "The Elixir of Love" by Gaetano Donizetti presented by the Michigan Opera Theatre

When: 8 p.m. Saturday, May 9; Wednesday, May 13; Friday & Saturday, May 15-16; 2 p.m. Sundays, May 10 & 17

Where: Detroit Opera House, (at the corner of Madison Avenue and Broadway, one block east of Woodward Avenue), Detroit
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beloved characters.

The nerdy Nemorino and his rival, a virile soldier named Belcore, are hardly matched. The town folk deride Nemorino's chances of winning the heart of the vivacious Adina, the flirtatious treasure of the village.

What's needed, of course, is a magic potion. Preferably, an inexpensive panacea. With Seinfeld-like timing, enter a quack doctor named Dulcamara.

The rambling doc persuades Nemorino that imbibing a flask of cheap Bordeaux can work wonders. Even improve his chances of winning Adina's heart.

The real elixir, however, is clearly in the music and the vocal diversity required to wring the lessons of love from the humorous plot.

Two of opera's greatest tenors - Enrico Caruso and Luciano Pavarotti - have made the lead

tenor's role among their signature performances. After his 1904 debut at New York's Metropolitan Opera, Caruso's fame skyrocketed. Ironically, 16 years later after performing the role he suffered a throat hemorrhage and died shortly after.

For both Caruso and Pavarotti, the emotional breadth and subtlety of the romantic "Una furtiva lagrima" ("A Furtive Tear") in the second act has demonstrated their eminence as opera's royalty.

Quite likely, those won't be tears of tragedy rolling down audiences' faces. Donizetti's playful opera proves that you can get the same response by appealing to a good laugh. It's simply called "tears of joy."

MUSIC

Classical pianist tickled to play crowd pleasers

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Pianist Garrick Ohlsson will be playing favorites Saturday night when he gives a brief recital as part of his special evening at the University of Michigan.

The University Musical Society has named Ohlsson the 1998 UMS Distinguished Artist in recognition of his long association with the UMS series, and especially his recent two year series of recitals covering the complete solo piano works of Frederic Chopin. Ohlsson will perform in concert at Hill Auditorium and then be feted with a gala dinner and dance at the Michigan League.

Garrick Ohlsson: Classical pianist

Ohlsson has chosen crowd pleasers for his hour-long recital - Gershwin's preludes, Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata and three pieces by Chopin.

"It's Gershwin's year (his centennial) and I love playing his preludes. I don't play them very often, in fact the last time was in 1990 at the White House. They wanted something American. It's different, most people don't associate me with that music, and I love it."

Ohlsson said the idea was to play really great music that was also popular.

"The Chopin was inevitable. He's one of the great all-time composers, but also universally loved," Ohlsson said.

Ohlsson's association with Chopin is long and honorable. He gained musical fame in 1970 when he won the prestigious Chopin Competition in Warsaw. Ohlsson, 50, began playing piano when he was 8 and entered Juilliard at 13. Following school he entered and won several competitions before the Chopin.

During the 1995-96 concert seasons Ohlsson won unanimous critical acclaim and sold-out audiences for his Chopin cycle, which he performed in Ann Arbor, New York City, Purchase, N.Y., (main campus of the State University of New York) and Toronto.

"When I was looking around to do the Chopin cycle, I first looked on to New York for many obvious reasons, but I wanted the experience of doing it more than once, it's like your best suit that you want to wear more than once," Ohlsson said.

The UMS series, which he first played in 1971 and played again this year as part of a tribute to Shubert, had an opening.

He said doing the complete Chopin gave him a chance to get the composer into his blood stream.

"It's the difference between going to a museum and seeing one Monet, one

Please see PIANIST, E6

Garrick Ohlsson Recital and Tribute

What: Acclaimed pianist Garrick Ohlsson honored as UMS Distinguished Artist of the Year. Performs works by Gershwin, Beethoven and Chopin.

When: 6 p.m. Saturday, May 9

Where: Hill Auditorium, University of Michigan central campus, Ann Arbor

Tickets: \$15-\$45, special \$100 and \$150 tickets. Gala package tickets \$300.

\$1,000 includes concert, dinner and dancing (at the Michigan League). Call UMS box office, (734) 764-2538 or (800) 221-1229.

FAMILY FUN

Musical brings Rugrats to life at the Fox

"Rugrats - A Live Adventure"

When: Friday, May 8 through Sunday, May 17. Fifteen performances: 7 p.m. Friday, May 8 and May 15; 7 p.m. Thursday, May 14; noon, 3:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, May 9 and May 16; 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Sunday, May 10 and May 17.

Where: The Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

Tickets: \$12.50, \$19.50 and \$25, available at the box office, Ticketmaster locations, or call (248) 433-1515.

On TV the Rugrats seen by millions of kids everyday on Nickelodeon can do anything. But bringing Angelica, Tommy, Phil, Chuckie, Lil, and Susie to life on stage for "A Live Adventure," coming to the Fox Theatre May 8-17 was a challenge.

For many children, the show will be their first introduction to the theater.

"Our live show stays true to what kids love about Rugrats - adventure - this time they turn a typical rainy afternoon into a wild ride of the imagination," said Jonathan Hochwald, executive producer.

The live show presented by Nickelodeon and PACE Variety Entertainment, Inc., features the talent behind the original Rugrat voices, including E.G. Daily as Tommy Pickles, Christine Cavanagh as Chuckie Finster, Kath Soucie as Phil & Lil DeVille, and Cheryl Chase as Angelica Pickles.

With backgrounds ranging from rock-and-roll to Broadway stage, TV and movies, a team of professionals worked to make the Rugrats bigger than life.

Please see RUGRATS, E6



On Stage: Angelica Pickles and her pals come to life in "Rugrats - A Live Adventure."

Spike Lee drops the ball in lame 'He Got Game'



THINKING PLANE
Spike Lee says the movie never got the game of basketball right. As a self-proclaimed hoops addict (you'll see him seated courtside at just about every Knicks game), he should know.

So where does Spike get off making a movie as shallow and, in the final analysis, hokey as "He Got Game?"

His over-two-hour saga follows a high school senior named Jesus (Ray Allen), whose title as

top basketball prospect in the country ("Jesus Saves!" the headlines scream) makes him a hot property. His decision — play college ball and get an education or go straight to the pros — holds our interest for awhile before Spike drops the ball with the most forced melodrama imaginable.

"He Got Game" opens like a Spike-directed Nike commercial with kids nationwide shooting slow-motion hoops. There's the white farm boy practicing on a makeshift court behind the barn, African-American kids on the urban asphalt of Brooklyn, even a woman's team. All are backed by the strains of ultra-American composer Aaron Copland.

Let's get one thing straight: I'm not a basketball fan and can't stand to see sports mythologized on the screen. I wasn't crazy about "Field of Dreams" and despised "The Natural." Still, I enjoyed this part of "He Got Game," if only for the visceral cinematography by Malik Hassan Sayeed.

In his Nike commercials, Spike gets his message across in 30 seconds. In the movie, he doesn't know when to say "cut" in the strained relationship between Jesus and his father, Jake (Denzel Washington), who is serving time upstate for killing his wife, Jesus' mother.

Jake has returned home on a mission. It seems the governor's

alma mater, Big State, is interested in Jesus so sends dad out to sign him up. Favors like this won't be forgotten, half-promises the warden (played by an even-jawier-than-usual Ned Beatty).

Spike is astute when he presents the forces trying to influence Jesus' decision. Everyone wants a piece of him. Universities offer him the moon, including dorm rooms full of frisky white coeds. On his return, Uncle Bubba (Bill Nunn) shows up in a brand new car.

And just when you think that Jesus' white high school coach is really looking out for his best interests, he turns on him, too, pushing 10 grand in his face for a hint about his decision. (I just knew Spike couldn't let this guy off the hook.)

"He Got Game" reunites Spike with Denzel Washington, the star of "Malcolm X," and it's a potentially meaty role. But Spike does everything he can to sabotage the part, which here includes hooking Jake up with a white prostitute (Milla Jovovich) redeemed by his newfound compassion.

Anyone is going to fare badly next to Washington, but Ray Allen looks especially out-of-his-league during the volatile father-and-son confrontations. The real-life Milwaukee player (he's 22) does look genuine when shooting basket after effortless basket in the scene where he and his old man finally square off on the court.

Some moments I liked, including John Turturro as a coach



Drama: Denzel Washington (left) stars as temporarily paroled prisoner Jake Shuttleworth whose future depends on his being able to convince his estranged son Jesus (Ray Allen) to accept a basketball scholarship at the governor's alma mater in "He Got Game."

who stages a lavish production to lure Jesus to his university. The screen fills with Jesus' highlight clips interspersed with adoring followers from nameless Biblical epics.

By the time we reach the end of "He Got Game," Spike goes all sappy on us again, junking the movie up with heavy-handed symbolism. When the audience

gave it a collective groan, I knew that I wasn't alone in my suspicions: "He's Got Game" had gotten truly lame.

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Singer Steve Poltz not afraid to say that he's a 'lover'

Steve Poltz is barely recognizable. He swaggers up to a makeshift stage at Java Coffeehouse in Royal Oak dressed casually and his hair cut short.

He's long escaped the label of "the junkie" in his ex-girlfriend Jewel's video "You Were Meant for Me."

"Not many people recognize me because I cut my hair. I saw that video and I thought, 'I look (terrible). I'm cutting off my hair.' So I shaved my head. Now it's grown out. Every once in awhile somebody does recognize me. They do a double take like they know me from somewhere."

Sometimes the recognition comes at an inopportune moment.

"I was at a San Diego Chargers game in San Diego and they cut off beer sales at the end of the third quarter because they don't want people getting drunk. All it means is that with two minutes left in the third quarter you start stockpiling beers."

"Well, I was doing that, and as I'm in line this short guy says 'Hey, that's the guy from the Jewel video. Will you sign my wife's bra?'"

Although embarrassed, he went right ahead and did it. Chalk it up to good fan relations.

Healthy relationships is the theme of Poltz's solo debut "One Left Shoe" (Mercury).

"In a lot of ways I'm a lover,"



"Traveling Troubadour:" Singer/songwriter Steve Poltz performs songs off his solo debut "One Left Shoe" Friday, May 8, at the Mill Street Entry in Pontiac.

he said. "I'm not afraid to tell anyone that. I love love."

In the CD booklet of "One Left Shoe" Poltz is photographed with

a bouquet of wildflowers, on a pay phone presumably calling his girl, and in front of a bridal shop. But to throw in Poltz's trademark sense of humor, there's a shot of him coming out of a strip joint called the Bambi Club.

On "One Left Shoe" Poltz wears his heart on his sleeve. On the sweet-natured "Impala" Poltz confesses "got to buy baby diamond rings/ Keep it simple/Just don't brag/Got to be high speed low drag/Impala of my love" to a percolating acoustic guitar and The Mighty Mighty Bosstones' horn section.

Poltz's demeanor is so gentle in "Impala" that lines like "Everything these days is so high tech/Why can't we just park by the lake and neck?" and "You got nice cans/That's French for legs. Let's cook in the back like a couple poached eggs" come out romantic.

Another of Poltz's loves appears on "One Left Shoe" — baseball.

"I didn't limp around like John Kruk ... Used to have hope/ now we got soap on a rope/ used to have dreams/ now we've got overpaid baseball teams," Poltz sings in the first single "Silver Lining."

"I love baseball. It's a peaceful game," said the Nova Scotia-born Poltz, 37. "I was totally into

Ernie Harwell. I think it's a shame that he's not on the radio anymore. I had cousins who live in Windsor. I would go visit my uncle Wally, he lives in heaven now. He took me to a game when Ernie Harwell was still there," he said.

"The passing of Harry Carey was another great one who left. I liked his voice. There's very few good announcers left."

The credits on "One Left Shoe" read like a celebrity guest list. Poltz's ex-girlfriend Jewel sings harmony on "Impala" and "I Thought I Saw You Last Night," while drummer Jim Keltner, The Mighty Mighty Bosstones' horn section and Benmont Tench of Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers make guest appearances.

"I always wanted to do something like this. It's a dream come true to play with some of the world's greatest players like Jim Keltner, Benmont Tench, Jerry Scheff on bass, and Leland Sklar," Poltz said.

Poltz is on leave from the quirky pop band The Rugburns, a favorite of WRIF's Drew and Mike.

"I'll make another Rugburns album but it'll probably be another year and a half. I'm going to work on this for awhile. Going out solo with a guitar, I love it. It's easier on my ears. I was starting to go deaf," he said with a laugh.

"It's a little different. I don't have to be as frantic. It's mellow. I like getting up there and being a troubadour."

Although "One Left Shoe" was released earlier this year, it's already as a follow-up in the hopper.

"I have this other CD that's going to be coming out. It's like for a deal I'd done before this. It's all songs off my answering machine. They're all 45 seconds. I got 70 songs that this guy sent me," Poltz said with a laugh.

"It's lower than low-fi. It's going to be on Scammo Rammo Records run by my friend Ted in San Diego. It's really funny. It's so weird. I'll probably just sell it at shows."

It's questionable as to whether it will be as romantic as "One Left Shoe." One thing that isn't questionable is his love for his multi-platinum Alaskan-born best friend.

"I love doing this. I love singing with her. I love her so much. I really love her."

Steve Poltz performs Friday, May 8, at the Mill Street Entry below Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Tickets are \$7 in advance for the 18 and older show. For more information, call (248) 333-2362 or visit <http://www.961melt.com>. Poltz can be reached at poltz@aol.com.

Punk rockers Bad Religion enjoy playing club scene

For the seminal punk rockers Bad Religion, it's all about playing clubs.

"It's so much better to do these shows," guitarist Brian Baker said of the Blind Pig show Tuesday, May 12.

"We've done it before in Europe. It's really fun. We do a lot of shows in Europe before the festivals to warm up. This is the first time we've had a parallel. We're doing the Warped Tour so we thought we'd try this idea in the United States. It's been more fun playing the little clubs," Baker said.

Bad Religion is promoting its latest album "No Substance" (Atlantic), a hard-driving, rocking album which hit stores Tuesday, May 5. Melodic and straightforward, "No Substance" could provide at least five hit singles — the hook-laden "The Biggest Killer in American History," which musically pokes fun at metal; the punk of "At the Mercy of Imbeciles;" "Hear It;" "Raise Your Voice;" and the spoken-word rocker "The State of the End of the Millennium Address."

For "No Substance," Bad Religion took matters into its own hands.

"It's a lot different. We didn't have a producer this time. The last three albums were producer things. Working without a producer takes the pressure off and

doing it ourselves gives us pride of ownership."

Bad Religion also worked without the constraints of a commercial studio. The album was recorded at singer Greg Graffin's house near Ithaca, N.Y.

"There would be times when I'd be playing the guitar with my back against the pingpong table. It was very very on the fly. It sounds cool. The best thing is sonically it didn't suffer as a result."

The album wrapped up production at the end of January.

"Since we were on our own time we had the luxury of wasting it," Baker said with a laugh. "That's totally not the kind of thing we've been able to do for so many years."

Lyrical "No Substance" gets straight to the political point. The band didn't use metaphors or to make allusions make its point.

"This is definitely more blunt, in-your-face," Baker said.

Graffin belts out "I don't wanna hear it anymore" in the opening track "Hear It." In the title track Graffin dubs America a "self-indulgent enterprise."

"Once you convince yourself the universe falls into place/ you got your ideas and your posse of friends/ you won't make up rules and the fun never ends/ but still there's a problem/ leaves you

gasping for air/ you look for some meaning," Graffin sings.

"You cling to your hopes/ while you drop to your knees/ There's no substance," he continues.

"The State of the End of the Millennium Address" is a facetious slam on the government's lack of tact. "Neighbors nobody loves you like we do/ neighbor your government has triumphed in finally making you a public fit for the 21st century."

"Acid rain is the thing of the past/ too many possible causes ... Who needs those narrow-minded laborers? Too many mouths to feed ... Who needs them here in the land of the free time ... The internet has expanded our ability to pacify average americans better than ever," continues Graffin, whose group was the first band to maintain a web site.

"Raise Your Voice," which opens with Graffin singing "ba-ba-ba-ba" similar to Jan and Dean's "California Dreamin'," gets its message across through repetition. The words "Raise Your Voice" will continue to

repeat through the listener's mind.

"We've won. That's the goal we were trying to get," Baker said with a laugh.

If the message still isn't clear, there is a "Bad Religion Dictionary" on the web.

Unlike other political bands, Bad Religion practices what it preaches. The band started a research grant for college students in science field research. Graffin often returns to give seminars during career day and to teach at Cornell University, from which he earned his doctorate.

He is working on two books. One is a history of Bad Religion, the other is "Band Aid," which offers help to upcoming bands.

Graffin and bandmates Jay Bentley and Greg Hetson regularly record struggling bands for free. While Bobby Schayer drum techs for some and Baker plays in numerous Washington, D.C. bands.

Bad Religion will return to



Intimate show: Seminal punk band Bad Religion — from left, Greg Hetson, Jay Bentley, Greg Graffin, Brian Baker and Bobby Schayer.

town Wednesday, July 22, to perform as part of The Warped Tour. The show is tentatively scheduled for the streets around St. Andrew's Hall in Detroit.

"I really like the community concept. But I'm kind of concerned about the barbecue situation," Baker dead-panned.

"You know, like where it's located. How many people can

we feed. Location is the key. It's all about finding that perfect point in the fairgrounds."

Letting that slip by, he continued, "We're bringing a pirate radio station on tour. So we're going to be doing radio broadcasts during the shows. I'm bringing my mountain bike. See, I'm looking at it as how much fun I'm personally going to have."

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Chris Zito, of WPLT's "Johnny in the
Morning Show," and Mark England,
Friday-Saturday, May 8-9; Jim McLean,
Friday-Saturday, May 15-16, at the club
in Mr. B's Roadhouse - Oxford, 595 N.
Lapeer Road (M-24), Oxford. (248) 628-
6500

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

Basile, Nick Swardson and Rich
Higginbottom, Thursday, May 7 (free),
and Friday-Saturday, May 8-9 (\$15);
Bobcat Goldthwait, Hector Rezzano and
Chris Zito, Friday, May 15, and
Goldthwait, Rezzano and Joey Bielaska,
Saturday, May 16 (\$18), at the club
above Kicker's All American Grill,
36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m.
Thursdays, and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.
Fridays-Saturdays. (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT

PAISANO'S
Adam Ferrara, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, May
7 (\$10, \$20.95 for dinner show pack-
age), and 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m.
Friday-Saturday, May 8-9 (\$12 and
\$24.95); Bobby Collins, 8:15 p.m. and
10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 15-16
(\$14 and \$27.95), at the club, 5070
Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-
8885

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE
Lewis Black, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 7
(\$9), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-
Saturday, May 8-9 (\$12); Totally
Unrehearsed Theatre, 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 13 (\$6), 314 E.
Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

"MOTHER'S DAY COMEDY JAM"
With Simply Marvelous, Chocolate,
Majia DiGiorgio and Small Fire, 7:30
p.m. Sunday, May 10, State Theatre,
2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$17.50-
\$35. All ages. (313) 961-5451

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE
Jeff Jena and Mark Knope, Thursday-
Sunday, May 7-10; Mike Green,
Wednesday-Thursday, May 13-14, and
Sunday, May 17; Bill Engvall of "The
Jeff Foxworthy Show," 8:15 p.m. and
10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 15-16
(\$15.50), 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 oth-
erwise noted. (248) 542-9900 or
http://www.comedycastle.com

SECOND CITY
at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave.,
Detroit. (313) 965-2222

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

DETROIT HISTORICAL 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, at the museum,
5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby),
Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m.-5
p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday. Free admission
Wednesdays; \$3 for adults, \$1.50
seniors and children aged 12-18, free
for children ages 11 and younger
Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER
IMAX movies showing indefinitely
include: "Super Speedway," 10 a.m.
and 11:10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays; and
"Special Effects," 12:20 p.m. and 1:20
p.m. Mondays-Fridays; at the museum,
5020 John R (at Warren Road), Detroit.
\$6.75 for adults, \$4.75 for youths 3-17,
and seniors 60 and older, includes one
screening of an IMAX film, a visit to the
Exhibit Floor, a live science demonstra-
tion in the Discovery Theatre and a
short laser presentation. \$2.50 for each
additional IMAX movie. Discounts avail-
able to groups of 10 or more. Hours
are: 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays-
Fridays, and 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturdays and Sundays. (313) 577-
8400 or http://www.sciencedetroit.org

**MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN
HISTORY**
"A Communion of the Spirits: African-
American Quilters, Preservers and Their
Stories" exhibits featuring 175 pho-
tographs of varying sizes, a selection of
the surveyed quilts, interpretive panels,

and a limited amount of other artwork
related to the quilters, through Sunday,
June 7. The exhibit features area quil-
ters and celebrity quilters such as Maya
Angelou, Rosa Parks, Bernice Johnson
Reagon, Faith Ringgold, Sonia Sanchez
and Alice Walker: "The Life and Times
of Paul Robeson" exhibition featuring
records, photographs and paintings on
loan from private citizens and from the
collection of the MAAH, runs through
Tuesday, June 30, at the museum, 315
E. Warren Ave. (at Brush Street),
Detroit. Museum hours 9:30 a.m. to 5
p.m. Tuesdays-Sundays. \$3 for
adults and \$2 for children aged
12 and younger. (313) 494-5800

POPULAR MUSIC

A DEUCE

With former Herms Way singer Brad
Erwin, 9 p.m. Saturday, May 9, Cross
Street Station, 511 W. Cross St.,
Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older.
(hardcore/industrial/hip-hop) (734)
485-5050

ACETONE

With Mysteries of Life, 6 p.m. Friday,
May 8, The Shelter below St. Andrew's
Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$7 in
advance. All ages. (pop) (313) 961-
MELT or http://www.961melt.com

ACME JAM

8 p.m. Thursday, May 7, Fox and
Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave.,
Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older.
(blues) (248) 644-4800

AGENTS OF GOOD ROOTS

With Emmett Swimming, 8 p.m.
Monday, May 11, 7th House, 7 N.
Saginaw, Pontiac. \$12.50 in advance.
18 and older. (pop) (248) 335-8100 or
http://www.961melt.com

AURORA

With Godzuki and Little Princess, 9:30
p.m. Friday, May 15, Blind Pig, 206-208
S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 19 and
older. (experimental rock) (734) 996-
8555

**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

BAD RELIGION

With Squatweiler, 8 p.m. Tuesday, May
12, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann
Arbor. \$10 in advance. 19 and older.
(rock/punk) (734) 996-8555

MATT BESEY

10 p.m. Friday, May 8, Library Pub,
42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21
and older; 10 p.m. Saturday, May 9,
Library Pub, 35230 Central City
Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older.
(R&B) (248) 349-9110/(734) 421-
2250

BIHLMAN BROTHERS

10 p.m. Friday, May 15, Kodiak Grill,
45660 Mound Road, Utica. Free. 21
and older. (R&B) (810) 731-1750

THE BIZER BROTHERS

8 p.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday, May
15-16, The Rattlesnake Club, 300 River
Place, Detroit. Free. All ages. (pop)
(313) 467-4400

BLACK FUZZ

9 p.m. Thursday, May 14, Cross Street
Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti.
Cover charge. 19 and older. (rock)
(734) 485-5050

BLUE CAT FEATURING KEN MURPHY

9 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, Fox and
Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave.,
Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older.
(blues) (248) 644-4800

BLUE EYED SOUL

9 p.m. Thursday, May 7, Cross Street
Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti.
Cover charge. 19 and older. (rock)
(734) 485-5050 or
http://www.blueeyedsoul.com

BOOGIE CHILLEN

9 p.m. Saturday, May 9, Carriage House
Blues Alley, 24200 Grand River Ave.,
Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older.
(blues) (313) 635-3440

BROTHERS CREEGGAN

Featuring Jim Creeggan, bassist for the
Barenaked Ladies, and Kevin Creeggan,
former keyboardist for BNL, with special
guest Susan Calloway, 8 p.m. Tuesday,
May 12, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward
Ave., Ferndale. \$10 in advance. 18 and
older. (eclectic) (248) 544-3030 or
http://www.themagicbag.com

RICHARD BUCKNER

With Chris Knight, 8 p.m. Tuesday, May
12, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann
Arbor. \$11.50 in advance. All ages.
(734) 761-1800

THE CHISEL BROS. WITH THORNETTA DAVIS

9 p.m. Saturday, May 9, Moby Dick's,
5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover
charge. 21 and older. (R&B) (313) 581-
3650

DANNY COX

9 p.m. Friday, May 8, Smitty's, 222
Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages.
(rock) (248) 652-1600

DETROIT BLUES BAND

9 p.m. Thursday, May 14, Fox and
Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave.,
Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older.
(blues) (248) 644-4800

THE DIRTY THRA

With Calexico, 9 p.m. Saturday, May 9,
Magic Stick in the Majestic complex,
4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$8 in
advance. 18 and older. (rock) (313) 833-POOL

DISGUST

With Cromwell and Joe Brown, 10 p.m.
Saturday, May 9, Griff's Grill, 49 N.
Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and
older. (rock) (248) 334-9292

DOWNTOWN HOEDOWN

With Ruby Lovett (6 p.m.), Thompson
Brothers (7:30 p.m.), Daryle Singletary
(9 p.m.) and Neal McCoy (10:30 p.m.),
Friday, May 15; With Matt King (3
p.m.), Forbes Brothers (4 p.m.), Rodney
Allen Atkins (5 p.m.), Suzy Bogguss (6
p.m.), Mark Chesnutt (7:30 p.m.),
Sammy Kershaw (9 p.m.), and Lorrie
Morgan (10:30 p.m.), Saturday, May
16; and with Clinton River (3 p.m.),
Keith Harling (4:30 p.m.), Melody
Crittendon (5:30 p.m.), The Dixie
Chicks (8 p.m.), and Pam Tillis (9
p.m.), Sunday, May 17, Hart Plaza,
downtown Detroit. Free. All ages.
(country) (313) 259-4323

DREAM THEATER

With Full on the Mouth, 7 p.m. Tuesday,
May 12, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E.
Congress, Detroit. Tickets at
Ticketmaster. All ages. (rock) (313)
961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com

DUNGEON

10 p.m. Saturday, May 9, Coyote Club,
1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge.
21 and older. (rock) (248) 332-HOWL

GLEN EDDIE BAND

9 p.m. Friday, May 8, Lower Town Grill,
195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Free. 21
and older; 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May
15-16, Fox and Hounds, 1560
Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free.
21 and older. (blues) (734) 451-
1213/(248) 644-4800

ELIZA

10 p.m. Thursday, May 14, Library Pub,
35230 Central City Parkway, Westland.
Free. 21 and older. (pop) (734) 421-
2250

THE REV. MARC FALCONBERRY

7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 9, Hazel Park
Raceway, 1650 E. 10 Mile Road, Hazel
Park. (blues) (248) 398-1000

FOOLISH MORTALS

10 p.m. Saturday, May 9, Kodiak Grill,
45660 Mound Road, Utica. Free. 21
and older. (rock) (810) 731-1750

FOUR DEGREES

9 p.m. Saturday, May 9, Woody's, 208
W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and
older; 9 p.m. Friday, May 15, Drinks
North, 2505 Pontiac Lake Road,
Waterford Township. Free. 21 and older.
(rock) (248) 543-6911/(248) 683-
8186 or http://www.fourdegrees.com

FUGAZI

With Shellac and Blonde Redhead, 6
p.m. showtime Saturday, May 9, State
Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit.
\$6.75. All ages. (punk/rock) (313)
961-5451

GAUNT

9 p.m. Friday, May 8, Motor Lounge,
3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. Cover charge.
21 and older. (rock) (313) 396-0090 or
http://www.motordetroit.com

GOV'T MULE

9:30 p.m. Monday, May 11, Blind Pig,
206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$15 in
advance. 19 and older. (rock) (734)
996-8555

THE GRUESOMES

With Slugbug, 9 p.m. Friday, May 15,
Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St.,
Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older.
(rock) (734) 485-5050

GRR

10 p.m. Friday, May 15, Library Pub,
42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21
and older. (rock) (248) 349-9110

GYPSEY TRIBE

9:30 p.m. Friday, May 8, Bo's Brewery,
51 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. 21 and
older; 10 p.m. Saturday, May 9, Mount
Chalet, 32955 Woodward Ave., Royal
Oak. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Friday,
May 15, Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw,
Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older.
(rock) (248) 338-6200/(248) 549-
2929/(248) 332-HOWL

**COL. BRUCE HAMPTON AND THE
FLJ MARINERS**
With Johnny Socko, 8 p.m. Friday, May
8, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave.,
Ferndale. \$8 in advance. 18 and older.
(248) 544-3030 or
http://www.themagicbag.com

WAYNE "THE TRAIN" HANCOCK
8 p.m. Monday, May 11, Magic Bag,
22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$8 in
advance. 18 and older. (blues) (248)
544-3030 or
http://www.themagicbag.com

THE HUNGER
6 p.m. Friday, May 15, The Shelter
below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E.
Congress, Detroit. \$8 in advance. All
ages. (rock) (313) 961-MELT or
http://www.961melt.com

INDRAMA

With Opie's Dream, The Schugars and
Brilliant, 9 p.m. Friday, May 15, on the
main stage at JD's Macomb Theatre,
31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens.
Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock/pop)
(810) 465-5154

JILL JACK

10 p.m. Thursday, May 7, Library Pub,
42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21
and older; 10 p.m. Friday, May 8,
Library Pub, 35230 Central City
Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older;
8 p.m. Sunday, May 10, The Palladium
Music

